

# Forever Wild Land Trust

## Tracts with Hunting Provisions

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The following information describes Forever Wild Tracts with provisions for public hunting. Forever Wild tracts may be designated for use under one or more of four categories: Wildlife Management Areas, Nature Preserves, Recreation Areas, and State Parks. Several tracts have been purchased solely to add to or create a Wildlife Management Area (WMA). These tracts are managed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division (WFF) to improve hunting related activities. Some tracts are cooperatively managed by the State Lands Division and the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division as a Nature Preserve, Recreation Area, and Wildlife Management Area. The hunting and fishing programs on these tracts are managed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division. Tracts designated as Nature Preserves and Recreation Areas are managed by the State Lands Division. Hunting may be allowed as a secondary activity on these tracts, but they not may be actively managed to enhance hunting. Forever Wild tracts purchased as additions to State Parks do not allow hunting and trapping, consistent with State Parks regulations. Forever Wild tracts not designated below do not have an open hunting season.

### **Wildlife Management Area tracts acquired through the Forever Wild Program.**

Maps of the State's Wildlife Management Areas are available at:

<http://outdooralabama.com/hunting/wildlife-areas/wmamaps/>

**Coosa WMA: Cahaba & Columbiana Tracts** – Coosa County, 9,746 acres. These tracts are cooperatively managed by the State Lands Division and the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division as a Nature Preserve, Recreation Area, and Wildlife Management Area. The hunting and fishing programs on the tracts are managed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division as part of the Coosa WMA. Hunting regulations for this tract follow the seasons and limits established for the WMA. **A WMA LICENSE AND PERMIT ARE REQUIRED TO HUNT AT THIS LOCATION.** Contact the WFF Prattville Office for additional details on regulations, seasons, limits, and trapping (334) 358-0035.

**Location:** Township 22N, Range 16, & 17E, Multiple Sections  
Flag Mountain, Mitchell Dam, Mitchell Dam Northwest, and  
Richville Quads

**Lauderdale and Freedom Hills WMA Tract Additions, Walker, BDM, JCM, BTW, Tassin Tract Additions** – Colbert and Lauderdale Counties, 32,050 acres. Numerous acquisitions provide public land for two WMAs that have been experiencing recent declines in acreage due to loss of leased land. The hunting and fishing programs on the tracts are managed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division as part of the Lauderdale and Freedom Hills WMAs. Hunting regulations for this tract follow the seasons and limits annually established for the WMA. **A WMA LICENSE AND PERMIT ARE REQUIRED TO HUNT AT THESE LOCATIONS.** For additional details on regulations, seasons, and limits contact WFF at (256)-359-6208 for Freedom Hills and (256)-760-8670 for Lauderdale.

**Location:** Multiple locations South and North of the Tennessee River.  
The Pickwick, Waterloo, Wright, Margerum, Cherokee, Bishop, Barton, Pleasant Site, Pleasant Grove and Yellow Creek Quad

**Mobile-Tensaw Delta: Delta Tract, Bayou Canot, Salco and Middle River, Middle River West, McMillan Tracts 1, 2 & 3, Jacinto Port, Bayou Jessamine, Coastal Land Trust, Bayou Sara, Mifflin Lake Tract Addition; Bayou Sara CLT, and N. Q. Adams Additions** - Baldwin and Mobile Counties, 43,743 acres. These tracts are cooperatively managed by the State Lands Division and the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division as a Nature Preserve, Recreation Area, and Wildlife Management Area. The hunting and fishing programs on the tracts are managed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division as part of the Upper Delta and W.L. Holland WMA. Hunting regulations for this tract follow the seasons and limits established for the WMA. **A WMA LICENSE AND PERMIT ARE REQUIRED TO HUNT AT THESE LOCATIONS.** Contact the WFF Spanish Fort Office for additional details on regulations, seasons, limits, and trapping (334) 626-5474.

