

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT NUMBER W15 3447(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 8, 2010, 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 2010-11 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Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W14 3447 is hereby repealed, and the following 2010-11 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

**2010-2011 Regulations for
Caston Creek Wildlife Management Area**

Franklin and Amite Counties

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see AREA DESCRIPTIONS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS, and ARES RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1	Nov. 19	Does and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Nov. 13	Nov. 19	Does and legal bucks.
Gun	Nov. 20	Dec. 1	WITH DOGS in the DEER HUNTING WITH DOGS AREA only. Legal bucks only on entire area.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2	Dec. 15	Does and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 16	Dec. 23	WITHOUT DOGS. Does and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 24	Jan. 19	WITH DOGS in the DEER HUNTING WITH DOGS AREA only. Legal bucks only on entire area.
Primitive Weapon	Jan. 20	Jan. 31	Does and legal bucks.

YOUTH TURKEY	Mar. 5	Mar. 11	
TURKEY-			
PERMIT ONLY	Mar. 12	Mar. 25	See TURKEY HUNTING PERMIT in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
TURKEY	Mar. 26	May 1	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Oct. 9	Oct. 15	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 16	Feb. 28	
RACCOON	Jul. 2	Sep. 25	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1	Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1	Feb. 28	
RABBIT	Oct. 16	Feb. 28	
QUAIL	Nov. 25	Mar. 5	

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR CASTON CREEK 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, 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.

AREA RESTRICTIONS:

DEER HUNTING WITH DOGS AREA: The portion of the area east of Forest Service Road 155 (see map). Deer hunting with dogs is allowed during Nov. 20-Dec. 1 and Dec. 24, 2010-Jan. 19, 2011. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season.

DEER HUNTING WITHOUT DOGS AREA: The portion of the area west of Forest Service Road 155 (see map). Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season.

BAG LIMITS: Same as statewide bag limits except that for permitted turkey hunts the daily bag limit is one gobbler per permit.

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 WMA Headquarters 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.

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.

TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS: Turkey hunting from Mar. 12 – Mar. 25 is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. Only one application will be accepted per hunter for the Caston Creek WMA permitted turkey hunt. Hunters may apply for permitted turkey hunts on no more than three WMAs statewide during the Spring 2011 season. Completed applications must be received by Feb. 15, 2011 to be eligible for drawing.

LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs or buckshot, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting.

OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: Off-road vehicle use will be governed by U. S. Forest Service regulations. For additional information, contact the Forest Service at (601) 384-5876.

HORSES: Hunting from horseback is allowed.

CAMPING: Camping is allowed subject to U.S. Forest Service regulations.

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.

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 36, will be enforced. For additional information, contact the Forest Service at (601) 384-5876.

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 10, 2010.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY:  _____
Bryan Jones, Chairman

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Sam Polles, Ph.D., Executive Director