MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT NUMBER W7 3700(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 Jackson, Mississippi on April 21, 2009, under authority of Section 25-43-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, made known its intent to adopt the following wildlife management area regulations for the 2009-10 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Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W6 3700 is hereby repealed, and the following 2009-10 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

2009-2010 Regulations for
Yockanookany Wildlife Management Area

Attala County

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, DEER HUNTING PERMITS, LEGAL BUCKS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in **SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.**
Archery – Permit Only	Oct. 1	Nov. 20	Does and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Nov. 14	Nov. 20	Does and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon – Permit Only	Nov. 21	Jan. 31	Does and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	Mar. 8	Mar. 14	
TURKEY - PERMIT ONLY	Mar. 15	Mar. 28	See TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
TURKEY	Mar. 29	May 1	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Oct. 10	Oct. 16	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 17	Feb. 28	
RACCOON	Jul. 3	Sep. 25	Friday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, BOBCAT	Oct. 1	Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1	Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	See Federal Regulations.		
RABBIT	Oct. 17	Feb. 28	See DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOCKANOOKANY 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 and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

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 entrance 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.

DEER HUNTING PERMITS: Deer hunting, except for the youth gun hunt, is allowed by special permit only. Hunters may apply for permitted deer hunts on no more than 3 WMAs statewide during the 2009-10 season. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com, or to receive an application, send a self-addressed, stamped, letter size envelope to MDWFP District Two Field Office, Attn.: Yockanookany WMA Deer Hunts, Post Office Box 100, Enid, MS 38927. Only one application per hunter will be accepted. Completed applications must be received by Sep. 1, 2009 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.

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 buck.

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 Oct. 10-Nov. 13 and Feb. 1 - Feb. 28 only.

TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS: Turkey hunting from Mar. 15 - Mar. 29, 2010 is allowed 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 MDWFP District Two Field Office, Attn.: Yockanookany WMA Turkey Hunts, Post Office Box 100, Enid, MS 38927. Hunters may apply for permitted turkey hunts on no more than 3 WMAs statewide during the Spring 2010 season. Only one application will be accepted per hunter for the Yockanookany WMA permitted turkey hunt. Completed applications must be received by Feb. 15, 2010 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.

LEGAL WEAPONS: Deer seasons other than youth hunts are restricted to archery and primitive weapons. 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 archery equipment and shotguns with #2 shot or smaller may be used for turkey hunting. 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 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 and turkey 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 the entire area during nighttime hunting hours.

CAMPING: Camping is allowed in designated areas only (see map). A WMA Camping Permit is required for any individual or group (maximum of 6 people) that is camping on this WMA and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days. Camping equipment may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours. All camping equipment and garbage must be removed before final departure.

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 21, 2009.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: _____
John C Stanley IV, Chairman

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

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Sam Polles, Ph.D., Executive Director