**Location:** Contact the WFF Spanish Fort Office for specific descriptions.  
(251)626-5474  
The Basin, Bilbo Island, Chickasaw, and Stiggins Lake Quads

**Riggins Tract, Big Swamp Creek Addition** - Lowndes County, 624 acres. Managed by WFF as part of the Lowndes WMA. Hunting regulations for this tract follow the seasons and limits established for the WMA. **A WMA LICENSE AND PERMIT ARE REQUIRED TO HUNT AT THIS LOCATION.** Part of the tract is restricted to bow hunting only. Contact the office at Lowndes WMA for additional details on regulations, seasons, limits, and trapping (334) 874-4471 or see

**Location:** T16N, R15E, Sections 19 and 30  
Lowndesboro Quad

**Walls of Jericho, Jacob Farm Addition, Post Oak Flat, and Henshaw Cove Tracts** - Jackson County, 15,827 acres. The Walls of Jericho, Post Oak Flats, and Henshaw Cove Tracts are cooperatively managed by the State Lands Division and the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division as a Nature Preserve, Recreation Area, and Wildlife

Management Area. The Jacob Farm tract was purchased solely as an addition to James D. Martin - Skyline Wildlife Management Area. The hunting and fishing programs on these tracts are managed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division as part of James D. Martin - Skyline Wildlife Management Area. Hunting regulations for this tract follow the seasons and limits established for the WMA. **A WMA LICENSE AND PERMIT ARE REQUIRED TO HUNT AT THIS LOCATION.** Contact the office at Skyline WMA for additional details on regulations, seasons, limits, and trapping regulations (256) 587-3114. For the Walls of Jericho Tract west of highway 79 and the Henshaw Cove Tract, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) are only allowed to retrieve a harvested deer.

**Location:** Township 1S and 2S, Range 5E, 6E and 7E Multiple Sections  
Estill Fork, Hytop and Eureka Quads

**Wehle Tract-** Bullock County, 1,505.5 acres. This tract is cooperatively managed by the State Lands Division and the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division as a Nature Preserve, Recreation Area, and Wildlife Management Area. The hunting and fishing programs on 626 acres of the tract are managed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division and have been included within the Barbour County Wildlife Management Area. Hunting regulations for this tract follow the seasons and limits established for the WMA. **A WMA LICENSE AND PERMIT ARE REQUIRED TO HUNT THE 626 ACRES AT THIS LOCATION.** Contact the office at Barbour County WMA for additional details on regulations, seasons, limits, and trapping regulations (334)529-3222.

**Location:** Township 12N, Range 22E, Sections 28 & 29  
Comer Quad

## **Nature Preserves and Recreation Areas**

Available as Open Permit Public Land subject to Rules 220-2-.125, 220-2-.127, and 220-4-.15 found at the end of this document. Hunters must have valid hunting license and follow regulations, seasons, and limits for the county in which the tract is located. Some of the most popular hunting activities available on each tract are detailed below. See Rule 220-2-.125 and 220-2-.127 for specific restrictions. For more information contact the State Lands Division at 1-800-LANDALA or see

<http://outdooralabama.com/public-lands/stateLands/foreverWild/>

**Blowing Spring Cave-** Lauderdale County 60 acres. Managed as a Nature Preserve by the State Lands Division for a unique bat cave. The tract is largely a bottomland hardwood forest adjacent to First Creek. The forest and river support populations of various game species. No open season for deer or turkey. Permissible activities include hunting small game with primitive weapons. No ATVs allowed. See Rule 220-2-.127 for specific restrictions.

**Location:** T02 R07W, in Section 19

## Lexington Quad

**Coon Creek Tract-** Tallapoosa County, 320 acres. Managed as a Recreation Area by the State Lands Division, with a public boat launch on Yates Reservoir. Upland areas support small populations of game species, while riparian portions along Coon Creek Cove support some wintering waterfowl. Permissible activities include bow hunting for deer, turkey hunting, waterfowl hunting, and small game hunting. No ATVs allowed. See rule 220-2-.125 for specific restrictions.

