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MEMORANDUM

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 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 seasons. The proposed rules (copy attached hereto), when adopted, will amend applicable rules of Chapter 391-4-2, relating to hunting regulations.

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, standardize the definition of "youth", establish disposal requirements for deer carcasses, add Calhoun County to the southwestern deer zone, allow a replacement tag for deer that test positive for chronic wasting disease, allow for an antlerless 2-day hunt in certain counties, reduce teal season in accordance with federal regulations, 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 Matt Goode (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 8, 2025 at the Worth County Community Center, 1310 North Monroe St., Sylvester GA 31791; April 15, 2025 at the Bulloch Center for Agriculture, 151 Langston Chapel Road, Statesboro, GA 30458; April 22, 2025 at the Gilmer county Agricultural Center, 346 Clear Creek School Rd, Ellijay, GA 30536. Additionally, an online public meeting will be held on April 10, 2025 (<https://www.facebook.com/WildlifeResourcesDivisionGADNR>). 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 20, 2025 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, 2025. Written statements should be mailed to the attention of Dr. Tina Johannsen at:

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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 7, 2025.

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Attachment: Proposed Regulations

SUBJECT	PROPOSED CHANGE	CURRENT REGULATION	CHANGE LANGUAGE	JUSTIFICATION
391-4-2-.11 Quota Hunts				
Definition of "youth"	Make youth definition consistent with statute	Persons 16 years of age and younger	Persons under 16 years of age	A consistent definition of youth is needed.
391-4-2-.19 Deer Carcass Disposal				
Deer Carcass Disposal	Create deer carcass disposal requirements	Currently no carcass disposal requirements for hunters or taxidermists	Deer carcasses, or parts thereof, not processed for consumption must be left on the property of kill or disposed of in a manner listed in the Dead Animal Disposal Act.	This Rule is intended to mitigate the potential role of deer carcass transport in the spread of chronic wasting disease (CWD). Proper disposal of carcass parts prevents the risk of any infected parts transmitting CWD to new areas is effectively eliminated. This will reduce regulation complexity upon detection of CWD by eliminating the need for within state carcass transport restrictions, a substantial logistical effort to support and enforce. Taking this action is a proactive step to get hunters, taxidermists, and deer processors in the habit of good biosecurity practices before CWD becomes a problem. Additionally, this is a more convenient alternative to within state carcass transport restrictions for hunters and substantially limits the impacts of CWD management zones to taxidermists and processors.

391-4-2-.24 General Regulations for Hunting Deer

CWD Positive Deer	Allow department to remove deer that test positive for chronic wasting disease from a hunter's bag limit	Not addressed	Deer that test positive for chronic wasting disease through a test approved by the Department do not count toward the daily or season bag limit. For test results received late in, or after deer season the Department may credit a deer to the hunter during the following season.	This change encourages hunters to submit harvested deer for CWD sampling. Additionally, while there is no evidence CWD can infect humans, this supports the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recommendation to avoid consuming the meat of CWD infected deer.
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391-4-2-.25 Archery Deer Hunting and 391-4-2-.27 Firearms Deer Hunting

Extended deer season	Add Calhoun County to zone of counties with extended deer season for firearms and archery	Deer season ends the second Sunday in January	Extend deer firearms to January 15th and archery to January 31st	After the season extension in southwest Georgia, landowners in Calhoun County asked for consideration. WRD biologists worked with them to collect conception data in the same manner as the other southwest counties. Based on discussions with all biologists that work in southwest Georgia, we determined that at least 30% of conceptions after December 8 th represented a substantial enough portion of the breeding in the county to warrant inclusion. In Calhoun County, 43% of conceptions met this criteria.
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391-4-2-.27 Firearms Deer Hunting				
Hunter for the Hungry	Allow department the option to implement an antlerless-only firearms 2-day hunt during statewide deer season in select counties	None	For the purpose of facilitating venison donation in counties experiencing crop damage from deer, the Department may designate a firearms hunt not to exceed 2 consecutive days, first Saturday in October and the following Sunday.	Deer harvest is inadequate to mitigate deer agricultural damage concerns in some counties. To help address this issue, the General Assembly provided funding to increase hunter access to venison donation. This change is intended to improve efficiency by targeting additional antlerless harvest in the specific counties where damage is occurring and at a time when deer processors are better able to handle the capacity. Many processors run out of cooler/freezer storage space during population firearms dates. This also helps focus more of those financial resources on female harvest, the drivers of the population.
391-4-2-.54 Teal				
Early teal only season	Early teal season reduced to 9 days	Currently 16 days	Reduce early teal season from 16 days to 9 days in September	2024 blue-winged teal breeding population estimates warrant a reduction in length of early teal season for the 2025 season. This change is mandated by the US Fish and Wildlife Service and supported by Atlantic Flyway Council.
391-4-2-.56 Youth, Active Duty Military, and Veteran Waterfowl Season				
Youth waterfowl season	Make youth definition consistent with statute	Youth 17 and younger	Youth under 16 years of age	A consistent definition of youth is needed.

391-4-2-.63 Hunting Structures on Wildlife Management Areas

Dove fields on WMAs	Correct outdated language to reflect shooting hours on opening day begin 30 minutes before sunrise	On opening day hunters cannot enter a managed dove field or set up prior to 10 a.m.	On opening day hunters cannot enter a managed dove field or set up more than 1 hour before shooting hours.	Clean up item; opening of shooting hours was moved to 30 minutes before sunrise a few years ago. This restriction is intended to prevent hunters from placing chairs and other items on the field to claim a spot the day before a hunt.
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391-4-2-.64 Youth Hunting on Wildlife Management Areas

Definition of "youth"	Make youth definition consistent with statute	Persons 16 years of age and younger	Persons under 16 years of age	A consistent definition of youth is needed.
Definition of "supervision"	Clarify supervising adult must remain close to youth on WMA hunts	"direct supervision" or "directly supervised" means uninterrupted, unaided visual contact and auditory communication of a child by an adult	"direct supervision" or "directly supervised" means the adult must remain in a position to take immediate control of the youth's firearm at all times while either is participating in a Youth WMA hunt	Safety is the primary concern during youth WMA hunts; ensuring the supervising adult is in close proximity (e.g. arm's length) to the youth is critical to this effort. Some hunters have interpreted the current definition to allow the youth to be within "shouting distance" which is not the intent.

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

Alapaha River WMA	October deer hunt	Oct hunt is Buck-Only	Change Oct Buck-Only firearms deer hunt to Either-Sex	This area averages only 3.9 deer/sq mi doe harvest annually. This change will provide additional opportunity on an existing hunt without impacting the overall herd.
Albany Nursery WMA	Add deer archery hunt opportunity	Deer archery from 2nd Sat in Dec - 2nd Sun in Jan	Add 2 weeks in Sept and 2 weeks in Oct	Increase early season archery deer hunting opportunity.

Albany Nursery WMA	Add a quail quota hunt	1 youth and 2 general quota hunts, 1 day, Q1 each	Add 1 day Dec Q1 quail hunt	Data indicate the area can support an additional day of quail opportunity.
Allatoona WMA	Convert youth deer to specialty hunt	2-day specialty hunt, followed by youth hunt	Specialty entire 2-weeks	Low participation in youth hunt, increases opportunity without reducing youth days.
Altamaha Waterfowl Area	Remove snipe hunting restriction	Snipe hunting allowed Wed-Sunday and State holidays during season	Allow snipe hunting 7-days each week during the open small game/snipe dates	Small game hunting on Altamaha WMA is allowed only after the closure of the waterfowl season. Allowing unrestricted access during the month of February will add 8 additional snipe hunting days, increasing hunter opportunity.
Balls Ferry SP	Convert youth hunt to general deer archery	1 week youth hunt during primitive weapons week.	Implement statewide archery season; no primitive weapons hunting	BFSP is a very small area (~500 ac) better suited to archery only deer opportunity. Furthermore, just 2 youths have used this hunt over the last 4 years combined.
Balls Ferry SP	Convert youth hunt to archery only for turkey	1 week is youth only firearms for turkey	Turkey season archery only	BFSP is a very small area (~500 ac) better suited to archery only opportunity. Few areas in the state offer archery only opportunity for turkeys. Only 6 youths have used this hunt over the last 4 years combined.
Beaverdam WMA	Late Nov and Dec Buck-Only hunts to Either-Sex	Late Nov and Dec hunts are Buck-Only	Change Late Nov and Dec Buck-Only firearms deer hunts to Either-Sex	This area avgs. only 2.7 deer/sq mi doe harvest annually and this will provide additional opportunity on existing hunts. Data from the area indicate additional doe opportunity is appropriate.

BF Grant WMA	Make late deer archery hunt 2 weeks	Late archery hunt is 7 days	Make the hunt 15 days, beginning Saturday before Thanksgiving	This change would do 3 things: 1) make a hunt 8 days longer, 2) capture Thanksgiving week and 3) end hunt on a Sunday. All of these are desirable to area hunters and data indicate the herd can support enhance opportunity on this QDM area.
BF Grant WMA	Add 2 waterfowl quota hunts	2 quota waterfowl hunts	Add 2 quota hunts, for youth hunters, for a total of 4	Increase youth waterfowl opportunity. Current harvest on existing hunts indicates the area can withstand additional opportunity.
Big Dukes Pond WMA	Add archery hunt opportunity	No archery deer hunting allowed after primitive weapons hunt	Open WMA to archery deer hunting the day after primitive weapons deer hunt ends and run through second Sunday in January (last day of state season)	Increased archery deer hunting opportunity is not expected to significantly increase total harvest.
Big Hammock WMA	Add archery hunt opportunity	Deer hunting closed immediately after firearms hunt	Open archery deer the day after the firearms hunt, through end of state season	Open WMA to archery deer hunting after firearms either-sex hunt through end of season. This provides additional archery hunting.
Big Lazer WMA	Convert 1st bonus deer hunt to sign-in hunt	First quota hunt is currently a bonus deer hunt	Make 1st quota deer hunt a sign-in hunt	Bonus tags are offered to incentive hunters to bring deer to staff for data collection. Sufficient data can be collected at 1 hunt and later hunts are better for collection of biological data from antlerless deer.
Big Lazer WMA	Change both firearms hunts to Quality Buck and Antlerless	Both firearms hunts are Quality Buck and Antlerless Last Day	Allow antlerless harvest for entirety of both firearms hunts	Increases hunter opportunity and allows for sufficient antlerless data collection to be obtained by staffing 1 hunt rather than 2.

Big Lazer WMA	Increase length of 1st archery deer hunt	Hunt is 14 days in September	Add 6 days	Increase archery opportunity.
Big Lazer WMA	Convert turkey quota hunts to 7 days	Quota hunts are 9 days	Reduce quota hunts by 2 days	Reduce pressure during the early part of the season when greater proportion of breeding occurs.
Big Lazer WMA	Open 10 additional days in late turkey season	17 days of late season open for sign-in hunting	Increase turkey hunting open opportunity to 27 days	Add late season opportunity to offset reduction in early part of the season. This shifts hunting pressure and disturbance to later in the breeding season, when more hens are already on the nest.
Blanton Creek WMA	Reduce quotas for both deer firearms hunts	Quota is 200 hunters	Q125	Hunters and game wardens have repeatedly requested a smaller quota to decrease hunter conflicts.
Blanton Creek WMA	Convert 1st bonus deer hunt to sign-in hunt	1st deer firearms hunt is bonus	Convert 1st bonus deer hunt to sign-in hunt	Maintain opportunity while reducing staff time required to work managed hunts.
Blanton Creek WMA	Convert 2nd quota dove hunt to sign in	2nd dove hunt is quota	Make 2nd dove hunt an open hunt	The show rate of drawn hunters is roughly equal to the total number of applicants, indicating that a quota is not currently necessary to manage this dove field. Making it an open hunt increases opportunity for hunters.

Blue Ridge WMA	Convert October Deer/Bear Primitive Weapons Sign-In Hunt to a post-Christmas Firearms Sign-In Hunt	October Primitive Weapons Deer/Bear Hunt	Deer/Bear: Eliminate October Primitive Weapons Sign-In Hunt and replace with after Christmas Firearms Sign-In Hunt	Very low participation/success during existing primitive weapons hunt. October PW hunt over the past 4 years averaged 65.5 hunters harvesting 1.5 deer and 1 bear. Change simplifies regs by adding post Christmas hunt that other local WMAs already have, which should disperse hunting pressure across different WMAs while increasing overall harvest opportunity on this WMA.
Bullard Creek WMA	Reduce quota for turkey hunts	Q80	Q40	Reduce quota number and harvest pressure on Bullard Creek WMA in response to Hurricane Helene damage and associated habitat effects. Bullard Creek harvest rates, estimated from 2020-2024 band recovery data, average 30%, but have been 40-50% some years. This high hunting pressure, coupled with habitat degradation from hurricane Helene, warrant a quota reduction
Cedar Creek WMA	Add a quota on 1st week of turkey season	No quota on turkey hunts	Make the first week of the season a quota of 100.	This change was originally going to be proposed prior to the UGA research project beginning. However, this change postponed until field data collection was completed. Harvest on Cedar Creek has declined precipitously, from a high of 2.0 gobblers/square mile to 0.3 gobblers/square mile. Additionally, research on the area has shown low reproductive success coupled with high harvest rates, which is not sustainable long-term.

Cedar Creek WMA	Make second bonus deer hunt either-sex	Hunt is either-sex only on last day	Make the entire 2nd bonus hunt ES (Thur-Sat)	Harvest data, hunter success rates, camera survey data, browsing pressure on wildlife openings and dove fields all indicate a need to harvest more deer.
Cedar Creek WMA	Open deer archery season between existing firearms hunts	Archery deer hunting is allowed during the opening weekend and several days in late October	Add bow hunting between all guns hunts until January 1	Increase bow hunting opportunity through the deer season. Harvest data, hunter success rates, camera survey data, browsing pressure on wildlife openings and dove fields all indicate a need to harvest more deer.
Ceylon WMA	Reduce turkey quotas	Q 40	Q 25	High pressure hunt has caused low success and poor quality. Just 7 birds were harvested in 2024 season and just 5 in 2023. Lots of habitat management/modifications to property in past couple years combined with less pressure should improve hunt quality.
Ceylon WMA	Convert first quota deer firearms hunt to quota primitive weapons	First quota is currently a firearms hunt	1st quota deer hunt primitive weapons	This hunt should be consistent with weapons allowed on adjacent private lands. This change should not have significant effects on the hunter participation on this highly desire quota hunt.

Chattahoochee WMA	Covert October Bonus Deer/Bear hunt to Sign-In Hunt	4-day Bonus Deer/Bear Hunt during 3rd week of October	4-day Deer/Bear Sign-In hunt beginning 3rd Wednesday in October	Lack of harvest and thus data collection doesn't justify staffing of check station. From 2019-2024, deer harvest averaged 1.5 deer and 1.0 bear per 4-day hunt segment. Hunter success rate has averaged 1.82% as well. This change maintains a historical hunt opportunity.
Chestatee WMA	Change first Deer/bear Bonus Hunt to Sign-In	Bonus Deer/Bear Hunt on week before Thanksgiving	Sign-In Firearms Deer/Bear week before November	Low harvest (average of 8.0 deer/hunt across last 6 years and just 1-3 bears per hunt) doesn't justify staffing check station for little to no data. In addition, few bear hunters from surrounding national forest lands use this check station as cooperating processors and/or taxidermists have become more accessible options.
Chickasawhatchee WMA	Remove Q5 and Youth Q2 and convert quail hunt to general sign in	Q5 and youth Q2	Remove the quotas for the late December quail hunt	Current data from UGA research being conducted on the WMA indicates the area can withstand an open hunt. Researchers will continue to monitor the impacts of hunting on quail here.
Chickasawhatchee WMA	Add 1 day of additional quail hunting opportunity	3 quail hunts in January	Add 1 Saturday in January of quota quail hunting opportunity	Current data from UGA research being conducted on the WMA indicates the area can withstand an open hunt. Researchers will continue to monitor the impacts of hunting on quail here.

Chickasawhatchee WMA	Reduce turkey quota from 40 to 30 hunters and decrease length of hunts	3 7-day quota hunts Q 40 and 1 open hunt	3 3-day hunts, Q 30	Turkey hunting success has declined significantly on this WMA. This coupled with a regionwide decline in turkey populations increases the need to reduce pressure on the remaining turkey population.
Chickasawhatchee WMA	Move bonus deer opportunity to late season (December)	Bonus hunt in November, sign in hunt in December	Swap the dates of the deer bonus hunt and the sign in hunt	This change will allow hunters to have a bonus hunt closer to the rut as well as ensuring that staff do not have to work a holiday (the hunt falls on Veteran's Day on some years). This will reduce administrative burdens associated with working holiday hours but still allow for necessary collection of biological data from harvested deer.
Clarks Hill East	Add a quota dove hunt by opening a second managed dove field	One field is open for a quota dove hunting on opening day (McDuffie Co, Q 60)	Q60 on field 1 (Mcduffie), Q50 on field 2 (Wilkes) on opening weekend	Clarks Hill East has added an additional dove field in Wilkes County that will be ready for next dove season. To remain consistent with current regulations, add a Quota of 50 to this field as well as opening weekend to double the hunting opportunity at Clarks Hill East.
Clarks Hill East	Remove deer firearms bonus hunt prior to opening of statewide deer firearms season	1st bonus deer firearms hunt opens prior to the opener on adjacent private lands	Remove this hunt and convert these dates to archery	This general hunt should be removed since it is prior to the opening of statewide firearms season. With the large amount of opportunity at Clarks Hill and high harvest rates a bonus hunt is not necessary and does not need to be shifted to a later date.

Cohutta WMA	No May 16-31 coyote and hog season.	Hogs may be taken with dogs during May 16-31 coyote season	Eliminate the season for coyotes and all hog hunting from May 16-31.	The US Forest Service has significantly increased feral hog reduction activities in this area. Allowing hog-dog hunting during this time inhibits their trapping efficacy.
Cooper's Creek WMA	Deer/Bear: Transition Youth hunt into Specialty Hunt in November	Youth Hunt first weekend in October	Remove Bonus Youth Only hunt and create Bonus Specialty Hunt on first Wed-Sat in November	Extremely low participation and harvest during this bonus youth hunt. Increased participation and harvest are expected from adding users and moving dates to cooler weather. Low harvest numbers make check station staffing not worth the small amount of data.
Dawson Forest WMA	Put quotas on turkey hunts	Open for statewide turkey season	Transition all turkey hunting opportunity to quota. Public land opening weekend will be Youth only Q50. April and May will be 7-day hunts Q 100.	Dawson Forest has become one of the most highly pressured WMAs for turkey hunting. 639 hunters signed in during 2024 turkey season compared to Lake Russell and Redlands at 342 and 336, respectively. Harvest rates, estimated from band returns, range from 25-50% annually.
Dawson Forest WMA	Shift/reorder timing of existing deer hunts to better allocate opportunity	(1) Specialty bonus hunt second week in October (2) Bonus QB/ESLD hunt in 3rd week in October (3) Bonus QB Only first weekend in November (4) Bonus QB Only first weekend in December	(1) 4-day Specialty Bonus-last Wednesday in October start date (2) 4-day Quality Buck Only Bonus hunt beginning Wednesday before Thanksgiving (3) 4-day Quality Buck Only Bonus hunt beginning 2nd Wed in December	Improve quality of hunts on WMA without any net loss of opportunity. Current Specialty hunt timing is too early in the year. Warm weather leads to poor hunt quality and low harvest and public desire is to have hunt later in the month when weather is more conducive. Current General Bonus hunts do not coincide with the rut on the WMA, and no biological reason exists to not have a firearms hunt coincide with the rut on the WMA.

Dawson Forest WMA	Deer/Bear: Add late December Primitive Weapons Bonus Hunt/Remove December Archery season	13-day archery hunt in December	4-day primitive weapons-either-sex last 2 days-bonus hunt beginning the Wednesday following Christmas	Low participation December archery hunt will be replaced with a primitive weapons hunt. Data suggests deer density has increased. Public desire for more late season opportunity exists due to lack of late December hunting opportunities on R2 WMAs, and this hunt fills that desire.
Di-Lane Plantation WMA	Add late antlerless only archery season opportunity	No deer season after mid November	Add an antlerless only archery hunt - December 1 - end of the state deer season.	Harvest data indicates a need for more doe deer harvest on Di-Lane, adding a late archery season will provide more hunting opportunity with minimal impact to small game hunters.
Di-Lane Plantation WMA	Reduce quota deer hunt from 400-300	Quota 400	Quota 300	Reduce number of quota hunters due to large number of hunter complaints and public comments. Since Di-Lane is mostly early successional habitat with open areas, hunters regularly see each other in open areas, or concentrate in smaller amount of wooded habitat, particularly after hurricane Helene damage.
Di-Lane Plantation WMA	Move bonus deer hunt to later in firearms season	Bonus deer firearms hunt in early October	Move the bonus firearms hunt to the weekend before Halloween.	This firearms hunt had been scheduled prior to opening of statewide deer firearms season. Moving it to the weekend before Halloween will allow us to keep the bonus hunt without interfering with other bonus hunts in the region.
Dodge County PFA	Increase Nov archery deer opportunity	Nov archery deer hunt is 11 days	Expand Nov deer archery hunt to Nov 1-30	Deer harvest on this small area is minimal and this will provide additional opportunity on an existing hunt.

Flat Creek PFA	Open area for dove hunting with statewide seasons	Saturday only in first season with the first 4 dates being youth and then open for second/third season	Area will be open for dove hunting for entire statewide dove season (unless otherwise indicated at kiosk)	Despite management efforts, the dove field on this PFA has never been successful. A new and successful field has been established a few miles away at Perry Dove Field (which has been successful for several years). The PFA field has been converted into a native grass field that provides limited dove opportunity but good early successional native habitat.
Flat Tub WMA	Revert all firearms deer hunting to either-sex	46 days of buck-only hunting and 12 days of either-sex hunting	All firearms hunts will be either-sex	This change reverts the area back to pre-2021 regulations. Since that change doe harvest has averaged 1.7/sq mi (vs double that previously) and hunter participation has dropped by 278 hunters annually. In the interim 1500 acres have been added to the area. This change will restore opportunity and help mitigate effects of Hurricane Helene on hunter access and success.
Flint River WMA	Convert bonus deer hunt to sign in hunt	2nd quota deer hunt is bonus hunt	Change November firearms deer hunt from a quota bonus hunt to a quota sign in hunt	To better allocate limited staffing resources, some bonus hunts are being dropped from areas where hunter and deer herd parameters are satisfactory and unlikely to change.
Flint River WMA	Delay start of quail season by a week	Open hunts on Wednesdays and Saturdays during statewide season	Open quail hunting after Nov 11	FRWMA is one of a handful of WMAs where quail opportunity does not yet have to be limited to quota. This change keeps the opening of quail hunting on the area the same as it has traditionally been.

