MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 39205

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER W2 3789

The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, at a meeting in Jackson, Mississippi on April 21, 2009, 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 2009-10 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Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W1 3789a is hereby repealed, and the following 2009-10 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

2009-2010 Regulations for
Theodore A. Mars, Jr. Memorial Wildlife Refuge

Pearl River County

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL DEER, ANTLERLESS DEER REGULATIONS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Youth Gun	Nov. 14	Dec. 27	Saturday and Sunday by permit only. See SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Oct. 24	Oct. 30	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 31	Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1	Feb. 28	
RABBIT	Oct. 17	Feb. 28	

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

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THEODORE A. MARS, JR. MEMORIAL WILDLIFE REFUGE PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER W2 3789

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. See LEGAL DEER below.

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 kept on the dash of the vehicle while on the WMA. 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 recorded on the DAILY VISITOR USE PERMIT card.

ANTLERLESS DEER REGULATIONS: This WMA is NOT open to antlerless deer hunting during statewide either-sex gun days (Dec. 19-20).

LEGAL DEER: Legal deer are bucks with hardened antlers visible above the natural hairline and does. 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. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

YOUTH DEER HUNTING PERMITS: Youth deer hunting on Saturday and Sunday from Nov. 14 - Dec. 27 will be 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 **Theodore A. Mars, Jr. Memorial Wildlife Refuge** Youth Deer Hunt, 211 Critz St. N, Wiggins, MS 39577. 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 WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs or buckshot, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting. 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.

OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: Off-road motorized vehicles/ATVs are allowed on designated trails and for the retrieval of harvested deer or hogs only. No loaded weapon may be in possession when operating an off-road motorized vehicle/ATV on the WMA.

HORSES: No horses allowed.

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 22, 2009. Witness my hand and seal this the 13th day of May 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

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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