

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
POST OFFICE BOX 451
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 39205

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE NUMBER W16 3452(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 March 16, 2011, under authority of Section 25-43-3.103, Mississippi Code of 1972, made known its intent to adopt the following wildlife management area regulations. This was done under authority of Sections 49-5-13, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W15 3452 is hereby repealed, and the following wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

**Regulations for
Leroy Percy Wildlife Management Area**

Washington County

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	October 1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Saturday two weeks prior to the opening day of Primitive Weapon season through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving -Dec. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Archery/Youth Gun	Jan. 1 - Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.

YOUTH SQUIRREL	Saturday prior to the opening day of Squirrel season through the following Friday.	
SQUIRREL	Saturday nearest Oct. 1 - Feb 28	
RACCOON	Jul. 1 - Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	See Federal Regulations	
RABBIT	Saturday nearest Oct. 15 - Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Feb. 1 - Feb. 28	
YOUTH DOVE	First Saturday in September	See DOVE in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
DOVE	See Federal Regulations	See DOVE in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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.

CLOSED AREA: Primitive weapon deer hunting is limited to south of Highway 12 and north of Highway 12 east of Black Bayou. Archery hunting allowed in any open hunting zone during deer seasons. No hunting allowed north of Hwy. 12, west of Black Bayou and east of the no hunting boundary signs that are west of the park lodge.

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 the Leroy Percy State Park lodge by the hunter who harvested them before leaving the WMA.

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 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.

WILD HOGS: Wild hogs are classified as nuisance animals and hunters are encouraged to kill them at every lawful opportunity. The opportunity to kill hogs on WMAs is provided only for population control purposes and not for sport. Wild hogs may be killed during daylight hours during any open WMA hunting season with weapons and ammunition legal for that season. Trapping (including snaring) of hogs is prohibited. Moving or transporting live hogs is prohibited.

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.

LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting during the Youth Gun deer hunt. Other deer seasons are restricted to archery and primitive weapons. Rifles or handguns may not be used in the small game and archery area west of the park lodge.

DOVE: During the first season, hunting is allowed after the youth hunt on Wednesdays and Saturdays only. Dove season is open with state framework after the first season. Hunting hours are from 2:00 pm until sunset only. The number of hunters on the dove field is limited to 25.

OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: Off-road motorized vehicles/ATVs are allowed only for the retrieval of harvested deer. No loaded weapon may be in possession when retrieving harvested game.

HORSES: No horses allowed.

CAMPING: Camping is allowed under State Park 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.

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 04/25/2011.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: 
Charles Rigdon, Chairman

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

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

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Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W15W14 3452 is hereby repealed, and the following 2010-11 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

**~~2010-2011~~ Regulations for
 Leroy Percy Wildlife Management Area**

Washington County

SPECIES	<u>SEASON</u> OPENING <u>DATE</u>	<u>CLOSING DATE</u>	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS, SPECIAL BUCK TAGS , and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS. <u>Antlerless deer</u>
Archery	<u>October 1 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.</u> Oct. 1	Nov. 19	<u>Does and legal bucks.</u>
Youth Gun	<u>Saturday two weeks prior to the opening day of Primitive Weapon season through the Friday prior</u>	Nov. 19	<u>Antlerless deer</u> <u>Does and legal bucks.</u>

	<u>to Thanksgiving.</u>		
	Nov. 13		
Primitive Weapon	<u>Saturday prior to Thanksgiving -Dec. 31</u>	Jan. 1	<u>Antlerless deer</u> Does and legal bucks.
	Nov. 20		
Archery/Youth Gun	Jan. 2	<u>Jan. 1 - Jan. 31</u>	<u>Antlerless deer</u> Does and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	Mar. 5	Mar. 11	
TURKEY PERMIT ONLY	Mar. 12	Mar. 25	See TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
TURKEY	Mar. 26	May 1	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	<u>Saturday prior to the opening day of Squirrel season through the following Friday.</u>	Oct. 1	
	Sep. 25		
SQUIRREL	Oct. 2	<u>Saturday nearest Oct. 1 - Feb. 28</u>	
RACCOON	Jul. 1 - Sep. 30 2	Sep. 25	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1	Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	See Federal Regulations:		
RABBIT	Oct. 16	<u>Saturday nearest Oct. 15 - Feb. 28</u>	
TRAPPING	<u>Feb. 1 - Feb. 28</u>		
YOUTH DOVE	<u>First Saturday in September</u>	Sep. 4	See DOVE in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
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See Federal Regulations:

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**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR ~~LEROY PERCY WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA~~
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BAG LIMITS: Same as statewide bag limits ~~except that for permitted turkey hunts the daily bag limit is one gobbler per permit.~~

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LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least ~~12~~¹⁵ inches OR one main beam length of at least ~~15~~¹⁸ inches. For hunters ~~15~~^{less than 16} years of age or younger any antlered, one of the three buck is a legal bag limit may be any buck.

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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 Leroy Percy WMA permitted turkey hunt. Hunters may apply for permitted turkey hunts on no more than 3 WMAs~~

~~statewide during the Spring 2011 season. Completed applications must be received by Feb. 15, 2011 to be eligible for drawing~~

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