

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 3466(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Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W15 3466 is hereby repealed, and the following wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

**Regulations for
Stoneville Wildlife Management Area
Washington County**

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see LEGAL BUCKS and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct.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 through the Friday prior to Thanksgiving.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Saturday prior to Thanksgiving - Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Saturday prior to opening day	

of Squirrel season through
the following Friday.

SQUIRREL	Saturday nearest Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	
RACCOON	July 1 - Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	See Federal Regulations	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28	

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 Delta Branch Experiment Station hunting permit, the daily visitor use permit, and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

HUNTING PERMITS: All hunters over 15 years of age must have a Delta Branch Experiment Station hunting permit in their possession while hunting on the area. All hunters 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult with a permit in their possession. Permits are available from the Delta Branch Experiment Station in Stoneville (662-686-9311).

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 self-service deer check station located near the west entrance of the WMA by the hunter who harvested them before leaving the WMA. 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 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. Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours only from Feb. 1 - Feb. 28 with weapons legal for small game.

LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting during the youth deer hunt. Other deer seasons are restricted to primitive weapons.

OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs is allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. No loaded weapon may be in possession when retrieving harvested game.

HORSES: Horseback riding is prohibited during WMA deer and turkey seasons. At all other times, horseback riding is restricted to roads open to motorized vehicles. Raccoon hunting from horses is allowed on entire area during nighttime hunting hours.

CAMPING: No camping allowed.

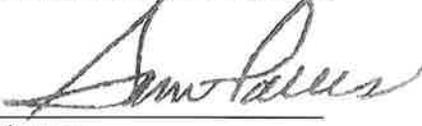
BEARS: Black bears may occur on this WMA. Hunting or disturbing bears is prohibited. Please report any bear sightings on your daily visitor use permit.

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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The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, at a meeting in Jackson, Mississippi on March 16, 2011~~May 19, 2010~~, under authority of Section 25-43-3.1037, Mississippi Code of 1972, made known its intent to adopt~~adopted~~ 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 W15~~W14~~ 3466 is hereby repealed, and the following ~~2010-11~~ wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

**~~2010-2011~~ Regulations for
Stoneville Wildlife Management Area**

Washington County

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

to Thanksgiving.~~Nov. 13~~

Primitive Weapon	Nov. 20	<u>Saturday prior to Thanksgiving - Jan. 31</u> Jan. 1	<u>Antlerless deer</u> Does and legal bucks.
Archery/ Youth Gun	Jan. 2	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	<u>Saturday prior to opening day of Squirrel season through the following Friday.</u> Sep. 25	Oct. 1	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 2	<u>Saturday nearest Oct. 1 - Feb. 28</u>	
RACCOON	Jul. 2	<u>July 1 - Sep. 30</u> 25	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Oct. 1	<u>Oct. 1 - Feb. 28</u>	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1	Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	See Federal Regulations-		
RABBIT	Oct. 16	Feb. 28	
<u>TRAPPING</u>	<u>Nov. 1 - Feb. 28</u>		

~~SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR STONEVILLE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA~~
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HUNTING PERMITS: All hunters over 15 years of age must have a Delta Branch Experiment Station hunting permit in their possession while hunting on the area. All hunters 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult with a permit in their possession. Permits are available from the Delta Branch Experiment Station in Stoneville (662-686-9311).

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 the self-service deer check station located near the west entrance of the WMA by the hunter who harvested them before leaving the WMA. 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 1245 inches OR one main beam length of at least 1518 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.

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. Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours only from Feb. 1 - Feb. 28 with weapons legal for small game~~28, 2011~~.

~~**TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS:** Turkey hunting from Mar. 12 – Mar. 25, 2011 is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. 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.~~

~~**LEGAL WEAPONS:** Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting during the youth deer hunt. Other deer seasons are restricted to primitive weapons. Only rimfire rifles .22 caliber or smaller or any caliber handgun may be used when hunting hogs with dogs.~~

~~**OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs:** Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs is allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs. No loaded weapon may be in possession when retrieving harvested game.~~

~~**HORSES:** Horseback riding is prohibited during WMA deer and turkey seasons. At all other times, horseback riding is restricted to roads open to motorized vehicles. Raccoon hunting from horses is allowed on entire area during nighttime hunting hours.~~

~~**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.~~

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 _____.

~~This adopted public notice will become effective _____.~~ Witness my hand and seal this the 19th day of May 2010.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: _____
Charles Rigdon~~Bryan Jones~~, Chairman

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

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