MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE NUMBER W 3819

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 September 19, 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 for the 2012-13 hunting year. This was done under authority of Sections 49-5-13, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W 3819 is hereby repealed, and the following wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

2012-2013 Regulations for
Canemount Wildlife Management Area

Claiborne County

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see BAG LIMITS, DATA COLLECTION, DEER HUNTING PERMITS, LEGAL BUCKS, SPECIAL BUCK TAGS, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery - Permit Only	Oct. 1	Nov. 14	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon – Permit Only	Nov. 16	Jan. 13	Antlerless deer and legal bucks
YOUTH TURKEY– Permit Only	Mar. 9	Mar. 10	See YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING and DATA COLLECTION in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
TURKEY – Permit Only	Mar. 15	May 1	See TURKEY HUNTING and DATA

			COLLECTION in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
SQUIRREL – Permit Only	Feb. 1	Feb. 28	See SQUIRREL HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

NO OTHER SEASONS shall be open and no other animals shall be hunted or disturbed.

The Commission may expand, shorten, restrict or otherwise alter, the hunting opportunities set forth herein, in order to best manage the animal population(s) on the management area. Any changes in hunting opportunities may be effected by Executive Order.

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:

Deer: One (1) antlerless deer per day and one (1) legal buck per permitted hunt.
Turkey: One (1) legal turkey per permitted hunt.
Squirrel: Eight (8) per day.

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.

DATA COLLECTION: All harvested deer and turkeys 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 or turkey, the hunter is responsible for collecting and legibly recording ALL biological data. Instructions and equipment will be provided.

DEER HUNTING PERMITS: Deer hunting 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 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 1 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. Bucks that meet the Special Buck Tag requirements do not count against the bag limit.

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. A maximum of two (2) squirrel dogs per party is allowed during permitted squirrel hunts.

TURKEY HUNTING: Turkey hunting 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.

YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING: Youth turkey hunting 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.

SQUIRREL HUNTING: Squirrel hunting 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 archery equipment and primitive weapons may be used for deer hunting.

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.

CAMPING: No camping is allowed.

SCOUTING is allowed daily prior to Oct. 1 and on Thursdays only during permitted deer hunts. Scouting is allowed on Mondays and Thursdays only during permitted turkey hunts. 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.

This adopted public notice will become effective September 25,2012 Witness my hand and seal this the 19th day of September 2012.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: _____
Jerry Munro, Chairman

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Sam Polles, Ph.D., Executive Director