

MARK WILLIAMS COMMISSIONER

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March 16, 2023

<u>MEMORANDUM</u>

TO: INTERESTED PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS

FROM: Ted Will

SUBJECT: NOTICE AND SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to authority contained in the Game and Fish Code (Official Code of Georgia Annotated, Secs. 12-3-9, 27-1-4, 27-1-12, 27-2-5, 27-3-15, 27-3-25, 27-3-22, and 27-3-40), the Board of Natural Resources proposes to amend Department of Natural Resources rules governing the hunting of game animals and game birds for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 seasons. The proposed rules (copy attached hereto), when adopted, will amend applicable rules of Chapter 391-4-2, relating to hunting regulations and Chapter 391-4-13, related to the sale of alligator meat and products.

SYNOPSIS AND MAIN FEATURES

The purpose of hunting regulations is to manage Georgia's game birds and game animals according to sound principles of wildlife management and to meet public objectives for use of these renewable natural resources. Changes to the existing rules reflect the need to adopt hunting regulations for the next two years, add all 3 bear zones to Game Check reporting requirements, allow for a possible additional day of harvest in the Central Bear Zone, add 100 alligator quota permits, extend deer season in certain southwestern counties, allow online sign in for dog-bear hunting, regulate hunting and other activities on WMAs and other public lands, and housekeeping changes.

This notice and synopsis of the proposed rule revisions, together with an exact copy of proposed rule revisions, is being mailed to all persons who have requested in writing that they be placed on the mailing list and have tendered the actual cost of such mailing. Copies of all these documents are also available by electronic mail and are available for review on the Division web page (www.gohuntgeorgia.com). Please call Dr. Tina Johannsen (706) 557-3350 to request a copy.

Members of the general public will have an opportunity to comment on these proposed regulations at three public hearings scheduled at 7:00 p.m. on April 11, 2023 at the Herty Building, Georgia Forestry Commission, 4983 Jacksonville Hwy, Waycross, GA 31503; April 12, 2023 at the UGA Extension Office, 440 Hancock St., Madison, GA 30650; April 13, 2023 at the Rabun County Health Department, 184 S Main St., Clayton, GA 30525. Additionally, an online public meeting will be held on April 17, 2023. Any participant at the hearing may present data, make a statement or comment, or offer a viewpoint or argument, either orally or in writing. Statements should be concise to permit everyone an opportunity to speak. Participants in the hearing are required to register on arrival and to notify the registering official of their intent to give a statement. Following the hearings, the Board of Natural Resources will consider the proposed rules and any comments received in the hearing process at its meeting on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. in the DNR Boardroom, 2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, SE, Suite 1252 East, Atlanta, GA 30334.

Those unable to attend the hearings may submit comments on this proposed rule electronically by email through the Division website, by telephone (706-557-3350) or by submitting written statements, before close of business on April 30, 2023. Written statements should be mailed to the attention of Dr. Tina Johannsen at:

Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Resources Division Game Management Section 2067 U.S. Highway 278, S.E. Social Circle, Georgia 30025

Please bring this notice to the attention of interested acquaintances. These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Dr. Tina Johannsen at the above address no later than April 3, 2023.

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Attachment: Proposed Regulations

SUBJECT	PROPOSED CHANGE	CURRENT REGULATION	CHANGE	JUSTIFICATION			
391-4-211 Quo	391-4-211 Quota Hunts						
Assistants for new or physically disadvantaged hunters during drawn quota hunts	Allow a drawn hunter to bring along a non-hunting companion	Not addressed explicitly in Rule.	A drawn hunter may be accompanied afield by a non-hunting assistant who shall be licensed but shall not take or attempt to take game. Such assistant shall not carry a firearm or archery tackle (except as provided in OCGA 16-11-125.) and must remain within 15 feet of the drawn hunter.	Allowing a new hunter to bring along a mentor, or a hunter who needs help getting gear in and out of the woods, and/or getting big game out of the field to bring along an unarmed assistant aligns with WRD's hunter recruitment, retention, and reactivation (R3) efforts.			
391-4-221. AIII(gator Seasons, Zones, Quotas						
Quota	Add 100 tags	1,030 total tags are currently issued	Add 100 tags distributed across alligator hunting zones proportionally (except 1A and 9A)	Responsive to public desires. Zone 1 requires 7 points to be drawn, and all zones require at least 3 points. Harvest success averages about 30% and the maximum length of harvested gators has been stable at around 8 ft for years. This suggests about 30 additional gators will be harvested and			

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				current harvest is likely not causing a decline in mature animals.
Bear harvest and tagging requirements in Northern Zone	Within 3 business days, bears (hide and skull) must be taken to any Game Management Office during regular business hours or to a state approved cooperator for biological data collection and tagging.	Within 3 business days, bears (minimum of hide and skull) must be taken to any Game Management Office for tagging.	Adds cooperating processors and taxidermists as an additional location for northern zone hunters to get bears tagged.	Approximately 50% of bears harvested in north GA are taken to processors/taxidermists. Recruiting these businesses to collect samples and tag bears gives hunters many more options to provide necessary biological data. Most processors have flexible hours of operation
Central zone season	Allow for 1 additional day of opportunity if less than 6 females are killed on 1st day	3 rd Saturday in December	Two non-consecutive days with a threshold of 6 hunting-related female mortalities (all checked bears + any known unreported kills or wounding losses). 2nd	(i.e., evening hours, weekends, and holidays). Responsive to public desires. This option would allow additional opportunity, particularly if weather on Day 1 restricts harvest, while limiting the

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	Dec. 16, 2023 and Jan. 6, 2024		day only open if fewer than 6 hunting-related female mortalities occur on Day 1. Keeps current 3rd Saturday in December single day private land only hunt as is. 2nd day would be the 1st Saturday in January following New Year's Day if and only if <6 females killed on Day 1.	risk of overharvesting females on Day 2.
Southern bear zone requirements for tagging and biological data collection	Bears must be tagged within 24 hours of harvest.	No specified time period for tagging.	Bears must be tagged within 24 hours of harvest.	Most hunters take bears to the open check stations on the day of harvest. If they can't make it in time, they can call the numbers provided in the hunting guide. This change sets a time limit for making that call and getting the bear tagged to improve enforcement of this requirement.

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391-4-225 Arch	ery Deer			
Extended archery season	Housekeeping - Richmond Co	Statewide season for archery deer	Add Richmond to list of counties with archery season until Jan 31.	Richmond Co's human population now exceeds 500/sq mi, the trigger for a county to have the extended archery season.
Southwest GA	Baker, Decatur, Early, Grady, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, Thomas Counties: Make first 2 weeks of archery season buck-only, extend archery to Jan 31	Decatur and Seminole have extended archery season (Jan 31)	Make first 2 weeks of archery season buck-only to accommodate late fawn weaning Extend the archery season to January 31st to the maximum statutory framework	Several counties in southwest Georgia are known to have later peak breeding dates than the rest of the state. These changes are responsive to public desires and are supported by data collected from does harvested in these counties.

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Season adjustments by weapon for Southwest GA	Baker, Decatur, Early, Grady, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, Thomas Counties: Extend firearms season to Jan 15	Statewide firearms season	Extend the firearms season to a hard date of January 15th	Several counties in southwest Georgia are known to have later peak breeding dates than the rest of the state. These changes are responsive to public desires and are supported by data collected from does harvested in these counties.
Either sex days	Increase number of doe days in most counties	Varies by county	See map on page 28 above	Doe days were reduced for piedmont and lower coastal plain counties 6 years ago to boost populations. Deer numbers have increased in those counties and this increase in opportunity is responsive to public desires.

Rule 391-4-2-.28. Hunting Deer with Dogs

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Dog deer season	Baker, Decatur, Early, Grady, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, Thomas Counties: Extend firearms season to Jan 15	Dog deer season ends 2 nd Sunday in January	Extend the dog deer season to a hard date of January 15 th	Maintain consistency with extension of firearms season as proposed above.
309-4-260 Gene	eral Regulations on WMAs			
Use of buckshot and centerfire rifles	Clarify when buckshot may be used and when centerfire rifles may not	Use of buckshot is not generally addressed but use is specified for some WMAs in 391-4-270. Similarly, the prohibition on use of centerfire rifles at night on public lands is mentioned in various locations.	Specify that buckshot is lawful for deer and bear and centerfire rifles cannot be used at night on public land	When prohibition on buckshot on WMAs was lifted, verbiage making it lawful for use on dog-deer hunts was left in place, creating confusion as to the overall use of buckshot on WMAs. Similarly, when centerfire rifles were made lawful for fox and bobcat on private lands, conflicting language within WMA regulations implied centerfire rifles could be used for these species at night and/or during small

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Quail bag limit on WMAs	Make the quail limit consistent across WMAs at 3/person and 9 or 12 per party, unless otherwise specified	Varies by WMA	3/person 9/ or 12/party, unless otherwise specified	Public land quail hunting is highly sought after and populations are vulnerable to overharvest. A party limit minimizes the risk of overharvest when the number of participants is maximized.
Night hunting	Clarify that centerfire weapons may not be used to hunt at night for any furbearers or incidental take of hogs or coyotes.	Specifies that fox and bobcat cannot be hunted at night with centerfire weapons; other species are covered elsewhere or are not mentioned	Centerfire weapons may not be used for hunting at night on WMAs	Centerfire weapons cannot be used for most furbearers or small game but can be used for fox and bobcat on private lands, including at night. Adding this language makes it clear that no centerfire weapons can be used at night on WMAs. It also makes clear that hunting coyotes and hogs at night cannot be done with a centerfire weapon (due to safety concerns).

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Electronic calls	Delete redundant language prohibiting use of electronic calls.	Use of electronic calls on WMas for game animals is prohibited (repeats prohibition on use of electronic calls in O.C.G.A.)	Delete "electronic calls may not be used" from Subsection (8)	Legislation is pending that would allow the use of electronic calls for game animals. Removal of this duplicative language will permit the use of electronic calls for raccoons, opossums, foxes and bobcats (and for coyotes as incidental take) on WMAs concomitantly should this legislation pass.
391-4-273 (3c).	Pursuit of Bears with Dogs o	n Wildlife Management A	reas, Other State Lands a	nd Federal Areas
Sign-in procedure for bear dog-training on Chattahoochee National Forest	Sign-in once per season, online	Sign-in once per season at: Rich Mountain, Swallow Creek, or Warwoman WMA check station, and must carry check-in permit while participating.	Removes requirement to sign-in at a WMA check station and removes permit requirement	This change is responsive to customer requests. It simplifies the regulation, improves customer service, and reduces confusion since WMAs are not open to bear dog-

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Sale of Alligator Hides	Remove requirement to have a fur-dealer's license	Hunters must have a fur-dealer's license to sell a raw hide.	Delete subsection (d)	This is a housekeeping change; this Rule subsection conflicts with statute (OCGA 27-3-19) which allows a hunter to sell a lawfully harvested raw hide without additional restriction.
391-4-270 Wildl	ife Management Areas and (Other State Lands		
Alapaha WMA	Remove quota after 1st week of turkey season	2nd week of turkey season is quota limited.	Remove 2nd quota and begin general hunt day after first quota ends.	Removal of 2nd quota hunts will give hunters more opportunity without substantially increasing harvest.
Alexander WMA	Quail hunting open designated dates only	Quail hunting any day of statewide season with statewide limit	Quail hunting open designated dates only. (Tuesdays & Saturdays). Bag limit 3/person, 9/party. Hunting party must report harvest at kiosk or online; one survey per party	Habitat enhancement has resulted in an increase in quail population. However, due to Alexander's small size (1,300 acres), harvest and hunting pressure need to be limited to prevent overharvest.

Alexander WMA	Only 1 quota dove hunt	2 quota dove hunts	Remove 2nd quota dove hunt	Having a 2nd quota hunt has not increased the productivity of the field for later hunts as desired therefore limiting opportunity is not justified.
Altama WMA	Convert to 3-day Sign-in Firearms	3-day firearms bonus hunt	Convert to sign-in hunt	This hunt has continued to have low participation and harvest. This change will help WRD staff maximize their time and still allow for late season firearm opportunity.
Altamaha WMA - Butler	Reduce waterfowl quota selection from 25, down to 20.	Quota selection of 25	Reduce quota selection to 20	This reduction will reduce hunting pressure on the limited resources that are available. The reduction would increase the quality of the experience for those selected and provide managers greater flexibility in positioning parties in better quality location.
Altamaha WMA - Champney	Reduce waterfowl quota selection from 25, down to 20.	Quota selection of 25	Reduce quota selection to 20	This reduction will reduce hunting pressure on the limited resources that are available. The reduction would increase the quality of the experience for those selected and provide hunters greater flexibility in positioning themselves in better quality location.

B.F. Grant WMA	Make both deer archery hunts longer.	Sept. hunt is 9 days long and the Dec. hunt is 4 days long.	Extend the Sept. hunt last until Sept. 30 and make Dec. hunt be a 7-day hunt.	This addition of archery opportunity is responsive to public requests and is not expected to significantly increase overall harvest on the WMA.
Buck Shoals WMA	Change date away from Easter Sunday	Second Saturday/Sunday in April	2024: April 13&14 2025: April 12&13	Low participation on Easter weekend. Staff will ensure these hunts do not overlap with Hunt and Learns for turkeys on Clybel WMA.
Cedar Creek WMA	Add a week long archery hunt after the first Bonus deer hunt	Small game only during this week	Add the week after the first bonus deer hunt as an archery hunt	This addition of archery opportunity is responsive to public requests and is not expected to significantly increase overall harvest on the WMA.
	Make first bonus deer hunt either-sex last day (ESLD)	Currently this hunt is Buck Only (BO)	Change the first bonus deer hunt from BO to ESLD	Currently there is 1 day a hunter can harvest does on Cedar Creek with a firearm (outside of the specialty hunt) and this would allow a second day of opportunity for does to be harvested. The last 4 deer camera surveys have shown an increasing trend in the number of deer per square mile.

Cedar Creek WMA - Little River	Add dog training (bird-dog, rabbit-dog and furbearer dog) August 15-March 15 outside of deer hunts.	No dog training	Bird-dog, rabbit-dog and furbearer dog open August 15-March 15 except during firearms or quota deer hunts.	Responsive to public desire. This tract is suitable for dog training with minimal impact to game populations expected.
Clarks Hill WMA	Move bonus deer hunt to Thursday - Saturday	Bonus deer hunt Friday - Sunday	Change hunt days for bonus deer hunt to Thursday - Saturday	Most other bonus hunts in the region are Thursday - Saturday. The last day of the hunt is usually the least productive. No days of opportunity would be lost and this improves regulation consistency.
	Split Clarks Hill into 2 WMAs to reduce confusion in regulations	Clarks Hill as one WMA with separate regulations for east and west of GA Hwy 17/US Hwy 78	Clarks Hill WMA – East: check-in deer hunt, other specialized dates; Clarks Hill WMA – West: (Big Creek, Hart Creek, Little River Tracts) – statewide seasons	Having separate regulations for different parts of the same WMA is confusing to hunters. Separating Clarks Hill into 2 tracts should alleviate some confusion.
	Increase sign in deer hunting opportunity on east side of Clarks Hill	Nov 7-27; firearms sign in hunting opportunity limited to 3 weeks	Oct 22 - Nov 30	Hunter numbers and deer harvest have both been increasing; hunter success has remained high and stable (17-24%), so we believe the herd can sustain additional harvest
Clayhole Swamp WMA	Convert September 3-day firearms youth hunt to sign in	3 - day deer youth firearms bonus hunt in September	Convert bonus hunt to sign-in hunt	This hunt has continued to have low participation and harvest. This change will allow interested youth to continue to have an early season firearm opportunity.

Clybel WMA	Reduce turkey hunts from 7 days to 5	Each hunt is 7 days	Make turkey hunts 5 days each (Sat - Wed)	Lessen harvest pressure on turkeys and gives 2 days of no hunting before the next hunt starts.
Conasauga River WMA	Add early teal/goose season	No early teal/goose season	Open under statewide season for early teal/goose season	Adding the early season would increase waterfowl hunting opportunity.
Coosawattee WMA	Increase firearms deer quota hunt to 100	Q=35	Q=100	Quota was reducted to 35 after losing several thousand acres, with the possibility of losing even more during the 2 year interim. The lease agreement has stablized at 1,861 acs, enabling this quota increase.
Dawson Forest WMA	Add 2 dove hunts in early season	Opening day, Labor Day, and 2 Saturdays (4 days)	Add 2 more dove hunting Saturdays in first season (6 days total)	Responsive to public desires and consistent with recent change in statewide first dove season length.
Di-Lane WMA	Set rabbit hunting opportunity to 3 days/week	Rabbit hunting every day of the week except December (5 days/week)	Rabbit hunting Sunday, Monday, & Thursday during rabbit season & only south of Rocky Creek Jan 1-31	Di-Lane is a quail focal area. UGA research on Di-Lane showed adverse response of quail to rabbit hunting pressure. Rabbit hunting 3 days/week provides hunting opportunity and reduces adverse impacts on quail populations.

Dixon Memorial WMA	Convert to 3-day early rifle hunt	4 - day deer/bear primitive weapons bonus hunt	Reduce hunt by one day, change weapon restriction from primitive to firearms, maintain bonus hunt	This change will better distribute the pressure for all WMA early rifle hunts in this region, increase participation here, and make the hunt consistent with others relative to days and length of hunt.
Flat Creek PFA	Add rabbit-dog training to existing bird dog training opportunity.	Only bird dogs may be trained onsite	Add rabbit-dog. August 15-March 15 outside of deer hunts.	Responsive to public requests for additional rabbit dog training areas; the area is already open for training bird dogs outside of deer hunts.
	Make first week of turkey season youth only	Open under statewide regulations	Make first week of turkey season youth only	This is a small area, subject to overharvest, particularly during the 1st week of the season. This change also adds a youth-only opportunity near the Macon/Warner Robins/Perry area.
Gaither WMA	Make November archery deer hunt a weeklong and add a week long archery hunt in December	November archery hunt is 3 days long and there is no December archery hunt	Change November archery hunt from a 3-day hunt to a 7-day hunt and add a 7-day archery hunt in December	Expand archery deer hunting opportunity

Gaither WMA	Reduce turkey hunts from 7 days to 5	Each hunt is 7 days	Make turkey hunts 5 days each (Sat - Wed)	Lessen harvest pressure on turkeys and gives 2 days of no hunting before the next hunt starts. Gaither is a relatively small area close to the outskirts of ATL and therefore easily overpressured.
Hannahatchee WMA	Open dove season statewide	Dove open only on Saturdays during the first two weeks of the season	Allow hunting during the entire state season	Overall dove hunting pressure here is low; this change increases opportunity for dove hunters in the first part of the season
Hart County WMA	Turkey - 2 week-long quota hunts	Statewide season	Turkey-Firearms-Quota 5 for each hunt 2024: 4/6-4/13; 4/27-5/4 2025: 4/5-4/12; 4/26-5/3	Precipitous increase in turkey hunters since 2019 (likely due to incorrect data used by GON that showed Hart County WMA as one of the top turkey hunting success areas) has caused intense pressure on this small WMA (1000ac) that cannot withstand much harvest.
Lake Russell WMA	Restore 4 day primitive weapons bonus deer hunt	Inadvertently listed as 7 days last regulations cycle	Dates should be: 2023: Dec 7-10 and 2024: Dec 12-15	Correct dates back to normal 4-day bonus hunt

McGraw Ford WMA	Change waterfowl dates to: Wednesdays and Saturdays during statewide seasons	Open during the entire season		Waterfowl hunting pressure on this small WMA has continued to increase since 2022 causing hunt quality to decline. The Wed/Sat model has worked well to enhance bird use of other heavily pressured waterfowl hunting areas.
Oaky Woods WMA	Add a 7-day archery deer hunt in November	Archery hunt open September into early October	Add a 7-day archery deer hunt in November.	Expand archery deer hunting and give hunters additional cool season opportunity.
Oaky Woods WMA	Add 3 days of Buck Only firearms to existing sign in hunt	December firearms Buck Only hunt is 4 days	Make the 4-day Buck Only sign-in hunt a 7-day hunt.	Allow more deer hunting opportunity with a firearm; keeping this hunt BO will minimize overall impact on the deer herd.
Oaky Woods WMA	Change existing Buck Only bonus hunt to Either Sex Last Day	Bonus deer hunt in October is Buck Only	Make the last day of this Bonus hunt Either Sex Last Day	Add another day of doe harvest for firearms. Currently outside of the youth hunt there is 1 day of doe opportunity. This additional opportunity should not increase actual harvest much but is responsive to hunter desires for more doe opportunity.

Ocmulgee PFA	Allow limited waterfowl hunting on Ocmulgee PFA.	Waterfowl hunting allowed during statewide season until noon daily.	Waterfowl hunting open only on Wednesdays until noon during December and January.	Ocmulgee PFA has experienced repeated conflicts with waterfowl hunters and fishermen. Limiting waterfowl hunting to an off peak time for fishing will reduce conflicts and should improve overall hunt quality.
Ocmulgee WMA	Change from October Buck Only firearms deer hunt to Either Sex Last Day	Buck Only	Either Sex Last Day	Increase opportunity to harvest antlerless deer on the October Bonus Hunt. Participation usually drops off on the last day of any quota hunt segment, thus harvest is not expected to impact overall herd numbers.
	Remove quota after 1st week of turkey season	3rd week of turkey season is quota limited.	Remove 2nd quota and begin general hunt day after first quota ends.	Removal of 2nd quota hunts will give hunters more opportunity without substantially increasing harvest.
Oconee WMA	Increase sign in deer hunting opportunity	Oct 22 - Nov 13	Oct 22 - Nov 30	Hunter success has been high for the past 5 years (18-27%), and we believe the herd can sustain additional harvest as well as provide increased opportunity

Ohoopee Dunes North WMA	Remove quota after 1st week of turkey season	4th week of turkey season is quota limited.	Remove 2nd quota and begin general hunt day after first quota ends.	Removal of 2nd quota hunts will give hunters more opportunity without substantially increasing harvest.
Ossabaw Island	Add "No bikes or E-bikes" to area notes	Not written in area notes	Bikes and Ebikes prohibited	This update will reduce questions prior to the hunt. We provide transportation to hunt units. The walk-in area that stems from hunt camp is for walking only. Will prevent wandering issues outside of WMA's designated huntable areas. Prevent safety issues with wandering hunters
Paulding Forest WMA	Increase turkey quota	Q = 50	Q= 40	Increase opportunity.
Paulks Pasture WMA	Convert September 3-day firearms youth hunt to sign in	3 - day deer youth firearms bonus hunt in September	Convert bonus hunt to sign-in hunt	This hunt has continued to have low participation and harvest. This change will allow interested youth to continue to have an early season firearm opportunity.

Penholoway Swamp WMA	Convert September 3-day firearms youth hunt to sign in	4 - day deer youth firearms bonus hunt in September	Convert bonus hunt to sign-in hunt	This hunt has continued to have low participation and harvest. This change will allow interested youth to continue to have an early season firearm opportunity.
Perry Dove Field	Allow archery hunting all season	Archery hunting Sunday only	Archery deer - statewide season	Hogs and deer damage the dove field year-round. Increased harvest pressure may move them off property and lessen the overall damage.
Reed Bingham State Park	Remove alligator hunt			This hunt was instituted to remove conflict alligators. This goal has been achieved and hunter success has dropped to unsatisfactory levels.
Riverbend WMA	Remove quota after 1st week of turkey season	2nd week of turkey season is quota limited.	Remove 2nd quota and begin general hunt day after first quota ends.	The number of hunters whose 1st choice selection was the 2nd quota hunt is less than the quota. Removal of the quota gives more opportunity but is unlikely to impact overall harvest.
Rum Creek WMA	Have 5 days per quota turkey hunt	Currently each turkey hunt period is 7 days	Make all turkey hunts last 5 days	Reduce pressure on turkeys which should improve hunt quality.

Rum Creek WMA	Waterfowl hunting open SatWed.	Currently waterfowl season is open WedSat.	Waterfowl hunting allowed on Lake Juliette and Youth Area SatWed.	Better distribute hunting pressure; the bulk of hunting occurs on the weekend.
Sandhills West WMA	Allow deer hunting during statewide season	Deer season is broken into multiple hunt periods for primitive weapons and firearms.	Open under statewide deer season	Simplifies regulation and increases opportunity.
Sansavilla WMA	Convert September 3-day firearms youth hunt to sign in	3-day deer youth firearms bonus hunt in September	Convert bonus hunt to sign-in hunt	This hunt has continued to have low participation and harvest. This change will allow interested youth to continue to have an early season firearm opportunity.
Sapelo Island WMA	Open southern area to state archery season rather than opening and closing around quota hunt dates	Archery opens closes from Oct 3 - Nov 20 when quota hunts start	Make archery area open under statewide dates.	Increases opportunity to all season in the southern archery-only areas.
Silver Lake WMA	Remove quota for bunus deer hunt	Quota is 160	Remove quota for December bonus deer hunt	Approximately 100 people have signed in each of the past 5 years; this change increases opportunity.

