MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE NUMBER W16 3469

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 May 16, 2012, 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Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W15 3469 is hereby repealed, and the following wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

2012-2013 Regulations for
Twin Oaks Wildlife Management Area

Sharkey County

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see BAG LIMITS, DEER DATA COLLECTION, DEER HUNTING PERMITS, LEGAL BUCKS, SPECIAL BUCK TAGS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery - Permit Only	Oct. 1	Nov. 9	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth Gun	Nov. 10	Nov. 11	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon – Permit Only	Nov. 12	Dec. 14	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.

Special Primitive Weapon – Permit Only	Dec. 16 Dec. 26	Dec. 20 Dec. 30	Legal bucks only.
Archery/ Youth Gun	Dec. 31	Jan. 31	Legal bucks only.
YOUTH TURKEY	April 2	April 8	
TURKEY - PERMIT ONLY	April 9	May 1	See TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Oct. 6	Oct. 6	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 13 Dec. 1 Nov. 15 Nov. 21 Dec. 21 Dec. 31	Nov. 3 Dec. 15 Nov. 17 Nov. 24 Dec. 25 Feb. 28	Saturdays only. Saturdays only. Daily. Daily. Daily. Daily.
RACCOON	Jul. 1	Sep. 30	Friday and Saturday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM & BOBCAT	Oct. 5 Nov. 14 Nov. 20 Nov. 30 Dec. 21 Dec. 31	Nov. 9 Nov. 16 Nov. 23 Dec. 14 Dec. 24 Feb. 28	Friday nights only. Daily. Daily. Friday nights only. Daily. Daily.
TRAPPING	Jan. 1	Feb. 28	
WATERFOWL	See Federal Regulations.		See WATERFOWL in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
POST SEASON LIGHT GOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER	Open after waterfowl season. See Federal Regulations.		
RABBIT	Oct. 13 Dec. 1 Nov. 15 Nov. 21 Dec. 21 Dec. 31	Nov. 3 Dec. 15 Nov. 17 Nov. 24 Dec. 25 Feb. 28	Saturdays only. Saturdays only. Daily. Daily. Daily. Daily.

QUAIL	Nov. 22	Nov. 24	Daily.
	Dec. 1	Dec. 15	Saturdays only.
	Dec. 21	Dec. 25	Daily.
	Dec. 31	Mar. 2	Daily.
DOVE	See Federal Regulations.		See DOVE in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
WOODCOCK	See Federal Regulations.		Woodcock hunting is allowed on any small game hunting day during legal woodcock season.

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.

BAG LIMITS: Same as statewide bag limits, EXCEPT that for permitted deer hunts the daily bag limit is one legal buck 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 by recording the number of animals harvested 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 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.

DEER HUNTING PERMITS: Deer hunting, except for the youth gun hunt and the Dec. 31 - Jan. 31 archery/youth gun hunt, is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts. Additionally, hunters who harvest a 1½ year old or older doe during their permitted hunt will be eligible for a drawing for the two Special Primitive Weapon hunts.

LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 16 inches OR one main beam length of at least 20 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.

SPECIAL BUCK TAGS: For management purposes, a limited number of special buck tags which allow the harvest of one buck per year with at least one unforked antler will be available for hunters. It is the hunter's responsibility to check on the availability of Special Buck Tags. If available, tags may be acquired at the WMA headquarters or at the self-service deer check station. After harvest of a qualifying buck, hunters must retrieve a tag and attach it to the buck before leaving the WMA. An unforked antler is defined as a main beam with no other points or broken points.

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 only 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.

TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS: Turkey hunting, except for the youth hunt, is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at www.mdwfp.com. See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

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 archery and primitive weapons.

WATERFOWL: Through Dec. 30, waterfowl hunting will be allowed on Saturdays during the legal waterfowl season. After Dec. 30, waterfowl hunting is allowed on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays during the legal waterfowl season EXCEPT that the Youth Waterfowl season shall be open concurrent with the statewide season. Shooting hours end at 12:00 noon.

DOVE: Dove hunting is allowed daily during legal dove season prior to Oct. 1. Dove hunting is allowed on any small game hunting day during the legal dove season after Oct. 1.

OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: orvS/ATVs are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting and fishing access only. Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs is allowed for retrieval of harvested deer or hogs.

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 and designated ATV trails. Raccoon hunting from horses is allowed during nighttime hunting hours.

CAMPING: Camping is allowed in designated areas only (see map). A WMA Camping Permit is required for any individual or group (maximum of 6 people) that is camping on this WMA and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days. Camping equipment may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours. All camping equipment and garbage must be removed before final departure.

SCOUTING: Scouting is allowed daily prior to Oct. 1 and on Saturdays only during permitted deer hunts, EXCEPT that no scouting is allowed during the weekend of the youth deer hunt. Scouting will also be allowed on any small game hunting day. Only those persons drawn to hunt will be allowed on the area during permitted hunts.

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 U. S. Army Corps of Engineers at (662) 327-2142.

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May 16, 2012 Commission Meeting

This adopted public notice will become effective the 1 day of July, 2012.
Witness my hand and seal this the 16th day of May, 2012

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: _____
William "Billy" Deviney, Chairman

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

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