Gaither WMA	Move last deer firearms quota hunt	Firearms quota hunt is last weekend of deer season	Shift hunt earlier, into December	Participation and hunter success are low for the existing hunt.
Gaither WMA	Move youth deer hunt	Youth hunt is Christmas week	Youth hunt during week of Thanksgiving.	Hunters report that by Late Dec.- Christmas there's little deer movement on GWMA. The hope is that moving hunt to Thanksgiving week there will be improved movements and thus improved success. Since 2018 when the hunt started only 2 deer have been harvested during the week of Christmas.
Gaither WMA	Shift December deer archery hunt	Archery deer hunt is in early December	Shift archery opportunity to late December	Shifting archery later will allow second quota hunt to move up to early December.
Horse Creek WMA	Late Oct Buck-Only hunt to Either-Sex	Oct hunt is Buck-Only	Change late Oct Buck-Only firearms deer hunt to Either-Sex	This area averages only 2.2 deer/sq mi doe harvest annually and this will provide additional opportunity on an existing hunt and help mitigate effects of Hurricane Helene on hunter success and access.
J.L. Lester	Allow horseback riding when dog training	Horseback riding outside sanctioned field trials prohibited	Allow individuals actively training upland bird dogs to use horses, except during quota hunts and deer hunts	JL Lester was created specifically for upland bird hunting with dogs. Horses are allowed during field trials and users have requested this change.

Lake Russell WMA	Replace youth deer/bear hunt with specialty hunt	3-day Specialty Hunt first week in October and 3 day Youth Hunt first week in November	4-day Specialty Hunt to start first Wed in November	Public input is for Specialty Hunt to take place during more desirable timing. At the same time, hunter success during the Youth hunt is low. Addition of 1 extra day to Specialty hunt results in a net loss of only 2 opportunity days for youth hunters on the WMA. This change puts the opportunity in the more desirable November time.
Little River WMA	Allow youth firearms deer hunting during Thanksgiving and Christmas weeks	General archery only deer hunting allowed during these 2 weeks	Youth only firearms hunt for the weeks of Thanksgiving and Christmas	Allows more youth firearms opportunity during the periods of deer season that they are out of school. General archery opportunity is still available on the much larger adjacent Cedar Creek WMA.
Lower Broad River WMA	Increase quota for dove hunt	Q 30	Q45	Dove field has been expanded and doubled in size.
McGraw Ford WMA	Add quota first 2 Saturdays of dove season	Open Saturdays during statewide dove season	Q 20 for first two Saturdays of dove season	Significant efforts have been made in recent years to improve dove field quality. This has led to hunter crowding on these early hunts, creating a safety issue on the field and degrading overall hunter satisfaction.
Moody Forest WMA	Expand small game opportunity	Squirrel only with abbreviated season. No waterfowl hunting.	Allow gray squirrel and waterfowl hunting during statewide seasons.	Squirrel and waterfowl opportunity are focused on the river flood plains and so can be expanded without impacting management efforts for rare species being actively managed on the uplands of the WMA. Fox squirrel hunting remains prohibited to further protect uplands from disturbance.

Ocmulgee WMA	Reduce turkey quota	Q 100	Q 60	The existing quota has been in place many years since this area was several 1000 acres larger. This quota is more appropriate for the current area size and status of the population.
Ocmulgee WMA	Move youth deer hunt	Youth hunt is in late September	Move youth firearms deer hunt to week before statewide firearms deer season	Moves the hunt to a time slot with more deer activity and cooler weather.
Ocmulgee WMA	Convert mid-December deer hunt to either-sex	Mid-Dec deer hunt is buck-only	Mid-December firearms deer hunt either-sex	This large area averages only 1.3 deer/sq mi doe harvest annually and this will provide additional opportunity on an existing hunt.
Oconee NF	Remove December break in deer opportunity	Deer season closes for 2 weeks in mid-December	Allow deer hunting to continue through the entire deer season uninterrupted	Demand for deer hunting opportunity on the National Forest is strong. This change satisfies the greatest number of users of the area. Most of the days would be archery only.
Oconee NF	Add a December deer firearms either-sex hunt	No firearms hunt during mid-December	Add a 2-day either-sex firearms hunt in December	Increase firearms either-sex opportunity.
Paradise PFA	Add early goose season hunt day	No open hunt	Open one-day goose hunt during the resident goose season	This area supports a robust resident goose population. Creating a hunt will provide additional waterfowl hunting opportunity without negatively affecting the primary use of the PFA.
Paulding Forest WMA	Camping only in designated areas except during firearms deer hunts	No designated camping areas	Go from unlimited camping to camping only in designated areas, except during firearms deer hunts	Major need for camping is during firearms deer hunts, limited need for camping during other times of year. Designating areas and requiring their use most of the year reduces conflicts among users.

Perry Dove Field	Put quota on opening day dove hunt	Open hunt	Make opening day of dove season a quota hunt Q 150	Each year the field has gotten more crowded, creating unsafe conditions.
Pleasant Valley VPA	Add late season deer hunting and change youth hunts to specialty	None	Nov. 16-Jan. 1 except on Saturdays, change archery and both firearm hunts from youth to specialty	Deer population is abundant, and this change creates increased youth firearms deer season hunting, with limited impacts to waterfowl hunting.
Redlands WMA	Waterfowl: Legal hours end at noon	No special regulations on waterfowl	Legal hours end at noon.	Request from area WRD, LED, and USFS staff to reduce hunting pressure on ducks on the Oconee River.
Region 2 Mountain WMAs	Bear: Addition/Standardization of Firearms Bear hunts	Different dates/hunt lengths for early season firearms bear hunts across some (not all) of the region's mountain WMAs	Standardized dates for all USFS owned, "mountain" WMAs. Begins last Saturday in September, hunt length will be 7 days. WMAs include: Cooper's Creek, Blue Ridge, Chestatee, Chattahoochee, Swallow Creek, Warwoman	Current regulations cause confusion for hunters. Some mountain WMAs have an early firearms bear season while others don't, and the dates differ by property. Standardizing the dates and WMAs that have this hunt opportunity reduces regulatory complexity and increases the land area available to hunt to disperse hunters more evenly. Increased bear harvest is appropriate and desired across these WMAs and counties, but no significant increase in harvest is expected.
Region 2 WMAs	Deer/Bear: Standardize general bonus hunt day of week start and hunt length	Highly variable across WMAs what day of week Deer/Bear Bonus hunts begin and how long they last.	All R2 general bonus hunts will be Wed-Sat (excluding Buck Shoals WMA)	WMAs across the region have highly variable hunt lengths, day of week start/end. This change reduces regulation complexity. Polling of region staff indicates their least desirable and least productive day to work bonus hunts are Sundays. R2 bonus hunt data from 2022 and 2023 shows that Sunday deer harvest is 51.1% lower

				than Wednesdays, indicating the more successful/used day of the week is Wednesday.
River Bend WMA	Increase late season deer archery opportunity	No late season archery hunt	Add 29-day deer archery Either-Sex hunt from last firearms hunt till end of statewide firearms deer season	Increase late season deer archery opportunity in response to public desire.
River Creek WMA	Add Q2 quail hunt to the 1st Saturday in February	No February hunt	Q2 quail hunt to the 1st Saturday in February	Increase opportunity during a highly desirable time of year. 1 day of 2 parties is not expected to impact the quail population on this intensively managed WMA.
Rum Creek WMA	Make second bonus deer hunt either-sex	Second bonus hunt is either-sex only on last day	Second bonus hunt either-sex	Harvest data, hunter success rates, camera survey data, browsing pressure on wildlife openings and dove fields all indicate a need to harvest more deer.
Rum Creek WMA	Start second segment of deer archery hunt 6 days earlier	Second segment of deer archery begins 1 week after last quota firearms deer hunt	Start second segment of deer archery hunt 6 days earlier	Harvest data, hunter success rates, camera survey data, browsing pressure on wildlife openings and dove fields all indicate a need to harvest more deer.
Silver Lake WMA	Add quota (Q160) back to the bonus deer hunt	Bonus hunt is sign-in only	Bonus deer hunt Q 160	With input from public comment and discussions with Law Enforcement, it was decided to add the quota back to the bonus hunt due to the large numbers of hunters participating in this hunt.

Tallapoosa River WMA	Open second and third deer firearms bonus hunts to all hunters, with Q 200	Currently all 3 deer firearms hunts are youth only	Bonus deer firearms hunts in November and January	Youth participation is low for all 3 existing hunts. Moving to a general quota for the 2nd two will increase hunter opportunity while minimizing impacts to deer population. Also matches Treat Mountain WMA hunts.
Yuchi WMA	Add quota (30) to each of the first 2 weeks of Turkey season	Open hunt all season	Change the first 2 weeks of Turkey season from open hunts to a quota hunt each week, Q 30.	Large numbers of hunter complaints about high traffic and overcrowding have been received for the opening of turkey season. Harvest dates from Game Check suggest that the majority of hunter traffic is also within these first 2 weeks.
Yuchi WMA	Add 14 more either sex deer firearms days	14 Either sex dates	Add either sex days (28 total) around Thanksgiving, New Year's, and Halloween.	Harvest rates suggested that Yuchi can sustain a larger doe harvest without impacting the overall deer population negatively, therefore providing more either sex dates allow for more potential doe harvest and hunter opportunity.

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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 dog-bear 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 under sixteen (16) years 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 O.C.G.A. § 16-11-125) and must remain within 15 feet of the drawn hunter.

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

Rule 391-4-2-.19. Deer Carcass Disposal

It is unlawful for any person or taxidermist to dispose of a deer carcass, or part thereof, on any location other than the property on which the deer was killed, unless the disposal is in accordance with an approved method. Approved methods of disposal include using a commercial deer processor, permitted solid waste landfill, burial, incineration, rendering, or composting. Commercial facilities that process deer for human consumption are governed by the Dead Animal Disposal Act, O.C.G.A. §§ 4-5-1 to 4-5-1 and are subject to enforcement by the Georgia Department of Agriculture.

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

Rule 391-4-2-.24. General Regulations for Hunting Deer

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this Rule 391-4-2-.24, the season bag limit shall be 10 antlerless deer and 2 antlered bucks per hunter. One of the antlered bucks must have at least 4 points, one inch or longer, on one side of the antlers or a minimum outside antler spread of fifteen (15) inches.

(2) Deer harvested on public land during bonus deer hunts do not count toward the statewide bag limit when such deer are tagged with department issued single-use tags.

(3) Still hunting for deer is permitted in any area at any time during the legal season for hunting deer with dogs.

(4) In Dooly and Macon Cos., antlered bucks may be taken on private land only if they have a minimum outside antler spread of fifteen (15) inches.

(5) In Hancock, Harris, Meriwether, Montgomery, Randolph, Talbot, and Troup Cos., antlered bucks may be taken on private land only if they have a minimum of 4 antler points 1 inch or longer on one side of the antlers or a minimum outside antler spread of fifteen (15) inches.

(6) In accordance with O.C.G.A. Sec 27-3-15(a) and (b), the department is authorized to prescribe property-specific harvest objectives, based solely on sound wildlife management principles, relating to bag limit and season on properties enrolled in a deer management assistance program as established by the department.

(7) Deer that test positive for chronic wasting disease through a test approved by the Department do not count toward the daily or season bag limit. For test results received late in, or after deer season the Department may credit a deer to the hunter during the following season.

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

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 last day of firearms deer season, except as otherwise specified in this Rule.

(2) Deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment in Barrow, Bibb, Chatham, Cherokee, Clarke, Clayton, Cobb, Columbia, Decatur, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Muscogee, Paulding, and Rockdale counties from the second (2nd) Saturday in September through the last day of January.

(3) In Baker, Calhoun, Decatur, Early, Grady, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, and Thomas Counties, only antlered deer may be taken with archery equipment from the second Saturday of September

and for 15 days thereafter. Deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment following this period through the last day in January.

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, DeKalb, that portion of Forsyth lying south of GA Hwy 20, that portion of Fulton lying north of GA Hwy 92 and that portion of Glynn lying within Jekyll Island. In that portion of Forsyth lying south of GA Hwy 20, only shotguns and muzzleloaders may be used.	Antlered Bucks	First Saturday after Oct. 15 through the second Sunday in January.
Appling, Atkinson, Bacon, Baldwin, Banks, Barrow, Ben Hill, Berrien, Bibb, Bleckley, Brantley, Brooks, Bryan, Bulloch, Burke, Butts, 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,	Either-sex	First Saturday after Oct. 15 through the second Sunday in January.

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, 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 1 st .
(f) Baker, Calhoun, Decatur, Early, Grady, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, and Thomas.	Either-sex	First Saturday after Oct. 15 through January 15 th .
(g) All counties listed in subsections (a) and (f).	Antlerless Only	First Saturday in October and the following Sunday.

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

Rule 391-4-2-.54. Teal

(1) In addition to the open seasons for hunting ducks, the open season for hunting teal is the second Saturday in September and 9 days thereafter.

(2) The daily bag limit on teal during this season is six (6).

Authority: O.C.G.A. 27-3-15.

Rule 391-4-2-.56. Youth, Active Duty Military, and Veteran Waterfowl Season

- (1) The open season for youths under 16 years of age, active duty military, and veterans hunting ducks, coots, gallinules (common moorhen), mergansers, sea ducks, Canada Geese and Snow Geese is the Saturday and Sunday preceding the November duck season.
- (2) An adult at least 18 years of age must accompany the youth into the field during this season but may not hunt.

Authority: O.C.G.A. 27-3-15.

Rule 391-4-2-.63. Hunting Structures on Wildlife Management Areas

- (1) For purposes of this Rule, "hunting structure" means any portable tree stand, ground blind, stool, chair, bucket, waterfowl blind, or other similar device used for hunting.
- (2) For small game hunts, hunting structures may be placed and shall be removed from the WMA only on the day of the hunt, except that on opening day of dove season hunters shall not enter a managed dove field and hunting structures shall not be placed on a managed dove field more than 1 hour prior to shooting hours.
- (3) For big game and feral hog/coyote hunts, hunting structures shall not be placed any sooner than one day prior to the hunt and shall be removed from the WMA no later than 12:00 noon the day following the hunt.
- (4) It is unlawful for any person to place any tree stand on utility poles or other structures supporting utility lines.

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

Rule 391-4-2-.64. Youth Hunting on Wildlife Management Areas

- (1) As used in this Rule, "Youth" means persons under 16 years of age, "Adult" means persons 18 years and older, and "direct supervision" or "directly supervised" means the adult must remain in a position to take immediate control of the youth's firearm at all times while hunting.

- (2) All persons under sixteen (16) years of age shall be accompanied by and under direct supervision of an Adult when hunting.
- (3) On Youth Hunts for big game, only one firearm is allowed and only the Youth may hunt. An Adult shall supervise no more than one Youth.
- (4) On Youth Hunts for small game, one Adult may directly supervise no more than two (2) Youth. Except as otherwise specified in 391-4-2-.70, adults and Youth may possess firearms and hunt on small game Youth hunts, provided that an Adult hunting on such hunts shall be directly supervising the Youth or Youths participating in the hunt.
- (5) On Youth hunts for quail, bird dog handlers may accompany youth parties provided, however, that such handlers may not hunt or carry a firearm except as provided in O.C.G.A. 16-11-129.
- Authority: O.C.G.A. 27-1-4.**

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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 under 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 O.C.G.A. § 16-11-125) and must remain within 15 feet of the drawn hunter.

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(2) Deer harvested on public land during bonus deer hunts do not count toward the statewide bag limit when such deer are tagged with department issued single-use tags.

(3) Still hunting for deer is permitted in any area at any time during the legal season for hunting deer with dogs.

(4) In Dooly and Macon Cos., antlered bucks may be taken on private land only if they have a minimum outside antler spread of fifteen (15) inches.

(5) In Hancock, Harris, Meriwether, Montgomery, Randolph, Talbot, and Troup Cos., antlered bucks may be taken on private land only if they have a minimum of 4 antler points 1 inch or longer on one side of the antlers or a minimum outside antler spread of fifteen (15) inches.

(6) In accordance with O.C.G.A. Sec 27-3-15(a) and (b), the department is authorized to prescribe property-specific harvest objectives, based solely on sound wildlife management principles, relating to bag limit and season on properties enrolled in a deer management assistance program as established by the department.

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counties from the second (2nd) Saturday in September through the last day of January.

(3) In Baker, Calhoun, Decatur, Early, Grady, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, and Thomas Counties, only antlered deer may be taken with archery equipment from the second Saturday of September and for 15 days thereafter. Deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment following this period through the last day in January.

~~(4) In Baker, Decatur, Early, Grady, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, and Thomas Counties, deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment from the last Monday of September through the last day of January.~~

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

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(a) All counties, except Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, that portion of Forsyth lying south of GA Hwy 20, that portion of Fulton lying north of GA Hwy 92 and that portion of Glynn lying within Jekyll Island. In that portion of Forsyth lying south of GA Hwy 20, only shotguns and muzzleloaders may be used.	Antlered Bucks	First Saturday after Oct. 15 through the second Sunday in January.
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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, Tattall, Richmond, Rockdale, Schley, 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.

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(f) Baker, <u>Calhoun</u> , Decatur, Early, Grady, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, and Thomas.	Either-sex	First Saturday after Oct. 15 through January 15th.
<u>(g) All counties listed in subsections (a) and (f).</u>	<u>Antlerless Only</u>	<u>First Saturday in October and the following Sunday.</u>

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

Rule 391-4-2-.54. Teal

(1) In addition to the open seasons for hunting ducks, the open season for hunting teal is the second Saturday in September and 9 ~~15~~ days thereafter.

(2) The daily bag limit on teal during this season is six (6).

Authority: O.C.G.A. 27-3-15.

Rule 391-4-2-.56. Youth, Active Duty Military, and Veteran Waterfowl Season

(1) The open season for youths under 16 years of age ~~17 years of age or less~~, active duty military, and veterans hunting ducks, coots, gallinules (common moorhen), mergansers, sea ducks, Canada Geese and Snow Geese is the Saturday and Sunday preceding the November duck season.

(2) An adult at least 18 years of age must accompany the youth into the field during this season but may not hunt.

Authority: O.C.G.A. 27-3-15.

Rule 391-4-2-.63. Hunting Structures on Wildlife Management Areas

(1) For purposes of this Rule, "hunting structure" means any portable tree stand, ground blind, stool, chair, bucket, waterfowl blind, or other similar device used for hunting.

(2) For small game hunts, hunting structures may be placed and shall be removed from the WMA only on the day of the hunt, except that on opening day of dove season hunters shall not enter a managed dove field and hunting structures shall not be placed on a managed dove field more than 1 hour prior to shooting hours ~~prior to 10 a.m. or as otherwise noted in Rule 391-4-2-.70.~~

(3) For big game and feral hog/coyote hunts, hunting structures shall not be placed any sooner than one day prior to the hunt and

shall be removed from the WMA no later than 12:00 noon the day following the hunt.

(4) It is unlawful for any person to place any tree stand on utility poles or other structures supporting utility lines.

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

Rule 391-4-2-.64. Youth Hunting on Wildlife Management Areas

(1) As used in this Rule, "Youth" means persons under 16 years of age ~~and younger~~, "Adult" means persons 18 years and older, and "direct supervision" or "directly supervised" means the adult must remain in a position to take immediate control of the youth's firearm at all times while hunting uninterrupted, unaided visual contact and auditory communication of a child by an adult.

(2) All persons under sixteen (16) years of age shall be accompanied by and under direct supervision of an Adult when hunting.

(3) On Youth Hunts for big game, only one firearm is allowed and only the Youth may hunt. An Adult shall supervise no more than one Youth.

(4) On Youth Hunts for small game, one Adult may directly supervise no more than two (2) Youth. Except as otherwise specified in 391-4-2-.70, adults and Youth may possess firearms and hunt on small game Youth hunts, provided that an Adult hunting on such hunts shall be directly supervising the Youth or Youths participating in the hunt.

~~(5) On Youth hunts, a person of 16 years of age may hunt unsupervised provided that person is properly licensed. The 16-year old may bring an Adult for supervision, provided that the Adult is directly supervising the 16-year old for a big game hunt or directly supervising the 16-year old and no more than one other Youth during a small game hunt.~~

~~(6) On Youth hunts for quail, bird dog handlers may accompany youth parties provided, however, that such handlers may not hunt or carry a firearm except as provided in O.C.G.A. 16-11-129.~~

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

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

Alapaha River WMA	
Deer	
2025-26	Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 19 Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Nov 13-Nov 15 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 25-Oct 26, Nov 26-Nov 30, Dec 16-Dec 21
2026-27	Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 18 Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Nov 12-Nov 14 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 24-Oct 25, Nov 25-Nov 29, Dec 15-Dec 20
Dove	
2025-26	Quota (50): Sep 06 Sep 13, Sep 20, Sep 27, Oct 04, Oct 11, Nov 22-Nov 30, Dec 19-Jan 31
2026-27	Quota (50): Sep 05 Sep 12, Sep 19, Sep 26, Oct 03, Oct 10, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 19-Jan 31
Turkey	
2025-26	Quota (15): Apr 04-Apr 10 Apr 11-May 15
2026-27	Quota (15): Apr 03-Apr 09 Apr 10-May 15
Albany Nursery WMA	
*Special Regulations	

<p>Area Specific Rule 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 Popular Guide for all other quota hunt application instructions.; No camping</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Sep 28, Oct 06-Oct 23, Dec 07-Jan 11 Mobility Impaired Firearms Either Sex - Oct 30-Nov 02, Nov 27-Nov 30</p>
<p>2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Sep 27, Oct 05-Oct 22, Dec 06-Jan 10 Mobility Impaired Firearms Either Sex - Oct 29-Nov 01, Nov 26-Nov 29</p>
Dove
<p>2025-26 Quota (35): Sep 06 Sep 13-Oct 12, Nov 22-Nov 30, Dec 19-Jan 31</p>
<p>2026-27 Quota (35): Sep 05 Sep 12-Oct 11, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 19-Jan 31</p>
<p>Season Rule Quota on designated fields only. All other areas open to the public.</p>
Quail
<p>2025-26 Quota Youth (1): Nov 15, Dec 06 Quota (1): Dec 20, Jan 17, Jan 20</p>
<p>2026-27 Quota Youth (1): Nov 14, Dec 05</p>

<p>Quota (1): Dec 19, Jan 16, Jan 19</p> <p>Season Rule</p> <p>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.</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Aug 15-Feb 28</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Quota Youth (1): Apr 04-Apr 08, Apr 18-Apr 22</p> <p>Quota Mobility Impaired (1): Apr 11-Apr 15, Apr 25-Apr 29</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Quota Youth (1): Apr 03-Apr 07, Apr 17-Apr 21</p> <p>Quota Mobility Impaired (1): Apr 10-Apr 14, Apr 24-Apr 28</p>
Alexander WMA
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule</p> <p>No camping. Bird dog training allowed year-round in designated areas.</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 17, Dec 01-Jan 11</p> <p>Firearms Either Sex - Oct 18-Nov 30</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 16, Dec 01-Jan 10</p> <p>Firearms Either Sex - Oct 17-Nov 30</p>
Dove
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Quota (50): Sep 06</p>

<p>Sep 13, Sep 20, Sep 27, Oct 04, Oct 11, Nov 22-Nov 30, Dec 19-Jan 31</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Quota (50): Sep 05</p> <p>Sep 12, Sep 19, Sep 26, Oct 03, Oct 10, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 19-Jan 31</p> <p>Season Rule</p> <p>Quota; No dove hunting outside of dove field.</p>
Quail
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Nov 15, Nov 18, Nov 22, Nov 25, Nov 29, Dec 02, Dec 06, Dec 09, Dec 13, Dec 16, Dec 20, Dec 23, Dec 27, Dec 30, Jan 03, Jan 06, Jan 10, Jan 13, Jan 17, Jan 20, Jan 24, Jan 27, Jan 31, Feb 03, Feb 07, Feb 10, Feb 14</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Nov 14, Nov 17, Nov 21, Nov 24, Nov 28, Dec 01, Dec 05, Dec 08, Dec 12, Dec 15, Dec 19, Dec 22, Dec 26, Dec 29, Jan 02, Jan 05, Jan 09, Jan 12, Jan 16, Jan 19, Jan 23, Jan 26, Jan 30, Feb 02, Feb 06, Feb 09, Feb 13</p> <p>Season Rule</p> <p>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.</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Aug 15-Feb 28</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Apr 04-May 15</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Apr 03-May 15</p>

Allatoona WMA	
*Special Regulations	
Area Specific Rule	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	
2025-26	Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 17 Specialty Firearms Either Sex - Oct 18-Oct 31 Firearms Either Sex - Nov 01-Jan 01
2026-27	Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 16 Specialty Firearms Either Sex - Oct 17-Oct 31 Firearms Either Sex - Nov 01-Jan 01
Small Game	
2025-26	Aug 15-Feb 28
2026-27	Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey	
2025-26	Apr 04-May 15
2026-27	Apr 03-May 15
Alligator Creek WMA	
Coyote	
Season Rule	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
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 10 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 11-Oct 17 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 18-Jan 11
2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 09 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 10-Oct 16 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 17-Jan 10
Turkey
2025-26 Apr 04-May 15
2026-27 Apr 03-May 15
Altama Plantation WMA
Deer
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Nov 12, Jan 04-Jan 11 Quota Firearms Either Sex (50): Nov 13-Nov 15, Dec 04-Dec 06 Firearms Either Sex - Jan 01-Jan 03
2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Nov 11, Jan 03-Jan 10 Quota Firearms Either Sex (50): Nov 12-Nov 14, Dec 03-Dec 05 Firearms Either Sex - Dec 31-Jan 02
Small Game
2025-26 Firearms - Aug 15-Feb 28
2026-27 Firearms - Aug 15-Feb 28
Season Rule No furbearer season.

