MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER W4 3736

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 W3 3736 is hereby amended, and the following 2008-09 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

2008-2009 Regulations for
Hamer Wildlife Management Area

Panola County

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see LEGAL BUCKS, SPECIAL BUCK TAGS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DEER HUNTING PERMITS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1	Nov. 30	Does and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Nov. 15	Nov. 21	Does and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon - Permit Only	Dec. 6	Dec. 19	Does and legal bucks.
Archery	Dec. 20	Jan. 31	Does and legal bucks.
TURKEY	Season 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	
RABBIT	Oct. 18	Feb. 28	

QUAIL	Season Closed	Bird dog training allowed Dec. 15-29.
DOVE	See Federal Regulations	See DOVE HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR HAMER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER W4 3736

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 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.

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.

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 Hamer WMA to Hamer 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. Tags must be attached to deer immediately after harvest.

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.

PRIMITIVE WEAPON DEER HUNTING PERMITS: Deer hunting during the Dec. 6-19 primitive weapon season is allowed by special permit only. Hunters may apply for permitted deer hunts on no more than 3 WMAs statewide during the 2008-09 season. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com, or to receive an application, send a self-addressed, stamped, letter size envelope to Hamer WMA Primitive Weapon Deer Hunting Permits, MDWFP District 2 Office, Post Office Box 100,Enid, MS 38927. Only one application per hunter will be accepted. Completed 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.

HANDICAPPED DEER HUNTING AREA: Only handicapped deer hunters are allowed to hunt in this area during deer season. Eligible handicapped hunters must meet the criteria specified in Public Notice 3518. Prior to deer hunting in the handicapped area, handicapped hunters must call the wildlife supervisor by contacting the Enid office at (662) 563-6330. Hunters may be accompanied by someone to assist (but not participate) in the hunt. Deer season dates and method of harvest will be the same as the rest of the WMA for archery and primitive weapon seasons. Eligible handicapped hunters are allowed to use regular firearms in the handicap deer hunting area Nov. 22-30 and Dec. 20-Jan 17. This area will be open to all other hunters outside of deer season.

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

LEGAL WEAPONS: Only primitive weapons may be used for deer hunting, except during the Nov. 15-21 youth deer hunt and the Nov. 22-30 and Dec. 20-Jan. 17 handicapped regular gun hunts when centerfire rifles and shotguns with slugs may be used. 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.

DOVE HUNTING: Dove hunting will be allowed from noon until sunset on the first Saturday and first Monday of the opening dove season. The area is closed to dove hunting on the first Sunday of dove season. After the first Monday of the first dove season hunting hours will be from 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset.

OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: Off-road motorized vehicles/ATVs are allowed 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 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
May 15, 2010
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