**Location:** T19N, R22E, in Sections 28 and 29  
Tallassee Quad

**Grand Bay Savannah Complex** (Grand Bay Savannah Tract, Grand Bay Savannah Addition, Little River Road Addition Tract, and Giddens Tract Addition) - Mobile County, 5,151 acres. Managed by the State Lands Division as a Nature Preserve for unique plant and animal communities. Upland and wetland areas support small populations of game species, while riparian portions along Portersville and Grand Bays support some wintering waterfowl. Permissible activities include stalk hunting deer with a shotgun and slug, bow hunting for deer, feral hog hunting, turkey hunting, waterfowl hunting, and small game hunting. No ATVs allowed. See Rule 220-2-.125 for specific restrictions.

**Location:** T7S, R3W, and parts of Sections 19, 20, 28, 29, 30  
Grand Bay Quad

**Indian Mountain Complex** (Indian Mountain Tract, Indian Mountain-Garner Tract) - Cherokee County, 514 and 80 acres. Managed as a Recreation Area by the State Lands Division, primarily to facilitate long-distance hiking along the Pinhoti Trail. Permissible activities include bow hunting for deer, turkey hunting, and small game hunting. No ATVs allowed. See Rule 220-2-.125 for specific restrictions.

**Location:** T11S, R11E, in Section 36  
T11S, R12E, in Section 31  
T12S, R11E, in Section 1  
Indian Mountain Quad

**Lillian Swamp Complex** (Lillian Swamp South Addition, Lillian Swamp West Addition and Caney Bayou) - Baldwin County, 1858 acres. Managed as a Nature Preserve for unique plant and animal communities, upland and wetland areas support a variety of game. Permissible activities include stalk hunting deer with a shotgun and slug, bow hunting for deer, turkey hunting, waterfowl hunting, and small game hunting. No ATVs allowed. See Rule 220-2-.125 for specific restrictions.

**Location:** Township 7S, Range 6E, Sections 13 & 24  
Township 7S, Range 7E, Section 18  
Lillian Quad

**Pike County Pocosin Tract-** Pike County, 190 acres. Managed as a Nature Preserve by the State Lands Division for unique plant communities. Upland areas support small populations of game species. Permissible activities include stalk hunting deer with a shotgun and slug, bow hunting for deer, turkey hunting, and small game hunting. No ATVs allowed. See Rule 220-2-.125 for specific restrictions.

**Location:** T9N, R21E, in Section 1  
T9N, R22E, in Section 6  
Troy Quad

**Shoal Creek Preserve Tract-** Lauderdale County, 296 acres. Managed as a Nature Preserve and Recreation Area by the State Lands Division for unique plants and animals. Recreational opportunities include hiking trails that extend throughout the tract. Permissible activities include bow hunting for deer, turkey hunting, and small game hunting. No ATVs allowed. See Rule 220-2-.125 for specific restrictions.

**Location:** Township 1S, Range 10W, Section 32  
Township 2S, Range 10W, Section 5 & 6  
Pruittton, Blackburn Quads

**Sipsey River Complex** (Sipsey Sullivan, Sipsey Randolph, and Sipsey Robertson Tracts) - Tuscaloosa County, 3431 acres. Managed as a Nature Preserve and Recreation Area by the State Lands Division for unique riverine animals and wetlands. The tract is largely a bottomland hardwood forest adjacent to the Sipsey River. The forest, swamps, and river support populations of various game species, and some waterfowl. Permissible activities include stalk hunting deer with a shotgun and slug, bow hunting for deer, feral hog hunting, turkey hunting, waterfowl hunting, and small game hunting. All terrain vehicle operation (4-wheelers or any motorized vehicle) is permitted only during designated hunting seasons and only to access the property for hunting or fishing. ALL SUCH VEHICLES MUST REMAIN ON THE MAIN ROAD ONLY. See Rule 220-2-.125 for specific restrictions.

**Location:** T21S, R12W, in Sections 3, 10, 11, 15, 16, 21, 22, 28, 29, and 31  
T22S, R03E, Sections 5 and 6  
Romulus Quad

**Splinter Hill Bog Complex** (Splinter Hill Bog Tract, Ben May Tract, International Paper Addition) - Baldwin County, 1,233 acres. Managed as a Nature Preserve for unique wetland plant communities. Permissible activities include stalk hunting deer with a shotgun and slug, bow hunting for deer, turkey hunting, and small game hunting. No ATVs allowed. See Rule 220-2-.125 for specific restrictions.