Turkey
2025-26 Firearms - Apr 04-May 15
2026-27 Firearms - Apr 03-May 15
Altamaha WMA - Buffalo Swamp, Lewis Island, and McGowan Lake Tracts
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule This area includes Altamaha WMA lands west of Butler & Champney Islands.
Coyote
Season Rule 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
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 10 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 11-Oct 17 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 18-Jan 11
2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 09 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 10-Oct 16 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 17-Jan 10
Small Game
2025-26 Firearms - Aug 15-Feb 28
2026-27 Firearms - Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2025-26

Firearms - Apr 04-May 15 2026-27 Firearms - Apr 03-May 15
Altamaha WMA - Waterfowl Management Area
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule This area includes Broughton, Butler, Champney, Rabbit and Rhett's Islands. Butler Refuge (located on Butler Island east of HWY 17 on Butler 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
Season Rule 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
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Nov 15 2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Nov 15
Dove
2025-26

<p>Sep 06-Sep 07, Sep 13-Sep 14, Sep 20-Sep 21, Sep 27-Sep 28</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Sep 05-Sep 07, Sep 12-Sep 13, Sep 19-Sep 20, Sep 26-Sep 27</p>
Rabbit
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Youth Archery Butler Refuge Area - Jan 17-Jan 18</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Youth Archery Butler Refuge Area - Jan 23-Jan 24</p> <p>Season Rule</p> <p>Bag Limit of 6/person/day. Archery Youth Only, Butler Refuge Area</p>
Small Game
<p>Season Rule</p> <p>Butler Island opens after the last Saturday of waterfowl season. Aug. 15-Nov. 15, Feb. 1-Feb.28. No furbearer season.</p>
Turkey
<p>Season Rule</p> <p>No turkey season</p>
Waterfowl
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Quota Butler Island (20): Nov 22, Nov 29, Dec 06, Dec 13, Dec 20, Dec 27, Jan 03, Jan 10, Jan 17, Jan 24</p> <p>Quota Champney Island (20): Nov 22-Nov 23, Nov 29-Nov 30, Dec 06-Dec 07, Dec 13-Dec 14, Dec 20-Dec 21, Dec 27-Dec 28, Jan 03-Jan 04, Jan 10-Jan 11, Jan 17-Jan 18, Jan 24-Jan 25</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Quota Butler Island (20): Nov 21, Nov 28, Dec 12, Dec 19, Dec 26, Jan 02, Jan 09, Jan 16, Jan 23, Jan 30</p> <p>Quota Champney Island (20): Nov 21-Nov 22, Nov 28-Nov 29, Dec 12-Dec 13, Dec 19-Dec 20, Dec 26-Dec 27, Jan 02-Jan 03, Jan 09-Jan 10, Jan 16-Jan 17, Jan 23-Jan 24, Jan 30-Jan 31</p> <p>Season Rule</p>

Shooting hours end at 12 noon, except last day of season when shooting hours end at sunset. Early teal hunting allowed on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday during Early Teal Dates on Champney and Rhett's island only. Rhett's Island: Wed., Sat., Sun. & State Holidays during statewide season. Q20 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.
 Q20 Champney Island: Saturday & Sunday Only. 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**

Area Specific Rule

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

2025-26

Youth - Sep 06
 Sep 13, Sep 20

Arrowhead WMA

***Special Regulations**

Area Specific Rule

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

Coyote

Season Rule

May 16-31. Small game weapons only.

Deer/Bear
2025-26
Specialty Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 31
Mobility Impaired Archery Either Sex - Nov 01-Nov 15
Archery Either Sex - Nov 16-Jan 11
2026-27
Specialty Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 31
Mobility Impaired Archery Either Sex - Nov 01-Nov 15
Archery Either Sex - Nov 16-Jan 10
Small Game
2025-26
Aug 15-Sep 12
Youth Quail, Rabbit - Jan 12-Feb 28
2026-27
Aug 15-Sep 11
Youth Quail, Rabbit - Jan 11-Feb 28
Turkey
2025-26
Mobility Impaired - Apr 04-Apr 10
Specialty - Apr 11-Apr 17
Apr 18-May 13
2026-27
Mobility Impaired - Apr 03-Apr 09
Specialty - Apr 10-Apr 16
Apr 17-May 15
Waterfowl
Season Rule
Saturdays only during statewide season.
B.F. Grant WMA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule
No hunting on or access through pastures.
Deer

2025-26

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless - Sep 13-Oct 05, Nov 23-Dec 07

Quota Firearms Bonus Quality Buck and Antlerless (300): Nov 06-Nov 08, Nov 20-Nov 22

Primitive Weapons Quality Buck and Antlerless - Dec 18-Dec 21

2026-27

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless - Sep 12-Oct 04, Nov 22-Dec 06

Quota Firearms Bonus Quality Buck and Antlerless (300): Nov 05-Nov 07, Nov 19-Nov 21

Primitive Weapons Quality Buck and Antlerless - Dec 17-Dec 20

Season Rule

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**2025-26**

Sep 06, Sep 13, Sep 20, Sep 27, Oct 04-Oct 12, Nov 23-Nov 30, Dec 19-Jan 31

2026-27

Sep 05, Sep 12, Sep 19, Sep 26, Oct 03-Oct 11, Nov 22-Nov 29, Dec 19-Jan 31

Small Game**2025-26**

Aug 15-Nov 05, Nov 09-Nov 19, Nov 23-Feb 28

2026-27

Aug 15-Nov 04, Nov 08-Nov 18, Nov 22-Feb 28

Turkey**2025-26**

Youth - Apr 04-Apr 10

Quota (80): Apr 11-Apr 17

<p>Apr 18-May 15 2026-27 Youth - Apr 03-Apr 09 Quota (80): Apr 10-Apr 16 Apr 17-May 15</p>
Waterfowl
<p>2025-26 Quota Youth Only (3): Nov 15 Quota Youth Adult and Child (3): Nov 29 Quota (3): Dec 13, Jan 17</p>
<p>2026-27 Quota Youth Only (3): Nov 14 Quota Youth Adult and Child (3): Nov 28 Quota (3): Dec 12, Jan 16</p>
<p>Season Rule No waterfowl hunting on MARSH ponds outside of quota hunts. State season during small game dates for rest of WMA. Shooting hours end at 12 noon.</p>
Balls Ferry State Park
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule No camping. No May 16-31 coyote season.</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 11</p>
<p>2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 10</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
<p>2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
Turkey

<p>2025-26 Archery - Apr 04-May 15</p> <p>2026-27 Archery - Apr 03-May 15</p>
Waterfowl
<p>Season Rule Shooting hours end at 12 noon.</p>
Banks Lake NWR
*Special Regulations
<p>No commercial activities allowed. Open only to Quota selected hunters in Alligator Hunt Zone 4. Visit www.fws.gov/refuge/banks-lake for more information.</p>
Alligator
<p>2025-26 Aug 22-Aug 24</p> <p>2026-27 Aug 28-Aug 30</p>
Bartram Forest WMA
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule 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.</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 11</p> <p>2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 10</p>
Small Game

<p>2025-26 Archery - Aug 15-Feb 28</p> <p>2026-27 Archery - Aug 15-Feb 28</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Turkey</p> <p>2025-26 Archery - Apr 04-May 15</p> <p>2026-27 Archery - Apr 03-May 15</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Waterfowl</p> <p>Season Rule Shooting hours end at 12 noon.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Beaverdam WMA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Coyote</p> <p>Season Rule 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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Deer</p> <p>2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Sep 19, Sep 27-Oct 17 Specialty Firearms Either Sex - Sep 20-Sep 26 Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Oct 30-Nov 01 Firearms Either Sex - Nov 27-Nov 29, Dec 17-Dec 20</p> <p>2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Sep 18, Sep 26-Oct 16 Specialty Firearms Either Sex - Sep 19-Sep 25 Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Oct 29-Oct 31 Firearms Either Sex - Nov 26-Nov 28, Dec 16-Dec 19</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Turkey</p> <p>2025-26 Apr 04-May 15</p>

2026-27
Apr 03-May 15
Berry College WMA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule
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
Season Rule
No May 16-31 coyote or hog season
Deer/Bear
2025-26
Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 28, Nov 02-Nov 14
Quota Firearms Bonus Either Sex Last Day (1000): Oct 29-Nov 01
Quota Firearms Bonus Either Sex (1000): Dec 03-Dec 06
Specialty Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Jan 03-Jan 04
2026-27
Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 27, Nov 01-Nov 13
Quota Firearms Bonus Either Sex Last Day (1000): Oct 28-Oct 31
Quota Firearms Bonus Either Sex (1000): Dec 02-Dec 05
Specialty Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Jan 02-Jan 03
Dog Training
Season Rule
Aug 15 - Mar 19, except during firearms deer hunts.
Dove
2025-26

Sep 06, Sep 13, Sep 20, Sep 27, Oct 04, Oct 11-Oct 12, Nov 22- Nov 30, Dec 19-Jan 02, Jan 05-Jan 31
2026-27
Sep 05, Sep 12, Sep 19, Sep 26, Oct 03, Oct 10-Oct 11, Nov 21- Nov 29, Dec 19-Jan 01, Jan 04-Jan 31
Small Game
2025-26
Aug 15-Feb 28
2026-27
Aug 15-Feb 28
Season Rule
No night hunting.
Turkey
2025-26
Apr 04-May 15
2026-27
Apr 03-May 15
Big Dukes Pond WMA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule
Camping, ATVs & horses prohibited. Note Safety Zone on map - access prohibited between Feb. 1 and July 15.
Deer
2025-26
Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 10, Dec 01-Jan 11
Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 11-Oct 17
Firearms Either Sex - Oct 18-Nov 30
2026-27
Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 09, Dec 01-Jan 10
Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 10-Oct 16
Firearms Either Sex - Oct 17-Nov 30
Turkey
2025-26

<p>Apr 04-May 15 2026-27 Apr 03-May 15</p>
Waterfowl
<p>Season Rule Wednesdays and Saturdays only during statewide season. Shooting hours end at 12 noon.</p>
Big Hammock WMA
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule 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 gauge 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.</p>
Coyote
<p>Season Rule 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.</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 08, Oct 12-Oct 24, Nov 10-Jan 11 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 25-Nov 09 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 09-Oct 11</p>
<p>2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 07, Oct 11-Oct 23, Nov 09-Jan 10 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 24-Nov 08 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 08-Oct 10</p>

Turkey
2025-26 Apr 04-May 15
2026-27 Apr 03-May 15
Big Lazer Creek WMA
Deer
2025-26 Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless - Sep 13-Oct 05, Oct 26-Nov 09 Youth Firearms Either Sex - Oct 11-Oct 12 Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless - Oct 23-Oct 25 Firearms Bonus Quality Buck and Antlerless - Nov 13-Nov 15 Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless - Nov 21-Nov 23
2026-27 Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless - Sep 12-Oct 04, Oct 25-Nov 08 Youth Firearms Either Sex - Oct 10-Oct 11 Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless - Oct 22-Oct 24 Firearms Bonus Quality Buck and Antlerless - Nov 12-Nov 14 Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless - Nov 20-Nov 22
Season Rule 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
2025-26 Sep 06, Sep 13, Sep 20-Oct 12, Nov 23-Nov 30, Dec 19-Jan 31
2026-27 Sep 05, Sep 12, Sep 19-Oct 11, Nov 22-Nov 29, Dec 19-Jan 31
Small Game
2025-26

<p>Aug 15-Feb 28 2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26 Apr 18-May 15 Quota (50): Apr 04-Apr 10, Apr 11-Apr 17</p>
<p>2026-27 Apr 17-May 15 Quota (50): Apr 03-Apr 09, Apr 10-Apr 16</p>
Waterfowl
<p>Season Rule PFA is open for waterfowl hunting Wednesdays and Saturdays only during statewide waterfowl season.</p>
Blackbeard Island NWR
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule 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.</p>
Blanton Creek WMA
Deer
<p>2025-26 Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless - Sep 13-Oct 09, Oct 13-Oct 19, Nov 23-Nov 30 Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless - Oct 11-Oct 12 Quota Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless (125): Oct 23-Oct 25 Quota Firearms Bonus Quality Buck and Antlerless (125): Nov 20-Nov 22</p>

<p>2026-27 Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless - Sep 12-Oct 08, Oct 12-Oct 18, Nov 22-Nov 29 Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless - Oct 10-Oct 11 Quota Firearms Bonus Quality Buck and Antlerless (125): Nov 19-Nov 21 Quota Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless (125): Oct 22-Oct 24</p> <p>Season Rule Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.</p>
Dove
<p>2025-26 Quota (75): Sep 06 Sep 13, Sep 20-Oct 12, Nov 22-Nov 30, Dec 19-Jan 31</p> <p>2026-27 Quota (75): Sep 05 Sep 12, Sep 19-Oct 11, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 19-Jan 31</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28</p> <p>2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26 Quota (35): Apr 04-Apr 10, Apr 11-Apr 17 Apr 18-May 15</p> <p>2026-27 Quota (35): Apr 03-Apr 09, Apr 10-Apr 16 Apr 17-May 15</p>
Waterfowl
<p>Season Rule</p>

No waterfowl hunting on MARSH ponds. Shooting hours end at 12 noon. No waterfowl scouting or hunting during quota hunt
Blue Ridge WMA
*Special Regulations
Special Regulations/Area Notes Area Notes: US Forest Service owned property. No ATVs or UTVs. Electric bicycles restricted to roads open for motor vehicles.
Bear
2025-26 Firearms Bear - Sep 27-Oct 03
2026-27 Firearms Bear - Sep 26-Oct 02
Coyote
Season Rule 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
2025-26 Archery Buck Only - Sep 13-Sep 26, Oct 04-Oct 10 Firearms Bonus Buck Only - Dec 03-Dec 06 Firearms Buck Only - Nov 12-Nov 15, Dec 26-Jan 01
2026-27 Archery Buck Only - Sep 12-Sep 25, Oct 03-Oct 09 Firearms Bonus Buck Only - Dec 02-Dec 05 Firearms Buck Only - Nov 11-Nov 14, Dec 26-Jan 01
Small Game
2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28

<p>2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26 Apr 04-May 15</p>
<p>2026-27 Apr 03-May 15</p>
Bond Swamp NWR
*Special Regulations
<p>(blank) Refuge permits are required for all hunts. Quota deer and waterfowl application deadline is September 24, 2025 & September 23, 2026. Quota turkey application deadline is February 18, 2026 & February 17, 2027. Contact the Piedmont Refuge office to obtain applications, permits and refuge specific hunting regulations. Hunters are required to sign out harvested game using the Georgia Game Check System. Feral hogs may only be taken during refuge deer 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. Please check the refuge web page or call the Piedmont Refuge office for updates.</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Nov 02 Quota Firearms Either Sex (200): Nov 21-Nov 22, Dec 05-Dec 06 Youth Firearms Either Sex - Nov 15-Nov 16</p>
<p>2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Nov 01 Youth Firearms Either Sex - Nov 14-Nov 15</p>

Quota Firearms Either Sex (200): Nov 20-Nov 21, Dec 04-Dec 05
Small Game
2025-26 Squirrel - Aug 15-Sep 12 Squirrel/Rabbit/Quail - Dec 07-Jan 31
2026-27 Squirrel - Aug 15-Sep 11 Squirrel/Rabbit/Quail - Dec 06-Jan 31
Season Rule Limit 1 fox squirrel/day
Turkey
2025-26 Quota (40): Apr 04-Apr 05, Apr 17-Apr 18
2026-27 Quota (40): Apr 03-Apr 04, Apr 16-Apr 17
Season Rule Limit 1 gobbler
Waterfowl
2025-26 Quota (20): Dec 12-Dec 13, Dec 26-Dec 27, Jan 09-Jan 10, Jan 23-Jan 24
2026-27 Quota (20): Dec 18-Dec 19, Jan 01-Jan 02, Jan 15-Jan 16, Jan 29-Jan 30
Season Rule Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
Broad River WMA
Deer/Bear
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Nov 29
2026-27

Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Nov 28
Small Game
2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28
2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2025-26 Firearms - Apr 04-May 15
2026-27 Firearms - Apr 03-May 15
Buck Shoals WMA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule 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
2025-26 Quota Hunt-and-Learn Firearms Bonus Either Sex (12): Nov 01-Nov 02 Quota Youth Firearms Bonus Either Sex (12): Nov 22-Nov 23, Dec 06-Dec 07
2026-27 Quota Hunt-and-Learn Firearms Bonus Either Sex (12): Nov 07-Nov 08 Quota Youth Firearms Bonus Either Sex (12): Nov 21-Nov 22, Dec 05-Dec 06
Season Rule 1 deer limit on all hunts
Dove

<p>2025-26 Quota Youth (25): Sep 06 Quota Youth (25): Sep 13</p> <p>2026-27 Quota Youth (25): Sep 05 Quota Youth (25): Sep 12</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26 Quota Youth (10): Jan 03-Jan 11, Jan 17-Jan 25</p> <p>2026-27 Quota Youth (10): Jan 02-Jan 10, Jan 16-Jan 24</p> <p>Season Rule No night hunting.</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26 Quota Hunt-and-Learn (3): Apr 11-Apr 12 Quota Youth (5): Apr 18-Apr 19, May 02-May 03</p> <p>2026-27 Quota Hunt-and-Learn (3): Apr 10-Apr 11 Quota Youth (5): Apr 17-Apr 18, May 01-May 02</p>
Bullard Creek WMA
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule No firearms deer hunting within posted Towns Bluff Tract but legal firearms permitted for turkey and small game hunting.</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Sep 24, Sep 28-Oct 13 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Sep 25-Sep 27 Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Oct 23-Oct 25 Specialty Firearms Either Sex - Oct 31-Nov 02 Firearms Either Sex - Nov 27-Nov 30</p>

<p>Firearms Buck Only - Dec 18-Dec 20</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Sep 23, Sep 27-Oct 12</p> <p>Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Sep 24-Sep 26</p> <p>Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Oct 22-Oct 24</p> <p>Specialty Firearms Either Sex - Oct 30-Nov 01</p> <p>Firearms Either Sex - Nov 26-Nov 29</p> <p>Firearms Buck Only - Dec 17-Dec 19</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Quota (40): Apr 04-Apr 10</p> <p>Apr 11-May 15</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Quota (40): Apr 03-Apr 09</p> <p>Apr 10-May 15</p>
Bullard Creek WMA - Bell Telephone Tract
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule</p> <p>No firearms deer hunting but legal firearms permitted for turkey and small game.</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 11</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 10</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Apr 04-May 15</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Apr 03-May 15</p>
Bullard Creek WMA - Montgomery Tract
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule</p>

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
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 11
2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 10
Turkey
2025-26 Apr 04-May 15
2026-27 Apr 03-May 15
Bullard Creek WMA - Ocmulgee Tract
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule No firearms deer hunting but legal firearms permitted for turkey and small game.
Deer
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 11
2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 10
Turkey
2025-26 Apr 04-May 15
2026-27 Apr 03-May 15
Camp Thunder VPA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule No firearms hunting allowed. No ATVs. No camping.

Coyote
Season Rule May 16-31, archery only.
Deer
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 11
2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 10
Small Game
2025-26 Archery - Aug 15-Feb 28
2026-27 Archery - Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2025-26 Archery - Apr 04-May 15
2026-27 Archery - Apr 03-May 15
Waterfowl
Season Rule Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
Canoochee Sandhills WMA
Coyote
Season Rule May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 11 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 23-Oct 25, Nov 06-Nov 08 Firearms Buck Only - Dec 18-Dec 20
2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 10 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 22-Oct 24, Nov 12-Nov 14

Firearms Buck Only - Dec 17-Dec 19
Dove
2025-26 Sep 06, Sep 13, Sep 20, Sep 27, Oct 04, Oct 11, Nov 22-Nov 30, Dec 19-Jan 31
2026-27 Sep 05, Sep 12, Sep 19, Sep 26, Oct 03, Oct 10, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 19-Jan 31
Season Rule Saturdays only during 1st season.
Turkey
2025-26 Apr 04-May 15
2026-27 Apr 03-May 15
Carter's Lake WMA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule No ATVs except by wheelchair bound hunters during the wheelchair hunt. No camping, except by reservation only in U.S. Army Corps of Engineers designated campgrounds. Youth firearms deer hunting prohibited in Doll Mountain and Woodring Branch Campgrounds.
Coyote
Season Rule May 16-31. Small game weapons only.
Deer/Bear
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 30, Nov 03-Nov 07, Nov 09-Jan 01 Mobility Impaired Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Oct 31-Nov 02 Quota Youth Firearms Bonus Either Sex (20): Nov 08-Nov 09

<p>2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Nov 05, Nov 09-Nov 13, Nov 16-Jan 01 Mobility Impaired Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Nov 06-Nov 08 Quota Youth Firearms Bonus Either Sex (20): Nov 14-Nov 15 Season Rule 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</p>
Dog Training
<p>Season Rule Rabbit Dog Training: Wed/Fri/Sat from Nov-Feb, except during firearms deer hunts.</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28 2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26 Apr 04-May 15 2026-27 Apr 03-May 15</p>
Cedar Creek WMA
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule ATVs prohibited.</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26</p>

<p>Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 22, Oct 26-Nov 12, Nov 16-Nov 23, Dec 15-Jan 01</p> <p>Firearms Bonus Either Sex Last Day - Oct 23-Oct 25</p> <p>Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Nov 13-Nov 15</p> <p>Firearms Buck Only - Dec 01-Dec 14</p> <p>Specialty Firearms Either Sex - Nov 24-Nov 30</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 21, Oct 25-Nov 11, Nov 15-Nov 22, Dec 14-Jan 01</p> <p>Firearms Bonus Either Sex Last Day - Oct 22-Oct 24</p> <p>Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Nov 12-Nov 14</p> <p>Firearms Buck Only - Nov 30-Dec 13</p> <p>Specialty Firearms Either Sex - Nov 23-Nov 29</p>
Dove
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Sep 06, Sep 13, Sep 20, Sep 27, Oct 04-Oct 12, Nov 22-Nov 23, Dec 19-Jan 31</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Sep 05, Sep 12, Sep 19, Sep 26, Oct 03-Oct 11, Nov 21-Nov 22, Dec 19-Jan 31</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Aug 15-Feb 28</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Quota Firearms (100): Apr 04-Apr 10</p> <p>Apr 11-May 15</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Quota Firearms (100): Apr 03-Apr 09</p> <p>Apr 10-May 15</p>
Waterfowl

Season Rule
Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
Cedar Grove VPA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule
No furbearer hunting.
Deer
2025-26
Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 11
2026-27
Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 10
Turkey
2025-26
Apr 04-May 15
2026-27
Apr 03-May 15
Ceylon WMA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule
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
2025-26
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless - Sep 13-Oct 12, Dec 07-Dec 28
Quota Primitive Weapons Bonus Quality Buck and Antlerless (100): Oct 16-Oct 18
Quota Firearms Bonus Quality Buck and Antlerless (100): Nov 06-Nov 08, Dec 04-Dec 06
2026-27
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless - Sep 12-Oct 11, Dec 06-Dec 27

<p>Quota Primitive Weapons Bonus Quality Buck and Antlerless (100): Oct 15-Oct 17 Quota Firearms Bonus Quality Buck and Antlerless (100): Nov 12-Nov 14, Dec 03-Dec 05 Season Rule Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.</p>
Dog Training
<p>Season Rule Bird dog training area: The mature pine stands bounded by hardwood drains/marsh adjacent to the intersection of Boat House and Ceylon Rd.</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26 Firearms - Aug 15-Feb 28 2026-27 Firearms - Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26 Quota Firearms (25): Apr 04-Apr 10, Apr 18-Apr 24, May 02-May 08 2026-27 Quota Firearms (25): Apr 03-Apr 09, Apr 17-Apr 23, May 01-May 07</p>
Chattahoochee Bend State Park
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule 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. Cabins and campsites (hunters</p>

only) are available for hunter use and may be reserved through the park office at (770)254-7271. All park access is closed to the general public during the firearms deer hunt. Coyotes and feral hogs may be taken during deer hunts.

