

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS  
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS

**Title 40: Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks**

**Part 2: Wildlife**

**Part 2, Chapter 1: Wildlife Management Areas (WMA)**

*RULE 1.44 GREAT RIVER ROAD WMA REGULATIONS.*

A. Regulations for Great River Road Wildlife Management Area in Bolivar County

SPECIES	SEASON	COMMENTS
DEER		For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery – Permit Only	Nov. 1 through Thanksgiving day.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Muzzleloader – Permit Only	Friday after Thanksgiving through Dec. 31.	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
SQUIRREL	Jan. 1 – Feb. 28	For squirrel hunting regulations see SQUIRREL HUNTING
NO OTHER SEASON shall be open and no other animals shall be hunted or disturbed.		

Whenever the opening date set above falls on a Sunday, the season shall begin on the preceding Saturday.

B. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. 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.

2. BAG LIMITS: Same as statewide bag limits, except the bag limit on antlered buck deer is one (1) buck per day, not to exceed three (3) per year and on antlerless deer is one (1) per day, not to exceed three (3) per year.

3. 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. Daily visitor use permits must be turned in daily.

4. **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.

5. **DEER HUNTING PERMITS:** Deer hunting is allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at [www.mdwfp.com](http://www.mdwfp.com). See application for hunt dates, application deadlines, and other information about permitted hunts.

6. **LEGAL BUCKS:** Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 15 inches OR one main beam length of at least 18 inches. For hunters 15 years of age or younger any antlered buck is a legal buck.

7. **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.

8. **DOG RESTRICTIONS:** Hunting with dogs is prohibited. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

9. **LEGAL WEAPONS:** Only muzzleloaders and archery equipment may be used for deer hunting. Only shotguns with #2 shot or smaller for squirrel hunting.

10. **OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs:** ORVs/ATVs prohibited.

11. **HORSES:** Horseback riding is prohibited.

12. **CAMPING:** Camping is prohibited on this area.

13. **SQUIRREL HUNTING:** Squirrel hunting is allowed on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays only from January 1 – February 28. A limited number of hunters will be allowed on the WMA at one time. See the permit station for available hunting locations.

14. SCOUTING is allowed daily Oct. 1 – 31 and on Thursdays only during permitted deer hunts. Only those persons drawn to hunt will be allowed on the area during permitted deer hunts.

15. 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.

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