Swallow Creek WMA	Add early season bear only firearms hunt one week after Chattahoochee/Chestatee hunts	No early season bear hunting opportunity	Bear Only-Firearms- Sign-In 2023:9/23-10/1 2024:9/21-9/29	Early season bear hunts are highly popular and increase bear harvest in areas where we need it. Additional harvest on this area is not expected to negatively impact the bear population.
Tallapoosa River VPA	Remove the quota on youth firearms deer hunts	Quota is 60	Remove quotas for youth firearms hunts	Applications for these hunts are low, therefore removing the quota will maximize youth opportunity without loss of hunt quality.
	Remove youth only designation for waterfowl hunting	Youth only for waterfowl	Statewide seasons	We were initially conservative with waterfowl regulations on this VPA. With the addition of more property to the VPA and a feel for hunting pressure we can offer more opportunity without negative impacts.
	Make turkey hunt a specialty hunt	Youth only for turkeys	Turkey season open to youth, ladies, disability license holders, returning GA veterans, honorary license holders, and hunters over 65.	We were initially conservative with turkey regulations on this VPA. With the addition of more property to the VPA and a feel for hunting pressure we can offer more opportunity without negative impacts.
Tuckahoe WMA	Change Youth deer hunt to Specialty Hunt	Youth Hunt	Specialty Hunt	Increase opportunity by changing a low-use youth hunt to specialty hunt.

Wayne State Farm VPA	Have 3 youth quota hunts	Two youth Quota hunts and two general access dove hunts on 4 back to back Saturdays.	Remove the two general access dove hunts, and create an additional youth Quota hunt	Landowner/cooperator requested removal of the general access hunts and have 3 youth quota hunts with an off-week between each hunt, to improve the quality of the hunts.
Wilson Shoals WMA	Make all Turkey hunting opportunities quota. Hunts would mirror Smithgall dates.	Opening week is quota, open the remainder of the season for all hunters	Turkey-Firearms-Quota 15 for each hunt 2024: 4/6-4/13; 4/20- 4/27; 5/4-5/11 2025: 4/5-4/12; 4/19- 4/26; 5/3-5/10	Hunter success is low on this small area even as the number of hunters signing in has increased. Making all hunts quota would increase quality of experience for hunters and potentially limit overharvest.
State park deer quota hunts	Adjust standard verbiage regarding the mandatory pre hunt meeting to allow for reasonable alternatives to give hunters the same information.	All hunters must attend a pre hunt meeting the evening before the hunt.	Prior to hunting, hunters must attend the pre-hunt meeting scheduled by the Park on the day prior to the managed hunt. If you cannot attend the scheduled meeting, hunters must check in with the Park Office to get site specific information on the Park Managed Hunt.	Many state park hunters are repeat customers who do not need to attend the meeting in person. Further, some hunters skip the hunt entirely simply because of a conflict that prevents them from attending. This allows hunters to work with park staff to ensure required information is shared.

RULES

OF

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES WILDLIFE RESOURCES DIVISION CHAPTER 391-4-2. HUNTING REGULATIONS CHAPTER 391-4-13, SALE OF ALLIGATOR HIDES AND OTHER PRODUCTS

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Rule 391-4-2-.11. Quota Hunts

- (1) Applicants for department administered quota hunts shall complete an online application provided by the department, except as otherwise instructed in Rule 391-4-2-.70.
- (2) Only selected applicants may hunt, except that selected applicants for waterfowl, quail, and rabbit may bring no more than two hunting guests; selected parties for dog-deer may bring no more than eighteen hunting guests; selected applicants for a dogbear hunt may bring no more than nine guests, and selected applicants for dog-feral hog may bring no more than four hunting guests. The individual selected for the hunt shall be present except that only one member of a selected dog-deer party must be present, and may designate up to eighteen hunting guests at check-in on the day of the hunt.
- (3) The total hunting party size shall not exceed 5 for deer, State Park, dove, 10 for dog-bear hunts and feral hog hunts; 20 for dog-deer hunts; and 3 for alligator and turkey quota hunts unless otherwise specified in Rule 391-4-2-.70.
- (4) Only persons aged sixteen (16) years or less may apply for Youth hunts.
- (5) An individual shall not participate in more than 3 quail quota hunts in a single season.
- (6) A drawn hunter may be accompanied afield by a non-hunting assistant who shall be licensed but shall not take or attempt to take game. Such assistant shall not carry a firearm or archery tackle (except as provided in OCGA 16-11-125.) and must remain within 15 feet of the drawn hunter.

Authority: O.C.G.A. 27-1-4.

391-4-2-.12 Trapping

(1) The trapping season for raccoon, mink, otter, fox, opossum, muskrat, skunk, bobcat and weasel is December 1 through the last day of February except that on private lands not managed by the department there is no closed season on trapping of beaver, coyotes, opossum, and raccoon.

- (2) Within thirty (30) days after the close of trapping season, all trappers must report to the department in writing the number of furs, hides or pelts which have been taken during the open season. Completion of the annual trapping survey distributed by the department satisfies the reporting requirements herein.
- (3) All bobcats and otters trapped in Georgia and exported out of Georgia shall be tagged with a department-provided Federal Export Tag. The tag must be attached to the hide or carcass no later than thirty (30) days after closure of trapping season.
- (4) Snares may be used for trapping beaver provided that snares are set in water or on land within ten (10) feet of water, including swamps, marshes, and tidal areas. All snares must be marked with the trapper's name or identification number.

Authority: O.C.G.A. 27-1-4, 27-3-8, and 27-3-62.

Rule 391-4-2-.21. Alligator Seasons, Zones, Quotas and Limits

- (1) The open season for alligators is from sunset on the day immediately preceding the 3rd Saturday in August through sunrise the day immediately following the 1st Sunday in October for persons in possession of a valid alligator harvest permit only.
- (2) The bag limit on alligators is one (1), greater than or equal to forty-eight (48) inches in length as measured from the end of the snout to the tip of the tail, per season, except that in Zone 1A only alligators greater than or equal to ninety-six (96) inches in length as measured from the end of the snout to the tip of the tail may be taken.
- (3) For the purpose of hunting alligators, the State is divided into eleven hunting zones with established quotas:

ZONE	COUNTY	QUOTA
1	Calhoun, Chattahoochee, Clay, Early, Harris, Marion, Muscogee, Quitman, Randolph, Stewart, Talbot, Terrell, and Webster Cos.	39
1A	Lake Walter F. George	30
2	Baker, Decatur, Grady, Miller, Mitchell, and Seminole Cos.	243

3	Crawford, Crisp, Dooly, Dougherty, Houston, Lee, Macon, Monroe, Peach, Schley, Sumter, Taylor, Upson, and Worth Cos.	66
4	Berrien, Brooks, Colquitt, Cook, Irwin, Lanier, Lowndes, Thomas, Tift, and Turner Cos.	94
5	Baldwin, Ben Hill, Bibb, Bleckley, Coffee, Dodge, Jeff Davis, Jones, Laurens, Montgomery, Pulaski, Telfair, Treutlen, Twiggs, Wheeler, Wilcox, and Wilkinson Cos.	110
6	Atkinson, Bacon, Brantley, Camden, Charlton, Clinch, Echols, Pierce and Ware Cos.	88
7	Appling, Glynn, Long, McIntosh, Tattnall, Toombs, and Wayne Cos.	165
8	Bryan, Bulloch, Candler, Chatham (excluding the Bradley River, Cane Patch Creek, and Rush Creek areas located within the boundaries of Ossabaw Island), Effingham, Evans, and Liberty Cos.	176
8A	Fort Stewart	30
9	Burke, Columbia, Emanuel, Glascock, Hancock, Jefferson, Jenkins, Johnson, McDuffie, Richmond, Screven, Warren, and Washington Cos.	88

Authority: O.C.G.A. 27-1-4, 27-2-6, 27-3-15.

Rule 391-4-2-.22. Bear

(1) Bears may be taken with archery equipment during the statewide archery deer season, with primitive weapons during the statewide primitive weapons deer season, and with firearms during the statewide firearms deer season in Barrow, Carroll, DeKalb, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hart, Jackson, Madison, and Walton counties and all counties north of these counties except that county specific weapons restrictions enumerated in 391-4-2-.25 and 391-4-2-.26 shall apply to bear hunting in such counties. Youth under 16 years

- of age may hunt bear with any firearm legal for hunting deer during the northern zone primitive weapons season for bears.
- (2) Bears All harvested bears in the counties specified in subsection (1) must be reported within 24 hours of carcass recovery pursuant to 391-4-2-.03.
- (3) The entire hide and skull of any harvested bear in the counties specified in subsection (1) shall be taken during normal business hours to any Game Management facility or participating processor or taxidermist listed as open for bear check-in in the annual Hunting Seasons and Regulations guide for tagging by the department within 3 business days of harvest.
- (4) Bears may be taken in Brantley, Camden, Charlton, Clinch, Echols, Lanier, Lowndes and Ware counties on the last two (2) Thursdays of September and the Friday and Saturday immediately following each, and the first two (2) Thursdays of October and the Friday and Saturday immediately following each. Hunting with dogs is allowed except that still hunting only is allowed in Lanier and Lowndes counties. Bears must be checked and tagged within 24 hours of harvest at the Georgia Forestry Commission Office at Fargo, the Georgia Forestry Commission Office at Folkston, or the Dixon Memorial check station during the hours and dates listed as open for bear check-in in the annual Hunting Seasons and Regulations guide.
- (5) Bears may be taken in Bibb, Bleckley, Houston and Twiggs counties on the third Saturday in December. If fewer than 6 female bears are killed by hunters during the December season, the 1st Saturday after January 1 will be open to hunting. Hunting with dogs is prohibited. Bears must be checked and tagged at the Oaky Woods WMA check station from 12 noon through 9 p.m. on the day of hunt.
- (6) It is unlawful to kill a female with cubs or kill a cub having a live weight of less than 75 pounds.
- (7) It is unlawful to possess a bear unless it is reported and tagged as stated in subsections (1), (2) and (3) above.
- (8) Bag limit 2; provided, however, that an individual may take no more than 1 bear per season from Bibb, Brantley, Bleckley,

Camden, Charlton, Clinch, Echols, Houston, Lanier, Lowndes, Twiggs or Ware counties.

Authority: O.C.G.A. 27-1-4, 27-3-15, 27-3-26.

Rule 391-4-2-.25. Archery Deer Hunting

- (1) Deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment in all counties of the state from the second (2nd) Saturday in September through the Friday proceeding the primitive weapons season, except as may otherwise be specified.
- (2) Deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment in Baker, Barrow, Bibb, Chatham, Cherokee, Clarke, Clayton, Cobb, Columbia, Decatur, DeKalb, Douglas, Early, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Grady, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Miller, Mitchell, Muscogee, Paulding, Richmond, Rockdale, and Seminole, and Thomas counties from the second (2nd) Saturday in September through the last day of January.
- (3) Archery equipment may be used to take deer of either sex during primitive weapons and firearms seasons unless otherwise specified.

Authority: O.C.G.A. 27-1-4, 27-3-15.

Rule 391-4-2-.27. Firearms Deer Hunting

(1) Deer may be taken statewide with firearms authorized by law in accordance with the counties, sex, and seasons set forth below, except as otherwise specified. Deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment any day during open firearms deer season, except as otherwise specified.

COUNTY	SEX	SEASON
(a) All counties, except Clayton, Cobb	, Antlered	First
DeKalb, that portion of Forsyth lying	Bucks	Saturday
south of GA Hwy 20, that portion of		after Oct. 15
Fulton lying north of GA Hwy 92 and		through the
that portion of Glynn lying within		second
Jekyll Island. In that portion of Forsyth	1	Sunday in
lying south of GA Hwy 20, only		January.

shotguns and muzzleloaders may be used.

Either-sex Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Baldwin, Banks, Barrow, Ben Hill, Berrien, Bibb, Bleckley, Brantley, Brooks, Bryan, Bulloch, Burke, Butts, Calhoun, Camden, Candler, Carroll, Catoosa, Charlton, Chatham, Chattahoochee, Chattooga, Cherokee, Clarke, Clay, Clinch, Coffee, Colquitt, Columbia, Cook, Coweta, Crawford, Crisp, Dade, Dodge, Dooly, Douglas, Dougherty, Echols, Effingham, Elbert, Emanuel, Evans, Fayette, Floyd, Forsyth, Franklin, Fulton (South of Hwy. 92), Glascock, Glynn (except that portion lying within Jekyll Island), Gordon, Green, Gwinnett, Hall, Hancock, Haralson, Harris, Hart, Heard, Henry, Houston, Irwin, Jackson, Jasper, Jeff Davis, Jefferson, Jenkins, Johnson, Jones, Lamar, Lanier, Laurens, Lee, Liberty, Lincoln, Long, Lowndes, Macon, Madison, Marion, McDuffie, McIntosh, Meriwether, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Muscogee, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Paulding, Peach, Pierce, Pike, Polk, Pulaski, Putnam, Quitman, Randolph, Tattnall, Richmond, Rockdale, Schley,

First
Saturday
after Oct. 15
through the
second
Sunday in
January.

Screven, Spalding,- Stewart, Sumter, Talbot, Taliaferro, Taylor, Telfair, Terrell, Tift, Toombs, Treutlen, Troup, Turner, Twiggs, Upson, Walker, Walton, Ware, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Webster, Wheeler, Wilcox, Wilkes, Wilkinson, and Worth. In that portion of Forsyth lying south of GA Hwy 20, only shotguns and muzzleloaders may be used.

(c) Dawson, Gilmer, Habersham, Lumpkin, Murray, Pickens, Stephens, White, and Whitfield. Either-sex

First Friday
after Nov. 3
through the
following
Thursday,
Friday
preceding
Thanksgiving
through
Thanksgiving
Day, and the
last two
weeks of the
firearms deer
season.

(d) Rabun and Towns.

Either-sex

Saturday and Sunday following Thanksgiving

and January

 1^{st} .

(e) Fannin and Union. Either-Sex First Friday

> after Nov. 3 through the following Thursday and January 1st.

(f) Baker, Decatur, Early, Grady, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, and

Thomas.

Either-sex

First Saturday after Oct. 15 through January 15th.

Authority: O.C.G.A. 27-1-4, 27-3-15.

Rule 391-4-2-.28. Hunting Deer with Dogs

(1) Dogs may be used to hunt deer pursuant to O.C.G.A 27-3-17 in the following counties during the seasons set forth below:

COUNTY

SEASON

(a) Brantley, Bryan, Bulloch, Burke, Calhoun, First Saturday Camden, Candler, Charlton, Chatham, Clinch, Dougherty, Echols, Effingham, Emanuel, Evans, Glynn (except that portion lying within Sunday in Jan. Jekyll Island), Jenkins, that portion of Lanier lying east of the Alapaha River and southeast of US Hwy 221, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, that portion of Pierce lying southeast of US Hwy 84, and that portion lying northwest of US Hwy 84 and east of Scenic Drive, Screven, Tattnall, that portion of Ware lying south of US Hwy 82 and that portion lying north of US Hwy 82 and southeast of US Hwy 84, that portion of Washington lying north of GA Hwy

after Oct. 15 through second

24, and that portion of Wayne lying north of US Hwy 341 and west of Beard's Bluff Road, north of GA Hwy 169 and southeast of US Hwy 84.

(b) Colquitt, Marion, Stewart, Terrell, and Webster

First Saturday after Dec. 2 through second Sunday in Jan.

(c) That portion of Atkinson lying south of US Thanksgiving Hwy 82, Jefferson, and that portion of Johnson lying east of GA Hwy 15. Thanksgiving Day through second Sunday in Jan.

Day through second Sunday in Jan.

(d) Baker, Decatur, Early, Grady, Seminole, and Thomas.

First Saturday after Oct. 15 through Jan. 15th.

Authority: O.C.G.A. 27-1-4, 27-3-15 and 27-3-17.

391-4-2-.31 Fox, Grouse, Opossum, Quail, Rabbit, Raccoon, Squirrel, Bobcat.

(1) The following species may be hunted in accordance with the areas, seasons, and daily bag limits set forth below, except as otherwise specifically provided herein:

Species (a) Bobcat	Area Statewide	Season Dec. 1 through last day in February	Bag Limit No Limit
(b) Fox	Statewide	Dec. 1 through last day in February	No Limit
(c) Grouse	Statewide	Oct. 15 through last day in February	Daily: 3
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(d) Opossum	Department managed lands:	August 15 through the last day of February	No Limit
	All other lands:	Jan. 1 – Dec. 31	No Limit
(e) Quail	Statewide	First Saturday after Nov. 11 through last day in February	Daily: 12
(f) Rabbit	Statewide	First Saturday after Nov. 11 through last day in February	Daily: 12
(g) Raccoon	Department managed lands:	August 15 through the last day of February	No Limit
	All other lands:	Jan. 1 – Dec. 31	No Limit
(h) Squirrel	Statewide	August 15 through last day in February	Daily: 12

(2) Hunting with dogs is allowed.

Authority: O.C.G.A. 27-1-4 and 27-3-15.

Rule 391-4-2-.60. General Regulations on Wildlife Management Areas

- (1) It is unlawful for any person to place bait or any wildlife food on a Wildlife Management Area (WMA).
- (2) It is unlawful for any person to consume or use alcoholic beverages on any WMA except in houses or at campsites on these

areas; provided, however, that this provision does not apply to national forest lands.

- (3) The use of paintballs, paintball guns and related activities is prohibited on WMAs except on WMAs located on national forest lands.
- (4) Dogs entering WMAs must be kept on a leash or otherwise confined except when hunting or while training dogs during designated seasons and on designated areas. Dog owners are responsible for their dogs and any damage the dogs may do to wildlife not being legally hunted.
- (5) Except for Public Fishing Areas, fishing on WMAs is allowed in accordance with statewide seasons and limits, unless otherwise indicated or posted at the WMA check station.
- (6) U.S. Forest Service regulations shall apply on all WMAs located on National Forest lands.
- (7) It is unlawful for any person to unreasonably disturb or annoy others through abrasive, insulting or threatening words or actions, or physically harm or threaten any other person, or disobey any lawful order of a law enforcement official or act in a manner resulting in a breach of the peace.
- (8) Camping, pre-season scouting, hiking, picnicking, horse riding, canoeing, and other recreational uses are allowed year-round unless otherwise indicated or posted at the WMA check station or at a specific recreation site. The department may close specific sites as needed for management purposes by posting at the site.
- (9) It is unlawful for any unauthorized person to close or restrict access to roads, trails or other access features using motor vehicles, signage, or other methods. Roads, trails and other access features may be closed at the discretion of the department.
- (10) It is unlawful to shoot from a motor vehicle except that disabled hunters on a designated handicapped access road or hunters who have been issued a department Special Use Permit as specified in said permit may shoot from a vehicle provided such vehicle is stationary and not under power.

- (11) It shall be unlawful for any person to possess a loaded firearm in designated camping areas except as provided in O.C.G.A. § 16-11-126.
- (12) O.C.G.A. 27-3-1.1 prohibits loaded long guns being carried in a motor vehicle on WMAs except for provisions stated in (10) above. Handguns may be loaded only as provided in O.C.G.A. 16-11-126. A firearm shall be considered loaded if a shell is in the chamber or magazine except that muzzle-loading firearms are considered loaded only if a cap is on the nipple or powder is present on the frizzen pan. Crossbows must be un-cocked while being transported in a vehicle on a WMA.
- (13) Suppressed firearms may be used for hunting on WMAs.
- (14) Buckshot may be used to hunt deer and bear when hunting seasons for those species are open on a WMA, unless otherwise specified in 391-4-2-.70, and during such seasons, feral hogs and coyotes may be taken incidentally.
- (15) The use of centerfire rifles to hunt at night is prohibited on WMAs, state parks, voluntary public access areas, and federal lands unless otherwise specified in 391-4-2-.73.

Authority: O.C.G.A. 12-3-9, 27-1-4, 27-3-4.

Rule 391-4-2-.67. Small Game Regulations on Wildlife Management Areas

- (1) During small game hunts, hunters may hunt any small game in season subject to state seasons, regulations and bag limits except as may otherwise be provided in Rule 391-4-2-.70 and:
- (a) The daily bag limit on fox squirrels is 1 per hunter.
- (b) The daily bag limit on bobwhite quail is 3 per hunter, unless otherwise specified in Rule 391-4-2-.70.
- (c) During a quota hunt for any species, only drawn hunters and their party members may hunt.
- (2) Sign-in is not required for small game hunting (including migratory birds) unless otherwise provided in Rule 391-4-2-.70.
- (3) Small game and furbearer hunting are not allowed during quota hunts unless otherwise provided in Rule 391-4-2-.70.

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- (4) Small game hunters hunting on dates concurrent with deer and bear primitive weapons or firearm hunts must wear fluorescent orange as specified in Rule 391-4-2-.04, except for dove hunters hunting on managed dove fields, furbearer hunters hunting at night, and waterfowl hunters hunting on managed waterfowl impoundments or other water bodies.
- (5) Only waterfowl hunting can take place on managed impoundments during waterfowl hunting dates. Waterfowl on all other WMA locations may be taken any day of the waterfowl seasons whenever the area is open for small game hunting unless otherwise specified.
- (6) On quota waterfowl hunts, hunters must hunt from assigned areas. Shooting hours begin in accordance with applicable federal regulations and end at 12:00 noon except that on the last Saturday of the season, hunters may shoot until sunset.
- (7) No night hunting is allowed on any WMA except for raccoon, fox, opossum, or bobcat on open dates. Coyotes and feral hogs may be taken at night, with small game weapons, while hunting raccoon, fox, opossum, or bobcat. Centerfire weapons may not be used for hunting at night on WMAs.
- (8) Raccoon, opossum, fox and bobcat may be hunted within statewide seasons during small game and furbearer dates, unless otherwise specified.
- (9) Permitted alligator hunters may hunt during day or night on open small game and big game dates unless otherwise specified in Rule 391-4-2-.70.
- (10) Coyotes and feral hogs may be taken during all hunts but weapon types are restricted to only those weapons allowed for the game species in season. Coyotes and feral hogs may be taken during small game season with any weapon legal for small game except that centerfire rifles may not be used, unless otherwise specified in Rule 391-4-2-.70.
- (11) Special coyote season:
- (a) May 16-May 31 on department managed WMAs unless otherwise specified in 391-4-2-.70. Not open on State Parks,

Voluntary Public Access Areas, or federal lands unless otherwise specified in Rule 391-4-2-.70.

- (b) Hunters may use any weapon legal for small or big game unless otherwise specified in 391-4-2-.70.
- (c) Hunters and any person accompanying a hunter afield shall wear a total of at least 500 visible square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material as an outer garment above the waistline.
- (d) Night hunting is prohibited.
- (e) Feral hogs may not be taken unless otherwise specified in 391-4-2-.70.
- (f) Dogs may not be used to hunt hogs unless otherwise specified in 391-4-2-.70. Where allowed, hunting dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number.
- (g) Hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
- (12) Unless otherwise specified in 391-4-2-.70, small game may be taken on WMAs by permitted falconers at any time during the state falconry season pursuant to O.C.G.A. 27-3-15 except during any quota big game or small game hunts for which the falconer has not been drawn.
- (13) Centerfire rifles may be used for fox and bobcat during daylight hours from December 1 through the last day of February only if a non-quota big game season is open on the area, unless otherwise specified in Rule 391-4-2-.70.

Authority: O.C.G.A. 27-1-4.

Rule 391-4-2-.70. Wildlife Management Areas, Other State Lands, and Federal Areas

The following species may be hunted on State areas in accordance with restrictions set forth below except as prescribed in 391-4-2-.60 through 391-4-2-.68, and on Federal areas in accordance with the restrictions set forth below.

Alapaha River WMA	
	Deer
2023	-24
Firea	rms Buck Only Oct 28-Oct 29

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 22

Firearms Either Sex Nov 22-Nov 26, Dec 12-Dec 17

Firearms Either Sex Nov 9-Nov 11 Bonus Deer

2024-25

Firearms Buck Only Oct 26-Oct 27

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 20

Firearms Either Sex Nov 20-Nov 24, Dec 10-Dec 15

Firearms Either Sex Nov 7-Nov 9 Bonus Deer

Dove

2023-24

Sep 9, Sep 16, Sep 23, Sep 30, Oct 7, Nov 18-Nov 26, Dec 19-Jan 31

Sep 2 Sign-in Quota 50

2024-25

Sep 14, Sep 21, Sep 28, Oct 5, Oct 12, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 19-Jan 31

Sep 7 Sign-in Quota 50

Saturdays only during 1st season.

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 20-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 13-Apr 19 Sign-in Quota 15

2024-25

Apr 19-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 12-Apr 18 Sign-in Quota 15

Albany Nursery WMA

*Special Regulations

Physically Disabled hunters should apply by letter by Mar. 10 to Albany Nursery Quota Turkey Hunt, Game Management, 2024 Newton Road, Albany, Georgia 31701. Include a phone number. See page 74 for all other quota hunt application instructions.; No camping

Deer

2023-24

Mobility Impaired Firearms Either Sex Oct 26-Oct 29, Nov 23-Nov 26 Archery Either Sex Dec 3-Jan 14

2024-25

Mobility Impaired Firearms Either Sex Oct 31-Nov 3, Nov 28-Dec 1 Archery Either Sex Dec 8-Jan 12

Dove

2023-24

Sep 9-Oct 8, Nov 18-Nov 26, Dec 19-Jan 31

Sep 2 Sign-in Quota 35

2024-25

Sep 14-Oct 13, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 19-Jan 31

Sep 7 Sign-in Quota 35

Quota on designated fields only. All other areas open to the public.

Quail

2023-24

Jan 20 Sign-in Quota 1

Jan 23 Sign-in

Youth Nov 18, Dec 2 Sign-in Quota 1

2024-25

Jan 21 Sign-in

Jan 18 Sign-in Quota 1

Youth Nov 16, Dec 7 Sign-in Quota 1

Quail hunting by quota only. Maximum 3 persons per party. Bag limit is 3 per person. Hunting party must check-in harvest at kiosk or online. Complete one check-in (survey) per party.