Deer

2025-26

Quota Firearms Bonus Either Sex (110): Dec 02-Dec 03

2026-27

Quota Firearms Bonus Either Sex (110): Dec 01-Dec 02

Season Rule

5 deer limit, no more than 2 may be antlered bucks. Note: Archery option for up to 10 hunters.

Chattahoochee Fall Line (Almo, Ft. Perry, Hilliard)

***Special Regulations**

Area Specific Rule

No ATVs. No horses. Fort Perry East tract is only open to Mobility Impaired hunts.

Deer

2025-26

Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 09, Nov 16-Nov 30

Youth Firearms Either Sex - Oct 10-Oct 12

Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless (Q-300) - Oct 30-Nov 01, Nov 13-Nov 15

Specialty Firearms Either Sex - Nov 21-Nov 23

Hunt-and-Learn Firearms Either Sex - Dec 05-Dec 07

2026-27

Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 08, Nov 15-Nov 29

Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless (Q-300) - Oct 29-Oct 31, Nov 12-Nov 14

Youth Firearms Either Sex - Oct 09-Oct 11

Specialty Firearms Either Sex - Nov 20-Nov 22

Hunt-and-Learn Firearms Either Sex - Dec 04-Dec 06

Season Rule

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

2025-26

Sep 06, Sep 13, Sep 20-Oct 09, Nov 22-Nov 30, Dec 19-Jan 31
Youth - Sep 06, Sep 13

2026-27

Sep 05, Sep 12, Sep 19-Oct 08, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 19-Jan 31
Youth - Sep 05, Sep 12

Quail

2025-26

Dec 13, Dec 27, Jan 10, Jan 22

2026-27

Dec 12, Dec 26, Jan 09, Jan 21

Season Rule

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

Season Rule

Hunting of fox squirrels prohibited.

Turkey

2025-26

Hunt-and-Learn - Apr 03-Apr 05
Quota (45): Apr 11-Apr 19, Apr 25-May 01
May 04-May 15

2026-27

Hunt-and-Learn - Apr 02-Apr 04
Quota (45): Apr 10-Apr 18, Apr 24-Apr 30
May 03-May 15

Waterfowl

Season Rule

Shooting hours end at 12 noon.

Chattahoochee Fall Line WMA - Satellite Tracts

*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule No ATVs. No horses. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 11
2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 10
Season Rule 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
2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28
2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28
Season Rule Hunting of fox squirrels prohibited
Turkey
2025-26 Apr 04-May 15
2026-27 Apr 03-May 15
Waterfowl
Season Rule Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
Chattahoochee Fall Line WMA - VPA Tracts
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule No ATVs. No horses. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 11

<p>2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 10 Season Rule Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal. Kendall Creek Tract is extended archery season.</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28 2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28 Season Rule Hunting of fox squirrels prohibited</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26 Apr 04-May 15 2026-27 Apr 03-May 15</p>
Waterfowl
<p>Season Rule Shooting hours end at 12 noon.</p>
Chattahoochee National Forest - Outside of WMAs
Bear
<p>2025-26 Archery - Sep 13-Oct 10 Primitive Weapons - Oct 11-Oct 17 Firearms - Oct 18-Jan 01 Archery - Jan 02-Jan 11 2026-27 Archery - Sep 12-Oct 09 Primitive Weapons - Oct 10-Oct 16 Firearms - Oct 17-Jan 01</p>

Archery - Jan 02-Jan 10
Deer-East of I-75
2025-26
Archery Buck Only - Sep 13-Oct 10
Primitive Weapons Buck Only - Oct 11-Oct 17
Firearms Buck Only - Oct 18-Jan 01
Archery Buck Only - Jan 02-Jan 11
2026-27
Archery Buck Only - Sep 12-Oct 09
Primitive Weapons Buck Only - Oct 10-Oct 16
Firearms Buck Only - Oct 17-Jan 01
Archery Buck Only - Jan 02-Jan 10
Deer-West of I-75
2025-26
Archery Buck Only (except during county either-sex days) - Jan 06-Jan 11
2026-27
Archery Buck Only (except during county either-sex days) - Jan 05-Jan 10
Quail-West of I-75
2025-26
Jan 01-Jan 31
2026-27
Jan 01-Jan 31
Dog Training
2025-26
Aug 01-Sep 07, Jan 02-Mar 31
2026-27
Aug 01-Sep 07, Jan 02-Mar 31
Small Game
2025-26
Aug 15-Feb 28

<p>2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26 Apr 04-May 15</p>
<p>2026-27 Apr 03-May 15</p>
Chattahoochee WMA
*Special Regulations
<p>Special Regulations/Area Notes Area Notes: US Forest Service owned property. No ATVs or UTVs. Electric bicycles restricted to roads open for motor vehicles.</p>
Bear
<p>2025-26 Firearms - Sep 27-Oct 03 Quota Firearms Dogs (9): Oct 04-Oct 12</p>
<p>2026-27 Firearms - Sep 26-Oct 02 Quota Firearms Dogs (9): Oct 03-Oct 11</p>
<p>Season Rule Dog-bear hunters must check in at the Chattahoochee 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.</p>
Coyote
<p>Season Rule 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.</p>

Deer/Bear
<p>2025-26 Archery Buck Only - Sep 13-Sep 26, Oct 13-Oct 21, Oct 26-Oct 31 Firearms Buck Only - Oct 22-Oct 25, Nov 15-Nov 20 Firearms Bonus Buck Only - Dec 10-Dec 13</p>
<p>2026-27 Archery Buck Only - Sep 12-Sep 25, Oct 12-Oct 20, Oct 25-Oct 31 Firearms Buck Only - Oct 21-Oct 24, Nov 14-Nov 19 Firearms Bonus Buck Only - Dec 09-Dec 12</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
<p>2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26 Apr 04-May 15</p>
<p>2026-27 Apr 03-May 15</p>
Chestatee WMA
*Special Regulations
<p>Special Regulations/Area Notes Area Notes: US Forest Service owned property. No ATVs or UTVs. Electric bicycles restricted to roads open for motor vehicles.</p>
Bear
<p>2025-26 Firearms - Sep 27-Oct 03 Quota Firearms Dogs (6): Oct 04-Oct 12</p>

2026-27

Firearms - Sep 26-Oct 02

Quota Firearms Dogs (6): Oct 03-Oct 11

Season Rule

Dog-bear hunters must check in at the Chattahoochee 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**Season Rule**

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**2025-26**

Archery Buck Only - Oct 13-Oct 30, Sep 13-Sep 26

Firearms Buck Only - Nov 19-Nov 22, Dec 26-Jan 01

Firearms Bonus Buck Only - Dec 10-Dec 13

2026-27

Archery Buck Only - Sep 12-Sep 25, Oct 12-Oct 29

Firearms Buck Only - Nov 18-Nov 21, Dec 26-Jan 01

Firearms Bonus Buck Only - Dec 09-Dec 12

Small Game**2025-26**

Aug 15-Feb 28

2026-27

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey**2025-26**

Apr 04-May 15

<p>2026-27 Apr 03-May 15</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chickasawhatchee WMA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Coyote</p> <p>Season Rule 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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Deer</p> <p>2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 10, Dec 25-Jan 31 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 11-Oct 24 Quota Firearms Either Sex (350): Nov 06-Nov 08 Youth Firearms Either Sex - Nov 21-Nov 28, Dec 19-Dec 24 Quota Firearms Bonus Either Sex (350): Dec 11-Dec 13</p> <p>2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 09, Dec 24-Jan 31 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 10-Oct 23 Quota Firearms Either Sex (350): Nov 05-Nov 07 Youth Firearms Either Sex - Nov 20-Nov 27, Dec 18-Dec 23 Quota Firearms Bonus Either Sex (350): Dec 10-Dec 12</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dove</p> <p>2025-26 Quota (40): Sep 06 Sep 13-Oct 12, Nov 22-Nov 30, Dec 19-Jan 31</p> <p>2026-27 Quota (40): Sep 05 Sep 12-Oct 11, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 19-Jan 31</p> <p>Season Rule Quota on designated fields only. All other areas open to the public.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Quail</p>

<p>2025-26 Nov 29, Dec 09 Quota (5): Nov 15, Dec 06, Dec 27, Jan 10, Jan 17, Jan 24 Quota Youth (2): Jan 24, Nov 15, Dec 06, Dec 27, Jan 10, Jan 17</p>
<p>2026-27 Nov 28, Dec 08 Quota (5): Nov 14, Dec 05, Dec 26, Jan 09, Jan 16, Jan 23 Quota Youth (2): Jan 23, Nov 14, Dec 05, Dec 26, Jan 09, Jan 16</p>
<p>Season Rule 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.</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
<p>2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
<p>Season Rule No fox squirrel hunting.</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26 Quota (30): Apr 04-Apr 10, Apr 11-Apr 17, Apr 18-Apr 24 Apr 25-May 15</p>
<p>2026-27 Quota (30): Apr 03-Apr 09, Apr 10-Apr 16, Apr 17-Apr 23 Apr 24-May 15</p>
Clarks Hill WMA - East
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule Camping in designated sites only.</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26</p>

<p>Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 10 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 11-Oct 17 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 18-Nov 30 2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 09 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 10-Oct 16 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 17-Nov 30</p>
Dove
<p>2025-26 Quota Field 1 - McDuffie (60): Sep 06 Quota Field 2 - Wilkes (60): Sep 06 Sep 13, Sep 20, Oct 04, Oct 11, Nov 22-Nov 30, Dec 19-Jan 31 2026-27 Quota Field 1 - McDuffie (60): Sep 05 Quota Field 2 - Wilkes (60): Sep 05 Sep 12, Sep 19, Oct 03, Oct 10, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 19-Jan 31</p>
<p>Season Rule Quota on designated fields only.</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28 2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26 Apr 04-May 15 2026-27 Apr 03-May 15</p>
Clarks Hill WMA - West
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule No camping.</p>
Deer

<p>2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 10 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 11-Oct 17 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 18-Jan 11</p> <p>2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 09 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 10-Oct 16 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 17-Jan 10</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28</p> <p>2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26 Apr 04-May 15</p> <p>2026-27 Apr 03-May 15</p>
Clayhole Swamp WMA
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule Horseback riding prohibited during ALL deer hunts. Area west of Cowpen Swamp is archery only for all species, open during their respective statewide seasons.</p>
Coyote
<p>Season Rule 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.</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26</p>

<p>Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Sep 18, Sep 22-Oct 01, Oct 05-Nov 21, Dec 01-Dec 19</p> <p>Youth Firearms Either Sex - Sep 19-Sep 21</p> <p>Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Oct 02-Oct 04</p> <p>Firearms Either Sex - Nov 22-Nov 30, Dec 20-Jan 11</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Sep 17, Sep 21-Sep 30, Oct 04-Nov 20, Nov 30-Dec 18</p> <p>Youth Firearms Either Sex - Sep 18-Sep 20</p> <p>Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Oct 01-Oct 03</p> <p>Firearms Either Sex - Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 19-Jan 10</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Firearms - Aug 15-Feb 28</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Firearms - Aug 15-Feb 28</p> <p>Season Rule</p> <p>No furbearer hunting or dog training in Archery Only Areas.</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Firearms - Apr 04-May 15</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Firearms - Apr 03-May 15</p>
Clybel WMA
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule</p> <p>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 reservation at www.georgiawildlife.com/charlie-elliott-wildlife-center</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26</p>

<p>Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Sep 26, Nov 12-Nov 16</p> <p>Youth Firearms Either Sex - Sep 27-Oct 02</p> <p>Hunt-and-Learn Firearms Either Sex - Oct 03-Oct 05, Nov 10-Nov 11</p> <p>Quota Firearms Bonus Either Sex (200): Nov 06-Nov 08, Nov 20-Nov 22</p> <p>Specialty Firearms Either Sex - Nov 24-Nov 30</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Sep 25, Nov 11-Nov 15</p> <p>Youth Firearms Either Sex - Sep 26-Oct 01</p> <p>Hunt-and-Learn Firearms Either Sex - Oct 02-Oct 04, Nov 09-Nov 10</p> <p>Quota Firearms Bonus Either Sex (200): Nov 05-Nov 07, Nov 19-Nov 21</p> <p>Specialty Firearms Either Sex - Nov 23-Nov 29</p>
Dove
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Quota (200): Sep 06</p> <p>Hunt-and-Learn Georgia R3 Dove Field - Sep 12-Sep 13</p> <p>Sep 13, Sep 20, Oct 06-Oct 12, Nov 23, Dec 19-Jan 01, Jan 05-Jan 31</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Quota (200): Sep 05</p> <p>Hunt-and-Learn Georgia R3 Dove Field - Sep 11-Sep 12</p> <p>Sep 12, Sep 19, Oct 05-Oct 11, Nov 22, Dec 19-Jan 07, Jan 11-Jan 31</p>
Quail
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Dec 06, Dec 20, Jan 17</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Dec 05, Dec 19, Jan 16</p> <p>Season Rule</p> <p>Bag limit is 3 per person or 9 per party for quail.</p>

Rabbit
<p>2025-26 Hunt-and-Learn - Dec 13, Jan 02-Jan 04</p>
<p>2026-27 Hunt-and-Learn - Dec 12, Jan 08-Jan 10</p>
<p>Season Rule Bag limit=3 rabbits/person/day.</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26 Aug 15-Sep 26, Oct 06-Nov 05, Nov 09, Nov 12-Nov 19, Nov 23-Dec 12, Dec 14-Jan 01, Jan 05-Feb 28</p>
<p>2026-27 Aug 15-Sep 25, Oct 05-Nov 04, Nov 08, Nov 11-Nov 18, Nov 22-Dec 11, Dec 13-Jan 07, Jan 11-Feb 28</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26 Quota Youth (25): Apr 04-Apr 08, Apr 18-Apr 22 Quota (25): Apr 11-Apr 15, May 02-May 06 Hunt-and-Learn - Apr 24-Apr 26</p>
<p>2026-27 Quota Youth (25): Apr 03-Apr 07, Apr 17-Apr 21 Quota (25): Apr 10-Apr 14, May 01-May 05 Hunt-and-Learn - Apr 23-Apr 25</p>
Waterfowl
<p>Season Rule Shooting hours end at 12 noon.</p>
Cochrans Creek WMA
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule No camping. No ATVs or horses. Deer and bear taken during bonus deer hunts must be taken to Dawson Forest WMA check station for tagging.</p>

Coyote
<p>Season Rule 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.</p>
Deer
<p>Season Rule Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.</p>
Deer/Bear
<p>2025-26 Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless - Sep 13-Oct 10, Dec 14-Dec 20 Firearms Bonus Quality Buck Only - Nov 19-Nov 22, Dec 10-Dec 13 Primitive ESL2D - Dec 31-Jan 03 Specialty Firearms Bonus Quality Buck and Antlerless - Oct 29-Nov 01</p>
<p>2026-27 Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless - Sep 12-Oct 09, Dec 13-Dec 19 Firearms Bonus Quality Buck Only - Nov 18-Nov 21, Dec 09-Dec 12 Primitive ESL2D - Dec 30-Jan 02 Specialty Firearms Bonus Quality Buck and Antlerless - Oct 28-Oct 31</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
<p>2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>

Turkey	
2025-26	Apr 04-May 15
2026-27	Apr 03-May 15
Cohutta WMA	
*Special Regulations	
Area Specific Rule	
No ATV's except on designated ATV trails.	
Coyote	
Season Rule	
No May 16-31 coyote and hog season.	
Deer/Bear	
2025-26	Archery Buck Only - Sep 13-Oct 01, Oct 06-Dec 02, Dec 08-Jan 01 Firearms Bonus Buck Only - Oct 02-Oct 05, Dec 03-Dec 07
2026-27	Archery Buck Only - Sep 12-Sep 30, Oct 05-Dec 01, Dec 07-Jan 01 Firearms Bonus Buck Only - Oct 01-Oct 04, Dec 02-Dec 06
Small Game	
2025-26	Aug 15-Feb 28
2026-27	Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey	
2025-26	Apr 04-May 15
2026-27	Apr 03-May 15
Collins Rd VPA	
*Special Regulations	

<p>Area Specific Rule No ATVs. No camping. Bird dog training: Sun-Tues & Thurs-Fri year round. No May 16-31 coyote season.</p>
<p>Rabbit</p>
<p>2025-26 Nov 15, Nov 19, Nov 22, Nov 26, Nov 29, Dec 03, Dec 06, Dec 10, Dec 13, Dec 17, Dec 20, Dec 24, Dec 27, Dec 31, Jan 03, Jan 07, Jan 10, Jan 14, Jan 17, Jan 21, Jan 24, Jan 28, Jan 31, Feb 04, Feb 07, Feb 11, Feb 14, Feb 18, Feb 21, Feb 25, Feb 28</p>
<p>2026-27 Nov 14, Nov 18, Nov 21, Nov 25, Nov 28, Dec 02, Dec 05, Dec 09, Dec 12, Dec 16, Dec 19, Dec 23, Dec 26, Dec 30, Jan 02, Jan 06, Jan 09, Jan 13, Jan 16, Jan 20, Jan 23, Jan 27, Jan 30, Feb 03, Feb 06, Feb 10, Feb 13, Feb 17, Feb 20, Feb 24, Feb 27</p>
<p>Season Rule Wed & Sat during statewide season.</p>
<p>Small Game</p>
<p>Season Rule Rabbit only</p>
<p>Conasauga River WMA</p>
<p>*Special Regulations</p>
<p>Season Rule No ATVs. No camping. Coyote May 16-31</p>
<p>Deer/Bear</p>
<p>2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 01</p>
<p>2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 01</p>
<p>Season Rule Except during youth and quota waterfowl hunts.</p>
<p>Small Game</p>
<p>2025-26 Aug 15-Sep 12, Feb 01-Feb 28</p>

2026-27 Aug 15-Sep 11, Feb 01-Feb 28
Turkey
2025-26 Apr 04-Apr 26
2026-27 Apr 03-Apr 25
Waterfowl
2025-26 Early Teal - Sep 13-Sep 21 Youth - Nov 15, Nov 22, Nov 29 Quota (3): Dec 06, Dec 13, Dec 20, Dec 27
2026-27 Early Teal - Sep 12-Sep 20 Youth - Nov 14, Nov 21, Nov 28 Quota (3): Dec 12, Dec 19, Dec 26
Season Rule January - Saturdays only during statewide season.
Coopers Creek WMA
*Special Regulations
Special Regulations/Area Notes Area Notes: US Forest Service owned property. No ATVs or UTVs. Electric bicycles restricted to roads open for motor vehicles.
Bear
2025-26 Firearms Bear - Sep 27-Oct 03
2026-27 Firearms Bear - Sep 26-Oct 02
Coyote
Season Rule

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

2025-26

Archery Buck Only - Sep 13-Sep 26, Oct 04-Oct 10
 Primitive Weapons Buck Only - Oct 22-Oct 25
 Specialty Firearms Bonus Buck Only - Nov 05-Nov 08
 Firearms Bonus Buck Only - Nov 26-Nov 29
 Firearms Buck Only - Dec 26-Jan 01

2026-27

Archery Buck Only - Sep 12-Sep 25, Oct 03-Oct 09
 Primitive Weapons Buck Only - Oct 21-Oct 24
 Specialty Firearms Bonus Buck Only - Nov 04-Nov 07
 Firearms Bonus Buck Only - Nov 25-Nov 28
 Firearms Buck Only - Dec 26-Jan 01

Small Game

2025-26

Aug 15-Feb 28

2026-27

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2025-26

Apr 04-May 15

2026-27

Apr 03-May 15

Coosawattee WMA

***Special Regulations**

Area Specific Rule

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.
Coyote
2025-26 May 16-31
2026-27 May 16-31
Deer/Bear
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 16, Oct 20-Nov 06, Nov 10-Jan 01 Specialty Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Oct 17-Oct 19 Quota Firearms Bonus Either Sex (150): Nov 07-Nov 09
2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 15, Oct 19-Nov 12, Nov 16-Jan 01 Specialty Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Oct 16-Oct 18 Quota Firearms Bonus Either Sex (150): Nov 13-Nov 15
Dove
2025-26 State Season
2026-27 State Season
Small Game
2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28
2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2025-26 Apr 04-May 15
2026-27

Apr 03-May 15
Cordele Fish Hatchery
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule
No May 16-31 coyote season.
Waterfowl
2025-26
Open for waterfowl hunting Wednesdays and Saturdays only during statewide waterfowl season.
2026-27
Open for waterfowl hunting Wednesdays and Saturdays only during statewide waterfowl season.
Season Rule
Maximum 3 persons per party. Shooting hours end at 12 noon. Designated Pond Only.
Crockford-Pigeon Mountain WMA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule
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 map for specific limitations).
Deer/Bear
2025-26
Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 17, Oct 20-Nov 12, Nov 16-Dec 09, Dec 14-Jan 01
Specialty Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Oct 18-Oct 19
Firearms Bonus Either Sex Last Day - Nov 13-Nov 15
Firearms Bonus Buck Only - Dec 10-Dec 13
2026-27
Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 16, Oct 19-Nov 18, Nov 22-Dec 08, Dec 13-Jan 01

Specialty Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Oct 17-Oct 18 Firearms Bonus Either Sex Last Day - Nov 19-Nov 21 Firearms Bonus Buck Only - Dec 09-Dec 12
Dog Training
Season Rule Aug 15 - Mar 19, except during firearms deer hunts. Training limited to designated areas (see map).
Dove
2025-26 Sep 06, Sep 13, Sep 20, Sep 27, Oct 04, Oct 11-Oct 12, Nov 22-Nov 30, Dec 20-Jan 31
2026-27 Sep 05, Sep 12, Sep 19, Sep 26, Oct 03, Oct 10-Oct 11, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 19-Jan 31
Small Game
2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28
2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2025-26 Quota (40): Apr 04-Apr 10 Apr 11-May 15
2026-27 Quota (40): Apr 03-Apr 09 Apr 10-May 15
Cumberland Island National Seashore
*Special Regulations
Cumberland Island National Seashore, located east of Saint Marys, GA, offers six (6) managed public hunts annually. Hunt types include archery, primitive weapons, youth hunts, and modern weapons for deer and feral hogs. Refer to the park's

website at nps.gov/cuis/index/htm for info and hunt regulations. Once on the park site, navigate to “Plan Your Visit” > “Things to do” > “Managed Hunts” to see more info. Hunt registration is via pay.gov, which will provide info on hunt types, dates and registration fees.

