

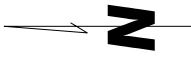
This map is your ANNUAL permit to hunt deer during the seven continuous day gun stalk deer hunt, feral hog (special season), and all other game in accordance with the seasons, rules, and regulations listed hereon, EXCEPT for the Nov. 24-26, Jan. 5-6 and Feb. 4-5 gun deer hunts. A separate permit will be issued at the checking station on the dates of these hunts. This permit must be signed and in your possession to be valid.

Signed _____
Date _____
A separate trapping permit will be issued by the area manager.



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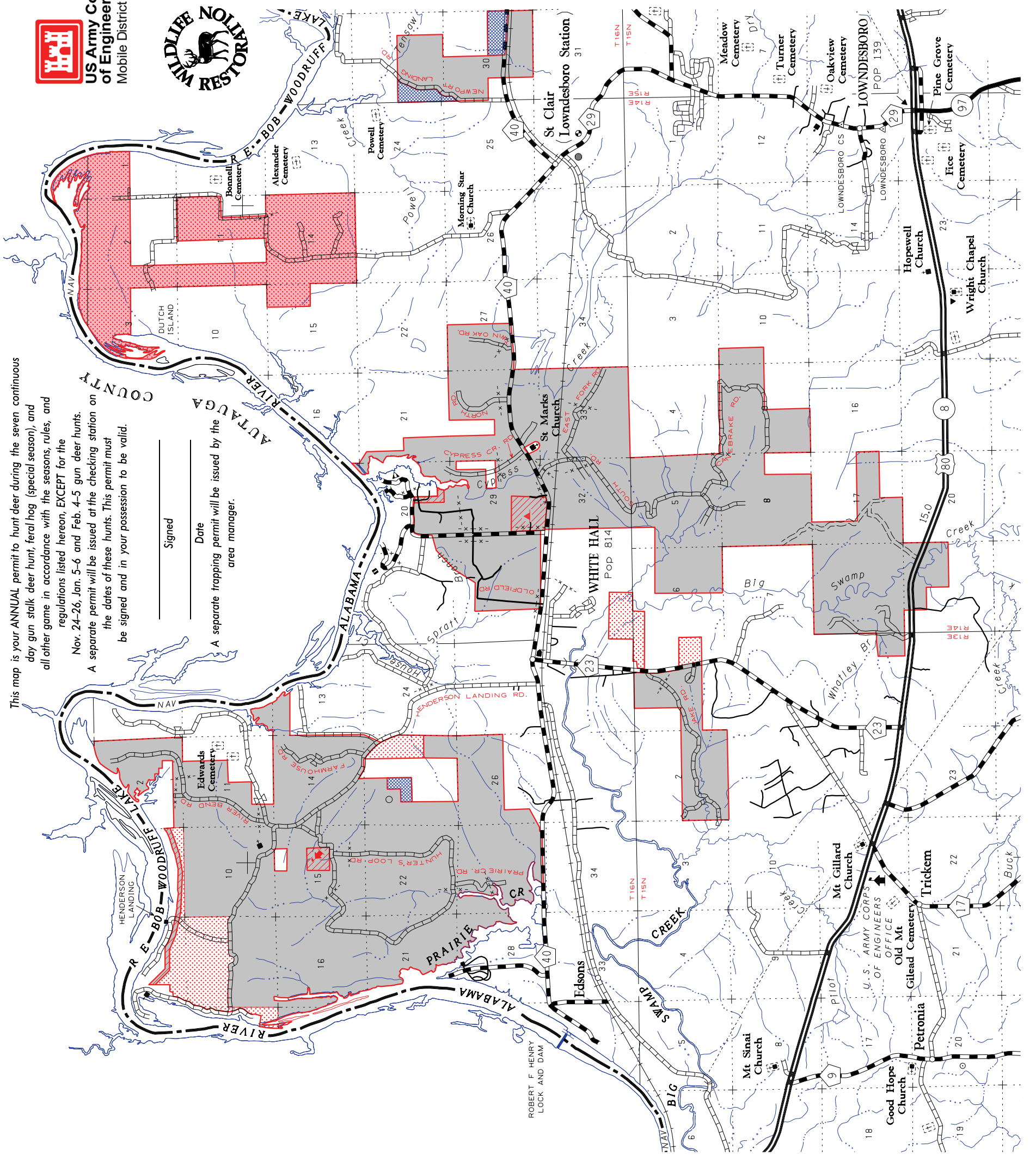
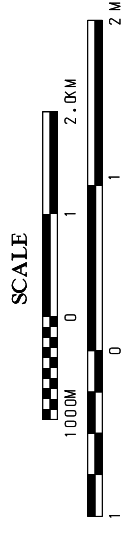
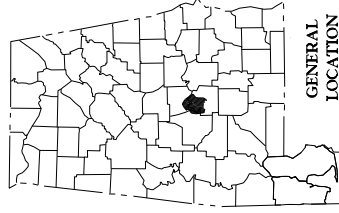
- MANAGEMENT AREA BOUNDARY
- DUTCH BEND TRACT
- Archery ONLY for Deer and Feral Swine
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- PRIMITIVE CAMPING
- CHECKING STATION (HEADQUARTERS)
- ROADSIDE PARK-PICNIC GROUND