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Mobility Impaired Apr 20-Apr 24, May 4-May 8 Sign-in Quota 1 Youth Apr 13-Apr 17, Apr 27-May 1 Sign-in Quota 1 2024-25

Mobility Impaired Apr 19-Apr 23, May 3-May 7 Sign-in Quota 1 Youth Apr 12-Apr 16, Apr 26-Apr 30 Sign-in Quota 1

Alexander WMA

*Special Regulations

No camping. Bird dog training allowed year round in designated areas. **Deer**

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 20, Dec 1-Jan 14

Firearms Either Sex Oct 21-Nov 30

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 18, Dec 1-Jan 12

Firearms Either Sex Oct 19-Nov 30

Dove

2023-24

Sep 2 Sign-in Quota 50

Sep 9, Sep 16, Sep 23, Sep 30, Oct 7, Nov 18-Nov 26, Dec 19-Jan 31 Sign-in

2024-25

Sep 7 Sign-in Quota 50

Sep 14, Sep 21, Sep 28, Oct 5, Oct 12, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 19-Jan 31 Sign-in

Quota; No dove hunting outside of dove field

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29 Sign-in

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28 Sign-in

Quail

2023-24

Nov 18, Nov 21, Nov 25, Nov 28, Dec 2, Dec 5, Dec 9, Dec 12, Dec 16, Dec 19, Dec 23, Dec 26, Dec 30, Jan 2, Jan 6, Jan 9, Jan 13, Jan 16, Jan 20, Jan 23, Jan 27, Jan 30, Feb 3, Feb 6, Feb 10, Feb 13, Feb 17, Feb 20, Feb 24, Feb 27 Sign-in 2024-25

Nov 16, Nov 19, Nov 23, Nov 26, Nov 30, Dec 3, Dec 7, Dec 10, Dec 14, Dec 17, Dec 21, Dec 24, Dec 28, Dec 31, Jan 4, Jan 7, Jan 11, Jan 14, Jan 18, Jan 21, Jan 25, Jan 28, Feb 1, Feb 4, Feb 8, Feb 11, Feb 15, Feb 18, Feb 22, Feb 25 Sign-in

Quail hunting on designated dates only. Hunting party must check-in harvest at kiosk or online. Complete one check-in (survey) per party. Bag limit is 3 per person.

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Allatoona WMA

*Special Regulations

Firearms prohibited in U.S. Corps of Engineers developed campsites. Horse and bicycle trails & areas are closed all day during Firearms Specialty Hunt and before 10:00 a.m. EST during all other deer and turkey seasons. No ATVs. No camping.

Deer/Bear

2023-24

Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 21-Oct 22

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 20

Firearms Either Sex Nov 2-Jan 1

Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 23-Nov 1

2024-25

Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 19-Oct 20

Firearms Either Sex Nov 1-Jan 1

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 18

Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 21-Oct 31

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Alligator Creek WMA

Coyote

May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 13

Firearms Either Sex Oct 21-Jan 14

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 14-Oct 20

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11

Firearms Either Sex Oct 19-Jan 12

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18 **Turkey**

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Altama Plantation WMA

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Nov 8, Dec 31-Jan 14

Firearms Either Sex Dec 28-Dec 30

Firearms Either Sex Nov 9-Nov 11, Nov 30-Dec 2 Quota 50

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Nov 6, Dec 29-Jan 12

Firearms Either Sex Dec 26-Dec 28

Firearms Either Sex Nov 7-Nov 9, Dec 5-Dec 8 Quota 50

Small Game

2023-24

Firearms Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Firearms Aug 15-Feb 28

No furbearer season.

Turkey

2023-24

Firearms Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Firearms Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Altamaha WMA - Buffalo Swamp, Lewis Island, and McGowan Lake Tracts

*Special Regulations

This area includes Altamaha WMA lands west of Butler & Champney Islands.

Coyote

May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 13

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 14-Oct 20

Firearms Buck Only Oct 21-Oct 22

Firearms Either Sex Oct 23-Jan 14

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18

Firearms Buck Only Oct 19-Oct 20

Firearms Either Sex Oct 21-Jan 12

Small Game

2023-24

Firearms Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Firearms Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Firearms Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Firearms Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Altamaha WMA - Waterfowl Management Area

*Special Regulations

This area includes Broughton, Butler, Champney, Rabbit and Rhett's Islands. Butler Refuge (located on Butler Island east of HWY 17 on Champney Island) and Ansley Hodges MARSH Project (located west of HWY 17 on Champney Island) are closed to firearms at all times, but open to archery deer and hog hunting seasons and archery rabbit hunting (except for the youth hunt) after the last Saturday of waterfowl season. Airboats are prohibited inside managed waterfowl impoundments. Access to Rhetts Island at designated crossover sites only. Boats are restricted to one motor of 25hp or less. Rhetts Island is closed to fishing, shrimping, & crabbing during early teal & statewide waterfowl season. Butler Island ponds & impoundments closed to cast netting west of Hwy 17. Drone use prohibited including launching & landing.

Coyote

Mar. 1-May 31. Small game weapons only. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's

name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Nov 15

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Nov 15

Dove

2023-24

Sep 2-Sep 4, Sep 9-Sep 10, Sep 16-Sep 17, Sep 23-Sep 24 2024-25

Sep 7-Sep 8, Sep 14-Sep 15, Sep 21-Sep 22, Sep 28-Sep 29

Rabbit

2023-24

Youth Archery Jan 20-Jan 21

2024-25

Youth Archery Jan 18-Jan 19

Bag Limit of 6/person/day. Archery Youth Only, Butler Refuge Area **Small Game**

Butler Island opens after the last Saturday of waterfowl season. Aug. 15-Nov. 15, Feb. 1-Feb.28. No furbearer season. Snipe: Wed.-Sun. & State Holidays during season.

Turkey

No turkey season

Waterfowl

2023-24

Butler Island Nov 18, Nov 25, Dec 16, Dec 23, Dec 30, Jan 6, Jan 13, Jan 20, Jan 27 Quota 20

Champney Island Nov 18-Nov 19, Nov 25-Nov 26, Dec 16-Dec 17, Dec 23-Dec 24, Dec 30-Dec 31, Jan 6-Jan 7, Jan 13-Jan 14, Jan 20-Jan 21, Jan 27-Jan 28 Quota 20

2024-25

Butler Island Nov 23, Nov 30, Dec 14, Dec 21, Dec 28, Jan 4, Jan 11, Jan 18, Jan 25 Quota 20

Champney Island Nov 23-Nov 24, Nov 30-Dec 1, Dec 14-Dec 15, Dec 21-Dec 22, Dec 28-Dec 29, Jan 4-Jan 5, Jan 11-Jan 12, Jan 18-Jan 19, Jan 25-Jan 26 Quota 20

Shooting hours end at 12 noon, except last day of season when shooting hours end at sunset. Rhett's Island: Wed., Sat., Sun. & State Holidays during statewide season.

Q25 Butler Island: Saturday Only. Stand selection drawing will be held at 5:00am. Stand-by hunters will be issued unfilled blinds on quota hunts based on drawing the morning of the hunt. Max. 3 persons per quota party. Handicap hunters selected for quota contact Area Manager at 912-262-3173.

Q25 Champney Island: Saturday & Sunday Only; see page 75. First hunt open only to youth or veterans to apply (other 2 party members don't have to be youth or veteran). No stand-by hunters allowed. Max. 3 persons per quota party.

Appling County Dove Field VPA

*Special Regulations

On opening day, hunters shall not enter a managed dove field and hunting structures shall not be placed on a managed dove field prior to 1 hour before sunrise. No May 16-31 coyote season.

Dove

2023-24

Sep 9, Sep 16 Sign-in

Youth Sep 2 Sign-in

2024-25

Sep 14, Sep 21 Sign-in

Youth Sep 7 Sign-in

Arrowhead WMA

*Special Regulations

No ATV's except by mobility impaired hunters during mobility impaired hunts. No camping.

Coyote

2023-24

May 16-May 31

2024-25

May 16-May 31

May 16-31. Small game weapons only.

Deer/Bear

2023-24

Youth Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 31

Archery Either Sex Nov 16-Jan 14

Mobility Impaired Archery Either Sex Nov 1-Nov 15

2024-25

Youth Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 31

Archery Either Sex Nov 16-Jan 12

Mobility Impaired Archery Either Sex Nov 1-Nov 15

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Sep 8

Youth Jan 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Sep 13

Youth Jan 13-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 29-May 15 Sign-in

Youth Apr 20-Apr 28 Sign-in

Mobility Impaired Apr 13-Apr 19 Sign-in

2024-25

Mobility Impaired Apr 12-Apr 18 Sign-in

Apr 28-May 15 Sign-in

Youth Apr 19-Apr 27 Sign-in

Waterfowl

Saturdays only during statewide season.

B.F. Grant WMA

*Special Regulations

No hunting on or access through pastures.

. Deer

2023-24

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 9-Sep 30, Dec 2-Dec 8 Primitive Weapons Quality Buck and Antlerless Dec 15-Dec 17 Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 2-Nov 4, Nov 16-Nov 18 Bonus Deer Quota 300

2024-25

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 14-Sep 30, Nov 30-Dec 6 Primitive Weapons Quality Buck and Antlerless Dec 20-Dec 22 Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 7-Nov 9, Nov 21-Nov 23 Bonus Deer Quota 300

Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.

Dove

2023-24

Sep 2, Sep 9, Sep 16, Sep 23, Sep 30-Oct 8, Nov 19-Nov 26, Dec 19-Jan 31

2024-25

Sep 7, Sep 14, Sep 21, Sep 28, Oct 5-Oct 13, Nov 24-Dec 1, Dec 19-Jan 31

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Nov 1, Nov 5-Nov 15, Nov 19-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Nov 6, Nov 10-Nov 20, Nov 24-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 27-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 20-Apr 26 Sign-in Quota 80

Youth Apr 13-Apr 19 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 26-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 19-Apr 25 Sign-in Quota 80

Youth Apr 12-Apr 18 Sign-in

Waterfowl

2023-24

Dec 9, Jan 20 Sign-in Quota 3

2024-25

Dec 7, Jan 18 Sign-in Quota 3

No waterfowl hunting on MARSH ponds. Shooting hours end at 12 noon.

Balls Ferry State Park

*Special Regulations

No camping. On youth hunts, only youth may hunt. No May 16-31 coyote season.

Deer

2023-24

Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 14-Oct 20

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 13, Oct 21-Jan 14

2024-25

Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18 Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11, Oct 19-Jan 12

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Archery Apr 22-May 15 Sign-in

Youth Apr 13-Apr 21 Sign-in

2024-25

Archery Apr 21-May 15 Sign-in

Youth Apr 12-Apr 20 Sign-in

Waterfowl

Shooting hours end at 12 noon.

Banks Lake NWR

*Special Regulations

No commercial activities allowed. Open only to Quota selected hunters in Alligator Hunt Zone 4. Visit www.fws.gov/refuge/banks-lake for more info.

Alligator

2023-24

Aug 25-Aug 27

2024-25

Aug 23-Aug 25

Bartram Forest WMA

*Special Regulations

Archery only for all species. No firearms hunting is allowed. Bartram Forest is a multiple- use recreation area; other users may be present during open hunting seasons. Gates may be opened or closed at the discretion of Georgia Forestry Commission. Please see WMA maps for safety zones. No camping. No May 16-31 coyote season.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 14

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12

Small Game

2023-24

Archery Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Archery Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Archery Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Archery Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Waterfowl

Shooting hours end at 12 noon.

Beaverdam WMA

Coyote

May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

Deer

2023-24

Specialty Firearms Either Sex Sep 16-Sep 22

Firearms Buck Only Nov 23-Nov 25, Dec 13-Dec 16

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Sep 15, Sep 23-Oct 20

Firearms Either Sex Nov 2-Nov 4 Bonus Deer

2024-25

Specialty Firearms Either Sex Sep 21-Sep 27

Firearms Buck Only Nov 21-Nov 23, Dec 11-Dec 14

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Sep 20, Sep 28-Oct 18

Firearms Either Sex Oct 31-Nov 2 Bonus Deer

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Berry College WMA

*Special Regulations

There is no open season for the taking of any wildlife on Berry College campus and refuge. Firearms and archery equipment are prohibited on the campus and refuge. Hunters may not use the campus or refuge for gaining access to the WMA. No ATV's. Foot trails, bicycle and horse areas are closed all day during firearms deer season and before 10:00am during turkey and archery deer season. No night hunting for any species.

Coyote

No May 16-31 coyote or hog season

Deer/Bear

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 31, Nov 5-Nov 17

Firearms Either Sex Nov 29-Dec 2 Bonus Deer Quota 1000

Specialty Firearms Either Sex Jan 6-Jan 7 Bonus Deer

Firearms Either Sex Last Day Nov 1-Nov 4 Bonus Deer Quota 1000 2024-25

Specialty Firearms Either Sex Jan 4-Jan 5 Bonus Deer

Archery Either Sex Nov 3-Nov 15

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 29

Firearms Either Sex Dec 4-Dec 7 Bonus Deer Quota 1000

Firearms Either Sex Last Day Oct 30-Nov 2 Bonus Deer Quota 1000

Dog Training

Aug 15 - Mar 19, except during firearms deer hunts.

Dove

2023-24

Sep 2, Sep 9, Sep 16, Sep 23, Sep 30, Oct 7-Oct 8, Nov 18-Nov 26,

Dec 19-Jan 5, Jan 8-Jan 31

2024-25

Sep 7, Sep 14, Sep 21, Sep 28, Oct 5, Oct 12-Oct 13, Nov 23-Dec 1,

Dec 19-Jan 3, Jan 6-Jan 31

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29, Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

No night hunting.

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in 2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Big Dukes Pond WMA

*Special Regulations

Camping, ATVs & horses prohibited. Note Safety Zone on mapaccess prohibited between Feb. 1 and July 15.

Deer

2023-24

Firearms Either Sex Oct 21-Nov 30

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 13

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 14-Oct 20

2024-25

Firearms Either Sex Oct 19-Nov 30

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Waterfowl

Wednesdays and Saturdays only during statewide season. Shooting hours end at 12 noon.

Big Hammock WMA

*Special Regulations

If the river stage is 9 feet or higher, measured at the Doctortown Gauge, the gates will be closed. Gates will remain closed after river guage drops below 9' to allow for drying period before traffic is allowed on WMA roads; expect 7-10 days prior to gates opening. Deer hunters may not hunt within 50 feet of the nature trail off Mack Phillips Rd.

Coyote

May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Dec 1-Jan 14

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 4, Oct 8-Oct 20

Firearms Either Sex Oct 28-Nov 12

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 5-Oct 7

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Dec 1-Jan 12

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 2, Oct 6-Oct 18

Firearms Either Sex Oct 26-Nov 10

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 3-Oct 5

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Big Lazer Creek WMA

Coyote

2023-24

May 16-May 31

2024-25

May 16-May 31

Deer

2023-24

Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 17-Nov 19

Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 23-Sep 24

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 9-Sep 22, Oct 15-Nov 5 Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Last Day Oct 12-Oct 14, Nov 9-

Nov 11 Bonus Deer

2024-25

Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 22-Nov 24

Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 28-Sep 29

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 14-Sep 27, Oct 20-Nov 3 Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Last Day Oct 17-Oct 19, Nov 14-Nov 16 Bonus Deer

Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.

Dove

2023-24

Sep 7, Sep 14, Sep 16-Sep 22, Nov 20-Nov 26, Dec 19-Jan 31 2024-25

Sep 7, Sep 14, Sep 21-Sep 27, Nov 25-Dec 1, Dec 19-Jan 31

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

May 6-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 13-Apr 21, Apr 27-May 5 Sign-in Quota 50

2024-25

May 5-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 12-Apr 20, Apr 26-May 4 Sign-in Quota 50

Waterfowl

PFA is open for waterfowl hunting Wednesdays and Saturdays only during statewide waterfowl season.

Blackbeard Island NWR

*Special Regulations

All hunters 16 years of age or older must purchase a \$25 Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex Annual Hunt Permit at https://savannahcoastal.recaccess.com. No alligator hunting. Visit www.fws.gov/refuge/blackbeard_island for seasons, dates and more information. No May 16-31 coyote season.

Blanton Creek WMA

Coyote

2023-24

May 16-May 31

2024-25

May 16-May 31

Deer

A-73

2023-24

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 9-Oct 5, Oct 9-Oct 15, Nov 19-Nov 26

Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 19-Oct 21, Nov 16-Nov 18 Bonus Deer Quota 200

Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 7-Oct 8 2024-25

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 14-Oct 3, Oct 7-Oct 13, Nov 24-Dec 1

Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 17-Oct 19, Nov 21-Nov 23 Bonus Deer Quota 200

Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 5-Oct 6

Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.

Dove

2023-24

Sep 16-Oct 5, Nov 19-Nov 26, Dec 19-Jan 31

Sep 2, Sep 9 Sign-in Quota 75

2024-25

Sep 21-Oct 3, Nov 24-Dec 1, Dec 19-Jan 31

Sep 7, Sep 14 Sign-in Quota 75

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 27-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 13-Apr 19, Apr 20-Apr 26 Sign-in Quota 35

2024-25

Apr 26-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 12-Apr 18, Apr 19-Apr 25 Sign-in Quota 35

Waterfowl

No waterfowl hunting on MARSH ponds. Shooting hours end at 12 noon.

Blue Ridge WMA

Coyote

May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

Deer/Bear

2023-24

Archery Buck Only Sep 9-Oct 13

Firearms Buck Only Nov 22-Nov 25

Firearms Buck Only Nov 1-Nov 5 Bonus Deer

Primitive Weapons Buck Only Oct 14-Oct 20

2024-25

Archery Buck Only Sep 14-Oct 11

Firearms Buck Only Nov 20-Nov 23

Firearms Buck Only Oct 30-Nov 3 Bonus Deer

Primitive Weapons Buck Only Oct 12-Oct 18

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 6-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 5-May 15 Sign-in

Bond Swamp NWR

*Special Regulations

Refuge permits are required for all hunts. Quota deer and waterfowl application deadline is September 20, 2023 & September 18, 2024. Quota turkey application deadline is February 21, 2024 & February 19, 2025. Sign-in required for youth deer hunt. Contact the Piedmont Refuge office to obtain applications, permits and refuge specific hunting regulations. Hunters are required to sign out harvested game at refuge check stations. Feral hogs may only be taken during refuge big game and small game hunts with applicable weapons restrictions. No May 16-31 coyote season. Baiting is prohibited. For more information call 478-986-5441 or email piedmont@fws.gov

Deer	
2023-24	
Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 11-Nov 12 Quota 50	
Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Nov 5	
Firearms Either Sex Nov 17-Nov 18, Dec 1-Dec 2 Quota 200 2024-25	
Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 16-Nov 17 Quota 50	
Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Nov 3	
Firearms Either Sex Nov 22-Nov 23, Dec 6-Dec 7 Quota 200	
Quail	
2023-24	
Dec 3-Jan 31	
2024-25	
Dec 8-Jan 31	
Rabbit	
2023-24	
Dec 3-Jan 31	
2024-25	
Dec 8-Jan 31	
Small Game	
Bag Limit of 1/day for Fox Squirrel	
Squirrel	
2023-24	
Aug 15-Sep 8, Dec 3-Jan 31 2024-25	
Aug 15-Sep 13, Dec 8-Jan 31	
Turkey	
2023-24	
Apr 6-Apr 7, Apr 19-Apr 20 Quota 40	
2024-25	
Apr 5-Apr 6, Apr 18-Apr 19 Quota 40	
Bag Limit 1	
Waterfowl	
2023-24	
Dec 16-Dec 17, Dec 29-Dec 30, Jan 12-Jan 13, Jan 26-Jan 27 Quota 20 2024-25	
Dec 14-Dec 15, Dec 27-Dec 28, Jan 10-Jan 11, Jan 24-Jan 25 Quota 20	

Shooting hours end at 12 noon.

Broad River WMA

Deer/Bear

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Nov 30

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Nov 30

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 6-May 15

2024-25

Apr 5-May 15

Buck Shoals WMA

*Special Regulations

Day Use access is available on River Rd. Access for scheduled events is available on Cloverleaf Dr. and Buck Shoals Dr. Limit of 1 for all big game (Turkey and Deer) hunts. No May 16-31 coyote season.

Deer/Bear

1 deer limit on all hunts

2023-24

Hunt-and-Learn Firearms Either Sex Nov 4-Nov 5 Bonus Deer Quota 12

Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 18-Nov 19, Dec 2-Dec 3 Bonus Deer Quota 12

2024-25

Hunt-and-Learn Firearms Either Sex Nov 2-Nov 3 Bonus Deer Quota 12

Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 16-Nov 17, Nov 30-Dec 1 Bonus Deer Quota 12

Dove

2023-24

Youth Sep 2 Quota 25 Youth Sep 9 Quota 25 2024-25

Youth Sep 14 Quota 25

Youth Sep 7 Quota 25

Small Game

2023-24

Youth Jan 6-Jan 14, Jan 20-Jan 28 Sign-in Quota 10 2024-25

Youth Jan 4-Jan 12, Jan 18-Jan 26 Sign-in Quota 10 No night hunting.

Turkey

2023-24

Hunt-and-Learn Apr 13-Apr 14 Quota 3

Youth Apr 20-Apr 21, May 4-May 5 Quota 5 2024-25

Hunt-and-Learn Apr 12-Apr 13 Quota 3

Youth Apr 19-Apr 20, May 3-May 4 Quota 5

Bullard Creek WMA

*Special Regulations

No firearms deer hunting within posted Towns Bluff Tract but legal firearms permitted for turkey and small game hunting.

Deer

2023-24

Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 27-Oct 29

Firearms Buck Only Dec 14-Dec 16

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Sep 20, Sep 24-Oct 16

Firearms Either Sex Nov 23-Nov 26

Firearms Either Sex Oct 19-Oct 21 Bonus Deer

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Sep 21-Sep 23

2024-25

Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 25-Oct 27

Firearms Buck Only Dec 12-Dec 14

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Sep 18, Sep 22-Oct 14

Firearms Either Sex Nov 21-Nov 24

Firearms Either Sex Oct 17-Oct 19 Bonus Deer

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Sep 19-Sep 21

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 20-May 15

Apr 13-Apr 19 Sign-in Quota 80

2024-25

Apr 19-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 12-Apr 18 Sign-in Quota 80

Bullard Creek WMA - Bell Telephone Tract

*Special Regulations

No firearms deer hunting but legal firearms permitted for turkey and small game.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 14

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Bullard Creek WMA - Montgomery Tract

*Special Regulations

Access is limited to foot or boat travel only and is quality buck which means bucks must have a minimum of four points (1 inch or longer) on one side or a 15" outside spread. No firearms deer hunting but legal firearms permitted for turkey and small game hunting.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 14

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Bullard Creek WMA - Ocmulgee Tract

*Special Regulations

No firearms deer hunting but legal firearms permitted for turkey and small game.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 14

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Camp Thunder VPA

*Special Regulations

No firearms hunting allowed. No ATVs. No camping.

Coyote

May 16-31, archery only.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 14

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12

Small Game

2023-24

Archery Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Archery Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Archery Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Archery Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Waterfowl

Shooting hours end at 12 noon.

A-80

Canoochee Sandhills WMA

Coyote

No May 16-31 coyote season.

Deer

2023-24

Firearms Buck Only Dec 14-Dec 16

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 7

Firearms Either Sex Oct 26-Oct 28, Nov 9-Nov 11

2024-25

Firearms Buck Only Dec 12-Dec 14

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 5

Firearms Either Sex Oct 24-Oct 26, Nov 7-Nov 9

Dove

2023-24

Sep 2, Sep 9, Sep 16, Sep 23, Sep 30, Oct 7, Nov 18-Nov 26, Dec 19-

Jan 31

2024-25

Sep 7, Sep 14, Sep 21, Sep 28, Oct 5, Oct 12, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 19-

Jan 31

Saturdays only during 1st season.

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Cardinal VPA

*Special Regulations

No May 16-31 coyote season.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 14

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12

Small Game

2023-24

Firearms Aug 15-Feb 29 2024-25

Firearms Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Firearms Apr13 -May 15 Sign-in 2024-25

Firearms Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Carter's Lake WMA

*Special Regulations

No ATV's except by wheel-chair bound hunters during the wheelchair hunt. No camping except by reservation only in U.S. Army Corps of Engineers designated campgrounds.

Coyote

May 16-31. Small game weapons only.

Deer

Wheelchair hunt participants must attend a pre-hunt meeting at noon at the check station on the Thursday before the hunt. Selected quota youth hunters must attend a pre-hunt meeting at 7pm at the Carter's Lake Nature Center the evening before the hunt. Sign-In for both the wheelchair and quota youth hunts available only at pre-hunt meetings.

Deer/Bear

2023-24

Wheelchair Firearms Either Sex Nov 3-Nov 5 Bonus Deer

Archery Either Sex Nov 12-Jan 1

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Nov 2, Nov 6-Nov 10

Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 11 Bonus Deer Quota 20 2024-25

Wheelchair Firearms Either Sex Nov 1-Nov 3 Bonus Deer

Archery Either Sex Nov 10-Jan 1

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 31, Nov 4-Nov 8

Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 9 Bonus Deer Quota 20

Dog Training

Rabbit Dog Training: Wed/Fri/Sat from Nov-Feb, except during firearms deer hunts.

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Cedar Creek WMA

*Special Regulations

ATVs prohibited.

Deer

2023-24

Specialty Firearms Either Sex Nov 21-Nov 26

Firearms Buck Only Nov 27-Dec 10

Archery Either Sex Oct 23-Oct 29

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 15

Firearms Either Sex Last Day Oct 19-Oct 21, Nov 9-Nov 11 Bonus

Deer

2024-25

Specialty Firearms Either Sex Nov 26-Dec 1

Firearms Buck Only Dec 2-Dec 15

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 13, Oct 21-Oct 27

Firearms Either Sex Last Day Oct 17-Oct 19, Nov 14-Nov 16 Bonus

Deer

Dove

2023-24

Sep 2, Sep 9, Sep 16, Sep 23, Sep 30-Oct 8, Nov 18-Nov 20, Dec 19-

Jan 31

2024-25

Sep 7, Sep 14, Sep 21, Sep 28, Oct 5-Oct 13, Nov 23-Nov 25, Dec 19-

Jan 31

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Waterfowl

Shooting hours end at 12 noon.