Dawson Forest WMA

***Special Regulations**

Area Specific Rule

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 10:00p.m. to 6:00 a.m. except for individuals legally camping, hunting, or fishing on the area.

Coyote

Season Rule

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

Season Rule

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

2025-26

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless - Sep 13-Oct 10, Dec 14-Dec 20

Specialty Firearms Bonus Quality Buck and Antlerless - Oct 29-
Nov 01

Firearms Bonus Quality Buck Only - Nov 19-Nov 22, Dec 10-
Dec 13

Primitive Bonus-Quality Buck-Either Sex Last 2 Days - Dec 31-
Jan 03

2026-27

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless - Sep 12-Oct 09, Dec 13-
Dec 19

Specialty Firearms Bonus Quality Buck and Antlerless - Oct 28-
Oct 31

Firearms Bonus Quality Buck Only - Nov 18-Nov 21, Dec 09-
Dec 12

Primitive Bonus Quality Buck Either Sex Last 2 Days - Dec 30-
Jan 02

Dove

2025-26

Quota (40): Sep 06
Sep 13, Sep 20, Sep 27, Oct 04, Oct 11, Nov 22-Nov 30, Dec
19-Jan 31

2026-27

Quota (40): Sep 05
Sep 12, Sep 19, Sep 26, Oct 03, Oct 10, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec
19-Jan 31

Small Game

2025-26

Aug 15-Feb 28

2026-27

Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2025-26

Quota (50): Apr 04-Apr 05
Quota (75): Apr 18-Apr 24, May 02-May 08

2026-27

Quota (50): Apr 03-Apr 04

Quota (75): Apr 17-Apr 23, May 01-May 07

Di-Lane Plantation WMA***Special Regulations****Area Specific Rule**

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**2025-26**

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless - Sep 13-Oct 22

Quota Firearms Bonus Quality Buck and Antlerless (300): Oct 23-Oct 25, Nov 06-Nov 08

Firearms Bonus Quality Buck and Antlerless - Nov 20-Nov 22

Archery Antlerless Only - Dec 01-Jan 11

2026-27

Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless - Sep 12-Oct 21

Quota Firearms Bonus Quality Buck and Antlerless (300): Oct 22-Oct 24, Nov 05-Nov 07

Firearms Bonus Quality Buck and Antlerless - Nov 19-Nov 21

Archery Antlerless Only - Dec 01-Jan 10

Season Rule

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**2025-26**

Quota Field 1 (100): Sep 06

Quota Youth Field 2 (75): Sep 06

Field 1 & 2 - Sep 13, Sep 20, Sep 27, Oct 04, Oct 11, Nov 22-Nov 30

Field 2 - Jan 01-Jan 31

<p>2026-27 Quota Field 1 (100): Sep 05 Quota Youth Field 2 (75): Sep 05 Field 1 & 2 - Sep 12, Sep 19, Sep 26, Oct 03, Oct 10, Nov 21- Nov 29 Field 2 - Jan 01-Jan 31 Season Rule Quota; No dove hunting outside of dove fields. Jan. 1-31: Field 2 only (South of Rocky Creek)</p>
Quail
<p>2025-26 Quota (8): Dec 03, Dec 06, Dec 10, Dec 13, Dec 17, Dec 20, Dec 27, Dec 31, Feb 11 Quota Youth (8): Feb 07 2026-27 Quota (8): Dec 02, Dec 05, Dec 09, Dec 12, Dec 16, Dec 19, Dec 23, Dec 30, Feb 10 Quota Youth (8): Feb 06 Season Rule Quota: limit 6 quail/person, 12 quail/party. Quail hunters may take woodcock, snipe, and other gamebirds with an open season.</p>
Rabbit
<p>2025-26 Nov 16, Nov 17, Nov 20, Nov 23, Nov 25, Nov 27 2026-27 Nov 15, Nov 16, Nov 19, Nov 22, Nov 23, Nov 26</p>
Rabbit/Fox
<p>2025-26 Dec 07, Dec 08, Dec 11, Dec 14, Dec 15, Dec 18, Dec 21, Dec 22, Dec 25, Dec 28, Dec 29, Jan 01, Jan 04, Jan 05, Jan 08, Jan 11, Jan 12, Jan 15, Jan 18, Jan 19, Jan 22, Jan 25, Jan 26, Jan</p>

<p>29, Feb 01, Feb 02, Feb 05, Feb 08, Feb 09, Feb 12, Feb 15, Feb 16, Feb 19, Feb 22, Feb 23, Feb 26</p> <p>2026-27 Dec 06, Dec 08, Dec 10, Dec 13, Dec 14, Dec 17, Dec 20, Dec 21, Dec 24, Dec 27, Dec 28, Dec 31, Jan 03, Jan 04, Jan 07, Jan 10, Jan 11, Jan 14, Jan 17, Jan 18, Jan 21, Jan 24, Jan 25, Jan 28, Jan 31, Feb 01, Feb 04, Feb 07, Feb 08, Feb 11, Feb 14, Feb 15, Feb 18, Feb 21, Feb 22, Feb 25, Feb 28</p> <p>Season Rule Rabbit and fox hunting on designated dates during statewide season; Jan. 1-31: South of Rocky Creek only.</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28</p> <p>2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28</p> <p>Season Rule Squirrel, Raccoon, Waterfowl and Woodcock hunting area wide during state season on dates open for small game.</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26 Quota Youth (20): Apr 04-Apr 10 Quota (30): Apr 11-Apr 17, Apr 18-Apr 24 Apr 25-May 15</p> <p>2026-27 Quota Youth (20): Apr 03-Apr 09 Quota (30): Apr 10-Apr 16, Apr 17-Apr 23 Apr 24-May 15</p>
Dixon Bay WMA
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule No camping. Furbearer and alligator hunting prohibited.</p>
Alligator

<p>Season Rule Alligator hunting prohibited.</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Nov 07 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Nov 08-Jan 11</p>
<p>2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Nov 06 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Nov 07-Jan 10</p>
Small Game
<p>Season Rule Furbearer hunting prohibited.</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26 Apr 04-May 15</p>
<p>2026-27 Apr 03-May 15</p>
Dixon Memorial WMA
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule Alligators may not be taken on the Federal portion of Cowhouse Island or Laura S. Walker State Park. No airboats.</p>
Bear
<p>2025-26 Archery - Sep 18-Sep 20 Firearms - Sep 25-Sep 27, Oct 02-Oct 04, Nov 06-Nov 08</p>
<p>2026-27 Archery - Sep 17-Sep 19 Firearms - Sep 24-Sep 26, Oct 01-Oct 03, Nov 05-Nov 07</p>
<p>Season Rule Bears may not be taken on the Federal portion of Cowhouse Island.</p>
Coyote

<p>Season Rule 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.</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Sep 24, Sep 28-Oct 01, Oct 05-Oct 10, Dec 14-Jan 11 Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Sep 25-Sep 27, Nov 06-Nov 08 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 02-Oct 04, Nov 22-Nov 30 Firearms Buck Only - Oct 11-Nov 02 Quota Firearms Dog Deer (3): Nov 14-Nov 15, Dec 12-Dec 13</p>
<p>2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Sep 23, Sep 27-Sep 30, Oct 04-Oct 09, Dec 13-Jan 10 Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Sep 24-Sep 26, Nov 05-Nov 07 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 01-Oct 03, Nov 21-Nov 29 Firearms Buck Only - Oct 10-Nov 01 Quota Firearms Dog Deer (3): Nov 13-Nov 14, Dec 11-Dec 12</p>
<p>Season Rule 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.</p>
Dove
<p>2025-26 Sep 06-Oct 12, Nov 15-Nov 23, Dec 19-Jan 31</p>
<p>2026-27 Sep 05-Oct 11, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 19-Jan 31</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26</p>

Aug 15-Feb 28 2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2025-26 Apr 04-May 15 2026-27 Apr 03-May 15
Dodge County PFA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule Hunting in designated area only. Area map posted at office and kiosk. No May 16-31 coyote season. No small game hunting.
Alligator
2025-26 Sep 12-Sep 14 2026-27 Sep 11-Sep 13
Season Rule Night hunting only.
Deer
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Nov 01-Nov 30 2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Oct 31-Nov 29
Turkey
2025-26 Quota Youth (2): Apr 18-Apr 19, Apr 25-Apr 26 2026-27 Quota Youth (2): Apr 17-Apr 18, Apr 24-Apr 25
Doerun Pitcherplant Bog WMA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule

<p>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.</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 11</p>
<p>2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 10</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
<p>2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
<p>Season Rule No fox or bobcat hunting. No fox squirrel hunting.</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26 Quota Youth (1): Apr 04-Apr 05, Apr 11-Apr 12</p>
<p>2026-27 Quota Youth (1): Apr 03-Apr 04, Apr 10-Apr 11</p>
Don Carter State Park
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule 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.</p>

Deer
<p>2025-26 Quota Firearms Bonus Either Sex (55): Nov 04-Nov 06</p> <p>2026-27 Quota Firearms Bonus Either Sex (55): Nov 03-Nov 04</p> <p>Season Rule 5 deer limit, no more than 2 may be antlered bucks. Note: Archery option for up to 5 hunters.</p>
Dukes Creek - Smithgall Woods State Park
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule No ATVs. No May 16-31 coyote season.</p>
Deer/Bear
<p>2025-26 Archery Buck Only - Sep 13-Sep 14 Specialty Firearms Buck Only - Oct 10-Oct 12 Primitive Weapons Buck Only - Nov 12-Nov 15 Firearms Buck Only - Nov 26-Nov 29</p> <p>2026-27 Archery Buck Only - Sep 12-Sep 13 Specialty Firearms Buck Only - Oct 09-Oct 11 Primitive Weapons Buck Only - Nov 11-Nov 14 Firearms Buck Only - Nov 25-Nov 28</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26 Dec 04-Dec 06, Jan 01-Jan 03, Jan 29-Jan 31</p> <p>2026-27 Dec 03-Dec 05, Jan 07-Jan 09, Jan 28-Jan 31</p> <p>Season Rule Small Game hunting by reservation only. Maximum 10 furbearer hunters/25 small game hunters per hunt period.</p>

Reservations must be made beginning Nov. 1 by calling (706) 878-3087.

Turkey

2025-26

Quota (20): Apr 11-Apr 12, Apr 25-Apr 26, May 09-May 10

2026-27

Quota (20): Apr 10-Apr 11, Apr 24-Apr 25, May 08-May 09

Echeconnee Creek WMA

***Special Regulations**

Area Specific Rule

Archery only area. Public access to Ocmulgee River tract is only by boat. No camping. No firearms hunting allowed.

Deer

2025-26

Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 11

2026-27

Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 10

Small Game

2025-26

Archery - Aug 15-Feb 28

2026-27

Archery - Aug 15-Feb 28

Turkey

2025-26

Archery - Apr 04-May 15

2026-27

Archery - Apr 03-May 15

Waterfowl

Season Rule

Shooting hours end at 12 noon.

Elbert County WMA

***Special Regulations**

Area Specific Rule
Beverly Tract is Archery Only for deer. No camping. Sign-in required only on Vaughter Tract.
Deer
2025-26
Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 10
Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 11-Oct 17
Firearms Buck Only - Oct 18-Oct 24
Firearms Either Sex - Oct 25-Jan 01
2026-27
Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 09
Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 10-Oct 16
Firearms Buck Only - Oct 17-Oct 23
Firearms Either Sex - Oct 24-Jan 01
Small Game
2025-26
Aug 15-Feb 28
2026-27
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2025-26
Apr 04-May 15
2026-27
Apr 03-May 15
Elmodel WMA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule
No Camping. Dog training in designated area only.
Coyote
Season Rule
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
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 31
2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 31
Dove
2025-26 Sep 06-Oct 12, Nov 22-Nov 30, Dec 19-Jan 31
2026-27 Sep 05-Oct 11, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 19-Jan 31
Quail
2025-26 Nov 15, Nov 18, Nov 22, Nov 25, Nov 29, Dec 02, Dec 06, Dec 09, Dec 13, Dec 23, Dec 27, Dec 30, Jan 03, Jan 13, Jan 17, Jan 20, Jan 24, Jan 27, Feb 07
2026-27 Nov 14, Nov 17, Nov 21, Nov 24, Nov 28, Dec 01, Dec 05, Dec 08, Dec 12, Dec 22, Dec 26, Dec 29, Jan 02, Jan 12, Jan 16, Jan 19, Jan 23, Jan 26, Feb 06
Season Rule 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
2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28
2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28
Season Rule No fox or bobcat hunting.
Turkey

<p>2025-26 Apr 04-May 15</p> <p>2026-27 Apr 03-May 15</p>
Eufaula NWR
Deer
<p>2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 11 Youth Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Oct 04, Oct 18</p> <p>2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 10 Youth Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Oct 03, Oct 17</p>
Evans County PFA
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule All hunters must sign-in at PFA office prior to hunting. No small game hunting.</p>
Alligator
<p>2025-26 Sep 05-Sep 07</p> <p>2026-27 Sep 04-Sep 06</p> <p>Season Rule Night hunting only.</p>
Coyote
<p>Area Specific Rule No May 16-31 coyote season.</p>
F.D. Roosevelt State Park
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule</p>

<p>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.</p>
Deer
<p>2027 Quota Firearms Bonus Either Sex (150): Jan 05-Jan 06 Area Note Archery option for up to 4 selected hunters</p>
Featherfield WMA
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule No fox or bobcat hunting. No ATV's or horses allowed. No camping</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 31 2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 31</p>
Dove
<p>2025-26 Sep 13, Sep 20-Oct 12, Nov 22-Nov 30, Dec 19-Jan 31 Youth - Sep 06 2026-27 Sep 12, Sep 19-Oct 11, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 19-Jan 31 Youth - Sep 05</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26 State seasons except no quail hunting. No fox squirrel hunting. 2026-27</p>

State seasons except no quail hunting. No fox squirrel hunting.
Turkey
2025-26 Quota Youth (2): Apr 04-Apr 05 Quota (2): Apr 11-Apr 12
2026-27 Quota Youth (2): Apr 03-Apr 04 Quota (2): Apr 10-Apr 11
Fishing Creek WMA
Coyote
Season Rule 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
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 10 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 11-Oct 17 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 18-Jan 11
2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 09 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 10-Oct 16 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 17-Jan 10
Dove
2025-26 Sep 06-Oct 12, Nov 22-Nov 30, Dec 19-Jan 31
2026-27 Sep 05-Oct 11, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 19-Jan 31
Small Game
2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28
2026-27

Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2025-26 Apr 04-May 15
2026-27 Apr 03-May 15
Waterfowl
Season Rule Wednesdays and Saturdays only during statewide season on waterfowl impoundments. Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
Flat Creek PFA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule No camping. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Alligator
2025-26 Sep 12-Sep 14
2026-27 Sep 11-Sep 13
Season Rule Night only. No daytime hunting.
Deer
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 11
2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 10
Dog Training
Season Rule Bird dog and Rabbit dog training allowed August 15-March 15 only, outside of deer hunts.
Small Game
2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28

<p>2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26 Apr 13-May 15 Youth - Apr 04-Apr 12</p>
<p>2026-27 Apr 12-May 15 Youth - Apr 03-Apr 11</p>
Waterfowl
<p>2025-26 Quota (3): Nov 22, Nov 29</p>
<p>2026-27 Quota (3): Nov 21, Nov 28</p>
<p>Season Rule During second season Wednesdays and Saturdays only. Shooting hours end at 12 noon.</p>
Flat Tub WMA
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule No ATVs.</p>
Coyote
<p>Season Rule 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.</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 10 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 11-Oct 17 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 18-Nov 30, Dec 26-Jan 11</p>
<p>2026-27</p>

<p>Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 09 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 10-Oct 16 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 17-Nov 30, Dec 26-Jan 10</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26 Apr 04-May 15</p>
<p>2026-27 Apr 03-May 15</p>
Flint River WMA
Coyote
<p>Season Rule 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.</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26 Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless - Sep 13-Sep 22, Nov 22-Dec 01 Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless - Oct 11-Oct 19 Quota Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless (25): Oct 30-Nov 01, Nov 13-Nov 15</p>
<p>2026-27 Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless - Sep 12-Sep 21, Nov 21-Nov 30 Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless - Oct 10-Oct 18 Quota Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless (25): Oct 29-Oct 31, Nov 12-Nov 14</p>
<p>Season Rule Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.</p>

Dove
2025-26 Youth - Sep 06 Sep 13, Sep 20-Oct 12, Nov 22-Nov 30, Dec 19-Jan 31
2026-27 Youth - Sep 05 Sep 12, Sep 19-Oct 11, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 19-Jan 31
Quail
Season Rule Sun & Wed during statewide season after Nov 11.
Small Game
2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28
2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2025-26 Apr 04-May 15
2026-27 Apr 03-May 15
Fort Eisenhower
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule 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
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<p>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. For all information pertaining to seasons, bag limits, seasonal firearms restrictions, mandatory check stations, and post regulations go to https://www.ftstewart.isportsman.net</p>
<p>Fort Yargo State Park</p>
<p>*Special Regulations</p>
<p>Area Specific Rule 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.</p>
<p>Deer</p>
<p>2025-26 Quota Firearms Bonus Either Sex (85): Nov 18-Nov 19</p>
<p>2026-27 Quota Firearms Bonus Either Sex (85): Nov 17-Nov 18</p>
<p>Season Rule 5 deer limit, no more than 2 may be antlered bucks.</p>
<p>Gaither WMA</p>
<p>*Special Regulations</p>
<p>Area Specific Rule 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.</p>

Deer
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Oct 18-Oct 26, Nov 15-Nov 23, Dec 20-Dec 28 Quota Firearms Either Sex (25): Nov 07-Nov 09, Dec 05-Dec 07 Quota Youth Firearms Either Sex (25): Nov 24-Nov 30
2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Oct 17-Oct 25, Nov 14-Nov 22, Dec 19-Dec 27 Quota Firearms Either Sex (25): Nov 06-Nov 08, Dec 04-Dec 06 Quota Youth Firearms Either Sex (25): Nov 23-Nov 29
Small Game
2025-26 Aug 15-Nov 06, Nov 10-Nov 23, Dec 01-Dec 04, Dec 08-Feb 28
2026-27 Aug 15-Nov 05, Nov 09-Nov 22, Nov 30-Dec 03, Dec 07-Feb 28
Turkey
2025-26 Quota (10): Apr 04-Apr 08, Apr 11-Apr 15, Apr 18-Apr 22
2026-27 Quota (10): Apr 03-Apr 07, Apr 10-Apr 14, Apr 17-Apr 21
Waterfowl
Season Rule Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
Germany Creek WMA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule No camping.
Deer
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 10 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 11-Oct 17 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 18-Jan 01

<p>2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 09 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 10-Oct 16 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 17-Jan 01</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
<p>2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26 Apr 04-May 15</p>
<p>2026-27 Apr 03-May 15</p>
Grand Bay WMA
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule No May 16-31 Feral Hog and Coyote season. Harvested deer must be removed from the area whole (no field dressing). 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.</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Sep 14, Sep 20-Sep 21 Youth Firearms Either Sex - Sep 27-Sep 28 Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Oct 04-Oct 05 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 11-Oct 12 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 18-Oct 19, Oct 25-Oct 26, Nov 01-Nov 02, Nov 08-Nov 09, Nov 15-Nov 16, Nov 22-Nov 23, Nov 29-Nov 30, Dec 06-Dec 07, Dec 13-Dec 14, Dec 20-Dec 21, Dec 27-Dec 28, Jan 03-Jan 04, Jan 10-Jan 11</p>

<p>2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Sep 13, Sep 19-Sep 20 Youth Firearms Either Sex - Sep 26-Sep 27 Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Oct 03-Oct 04 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 10-Oct 11 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 17-Oct 18, Oct 24-Oct 25, Oct 31-Nov 01, Nov 07-Nov 08, Nov 14-Nov 15, Nov 21-Nov 22, Nov 28-Nov 29, Dec 05-Dec 06, Dec 12-Dec 13, Dec 19-Dec 20, Dec 26-Dec 27, Jan 02-Jan 03, Jan 09-Jan 10</p>
Small Game
<p>Season Rule No fox squirrel or furbearer hunting.</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26 Youth - Apr 04-Apr 05, Apr 18-Apr 19 Apr 25-Apr 26, May 09-May 10</p>
<p>2026-27 Youth - Apr 03-Apr 04, Apr 17-Apr 18 Apr 24-Apr 25, May 08-May 09</p>
Waterfowl
<p>Season Rule Saturdays and Sundays only during statewide season. Shooting hours end at 12 noon.</p>
Griffin Ridge WMA
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule No ATVs or horses. No vehicles allowed beyond designed parking areas. River access allowed. Camping only at Fountain Hole camping area.</p>
Coyote
<p>Season Rule May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be hunted and taken with dogs. Dogs must be marked with the hunter's name and a</p>

valid telephone number; no night hunting; hogs must be killed immediately upon capture.
Deer
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 10, Oct 18-Oct 23, Oct 27-Oct 31, Nov 10-Jan 11 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 11-Oct 17 Youth Firearms Either Sex - Oct 24-Oct 26 Firearms Either Sex - Nov 01-Nov 09
2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 09, Oct 19-Oct 22, Oct 26-Oct 30, Nov 09-Jan 10 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 10-Oct 18 Youth Firearms Either Sex - Oct 23-Oct 25 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 31-Nov 08
Small Game
2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28
2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28
Season Rule No furbearer season.
Turkey
2025-26 Quota Youth (25): Apr 04-Apr 05 Quota (25): Apr 11-Apr 17, Apr 25-May 01
2026-27 Quota Youth (25): Apr 03-Apr 04 Quota (25): Apr 10-Apr 16, Apr 24-Apr 30
Hannahatchee WMA
Coyote
Season Rule

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
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 10 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 11-Oct 17 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 18-Jan 11
2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 09 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 10-Oct 16 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 17-Jan 10
Dove
2025-26 Sep 06-Oct 12, Nov 22-Nov 30, Dec 19-Jan 31
2026-27 Sep 05-Oct 11, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 19-Jan 31
Small Game
2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28
2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2025-26 Apr 04-May 15
2026-27 Apr 03-May 15
Hard Labor Creek State Park
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule