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LOWNDES WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

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(Lowndes County)
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Hunting Regulations – September 2017 – August 2018

PERMITS: Gun deer permits will be issued daily from the check station on the **Nov. 24-26, Jan. 5-6 and Feb. 3-4** hunts only. This map will serve as a permit for all other deer hunting, small game hunting, and turkey hunting. This includes archery deer hunters hunting on days of gun deer hunts. Season small game, archery deer (other than days of gun deer hunts), youth deer, primitive weapons, special feral swine season, and all turkey permits are available at the self-service box located at the checking station; locally at St. Clair Grocery, County Road 29, St. Clair; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Assistant Resource Office, Hwy. 80, and Shopper Stop #145, Hwy. 80, Lowndesboro (open 7 days a week 24 hours a day); or via the internet at www.outdooralabama.com. Requests for small game, archery deer, youth deer, and all turkey permits by mail should be sent to the Area Biologist at 227 Ridgeland Farm Road, Lowndesboro, AL 36752 (office phone (205) 339-5716). All deer killed during all other deer hunts, all turkeys killed during any turkey season, and all feral swine killed during any hunt **must** be reported by completing the self-service form at the checking station or contacting the Area Biologist. **Trapping** permits must be obtained from the Area Biologist. On each gun deer hunt, all hunters less than 16 years of age and all female hunters will be allowed to harvest a deer of either sex..

LOCATION OF CHECKING STATION: Approximately 3.8 miles north of White Hall, AL at 227 Ridgeland Farm Road, Lowndesboro, AL 36752. Checking station will open no later than 5:00 a.m. on days of gun deer hunts. All deer killed on gun deer hunts **must** be checked in at the checking station on **Nov. 24-26, Jan. 5-6 and Feb. 3-4** deer hunts. Checking station will not be open on **Dec. 1-3, Dec. 15-17, Dec. 29-31 and Jan. 19-20** deer hunts, all deer or hogs killed must be reported at the self-service form at the checking station, kiosk or contacting the Area Biologist.

NOTE:

- A State Hunting License, Wildlife Management Area (WMA) License and a wildlife management area permit are required when hunting deer, turkey, or waterfowl on a Wildlife management area. For residents, a State hunting license or Wildlife Heritage License (residents only) and WMA permit are required for hunting small game, except waterfowl on wildlife management areas. Nonresidents must possess a wildlife management area license in addition to a hunting license and WMA permit to hunt big game and small game.
- Youth hunters on youth deer and turkey hunts must be less than 16 years of age. Supervisors must be 21 years old or older, or a parent, and must be properly licensed. Youth must remain within 30 feet of supervisors at all times.
- Archery hunters must obtain a daily permit from check station to hunt on Nov. 24-26, Jan. 5-6 and Feb. 4-5 days of gun deer hunts (check station will be open).
- Statewide antlered buck season bag limit applies to all WMAs, excluding Bonus Buck.
- Administrators of the hunt shall have the right to distribute the hunters and to inspect all vehicles or other equipment while on the areas. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and landowners, who are making the hunting possible, hereby put each hunter on notice that he hunts at his own risk and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and such landowners shall not be responsible for any accidents or injuries that may occur.

HUNTING DATES FOR DUTCH BEND TRACT ONLY:

DEER: (Archery Only)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Oct. 14 – 23 . One antlered buck per day. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns): Oct. 24 – Feb. 10 . Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. All hunters must record their harvest at the check station.
	* To be legal for harvest, antlered bucks must have at least three (3) points (1 inch or longer) on at least one main antler beam.
DOVE:	State Season (12:00 Noon until sunset). Saturdays and Wednesdays only.
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:	Sep. 16- Mar. 4 . Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.
WATERFOWL:	State Season (½ hour before sunrise to 12:00 noon). Saturdays, Mondays and Wednesdays only.
FERAL SWINE & COYOTE:	Open during any other scheduled hunting season on the Dutch Bend Tract using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.