Cedar Creek WMA - Little River Area

*Special Regulations

No ATVs. No camping.

Deer

2023-24

Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 14-Oct 20

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 13, Oct 21-Jan 14

2024-25

Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11, Oct 19-Jan 12

Dog Training

Dog training includes: bird-dog, rabbit-dog and furbearer dog. Dog training August 15-March 15 outside of deer hunts.

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Waterfowl

Shooting hours end at 12 noon.

Cedar Grove VPA

*Special Regulations

No furbearer hunting.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 14

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Ceylon WMA

*Special Regulations

This area includes the Black Point Tract and Grover Island. Black Point is accessible from Harriet's Bluff Road. Access to Grover Island is by river only.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 9-Oct 15, Dec 3-Dec 24 Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 19-Oct 21, Nov 9-Nov 11, Nov 30-Dec 2 Bonus Deer Quota 100

2024-25

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 14-Oct 13, Dec 8-Dec 29 Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 17-Oct 19, Nov 7-Nov 9, Dec 5-Dec 7 Bonus Deer Quota 100

Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.

Dog Training

Bird dog training area: The mature pine stands bounded by hardwood drains/marsh adjacent to the intersection of Boat House and Ceylon Rd.

Small Game

2023-24

Firearms Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Firearms Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Firearms Apr 13-Apr 19, Apr 27-May 3, May 4-May 10 Sign-in Quota 40

2024-25

Firearms Apr 12-Apr 18, Apr 26-May 2, May 10-May 15 Sign-in Quota 40

Charles B. Henson VPA

*Special Regulations

No ATV's. VPA is only open to the public for hunting during designated seasons. All other access is prohibited.

Coyote

No May 16-31 coyote or hog season

Deer/Bear

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 14

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-Apr 18, Apr 19-Apr 25, Apr 26-May 2, May 3-May 9 Sign-in Ouota 10

2024-25

Apr 12-Apr 17, Apr 18-Apr 24, Apr 25-May 1, May 2-May 8 Sign-in Quota 10

Chattahoochee Bend State Park

*Special Regulations

Prior to hunting, hunters must check in with the Park Office or Check In Station to get site specific information on the Park Managed Hunt or attend the pre-hunt meeting scheduled the day prior to the managed hunt. Hunt participants will be charged a \$30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a \$5 Park Pass will be required. Coyotes and feral hogs may be taken during deer hunts. No ATVs. All park access is closed to the public during hunts.

Deer

2023-24

Firearms Either Sex Nov 28-Nov 29 Bonus Deer Quota 110 2024-25

Firearms Either Sex Nov 19-20 Bonus Deer Quota 110

5 deer limit, no more than 2 may be antlered bucks.

Note: Archery option for up to 10 hunters.

Chattahoochee Fall Line WMA - Almo

*Special Regulations

No ATVs. No horses. Hunters must check kiosk daily for prescribed burning schedule and location.

Coyote

2023-24

May 16-May 31

2024-25

May 16-May 31

Deer

2023-24

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 18-Nov 26

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 9-Oct 12

Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 19-Oct 21, Nov 9-Nov 11 Bonus Deer Quota 150

2024-25

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 16-Nov 24

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 14-Oct 10

Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 17-Oct 19, Nov 7-Nov 9 Bonus Deer Quota 150

Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.

Quail

No quail hunting.

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Hunting of fox squirrels prohibited.

Turkey

2023-24

Hunt-and-Learn Apr 26-Apr 28

May 13-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 13-Apr 21, May 4-May 12 Sign-in Quota 50

2024-25

Hunt-and-Learn Apr 25-Apr 27

May 12-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 12-Apr 20, May 3-May 11 Sign-in Quota 50

Waterfowl

Shooting hours end at 12 noon.

Chattahoochee Fall Line WMA - Blackjack Crossing

*Special Regulations

Archery only for all hunting. No camping. No ATVs. No horses. Hunters must check kiosk daily for prescribed burning schedule and location.

Coyote

2023-24

May 16-31

2024-25

May 16-31

Deer

2023-24

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 9-Jan 14

2024-25

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 14-Jan 12

Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.

Small Game

2023-24

Archery Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Archery Aug 15-Feb 28

Hunting of fox squirrels prohibited.

Turkey

2023-24

Archery Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Archery Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Exception to Archery Area Rules. Hunt and Learn can use firearms.

Waterfowl

Shooting hours end at 12 noon.

Chattahoochee Fall Line WMA - Fort Perry

*Special Regulations

No ATVs. No horses. Hunters must check kiosk daily for prescribed burning schedule and locations.

Coyote

2023-24

May 16-May 31

2024-25

May 16-May 31

Deer

2023-24

Hunt-and-Learn Firearms Nov 3-Nov 5

Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 24-Sep 25 Quota 35

Firearms Antlerless Only Sep 29-Oct 1

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 19-Nov 26

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 9-Sep 17, Oct 2-Oct 8

Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 26-Oct 28, Nov 9-Nov 11

Bonus Deer Quota 35

2024-25

Hunt-and-Learn Firearms Nov 8-Nov 10

Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 28-Sep 29 Quota 35

Firearms Antlerless Only Sep 4-Sep 6

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 24-Dec 1

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 14-Sep 22, Oct 7-Oct 13

Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 31-Nov 2, Nov 14-Nov 16

Bonus Deer Ouota 35

Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.

Dove

2023-24

Sep 2, Sep 9, Sep 16-Sep 22, Sep 25-Sep 28, Nov 18-Nov 26, Dec 19-Jan 31

2024-25

Sep 7, Sep 14, Sep 21-Sep 27, Sep 30-Oct 3, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 19-Jan 31

Quail

Quail hunting prohibited due to low population levels.

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Hunting of fox squirrels prohibited.

Turkey

2023-24

May 8-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 13-Apr 15, Apr 27-Apr 29 Sign-in Quota 15

Youth Apr 20-Apr 22 Sign-in Quota 15

2024-25

May 7-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 12-Apr 14, Apr 26-Apr 28 Sign-in Quota 15

Youth Apr 19-Apr 21 Sign-in Quota 15

Waterfowl

Shooting hours end at 12 noon.

Chattahoochee Fall Line WMA - Hilliard

*Special Regulations

No ATVs. No horses. Hunters must check kiosk daily for prescribed burning schedule and locations.

Coyote

2023-24

May 16-May 31

2024-25

May 16-May 31

Deer

2023-24

Hunt-and-Learn Firearms Nov 3-Nov 6

Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 11-Nov 12 Quota 50

Firearms Antlerless Only Sep 29-Oct 1, Sep 27-Sep 29

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 9-Sep 28, Nov 19-Dec 8 Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 26-Oct 28, Nov 16-Nov 18 Bonus Deer Quota 50

2024-25

Hunt-and-Learn Firearms Nov 1-Nov 3

Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 9-Nov 10 Quota 50

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 14-Sep 26, Nov 17-Dec 6 Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 24-Oct 26, Nov 14-Nov 16 Bonus Deer Quota 50

Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.

Dove

2023-24

Sep 2, Sep 9, Sep 16-Sep 28, Nov 19-Nov 26, Dec 19-Dec 29, Dec 31-Jan 12, Jan 14-Jan 31

Youth Sep 2, Sep 9 Sign-in Quota 35

2024-25

Sep 7, Sep 14, Sep 21-Sep 26, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 19-Dec 27, Dec 29-Jan 10, Jan 12-Jan 31

Youth Sep 7, Sep 14 Sign-in Quota 35

Quail

2023-24

Dec 9, Dec 30, Jan 13 Sign-in

2024-25

Dec 7, Dec 28, Jan 11 Sign-in

Bag limit is 3 per person. Hunting party must check-in harvest at kiosk or online. Complete one check-in (survey) per party.

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Hunting of fox squirrels prohibited.

Turkey

2023-24

Hunt-and-Learn Apr 26-Apr 28

Apr 13-Apr 21, May 4-May 12 Sign-in Quota 40

2024-25

Hunt-and-Learn Apr 25-Apr 27

Apr 12-Apr 20, May 3-May 11 Sign-in Quota 40

Waterfowl

State season. Shooting hours end at 12 noon.

Chattahoochee Fall Line WMA - VPA Tracts

*Special Regulations

No ATVs. No horses. Hunters must check kiosk daily for prescribed burning schedule and locations. No May 16-31 coyote season.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 14

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12

Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Hunting of fox squirrels prohibited

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Waterfowl

Shooting hours end at 12 noon.

Chattahoochee National Forest - Outside of WMAs

*Special Regulations

Transportation of any loaded weapon in a motor vehicle or possession of alcohol when hunting is prohibited. Placing, leaving, or depositing any food, bait, or garbage in a manner likely to attract or concentrate any wildlife, whether for purposes of hunt

Bear

2023-24

Archery Jan 2-Jan 14

Archery Sep 9-Oct 13

Firearms Oct 21-Jan 1

Primitive Weapons Oct 14-Oct 20

2024-25

Archery Jan 2-Jan 12

Archery Sep 14-Oct 11

Firearms Oct 19-Jan 1

Primitive Weapons Oct 12-Oct 18

Hunting bears with dogs is prohibited on the Chattahoochee National Forest.

Deer-East of I-75

2023-24

Archery Buck Only Sep 9-Oct 13

Primitive Weapons Buck Only Oct 14-Oct 20

Archery Buck Only Jan 2-Jan 14

Firearms Buck Only Oct 21-Jan 1

2024-25

Archery Buck Only Sep 14-Oct 11

Primitive Weapons Buck Only Oct 12-Oct 18

Archery Buck Only Jan 2-Jan 12

Firearms Buck Only Oct 19-Jan 1

Deer-West of I-75

2023-24

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 14-Oct 20

Archery Buck Only (except during county either-sex days) Jan 2-Jan 14

Firearms Buck Only (except during county either-sex days) Oct 21-Jan 1

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 13, Jan 2-Jan 14

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18

Archery Buck Only (except during county either-sex days) Jan 2-Jan 12

Firearms Buck Only (except during county either-sex days) Oct 19-Jan 1

Dog Training

2023-24

Aug 1-Sep 7, Jan 2-Mar 16

2024-25

Aug 1-Sep 13, Jan 2-Mar 21

Other requirements apply, see Dog Training page in the Popular Guide.

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Use of centerfire firearms at night prohibited.

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 6-May 15

2024-25

Apr 5-May 15

Bag Limit 1

Chattahoochee WMA

Bear

2023-24

Firearms Sep 16-Sep 22

Firearms Dogs Sep 30-Oct 8 Quota 9

2024-25

Firearms Sep 21-Sep 29

Firearms Dogs Oct 5-Oct 13 Quota 9

Dog-bear hunters must check in at the Chestatee WMA check station prior to hunting and are required to attend a pre-hunt meeting as directed in their draw notification email. All dogs used in the dog-bear hunt must be marked with the selected hunter's name and phone number.

Coyote

May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

Deer/Bear

2023-24

Archery Buck Only Sep 9-Sep 15, Sep 23-Sep 29, Oct 9-Oct 25

Firearms Buck Only Nov 18-Nov 26

Firearms Buck Only Oct 26-Oct 29, Dec 12-Dec 15 Bonus Deer 2024-25

Archery Buck Only Oct 14-Oct 24

Archery Buck Only Sep 14-Sep 20, Sep 30-Oct 4

Firearms Buck Only Nov 16-Nov 24

Firearms Buck Only Oct 24-Oct 27, Dec 12-Dec 15 Bonus Deer

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 6-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 5-May 15 Sign-in

Chestatee WMA

Bear

2023-24

Firearms Sep 16-Sep 22

Firearms Dogs Sep 30-Oct 8 Quota 6

2024-25

Firearms Sep 28-Oct 4

Firearms Dogs Oct 5-Oct 13 Quota 6

Dog-bear hunters must check in at the Chestatee WMA check station prior to hunting and are required to attend a pre-hunt meeting as directed in their draw notification email. All dogs used in the dog-bear hunt must be marked with the selected hunter's name and phone number.

Coyote

May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

Deer/Bear

2023-24

Archery Buck Only Sep 23-Sep 29

Archery Buck Only Sep 9-Sep 15, Oct 10-Oct 30

Firearms Buck Only Dec 26-Jan 1

Firearms Buck Only Nov 15-Nov 19, Dec 6-Dec 10 Bonus Deer 2024-25

Archery Buck Only Sep 14-Sep 27, Oct 14-Oct 31

Firearms Buck Only Dec 26-Jan 1

Firearms Buck Only Nov 13-Nov 17, Dec 4-Dec 8 Bonus Deer

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 6-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 5-May 15 Sign-in

Chickasawhatchee WMA

Coyote

May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

Deer

2023-24

Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 19-Nov 25, Dec 22-Dec 27

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 14-Oct 20

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 13, Dec 28-Jan 31

Firearms Either Sex Dec 7-Dec 9 Quota 350

Firearms Either Sex Nov 9-Nov 11 Bonus Deer Quota 350 2024-25

Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 23-Nov 30, Dec 20-Dec 25

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11, Dec 26-Jan 31

Firearms Either Sex Dec 12-Dec 14 Quota 350

Firearms Either Sex Nov 7-Nov 9 Bonus Deer Quota 350

Dove

2023-24

Sep 9-Oct 8, Nov 18-Nov 26, Dec 19-Jan 31

Sep 2 Sign-in Quota 40

2024-25

Sep 14-Oct 13, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 19-Jan 31

Sep 7 Sign-in Quota 40

Quota on designated fields only. All other areas open to the public.

Quail

2023-24

Nov 28, Dec 12 Sign-in

Nov 18, Dec 2, Dec 30, Jan 14, Jan 20, Jan 27 Sign-in Quota 4

Youth Jan 24 Sign-in Quota 2

Youth Nov 18, Dec 2, Dec 30, Jan 13, Jan 20 Sign-in Quota 2 2024-25

Nov 26, Dec 10 Sign-in

Nov 16, Dec 7, Dec 28, Jan 11, Jan 18, Jan 25 Sign-in Quota 4

Youth Jan 25 Sign-in Ouota 2

Youth Nov 16, Dec 7, Dec 28, Jan 11, Jan 18 Sign-in Quota 2

Quail hunting on designated dates only. Maximum 3 persons per party on quota hunts. Bag limit is 3 per person. Hunting party must check-in harvest at kiosk or online. Complete one check-in (survey) per party.

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

No fox squirrel hunting.

Turkey

2023-24

May 4-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 13-Apr 19, Apr 20-Apr 26, Apr 27-May 3 Sign-in Quota 40 2024-25

May 3-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 12-Apr 18, Apr 19-Apr 25, Apr 26-May 2 Sign-in Quota 40

Clarks Hill WMA - East

Deer

2023-24

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 14-Oct 20

Archery Sep 9-Sep 20, Sep 24-Oct 13

Firearms Oct 21-Nov 30

Firearms Sep 21-Sep 23 Bonus Deer

2024-25

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18

Archery Sep 14-Sep 25, Sep 29-Oct 11

Firearms Oct 19-Nov 30

Firearms Sep 26-Sep 28 Bonus Deer

Dove

2023-24

Sep 9, Sep 16, Sep 30, Oct 7, Nov 18-Nov 26, Dec 19-Jan 31

Sep 2 Sign-in Quota 60

2024-25

Sep 14, Sep 21, Oct 5, Oct 12, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 19-Jan 31

Sep 7 Sign-in Quota 60

Quota on designated fields only.

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29 Sign-in

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28 Sign-in

Turkey

2023-24 Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in 2024-25 Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Clarks Hill WMA - West

*Special Regulations

No camping.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 13

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 14-Oct 20

Firearms Buck Only Oct 21-Nov 3

Firearms Either Sex Nov 4-Jan 1

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18

Firearms Buck Only Oct 19-Nov 1

Firearms Either Sex Nov 2-Jan 1

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Clayhole Swamp WMA

*Special Regulations

Horseback riding prohibited during ALL deer hunts. Area west of Cowpen Swamp is archery only for all species, open during their respective statewide seasons. Archery Only Area is archery equipment for all species.

Coyote

May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

Deer

2023-24

Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 15-Sep 17

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Sep 13, Sep 18-Sep 26, Oct 1-Nov 24, Dec 2-Dec 15

Firearms Either Sex Nov 25-Dec 1, Dec 16-Jan 14

Firearms Either Sex Sep 28-Sep 30 Bonus Deer

2024-25

Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 20-Sep 22

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Sep 18, Sep 23-Oct 1, Oct 6-Nov 29, Dec 7-Dec 20

Firearms Either Sex Nov 30-Dec 6, Dec 21-Jan 12

Firearms Either Sex Oct 3-Oct 5 Bonus Deer

Small Game

2023-24

Firearms Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Firearms Aug 15-Feb 28

No furbearer hunting or dog training in Archery Only Areas.

Turkey

2023-24

Firearms Apr 6-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Firearms Apr 12-May 15

Clybel WMA

*Special Regulations

Multi-use trails and areas are closed all day during firearms deer hunts and before 10:00 a.m. during archery and turkey seasons. Rules are posted at trailhead. Campground available by reservation through www.georgiawildlife.com/charlie-elliott-wildlife-center

Deer

2023-24

Hunt-and-Learn Firearms Either Sex Oct 6-Oct 8, Nov 13-Nov 14

Specialty Firearms Either Sex Nov 21-Nov 26

Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 30-Oct 5

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Sep 29, Nov 10-Nov 12

Firearms Either Sex Nov 2-Nov 4, Nov 16-Nov 18 Bonus Deer Quota 200

2024-25

Hunt-and-Learn Firearms Either Sex Oct 4-Oct 6, Nov 11-Nov 12

Specialty Firearms Either Sex Nov 26-Dec 1

Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 28-Oct 3

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Sep 27, Nov 15-Nov 17

Firearms Either Sex Nov 7-Nov 9, Nov 21-Nov 23 Bonus Deer Quota 200

Dove

2023-24

Hunt-and-Learn Georgia R3 Dove Field Sep 16 Sign-in

Sep 9, Sep 16, Sep 23, Nov 19-Nov 20, Dec 19-Jan 4, Jan 8-Jan 31 Sign-in

Sep 2 Sign-in Quota 200

2024-25

Hunt-and-Learn Georgia R3 Dove Field Sep 14 Sign-in

Sep 14, Sep 21, Sep 28, Nov 24-Nov 25, Dec 19-Jan 2, Jan 6-Jan 31 Sign-in

Sep 7 Sign-in Quota 200

Quail

2023-24

Dec 2, Dec 16, Jan 20 Sign-in

2024-25

Dec 7, Dec 21, Jan 18 Sign-in

Daily bag limit is 3 per person, 9 per party.

Rabbit

2023-24

Hunt-and-Learn Dec 9, Jan 5-Jan 7

2024-25

Hunt-and-Learn Dec 14, Jan 3-Jan 5

Bag limit=3 rabbits/person/day.

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Sep 29, Oct 9-Nov 1, Nov 5-Nov 9, Nov 15, Nov 19-Dec 8, Dec 10-Jan 4, Jan 8-Feb 29 Sign-in 2024-25

Aug 15-Sep 27, Oct 7-Nov 6, Nov 10, Nov 13-20, Nov 24-Dec 13, Dec 15-Jan 2, Jan 6-Feb 28 Sign-in

Turkey

2023-24

Hunt-and-Learn Apr 26-Apr 28

Apr 20-Apr 24, May 11-May 15 Sign-in Quota 25

Youth Apr 13-Apr 17, May 4-May 8 Sign-in Quota 25 2024-25

Hunt-and-Learn Apr 25-Apr 27

Apr 19-Apr 23, May 10-May 14 Sign-in Quota 25

Youth Apr 12-Apr 16, May 3-May 7 Sign-in Quota 25

Waterfowl

Shooting hours end at 12 noon.

Cohutta WMA

*Special Regulations

No ATV's except on designated ATV trails.

Coyote

May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number. Hogs must be killed immediately upon capture. No night hunting.

Deer/Bear

2023-24

Archery Buck Only Sep 9-Oct 4, Oct 9-Nov 28, Dec 4-Jan 1 Firearms Buck Only Oct 5-Oct 8, Nov 29-Dec 3 Bonus Deer 2024-25

Archery Buck Only Sep 14-Oct 2, Oct 7-Dec 3, Dec 9-Jan 1 Firearms Buck Only Oct 3-Oct 6, Dec 4-Dec 8 Bonus Deer

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

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2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

Collins Rd VPA

*Special Regulations

No ATVs. No camping. Bird dog training: Sun-Tues & Thurs-Fri year round. No May 16-31 coyote season.

Rabbit

2023-24

Nov 18, Nov 22, Nov 25, Nov 29, Dec 2, Dec 6, Dec 9, Dec 13, Dec 16, Dec 20, Dec 23, Dec 27, Dec 30, Jan 3, Jan 6, Jan 10, Jan 13, Jan 17, Jan 20, Jan 24, Jan 27, Jan 31, Feb 3, Feb 7, Feb 10, Feb 14, Feb 17, Feb 21, Feb 24, Feb 28 2024-25

Nov 16, Nov 20, Nov 23, Nov 27, Nov 30, Dec 4, Dec 7, Dec 11, Dec 14, Dec 18, Dec 21, Dec 25, Dec 28, Jan 1, Jan 4, Jan 8, Jan 11, Jan 15, Jan 18, Jan 22, Jan 25, Jan 29, Feb 1, Feb 5, Feb 8, Feb 12, Feb 15, Feb 19, Feb 22, Feb 26

Wed & Sat during statewide season

Small Game

Rabbit only

Conasauga River WMA

*Special Regulations

No ATVs. No camping.

Deer

Except during youth and quota waterfowl hunts.

Deer/Bear

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 1

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 1

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Sep 8, Feb 1-Feb 29 2024-25

Aug 15-Sep 13, Feb 1-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-Apr 28 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-Apr 27 Sign-in

Waterfowl

2023-24

Dec 9, Dec 16, Dec 23, Dec 30 Sign-in Quota 3

Sep 9-Sep 24

Youth Nov 11, Nov 18, Nov 25

2024-25

Dec 7, Dec 14, Dec 21, Dec 28 Sign-in Quota 3

Youth Nov 16, Nov 23, Nov 30

January - Saturdays only during statewide season.

Coopers Creek WMA

Coyote

May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

Deer/Bear

2023-24

Youth Firearms Buck Only Oct 6-Oct 8 Bonus Deer

Firearms Buck Only Dec 26-Jan 1

Archery Buck Only Sep 9-Oct 4, Oct 30-Nov 12

Firearms Buck Only Nov 29-Dec 3 Bonus Deer

Primitive Weapons Buck Only Oct 25-Oct 29

2024-25

Youth Firearms Buck Only Oct 4-Oct 6 Bonus Deer

Firearms Buck Only Dec 26-Jan 1

Archery Buck Only Sep 14-Oct 3, Nov 1-Nov 13

Firearms Buck Only Nov 27-Dec 1 Bonus Deer

Primitive Weapons Buck Only Oct 23-Oct 27 Bonus Deer

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 6-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 5-May 15 Sign-in

Coosawattee WMA

*Special Regulations

No ATV's. Hunters must sign-in for big game hunts and check-out bonus deer and bear at the Carter's Lake WMA check station.

Deer/Bear

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 19, Oct 23-Nov 9, Nov 13-Jan 1 Firearms Either Sex Nov 10-Nov 12 Bonus Deer Quota 100 Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 20-Oct 22 Bonus Deer 2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 20, Oct 24-Nov 9, Nov 13-Jan 1 Firearms Either Sex Nov 8-Nov 10 Bonus Deer Quota 100 Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 18-Oct 20 Bonus Deer

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Cordele Fish Hatchery

*Special Regulations

No May 16-31 coyote season.

Waterfowl

2023-24

Dec 16, Dec 30 Sign-in Quota 3

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Youth Dec 2, Jan 13 Sign-in Quota 3 2024-25

Dec 21, Jan 4 Sign-in Quota 3

Youth Dec 7, Jan 18 Sign-in Quota 3

Maximum 3 persons per party. Shooting hours end at 12 noon.

Designated Pond Only.

Crockford-Pigeon Mountain WMA

*Special Regulations

No ATV's. All non-hunting activities except camping are closed during firearms deer hunts. Additionally, horse and bicycle trails and areas are closed before 10:00am during archery deer and turkey season. Firearms restrictions apply to certain portions of the WMA (consult

Deer/Bear

2023-24

Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 21-Oct 22 Bonus Deer

Firearms Buck Only Dec 6-Dec 9 Bonus Deer

Archery Either Sex Dec 10-Jan 1

map for specific limitations).

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 21, Oct 23-Nov 15, Nov 19-Dec 5

Firearms Either Sex Last Day Nov 16-Nov 18 Bonus Deer 2024-25

Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 19-Oct 20 Bonus Deer

Archery Sep 14-Oct 18, Oct 21-Nov 13, Nov 17-Dec 10, Dec 15-Jan 1

Firearms Buck Only Dec 11-Dec 14 Bonus Deer

Firearms Either Sex Last Day Nov 14-Nov 16 Bonus Deer

Dog Training

Aug 15 - Mar 19, except during firearms deer hunts. Training limited to designated areas (see map).

