

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS  
 DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
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PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER W14 3470

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**Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W13 3470 is hereby repealed, and the following 2009-10 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.**

**2009-2010 Regulations for  
 Upper Sardis Wildlife Management Area**

**Lafayette County**

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1	Nov. 20	Does and legal bucks.
Youth Deer	Nov. 14	Nov. 20	Does and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Nov. 21	Dec. 15	Does and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 16	Dec. 31	Does and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Jan. 1	Jan. 31	Does and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	Mar. 6	Mar. 12	
TURKEY - PERMIT ONLY	Mar. 13	Mar. 26	See TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS in Special Instructions.
TURKEY	Mar. 27	May 2	
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	
WATERFOWL	See Federal Regulations.		
RABBIT	Oct. 17	Feb. 28	

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR UPPER SARDIS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA  
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**WMA USER PERMIT:** All persons participating in hunting, fishing, or trapping on this wildlife management area, except those exempt from purchasing an annual hunting or fishing license or those fishing on Puskus Lake, 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 a self-service deer data collection station as denoted on the area map by the hunter who harvested them. 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.

**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 Jan. 16-Feb. 28 and July 31-Sep. 30.

**TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS:** Turkey hunting from Mar. 13 - Mar. 26, 2010 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 Upper Sardis WMA Turkey Hunting Permits, 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 Upper Sardis 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:** Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting. 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 of handgun with a six inch barrel or less may be used when hunting hogs with dogs.

**OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs:** Off-road vehicle use will be governed by U. S. Forest Service and U. S. Army Corps of Engineers regulations. For additional information, contact the Forest Service at (662) 236-6550 or U. S. Army Corps of Engineers at (662) 563-4531.

**HORSES:**  
USFS portion - Hunting from horseback is allowed.

Corps of Engineers portion - For information contact the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers at (662) 563-4531.

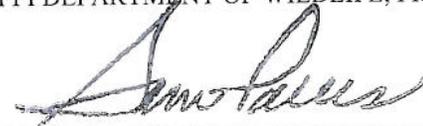
**CAMPING:** Camping is allowed subject to US Forest Service regulations.

This adopted public notice will become effective June 22, 2009. Witness my hand and seal this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May 2009.

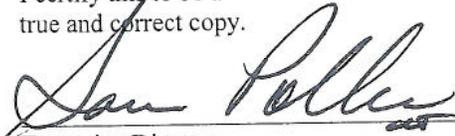
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BY:  \_\_\_\_\_  
John C Stanley IV, Chairman

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

