

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS  
 DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
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PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER W14 3473(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**Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W13 3473 is hereby repealed, and the following 2009-10 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.**

**2009-2010 Regulations for  
 Natchez State Park**

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	Adams County		COMMENTS
		OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	
DEER				For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, DEER HUNTING PERMITS, ELIGIBLE HUNTERS, LEGAL BUCKS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Youth Gun- Permit Only	Oct. 24 Oct. 31 Nov. 7 Nov. 14	Oct. 24 Oct. 31 Nov. 7 Nov. 14		Does and legal bucks.
Handicapped Gun - Permit Only	Nov. 18	Nov. 21		Does and legal bucks.
Archery - Permit Only	Oct. 7 Oct. 14 Oct. 21 Oct. 28 Nov. 4 Nov. 11 Nov. 18 Dec. 2 Dec. 9 Dec. 16 Dec. 30 Jan. 6 Jan. 13 Jan. 20 Jan. 27	Oct. 10 Oct. 17 Oct. 24 Oct. 31 Nov. 7 Nov. 14 Nov. 21 Dec. 5 Dec. 12 Dec. 19 Jan. 2 Jan. 9 Jan. 16 Jan. 23 Jan. 30		Does and legal bucks.

Muzzleloader - Permit Only	Dec. 2	Dec. 5	Does and legal bucks.
	Dec. 9	Dec. 12	
	Dec. 16	Dec. 19	
	Dec. 30	Jan. 2	
	Jan. 6	Jan. 9	
	Jan. 13	Jan. 16	
	Jan. 20	Jan. 23	
	Jan. 27	Jan. 30	
YOUTH TURKEY - Permit Only	Mar. 13	Mar. 13	See YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS in Special Instructions.
	Mar. 20	Mar. 20	
	Mar. 27	Mar. 27	
	Apr. 3	Apr. 3	
	Apr. 10	Apr. 10	
	Apr. 17	Apr. 17	
	Apr. 24	Apr. 24	

NO OTHER SEASON shall be open and no other animals shall be hunted or disturbed.

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR NATCHEZ STATE PARK  
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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.

**HUNTING AREA:** See map.

**BAG LIMITS:** Same as statewide bag limits, EXCEPT: Turkey - one (1) legal gobbler per hunter.

**PERMIT STATIONS:** All hunters must check-in at the Park office and obtain a DAILY VISITOR USE PERMIT card. Parts A and B of this permit must be legibly filled out and Part A of the permit must be deposited at the Park office before hunting. 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 Park, hunters must complete the reverse side of Part B of the permit and deposit it at the Park office.

**DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be brought to the check station by the hunter who harvested them for biological data collection. 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 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](http://www.mdwfp.com), or to receive an application, send a self-addressed, stamped, letter size envelope to Natchez State Park Deer Hunting Permit, MDWFP District 5 Office, 304 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Brookhaven, MS 39601. Specify the type application you are requesting – Archery, Primitive Weapon, Youth Gun, or Handicapped Gun. Completed applications must be received by Sep. 1, 2009 to be eligible for drawing. Only one application per hunter will be accepted. 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.

**ELIGIBLE HUNTERS:**

- Youth:** Mississippi resident hunters under the age of sixteen (16).
- Handicapped:** Any hunter who is quadriplegic, paraplegic, or disabled, requiring mobility support from braces and/or crutches.
- Muzzleloader:** Restricted to Mississippi residents.
- Archery:** Restricted to Mississippi residents.

**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:** Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited.

**YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS:** Youth turkey hunting is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at [www.mdwfp.com](http://www.mdwfp.com), or to receive an application, send a self-addressed, stamped, letter size envelope to Natchez State Park Turkey Hunting Permits, MDWFP District 5 Office, 304 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Brookhaven, MS 39601. Only one application per hunter will be accepted. Completed applications must be received by February 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:** Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, muzzleloaders, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting. Only archery equipment and shotguns with #2 shot or smaller may be used for youth turkey hunting.

**OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs:** Off-road motorized vehicles/ATVs are allowed only for the retrieval of harvested deer. Exception: handicapped hunters may access hunting area with ATV's during handicapped hunt only. No loaded weapon may be in possession while operating an ATV.

**PARKING:** Hunters must park in designated parking areas only. See map.

**HORSES:** During deer and turkey hunts, horseback riding is restricted to roads open to motorized vehicles.

**CAMPING:** Camping is allowed under State Park regulation.

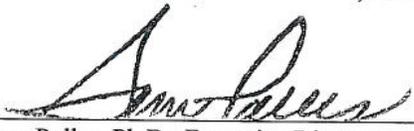
**BEARS:** Black bears may occur on this Park. They are federally protected as a threatened subspecies. Hunting or disturbing bears is prohibited. Please report any bear sightings to the Park office.

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

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