Dove

2023-24

Sep 2, Sep 9, Sep 16, Sep 23, Oct 7-Oct 8, Nov 18-Nov 26, Dec 19-Jan 31

2024-25

Sep 7, Sep 14, Sep 21, Sep 28, Oct 5, Oct 12-Oct 13, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 19-Jan 31

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 20-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 13-Apr 19 Sign-in Quota 40

2024-25

Apr 19-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 12-Apr 18 Sign-in Quota 40

Cumberland Island National Seashore

*Special Regulations

Registration via GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com. Hunting fee is \$35. No standby hunters. No non-hunters. Cumberland Island ferry available for access to & from the island for a fee. Mandatory check-in one day prior to hunt at Plum Orchard & Brickhill Campgrounds. For youth hunts, children must be age 10-17, under 16 must be under direct supervision of an adult at all times during the hunt. On primitive weapons hunts, modern centerfire handguns that meet state regulations may be used. Buckshot prohibited. Minimum age for participation on all park hunts 10 years old. No baiting. All stands must be removed after the hunt. Visit www.nps.gov/cuis for detailed information. No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

Deer

2023-24

Youth Firearms Either Sex Dec 23-Dec 24 Bonus Deer Quota 50 Archery Either Sex Oct 3-Oct 5 Bonus Deer Quota 75

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Nov 7-Nov 9, Dec 5-Dec 7 Bonus Deer Quota 75

2024-25

Youth Firearms Either Sex Dec 21-Dec 22 Bonus Deer Quota 50 Archery Either Sex Oct 1-Oct 3 Bonus Deer Quota 75

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Nov 5-Nov 7, Dec 3-Dec 5 Bonus Deer Quota 75

Feral hog

2023-24

Firearms Hog Only Jan 9-Jan 11, Jan 23-Jan 25 Sign-in Quota 75

2024-25

Firearms Hog Only Jan 7-Jan 9, Jan 28-Jan 30 Sign-in Quota 75

Dawson Forest WMA

*Special Regulations

All trails are closed all day during firearms deer hunts and before 10:00 AM during archery and turkey seasons. Special rules apply to horse, bicycle, and camping use; rules are posted at trailhead, camping areas, & WMA check station. Permits are required for horse, bicycle, and camping use. Permits must be completed and on person to be valid. Roads on the city of Atlanta Tract are closed to vehicles daily from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. except for individuals legally camping, hunting, or fishing on the area.

Coyote

May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

Deer

Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.

Deer/Bear

2023-24

Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 13-Oct 15 Bonus Deer

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 9-Oct 11, Dec 11-Dec 24 Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Last Day Oct 26-Oct 29 Bonus Deer

Firearms Quality Buck Only Nov 8-Nov 12, Nov 30-Dec 3 Bonus Deer

2024-25

Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 11-Oct 13 Bonus Deer

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 14-Oct 10, Dec 9-Dec 21 Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Last Day Oct 24-Oct 27 Bonus Deer

Firearms Quality Buck Only Nov 6-Nov 10, Nov 28-Dec 1 Bonus Deer

Dove

2023-24

Sep 2 Quota 40

Sep 4, Sep 9, Sep 16, Sep 23, Nov 18-Nov 26, Dec 19-Jan 31 2024-25

Sep 14, Sep 21, Sep 28, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 19-Jan 31

Sep 7 Quota 40

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 6-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 5-May 15 Sign-in

Di-Lane Plantation WMA

*Special Regulations

Only Quality Bucks with at least four points (1 inch long or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread are legal. For information about bird dog field trials call 706-595-4222. No May 16-31 coyote season.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 9-Oct 11

Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 9-Nov 11 Bonus Deer Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 12-Oct 14, Oct 26-Oct 28 Bonus Deer Quota 400

2024-25

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 14-Oct 9

Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 14-Nov 16 Bonus Deer Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 10-Oct 12, Oct 24-Oct 26 Bonus Deer Quota 400

Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.

Dove

2023-24

Field 1 Sep 2 Sign-in Quota 100

Field 1 & 2 Sep 9, Sep 16, Sep 23, Sep 30, Oct 7, Nov 18-Nov 26 Sign-in

Field 2 Jan 1-Jan 31 Sign-in

Youth Field 2 Sep 2 Sign-in Quota 75

2024-25

Field 1 Sep 7 Sign-in Quota 100

Field 1 & 2 Sep 14, Sep 21, Sep 28, Oct 5, Nov 23-Dec 1 Sign-in

Field 2 Jan 1-Jan 31 Sign-in

Youth Field 2 Sep 7 Sign-in Quota 75

Quota; No dove hunting outside of dove fields. Field 2 only (South of Rocky Creek) Jan. 1-31

Quail

2023-24

Dec 2, Dec 6, Dec 9, Dec 13, Dec 16, Dec 20, Dec 27, Dec 30, Feb 7 Sign-in Quota 8

Youth Feb 3 Sign-in Quota 8

2024-25

Dec 4, Dec 7, Dec 11, Dec 14, Dec 18, Dec 21, Dec 28, Dec 31, Feb 5 Sign-in Quota 8

Youth Feb 1 Sign-in Quota 8

Quota: limit 6 quail/person, 12 quail/party. Quail hunters may take woodcock, snipe, and other gamebirds with an open season.

Rabbit & Rabbit/Fox

2023-24

Rabbit

Nov 19-20, Nov 23, Nov 26-27, Nov 30 Sign-in

Rabbit/Fox

Dec 3-4, Dec 7, Dec 10-11, Dec 14, Dec 17-18, Dec 21, Dec 24-25, Dec 28, Dec 31-Jan 1, Jan 4, Jan 7-8, Jan 11, Jan 14-15, Jan 18, Jan 21-22, Jan 25, Jan 28-29, Feb 1, Feb 4-5, Feb 8, Feb, 11-12, Feb 15, Feb 17-18, Feb 22, Feb 25-26, Feb 29 Sign-in 2024-25

Rabbit

Nov 17-18, Nov 21, Nov 24-25, Nov 28 Sign-in

Rabbit/Fox

Dec 1-2, Dec 5, Dec 8-9, Dec 12, Dec 15-16, Dec 19, Dec 22-23, Dec 26, Dec 29-30, Jan 2, Jan 5-6, Jan 9, Jan 12-13, Jan 16, Jan 19-20, Jan 23, Jan 26-27, Jan 30, Feb 2-3, Feb 6, Feb 9-10, Feb 13, Feb 16-17, Feb 20, Feb 23-24, Feb 27 Sign-in

Rabbit & Fox hunting on designated dates; Jan. 1-31: South of Rocky Creek only.

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29 Sign-in

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28 Sign-in

Jan. 1-31: Rabbit, fox, raccoon, and woodcock hunting permitted South of Rocky Creek only.

Turkey

2023-24

May 4-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 20-Apr 26, Apr 27-May 3 Sign-in Quota 30

Youth Apr 13-Apr 19 Sign-in Quota 20

2024-25

May 3-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 19-Apr 25, Apr 26-May 2 Sign-in Quota 30

Youth Apr 12-Apr 18 Sign-in Quota 20

Dixon Bay WMA

*Special Regulations

No camping. Furbearer and alligator hunting prohibited.

Alligator

Alligator hunting prohibited.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Nov 10

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Nov 11-Jan 14 2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Nov 8

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Nov 9-Jan 12

Small Game

Furbearer hunting prohibited.

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Dixon Memorial WMA

*Special Regulations

Alligators may not be taken on the Federal portion of Cowhouse Island or Laura S. Walker State Park. No airboats. Archery Only Areas apply only to deer hunting, firearms may be used for other species.

Bear

2023-24

Archery Sep 21-Sep 23

Firearms Sep 28-Sep 30, Nov 2-Nov 4 Bonus Deer

Firearms Oct 5-Oct 7

2024-25

Archery Sep 19-Sep 21

Firearms Sep 26-Sep 28, Nov 7-Nov 9 Bonus Deer

Firearms Oct 3-Oct 5

Bears may not be taken on the Federal portion of Cowhouse Island.

Covote

May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

Deer

2023-24

Firearms Buck Only Oct 14-Oct 29

Firearms Dog Deer Nov 17-Nov18, Dec 1-Dec 2 Buckshot only Quota 3

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Sep 26, Oct 1-Oct 4, Oct 8-Oct 13

Firearms Either Sex Oct 5 – Oct 7, Nov 22-Nov 26

Firearms Either Sex Sep 28-Sep 30, Nov 2-Nov 4 Bonus Deer 2024-25

Firearms Either Sex Sep 26-Sep 28, Nov 7 – Nov 9 Bonus Deer Firearms Buck Only Oct 12-Oct 27

Firearms Dog Deer Nov 22-Nov 23, Dec 6-Dec 7 Buckshot only Quota 3

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Sep 24, Sep 29-Oct 2, Oct 6-Oct 11 Firearms Either Sex Oct 3 – Oct 5, Nov 27-Dec 1

Dog-deer hunting allowed in designated area only. All dogs used in the dog-deer hunt must be marked with the selected hunter's name and phone number. The dog-deer hunting area will be closed to all users during dog-deer hunts except to hunters with a valid quota permit.

Dove

2023-24

Nov 18-Nov 21

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 6-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Dodge County PFA

*Special Regulations

Hunting in designated area only. Area map posted at office and kiosk. No May 16-31 coyote season.

Alligator

2023-24

Sep 8-Sep 10 Sign-in

2024-25

Sep 13-Sep 15 Sign-in

Night hunting only.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Nov 2-Nov 12

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Oct 31-Nov 10

Turkey

2023-24

Youth Apr 20-Apr 21, Apr 27-Apr 28 Sign-in Quota 2 2024-25

Youth Apr 19-Apr 20, Apr 26-Apr 27 Sign-in Quota 2

Doerun Pitcherplant Bog WMA

*Special Regulations

Doerun Pitcherplant Bog WMA contains rare species and sensitive habitats. To protect these resources, vehicular access is limited. No ATVs or horses allowed. No Camping. No May 16-31 coyote season.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 14

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12

Small Game

2023-24

Jan 10-Feb 29

2024-25

Jan 9-Feb 28

No fox or bobcat hunting. No fox squirrel hunting.

Turkey

2023-24

Youth Apr 13-Apr 14, Apr 20-Apr 21 Sign-in Quota 1 2024-25

Youth Apr 12-Apr 13, Apr 19-Apr 20 Sign-in Quota 1

Don Carter State Park

*Special Regulations

Prior to hunting, hunters must check in with the Park Office or Check In Station to get site specific information on the Park Managed Hunt or attend the pre-hunt meeting scheduled the day prior to the managed hunt. Hunt participants will be charged a \$30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a \$5 Park Pass will be required. Coyotes and feral hogs may be taken during deer hunts. No ATVs. All park access is closed to the public during hunts.

Deer

2023-24

Firearms Nov 14-16 Bonus Deer Quota 55 2023-24

Firearms Nov 12-14 Bonus Deer Quota 55

5 deer limit, no more than 2 may be antlered bucks.

Note: Archery option for up to 5 hunters.

Dukes Creek - Smithgall Woods State Park

*Special Regulations

No May 16-31 coyote season.

Deer/Bear

2023-24

Archery Buck Only Sep 15-Sep 17

Firearms Buck Only Nov 29-Dec 2

Primitive Weapons Buck Only Nov 8-Nov 11

Specialty Firearms Buck Only Oct 13-Oct 15 2024-25

Archery Buck Only Sep 14-Sep 15

Firearms Buck Only Nov 27-Nov 30

Primitive Weapons Buck Only Nov 13-Nov 16

Specialty Firearms Buck Only Oct 11-Oct 13

Small Game

2023-24

Dec 7-Dec 9, Jan 4-Jan 6, Feb 1-Feb 3

2024-25

Dec 5-Dec 7, Jan 2-Jan 4, Jan 30-Feb 1

Small Game hunting by reservation only. Maximum 10 furbearer hunters/25 small game hunters per hunt period. Reservations must be made beginning Nov. 1 by calling (706) 878-3087.

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-Apr 14, Apr 27-Apr 28, May 11-May 12 Sign-in Quota 20 2024-25

Apr 11-Apr 13, Apr 25-Apr 27, May 9-May 11 Quota 20

Dupont Tract VPA

*Special Regulations

No May 16-31 coyote season.

Bear					
2023-24					
Archery Sep 21-Sep 23					
Archery Sep 28-Sep 30, Oct 5-Oct 7, Oct 12-Oct 14					
2024-25					
Archery Sep 19-Sep 21					
Archery Sep 26-Sep 28, Oct 3-Oct 5, Oct 10-Oct 12 Deer					
2023-24					
Archery Nov 13-Jan 14					
Archery Sep 9-Oct 27					
Firearms Oct 28-Nov 12					
2024-25					
Firearms Oct 26-Nov 10					
Archery Nov 11-Jan 12					
Archery Sep 14-Oct 25					
Small Game 2023-24					
Aug 15-Feb 29					
2024-25					
Aug 15-Feb 28					
Turkey					
2023-24					
Apr 6-May 15 Sign-in					
2024-25					
Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in					
Echeconnee Creek WMA					
*Special Regulations					
Archery only area. Public access to Ocmulgee River tract is only by					
boat. No camping. No firearms hunting allowed.					
Deer					
2023-24					
Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 14					
2024-25					

Small Game

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12

2023-24

Archery Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Archery Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Archery Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Archery Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Waterfowl

Shooting hours end at 12 noon.

Elbert County WMA

*Special Regulations

Beverly Tract is Archery Only for deer. No camping. Sign-in required only on Vaughter Tract.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 13

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 14-Oct 20

Firearms Buck Only Oct 21-Oct 27

Firearms Either Sex Oct 28-Jan 1

2024-25

Firearms Either Sex Nov 2-Jan 1

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18

Firearms Buck Only Oct 19-Nov 1

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 6-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 5-May 15 Sign-in

Elmodel WMA

*Special Regulations

No Camping. Dog training in designated area only.

Coyote

May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 31

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 31

Dove

2023-24

Sep 2-Oct 8, Nov 18-Nov 26, Dec 19-Jan 31

2024-25

Sep 7-Oct 13, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 19-Jan 31

Quail

2023-24

Nov 14, Nov 18, Nov 21, Nov 25, Nov 28, Dec 2, Dec 5, Dec 9, Dec 12, Dec 16, Dec 19, Dec 23, Dec 26, Dec 30, Jan 2, Jan 6, Jan 9, Jan 13, Jan 16, Jan 20, Jan 23, Jan 27, Feb 3, Feb 10, Feb 17 Sign-in 2024-25

Nov 16, Nov 19, Nov 23, Nov 26, Nov 30, Dec 3, Dec 7, Dec 10, Dec 14, Dec 17, Dec 21, Dec 24, Dec 28, Jan 4, Jan 7, Jan 11, Jan 14, Jan 18, Jan 21, Jan 25, Jan 28, Feb 1, Feb 8, Feb 15, Feb 22 Sign-in Quail hunting on designated dates only. Hunting party must check-in harvest at kiosk or online. Complete one check-in (survey) per party. Bag limit is 3 per person.

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

No fox or bobcat hunting.

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in 2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Eufaula NWR

*Special Regulations

Apply Aug. 1-Sept. 15 for youth deer hunts; Aug. 1-Sept. 15 for waterfowl hunts. Eligible ages for all youth hunts (deer and waterfowl) are 10-15 years. A waterfowl permit holder is allowed to bring up to two guests (no more than three individuals/blind). No May 16-31 coyote & hog season. For additional information, please visit https://www.fws.gov/refuge/eufaula/.

Alligator

Closed to alligator hunting.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 14

Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 7, Oct 21 Bonus Deer 2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12

Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 5, Oct 19 Bonus Deer Bradley Unit opens for archery Nov. 1.

Waterfowl

Q16 Ducks and Geese Only: Wednesdays during statewide season. Shell limit is 25. Youth Hunt: Check with refuge office for specific dates. Shell limit is 25. Portions of Chattahoochee River and Walter F. George Reservoir within the Eufaula NWR boundaries are closed to waterfowl hunting.

Evans County PFA

*Special Regulations

All hunters must sign-in at PFA office prior to hunting. No small game hunting.

Alligator

2023-24

Sep 1-Sep 3 Sign-in

2024-25 Aug 30-Sep 1 Sign-in Night hunting only.

F.D. Roosevelt State Park

*Special Regulations

Prior to hunting, hunters must check in with the Park Office or Check In Station to get site specific information on the Park Managed Hunt or attend the pre-hunt meeting scheduled the day prior to the managed hunt. Hunt participants will be charged a \$30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a \$5 Park Pass will be required. Coyotes and feral hogs may be taken during deer hunts. No ATVs. All park access is closed to the public during hunts.

Deer

2024-25

Firearms Either Sex Jan 7-Jan 8 Bonus Deer Quota 150 5 deer limit, no more than 2 may be antlered bucks.

Note: Archery option for up to 10 hunters.

Fishing Creek WMA

Coyote

May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 13

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 14-Oct 20

Firearms Buck Only Oct 21-Nov 3

Firearms Either Sex Nov 4-Jan 1

2024-25

Firearms Either Sex Nov 2-Jan 1

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18

Firearms Buck Only Oct 19-Nov 1

Dove

2023-24

Sep 2-Oct 8, Nov 18-Nov 26, Dec 19-Jan 31 2024-25

Sep 7-Oct 13, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 19-Jan 31

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Waterfowl

Wednesdays and Saturdays only during statewide season on waterfowl impoundments. Shooting hours end at 12 noon.

Flat Creek PFA

*Special Regulations

No camping. No May 16-31 coyote season.

Alligator

2023-24

Sep 8-Sep 10

2024-25

Sep 13-Sep 15

Night only. No daytime hunting.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 14

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12

Dog Training

Bird dog and Rabbit dog training allowed August 15-March 15 only, outside of deer hunts.

Dove

2023-24

Sep 30, Oct 7, Nov 18-Nov 26, Dec 19-Jan 31

Youth Sep 2, Sep 9, Sep 16, Sep 23

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2024-25

Oct 5, Oct 12, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 19-Jan 31

Youth Sep 7, Sep 14, Sep 21, Sep 28

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Youth Apr 13-Apr 21 Sign-in

Apr 22-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Youth Apr 12-Apr 20 Sign-in

Apr 21-May 15 Sign-in

Waterfowl

2023-24

Nov 18, Nov 25 Sign-in Quota 3

2024-25

Nov 23, Nov 30 Sign-in Quota 3

During second season Wednesdays and Saturdays only. Shooting hours end at 12 noon.

Flat Tub WMA

*Special Regulations

No ATVs.

Coyote

May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 13

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 14-Oct 20

Firearms Buck Only Oct 21-Nov 18, Dec 26-Jan 14

Firearms Either Sex Nov 19-Nov 30

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11 Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18 Firearms Buck Only Oct 19-Nov 16, Dec 26-Jan 12 Firearms Either Sex Nov 17-Nov 30

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in 2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Flint River WMA

Coyote

May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 9-Sep 18, Nov 19-Nov 28 Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 2-Nov 4 Quota 25 Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 16-Nov 18 Bonus Deer Quota 25

Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 7-Oct 15 2024-25

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 14-Sep 23, Nov 17-Nov 26 Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 31-Nov 2 Quota 25 Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 14-Nov 16 Bonus Deer Quota 25

Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 12-Oct 20 Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.

Dove

2023-24

Sep 9, Sep 16-Oct 6, Nov 19-Nov 26, Dec 19-Jan 31

Youth Sep 2

2024-25

Sep 14, Sep 21-Oct 11, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 19-Jan 31 Youth Sep 7

Quail

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Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 16-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Fort Gordon

*Special Regulations

Hunting and fishing permits are offered to the general public through "ftgordon.isportsman.net". Lottery winners can purchase any outdoor recreation permit, valid for one year from date of purchase or no later than Aug. 1 of the year following the drawing

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield

*Special Regulations

All hunters must set up an account and acquire a permit at https://ftstewart.isportsman.net. All hunting is subject to post regulations and access for hunting is not guaranteed. Mandatory daily check-in/out via iSportsman system. Feral hogs and coyote hunting is authorized year-round during legal shooting hours.

Alligator

2023-24

Aug 18-Oct 2

2024-25

Aug 16 -Oct 7

Alligator hunting is by lottery only. Zone 8A lottery is conducted through https://ftstewart.isportsman.net. Zone 8A alligator tags count towards the statewide bag limit of 1 alligator.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 13

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 14-Oct 20

Archery Either Sex Jan 8-Jan 31

Firearms Either Sex Oct 21-Jan 7

2024-25

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11, Jan 6-Jan 31

Firearms Either Sex Oct 19-Jan 5

Additional permits and restrictions apply. For all information pertaining to seasons, bag limits, mandatory check stations, and post regulations go to https://ftstewart.isportsman.net. Hunting permits are offered to the general public. All hunters regardless of age, must possess valid Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Annual or Daily Hunting permit in addition to a valid Hunter Education Certification, Georgia Hunting License, and harvest record. Daily access is not guaranteed. Deer either-sex dates during general firearms season differ from GA DNR operated areas.

Quail

2023-24

Nov 11-Feb 29

2024-25

Dec 9-Feb 28

Rabbit

2023-24

Nov 11-Feb 29

2024-25

Dec 9-Feb 28

Squirrel

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 1-May 15

2024-25

Apr 5-May 15

All turkeys harvested on Fort Stewart count toward your Georgia statewide bag limit.

Fort Yargo State Park

*Special Regulations

Prior to hunting, hunters must check in with the Park Office or Check In Station to get site specific information on the Park Managed Hunt or attend the pre-hunt meeting scheduled the day prior to the managed hunt. Hunt participants will be charged a \$30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a \$5 Park Pass will be required. Coyotes and feral hogs may be taken during deer hunts. No ATVs. All park access is closed to the public during hunts.

Deer

2023-24

Firearms Either Sex Nov 28-Nov 29 Bonus Deer Quota 85 2024-25

Firearms Either Sex Nov 19-Nov 20 Bonus Deer Quota 85 5 deer limit, no more than 2 may be antlered bucks.

Gaither WMA

*Special Regulations

No horseback riding. Bicycles are only permitted for hunter access. Archery only area is South of Old Post Rd and East of Davis Ford Rd and is only for deer on the deer hunting dates. All other species can be hunted with firearms except deer in this area. No May 16-31 coyote season.

Deer

2023-24

Youth Firearms Either Sex Dec 25-Dec 31 Quota 25

Archery Either Sex Oct 21-Oct 29, Nov 13-Nov 19, Dec 4-Dec 10 Firearms Either Sex Nov 3-Nov 5, Jan 12-Jan 14 Quota 25 2024-25

Youth Firearms Either Sex Dec 23-Dec 29 Quota 25 Archery Either Sex Oct 19-Oct 27, Nov 11-Nov 17, Dec 2-Dec 8

Firearms Either Sex Nov 8-Nov 10, Jan 10-Jan 12 Quota 25

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29 Sign-in 2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28 Sign-in

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-Apr 17, Apr 20-Apr 24, Apr 27-May 1 Sign-in Quota 10 2024-25

Apr 12-Apr 16, Apr 19-Apr 23, Apr 26-Apr 30 Sign-in Quota 10 Waterfowl

Shooting hours end at 12 noon.

Germany Creek WMA

*Special Regulations

No camping.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 13

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 14-Oct 20

Firearms Buck Only Oct 21-Nov 3

Firearms Either Sex Nov 4-Jan 1

2024-25

Firearms Either Sex Nov 2-Jan 1

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18

Firearms Buck Only Oct 19-Nov 1

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Grand Bay WMA

*Special Regulations

Deer may be hunted only Saturdays and Sundays during the state season Harvested deer must be removed from the area whole (no field dressing). No May 16-31 Feral Hog and Coyote season. No ATVs or motorcycles. A valid Moody Air Force Base Hunting and Fishing

Permit may be substituted for WMA license. Hiking trail from check station closed to hikers during firearms deer hunts. Federal lands within WMA may be closed for military training.

Deer

2023-24

Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 30-Oct 1

Firearms Either Sex Oct 7-Oct 8 Bonus Deer

2024-25

Youth Firearms Either Sex Sept 28 – Sept 29

Firearms Either Sex Oct 5 – Oct 6 Bonus Deer

Saturdays and Sundays during state seasons only.

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

No fox squirrel or furbearer hunting. Saturdays and Sundays only.

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 27-Apr 28 Sign-in

Youth Apr 6-Apr 7, Apr 20-Apr 21 Sign-in

2024-25

May 3-May 4 Sign-in

Youth Apr 12-Apr 13, Apr 26-Apr 27 Sign-in

Waterfowl

Saturdays and Sundays only during statewide season. Shooting hours end at 12 noon.

Griffin Ridge WMA

*Special Regulations

No ATVs or horses. No vehicles allowed beyond designed parking areas. River access allowed. Camping only at Fountain Hole camping area.

Coyote

May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

Deer

2023-24

Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 27-Oct 29

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 13, Dec 2-Dec 24

Firearms Either Sex Nov 5-Nov 12

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 14-Oct 22

2024-25

Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 1-Nov 3

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11, Dec 7-Dec 29

Firearms Either Sex Nov 8-Nov 17

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 20

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

No furbearer season.

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 120-Apr 26, May 5-May 10, May 11-May 15 Sign-in Quota 25 Youth Apr 13-Apr 119 Sign-in Quota 25 2024-25

Apr 19-Apr 25, May 3-May 9, May 10-May 15 Sign-in Quota 25 Youth Apr 12-Apr 18 Sign-in Quota 25

Hannahatchee WMA

Coyote

May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 13

Firearms Either Sex Oct 21-Jan 14

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 14-Oct 20

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11

Firearms Either Sex Oct 19-Jan 12 Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18

Dove

2023-24

Sep 2-Oct 8, Nov 18-Nov 26, Dec 19-Jan 31

2024-25

Sep 7-Oct 13, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 19-Jan 31

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Hard Labor Creek State Park

*Special Regulations

Prior to hunting, hunters must check in with the Park Office or Check In Station to get site specific information on the Park Managed Hunt or attend the pre-hunt meeting scheduled the day prior to the managed hunt. Hunt participants will be charged a \$30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a \$5 Park Pass will be required. Coyotes and feral hogs may be taken during deer hunts. No ATVs. All park access is closed to the public during hunts.

