

Regulations governing hunting and other conduct on Forever Wild Lands

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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. See (1)(r) for limited exception for certain lawfully authorized handguns possessed for personal protection.
- (b) For any person to carry in or on a vehicle, any of the following: any firearms [including pistols/handguns, except as described in (1)(r)] 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 (1)(r) for limited exception for certain lawfully authorized handguns possessed for personal protection.
- (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 or unpaved 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, minerals, precious metals, 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 full-body safety harness, 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.

(r) Nothing in this regulation prohibits the possession of handguns by lawfully authorized 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~~ in violation of law.

Statutory Authority: §§ 9-2-7, 9-2-8, 9-2-12, Code of Alabama 1975

PENALTY: As provided by law.

6/27/2007; 10/14/2011(ER); 11/17/2011; 07/23/2014; 09/15/2014; 10/13/2015

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220-2-.125 Special 2015-2016 Hunting Seasons for Certain Forever Wild and State Lands Division Lands

(1) The following special 2015-2016 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:

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

Pike County Pocosin Complex -- Pike County Pocosin and the Sellers addition, Pike County;

Sipsey River Complex – Sipsey Sullivan, Sipsey Randolph, and Sipsey Robertson tracts, Pruett, TH Robertson, Springer and Sipsey River Swamp 2012, Tuscaloosa County;

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;

Old Cahawba Prairie Tract, Dallas County; and

Red Hills Complex – Weyerhaeuser and Fire Tower Road Additions, and York North and South Additions and Hancock tracts, Monroe County;

(a) The hunting seasons as established in Rule 220-2-.01 entitled "2015-2016 Hunting Seasons," Rule 220-2-.77 entitled "2015-2016 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 for Pike County Pocosin Complex in Pike County and shall be limited to October 1 through May 31 for Splinter Hill Bog Complex and Lillian Swamp Complex in Baldwin County, Sipsey River Complex in Tuscaloosa County, Old Cahawba Prairie Tract in Dallas County and Red Hills Complex in Monroe County, (no bag limit).
3. Deer hunting shall be limited to shotgun with slugs, muzzleloader, bow and arrow, crossbow, or spear.
4. No centerfire rifles or buckshot shall be allowed for any type of hunting.
5. No dogs shall be permitted for hunting deer, coyote, and feral swine (wild hogs).

6. 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 (1) of which may be an antlered buck and only one (1) may be an unantlered deer (except spotted fawns), is permitted November 16 to November 20.

(2) The following special 2015-2016 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 "2015-2016 Hunting Seasons," and Rule 220-2-.77 entitled "2015-2016 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 gauges or smaller using standard No. 2 shot or smaller.

Note: This prohibition shall not apply to the possession of handguns by lawfully authorized persons for their personal protection, provided the handguns are not used to hunt or take or attempt to take wildlife except as otherwise provided by this regulation.

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); 8/30/2010 (E); 8/24/2011(E);
9/21/2012 (E); 8/30/2013(E); 07/28/2015 (E); 7/6/2015(E).

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220-2-.127 Special 2015-2016 Hunting Seasons for Blowing Springs Cave Tract (Forever Wild Lands), Lauderdale County

(1) The following special 2015-2016 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 "2015-2016 Hunting Seasons," and as established in Rule 220-2-.77 entitled "2015-2016 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.

Note: This prohibition shall not apply to the possession of handguns by lawfully authorized persons for their personal protection, provided the handguns are not used to hunt or take or attempt to take wildlife except as otherwise provided by this regulation.

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); 8/30/2010(E); 8/24/2011(E); 9/21/2012(E);8/30/2013(E);
07/28/2015(E).