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

2025-26

Quota Firearms Bonus Either Sex (250): Nov 04-Nov 05

2026-27

Quota Firearms Bonus Either Sex (250): Nov 03-Nov 04

Season Rule

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

Harris Neck NWR

*Special Regulations

Area Specific Rule

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

2025-26

Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 10

Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 11-Oct 17

Firearms Buck Only - Oct 18-Nov 13

Firearms Either Sex - Nov 14-Nov 16

2026-27

Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 09

Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 10-Oct 16

Firearms Buck Only - Oct 17-Nov 12 Firearms Either Sex - Nov 13-Nov 15
Dove
2025-26 Sep 06, Sep 13, Sep 20, Sep 27, Oct 04, Nov 22-Nov 30, Dec 19-Jan 31
2026-27 Sep 05, Sep 12, Sep 19, Sep 26, Oct 03, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 19-Jan 31
Small Game
2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28
2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2025-26 Quota (5): Apr 04-Apr 10, Apr 25-May 01
2026-27 Quota (5): Apr 03-Apr 09, Apr 24-Apr 30
Hiltonia WMA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule No camping. No furbearer season.
Deer
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Nov 07 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Nov 08-Jan 11
2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Nov 06 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Nov 14-Jan 10
Dove
2025-26

<p>Sep 06, Sep 13, Sep 20, Sep 27, Oct 04, Nov 22-Nov 30, Dec 19-Jan 31</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Sep 05, Sep 12, Sep 19, Sep 26, Oct 03, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 19-Jan 31</p> <p>Season Rule</p> <p>Saturdays only during 1st season.</p>
Small Game
<p>Season Rule</p> <p>No furbearer season.</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Apr 04-May 15</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Apr 03-May 15</p>
Horse Creek WMA
Deer
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Sep 17, Sep 21-Oct 03, Oct 06-Oct 21, Jan 01-Jan 11</p> <p>Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Sep 18-Sep 20</p> <p>Specialty Firearms Either Sex - Oct 04-Oct 05</p> <p>Firearms Either Sex - Oct 22-Oct 25, Dec 11-Dec 13</p> <p>Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Nov 20-Nov 22</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Sep 16, Sep 20-Oct 02, Oct 05-Oct 20, Jan 01-Jan 10</p> <p>Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Sep 17-Sep 19</p> <p>Specialty Firearms Either Sex - Oct 03-Oct 04</p> <p>Firearms Either Sex - Oct 21-Oct 24, Dec 10-Dec 12</p> <p>Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Nov 19-Nov 21</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26</p>

Apr 04-May 15 2026-27 Apr 03-May 15
Hugh M. Gillis PFA
Deer
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Nov 01-Nov 30
2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Oct 31-Nov 29
Turkey
2025-26 Quota Youth (2): Apr 18-Apr 19, May 02-May 03
2026-27 Quota Youth (2): Apr 17-Apr 18, May 08-May 09
Indian Ford Farm Dove Fields
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule 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
2025-26 Quota Youth (50): Sep 13
2026-27 Quota Youth (50): Sep 12
J.L. Lester WMA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule

No ATV's. No night hunting. No camping in barn. Fishing prohibited during deer hunts, quota hunts and field trials. No May 16-31 coyote season. Horseback riding allowed in dog training area when actively training bird dogs, except during quota hunts and deer hunts.
Coyote
Season Rule No May 16-31 coyote or hog season
Deer/Bear
2025-26 Quota Youth Firearms Bonus Either Sex (20): Oct 03-Oct 05, Jan 09-Jan 11 Archery Either Sex - Nov 24-Nov 30, Dec 22-Jan 01
2026-27 Quota Youth Firearms Bonus Either Sex (20): Oct 03-Oct 04, Jan 09-Jan 10 Archery Either Sex - Nov 22-Nov 29, Dec 21-Jan 01
Dog Training
Season Rule Bird & Rabbit Dog Training Area: Aug 15 - Mar 19, except during deer hunts, quota hunts and field trials.
Dove
2025-26 Sep 20, Sep 27 Youth - Sep 06, Sep 13
2026-27 Sep 19, Sep 26 Youth - Sep 05, Sep 12
Quail
2025-26 Quota (3): Dec 14, Jan 04, Feb 15, Feb 21
2026-27 Quota (3): Dec 20, Jan 03, Feb 14, Feb 20

Rabbit
<p>2025-26 Quota (5): Jan 03, Feb 22</p> <p>2026-27 Quota (5): Jan 02, Feb 21</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26 Apr 04-May 13</p> <p>2026-27 Apr 03-May 15</p>
Joe Kurz WMA
Coyote
<p>Area Specific Rule May 16-31</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26 Quota Firearms Bonus Quality Buck and Antlerless (100): Oct 16-Oct 18 Quota Firearms Bonus Quality Buck and Antlerless Last Day (100): Oct 30-Nov 01 Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless - Sep 13-Sep 21, Nov 02-Nov 09</p> <p>2026-27 Quota Firearms Bonus Quality Buck and Antlerless (100): Oct 15-Oct 17 Quota Firearms Bonus Quality Buck and Antlerless Last Day (100): Nov 05-Nov 07 Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless - Sep 12-Sep 20, Nov 08-Nov 15</p> <p>Season Rule Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.</p>
Dog Training

<p>Season Rule Bird Dog Training Area: Aug 15 - Mar 19 except during deer hunts and quota hunts.</p>
Dove
<p>2025-26 Sep 06, Sep 13, Sep 20, Sep 27, Oct 04, Oct 11-Oct 12, Nov 22-Nov 30, Dec 19-Jan 31</p> <p>2026-27 Sep 05, Sep 12, Sep 19, Sep 26, Oct 03, Oct 10-Oct 11, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 19-Jan 31</p>
Quail
<p>2025-26 Quota (3): Dec 06, Jan 10, Feb 07</p> <p>2026-27 Quota (3): Dec 05, Jan 09, Feb 06</p> <p>Season Rule Quail hunting prohibited except for quail quota hunts. Small game hunting prohibited during deer hunts. Bag limit = 3/person or 9/party.</p>
Rabbit
<p>Season Rule Bag limit=3 rabbits/person/day.</p>
Small Game
<p>Season Rule Small game prohibited during deer hunts and quota quail hunts.</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26 Quota (25): Apr 04-Apr 12, Apr 25-May 03</p> <p>2026-27 Quota (25): Apr 03-Apr 11, Apr 24-May 02</p>
Waterfowl
<p>Season Rule</p>

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
Area Specific Rule
No ATV's.
Coyote
2025-26
May 16-31
2026-27
May 16-31
Deer/Bear
2025-26
Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 24, Oct 27-Nov 19, Nov 23-Dec 25
Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Oct 25-Oct 26
Firearms Bonus Either Sex Last Day - Nov 20-Nov 22
Firearms Buck Only - Dec 26-Jan 01
2026-27
Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 23, Oct 26-Nov 11, Nov 15-Dec 25
Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Oct 24-Oct 25
Firearms Bonus Either Sex Last Day - Nov 12-Nov 14
Firearms Buck Only - Dec 26-Jan 01
Quail
2025-26
Jan 02-Jan 31
2026-27
Jan 02-Jan 31
Small Game
2025-26
Aug 15-Feb 28

2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2025-26 Apr 04-May 15
2026-27 Apr 03-May 15
Keg Creek WMA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule No camping.
Deer
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 11
2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 10
Small Game
2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28
2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2025-26 Apr 04-May 15
2026-27 Apr 03-May 15
Lake Russell WMA
*Special Regulations
Special Regulations/Area Notes Area Notes: US Forest Service owned property. No ATVs or UTVs. Electric bicycles restricted to roads open for motor vehicles.

Coyote
<p>Season Rule 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.</p>
Deer/Bear
<p>2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 10 Specialty Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Nov 05-Nov 08 Firearms Bonus Buck Only - Nov 26-Nov 29 Primitive Weapons Bonus Either Sex - Dec 10-Dec 13</p> <p>2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 09 Specialty Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Nov 04-Nov 07 Firearms Bonus Buck Only - Nov 25-Nov 28 Primitive Weapons Bonus Either Sex - Dec 09-Dec 12</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28</p> <p>2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26 Apr 04-May 15</p> <p>2026-27 Apr 03-May 15</p>
Lake Seminole WMA
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule No camping. No May 16-31 coyote season.</p>
Deer

<p>2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 31 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 11-Jan 11 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 18-Jan 11</p>
<p>2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 31 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 10-Jan 10 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 17-Jan 10</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
<p>2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26 Apr 04-May 15</p>
<p>2026-27 Apr 03-May 15</p>
Waterfowl
<p>Season Rule 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.)</p>
Lake Sidney Lanier - Buford Dam
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule 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 pre-hunt meeting at 7:00 P.M. the evening before the hunt.</p>

Lake Sidney Lanier - Islands
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule 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
Season Rule 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
Area Specific Rule No camping. No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 11
2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 10
Small Game
2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28
2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2025-26 Apr 04-May 15
2026-27 Apr 03-May 15
Waterfowl
Season Rule

<p>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.</p>
<p>Lanahassee WMA</p>
<p>Coyote</p>
<p>Season Rule 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.</p>
<p>Deer</p>
<p>2025-26 Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless - Sep 13-Oct 10, Oct 18-Nov 02 Primitive Weapons Quality Buck and Antlerless - Oct 11-Oct 17 Quota Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless (50): Nov 13-Nov 15 Quota Firearms Bonus Quality Buck and Antlerless (50): Dec 04-Dec 06 Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless - Dec 21-Dec 27</p>
<p>2026-27 Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless - Sep 12-Oct 09, Oct 17-Nov 01 Primitive Weapons Quality Buck and Antlerless - Oct 10-Oct 16 Quota Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless (50): Nov 12-Nov 14 Quota Firearms Bonus Quality Buck and Antlerless (50): Dec 03-Dec 05</p>

<p>Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless - Dec 20-Dec 26</p> <p>Season Rule Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.</p>
Quail
<p>2025-26 Nov 22, Dec 02, Dec 13</p> <p>2026-27 Nov 21, Dec 01, Dec 12</p> <p>Season Rule Bag limit is 3 per person. Hunting party must check-in harvest at kiosk or online. Complete one check-in (survey) per party.</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28</p> <p>2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
Turkey
<p>Season Rule Turkey hunting prohibited due to low population levels.</p>
Little Ocmulgee State Park
Alligator
<p>Season Rule 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. Hunting is permitted Sun. - Thurs. during the state season only between 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise. Only one boating</p>

vessel per permit holder. Fishing and other non-permitted lake activities are prohibited after sunset to before sunrise.
Little River WMA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule No camping.
Deer
2025-26 Youth Firearms Either Sex - Oct 11-Oct 19, Nov 22-Nov 30, Dec 20-Dec 28 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 10, Oct 20-Nov 21, Dec 01-Dec 19, Dec 29-Jan 11
2026-27 Youth Firearms Either Sex - Oct 10-Oct 18, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 19-Dec 27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 09, Oct 19-Nov 20, Nov 30-Dec 18, Dec 28-Jan 10
Dog Training
Season Rule Bird dog, Rabbit dog, and Furbearer dog training allowed August 15-March 15 only, outside of deer hunts.
Small Game
2025-26 Aug 15-Oct 10, Oct 20-Nov 21, Dec 01-Dec 19, Dec 29-Feb 28
2026-27 Aug 15-Oct 09, Oct 19-Nov 20, Nov 30-Dec 18, Dec 28-Feb 28
Turkey
2025-26 Apr 04-May 15
2026-27

Apr 03-May 15
Waterfowl
Season Rule Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
Little Satilla WMA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule No camping.
Deer
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 10 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 11-Oct 17 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 18-Jan 11
2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 09 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 10-Oct 16 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 17-Jan 10
Small Game
2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28
2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2025-26 Apr 04-May 15
2026-27 Apr 03-May 15
Lola Tract VPA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule No May 16-31 coyote season.
Bear
2025-26

<p>Archery - Sep 18-Sep 20, Sep 25-Sep 27, Oct 02-Oct 04, Oct 09-Oct 11</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Archery - Sep 17-Sep 19, Sep 24-Sep 26, Oct 01-Oct 03, Oct 08-Oct 10</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 14, Nov 10-Jan 11</p> <p>Firearms Either Sex - Oct 25-Nov 09</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 23, Nov 09-Jan 10</p> <p>Firearms Either Sex - Oct 24-Nov 08</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Aug 15-Feb 28</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Apr 04-May 15</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Apr 03-May 15</p>
London Farms VPA
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule</p> <p>No May 16-31 coyote season. 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.</p>
Dove

<p>2025-26 Quota (30): Sep 06, Sep 13</p> <p>2026-27 Quota (30): Sep 05, Sep 12</p>
Lower Broad River WMA
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule No camping.</p>
Coyote
<p>Season Rule 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.</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 10 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 11-Oct 17 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 18-Jan 01</p> <p>2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 09 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 10-Oct 16 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 17-Jan 01</p>
Dove
<p>2025-26 Quota (45): Sep 06 Sep 13, Sep 20, Sep 27, Oct 04, Oct 11, Nov 22-Nov 30, Dec 19-Jan 31</p> <p>2026-27 Quota (45): Sep 05 Sep 12, Sep 19, Sep 26, Oct 03, Oct 10, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 19-Jan 31</p>
Small Game

<p>2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28</p> <p>2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26 Apr 04-May 15</p> <p>2026-27 Apr 03-May 15</p>
Lula Bridge WMA
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule No May 16-31 coyote season.</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28</p> <p>2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
Waterfowl
<p>2025-26 Early Teal - Sep 13-Sep 21 Oct 04-Oct 19, Nov 22-Nov 30, Dec 06-Jan 25 Youth - Nov 15-Nov 16</p> <p>2026-27 Early Teal - Sep 12-Sep 20 Oct 03-Oct 18, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 12-Jan 31 Youth - Nov 14-Nov 15</p>
Mayhaw WMA
Deer
<p>2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 10, Jan 12-Jan 31 Firearms Buck Only - Oct 18-Nov 30</p>

Firearms Either Sex - Dec 13-Jan 11 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 11-Oct 17 2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 09, Jan 11-Jan 31 Firearms Buck Only - Oct 17-Nov 29 Firearms Either Sex - Dec 12-Jan 10 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 10-Oct 16
Small Game
2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28 2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2025-26 Apr 04-May 15 2026-27 Apr 03-May 15
McDuffie PFA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule No May 16-31 coyote season. No small game season.
Dove
2025-26 Quota (25): Sep 06 Sep 13, Sep 20, Sep 27, Oct 04 2026-27 Quota (25): Sep 05 Sep 12, Sep 19, Sep 26, Oct 03
Waterfowl
2025-26 Dec 06, Dec 13, Dec 20, Dec 27 2026-27 Dec 12, Dec 19, Dec 26

<p>Season Rule Waterfowl hunters must check kiosk at entrance gate for information on which ponds are open. Designated ponds only. Shooting hours end at 12 noon.</p>
<p>McEntire Road VPA</p>
<p>*Special Regulations</p>
<p>Area Specific Rule No ATV's. VPA is only open to the public for hunting during designated seasons. All other access is prohibited.</p>
<p>Coyote</p>
<p>Season Rule No May 16-31 coyote or hog season</p>
<p>Dove</p>
<p>2025-26 Sep 06, Sep 13, Sep 20, Sep 27-Oct 12</p>
<p>2026-27 Sep 05, Sep 12, Sep 19, Sep 26-Oct 11</p>
<p>McGraw Ford WMA</p>
<p>*Special Regulations</p>
<p>Area Specific Rule No ATV's.</p>
<p>Coyote</p>
<p>2025-26 May 16-31</p>
<p>2026-27 May 16-31</p>
<p>Deer/Bear</p>
<p>2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 01</p>
<p>2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 01</p>
<p>Dove</p>
<p>2025-26</p>

<p>Quota (20): Sep 06, Sep 13 Sep 20, Sep 27, Oct 04, Oct 11-Oct 12, Nov 22-Nov 30, Dec 19- Jan 31</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Quota (20): Sep 05, Sep 12 Sep 19, Sep 26, Oct 03, Oct 10-Oct 11, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 19- Jan 31</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Aug 15-Feb 28</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Apr 11-May 15 Quota (10): Apr 04-Apr 10</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Apr 10-May 15 Quota (10): Apr 03-Apr 09</p>
Waterfowl
<p>Season Rule</p> <p>Wednesdays and Saturdays during the state season. Shooting hours end at 12 noon</p>
Mead Farm WMA
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule</p> <p>Foot traffic only. No camping. Bird dog training is allowed year- round.</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 01</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 01</p>

<p>Season Rule Archery only.</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28</p> <p>2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26 Apr 04-May 15</p> <p>2026-27 Apr 03-May 15</p>
Waterfowl
<p>2025-26 Early Teal - Sep 13, Sep 17, Sep 20 Youth - Nov 15, Nov 22, Nov 29 Dec 06, Dec 10, Dec 13, Dec 17, Dec 20, Dec 24, Dec 27, Dec 31, Jan 03, Jan 07, Jan 10, Jan 14, Jan 17, Jan 21, Jan 24</p> <p>2026-27 Early Teal - Sep 12, Sep 16, Sep 19 Youth - Nov 14, Nov 21, Nov 28 Dec 12, Dec 16, Dec 19, Dec 23, Dec 26, Dec 30, Jan 02, Jan 06, Jan 09, Jan 13, Jan 16, Jan 20, Jan 23, Jan 27, Jan 30</p> <p>Season Rule Wednesdays and Saturdays only during statewide season except Youth hunt dates. Shooting hours end at 12 noon.</p>
Mistletoe State Park
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule 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</p>

<p>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.</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26 Quota (75) Nov 12- Nov 13</p> <p>2027 Fiscal Year Quota (75) Nov 17- Nov 18</p> <p>Season Rule Bag Limit: 5, no more than 2 antlered.</p>
Montezuma Bluffs WMA
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule Archery only for all hunting. 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.</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 11</p> <p>2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 10</p> <p>Season Rule Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28</p> <p>2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28</p> <p>Season Rule No fox or bobcat hunting.</p>

Turkey
2025-26 Archery - Apr 04-May 15
2026-27 Archery - Apr 03-May 15
Moody Forest WMA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule No May 16-31 coyote season. No ATVs. Check for prescribed burn info and Sign-In at kiosk on East River Rd.
Deer
2025-26 Firearms Either Sex - Nov 01-Dec 15
2026-27 Firearms Either Sex - Nov 01-Dec 15
Small Game
Season Rule State season for squirrel and waterfowl hunting only. No fox squirrel hunting allowed.
Turkey
2025-26 Youth - Apr 04-Apr 05 Apr 11-Apr 27
2026-27 Youth - Apr 03-Apr 04 Apr 10-Apr 26
Morgan Lake WMA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule 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
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 11
2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 10
Small Game
2025-26 Archery - Aug 15-Feb 28
2026-27 Archery - Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2025-26 Archery - Apr 04-May 15
2026-27 Archery - Apr 03-May 15
Oak Woods WMA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule No bear hunting.
Bear
Season Rule No bear hunting.
Deer
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 05, Nov 08-Nov 14 Youth Firearms Either Sex - Oct 11-Oct 17 Firearms Bonus Either Sex Last Day - Oct 30-Nov 01, Dec 04-Dec 06 Firearms Buck Only - Dec 22-Dec 28
2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 04, Nov 07-Nov 13 Youth Firearms Either Sex - Oct 10-Oct 16

Firearms Bonus Either Sex Last Day - Oct 29-Oct 31, Dec 03-Dec 05
Firearms Buck Only - Dec 21-Dec 27
Small Game
2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28
2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2025-26 Apr 11-May 15 Quota (80): Apr 04-Apr 10
2026-27 Apr 10-May 15 Quota (80): Apr 03-Apr 09
Waterfowl
Season Rule Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
Ocmulgee WMA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule No bear hunting. Waterfowl hunting on PFA lake allowed only on Wed. during late waterfowl season; legal hours end at noon.
Alligator
Season Rule Alligator hunting on Ocmulgee PFA allowed 9/5-7/2025 & 9/4-6/2024. No hunting during daylight hours.
Bear
Season Rule No bear hunting.
Deer
2025-26

<p>Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Sep 26 Youth Firearms Either Sex - Oct 11-Oct 17 Firearms Bonus Either Sex Last Day - Oct 23-Oct 25, Nov 20-Nov 22 Firearms Either Sex - Dec 11-Dec 14</p>
2026-27
<p>Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Sep 25 Youth Firearms Either Sex - Oct 10-Oct 16 Firearms Bonus Either Sex Last Day - Oct 22-Oct 24, Nov 19-Nov 21 Firearms Either Sex - Dec 10-Dec 13</p>
Turkey
2025-26
<p>Quota (60): Apr 04-Apr 10 Apr 11-May 15</p>
2026-27
<p>Quota (60): Apr 03-Apr 09 Apr 10-May 15</p>
Waterfowl
Season Rule
Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
Ocmulgee WMA - Gum Swamp Creek
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule
No camping. Legal hours for waterfowl hunting end at noon.
Deer
2025-26
Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 11
2026-27
Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 10
Turkey
2025-26
Archery - Apr 04-May 15

2026-27
Archery - Apr 03-May 15
Waterfowl
Season Rule
Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
Oconee National Forest
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule
No dog training Apr. 1-July 31 & Sep. 8-Jan. 1. 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
2025-26
Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 10

<p>Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 11-Oct 17 Firearms Buck Only - Oct 18-Oct 31, Nov 03-Nov 21, Nov 24-Dec 12, Dec 15-Dec 26, Dec 29-Jan 11 Firearms Either Sex - Nov 01-Nov 02, Nov 22-Nov 23, Dec 13-Dec 14, Dec 27-Dec 28</p> <p>2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 09 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 10-Oct 16 Firearms Buck Only - Oct 17-Oct 30, Nov 02-Nov 20, Nov 23-Dec 11, Dec 14-Dec 25, Dec 28-Jan 10 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 31-Nov 01, Nov 21-Nov 22, Dec 12-Dec 13, Dec 26-Dec 27</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28</p> <p>2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26 Apr 04-May 15</p> <p>2026-27 Apr 03-May 15</p> <p>Season Rule Bag Limit 1</p>
Oconee WMA
Deer
<p>2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 10, Dec 01-Jan 11 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 11-Oct 17 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 18-Nov 30</p> <p>2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 09, Dec 01-Jan 10 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 10-Oct 16</p>

Firearms Either Sex - Oct 17-Nov 30
Dove
2025-26 Quota (60): Sep 06 Sep 13, Sep 20, Sep 27, Oct 04, Oct 11, Nov 22-Nov 30, Dec 19-Jan 31
2026-27 Quota (60): Sep 05 Sep 12, Sep 19, Sep 26, Oct 03, Oct 10, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 19-Jan 31
Small Game
2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28
2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2025-26 Quota (30): Apr 04-Apr 10, Apr 11-Apr 17 Apr 18-May 15
2026-27 Quota (30): Apr 03-Apr 09, Apr 10-Apr 16 Apr 17-May 15
Oconee WMA - Dan Denton Waterfowl Area
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule No fishing or hunting (other than ducks & geese and archery deer hunting during statewide archery and primitive weapons season) 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. No foot traffic from November 1st-February 1st. 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

2025-26
Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 17

2026-27
Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 16

Waterfowl

2025-26
Quota Youth Pond 1 (3): Nov 15, Nov 29
Quota Youth Pond 3 (2): Nov 29, Nov 15
Quota Pond 1 (3): Dec 06, Dec 13, Dec 20, Dec 27, Jan 03, Jan 10, Jan 17, Jan 24
Quota Pond 3 (2): Dec 06, Dec 13, Dec 20, Dec 27, Jan 03, Jan 10, Jan 17, Jan 24

2026-27
Quota Youth Pond 1 (3): Nov 14, Nov 28
Quota Youth Pond 3 (2): Nov 28, Nov 14
Quota Pond 1 (3): Dec 12, Dec 19, Dec 26, Jan 02, Jan 09, Jan 16, Jan 23, Jan 30
Quota Pond 3 (2): Dec 12, Dec 19, Dec 26, Jan 02, Jan 09, Jan 16, Jan 23, Jan 30

Oconee WMA - Rock Hawk Trails & Effigy

***Special Regulations**

Area Specific Rule
No May 16-31 coyote season.

