

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
 DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT NUMBER W14 3446(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Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W13 3446 is hereby repealed, and the following 2009-10 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

**2009-2010 Regulations for
 Divide Section Wildlife Management Area**

Tishomingo and Prentiss Counties

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see BAG LIMIT, LEGAL BUCKS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1	Nov. 20	Does and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Nov. 14	Nov. 20	Does and legal bucks. Entire area.
Primitive Weapon	Nov. 21	Jan. 31	Does and legal bucks.
<u>YOUTH / HANDICAPPED DEER</u>			Jackson Camp Peninsula Only. See YOUTH/HANDICAPPED DEER HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1	Nov. 20	Does and legal bucks.
Gun	Nov. 21	Dec. 1	Does and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2	Dec. 15	Does and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 16	Jan. 20	Does and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Jan. 21	Jan. 31	Does and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	Mar. 8	Mar. 14	Entire area. See BAG LIMIT and JACKSON CAMP PENINSULA TURKEY HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

TURKEY	Mar. 15	May 1	See BAG LIMIT and JACKSON CAMP PENINSULA TURKEY HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Sep. 26	Oct. 2	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 3	Feb. 28	
RACCOON	Jul. 3	Sep. 25	Friday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1	Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1	Feb. 28	See TRAPPING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
WATERFOWL	See Federal Regulations.		
RABBIT	Oct. 17	Feb. 28	
QUAIL	Nov. 26	Mar. 6	
DOVE	See Federal Regulations.		

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR DIVIDE SECTION 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 LIMIT: Same as statewide bag limits EXCEPT:
Deer - one legal buck and two does per license year.
Turkey - two legal gobblers per license year.

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 12 inches OR one main beam length of at least 15 inches. For hunters less than 16 years of age, a legal buck 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 from Oct. 3, 2009 - Feb. 28, 2010, EXCEPT Dec. 2-Dec. 15, 2009 and Jan. 21 - Jan. 31, 2010.

YOUTH/HANDICAPPED DEER HUNTING: Only youth and handicapped hunters are allowed to deer hunt on the Jackson Camp Peninsula (see map). Only handicapped hunters on the Jackson Camp Peninsula will be allowed ATV access each day of the deer seasons and vehicular access on Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays during the gun and primitive weapon seasons. All youth and handicapped hunters must pre-register by contacting the Holcut Office (see below for contact information).

JACKSON CAMP PENINSULA TURKEY HUNTING: Only handicapped hunters will be allowed to turkey hunt this area on Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays. Handicapped hunters will be allowed ATV and vehicular access on those days. On Wednesday through Saturday of each week, all hunters are allowed to hunt but access will be by foot traffic only. All handicapped hunters must pre-register by contacting the Holcut Office (see below for contact information).

LEGAL WEAPONS: On the Youth and Handicapped Area (Jackson Camp Peninsula), only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting. Youth may use the weapons described above on the entire area during the youth gun hunt (Nov. 14 - Nov. 20, 2009) and during primitive weapon seasons. The entire area, excluding Jackson Camp Peninsula, is archery and/or primitive weapon only during all other deer seasons. Legal weapons for small game hunting 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.

TRAPPING: All kill type traps must be at least 50% submerged in water.

OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: Off-road motorized vehicles/ATVs are not allowed.

HORSES: Horseback riding is prohibited during WMA deer and turkey seasons. At all other times horseback riding is restricted to hard surface roads. No hunting from horses.

CAMPING: No camping allowed.

BEARS: Black bears may occur on this WMA. Hunting or disturbing bears is prohibited. Please report any bear sightings on your daily visitor use permit.

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 36, will be enforced. For additional information, contact the Corps of Engineers at (662) 327-2142.

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