

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT NUMBER W11 3517(I)

TO: The Honorable Delbert Hosemann
Secretary of State
Post Office Box 136
Jackson, MS 39205
AND
ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, at a meeting in New Albany, Mississippi on April 2, 2008, under authority of Section 25-43-3.103, Mississippi Code of 1972, made known its intent to adopt the following wildlife management area regulations for the 2008-09 hunting year. This was done under authority of Sections 49-5-13 and 49-7-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W10 3517 is hereby amended, and the following 2008-09 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

**2008-2009 Regulations for
Trim Cane Wildlife Management Area**

Oktibbeha County

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER		Season Closed	See HANDICAP DEER HUNTING and Legal Bucks in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS .
TURKEY		Season Closed	
SQUIRREL		Season Closed	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1	Feb. 28	Trapping prohibited during area rabbit hunts.
WATERFOWL	See Federal Regulations.		See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS .
RABBIT			See BAG LIMIT and RABBIT in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS .

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR TRIM CANE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
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WMA USER PERMIT: All persons using this wildlife management area, except those exempt from purchasing an annual hunting or fishing license, must carry on their person an annual statewide Wildlife Management Area User Permit. This permit is required in addition to the daily visitor use permit and any required license.

BAG LIMIT: Same as statewide bag limits EXCEPT:

Rabbit - a party limit of 8 rabbits per day.

PERMIT STATIONS: All visitors must obtain a DAILY VISITOR USE PERMIT card from the self-service permit station. Parts A and B of this permit must be legibly filled out before using the WMA. Part A of the permit must be deposited in the return box at a permit station before using the WMA. Part B must be displayed on the dash of the vehicle so that the name, address, and date are visible from outside the vehicle. Permits are invalid if not properly dated or if date has been changed. Before leaving the WMA, visitors must complete the reverse side of Part B of the permit and deposit it in the return box at a permit station. It is the responsibility of the Area Manager and other Agency personnel to have permit cards completed.

WATERFOWL: Waterfowl hunting is by special permit only. **Hunters may apply for permitted waterfowl hunts on no more than 3 WMAs statewide during the 2008-09 season.** Waterfowl hunts will be held on Wednesdays and Saturdays, EXCEPT that the area will be closed to waterfowl hunting during permitted rabbit hunts (see rabbit hunt dates below). You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com, or to receive an application, send a self-addressed, stamped, letter size envelope to: Trim Cane Waterfowl Hunts, MDWFP District 1 Office, 272 CR 995, Tupelo, MS 38804. Only one application per hunter will be accepted. Applications must be received by Nov. 1, 2008 to be eligible for drawing. Youth hunters may apply for a special youth hunt (in addition to applying for the standard waterfowl hunt). Dates for the special youth hunt will be the same as the statewide special youth waterfowl hunt. Hunters who provide an e-mail address will be notified by e-mail if drawn. Hunters who are selected and do not provide an e-mail address will be notified by mail. Each permitted hunter will be allowed two hunting guests. All hunters must be checked in and out by area personnel. On the morning of area waterfowl hunts, non-permitted hunters may come to the WMA Headquarters and enter a random drawing for any openings created by permitted hunters not showing up. Shooting hours are one half hour before sunrise until 12:00 noon. All hunters and equipment must be removed from area by 1:00 pm. Spent shot shells must be removed from area.

RABBIT: Rabbit hunting will be allowed by special permit only. Hunters may apply for permitted rabbit hunts on no more than 3 WMAs statewide during the 2008-09 season. Selected hunters can bring 4 guests during each hunt. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com, or to receive an application, send a self-addressed, stamped letter size envelope to: Trim Cane Rabbit Hunts, MDWFP District 1 Office, 272 CR 995, Tupelo, MS 38804. Only one application per hunter will be accepted. Applications must be received by Oct. 15, 2007. Hunters who provide an e-mail address will be notified by e-mail if drawn. Hunters who are selected and do not provide an e-mail address will be notified by mail. Rabbit hunting dates are: Nov. 1, Nov. 2, Nov. 8, Nov. 9, Nov. 15, Nov. 16, Nov. 22, Nov. 23, Nov. 29, Nov. 30, Dec. 7, Dec. 14, Dec. 21, Dec. 28, Jan. 4, Jan. 11, Jan. 18, Jan. 25, Feb. 1, Feb. 7, Feb. 8, Feb. 14, and Feb. 15.

HANDICAPPED DEER HUNTING: Handicapped hunting is by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com, or to receive an application, send a self-addressed, stamped letter size envelope to: Trim Cane Handicapped Deer Hunt, MDWFP District 1 Office, 272 CR 995, Tupelo, MS 38804. Only one application per hunter will be accepted. Applications must be received by November 1, 1008. Handicapped hunts will be held on Saturday afternoons and all selected participants must check in and out at the headquarters.

LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 12 inches OR one main beam length of at least 15 inches. For hunters less than 16 years of age, one of the three buck bag limit may be any antlered buck.

DOG RESTRICTIONS: Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season.

LEGAL WEAPONS: Legal weapons for small game hunting (excluding waterfowl) during daylight hours are shotguns using #2 shot or smaller and rifles or handguns no larger than .22 rimfire magnum.

OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: Off-road motorized vehicles/ATVs are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting access only.

HORSES: Horseback riding is restricted to roads open to motorized vehicles and designated ATV trails. Raccoon hunting from horses is allowed on entire area during nighttime hours.

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CAMPING: No camping allowed.

BEARS: Black bears may occur on this WMA. They are federally protected as a threatened subspecies. Hunting or disturbing bears is prohibited. Please report any bear sightings on your daily visitor use permit.

Anyone wishing to comment on the above proposed action may do so in writing to the Executive Director, Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, P. O. Box 451, Jackson, MS 39205, no later than May 2, 2008.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: _____
John C Stanley IV, Chairman

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Sam Polles, Ph.D., Executive Director