MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER W13 3458

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 and thirty days thereafter did adopt the following wildlife management area regulations for the 2008-09 hunting year. This was done under authority of Sections 49-1-29, 49-5-13 and 49-7-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W12 3458 is hereby amended, and the following 2008-09 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

2008-2009 Regulations for
O'Keefe Wildlife Management Area

Quitman County

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see CLOSED AREA, DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS, SPECIAL BUCK TAGS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1	Nov. 21	Does and legal bucks.
Youth Deer	Nov. 15	Nov. 21	Does and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Nov. 22	Dec. 15	Does and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 16	Dec. 31	Legal bucks only.
Primitive Weapon	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Does and legal bucks.
TURKEY	Closed		
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sep. 27	Oct. 3	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 4	Feb. 28	
RACCOON	Jul. 4	Sep. 26	Friday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1	Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1	Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	See Federal Regulations.		Waterfowl hunting closes at 12:00 noon. Hunters may not access the hunt area prior to 5:00 am.

RABBIT	Oct. 18	Feb. 28
DOVE	See Federal Regulations.	

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR O'KEEFE 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.

CLOSED AREA: The portion of the WMA in Tallahatchie County. No deer hunting in flooded greentree reservoir prior to 1:00 PM.

BAG LIMITS: Same as statewide bag limits.

PERMIT STATIONS: All visitors must obtain a DAILY VISITOR USE PERMIT card from a 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.

DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be checked at the WMA headquarters by the hunter who harvested them before leaving the WMA. If WMA personnel are not available to check the deer, the hunter is responsible for collecting and legibly recording ALL biological data. Instructions and equipment will be provided.

LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 15 inches OR one main beam length of at least 18 inches. For hunters less than 16 years of age, one of the three buck bag limit may be any antlered buck.

ANTLERLESS DEER REGULATIONS: This WMA is NOT open to antlerless deer hunting during statewide either-sex gun days (Dec. 20-21).

SPECIAL BUCK TAGS: For research purposes, a limited number of special buck tags, which allow the harvest of bucks with at least one unforked antler, will be issued to hunters. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com, or send an 8 ½" X 11" piece of paper with your name, address, social security number and O'Keefe WMA to O'Keefe WMA Special Buck Tags, Post Office Box 100, Enid, MS 38927. Only one application per hunter will be accepted. Applications must be received by Sep. 1, 2008 to be eligible for drawing. 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.

DOG RESTRICTIONS: Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours from Feb. 1 - Feb. 28.

LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting. Legal weapons for small game hunting (excluding waterfowl) during daylight hours are shotguns using #2 shot or smaller, rifles or handguns no larger than .22 rimfire magnum, muzzleloading rifles .40 caliber or smaller, and archery equipment using arrows with points other than broadheads. Only rimfire rifles .22 caliber or smaller or any caliber handgun with a six inch barrel or less may be used when hunting hogs with dogs.

OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: Off-road motorized vehicles/ATVs are allowed from Sep. 1 - Feb. 28 on designated roads or trails for hunting and fishing access only. Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs is allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. No loaded weapon may be in possession when retrieving harvested game.

HORSES: Horseback riding is prohibited during WMA deer seasons. At all other times, 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.

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.

This adopted public notice will become effective June 23, 2008. Witness my hand and seal this the 6th day of May 2008.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: _____
John C Stanley IV, Chairman

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: _____
Sam Polles, Ph.D., Executive Director

I certify this to be a
true and correct copy.

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Executive Director

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Notary

SHARON S. MILLER, HINDS COUNTY, MS
NOTARY
My Commission Expires
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