HUNTING DATES FOR REMAINDER OF LOWNDES WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA:

DEER: (Youth)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns): Nov. 11-12 . Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. All hunters must record their harvest at the check station.
(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns): Nov. 24-26 . Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Dec. 1-3, Dec. 15-17, Dec. 29-31 and Jan. 5-6 (Jan. 6 Bonus Buck Day, must be validated by WFF personnel at check station), Jan. 19-20 and Feb. 3-4 . One antlered buck per day. *Antlered buck restrictions apply.
(Primitive Weapons)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns): Nov. 15-17 and Dec. 4-9 . Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. All deer hunters must sign in for primitive weapons deer hunts at check station prior to hunting. All hunters must record their harvest at the check station.
(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Antlered Bucks Only: Oct. 14-23 . One antlered buck per day. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns): Oct. 24-Feb. 10 . Two deer per day - one unantlered deer and one antlered buck. *Antlered buck restrictions apply. No hunting on days of scheduled youth deer hunts. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station. Archery hunters must obtain deer permit on days of gun hunts on Nov. 24-26, Jan. 5-6 and Feb. 3-4 and abide by all gun deer hunt regulations.
	*To be legal for harvest, antlered bucks must have at least three points (1 inch or longer) on at least one main antler beam.

TURKEY: (Youth)	Mar. 17 (Daylight until 1:00 pm). Gobblers only. All hunters must sign in each day at check station prior to hunting. All successful hunters must record their harvest at the check station.
(Physically Disabled)	Mar. 21 (Daylight until 1:00 pm). Gobblers only. All hunters must sign in at check station prior to hunting. All successful hunters must record their harvest at check station.
(Regular)	Mar. 24 - Apr. 30 (Daylight until 1:00 pm). Gobblers only. All successful hunters must record their harvests at the check station.
RABBIT & SQUIRREL:	Sep. 16 – Mar. 4 . No hunting on days of scheduled youth, primitive weapons and gun deer hunts. Fox squirrel season closed during February and March.
QUAIL:	Nov. 4 – Feb. 28 . No hunting on days of scheduled youth, primitive weapons and gun deer hunts
WOODCOCK & SNIPE:	Dec. 15 – Jan. 28 . No hunting on days of scheduled youth, primitive weapons and gun deer hunts..
CROW:	Sep. 1 - Mar. 4 . No hunting on days of scheduled youth, primitive weapons and gun deer hunts.
RACCOON & OPOSSUM:	Sep. 1 - Mar. 4 . Nighttime hours only. No hunting on nights preceding or nights of scheduled youth, primitive weapons and gun deer hunts. Fox hunting – Dogs Only - No Weapons.

BOBCAT, COYOTE, FERAL SWINE & FOX:	Open during any scheduled WMA hunting season using weapons & ammunition approved for those hunts. Daylight Hours. No Dogs Allowed. One fox per day.
DOVE:	State season (Saturday and Wednesday only; 12:00 Noon until sunset). No hunting on days of scheduled youth, primitive weapons and gun deer hunts.
WATERFOWL:	State season (Saturday and Wednesday only; ½-hour before sunrise to 12:00 noon). No hunting on days of scheduled youth, primitive weapons and gun deer hunts.
FERAL SWINE: (Special Season)	Aug. 15-31 and Feb. 28-Mar. 4 . All hunters must sign in each day at check station prior to hunting. All hunters must record their harvest at check station. Permitted firearms and archery equipment and hunter orange requirements same as for gun deer hunting on WMAs. No buckshot. No dogs allowed. Daylight hours only.
FURBEARER TRAPPING: (Excluding feral swine)	Nov. 4 - Feb. 28 . All trappers must wear hunter's orange while trapping on days of gun deer hunts.

BAG LIMITS: Deer (antlered bucks only hunts) – minimum of three (3) points, 1-inch or longer, on at least one antler – 1 a day; deer (hunter's choice hunts) - either-sex (except spotted fawns) – two deer per day-one unantlered deer and one antlered buck (antler restrictions apply); turkey (gobblers only) – 1 a day (5 per season); squirrel – 8 a day; rabbit – 8 a day; quail – 8 a day; raccoon & opossum – no limit; mourning dove – 15 a day; crow – no limit; feral swine – no limit; coyote – no limit; bobcat – no limit; fox – 1 a day; waterfowl – State and Federal regulations apply.

PERMITTED FIREARMS, BOW AND ARROW, & FALCONRY:

Deer: Stalk Hunts:	As defined in Alabama Regulations legal arms and ammunition in 220-2-.02(2), (excluding buckshot) and archery equipment in 220-2-.03.
Primitive Weapons:	Using only muzzle loading rifles (.40 caliber or larger), muzzle loading shotguns, air-powered guns (.30 caliber or larger) or archery equipment as defined in 220-2-.03.
Turkey:	As defined in 220-2-.02(3), except no center-fire pistols or crossbows allowed.
Special Feral Swine Hunts:	Same as Stalk Deer Hunts (Hunter Orange Requirements Apply).
Remainder of Seasons:	Legal arms and ammunition as defined in 220-2-.02 and archery equipment in 220-2-.03.
Trapping:	As Defined in 220-2-.30(2), except no .22 magnums are allowed.