Deer

2025-26
Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 11

2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 10
Small Game
2025-26 Nov 15-Feb 28
2026-27 Nov 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2025-26 Archery - Apr 18-May 15
2026-27 Archery - Apr 17-May 15
Season Rule Selected quota turkey hunters only may hunt with firearms during quota hunt dates in this area.
Ohoopsee Dunes WMA - North Tract
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule Ohoopsee 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
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 10 Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Oct 23-Oct 25 Firearms Either Sex - Dec 04-Dec 06 Archery Either Sex - Dec 07-Jan 11
2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 09 Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Oct 22-Oct 24 Firearms Either Sex - Dec 03-Dec 05 Archery Either Sex - Dec 06-Jan 10
Turkey

<p>2025-26 Quota (20): Apr 04-Apr 10 Apr 11-May 15</p> <p>2026-27 Quota (20): Apr 03-Apr 09 Apr 10-May 15</p>
Ohoopsee Dunes WMA - South Tract
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule Ohoopsee 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.</p>
Coyote
<p>Area Specific Rule May 16-31 coyote season.</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 11</p> <p>2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 10</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26 Apr 04-May 15</p> <p>2026-27 Apr 03-May 15</p>
Oliver Bridge WMA
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule No ATVs. No camping.</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 10 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 11-Oct 17</p>

<p>Firearms Either Sex - Oct 18-Jan 11</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 09</p> <p>Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 10-Oct 16</p> <p>Firearms Either Sex - Oct 17-Jan 10</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Apr 04-May 15</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Apr 03-May 15</p>
Ossabaw Island WMA
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule</p> <p>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.</p>
Coyote
<p>Season Rule</p> <p>No May 16-31 coyote season.</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Quota Archery Bonus Either Sex (100): Oct 09-Oct 11</p>

Quota Primitive Weapons Bonus Either Sex (100): Oct 23-Oct 25
Quota Firearms Bonus Either Sex (100): Nov 06-Nov 08, Dec 11-Dec 13
Quota Youth Firearms Bonus Either Sex (75): Nov 27-Nov 29
2026-27
Quota Archery Bonus Either Sex (100): Oct 08-Oct 10
Quota Primitive Weapons Bonus Either Sex (100): Oct 22-Oct 24
Quota Firearms Bonus Either Sex (100): Nov 05-Nov 07, Dec 10-Dec 12
Quota Youth Firearms Bonus Either Sex (75): Nov 26-Nov 28
Feral hog
2025-26
Quota Firearms (100): Jan 15-Jan 17, Feb 12-Feb 14
2026-27
Quota Firearms (100): Jan 14-Jan 16, Feb 11-Feb 13
Otting WMA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule
No ATVs.
Coyote
2025-26
May 16-31
2026-27
May 16-31
Deer/Bear
2025-26
Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 01
2026-27
Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 01
Dog Training
Season Rule

Furbearer Dog Training: Aug 15-Mar 19
Small Game
2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28
2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2025-26 Apr 04-May 15
2026-27 Apr 03-May 15
Panola Mountain State Park
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule 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. Hunting within 50 yards of the PATH trail is prohibited.
Deer
2025-26 Quota Firearms Bonus Either Sex (60): Nov 12-Nov 13
2026-27 Quota Firearms Bonus Either Sex (60): Nov 3-Nov 4
Season Rule 5 deer limit, no more than 2 may be antlered bucks. Note: Archery option for up to 4 hunters.
Paradise PFA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule

No May 16-31 coyote season.
Dove
2025-26 Youth - Sep 06 Sep 13, Sep 20, Sep 27, Oct 04, Oct 11, Nov 15-Nov 23, Dec 19-Jan 31
2026-27 Youth - Sep 05 Sep 12, Sep 19, Sep 26, Oct 03, Oct 10, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 19-Jan 31
Season Rule Dove hunting in designated fields only; shooting hours follow state regulations.
Small Game
Season Rule No Small Game hunting allowed outside of specified Dove and Waterfowl dates
Waterfowl
2025-26 Early Teal - Sep 18 Dec 18, Jan 08
2026-27 Early Teal - Sep 17 Dec 17, Jan 14
Season Rule Hunting for ducks and geese in designated areas only. Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
Paulding Forest WMA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule 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.

Camping in designated areas only, except during firearms deer hunts.
Deer/Bear
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 10, Oct 13-Nov 05, Nov 10-Nov 14 Specialty Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Oct 11-Oct 12 Firearms Bonus Either Sex Last Day - Nov 06-Nov 09 Firearms Either Sex Last Day - Dec 11-Dec 14
2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 09, Oct 12-Nov 04, Nov 09-Nov 13 Specialty Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Oct 10-Oct 11 Firearms Bonus Either Sex Last Day - Nov 05-Nov 08 Firearms Either Sex Last Day - Dec 10-Dec 13
Dog Training
Season Rule Bird and Rabbit Dog Training Area: Aug 15-Mar 19 except during firearms deer hunts.
Small Game
2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28
2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28
Season Rule Small game hunting prohibited during firearms deer hunts
Turkey
2025-26 Apr 27-May 15 Quota (50): Apr 04-Apr 12, Apr 18-Apr 26
2026-27 Apr 26-May 15 Quota (50): Apr 03-Apr 11, Apr 17-Apr 25

Paulks Pasture WMA
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule No camping. No horseback riding during deer hunts.</p>
Coyote
<p>Season Rule 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.</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Sep 18, Sep 22-Oct 01, Oct 05-Oct 10, Nov 01-Nov 21 Youth Firearms Either Sex - Sep 19-Sep 21 Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Oct 02-Oct 04 Firearms Buck Only - Oct 11-Oct 31 Firearms Either Sex - Nov 22-Nov 30, Dec 23-Dec 30 Quota Firearms Bonus Dog Deer Either Sex (3): Dec 05-Dec 06, Dec 12-Dec 13, Dec 19-Dec 20</p>
<p>2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Sep 17, Sep 21-Sep 30, Oct 04-Oct 09, Nov 01-Nov 20 Youth Firearms Either Sex - Sep 18-Sep 20 Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Oct 01-Oct 03 Firearms Buck Only - Oct 10-Oct 30 Firearms Either Sex - Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 23-Dec 31 Quota Firearms Bonus Dog Deer Either Sex (3): Dec 04-Dec 05, Dec 11-Dec 12, Dec 18-Dec 19</p>
<p>Season Rule 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</p>

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
2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28
2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28
Season Rule No furbearer hunting or dog training in Archery Only Areas.
Turkey
2025-26 Apr 04-May 15
2026-27 Apr 03-May 15
Penholoway Swamp WMA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule 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.
Coyote
Season Rule 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
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Sep 25, Sep 29-Oct 08, Oct 12-Nov 21, Nov 29-Jan 11 Youth Firearms Either Sex - Sep 26-Sep 28 Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Oct 09-Oct 11

<p>Firearms Either Sex - Nov 22-Nov 28</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Sep 24, Sep 28-Oct 07, Oct 11-Nov 20, Nov 30-Jan 10</p> <p>Youth Firearms Either Sex - Sep 25-Sep 27</p> <p>Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Oct 08-Oct 10</p> <p>Firearms Either Sex - Nov 21-Nov 29</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Aug 15-Feb 28</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Aug 15-Feb 28</p> <p>Season Rule</p> <p>Bird dog training area located in the areas of Redman and Deadend Rds. No furbearer hunting or dog training in Archery Only Areas.</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Apr 04-May 15</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Apr 03-May 15</p>
Perry Dove Field
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule</p> <p>No camping. No small game hunting. No coyote season.</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 11</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 10</p>
Dove
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Quota (150): Sep 06</p>

Sep 13, Sep 20, Sep 27, Nov 22, Nov 29, Dec 20, Dec 27, Jan 03, Jan 10, Jan 17, Jan 24, Jan 31
2026-27
Quota (150): Sep 05
Sep 12, Sep 19, Sep 26, Nov 21, Nov 28, Dec 19, Dec 26, Jan 02, Jan 09, Jan 16, Jan 23, Jan 30
Phinizy Swamp WMA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule
No camping.
Deer
2025-26
Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 11
2026-27
Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 10
Season Rule
Archery only.
Small Game
2025-26
Aug 15-Feb 28
2026-27
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2025-26
Apr 04-May 15
2026-27
Apr 03-May 15
Waterfowl
2025-26
Early Teal - Sep 13, Sep 17, Sep 20
Youth - Nov 15

<p>Nov 22, Nov 26, Nov 29, Dec 06, Dec 10, Dec 13, Dec 17, Dec 20, Dec 24, Dec 27, Dec 31, Jan 03, Jan 07, Jan 10, Jan 14, Jan 17, Jan 21, Jan 24</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Early Teal - Sep 12, Sep 16, Sep 19</p> <p>Youth - Nov 14</p> <p>Nov 21, Nov 25, Nov 28, Dec 12, Dec 16, Dec 19, Dec 23, Dec 26, Dec 30, Jan 02, Jan 06, Jan 09, Jan 13, Jan 16, Jan 20, Jan 23, Jan 27, Jan 30</p> <p>Season Rule</p> <p>Wednesdays and Saturdays only during statewide season. Shooting hours end at 12 noon.</p>
Piedmont NWR
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule</p> <p>Refuge permits are required for all hunts. NEW Quota deer and turkey hunt permits must be purchased from Piedmont Refuge’s Recreation.Gov page at https://www.recreation.gov/camping/gateways/1565 Information will be posted on Recreation.gov for how and when you can buy hunt permits. These are limited quota hunts but will no longer be selected by lottery. Wheelchair-bound hunters must provide medical documentation stating that they are confined to a wheelchair for mobility to be eligible to participate in the wheelchair deer hunt. Contact the refuge office prior to September 15, 2025. Permit fee required for all quota hunts. Baiting is prohibited. No May 16-31 coyote season. For information contact the refuge (478-986-5441) or email piedmont@fws.gov.</p>
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<p>See NOTE at top of Piedmont section “NOTE: The Hitchiti Experimental Forest is open for hunting only during refuge</p>

<p>hunting seasons with a valid Piedmont Refuge hunting permit and in accordance with refuge regulations.</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 05 Wheelchair Firearms Either Sex - Oct 18-Oct 19 Youth Firearms Either Sex - Oct 18-Oct 19 Quota Primitive Weapons Either Sex (1250): Oct 30-Nov 01 Quota Firearms Either Sex (1250): Nov 06-Nov 08, Nov 13-Nov 15</p>
<p>2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 04 Wheelchair Firearms Either Sex - Oct 17-Oct 18 Youth Firearms Either Sex - Oct 17-Oct 18 Quota Primitive Weapons Either Sex (1250): Oct 29-Oct 31 Quota Firearms Either Sex (1250): Nov 05-Nov 07, Nov 12-Nov 14</p>
Feral Hogs
<p>Season Rule May be taken on quota deer hunts</p>
Quail, Squirrel, Rabbit
<p>2025-26 Nov 16-Jan 31</p>
<p>2026-27 Nov 15-Jan 31</p>
Raccoon/Opossum
<p>2025-26</p>

Dec 05-Dec 06, Dec 12-Dec 13, Dec 19-Dec 20, Dec 26-Dec 27, Jan 02-Jan 03, Jan 09-Jan 10, Jan 16-Jan 17, Jan 23-Jan 24, Jan 30-Jan 31
2026-27 Dec 04-Dec 05, Dec 11-Dec 12, Dec 18-Dec 19, Dec 25-Dec 26, Jan 01-Jan 02, Jan 08-Jan 09, Jan 15-Jan 16, Jan 22-Jan 23, Jan 29-Jan 30
Squirrel
2025-26 Aug 15-Sep 12, Oct 06-Oct 17, Oct 20-Oct 29, Nov 02-Nov 05, Nov 09-Nov 12
2026-27 Aug 15-Sep 11, Oct 05-Oct 16, Oct 19-Oct 28, Nov 01-Nov 04, Nov 08-Nov 11
Season Rule Limit 1 fox squirrel/day
Turkey
2025-26 Quota (300): Apr 07-Apr 11, Apr 21-Apr 25, May 05-May 09
2026-27 Quota (300): Apr 06-Apr 10, Apr 20-Apr 24, May 04-May 08
Season Rule Limit 1 gobbler
Pleasant Valley VPA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule No ATVs.
Coyote
2025-26 May 16-31
2026-27 May 16-31

Deer/Bear
2025-26 Specialty Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 17 Specialty Firearms Either Sex - Oct 18-Nov 14 Specialty Firearms Except Saturdays - Nov 16-Jan 01
2026-27 Specialty Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 16 Specialty Firearms Either Sex - Oct 17-Nov 13 Specialty Firearms Except Saturdays - Nov 15-Jan 01
Small Game
2025-26 Aug 15-Sep 12, Feb 01-Feb 28
2026-27 Aug 15-Sep 11, Feb 01-Feb 28
Turkey
2025-26 Youth - Apr 04-May 15
2026-27 Youth - Apr 03-May 15
Waterfowl
Season Rule Youth: Saturdays only during statewide season.
Rayonier Corridor Lands WMA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule 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
Season Rule Area closed to deer hunting.
Small Game

<p>2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28</p> <p>2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
Turkey
<p>Season Rule Area closed to turkey hunting</p>
Red Top Mountain State Park
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule 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.</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26 Quota Firearms Bonus Either Sex (50): Nov 12-Nov 13</p> <p>2026-27 Quota Firearms Bonus Either Sex (50): Nov 17-Nov 18</p> <p>Season Rule 5 deer limit, no more than 2 may be antlered bucks.</p>
Redlands WMA
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule No hunting on Dyar's Pasture MARSH Pond.</p> <p>Special Regulations/Area Notes Area Notes: US Forest Service owned property. No ATVs or UTVs. Electric bicycles restricted to roads open for motor vehicles.</p>

Coyote
<p>Season Rule 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.</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 10 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 11-Oct 17 Firearms Buck Only - Oct 18-Oct 31 Firearms Either Sex - Nov 01-Nov 29, Dec 26-Jan 01</p> <p>2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 09 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 10-Oct 16 Firearms Buck Only - Oct 17-Oct 30 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 31-Nov 28, Dec 26-Jan 01</p>
Dove
<p>2025-26 Quota Youth (80): Sep 06 Sep 13, Sep 20, Sep 27, Oct 04, Oct 11, Nov 22-Nov 30, Dec 19-Jan 31</p> <p>2026-27 Quota Youth (80): Sep 05 Sep 12, Sep 19, Sep 26, Oct 03, Oct 10, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 19-Jan 31</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28</p> <p>2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
Turkey

2025-26 Apr 04-May 15
2026-27 Apr 03-May 15
Waterfowl
Season Rule Legal hours end at noon.
Redlands WMA - Watson's Spring Area
Deer
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Nov 29, Dec 26-Jan 01
2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Nov 28, Dec 26-Jan 01
Small Game
2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28
2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2025-26 Apr 04-May 15
2026-27 Apr 03-May 15
Rich Mountain WMA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule No ATV's.
Coyote
2025-26 May 16-31
2026-27

May 16-31
Deer/Bear
2025-26 Archery Buck Only - Sep 13-Nov 24, Dec 01-Jan 01 Firearms Bonus Buck Only - Nov 25-Nov 30
2026-27 Archery Buck Only - Sep 12-Nov 23, Nov 30-Jan 01 Firearms Bonus Buck Only - Nov 24-Nov 29
Small Game
2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28
2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2025-26 Apr 04-May 15
2026-27 Apr 03-May 15
Rich Mountain WMA - Cartecay
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule No ATV's. Horse and bicycle trails and areas are closed before 10:00am during deer, bear and turkey seasons.
Coyote
2025-26 May 16-31
2026-27 May 16-31
Deer/Bear
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 01
2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 01

Small Game
2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28
2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2025-26 Apr 04-May 15
2026-27 Apr 03-May 15
Richard B. Russell State Park
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule 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. Wheelchair hunters must apply by letter by Oct. 15 to: Wheelchair Hunt RBR State Park, 2650 Russell State Park Drive, Elberton, GA 30635
Deer
2025-26 Quota Firearms Bonus Either Sex (60): Dec 02-Dec 03 Quota Mobility Impaired Firearms Bonus Either Sex (20): Dec 02-Dec 03
2026-27 Quota Firearms Bonus Either Sex (60): Dec 01-Dec 02 Quota Mobility Impaired Firearms Bonus Either Sex (20): Dec 01-Dec 02
Season Rule

5 deer limit, no more than 2 may be antlered bucks.
Richmond Hill WMA
Deer
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 07 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 11-Oct 17 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 18-Jan 11
2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 06 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 10-Oct 16 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 17-Jan 10
Small Game
2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28
2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28
Season Rule No furbearer hunting or dog training in Archery Only Areas.
Turkey
2025-26 Apr 04-May 15
2026-27 Apr 03-May 15
River Bend WMA
Coyote
Season Rule 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
2025-26

<p>Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 02, Oct 06-Oct 16, Dec 14-Jan 11</p> <p>Mobility Impaired Firearms Either Sex - Oct 04-Oct 05</p> <p>Specialty Firearms Either Sex - Oct 17-Oct 19</p> <p>Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Nov 06-Nov 08</p> <p>Firearms Either Sex - Dec 11-Dec 13</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 01, Oct 05-Oct 15, Dec 13-Jan 10</p> <p>Mobility Impaired Firearms Either Sex - Oct 03-Oct 04</p> <p>Specialty Firearms Either Sex - Oct 16-Oct 18</p> <p>Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Nov 05-Nov 07</p> <p>Firearms Either Sex - Dec 10-Dec 12</p>
Dove
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Quota (30): Sep 06</p> <p>Sep 13, Sep 20, Sep 27, Oct 11, Nov 22-Nov 30, Dec 19-Jan 31</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Quota (30): Sep 05</p> <p>Sep 12, Sep 19, Sep 26, Oct 10, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 19-Jan 31</p> <p>Season Rule</p> <p>Saturdays only during 1st season.</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Aug 15-Oct 02, Oct 06-Feb 28</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Aug 15-Oct 01, Oct 05-Feb 28</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Quota (15): Apr 04-Apr 10</p> <p>Apr 11-May 15</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Quota (15): Apr 03-Apr 09</p>

Apr 10-May 15
Waterfowl
Season Rule 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
Area Specific Rule No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
2025-26 Archery Quality Buck Only - Sep 20-Sep 28 Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless - Oct 11-Oct 19 Quota Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless (35): Nov 05-Nov 08 Quota Firearms Bonus Quality Buck and Antlerless (35): Dec 03-Dec 06 Quota Youth Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless (35): Dec 22-Dec 24 Firearms Antlerless Only - Dec 28-Dec 31
2026-27 Archery Quality Buck Only - Sep 19-Sep 27 Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless - Oct 10-Oct 18 Quota Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless (35): Nov 04-Nov 07 Quota Firearms Bonus Quality Buck and Antlerless (35): Dec 02-Dec 05 Quota Youth Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless (35): Dec 21-Dec 23 Firearms Antlerless Only - Dec 27-Dec 30
Season Rule

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
2025-26 Quota Youth (15): Sep 06, Sep 13
2026-27 Quota Youth (15): Sep 05, Sep 12
Season Rule Dove hunting by quota only.
Quail
2025-26 Nov 25, Dec 09, Jan 13 Quota (2): Nov 15, Nov 22, Dec 13, Dec 27, Jan 17 Quota Youth (2): Jan 24
2026-27 Nov 24, Dec 08, Jan 12 Quota (2): Nov 14, Nov 21, Dec 12, Dec 26, Jan 16 Quota Youth (2): Jan 23
Season Rule 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
2025-26 Jan 14-Jan 30
2026-27 Jan 13-Jan 29
Season Rule No fox or bobcat hunting. No fox squirrel hunting.
Turkey
2025-26

<p>Quota Youth (5): Apr 04-Apr 06, Apr 10-Apr 12 Quota (5): Apr 17-Apr 19 2026-27 Quota Youth (5): Apr 03-Apr 05, Apr 09-Apr 11 Quota (5): Apr 16-Apr 18</p>
Waterfowl
<p>2025-26 Quota Youth (3): Dec 20, Jan 03, Jan 10 2026-27 Quota Youth (3): Dec 19, Jan 02, Jan 09</p>
Rocky Mountain Recreation PFA
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule Daily use fee (per vehicle) required for all users. No ATV's. All activities prohibited on upper and lower reservoirs.</p>
Coyote
<p>Season Rule No May 16-31 coyote or hog season</p>
Deer/Bear
<p>2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 11 2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 10</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26 Archery - Aug 15-Feb 28 2026-27 Archery - Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26 Archery - Apr 04-May 15 2026-27 Archery - Apr 03-May 15</p>

Waterfowl
Season Rule Antioch Lake: Jan 1-31, except No Sunday Hunting. Heath Lake: State Season
Rogers State Prison Farm Dove Fields
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule 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. A map of the fields is located in the kiosks (and on our website) with designated parking areas marked on the maps. 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; DO NOT climb fences. Please do not litter, including spent shotgun shells. Extra caution should be taken to ensure no live shells are left on the field. No small game or May 16-31 coyote season.
Dove
2025-26 Sep 06, Sep 13, Sep 20
2026-27 Sep 05, Sep 12, Sep 19
Rogers WMA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule No camping.
Deer
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 10 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 11-Oct 17 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 18-Jan 11
2026-27

Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 09 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 10-Oct 16 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 17-Jan 10
Small Game
2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28
2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2025-26 Apr 04-May 15
2026-27 Apr 03-May 15
Rum Creek WMA
Deer
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 05, Nov 16-Dec 07 Specialty Firearms Either Sex - Oct 06-Oct 12 Quota Firearms Bonus Either Sex (200): Oct 23-Oct 25, Nov 13-Nov 15
2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 04, Nov 15-Dec 06 Specialty Firearms Either Sex - Oct 05-Oct 11 Quota Firearms Bonus Either Sex (200): Oct 22-Oct 24, Nov 12-Nov 14
Dove
2025-26 Quota (75): Sep 06, Sep 13 Sep 20, Sep 27, Oct 04-Oct 05, Nov 22-Nov 30, Dec 19-Jan 31
2026-27 Quota (75): Sep 05, Sep 12 Sep 19, Sep 26, Oct 03-Oct 04, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 19-Jan 31
Small Game

<p>2025-26 Aug 15-Oct 22, Oct 26-Nov 12, Nov 16-Feb 28</p> <p>2026-27 Aug 15-Oct 21, Oct 25-Nov 11, Nov 15-Feb 28</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Turkey</p> <p>2025-26 Quota Youth (25): Apr 04-Apr 08, Apr 18-Apr 22 Quota (25): Apr 11-Apr 15, Apr 25-Apr 29 Youth - May 02-May 06</p> <p>2026-27 Quota Youth (25): Apr 03-Apr 07, Apr 17-Apr 21 Quota (25): Apr 10-Apr 14, Apr 24-Apr 28 Youth - May 01-May 05</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Waterfowl</p> <p>2025-26 Quota Youth (3): Dec 20, Jan 10</p> <p>2026-27 Quota Youth (3): Dec 19, Jan 09</p> <p>Season Rule 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).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rum Creek WMA - Berry Creek</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*Special Regulations</p> <p>Area Specific Rule</p>
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Archery only area. Camping prohibited. Firearms prohibited except as provided in O.C.G.A. 16-11-126.
Coyote
Season Rule Archery only.
Deer
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 11
2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 10
Small Game
2025-26 Archery - Aug 15-Feb 28
2026-27 Archery - Aug 15-Feb 28
Season Rule Falconry permitted during small game season.
Turkey
2025-26 Archery - Apr 04-May 15
2026-27 Archery - Apr 03-May 15
Waterfowl
Season Rule Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
Sandhills WMA - East
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule No camping. Bird dog training allowed Aug. 15-March 15 only.
Coyote
Season Rule May 16-31. No night hunting.
Deer

<p>2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 11</p> <p>2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 10</p>
Quail
<p>Season Rule Sat & Wed during statewide season</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28</p> <p>2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28</p> <p>Season Rule Hunting of fox squirrels is prohibited.</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26 Apr 04-May 15</p> <p>2026-27 Apr 03-May 15</p>
Waterfowl
<p>Season Rule Shooting hours end at 12 noon.</p>
Sandhills WMA - West
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule Camping in designated areas only. Bird dog training allowed Aug. 15-March 15 only.</p>
Coyote
<p>Season Rule 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.</p>

Deer
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 10 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 11-Oct 17 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 18-Jan 11
2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 09 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 10-Oct 16 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 17-Jan 10
Quail
Season Rule Sat & Wed during statewide season
Small Game
2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28
2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28
Season Rule Hunting of fox squirrels is prohibited.
Turkey
2025-26 Apr 04-May 15
2026-27 Apr 03-May 15
Waterfowl
Season Rule Shooting hours end at 12 noon.
Sansavilla WMA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule This area includes the Wire Road Tract and Baptisia Tract
Coyote
Season Rule

<p>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.</p>
<p>Deer</p>
<p>2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Sep 25, Sep 29-Oct 08, Oct 12-Oct 17, Nov 08-Nov 28 Youth Firearms Either Sex - Sep 26-Sep 28 Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Oct 09-Oct 11 Firearms Buck Only - Oct 18-Nov 07 Firearms Either Sex - Nov 29-Dec 25, Dec 28-Jan 11 Quota Firearms Dog Deer Either Sex (1): Dec 26-Dec 27</p>
<p>2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Sep 23, Sep 28-Oct 06, Oct 11-Oct 16, Nov 07-Nov 27 Youth Firearms Either Sex - Sep 25-Sep 27 Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Oct 08-Oct 10 Firearms Buck Only - Oct 17-Nov 06 Firearms Either Sex - Nov 28-Dec 17, Dec 20-Jan 10 Quota Firearms Dog Deer Either Sex (1): Dec 18-Dec 19</p>
<p>Season Rule 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 will be closed to all users during dog-deer hunts except to hunters with a valid quota permit.</p>
<p>Small Game</p>
<p>2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
<p>2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>

<p>Season Rule No furbearer hunting or dog training in Archery Only Areas.</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26 Apr 04-May 15</p>
<p>2026-27 Apr 03-May 15</p>
Sapelo Island WMA
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule Reservations for transportation on state boat for Youth and Quota deer 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. 8:00a.m.-5:30 p.m.; 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 9:00 a.m. 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</p>

you do not take the ferry to the island you may not return to the mainland via the ferry.