Deer

2023-24

Firearms Either Sex Nov 7-Nov 8 Bonus Deer Quota 250 2024-25

Firearms Either Sex Nov 5-Nov 6 Bonus Deer Quota 250 5 deer limit, no more than 2 may be antlered bucks.

Harris Neck NWR

*Special Regulations

All hunters 16 years of age or older must purchase a \$25 Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex Annual Hunt Permit at https://savannahcoastal.recaccess.com. Visit

www.fws.gov/refuge/harris_neck for seasons, dates and more information. No May 16-31 coyote season.

Hart County WMA

Deer/Bear

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 13

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 14-Oct 20

Firearms Buck Only Oct 21-Nov 16

Firearms Either Sex Nov 17-Nov 19

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18

Firearms Buck Only Oct 19-Nov 14

Firearms Either Sex Nov 15-Nov 17

Dove

2023-24

Sep 2, Sep 4, Sep 9, Sep 16, Sep 23, Nov 18-Nov 26, Dec 19-Jan 31 2024-25

Sep 7, Sep 14, Sep 21, Sep 28, Oct 5, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 19-Jan 31

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 6-Apr 13, Apr 27-May 4 Quota 5

2024-25

Apr 5-Apr 12, Apr 26-May 3 Quota 5

Hiltonia WMA

*Special Regulations

No camping. No furbearer season.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Nov 10

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Nov 11-Jan 14 2024-25

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Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Nov 9

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Nov 10-Jan 12

Dove

2023-24

Sep 2, Sep 9, Sep 16, Sep 23, Sep 30, Nov 18-Nov 26, Dec 19-Jan 31 2024-25

Sep 7, Sep 14, Sep 21, Sep 28, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 19-Jan 31 Saturdays only during 1st season.

Small Game

No furbearer season.

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Hitchiti Experimental Forest

*Special Regulations

Dates and regulations are the same as Piedmont NWR. The Hitchiti Experimental Forest is open for hunting only during Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge hunting seasons with a valid Piedmont Refuge hunting permit and in accordance with refuge specific regulations.

Small Game

Bag Limit of 1/day for Fox Squirrel

Turkey

Bag Limit 1

Horse Creek WMA

Deer

2023-24

Specialty Firearms Either Sex Sep 30-Oct 1

Firearms Buck Only Oct 25-Oct 28

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Sep 13, Sep 17-Sep 29, Oct 2-Oct 24, Jan 1-Jan 14

Firearms Either Sex Dec 7-Dec 9

Firearms Either Sex Nov 16-Nov 18 Bonus Deer

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Sep 14-Sep 16

2024-25

Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 5-Oct 6

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Sep 19-Sep 21

Firearms Buck Only Oct 23-Oct 26

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Sep 18, Sep 22-Sep 27, Oct 7-Oct 22, Jan 1-Jan 12

Firearms Either Sex Dec 12-Dec 14

Firearms Either Sex Nov 14-Nov 16 Bonus Deer

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Hugh M. Gillis PFA

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Nov 3-Nov 13

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Oct 30-Nov 10

Turkey

2023-24

Youth Apr 19-Apr 20, May 3-May 4 Sign-in Quota 2 2024-25

Youth Apr 18-Apr 19, May 2-May 3 Sign-in Quota 2

Indian Ford Farm Dove Fields

*Special Regulations

Hunters must sign-in at check station at 12:00 P.M. Maps and instructions will be provided at sign-in. Hunt is 12:00 PM until 7:00 PM. No ATVs. Hunters must use open gates to access fields; DO NOT climb fences. It is of utmost importance to have no litter left behind, including expended shotgun shells. Extra caution should be taken to ensure absolutely no live shells are left behind. No small game or May 16-31 coyote season.

Dove

2023-24

Youth Sep 9 Sign-in Quota 50

2024-25

Youth Sep 14 Sign-in Quota 50

J.L. Lester WMA

*Special Regulations

No ATV's. No night hunting. Fishing prohibited during deer hunts, quota hunts and field trials. No May 16-31 coyote season.

Coyote

No May 16-31 coyote or hog season

Deer/Bear

2023-24

Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 7-Oct 8, Jan 13-Jan 14 Bonus Deer Quota 20

Archery Either Sex Nov 20-Nov 26, Dec 25-Jan 1 2024-25

Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 5-Oct 6, Jan 11-Jan 12 Bonus Deer Quota 20

Archery Either Sex Nov 25-Dec 1, Dec 23-Jan 1

Dog Training

Bird & Rabbit Dog Training Area: Aug 15 - Mar 19, except during deer hunts, quota hunts and field trials.

Dove

2023-24

Sep 16, Sep 23, Sep 30

Youth Sep 2, Sep 9

2024-25

Sep 21, Sep 28

Youth Sep 7, Sep 14

Quail

2023-24

Jan 6, Feb 25 Quota 5

2024-25

Jan 5, Feb 22 Quota 5

Rabbit

2023-24

Jan 7, Feb 24 Quota 5

2024-25

Jan 4, Feb 23 Quota 5

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in 2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Joe Kurz WMA

*Special Regulations

Deer

2023-24

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 5-Nov 12

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 9-Sep 17

Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Last Day Oct 19-Oct 21, Nov 2-Nov 4 Bonus Deer Quota 100

2024-25

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 14-Sep 22, Nov 3-Nov 10 Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Last Day Oct 17-Oct 19, Oct 31-Nov 2 Bonus Deer Quota 100

Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.

Dog Training

Bird Dog Training Area: Aug 15 - Mar 19 except during deer hunts and quota hunts.

Dove

2023-24

Sep 2, Sep 9, Sep 16, Sep 23, Sep 30, Oct 7-Oct 8, Nov 18-Nov 26, Dec 19-Jan 31

2024-25

Sep 7, Sep 14, Sep 21, Sep 28, Oct 5, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 19-Jan 31 **Quail**

2023-24

Dec 2, Jan 13, Feb 3 Sign-in Quota 3

2024-25

Dec 7, Jan 11, Feb 1 Sign-in Quota 3

Quail hunting prohibited except for quail quota hunts. Small game hunting prohibited during deer hunts.

Rabbit

Bag limit=3 rabbits/person/day.

Small Game

Small game hunting prohibited during deer hunts.

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-Apr 21, May 4-May 12 Sign-in Quota 25 2024-25

Apr 12-Apr 20, May 3-May 11 Sign-in Quota 25

Waterfowl

State season on Wednesdays and Saturdays only during small game dates and Federal Youth Waterfowl Day. Shooting hours end at 12 noon.

John's Mountain WMA

*Special Regulations

No ATV's.

Deer/Bear

2023-24

Firearms Buck Only Dec 26-Jan 1

Firearms Either Sex Oct 28-Oct 29 Bonus Deer

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 28, Oct 30-Nov 8, Nov 12-Dec 25

Firearms Either Sex Last Day Nov 9-Nov 11 Bonus Deer 2024-25

Firearms Buck Only Dec 26-Jan 1

Firearms Either Sex Oct 26-Oct 27 Bonus Deer

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 25, Oct 28-Nov 20, Nov 24-Dec 25

Firearms Either Sex Last Day Nov 21-Nov 23 Bonus Deer

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in 2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Keg Creek WMA

*Special Regulations

No camping.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 14

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Lake Russell WMA

Coyote

May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

Deer/Bear

2023-24

Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 3-Nov 5 Bonus Deer

Firearms Buck Only Nov 22-Nov 25 Bonus Deer

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 5, Oct 9-Oct 13

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Dec 6-Dec 10 Bonus Deer

2024-25

Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 4-Oct 6Bonus Deer

Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 1-Nov 3 Bonus Deer

Firearms Buck Only Nov 27-Nov 30 Bonus Deer Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 3, Oct 7-Oct 11 Primitive Weapons Either Sex Dec 11-Dec 15 Bonus Deer

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 6-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 5-May 15 Sign-in

Lake Seminole WMA

*Special Regulations

No camping. No May 16-31 coyote season.

Deer

2023-24

Firearms Either Sex Oct 21-Jan 14

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 31

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 14-Jan 14

2024-25

Firearms Either Sex Oct 19-Jan 12

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 31

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Jan 12

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Waterfowl

State Season. No hunting waterfowl within 300 yards of a house, dock, building, or other structure, or a developed recreation area (i.e. beach, camp-ground, boat ramp, etc.)

Lake Sidney Lanier - Buford Dam

*Special Regulations

All facilities will be closed to the general public during the hunts. Limit: 2, only one of which may be antlered. Hunters must apply by letter no later than October 10, 4:30 PM. Hunters must attend a prehunt meeting at 7:00 P.M. the evening before the hunt.

Lake Sidney Lanier – Islands

*Special Regulations

Hunters must apply by letter no later than October 10, 4:30 PM. Visit http://go.usa.gov/SE85 for more information. No May 16-31 coyote season.

Deer

Limit of one deer per day which counts against state bag limit. Hunters must record harvest through Georgia Game Check.

Lake Walter F. George WMA

*Special Regulations

No camping. No May 16-31 coyote season.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 14

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Waterfowl

State season. No hunting waterfowl within 300 yards of a house, dock, building, or other structure, or a developed recreation area (i.e. beach, camp-ground, boat ramp, etc.) Eufaula Wildlife Refuge has separate regulations.

Lanahassee WMA

Quail

Quail hunting on designated dates only. Hunting party must check-in harvest at kiosk or online. Complete one check-in (survey) per party. Bag limit is 3 per person.

Lanahassee WMA

Coyote

May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 9-Oct 13, Oct 21-Nov 5 Primitive Weapons Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 14-Oct 20 Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 16-Nov 18, Nov 30-Dec 2 Bonus Deer Quota 50

Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Dec 24-Dec 30 2024-25

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 14-Oct 11, Oct 19-Nov 3 Primitive Weapons Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 12-Oct 18 Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 14-Nov 16, Nov 28-Nov 30 Bonus Deer Quota 50

Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Dec 22-Dec 28 Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.

Quail

2023-24

Nov 25, Dec 5, Dec 9 Sign-in 2024-25

Nov 23, Dec 3, Dec 7 Sign-in

Bag limit is 3 per person. Hunting party must check-in harvest at kiosk or online. Complete one check-in (survey) per party.

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

Turkey hunting prohibited due to low population levels.

Little Ocmulgee State Park

Alligator

*Alligator hunting by special permit only; open only to drawn quota hunters for alligator zone #5 who apply and are selected for the park hunt. Interested hunters must call 229-868-7474 no later than close of business on July 31 to apply. Selected hunters will be charged a \$30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a \$5 Park Pass is required. Only night hunting is permitted (30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise). Hunting is allowed Sunday nights through Thursday nights only, during state season. Special permit restrictions apply. Only one vessel is permitted per special permit. Fishing/boating and other non-permitted lake activities are prohibited by regulation after sunset and before sunrise.

Little Satilla WMA

*Special Regulations

No camping.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 13

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 14-Oct 20

Firearms Buck Only Oct 21-Oct 22

Firearms Either Sex Oct 23-Jan 14

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18

Firearms Buck Only Oct 19-Oct 20 Firearms Either Sex Oct 21-Jan 12

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 6-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Lola Tract VPA

*Special Regulations

No May 16-31 coyote season.

Bear

2023-24

Archery Sep 21-Sep 23, Sep 28-Sep 30, Oct 5-Oct 7, Oct 12-Oct 14 2024-25

Archery Sep 19-Sep 21, Sep 26-Sep 28, Oct 3-Oct 5, Oct 10-Oct 12

Deer

2023-24

Firearms Either Sex Oct 28-Nov 12

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 27, Nov 13-Jan 14

2024-25

Firearms Either Sex Oct 26-Nov 10

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 25, Nov 11-Jan 12

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 6-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

London Farms VPA

*Special Regulations

No May 16-31 coyote season. Selected hunters may check in at 6:00 a.m. and hunt from 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset. No blinds, buckets, seats, or any other devices may be placed on the field until 6:30 a.m. and the hunter has checked in. Selected hunter may bring up to two guests. No stand-bys. All hunters must check out prior to leaving for the day.

Dove

2023-24

Sep 2, Sep 9 Quota 30

2024-25

Sep 7, Sep 14 Quota 30

Lower Broad River WMA

*Special Regulations

No camping.

Covote

May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 13

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 14-Oct 20

Firearms Buck Only Oct 21-Nov 3

Firearms Either Sex Nov 4-Jan 1

2024-25

Firearms Either Sex Nov 2-Jan 1

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18

Firearms Buck Only Oct 19-Nov 1

Dove

2023-24

Sep 9, Sep 16, Sep 23, Sep 30, Oct 7, Nov 18-Nov 26, Dec 19-Jan 31

Sep 2 Sign-in Quota 30

2024-25

Sep 14, Sep 21, Sep 28, Oct 5, Oct 12, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 19-Jan 31

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Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Lula Bridge WMA

*Special Regulations

No May 16-31 coyote season.

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Waterfowl

2023-24

Sep 2-Sep 24, Oct 7-Oct 22, Nov 18-Nov 26, Dec 9-Jan 31

Youth Nov 11-Nov 12

2024-25

Sep 7-Sep 28, Oct 5-Oct 20, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 7-Jan 31

Youth Nov 9-Nov 10

Mayhaw WMA

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 13

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 14-Oct 20

Firearms Buck Only Oct 21-Nov 30

Firearms Either Sex Dec 15-Jan 14

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18

Firearms Buck Only Oct 19-Nov 30

Firearms Either Sex Dec 15-Jan 12

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Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 5-May 15 Sign-in

McDuffie PFA

*Special Regulations

No May 16-31 coyote season.

Dove

2023-24

Sep 9, Sep 16, Sep 23, Sep 30

Sep 2 Sign-in Quota 25

2024-25

Sep 14, Sep 21, Sep 28

Sep 7 Sign-in Quota 25

Waterfowl

2023-24

Dec 9, Dec 16, Dec 23, Dec 30

2024-25

Dec 7, Dec 14, Dec 21, Dec 28

Waterfowl hunters must check kiosk at entrance gate for information on which ponds are open. Designated ponds only. Shooting hours end at 12 noon.

McEntire Road VPA

*Special Regulations

No ATV's. VPA is only open to the public for hunting during designated seasons. All other access is prohibited. No May 16-31 coyote season.

Coyote

No May 16-31 coyote or hog season

Dove

2023-24

Sep 2, Sep 9, Sep 16, Sep 23, Sep 30-Oct 8

2024-25

Sep 7, Sep 14, Sep 21, Sep 28-Oct 13

McGraw Ford WMA

*Special Regulations

No ATV's.

Deer/Bear

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 1

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 1

Dove

2023-24

Sep 2, Sep 9, Sep 16, Sep 23, Sep 30, Oct 7-Oct 8, Nov 18-Nov 26,

Dec 19-Jan 31

2024-25

Sep 7, Sep 14, Sep 21, Sep 28, Oct 5, Oct 12-Oct 13, Nov 23-Dec 1,

Dec 19-Jan 31

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 20-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 13-Apr 19 Sign-in Quota 10

2024-25

Apr 19 -May 15 Sign-in

Apr 12-Apr 18 Sign-in Quota 10

Mead Farm WMA

*Special Regulations

Foot traffic only. No camping. Bird dog training is allowed year-round.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 1

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 1

Archery only.

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Waterfowl

2023-24

Youth Nov 11, Nov 18, Nov 25

Sep 9, Sep 13, Sep 16, Sep 20, Sep 23, Dec 9, Dec 13, Dec 16, Dec 20, Dec 23, Dec 27, Dec 30, Jan 3, Jan 6, Jan 10, Jan 13, Jan 17, Jan 20,

Jan 24, Jan 27

2024-25

Youth Nov 16, Nov 23, Nov 30

Sep 14, Sep 18, Sep 21, Sep 25, Sep 28, Dec 7, Dec 11, Dec 14, Dec 18, Dec 21, Dec 25, Dec 28, Jan 1, Jan 4, Jan 8, Jan 11, Jan 15, Jan 18, Jan 22, Jan 25

Wednesdays and Saturdays only during statewide season except Youth hunt dates. Shooting hours end at 12 noon.

Mistletoe State Park

*Special Regulations

Prior to hunting, hunters must check in with the Park Office or Check In Station to get site specific information on the Park Managed Hunt or attend the pre-hunt meeting scheduled the day prior to the managed hunt. Hunt participants will be charged a \$30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a \$5 Park Pass will be required. Coyotes and feral hogs may be taken during deer hunts. No ATVs. All park access is closed to the public during hunts.

Deer

2024-25

Firearms Either Sex Nov 12-Nov 13 Bonus Deer Quota 75 5 deer limit, no more than 2 may be antlered bucks.

Montezuma Bluffs WMA

*Special Regulations

Montezuma Bluffs WMA contains rare species and sensitive habitats. To protect these resources, vehicular access is limited to boat landing road. No ATVs or horses allowed. No camping. No May 16-31 coyote season.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 14

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12

Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

No fox or bobcat hunting.

Turkey

2023-24

Archery Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Archery Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Moody Forest WMA

*Special Regulations

No May 16-31 coyote season. No ATVs. Check for prescribed burn info and Sign-In at kiosk on East River Rd.

Deer

2023-24

Firearms Either Sex Nov 1-Dec 15

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2024-25

Firearms Either Sex Nov 1-Dec 15

Small Game

Squirrel hunting only. No fox squirrels may be taken.

Squirrel Only

2023-24

Nov 1-Jan 20

2024-25

Nov 1-Jan 20

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 19-May 3 Sign-in

Youth Apr 13-Apr 14 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 18-May 2 Sign-in

Youth Apr 12-Apr 13 Sign-in

Morgan Lake WMA

*Special Regulations

Archery Only Area for all species. The operation of a Personal Watercraft (defined in GA Code 52-7-8.2 and commonly known as a "jet ski") on Morgan Lake and other water bodies within Morgan Lake WMA is prohibited.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 14

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12

Small Game

2023-24

Archery Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Archery Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Archery Apr 6-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Archery Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Oaky Woods WMA

*Special Regulations

No bear hunting.

Bear

No bear hunting.

Deer

2023-24

Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 14-Oct 20

Firearms Buck Only Dec 25-Dec 31

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 8, Nov 11-Nov 17

Firearms Either Sex Last Day Nov 2-Nov 4, Nov 30-Dec 2 Bonus

Deer

2024-25

Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18

Firearms Buck Only Dec 23-Dec 29

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 6, Nov 9-Nov 15

Firearms Either Sex Last Day Oct 31-Nov 2, Dec 5-Dec 7 Bonus Deer

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 20-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 13-Apr 19 Sign-in Quota 80

2024-25

Apr 19-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 12-Apr 18 Sign-in Quota 80

Waterfowl

Shooting hours end at 12 noon.

Ocmulgee WMA

*Special Regulations

No bear hunting. Legal hours for waterfowl hunting end at noon. Waterfowl hunting on the PFA lake allowed only on Wednesdays during the second season.

Alligator

Alligator hunting on Ocmulgee PFA allowed 9/1-3/2023 & 9/6-8/2024. No hunting during daylight hours.

Bear

No bear hunting.

Deer

2023-24

Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 30-Oct 6

Firearms Buck Only Dec 7-Dec 10

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Sep 29

Firearms Either Sex Last Day Oct 26-Oct 28, Nov 16-Nov 18 Bonus

Deer

2024-25

Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 28-Oct 4

Firearms Buck Only Dec 12-Dec 15

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Sep 27

Firearms Either Sex Last Day Oct 24-Oct 26, Nov 14-Nov 16 Bonus Deer

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 20-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 13-Apr 19 Sign-in Quota 100

2024-25

Apr 19-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 12-Apr 18 Sign-in Quota 100

Waterfowl

Shooting hours end at 12 noon.

Ocmulgee WMA - Gum Swamp Creek

*Special Regulations

No camping. Legal hours for waterfowl hunting end at noon.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 14

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12

Turkey

2023-24

Archery Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Archery Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Waterfowl

Shooting hours end at 12 noon.

Oconee National Forest

*Special Regulations

No dog training Mar. 20-July 31, 2023, 2024 & 2025, Sept. 9, 2023-Jan. 1, 2024 and Sept. 14, 2024-Jan. 1, 2025. Pursuit of bears with dogs is prohibited. Hogs may be taken only during daylight hours consistent with regulations above. Coyotes may be taken during deer, turkey and small game hunts; weapons are restricted to legal firearms and archery equipment for the game species specified for a particular hunt as indicated heretofore; electronic calls may be used; night hunting is prohibited. Placing, leaving, or depositing any food, bait or refuse in a manner likely to attract or concentrate any wildlife, whether for purposes of hunting or viewing animals, is prohibited. It is also prohibited to fail to properly store food or refuse to prevent access by wildlife. For public health and safety, the transportation of a loaded long gun or cocked crossbow in a motor vehicle is prohibited. NOTE: A firearm is considered "loaded" if a round of ammunition is in the chamber or magazine, a percussion cap is on the nipple, or powder is present in the frizzen pan. A "Long gun" is a firearm with an extended barrel, usually designed to be fired braced against the shoulder. It shall include all rifles, shotguns, carbines, muzzleloaders, and/or other such weapons. For public health and safety, the possession of an alcoholic beverage as defined by state law, while hunting, is prohibited.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 13

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 14-Oct 20

Firearms Buck Only Oct 21-Nov 3, Nov 6-Nov 24, Nov 27-Dec 3, Dec 26-Dec 29, Jan 1-Jan 14

Firearms Either Sex Nov 4-Nov 5, Nov 25-Nov 26, Dec 30-Dec 31

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11

Firearms Buck Only Oct 19-Nov 1, Nov 4-Nov 29, Dec 2-Dec 8, Dec 26-Dec 27, Dec 30-Jan 12

Firearms Either Sex Nov 2-Nov 3, Nov 30-Dec 1, Dec 28-Dec 29 Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15

Bag Limit 1

Oconee WMA

Deer

2023-24

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 14-Oct 20

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 13, Dec 1-Jan 14

Firearms Either Sex Oct 21-Nov 30

2024-25

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11, Dec 1-Jan 12

Firearms Either Sex Oct 19-Nov 30

Dove

2023-24

Sep 2 Sign-in Quota 60

Sep 9, Sep 16, Sep 23, Sep 30, Oct 7, Nov 18-Nov 26, Dec 19-Jan 31 2024-25

Sep 14, Sep 21, Sep 28, Oct 5, Oct 12, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 19-Jan 31 Sep 7 Sign-in Quota 60

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29 Sign-in

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28 Sign-in

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 27-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 13-Apr 19, Apr 20-Apr 26 Sign-in Quota 30

2024-25

Apr 26-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 12-Apr 18, Apr 19-Apr 25 Sign-in Quota 30

Oconee WMA - Dan Denton Waterfowl Area *Special Regulations

No fishing or hunting (other than ducks & geese and archery deer hunting during designated dates) on waterfowl impoundments. Waterfowl hunting on impoundment 1 & 3 open only to hunters selected in quota drawing. Waterfowl hunters are prohibited from entering impoundments before 5:00 a.m. on the day of the hunt and shooting hours end at noon except on the last hunt of the season when shooting hours end at legal sunset. Herndon Pond and Impoundment 2 are closed to hunting. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited on the Oconee River between Wallace Dam and GA Hwy 16. Handicapped quota hunters may request assistance by calling (706) 595-4222.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 20

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 18

Waterfowl

2023-24

Youth Pond 3 Nov 11, Nov 25 Sign-in Quota 2

Pond 1 Dec 9, Dec 16, Dec 23, Dec 30, Jan 6, Jan 13, Jan 20, Jan 27 Sign-in Quota 3

Youth Pond 1 Nov 11, Nov 25 Sign-in Quota 3

Pond 3 Dec 9, Dec 16, Dec 23, Dec 30, Jan 6, Jan 13, Jan 20, Jan 27 Sign-in Quota 2

2024-25

Pond 1 Dec 7, Dec 14, Dec 21, Dec 28, Jan 4, Jan 11, Jan 18, Jan 25 Sign-in Quota 3

Youth Pond 1 Nov 16, Nov 30 Sign-in Quota 3

Pond 3 Dec 7, Dec 14, Dec 21, Dec 28, Jan 4, Jan 11, Jan 18, Jan 25 Sign-in Quota 2

Youth Pond 3 Nov 16, Nov 30 Sign-in Quota 2

Oconee WMA - Rock Hawk Trails & Effigy

*Special Regulations

No May 16-31 coyote season.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 14

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12

Small Game

2023-24

Nov 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Nov 18-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Archery Apr 27-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Archery Apr 26-May 15 Sign-in

Selected quota turkey hunters only may hunt with firearms during quota hunt dates in this area.

Ohoopee Dunes WMA - North Tract

*Special Regulations

Ohoopee Dunes WMA contains rare species and sensitive habitats. To protect these resources vehicular access is limited. No ATV's or horses. No dogs from Mar. 1 - Nov. 1.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 13

Archery Either Sex Dec 1-Jan 14

Firearms Either Sex Nov 30-Dec 2

Firearms Either Sex Oct 26-Oct 28 Bonus Deer

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Dec 8-Jan 12

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11

Firearms Either Sex Dec 5-Dec 7

Firearms Either Sex Oct 24-Oct 26 Bonus Deer

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 20-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 13-Apr 19 Sign-in Quota 20

2024-25

Apr 19-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 12-Apr 18 Sign-in Quota 20

Ohoopee Dunes WMA - South Tract

*Special Regulations

Ohoopee Dunes WMA contains rare species and sensitive habitats. To protect these resources vehicular access is limited. No ATV's or horses. No dogs from Mar. 1 - Nov. 1.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 14

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge-Cowhouse Unit

*Special Regulations

Hunt dates and more information listed at

www.fws.gov/refuge/okefenokee. Bears and alligators may not be taken. Foot travel only on ONWR portion of Cowhouse Island. No dogs allowed except pointing dogs for hunting quail. Sign-in at Dixon Memorial WMA. Feral hogs may be taken May 16-31, no dogs allowed. No coyote hunting.