**Location:** Township 1N, Range 4E, Section 21  
Township 1N, Range 4E, Section 28 Perdido Quad

## **Regulations governing hunting and other conduct on Forever Wild Lands**

### **220-4-15 Regulation of Certain Conduct On Lands Under State Lands Division Jurisdiction**

(1) Except as otherwise authorized in writing by the Director of the State Lands Division, it shall be unlawful on any state-owned lands under the jurisdiction of the State Lands Division:

(a) To hunt, trap, use dogs, possess firearms, traps, or bow and arrow, without a proper license.

(b) For any person to carry in or on a vehicle, any of the following: any firearms (including pistols) 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.

(c) To camp except in designated areas. Campers using generators must camp in an area designated for generator use. Individuals or groups may camp for a period not to exceed nine (9) days in any thirty (30) day period. Campfires must be extinguished before departing. No warming fires shall be permitted away from camping area.

(d) To kill, collect or willfully molest any species of wildlife except those designated for hunting.

(e) To discharge fireworks at any time.

(f) To discharge firearms or archery equipment for target practice

(g) To hunt or discharge firearms or shoot a bow and arrow or crossbow within 150 yards of any designated camping area, dwelling, dam or timber operation, 100 yards of any paved public road or highway, or within a posted safety zone or on Sunday within one-half mile of any church.

(h) 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.

(i) For any unauthorized person at any time to operate a motor scooter, ATV, motorcycle, motorized trail bike, or any motor driven vehicle except on regularly used roads open for public use by four wheel vehicle traffic; or for any unauthorized person to ride or possess horses except: (1) on roads open to four-wheel motorized vehicles; and (2) in areas, roads, and trails, designated as open to horses.

(j) For any person except authorized personnel to block or otherwise stop traffic on any road or at any gate by any means including by parking a vehicle in such a way that passage around the vehicle is impossible.

(k) For any person to deposit, distribute or scatter grain, salt, litter, or any other materials.

(l) To damage or remove any trees, crops, plants or other vegetation, dirt, gravel, stones, artifacts, fossils, firewood, mulch, leaf litter, sod or pine straw.

(m) To erect or use a permanent tree stand or scaffold.

(n) To cast a light of any kind, either hand held, affixed to a vehicle, or otherwise, between the hours of sunset and sunrise except in areas where the state law is more restrictive. This paragraph does not apply to the headlights of vehicles traveling in a normal manner on an open established road.

(o) To hunt from an elevated stand or platform without attaching themselves to the tree or platform with a safety harness, rope, or strap capable of supporting their weight.

(p) To violate any posted restrictions on entry, hunting, fishing, or other conduct.

(q) To release any animal, bird, fish, other wildlife, or introduce any plant or other vegetative material.

**Statutory Authority:** § 9-2-12, Code of Alabama 1975

**PENALTY:** As provided by law.

6/27/2007.

**220-2-.125 Special 2009-2010 Hunting Seasons for Certain Forever Wild and State Lands Division Lands**

(1) The following special 2009-2010 hunting seasons, in accordance with the below-stated times, places, manners, and means, are hereby established for the following Forever Wild and State Lands Division lands:

**Grand Bay Savanna Complex** – Grand Bay Savanna, Grand Bay Savanna Addition, Grand Bay Savanna Little River Road Addition, and Grand Bay Savanna Giddens Addition tracts, Mobile County;

**Lillian Swamp Complex** - Lillian Swamp South, Caney Bayou, and Lillian Swamp West tracts, Baldwin County;

**Pike County Pocosin Tract**, Pike County;

**Sipsey River Complex** – Sipsey Sullivan, Sipsey Randolph, and Sipsey Robertson tracts, Tuscaloosa County; and

**Splinter Hill Bog Complex** - Splinter Hill Bog Ben May, Splinter Hill Bog International Paper Addition, and Splinter Hill Bog Ben May Charitable Trust tracts, Baldwin County:

(a) The hunting seasons as established in Rule 220-2-.01 entitled "2009-2010 Hunting Seasons," Rule 220-2-.77 entitled "2009-2010 Duck, Coot, Merganser, Goose, and Teal Hunting Seasons," and Rule 220-2-.29, entitled "Open Trapping Seasons on Fur-Bearers," as they apply to said lands and to "Open Permit-Public Land" in the particular portions of the counties in which the tracts are located, shall apply except as otherwise provided herein:

1. Hunting of waterfowl shall be restricted to thirty (30) minutes prior to sunrise until 12 noon during the state waterfowl seasons.