Falconry will be legal on all AREA scheduled hunts for legally permitted falconers; following the dates those seasons are open on each AREA.

IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL:

1. To hunt, trap, use dogs, possess firearms, traps, or bow and arrow and except bow fishing equipment from March 6 – August 31, without a valid permit. A permit is valid only during scheduled WMA seasons during legal hunting hours and only with the required hunting license(s) and stamps and only with weapons and ammunition permitted for hunting the wildlife listed on permit. See (22) for limited exception for certain lawfully licensed handguns possessed for personal protection.
2. To use dogs for stalk hunting of deer or for turkey hunting.
3. For any person under 16 years of age to hunt on any WMA unless accompanied by a licensed hunter at all times.
4. For any person to carry in or on a vehicle, any of the following: any firearms [including pistols/handguns, except as described in (25)] with ammunition in the magazine, breech or clip attached to firearms, or black powder weapons with primer, cap or flash powder in place, or cocked crossbows. See (22) for limited exception for certain lawfully licensed handguns possessed for personal protection.
5. To camp on any WMA except in designated sites. Individuals or groups may camp on WMAs for a period not to exceed nine (9) days in any thirty (30) day period. Campfires must be extinguished before departing.
6. To kill or willfully molest any species of wildlife except those designated for hunting. However, this regulation shall not apply to coyote or feral swine, which may be killed during all scheduled WMA hunts, when possessing a valid permit and using weapons and ammunition that are legal for such designated hunts during daylight hours only.
7. To discharge fireworks at any time.
8. To discharge firearms for target practice.
9. To hunt or discharge firearms within 150 yards of any camping area, dwelling, dam or timber operation, 100 yards of any paved public road or highway; within a posted safety zone or on Sunday within one/half mile of any church or **from within the right-of-way of any developed road which is open to vehicular traffic.**
10. **To possess open alcoholic beverages outside designated camping areas.**
11. For any person to possess any firearm while hunting with bow and arrow or crossbow, except on days of either-sex gun deer hunts.
12. To transport deer killed during the gun hunts from the WMA before being checked at the designated checking station, or kiosk otherwise for scientific data.
13. For any person except authorized personnel to operate any motor driven vehicle behind, under or around any locked gate, barricaded road or sign which prohibits vehicular traffic.
14. For any unauthorized person to possess and/or operate ANY UNLICENSED MOTOR DRIVEN VEHICLE on any AREA, except when utilized for the expressed purpose of retrieving game animals, traveling to or from a hunting location, or any other hunting related activity. Any other recreational use of ANY UNLICENSED MOTOR DRIVEN VEHICLE on any AREA is prohibited.
15. For any unauthorized person to ride or possess horses except on roads and trails open to four-wheel motorized vehicles or on roads and trails or in areas designated as open to horses, (except for raccoon hunters during the legal nighttime raccoon season where authorized). **A valid WMA license and a valid WMA permit are required to ride and/or possess horses on Lowndes WMA.**
16. For any person to hunt deer or feral swine on days of scheduled youth or gun deer, or special feral swine hunts without wearing an outer garment above the waist containing a minimum of 144 square inches of hunter orange color or either a full size hunter orange hat or cap. Hunters are not required to wear hunter orange when hunting from a stand elevated twelve (12) feet or more above the ground. The hunter orange must be of solid color, except for a small logo and/or printing on the front of the cap, and visible from any angle.
17. For any person except authorized personnel to block or otherwise stop traffic on any road or at any gate by parking a vehicle in such a way that passage around the vehicle is impossible.
18. For any person to deposit, distribute or scatter grain, salt, litter, or any other materials on any WMA maintained by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources prior to receiving approval from said Department.
19. To damage or remove any artifacts, trees, crops, or other plants, dirt, gravel or sod without legal authorization.
20. To hunt from an elevated stand or platform without attaching themselves to the tree or platform with a full body safety harness capable of supporting their weight.
21. To violate any posted restrictions on entry, hunting, fishing, or other conduct.
22. **Nothing in this regulation prohibits or requires a wildlife management area permit for the possession of handguns by lawfully licensed persons for personal protection, provided the handguns are not used to hunt or take or to attempt to take wildlife except as otherwise provided by this regulation.**
23. **Users should refer to WMA Regulation 220-2-.55 for the complete list of WMA specific regulations.**

WMA is provided by the Wildlife Section of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Forever Wild Land Trust.