Small Game

2023-24

Hunt dates will be listed at www.fws.gov/refuge/okefenokee. Quail, rabbit, squirrel only.

Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge-Pocket Unit

*Special Regulations

Hunt dates will be listed at www.fws.gov/refuge/okefenokee. Sign-in/sign-out required. Bears and alligators may not be taken. Foot travel only off paved road. No dogs allowed. Visit

www.fws.gov/refuge/okefenokee for more information. No May 16-31 coyote season, no coyote hunting.

Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge-Suwannee Canal Unit *Special Regulations

Hunt dates will be listed at www.fws.gov/refuge/okefenokee. Quota applications accepted Aug. 15-Sept. 15 at

http://www.fws.gov/refuge/okefenokee. Youth are those 16 and under and supervised by an adult 21 or older. Hunter Education is required for youth hunters. Shooting

hours close at noon; Shotguns and muzzleloaders only; hunters are charged a \$15.00 permit fee; check-out required; hunters are not required to tag deer prior to check

out — special NWR tags provided for two harvested deer; hunt area zoned; Chesser Island zone is for wheelchair or youth hunters only. No dogs allowed. Feral hogs may be

taken: no limit. Visit www.fws.gov/refuge/okefenokee for more information.

No May 16-31 coyote season, no coyote hunting.

Oliver Bridge WMA

*Special Regulations

No ATVs. No camping.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 13

Firearms Either Sex Oct 21-Jan 14

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 14-Oct 20

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11

Firearms Either Sex Oct 19-Jan 12 Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Ossabaw Island WMA

*Special Regulations

No access permitted to Ossabaw above high tide mark unless drawn for quota. Quota hunters on Ossabaw Island WMA will be required to furnish their own boat transportation to & from the island. Limited docking space is available; some boats may have to stream anchor. All hunter access to the Island will be over the dock facilities at Newell Creek on the south end of the Island. Hunters may not enter upon Ossabaw Island until 12:00 p.m. EST one day prior to check-in. Hunters may check in after 9:00 a.m. EST one day prior to hunt and camps must be removed by 12:00 p.m. EST on the day following the hunt. All hunters drawn for quota must check-in at the check station. No motorized vehicles or e-bikes allowed. No small game hunting. No pets. Campfires restricted to provided fire rings.

Coyote

No May 16-31 coyote season.

Deer

2023-24

Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 23-Nov 25 Bonus Deer Quota 75

Archery Either Sex Oct12-Oct 14 Bonus Deer Quota 100 Firearms Either Sex Nov 9-Nov 11, Dec 7-Dec 9 Bonus Deer Quota 100

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 26-Oct 28 Bonus Deer Quota 100 2024-25

Youth Firearms Either Sex Nov 28-Nov 30 Bonus Deer Quota 75 Archery Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 12 Bonus Deer Quota 100 Firearms Either Sex Nov 7-Nov 9, Dec 12-Dec 14 Bonus Deer Quota 100

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 24-Oct 26 Bonus Deer Quota 100 **Feral hog**

2023-24

Firearms Hog Only Jan 18-Jan 20, Feb 8-Feb 10 Bonus Deer Quota 100

2024-25

Firearms Either Sex Jan 16-Jan 18, Feb 6-Feb 8 Bonus Deer Quota 100

Otting WMA

*Special Regulations

No ATVs.

Deer/Bear

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 1

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 1

Dog Training

Furbearer Dog Training: Aug 15-Mar 19

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Panola Mountain State Park

*Special Regulations

Prior to hunting, hunters must check in with the Park Office or Check In Station to get site specific information on the Park Managed Hunt or attend the pre-hunt meeting scheduled the day prior to the managed hunt. Hunt participants will be charged a \$30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a \$5 Park Pass will be required. Coyotes and feral hogs may be taken during deer hunts. No ATVs. All park access is closed to the public during hunts. Hunting within 50 yards of the PATH Trail is prohibited.

Deer

2023-24

Firearms Either Sex Nov 14-Nov 15 Bonus Deer Quota 60 2024-25

Firearms Either Sex Nov 12-Nov 13 Bonus Deer Quota 60 5 deer limit, no more than 2 may be antlered bucks.

Note: Archery option for up to 4 hunters.

Paradise PFA

*Special Regulations

No May 16-31 coyote season.

Dove

2023-24

Youth Sep 2

Sep 9, Sep 16, Sep 23, Sep 30, Oct 7, Nov 18-Nov 26, Dec 7-Jan 31 2024-25

Sep 14, Sep 21, Sep 28, Oct 5, Oct 12, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 19-Jan 31 Youth Sep 7

Dove hunting in designated

fields only; shooting hours follow state regulations.

Waterfowl

2023-24

Dec 14, Dec 28

2024-25

Dec 19, Dec 26

Hunting for ducks and geese in designated areas only. Shooting hours end at 12 noon.

Paulding Forest WMA

*Special Regulations

No ATV's. Horse and bicycle trails and areas, except Silver Comet Trail, are closed all day during firearms deer hunts and before 10:00am during archery deer and turkey hunts.

Deer/Bear

2023-24

Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 14-Oct 15 Bonus Deer Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 13, Oct 16-Nov 8, Nov 13-Nov 17 Firearms Either Sex Last Day Dec 7-Dec 10

Firearms Either Sex Last Day Nov 9-Nov 12 Bonus Deer

2024-25

Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 13 Bonus Deer

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11, Oct 14-Nov 6, Nov 11-Nov 15

Firearms Either Sex Last Day Dec 12-Dec 15

Firearms Either Sex Last Day Nov 7-Nov 10 Bonus Deer

Dog Training

Bird and Rabbit Dog Training Area: Aug 15-Mar 19 except during firearms deer hunts.

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

May 6-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 13-Apr 21, Apr 27-May 5 Sign-in Quota 40

2024-25

May 5-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 12-Apr 20, Apr 26-May 4 Sign-in Quota 40

Paulks Pasture WMA

*Special Regulations

No camping. No horseback riding during deer hunts. Archery Only Area is archery equipment for all species

Coyote

May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

Deer

2023-24

Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 15-Sep 17

Firearms Either Sex Sep 28-Sep 30 Bonus Deer

Firearms Buck Only Oct 14-Nov 5

Buckshot Only Dog Deer Either Sex Dec 1-Dec 2, Dec 8-Dec 9, Dec

15-Dec 16 Bonus Deer Quota 3

Archery Either Sex Sep 18-Sep 26, Oct 1-Oct 13

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Sep 13 Sign-in

Firearms Either Sex Nov 18-Nov 22, Dec 17-Dec 27 2024-25

Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 20-Sep 22

Firearms Either Sex Oct 3-Oct 5 Bonus Deer

Firearms Buck Only Oct 12-Nov 3

Buckshot Only Dog Deer Either Sex Dec 6-Dec 7, Dec 13-Dec 14,

Dec 20-Dec 21 Bonus Deer Quota 3

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Sep 18, Sep 23-Oct 1, Oct 6-Oct 11

Firearms Either Sex Nov 23-Nov 27, Dec 22-Jan 1

Dog-deer hunting allowed in designated areas only. Dog-deer hunters must check in at check station prior to hunt. All dogs used in the dog-deer hunt must be marked with the selected hunter's name and phone number. The WMA will be closed to all users during dog-deer hunts except to hunters with a valid quota permit.

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

No furbearer hunting or dog training in Archery Only Areas.

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Penholoway Swamp WMA

*Special Regulations

Idle speed only on Cogden Lake. Access to Boyle's Island is by river only, except during the early season managed firearms hunts, pending river level and road conditions. Archery Only Area is archery equipment for all species

Coyote

May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

Deer

2023-24

Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 22-Sep 24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Sep 20, Sep 25-Oct 3, Oct 8-Nov 17, Nov 25-Jan 14

Firearms Either Sex Nov 18-Nov 24

Firearms Either Sex Oct 5-Oct 7 Bonus Deer

2024-25

Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 27-Sep 29

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Sep 25, Sep 30-Oct 8, Oct 13-Nov 22, Nov 30-Jan 12

Firearms Either Sex Nov 23-Nov 29

Firearms Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 12 Bonus Deer

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Bird dog training area located in the areas of Redman and Deadend Rds. No furbearer hunting or dog training in Archery Only Areas.

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Perry Dove Field

*Special Regulations

No camping. No small game hunting.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 14

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12

Dove

Sep 2, Sep 9, Sep 16, Sep 23, Sep 30, Nov 18, Nov 25, Dec 23, Dec 30, Jan 6, Jan 13, Jan 20, Jan 27 2024-25

Sep 7, Sep 14, Sep 21, Sep 28, Nov 23, Nov 30, Dec 21, Dec 28, Jan 4, Jan 11, Jan 18, Jan 25

Phinizy Swamp WMA

*Special Regulations

No camping.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 14

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12

Archery only.

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Waterfowl

2023-24

Sep 9, Sep 13, Sep 16, Sep 20, Sep 23, Nov 18, Nov 22, Nov 25, Dec 9, Dec 13, Dec 16, Dec 20, Dec 23, Dec 27, Dec 30, Jan 3, Jan 6, Jan 10, Jan 13, Jan 17, Jan 20, Jan 24, Jan 27

Youth Nov 11

2024-25

Sep 14, Sep 18, Sep 21, Sep 25, Sep 28, Nov 23, Nov 27, Nov 30, Dec 7, Dec 11, Dec 14, Dec 18, Dec 21, Dec 25, Dec 28, Jan 1, Jan 4, Jan 8, Jan 11, Jan 15, Jan 18, Jan 22, Jan 25

Youth Nov 16

Wednesdays and Saturdays only during statewide season. Shooting hours end at 12 noon.

Piedmont NWR

*Special Regulations

Refuge permits are required for all hunts. Applications for quota deer hunts must be received by August 30,2023 and August 28, 2024. Quota turkey hunts applications must be received by February 22, 2024 and February 28, 2025. Permit fee required for all quota hunts. The Hitchiti Experimental Forest is open for hunting only during refuge hunting seasons with a valid Piedmont Refuge hunting permit and in accordance with refuge regulations. Baiting is prohibited. No May 16-31 coyote season. Contact the refuge office to obtain applications, permits and refuge specific hunting regulations (478-986-5441) or email piedmont@fws.gov

Deer

2023-24

Wheelchair Firearms Either Sex Oct 14-Oct 15 Quota 25 Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 14-Oct 15 Quota 50

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 1

Firearms Either Sex Nov 2-Nov 4, Nov 9-Nov 11 Quota 1250 Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 26-Oct 28 Quota 1250 2024-25

Wheelchair Firearms Either Sex Oct 19-Oct 20 Quota 25 Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 19-Oct 20 Quota 50

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 6

Firearms Either Sex Nov 7-Nov 9, Nov 14-Nov 16 Quota 1250 Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 31-Nov 2 Quota 1250

Quail

2023-24

Nov 24-Nov 25, Dec 8-Dec 9, Dec 22-Dec 23, Jan 5-Jan 6, Jan 19-Jan 20

2024-25

Nov 29-Nov 30, Dec 13-Dec 14, Dec 27-Dec 28, Jan 10-Jan 11, Jan 24-Jan 25

Rabbit

2023-24

Nov 15-Jan 31

2024-25

Nov 17-Jan 31

Raccoon/Opossum

2023-24

Dec 1-Dec 2, Dec 8-Dec 9, Dec 15-Dec 16, Dec 22-Dec 23, Dec 29-Dec 30, Jan 5-Jan 6, Jan 12-Jan 13, Jan 19-Jan 20, Jan 26-Jan 27 2024-25

Dec 6-Dec 7, Dec 13-Dec 14, Dec 20-Dec 21, Dec 27-Dec 28, Jan 3-Jan 4, Jan 10-Jan 11, Jan 17-Jan 18, Jan 24-Jan 25, Jan 31-Feb 1

Small Game

Bag Limit of 1/day for Fox Squirrel

Squirrel

2023-24

Aug 15-Sep 8, Oct 2-Oct 13, Oct 16-Oct 25, Oct 29-Nov 1, Nov 5-Nov 8, Nov 15-Jan 31

2024-25

Aug 15-Sep 13, Oct 7-Oct 18, Oct 21-Oct 30, Nov 3-Nov 6, Nov 10-Nov 13, Nov 17-Jan 31

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 9-Apr 13, Apr 23-Apr 27, May 7-May 11 Quota 300 2024-25

Apr 8-Apr 12, Apr 22-Apr 26, May 6-May 10 Quota 300 Bag Limit 1

Pine Log WMA

*Special Regulations

No ATV's. Horse and bicycle trails and areas are closed all day during firearms deer hunts and before 10:00am during archery deer and turkey hunts. No night hunting.

Coyote

May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number. Hogs must be killed immediately upon capture. No night hunting.

Deer/Bear

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 20 Firearms Buck Only Dec 13-Dec 16

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Firearms Either Sex Last Day Nov 15-Nov 18 Bonus Deer 2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 18

Firearms Buck Only Dec 18-Dec 21

Firearms Either Sex Last Day Nov 20-Nov 23 Bonus Deer

Dog Training

Bird & Rabbit Dog Training Area: Aug 15 - Mar 19, except during firearms deer hunts.

Dove

2023-24

Sep 3-Sep 4, Sep 8-Sep 11, Sep 15-Sep 18, Sep 22-Sep 25, Sep 29-Oct 2, Oct 6-Oct 8, Nov 19-Nov 26, Dec 19-Jan 1

Sep 2 Sign-in Quota 100

2024-25

Sep 8-Sep 9, Sep 13-Sep 16, Sep 20-Sep 23, Sep 27-Sep 30, Oct 4-Oct 7, Oct 11-Oct 13, Nov 24-Dec 1, Dec 22-Jan 31 Sep 7 Sign-in Quota 100

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

No night hunting.

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Pleasant Valley VPA

*Special Regulations

No ATVs.

Deer/Bear

2023-24

Youth Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 19 Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 20-Nov 10 2024-25 Youth Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 17 Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 18-Nov 15

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Sep 8 Feb 1-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Sep 9, Feb 1-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Youth Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Youth Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Waterfowl

Youth: Saturdays only during statewide season.

Rayonier Corridor Lands WMA

*Special Regulations

WMA consists of 300ft wide section of non-contiguous property on the Wayne County side of the Altamaha River, extending from mile 61 (Doe Eddy) to 1.2 miles down river. No May 16-31 coyote season.

Deer

Area closed to deer hunting.

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

Area closed to turkey hunting

Red Top Mountain State Park

*Special Regulations

Prior to hunting, hunters must check in with the Park Office or Check In Station to get site specific information on the Park Managed Hunt or attend the pre-hunt meeting scheduled the day prior to the managed hunt. Hunt participants will be charged a \$30 nonrefundable,

nontransferable hunt fee and a \$5 Park Pass will be required. Coyotes and feral hogs may be taken during deer hunts. No ATVs.

Deer

2023-24

Firearms Either Sex Nov 15-Nov 16 Bonus Deer Quota 50 2024-25

Firearms Either Sex Nov 12-Nov 13 Bonus Deer Quota 50 5 deer limit, no more than 2 may be antlered bucks.

Redlands WMA

*Special Regulations

No hunting on Dyar's Pasture MARSH Pond.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 13

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 14-Oct 20

Firearms Buck Only Oct 21-Nov 3

Firearms Either Sex Nov 4-Nov 30, Dec 26-Jan 1

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18

Firearms Buck Only Oct 19-Nov 1

Firearms Either Sex Nov 2-Nov 30, Dec 26-Jan 1

Dove

2023-24

Sep 9, Sep 16, Sep 23, Sep 23, Sep 30, Oct 7, Oct 7, Nov 18-Nov 26,

Dec 19-Jan 31

Youth Sep 2 Sign-in Quota 80

2024-25

Sep 14, Sep 21, Sep 28, Oct 5, Oct 12, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 19-Jan 31

Youth Sep 7 Sign-in Quota 80

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

Apr 6-May 15 Sign-in 2024-25

Apr 5-May 15 Sign-in

Redlands WMA - Watson's Spring Area

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Nov 30, Dec 26-Jan 1 2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Nov 30, Dec 26-Jan 1

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 6-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 5-May 15 Sign-in

Rich Mountain WMA

*Special Regulations

No ATV's.

Deer/Bear

2023-24

Archery Buck Only Sep 9-Nov 22, Nov 29-Jan 1

Firearms Buck Only Nov 21-Nov 26 Bonus Deer

2024-25

Archery Buck Only Sep 14-Nov 25, Dec 2-Jan 1

Firearms Buck Only Nov 26-Dec 1 Bonus Deer

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Rich Mountain WMA - Cartecay

*Special Regulations

No ATV's. Horse and bicycle trails and areas are closed before 10:00am during deer, bear and turkey seasons.

Deer/Bear

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 1

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 1

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Richard B. Russell State Park

*Special Regulations

Prior to hunting, hunters must check in with the Park Office or Check In Station to get site specific information on the Park Managed Hunt or attend the pre-hunt meeting scheduled the day prior to the managed hunt. Hunt participants will be charged a \$30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a \$5 Park Pass will be required. Coyotes and feral hogs may be taken during deer hunts. No ATVs. All park access is closed to the public during hunts. Wheelchair hunters must apply by letter by Oct. 15 to: Wheelchair Hunt RBR State Park, 2650 Russell State Park Drive, Elberton, GA 30635

Deer

2023-24

Mobility Impaired Firearms Either Sex Dec 5-Dec 6 Bonus Deer Quota 20

Firearms Either Sex Dec 5-Dec 6 Bonus Deer Quota 60 2024-25

Mobility Impaired Firearms Either Sex Dec 3-Dec 4 Bonus Deer Quota 20

Firearms Either Sex Dec 3-Dec 4 Bonus Deer Quota 60 5 deer limit, no more than 2 may be antlered bucks.

Richmond Hill WMA

Deer

2023-24

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 14-Oct 20

Firearms Buck Only Oct 21-Oct 22

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 14

Firearms Either Sex Oct 23-Jan 7

2024-25

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18

Firearms Buck Only Oct 19-Oct 20

Firearms Either Sex Oct 21-Jan 12

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

No furbearer hunting or dog training in Archery Only Areas. Archery Only Areas apply only to deer hunting, firearms may be used for other species.

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

River Bend WMA

Coyote

May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

Deer

Mobility Impaired Firearms Either Sex Sep 30-Oct 1

Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 20-Oct 22

Firearms Either Sex Nov 9-Nov 11 Bonus Deer

Firearms Either Sex Nov 30-Dec 2

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Sep 28, Oct 2-Oct 20 2024-25

Mobility Impaired Firearms Either Sex Oct 5-Oct 6

Specialty Firearms Either Sex Oct 18-Oct 20

Firearms Either Sex Nov 7-Nov 9 Bonus Deer

Firearms Either Sex Dec 5-Dec 7

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 3, Oct 7-Oct 24

Dove

2023-24

Sep 9, Sep 16, Sep 23, Sep 30, Oct 7, Nov 18-Nov 26, Dec 19-Jan 312

Sep 2 Sign-in Quota 30

2024-25

Sep 7 Sign-in Quota 30

Sep 14, Sep 21, Sep 28, Nov 19-Nov 27, Dec 14-Jan 31

Saturdays only during 1st season.

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 20-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 13-Apr 19 Sign-in Quota 15

2024-25

Apr 19-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 12-Apr 18 Sign-in Quota 15

Waterfowl

Waterfowl may be hunted on impoundment and its surrounding roads/dikes until noon only on Wed., Sat. and Sun. during statewide season.

River Creek, The Rolf and Alexandra Kauka WMA

*Special Regulations

No May 16-31 coyote season.

Deer

2023-24

Youth Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Dec 18-Dec 20 Quota 35

Firearms Antlerless Only Dec 31-Jan 3

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 16-Sep 24, Oct 7-Oct 15 Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 1-Nov 4 Quota 35

Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Dec 6-Dec 9 Bonus Deer Quota 35

2024-25

Youth Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Dec 22-Dec 24 Quota 35 Firearms Antlerless Only Dec 29-Jan 1

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 21-Sep 29, Oct 12-Oct 20 Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Nov 6-Nov 9 Quota 35 Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Dec 4-Dec 7 Bonus Deer Quota

Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal. Youth hunt exempt from antler restriction.

Dove

2023-24

Youth Sep 2, Sep 9 Sign-in Quota 15 2024-25

Youth Sep 7, Sep 14 Sign-in Quota 15

Dove hunting by quota only.

Quail

2023-24

Nov 28, Dec 12, Jan 16 Sign-in

Nov 18, Nov 25, Dec 16, Dec 30, Jan 20 Sign-in Quota 2

Youth Jan 27 Sign-in Quota 2

2024-25

Youth Jan 25 Sign-in Quota 2

Nov 26, Dec 10, Jan 14 Sign-in

Nov 16, Nov 23, Dec 14, Dec 28, Jan 18 Sign-in Quota 2

Quail hunting on designated dates only. Maximum 3 persons per party. Bag limit is 3 per person on quota hunts. Hunting party must check-in harvest at kiosk or online. Complete one check-in (survey) per party.

Small Game

Jan 22-Feb 7

2024-25

Jan 20-Feb 5

No fox or bobcat hunting. No fox squirrel hunting.

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 27-Apr 30 Sign-in Quota 5

Youth Apr 13-Apr 16, Apr 20-Apr 23 Sign-in Quota 5 2024-25

Apr 26-Apr 29 Sign-in Quota 5

Youth Apr 12-Apr 25, Apr 19-Apr 22 Sign-in Quota 5

Waterfowl

2023-24

Youth Dec 23, Jan 6, Jan 13 Sign-in Quota 3

2024-25

Youth Dec 21, Jan 4, Jan 11 Sign-in Quota 3

Waterfowl may be hunted in small game season when seasons overlap.

Rocky Mountain Recreation PFA

*Special Regulations

Daily use fee (per vehicle) required for all users. No ATV's. All activities prohibited on upper and lower reservoirs.

Covote

No May 16-31 coyote or hog season

Deer/Bear

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 14

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12

Small Game

2023-24

Archery Aug 15-Jan 11

2024-25

Archery Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

Archery Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in 2024-25

Archery Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Waterfowl

Antioch Lake: Jan 1-31, except No Sunday Hunting.

Heath Lake: State Season

Rogers State Prison Farm Dove Fields

*Special Regulations

Dove hunters check in at the Rogers State Prison office prior to entering dove fields. In addition, hunters must sign-in at the kiosks located at the entrance to each field prior to hunting. Park in designated areas only. No ATVs or UTVs allowed on the fields. No hunting within 100 yards of residences or 50 yards of county roads. Hunters must use open gates to access fields and are not allowed to climb fences. No small game or May 16-31 coyote season.

Dove

2023-24

Sep 2, Sep 9, Sep 16 Sign-in

2024-25

Sep 7, Sep 14, Sep 21 Sign-in

Rogers WMA

*Special Regulations

No camping.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 13

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 14-Oct 20

Firearms Buck Only Oct 21-Oct 22

Firearms Either Sex Oct 23-Jan 14

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18

Firearms Buck Only Oct 19-Oct 20

Firearms Either Sex Oct 21-Jan 12

Small Game

Aug 15-Feb 29 2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Rum Creek WMA

Deer

2023-24

Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 2-Oct 8 Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 9-Oct 1, Nov 18-Dec 1 Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 26-Oct 28 Bonus Deer Quota 200

Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Last Day Nov 9-Nov 11 Bonus Deer Quota 200

2024-25

Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 7-Oct 13 Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 14-Oct 6, Nov 23-Dec 6 Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 24-Oct 26 Bonus Deer Quota 200

Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Last Day Nov 14-Nov 16 Bonus Deer Quota 200

Dove

2023-24

Sep 2, Sep 9 Sign-in Quota 75

Sep 16, Sep 23, Sep 30, Nov 18-Nov 26, Dec 19-Jan 31 2024-25

Sep 7, Sep 14 Sign-in Quota 75

Sep 21, Sep 28, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 19-Jan 31

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Oct 25, Oct 29-Nov 8, Nov 12-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15- Oct 23, Oct 27-Nov 13, Nov 17-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 20-Apr 24, May 4-May 8 Sign-in Quota 25

Youth May 11-May 15 Sign-in

Youth Apr 13-Apr 17, Apr 27-May 1 Sign-in Quota 25 2024-25

Apr 19-Apr 23, May 3-May 7 Sign-in Quota 25

Youth May 10-May 14 Sign-in

Youth Apr 12-Apr 16, Apr 26-Apr 30 Sign-in Quota 25

Waterfowl

2023-24

Youth Dec 16, Jan 13 Sign-in Quota 3 2024-25

Youth Dec 21, Jan 11 Sign-in Quota 3

Rum Creek is broken up into 3 areas for waterfowl hunting (shooting hours 30 minutes before sunrise until noon): East of Ebenezer Rd. (includes Lake Juliette) open for all hunters. Youth Waterfowl Days (youth only) and Sat.-Wed. during statewide season. Boat motors in excess of 25hp prohibited on Lake Juliette. Youth Area: Between Juliette Rd and Ebenezer Rd; only youth may hunt. Youth Waterfowl Days and Sat.-Wed. only during statewide season. The MARSH Project: Area (everything west of Juliette Rd.) is only open for 2 youth quota hunts each season (only youths may hunt).

Rum Creek WMA - Berry Creek

*Special Regulations

Archery only area. Camping prohibited. Firearms prohibited except as provided in O.C.G.A. 16-11-126.

Coyote

Archery only

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 14

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12

Small Game

2023-24

Archery Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Archery Aug 15-Feb 28

Falconry permitted during small game season.

Turkey

2023-24

Archery Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Archery Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Waterfowl

Shooting hours end at 12 noon.