Coyote

Season Rule

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

2025-26

Archery - South End Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 11
 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 08, Nov 24-Jan 11
 Youth Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Oct 10-Oct 12
 Quota Primitive Weapons Bonus Either Sex (125): Oct 23-Oct 25
 Quota Firearms Bonus Either Sex (125): Nov 06-Nov 08, Nov 20-Nov 22

2026-27

Archery - South End Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 10
 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 07, Nov 23-Jan 10
 Youth Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Oct 09-Oct 11
 Quota Primitive Weapons Bonus Either Sex (125): Oct 22-Oct 24

<p>Quota Firearms Bonus Either Sex (125): Nov 05-Nov 07, Nov 19-Nov 21</p> <p>Season Rule</p> <p>Maps of open hunting areas available at the Sapelo WMA sign-in kiosks, Brunswick DNR office, and georgiawildlife.com</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Aug 15-Feb 28</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
Savannah NWR
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule</p> <p>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.</p>
Scotland Road VPA
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule</p> <p>Archery only for deer. No furbearer hunting.</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 11</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 10</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Apr 04-May 15</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Apr 03-May 15</p>
Sheffield WMA

*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule No ATV's.
Deer/Bear
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 01
2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 01
Dog Training
Season Rule Furbearer Dog Training: Aug 15-Mar 19
Small Game
2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28
2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2025-26 Quota (10): Apr 04-Apr 12, Apr 18-Apr 26 Apr 27-May 15
2026-27 Quota (10): Apr 03-Apr 11, Apr 17-Apr 25 Apr 26-May 15
Silver Lake WMA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule No May 16-31 coyote season.
Deer
2025-26 Archery Buck Only - Sep 13-Sep 26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 27-Oct 10, Jan 12-Jan 31 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 11-Oct 19 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 30-Nov 01

<p>Firearms Buck Only - Nov 23-Nov 28, Nov 15-Nov 21, Dec 27-Jan 11</p> <p>Quota Firearms Bonus Either Sex (160): Dec 11-Dec 13</p> <p>Youth Firearms Either Sex - Dec 20-Dec 26</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Archery Buck Only - Sep 12-Sep 25</p> <p>Archery Either Sex - Sep 26-Oct 09, Jan 11-Jan 31</p> <p>Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 10-Oct 18</p> <p>Firearms Either Sex - Oct 29-Oct 31</p> <p>Firearms Buck Only - Nov 14-Nov 20, Nov 22-Nov 27, Dec 26-Jan 10</p> <p>Quota Firearms Bonus Either Sex (160): Dec 10-Dec 12</p> <p>Youth Firearms Either Sex - Dec 19-Dec 25</p>
Dove
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Sep 06, Sep 13, Sep 20-Oct 12, Nov 22-Nov 30, Dec 19-Jan 31</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Sep 05, Sep 12, Sep 19-Oct 11, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 19-Jan 31</p>
Quail
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Quota (5): Nov 22, Nov 29, Dec 06, Jan 17, Jan 24, Jan 31</p> <p>Quota Youth (2): Nov 22, Nov 29, Dec 06, Jan 17, Jan 24, Jan 31</p> <p>Dec 02, Dec 16</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Quota (5): Nov 21, Nov 28, Dec 05, Jan 16, Jan 23, Jan 30</p> <p>Quota Youth (2): Nov 21, Nov 28, Dec 05, Jan 16, Jan 23, Jan 30</p> <p>Dec 01, Dec 15</p> <p>Season Rule</p> <p>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.</p>
Small Game

<p>2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28</p> <p>2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28</p> <p>Season Rule No fox or bobcat hunting. No fox squirrel hunting.</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26 May 05-May 15 Quota (35): Apr 04-Apr 08, Apr 23-Apr 27 Youth - Apr 16-Apr 20</p> <p>2026-27 May 04-May 15 Quota (35): Apr 03-Apr 07, Apr 22-Apr 26 Youth - Apr 15-Apr 19</p>
Soap Creek WMA
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule No camping. Coyote May 16-31.</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 10 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 11-Oct 17 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 18-Jan 01</p> <p>2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 09 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 10-Oct 16 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 17-Jan 01</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28</p> <p>2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>

Turkey
<p>2025-26 Apr 04-May 15</p> <p>2026-27 Apr 03-May 15</p>
Sparks Cut Off VPA
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule No May 16-31 coyote season.</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 11</p> <p>2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 10</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28</p> <p>2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26 Apr 04-May 15</p> <p>2026-27 Apr 03-May 15</p>
Spirit Creek Forest WMA
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule 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.</p>
Coyote

<p>Season Rule May 16-31 - Archery only Coyote and Hog</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 11</p>
<p>2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 10</p>
<p>Season Rule Archery only.</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
<p>2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
<p>Season Rule Shotgun and archery only. No furbearer dog hunting.</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26 Archery - Apr 04-May 15</p>
<p>2026-27 Archery - Apr 03-May 15</p>
<p>Season Rule Archery only</p>
Sprewell Bluff WMA - East
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule Sprewell Bluff East includes property east of the Flint River. No hunting in park day-use area. No camping.</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 11</p>
<p>2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 10</p>

Small Game
<p>2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28</p> <p>2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28</p> <p>Season Rule Shotguns and archery only. No furbearer hunting with dogs. No night hunting.</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26 Apr 04-May 15</p> <p>2026-27 Apr 03-May 15</p>
Waterfowl
<p>Season Rule Waterfowl hours end 12 noon.</p>
Sprewell Bluff WMA - West
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule Sprewell Bluff West includes property west of the Flint River. Camping allowed in designated areas only.</p>
Coyote
<p>Season Rule 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.</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26 Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless - Sep 13-Oct 17 Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless - Oct 18-Jan 01</p> <p>2026-27 Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless - Sep 12-Oct 16</p>

<p>Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless - Oct 17-Jan 01</p> <p>Season Rule</p> <p>Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Aug 15-Feb 28</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Apr 04-May 15</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Apr 03-May 15</p>
Waterfowl
<p>Season Rule</p> <p>Waterfowl hours end at 12 noon.</p>
Standing Boy State Park
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule</p> <p>No camping. No ATVs. No May 16-31 coyote season. No small game season. No alligator season.</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Quota Archery Either Sex (20): Oct 03-Oct 05, Nov 07-Nov 09, Nov 14-Nov 16, Dec 05-Dec 07</p> <p>2026-27</p> <p>Quota Archery Either Sex (20): Oct 02-Oct 04, Nov 06-Nov 08, Nov 13-Nov 15, Dec 04-Dec 06</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26</p> <p>Quota Youth (10): Apr 10-Apr 12, Apr 17-Apr 19</p> <p>Quota (10): Apr 24-Apr 26, May 01-May 03</p>

<p>2026-27 Quota Youth (10): Apr 09-Apr 11, Apr 16-Apr 18 Quota (10): Apr 23-Apr 25, Apr 30-May 02</p>
Swallow Creek WMA
*Special Regulations
<p>Special Regulations/Area Notes Area Notes: US Forest Service owned property. No ATVs or UTVs. Electric bicycles restricted to roads open for motor vehicles.</p>
Bear
<p>2025-26 Firearms - Sep 27-Oct 03</p>
<p>2026-27 Firearms - Sep 26-Oct 02</p>
Coyote
<p>Season Rule 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.</p>
Deer/Bear
<p>2025-26 Archery Buck Only - Sep 13-Sep 26, Oct 04-Oct 10 Firearms Bonus Buck Only - Nov 12-Nov 15, Dec 03-Dec 06 Firearms Buck Only - Dec 26-Jan 01</p>
<p>2026-27 Archery Buck Only - Sep 12-Sep 25, Oct 03-Oct 09 Firearms Bonus Buck Only - Nov 11-Nov 14, Dec 02-Dec 05 Firearms Buck Only - Dec 26-Jan 01</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26</p>

Aug 15-Feb 28 2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2025-26 Apr 04-May 15 2026-27 Apr 03-May 15
Tallapoosa River WMA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule No ATV's. No camping. Firearms restrictions apply to certain portions of the WMA (consult WMA map for specific limitations).
Deer
Season Rule Hunter sign-in available at Tallapoosa River East. Deer & bear harvested during bonus hunts must be checked out at J.L. Lester WMA
Deer/Bear
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Dec 01-Jan 01 Specialty Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Oct 03-Oct 05 Quota Firearms Bonus Either Sex (200): Nov 28-Nov 30, Jan 09-Jan 11 2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Nov 30-Jan 01 Specialty Firearms Either Sex - Oct 02-Oct 04 Quota Firearms Either Sex (200): Nov 27-Nov 29, Jan 08-Jan 10
Small Game
Season Rule Small game hunting prohibited during firearms deer hunts.
Turkey

<p>2025-26 Specialty - Apr 04-May 15</p> <p>2026-27 Specialty - Apr 03-May 15</p>
Tallulah Gorge WMA
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule No ATVs. No May 16-31 coyote season.</p>
Deer/Bear
<p>2025-26 Archery Buck Only - Sep 13-Oct 10 Primitive Weapons Buck Only - Oct 11-Oct 17 Firearms Buck Only - Oct 18-Jan 01</p> <p>2026-27 Archery Buck Only - Sep 12-Oct 09 Primitive Weapons Buck Only - Oct 10-Oct 16 Firearms Buck Only - Oct 17-Jan 01</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28</p> <p>2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26 Apr 04-May 15</p> <p>2026-27 Apr 03-May 15</p>
Townsend WMA - Buck Island Tract
Coyote
Season Rule

<p>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.</p>
<p>Deer</p>
<p>2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 10 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 11-Oct 17 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 18-Jan 11</p>
<p>2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 09 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 10-Oct 16 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 17-Jan 10</p>
<p>Small Game</p>
<p>2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
<p>2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
<p>Turkey</p>
<p>2025-26 Apr 04-May 15</p>
<p>2026-27 Apr 03-May 15</p>
<p>Townsend WMA - North, South, and Pine Island Tracts</p>
<p>*Special Regulations</p>
<p>Area Specific Rule 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)</p>

will be closed to all users during dog-deer hunts except to hunters with a valid quota permit.
Coyote
Season Rule 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
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 01 Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Oct 02-Oct 04, Nov 06-Nov 08 Firearms Buck Only - Oct 18-Oct 26 Quota Firearms Bonus Dog Deer Either Sex (3): Dec 03-Dec 04, Dec 10-Dec 11, Dec 17-Dec 18 Firearms Either Sex - Nov 22-Nov 30, Dec 20-Dec 28
2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Sep 30 Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Oct 01-Oct 03, Nov 05-Nov 07 Firearms Buck Only - Oct 17-Oct 25 Quota Firearms Bonus Dog Deer Either Sex (3): Dec 02-Dec 03, Dec 09-Dec 10, Dec 16-Dec 17 Firearms Either Sex - Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 19-Dec 27
Small Game
2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28
2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2025-26

Apr 04-May 15 2026-27 Apr 03-May 15
Treat Mountain WMA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule No ATV's. No camping.
Deer
Season Rule Deer and bear harvested during bonus hunts must be checked out at JL Lester WMA
Deer/Bear
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 02, Oct 06-Nov 27, Dec 01-Jan 08 Quota Firearms Bonus Either Sex (200): Oct 03-Oct 05, Nov 28-Nov 30, Jan 09-Jan 11
2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 01, Oct 05-Oct 26, Nov 30-Jan 07 Quota Firearms Bonus Either Sex (200): Oct 02-Oct 04, Nov 27-Nov 29, Jan 08-Jan 10
Small Game
Season Rule Small game hunting prohibited during firearms deer hunts.
Turkey
2025-26 Quota (10): Apr 04-Apr 12, Apr 18-Apr 26 Apr 27-May 15
2026-27 Quota (10): Apr 03-Apr 11, Apr 17-Apr 25 Apr 26-May 15
Tuckahoe WMA

*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule
Camping in designated areas only.2
Coyote
Season Rule
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
2025-26
Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Sep 18, Sep 22-Oct 01, Oct 05-Nov 05
Specialty Firearms Either Sex - Sep 19-Sep 21
Primitive Weapons Bonus Either Sex - Oct 02-Oct 04
Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Nov 06-Nov 08
Firearms Either Sex - Nov 25-Nov 29
2026-27
Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Sep 17, Sep 21-Sep 30, Oct 04-Nov 04
Specialty Firearms Either Sex - Sep 18-Sep 20
Primitive Weapons Bonus Either Sex - Oct 01-Oct 03
Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Nov 05-Nov 07
Firearms Either Sex - Nov 24-Nov 28
Turkey
2025-26
Apr 04-May 15
2026-27
Apr 03-May 15
Tugaloo State Park
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule

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

2025-26

Quota Archery Bonus Either Sex (40): Nov 18-Nov 19

2026-27

Quota Archery Bonus Either Sex (40): Nov 17-Nov 18

Season Rule

Bag limit 5, no more than 2 antlered

Walton WMA

***Special Regulations**

Area Specific Rule

No unleashed dogs except for bird dog training and dove hunting purposes. Only shotguns are allowed for small game hunting.

Bird Dog Training

2026-27

Oct 01-Jun 15

Bird Dog Training

2025-26

Oct 01-Jun 15

Coyote

Season Rule

May 16-31. Archery and shotgun only.

Deer

2025-26

Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 11

2026-27

Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 10
Dove
2025-26 Quota Youth (80): Sep 06 Sep 13, Sep 20, Sep 27, Oct 04, Oct 11, Nov 22-Nov 30, Dec 19-Jan 31
2026-27 Sep 12, Sep 19, Sep 26, Oct 03, Oct 10, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 19-Jan 31 Quota Youth (80): Sep 05
Small Game
2025-26 Oct 11-Feb 28
2026-27 Oct 10-Feb 28
Warwoman WMA
*Special Regulations
Special Regulations/Area Notes Area Notes: US Forest Service owned property. No ATVs or UTVs. Electric bicycles restricted to roads open for motor vehicles.
Bear
2025-26 Firearms Bear - Sep 27-Oct 03
2026-27 Firearms Bear - Sep 26-Oct 02
Coyote
Season Rule May 16-31.
Deer/Bear
2025-26 Archery Buck Only - Sep 13-Sep 26, Oct 04-Oct 10

Firearms Bonus Buck Only - Nov 12-Nov 15, Dec 03-Dec 06
2026-27
Archery Buck Only - Sep 12-Sep 25, Oct 03-Oct 09
Firearms Bonus Buck Only - Nov 11-Nov 14, Dec 02-Dec 05
Small Game
2025-26
Aug 15-Feb 28
2026-27
Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2025-26
Apr 04-May 15
2026-27
Apr 03-May 15
Wassaw NWR
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule
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.
West Point WMA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule
No gasoline engines allowed on waterfowl ponds. No fishing in managed waterfowl impoundments. No fishing from bridges. No hog dogs.
Deer
2025-26
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless - Sep 13-Oct 09, Oct 13-Oct 22, Oct 26-Nov 14

Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless - Oct 10-Oct 12
Firearms Bonus Quality Buck and Antlerless Last Day - Oct 23-Oct 25, Dec 04-Dec 06
Primitive Weapons Quality Buck and Antlerless - Dec 13-Dec 14
2026-27
Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless - Sep 12-Oct 08, Oct 11-Oct 21, Oct 25-Nov 15
Specialty Firearms Quality Buck and Antlerless - Oct 09-Oct 11
Firearms Bonus Quality Buck and Antlerless Last Day - Oct 22-Oct 24, Dec 03-Dec 05
Primitive Weapons Quality Buck and Antlerless - Dec 12-Dec 13
Season Rule
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
Season Rule
Furbearer dog training: Aug 15-Mar 19 except during deer hunts
Dove
2025-26
Sep 06, Sep 13, Sep 20, Sep 27, Oct 04, Oct 11-Oct 12, Nov 22-Nov 30, Dec 19-Jan 31
2026-27
Sep 05, Sep 12, Sep 19, Sep 26, Oct 03, Oct 10-Oct 11, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 19-Jan 31
Small Game
2025-26
Aug 15-Feb 28
2026-27

Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
<p>2025-26 Apr 11-May 15 Quota (80): Apr 04-Apr 10</p> <p>2026-27 Apr 10-May 15 Quota (80): Apr 03-Apr 09</p>
Waterfowl
<p>Season Rule 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.</p>
West Point WMA - Dixie Creek
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule No camping.</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26 Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless - Sep 13-Jan 11</p> <p>2026-27 Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless - Sep 12-Jan 10</p> <p>Season Rule Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.</p>
Dog Training
<p>Season Rule Bird Dog Training: Aug 15-Mar 19</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>

<p>2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26 Youth - Apr 04-Apr 10 Apr 11-May 15</p>
<p>2026-27 Youth - Apr 03-Apr 09 Apr 10-May 15</p>
West Point WMA - Glovers Creek
*Special Regulations
<p>Area Specific Rule No gasoline motors on waterfowl impoundment. No fishing on Glovers Creek Area.</p>
Coyote
<p>Season Rule No May 16-31 coyote or hog season</p>
Deer
<p>2025-26 Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless - Sep 13-Jan 11</p>
<p>2026-27 Archery Quality Buck and Antlerless - Sep 12-Jan 10</p>
<p>Season Rule Antlered bucks must have at least 4 points (1 inch or longer) on either side OR a 15 inch outside spread to be legal.</p>
Turkey
<p>2025-26 Youth - Apr 04-Apr 10 Apr 11-May 15</p>
<p>2026-27 Youth - Apr 03-Apr 09 Apr 10-May 15</p>
Waterfowl

<p>2025-26 Jan 03, Jan 10, Jan 17, Jan 24 Youth - Nov 15 Quota (7): Nov 22, Nov 29, Dec 06, Dec 13, Dec 20, Dec 27</p>
<p>2026-27 Jan 09, Jan 16, Jan 23, Jan 30 Youth - Nov 14 Quota (7): Nov 21, Nov 28, Dec 12, Dec 19, Dec 26, Jan 02</p>
Wilson Shoals WMA
Deer/Bear
<p>2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 31 Firearms Either Sex Last Day - Nov 15-Nov 30 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Dec 20-Dec 28</p>
<p>2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 30 Firearms Either Sex Last Day - Nov 14-Nov 29 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Dec 19-Dec 27</p>
Dove
<p>2025-26 Quota Youth (15): Sep 06 Sep 13, Sep 20, Sep 27, Oct 04, Oct 11, Nov 22-Nov 30, Dec 19-Jan 31</p>
<p>2026-27 Quota Youth (15): Sep 05 Sep 12, Sep 19, Sep 26, Oct 03, Oct 10, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 19-Jan 31</p>
Small Game
<p>2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>
<p>2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28</p>

Turkey
2025-26 Quota (15): Apr 04-Apr 10, Apr 18-Apr 24, May 02-May 08
2026-27 Quota (15): Apr 03-Apr 09, Apr 17-Apr 23, May 01-May 07
Yuchi WMA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule Camping in designated sites only. Coyote May 16-31.
Deer
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Oct 10 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 11-Oct 17 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 18-Oct 26, Nov 22-Nov 30, Dec 26-Jan 01 Firearms Buck Only - Oct 27-Oct 29, Nov 02-Nov 21, Dec 01-Dec 07 Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Oct 30-Nov 01
2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Oct 09 Primitive Weapons Either Sex - Oct 10-Oct 16 Firearms Either Sex - Oct 17-Oct 25, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 26-Jan 01 Firearms Buck Only - Oct 26-Oct 28, Nov 01-Nov 20, Nov 30-Dec 06 Firearms Bonus Either Sex - Oct 29-Oct 31
Dove
2025-26 Sep 06-Oct 12, Nov 22-Nov 30, Dec 19-Jan 31
2026-27 Sep 05-Oct 11, Nov 21-Nov 29, Dec 19-Jan 31
Small Game
2025-26

Aug 15-Feb 28 2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2025-26 Quota (30): Apr 04-Apr 10, Apr 11-Apr 17 Apr 18-May 15
2026-27 Quota (30): Apr 03-Apr 09, Apr 10-Apr 16 Apr 17-May 15
Zahnd WMA
*Special Regulations
Area Specific Rule No ATV's.
Coyote
2025-26 May 16-31
2026-27 May 16-31
Deer/Bear
2025-26 Archery Either Sex - Sep 13-Jan 01
2026-27 Archery Either Sex - Sep 12-Jan 01
Small Game
2025-26 Aug 15-Feb 28
2026-27 Aug 15-Feb 28
Turkey
2025-26 Apr 04-May 15
2026-27

Apr 03-May 15

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