2. Hunting of feral swine (wild hogs) shall be limited to October 1 through April 30 (no bag limit).

3. No centerfire rifles or buckshot shall be allowed for any type of hunting.

4. No dogs shall be permitted for hunting deer, coyote, and feral swine (wild hogs).

5. Special muzzleloader season for Deer: By muzzleloader only – Stalk hunting only (no dogs). During the special muzzleloader deer season, two (2) deer per day only one of which may be an antlered buck (excepted spotted fawns), is permitted November 16 to November 20 .

(2) The following special 2009-2010 hunting seasons, in accordance with the below-stated times, places, manners, and means, are hereby established for the following Forever Wild lands:

**Coon Creek Tract**, Tallapoosa County;

**Indian Mountain Complex** – Indian Mountain and Indian Mountain Garner tracts, Cherokee County; and

**Shoal Creek Preserve Tract**, Lauderdale County:

(a) The hunting seasons as established in Rule 220-2-.01 entitled "2009-2010 Hunting Seasons," and Rule 220-2-.77 entitled "2009-2010 Duck, Coot, Merganser, Goose and Teal Hunting Seasons," as they apply to said lands and to "Open Permit-Public Land" in the particular portions of the counties in which the tracts are located, shall apply except as otherwise provided herein:

1. Hunting of feral swine (wild hogs) shall be limited to October 1 through April 30 (no bag limit).
2. Deer hunting shall be limited to bow and arrow, crossbow, or spear.
3. No firearms permitted except for shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller, using standard No. 2 shot or smaller.
4. No dogs shall be permitted for hunting deer, coyote, and feral swine (wild hogs).
5. No trapping shall be allowed.

**Statutory Authority:** §§ 9-2-7, 9-2-8, 9-2-12, 9-11-235, and 9-11-240  
Code of Alabama 1975

**PENALTY:** As provided by law.

12/14/2000(E);8/28/2001(E).7/16/2002(E);7/17/2003(E);8/17/2004(E);8/16/2005(E);  
8/28/2006(E); 10/25/2007(E); 10/27/2008(E); 10/5/2009(E).

**220-2-.127 Special 2009-2010 Hunting Seasons for Blowing Springs Cave Tract (Forever Wild Lands), Lauderdale County**

(1) The following special 2009-2010 hunting seasons, in accordance with the below-stated times, places, manners, and means, are hereby established:

(a) The hunting seasons as established in Rule 220-2-.01 entitled "2009-2010 Hunting Seasons," and as established in Rule 220-2-.77 entitled "2009-2010 Duck, Coot, Merganser, Goose and Teal Hunting Seasons," as they apply to that portion of Lauderdale County known as the Blowing Springs Cave Tract (Forever Wild Lands), and as they apply to "Open Permit-Public Land" in that portion of Lauderdale County, shall apply to hunting on the Blowing Springs Cave Tract (Forever Wild Lands), except as otherwise provided herein:

1. There shall be no open season for deer or turkey.
2. The only legal firearms or weapons shall be black powder firearms otherwise legal for hunting and long bows, compound bows, and crossbows otherwise legal for hunting.
3. No trapping shall be allowed.

**Statutory Authority:** §§ 9-2-7, 9-2-8, 9-2-12, 9-11-235, and 9-11-240  
Code of Alabama 1975

**PENALTY:** As provided by law.

11/14/2002(E); 7/17/2003(E); 8/17/2004(E);8/16/05(E);8/28/2006(E);10/25/2007(E);  
10/27/2008(E);10/1/2009(E).