Sandhills WMA – East

*Special Regulations

No camping. Bird dog training allowed Aug. 15-March 15 only.

Coyote

May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 14

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12

Quail

Sat & Wed during statewide season

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Hunting of fox squirrels is prohibited.

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Waterfowl

Shooting hours end at 12 noon.

Sandhills WMA – West

*Special Regulations

Camping in designated areas only. Bird dog training allowed Aug. 15-March 15 only.

Coyote

May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 13

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 14-Oct 20

Firearms Either Sex Sep 21-Jan 14

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11

Firearms Either Sex Oct 19-Jan 12

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18

Quail

Sat & Wed during statewide season

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Hunting of fox squirrels is prohibited.

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Waterfowl

Shooting hours end at 12 noon.

Sansavilla WMA

*Special Regulations

This area includes the Wire Road Tract. Archery Only Areas apply only to deer hunting, firearms may be used for other species.

Covote

May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

Deer

2023-24

Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 22-Sep 24

Firearms Either Sex Oct 5-Oct 7 Bonus Deer

Firearms Buck Only Oct 21-Nov 5

Buckshot Only Dog Deer Either Sex Dec 29-Dec 30 Quota 1

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Sep 20, Sep 25-Oct 3, Oct 8-Oct 20, Nov 6-Nov 24

Firearms Either Sex Nov 25-Dec 28, Dec 31-Jan 14 2024-25

Youth Firearms Either Sex Sep 27-Sep 29

Firearms Buck Only Oct 19-Nov 1

Firearms Either Sex Oct 10-Oct 12 Bonus Deer

Buckshot Only Dog Deer Either Sex Dec 27-Dec 28 Quota 1

Firearms Either Sex Nov 30-Dec 26, Dec 29-Jan 12

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Sep 25, Sep 30-Oct 8, Oct 13-Oct 18, Nov 2-Nov 29

Dog-deer hunting allowed in designated areas only. All dogs must be marked with the selected hunter's name and phone number. All vehicles used in the dog-deer hunt must display DNR issues permit on vehicle dash. The dog-deer hunting area will be closed to all users during dog-deer hunts except to hunters with a valid quota permit.

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

No furbearer hunting or dog training in Archery Only Areas.

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Sapelo Island WMA

*Special Regulations

Reservations for transportation on state boat for Check-In hunts must be made through the Sapelo Island Visitors Center (912) 437-3224. No reservations will be accepted until you receive your selection notice. Visitor Center Hours: Tues.-Fri. 7:30 AM-5:30PM, Sat. 8:00AM-5:30PM; Closed Sunday & Monday. Stream anchorage may be required for hunters using their own boats. Hunter access is allowed only at Moses Hammock Dock at head of Duplin River. No motorized vehicles allowed on island. Hunters may check-in starting at 9:00AM EST one day prior to hunt. Camps must be removed by noon on the day following each hunt. Departures and returns from deer hunting must be made from Moses Hammock campsite. Hunters are required to stay outside the boundaries of the safety zones. Ferry Restrictions: There is limited space on the ferry, so please limit the amount and size of your gear; propane fuel only; guns must be unloaded and cased for transport on ferry; no folding chairs or tables, ladder stands, bicycles, or excessively large boxes; climbing stands are OK; coolers are limited to one 48 qt. per guest or one 96 qt. per two guests. Rolling garbage cans and carts are not allowed on the ferry. For information on local charter options or transportation to the Moses Hammock hunt camp, please contact the Sapelo Island Visitors Center (912) 437-3224. If you do not take the ferry to the island you may not return to the mainland via the ferry.

Covote

Mar. 1-May 31. Feral hogs may also be taken. Feral hogs may be taken with dogs May 16-31 only. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

Deer

2023-24

Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 6-Oct 8 Bonus Deer

Archery -South End Only Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 14

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 4, Nov 20-Jan 14

Firearms Either Sex Nov 2-Nov 4, Nov 16-Nov 18 Bonus Deer Quota 125

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 19-Oct 21 Bonus Deer Quota 125 2024-25

Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 11-Oct 13 Bonus Deer

Archery- South End Only Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 9, Nov 25-Jan 12

Firearms Either Sex Nov 7-Nov 9, Nov 21-Nov 23 Bonus Deer Quota 125

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 24-Oct 26 Bonus Deer Quota 125 Maps of open hunting areas available at the Sapelo WMA sign-in kiosks, Brunswick DNR office, and georgiawildlife.com. Archery Only Areas apply only to deer hunting, firearms may be used for other species.

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Savannah NWR

*Special Regulations

No alligator hunting. All hunters 16 years of age or older must purchase a \$25 Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex Annual Hunt Permit at https://savannahcoastal.recaccess.com. Visit www.fws.gov/refuge/savannah for seasons, dates and more information.

Scotland Road VPA

*Special Regulations

Archery only for deer. No furbearer hunting.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 14

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Sheffield WMA

*Special Regulations

No ATV's.

Deer/Bear

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 1

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 1

Dog Training

Furbearer Dog Training: Aug 15-Mar 19

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

May 6-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 13-Apr 21, Apr 27-May 5 Sign-in Quota 10

2024-25

May 5-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 12-Apr 20, Apr 26-May 4 Sign-in Quota 10

Silver Lake WMA

*Special Regulations

No May 16-31 coyote season.

Deer

2023-24

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 14-Oct 22

Firearms Buck Only Nov 11-Nov 24, Dec 30-Jan 14

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Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 13, Jan 15-Jan 31

Firearms Either Sex Oct 26-Oct 28

Firearms Either Sex Dec 14-Dec 16 Bonus Deer 2024-25

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 20

Firearms Buck Only Nov 16-Nov 29, Dec 28-Jan 12

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11, Jan 13-Jan 31

Firearms Either Sex Oct 31-Nov 2

Firearms Either Sex Dec 12-Dec 14 Bonus Deer

Dove

2023-24

Sep 2, Sep 9, Sep 16-Oct 8, Nov 18-Nov 26, Dec 19-Jan 31 2024-25

Sep 7, Sep 14, Sep 21-Oct 13, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 19-Jan 31

Quail

2023-24

Nov 28, Dec 19 Sign-in

Nov 25, Dec 2, Dec 9, Jan 13, Jan 20, Jan 27 Sign-in Quota 4

Youth Nov 25, Dec 2, Dec 9, Jan 13, Jan 20, Jan 27 Sign-in Quota 2 2024-25

Dec 3, Dec 17 Sign-in

Nov 23, Nov 30, Dec 7, Jan 18, Jan 25, Feb 1 Sign-in Quota 4

Youth Dec 7, Jan 18, Jan 25, Feb 1 Sign-in Quota 2

Youth Nov 23, Nov 30 Sign-in Quota 2

Quail hunting on designated dates only. Maximum 3 persons per party. Bag limit is 3 per person on quota hunts. Hunting party must check-in harvest at kiosk or online. Complete one check-in (survey) per party.

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

No fox or bobcat hunting. No fox squirrel hunting.

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 28-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 13-Apr 16, Apr 24-Apr 27 Sign-in Quota 35 Youth Apr 18-Apr 21 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 27-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 12-Apr 15, Apr 23-Apr 26 Sign-in Quota 35

Youth Apr 17-Apr 20 Sign-in

Soap Creek WMA

*Special Regulations

No camping.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 13

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 14-Oct 20

Firearms Buck Only Oct 21-Nov 3

Firearms Either Sex Nov 4-Jan 1

2024-25

Firearms Either Sex Nov 2-Jan 1

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18

Firearms Buck Only Oct 19-Nov 1

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Sparks Cut Off VPA

*Special Regulations

No May 16-31 coyote season.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 14

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr13 -May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Spirit Creek Forest WMA

*Special Regulations

Spirit Creek Forest is a multi-use forest; other users may be present during open hunting seasons. Gates may be opened/closed at the discretion of Georgia Forestry Commission. Please see WMA maps for safety zones. No camping. No ATVs. No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 14

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12

Archery only.

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Shotgun and archery only. No furbearer dog hunting.

Turkey

2023-24

Archery Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Archery Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Archery only

Sprewell Bluff WMA – East

*Special Regulations

Sprewell Bluff East includes property east of the Flint River. No hunting in park day-use area. No camping.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 14

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Shotguns and archery only. No furbearer hunting with dogs. No night hunting.

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Waterfowl

Waterfowl hours end 12 noon.

Sprewell Bluff WMA – West

*Special Regulations

Sprewell Bluff West includes property west of the Flint River. Camping allowed in designated areas only.

Coyote

May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number. Hogs must be killed immediately upon capture. No night hunting.

Deer

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 9-Oct 20 Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 21-Jan 1 2024-25

side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.

Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 19-Jan 1 Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 14-Oct 18 Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Waterfowl

Waterfowl hours end at 12 noon.

Standing Boy State Park

*Special Regulations

No camping. No ATVs. No May 16-31 coyote season. No small game season. No alligator season.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Oct 6-Oct 8, Dec 1-Dec 3

Archery Either Sex Nov 3-Nov 5, Nov 10-Nov 12 Quota 20 2024-25

Archery Either Sex Oct 4-Oct 6, Nov 1-Nov 3, Nov 8-Nov 10, Dec 6-Dec 8 Quota 20

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 26-Apr 28, May 3-May 5

Youth Apr 12-Apr 14, Apr 19-Apr 21

2024-25

Apr 25-Apr 27, May 2-May 4 Quota 10

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Swallow Creek WMA

Bear

2023-24

Firearms Sep 23-Oct 1

2024-25

Firearms Sep 28-Oct 6

Coyote

May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

Deer/Bear

2023-24

Firearms Buck Only Dec 26-Jan 1

Archery Buck Only Sep 9-Sep 22, Oct 2-Oct 13

Firearms Buck Only Nov 16-Nov 19, Dec 7-Dec 10 Bonus Deer 2024-25

Firearms Buck Only Dec 26-Jan 1

Archery Buck Only Sep 14-Sep 27, Oct 7-Oct 11

Firearms Buck Only Nov 14-Nov 17, Dec 5-Dec 8 Bonus Deer

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 6-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 5-May 15 Sign-in

Tallapoosa River VPA

*Special Regulations

No ATV's. Firearms restrictions apply to certain portions of the WMA (consult VPA map for specific limitations).

Deer

Hunter sign-in available at J.L. Lester WMA. Deer & Bear harvested during bonus hunts must be checked out at J.L. Lester WMA.

Deer/Bear

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Nov 27-Jan 1

Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 6-Oct 8, Nov 24-Nov 26, Jan 12-Jan 14 2024-25

Archery Either Sex Dec 2-Jan 1

Youth Firearms Either Sex Oct 4-Oct 6, Nov 29-Dec 1, Jan 10-Jan 12

Small Game

Small game hunting prohibited during youth deer hunts.

Turkey

2023-24

Specialty Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Specialty Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Tallulah Gorge WMA

*Special Regulations

No ATVs. No May 16-31 coyote season. Daily sign-in.

Deer/Bear

2023-24

Archery Buck Only Sep 9-Oct 13

Primitive Weapons Buck Only Oct 14-Oct 20

Firearms Buck Only Oct 21-Jan 1

2024-25

Archery Buck Only Sep 14-Oct 11

Primitive Weapons Buck Only Oct 12-Oct 18

Firearms Buck Only Oct 19-Jan 1

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

No furbearer hunting at night on the north side of the gorge.

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 6-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 5-May 15 Sign-in

Townsend WMA - Buck Island Tract

Coyote

May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

Deer

2023-24

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 14-Oct 20

Firearms Buck Only Oct 21-Oct 22

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 14

Firearms Either Sex Oct 23-Jan 7

2024-25

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 18

Firearms Buck Only Oct 19-Oct 20

Firearms Either Sex Oct 21-Jan 12

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Townsend WMA - North, South, and Pine Island Tracts *Special Regulations

Archery Only Area is archery equipment for all species. Dog deer hunters must check-in at Check station. Dog-deer hunting allowed in designated areas only. All dogs must be marked with the selected hunter's name and phone number. All vehicles used in the dog-deer hunt must display DNR issued permit on vehicle dash. The dog-deer hunting area on North tract (from Miller Lake Road to Middleton Lake Road) will be closed to all users during dog-deer hunts except to hunters with a valid quota permit.

Coyote

May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

Deer

2023-24

Firearms Buck Only Oct 21-Oct 27

Buckshot Only Dog Deer Either Sex Nov 29-Nov 30, Dec 13-Dec 14,

Dec 27-Dec 28 Bonus Deer Quota 3

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 3

Firearms Either Sex Nov18- Nov 24, Dec 23-Dec 24

Firearms Either Sex Oct 5-Oct 7, Nov 2-Nov 4 Bonus Deer 2024-25

Firearms Buck Only Oct 19-Oct 25

Buckshot Only Dog Deer Either Sex Nov 27-Nov 28, Dec 11-Dec 12,

Dec 25-Dec 26 Bonus Deer Quota 3

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 1

Firearms Either Sex Nov 16-Nov 24, Dec 21-Dec 22

Firearms Either Sex Oct 3-Oct 5, Oct 31-Nov 2 Bonus Deer

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15

Treat Mountain VPA

*Special Regulations

No ATV's.

Deer

Hunter sign-in available at J.L. Lester WMA. Deer & Bear harvested during bonus hunts must be checked out at J.L. Lester WMA.

Deer/Bear

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 5, Oct 7-Nov 23, Nov 27-Jan 11 Firearms Either Sex Oct 6-Oct 8, Nov 24-Nov 26, Jan 12-Jan 14 Bonus Deer Quota 200

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 3, Oct 7-Nov 28, Dec 2-Jan 9 Firearms Either Sex Oct 4-Oct 6, Nov 29-Dec 1, Jan 10-Jan 12 Bonus Deer Quota 200

Small Game

Small game hunting prohibited during quota deer hunts.

Turkey

2023-24

May 6-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 13-Apr 21, Apr 27-May 5 Sign-in Quota 10 2024-25

May 5-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 12-Apr 20, Apr 26-May 4 Sign-in Quota 10

Tuckahoe WMA

*Special Regulations

Camping in designated sites only.

Covote

May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.

Deer

2023-24

Firearms Either Sex Nov 2-Nov 4 Bonus Deer

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Sep 14, Sep 18-Sep 27, Oct 1-Nov 1

Firearms Either Sex Nov 21-Nov 25

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Sep 28-Sep 30 Bonus Deer

Specialty Firearms Either Sex Sep 15-Sep 17

2024-25

Firearms Either Sex Nov 7-Nov 9 Bonus Deer

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Sep 18, Sep 22-Oct 2, Oct 6-Nov 6

Firearms Either Sex Nov 20-Nov 23

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 3-Oct 5 Bonus Deer Specialty Firearms Either Sex Sep 19-Sep 21

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Tugaloo State Park

*Special Regulations

Prior to hunting, hunters must check in with the Park Office or Check In Station to get site specific information on the Park Managed Hunt or attend the pre-hunt meeting scheduled the day prior to the managed hunt. Hunt participants will be charged a \$30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a \$5 Park Pass will be required. Coyotes and feral hogs may be taken during deer hunts. No ATVs. All park access is closed to the public during hunts.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Nov 28-Nov 29 Bonus Deer Quota 40 2024-25

Archery Either Sex Nov 19-Nov 20 Bonus Deer Quota 40 5 deer limit, no more than 2 antlered bucks.

Walton WMA

*Special Regulations

No unleashed dogs except for bird dog training and dove hunting purposes. Only shotguns are allowed for small game hunting.

Coyote

May 16-31. Archery and shotgun only.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 14

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 12

Dove

2023-24

Sep 9, Sep 16, Sep 23, Sep 30, Oct 7, Nov 18-Nov 26, Dec 19-Jan 312 Youth Sep 2 Sign-in Quota 80

2024-25

Sep 14, Sep 21, Sep 28, Oct 5, Oct 12, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 19-Jan 31 Youth Sep 7 Sign-in Quota 80

Small Game

2023-24

Oct 1-Feb 29

2024-25

Oct 8-Feb 28

Warwoman WMA

Coyote

May 16-31.

Deer/Bear

2023-24

Archery Buck Only Sep 9-Sep 22

Firearms Buck Only Nov 9-Nov 12, Nov 30-Dec 3 Bonus Deer 2024-25

Firearms Buck Only Nov 14-Nov 17, Dec 5-Dec 8 Bonus Deer Archery Buck Only Sep 14-Sep 27

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 6-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 5-May 15 Sign-in

Wassaw NWR

*Special Regulations

No alligator hunting. All hunters 16 years of age or older must purchase a \$25 Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex Annual Hunt Permit at https://savannahcoastal.recaccess.com. Visit www.fws.gov/refuge/wassaw for seasons, dates and more information. No May 16-31 coyote season.

Wayne State Farm VPA

Dove

A-196

2023-24

Youth Sep 2, Sep 16, Sep 30 Quota 10 2024-25

Youth Sep 7, Sep 21, Oct 5 Quota 10

Legal hours are 12:00 PM until sunset. No ATVs. No camping. Hunters must use open gates to access fields. Do not climb fences. Please do not leave litter including expended shotshells and take precautions to ensure absolutely no live shells are left behind.

West Point WMA

*Special Regulations

No gasoline engines allowed on waterfowl ponds. No fishing in managed waterfowl impoundments. No fishing from bridges. No hog dogs.

Deer

2023-24

Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 13-Oct 15

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 9-Oct 12, Oct 16-Oct 25, Oct 29-Nov 17

Primitive Weapons Quality Buck and Antlerless Dec 9-Dec 10 Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Last Day Oct 26-Oct 28, Nov 30-Dec 2 Bonus Deer

2024-25

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 14-Oct 10

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 14-Oct 23, Oct 27-Nov 15

Primitive Weapons Quality Buck and Antlerless Dec 14-Dec 15

Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Oct 11-Oct 13

Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless Last Day Oct 24-Oct 26, Dec 5-

Dec 7 Bonus Deer

Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.

Dog Training

Furbearer Dog Training: Aug 15-Mar 19

Dove

Sep 2, Sep 9, Sep 16, Sep 23, Sep 30, Oct 7-Oct 8, Nov 18-Nov 26,

Dec 19-Jan 31

2024-25

Sep 7, Sep 14, Sep 21, Sep 28, Oct 5, Oct 12-Oct 13, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 19-Jan 31

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 22-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 13-Apr 21 Sign-in Quota 80

2024-25

Apr 21-May 15 Sign-in

Apr 12-Apr 20 Sign-in Quota 80

Waterfowl

Waterfowl hours end at 12 noon. Daniels Pond & Pond 1 open for Youth Waterfowl Days and Saturdays only during statewide waterfowl season. The rest of the WMA is open for waterfowl hunting during small game dates concurrent with state season.

West Point WMA - Dixie Creek

*Special Regulations

No camping.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 9-Jan 14 2024-25

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 14-Jan 12

Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.

Dog Training

Bird Dog Training: Aug 15-Mar 15

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Youth Apr 13-Apr 21 Sign-in

Apr 22-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Youth Apr 12-Apr 20 Sign-in

Apr 21-May 15 Sign-in

West Point WMA - Glovers Creek

*Special Regulations

No gasoline motors on waterfowl impoundment. No fishing on Glovers Creek Area.

Coyote

No May 16-31 coyote or hog season

Deer

2023-24

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 9-Jan 14

2024-25

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless Sep 14-Jan 12

Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 22-May 15

Youth Apr 13-Apr 21

2024-25

Apr 21-May 15

Youth Apr 12-Apr 20

Waterfowl

2023-24

Dec 30, Jan 6, Jan 13, Jan 20, Jan 27

Nov 18, Nov 25, Dec 2, Dec 9, Dec 16, Dec 23 Quota 7

Youth Nov 11

2024-25

Youth Nov 16

Jan 4, Jan 11, Jan 18, Jan 25

Nov 23, Nov 30, Dec 7, Dec 14, Dec 21, Dec 28 Quota 7

Wilson Shoals WMA

Deer/Bear

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 27

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Dec 23-Dec 31

Firearms Either Sex Last Day Oct 28-Nov 12

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 25

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Dec 21-Dec 29

Firearms Either Sex Last Day Nov 2-Nov 17

Dove

2023-24

Sep 9, Sep 16, Sep 23, Sep 30, Oct 7, Nov 18-Nov 26, Dec 19-Jan 312 Youth Sep 2 Sign-in Quota 15

2024-25

Sep 14, Sep 21, Sep 28, Oct 5, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 19-Jan 31

Youth Sep 7 Sign-in Quota 15

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 6-Apr 13, Apr 20-Apr 27, May 4-May 11 Quota 15 2024-25

Apr 5-Apr 12, Apr 19-Apr 26, May 3-May 10 Quota 15

Yuchi WMA

*Special Regulations

Camping in designated sites only.

Deer

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Oct 13

Firearms Either Sex Oct 19-Oct 21 Bonus Deer

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Firearms Buck Only Oct 29-Nov 23, Nov 27-Dec 3, Dec 26-Jan 1

Firearms Either Sex Oct 22-Oct 28, Nov 24-Nov 26

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 14-Oct 18

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Oct 11

Firearms Either Sex Oct 17-Oct 19 Bonus Deer

Firearms Buck Only Oct 28-Nov 28, Dec 2-Dec 8, Dec 26-Jan 1

Firearms Either Sex Oct 20-Oct 27, Nov 29-Dec 1

Primitive Weapons Either Sex Oct 12-Oct 16

Dove

2023-24

Nov 18-Nov 26, Dec 19-Jan 31

Sep 2-Oct 8 Sign-in

2024-25

Sep 7-Oct 13, Nov 23-Dec 1, Dec 19-Jan 31 Sign-in

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29 Sign-in

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28 Sign-in

Turkey

2023-24

Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in

2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Zahnd WMA

*Special Regulations

No ATV's.

Deer/Bear

2023-24

Archery Either Sex Sep 9-Jan 1

2024-25

Archery Either Sex Sep 14-Jan 1

Small Game

2023-24

Aug 15-Feb 29

2024-25

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2023-24 Apr 13-May 15 Sign-in 2024-25

Apr 12-May 15 Sign-in

Authority: O.C.G.A. 27-1-4, 27-1-12.

Rule 391-4-2-.73. Pursuit of Bears with Dogs on Wildlife Management Areas, Other State Lands and Federal Areas

- (1) The purpose of this rule is to establish regulations governing the use of dogs to pursue bears for training and hunting purposes on wildlife management areas, other state lands and federal areas.
- (2) It is unlawful for any person to allow their dog(s) to pursue a bear(s) on any wildlife management area, other state land or federal land during any time other than the season(s) specified for such wildlife management area, other state land or federal land in rule 391-4-2-.70.
- (3) On wildlife management areas, other state lands or federal lands that have a season(s) specified for pursuing bears for the purposes of training hunting dogs or hunting bears pursuant to rule 391-4-2-.70:
- (a) It is unlawful for any person to participate or assist in a lawful open season for pursuing bears with dogs without first procuring a valid hunting license and big game license pursuant to O.C.G.A. Title 27; and
- (b) Any person participating or assisting in a lawful open season for pursuing bears for the purpose of training hunting dogs shall comply with the provisions of O.C.G.A. Sec. 27-3-16; and
- (c) It is unlawful for any person participating or assisting in a lawful open season for pursuing bears for the purpose of training hunting dogs to fail to check-in once per season online via the departments website or application, or as otherwise specified in the annual popular guide to Hunting Regulations; and
- (d) It is unlawful for any person to fail to mark each dog used for pursuing bears with such person's first name, last name, address, and valid telephone number; and

- (e) It is unlawful for any person to fail to remove their dog(s) from any such area upon departure; and
- (f) It is unlawful for any person participating or assisting in a lawful open season for pursuing bears with dogs to allow their dog(s) to pursue any bear onto property for which permission has not been granted in accordance with O.C.G.A. Sec. 27-3-1 or onto any wildlife management area, other state land or federal land at any time not specified in Rule 391-4-2-.70.
- (4) In accordance with O.C.G.A. Sec. 27-2-25, the commissioner may revoke the hunting privileges, big game privileges, and/or wildlife management area privileges of any person who fails to comply with subsections (2) or (3)(a) through (3)(f) of this rule. **Authority: O.C.G.A. 27-1-4, 27-3-15, 27-3-26.**

Rule 391-4-13-.03 Sale of Alligator Hides and Other Products

- (1) Alligator hides and other products, except meat, may be sold or transferred in accordance with the following:
- (a) Alligator farmers, agent-trappers, permitted drawn quota hunters, and other persons authorized to take or possess alligators may sell or transfer the hides, feet, viscera or skeletal parts of alligators when all such sales or transfers are documented on a department supplied or approved report form which indicates the kind and quantity of items sold or transferred and the name and address of each buyer. A copy of such form must be returned to the Department within 30 days of the date of sale or transfer. Any packaged alligator parts must be labeled with a department-approved label that indicates the hide tag number(s) of the alligator(s) from which the parts came, the name and address of the seller, the date of the sale of transfer, and the number and kind of parts included.
- (b) Any alligator skull sold or transferred shall be permanently labeled with the identifying alligator hide tag number of the alligator from which the skull was taken and the name of the hunter, farmer or agent-trapper selling or transferring the skull.

- (c) Upon approval by the department, agent-trappers may collect oviductal eggs from gravid nuisance alligators for sale to licensed Georgia alligator farmers.
- (d) Persons selling finished or unfinished alligator products shall maintain documentation of their legal acquisition.
- (e) No person shall sell or transfer any hide, meat, or other product manufactured from a crocodilian species which has been declared to be endangered or threatened by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.
- (f) All alligator hides sold or transferred must be tagged by the State of origin, and all alligator parts from out-of-state sources must be packed and marked in accordance with regulations of the State of origin.

Authority: O.C.G.A. 27-2-10, 27-3-19.