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ABOUT THIS PUBLICATION

Welcome to the 2026-2027 Georgia Hunting and Fishing Regulations and Seasons. Hunting regulations are set by the Board of Natural Resources, acting on the recommendations of Wildlife Resources Division's professional wildlife biologists and other field personnel. Laws are set by the elected members of the General Assembly. This guide is designed to help you understand the laws and regulations for hunting in Georgia. For complete rules and exact wording, refer to the Game and Fish Code (Title 27) and the current copy of the Department of Natural Resources, regulations (Chapter 391) on file with the Secretary of State.

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information contained within this publication. If any errors are discovered, the online version of this publication found at **www.gohuntgeorgia.com** will be updated.

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Lee Taylor & George Lane after a quail hunt.
Fred Wammack holding shoal bass.
Teen casting a net at GA DNR Career Academy.

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- To Report Poaching Through the Hunt Regs App: Visit HuntRegsApp.com and download the app to report,or report directly without it.
- To Report Poaching or Fish Kills by Phone: Call the Ranger Hotline at 1-800-241-4113.

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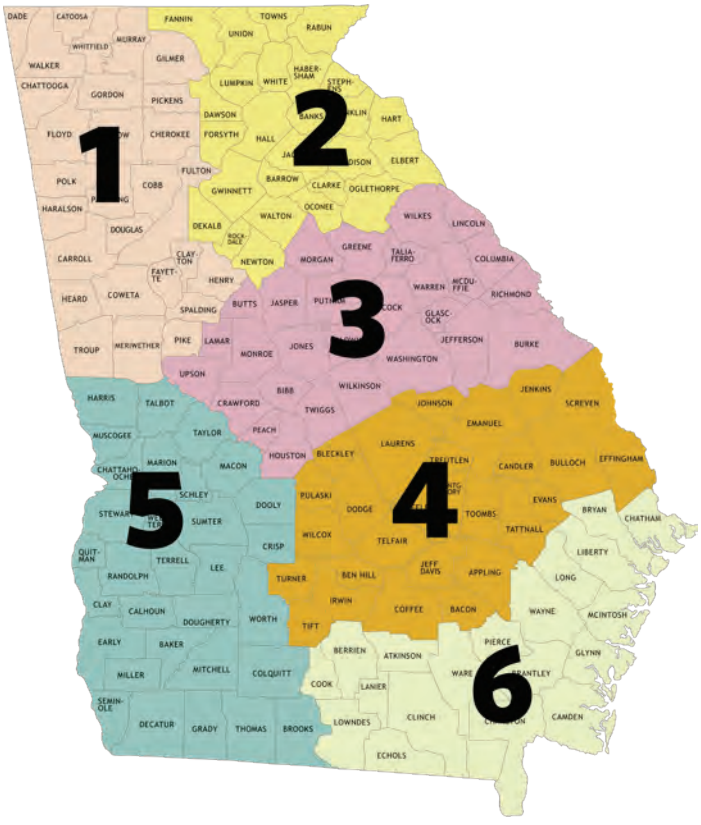

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Commissioner's Message



Commissioner Walter Rabon

The tradition and heritage of hunting and fishing are deeply rooted in Georgia's cultural fabric. For many, being out in the woods or on the water represents some of our earliest and most meaningful memories. It is one of my greatest honors to get to create those types of memories for my own grandchildren as I help them explore our remarkable state.

The 2026-2027 Georgia Hunting and Fishing Regulations guide is a practical resource providing essential information on rules and seasons, daily limits, length limits, wildlife management area and public fishing area specifics, fish records, contact information for agency offices and so much more.

However, this guide represents far more than a collection of regulations. It reflects the tireless work and scientific research of the Department of Natural Resources staff, who develop and maintain habitats and waterbodies that support Georgia's wildlife and fisheries. These biologists and technicians monitor game and fish populations across the state, collecting and analyzing data that directly inform management decisions such as harvest rates and size and length limits. From deer and turkey to trout and redfish, their dedication ensures these resources are sustained for future generations.

As a Georgia hunter and angler, your support is critical. Your purchases of recreational licenses, firearms, ammunition, boat fuel, fishing equipment and more ensure that the tradition of hunting and fishing continues to thrive. For that, we thank you!

If you recall your own early hunting or fishing experiences, I encourage you to share those traditions by introducing someone new to the outdoors. Teach them how to prepare, select a location, understand what to expect, and carry forward the skills and stewardship that define these experiences. You may be the connection that inspires their first step into the great outdoors, what a meaningful gift that can be.

I wish you a safe, successful, and bountiful 2026–2027 season.

Walter Rabon
Commissioner, Georgia Department of Natural Resources

REGULATION CHANGES PUBLIC MEETINGS	
January 11, 2027	Virtual meeting via Wildlife Resource's Facebook Live
January 12, 2027	**Southeastern Technical College** Main Auditorium, 3001 E 1st Street, Vidalia, GA 30474
	Jackson County Agriculture Facility Main Conference Room, 1869 County Farm Rd., Jefferson, GA 30549
January 13, 2027	**Cedartown City Hall**, 201 East Avenue, Cedartown, GA 30125
	Georgia DNR Office, 2024 Newton Road, Albany, GA 31701
January 14, 2027	**Coastal Pines Technical College,** Main Conference Room, 3700 Glynco Parkway, Brunswick, GA 31525
	Putnam County UGA Extension Office, 663 Godfrey Road, Suite 101, Eatonton GA 3124

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Definitions

ARTIFICIAL LURE

Any lure made completely of natural or colored wood, cork, feathers, hair, rubber, metal, plastic, tinsel, styrofoam, sponge, string, or any combination of such materials, in imitation of or as a substitute for natural bait. This does not include any item sprayed with or containing scented or chemical attractants.

BAITING

Bait: corn, wheat, other grains, salts, apples, and other feed that has been placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered so as to constitute a lure, attraction, or enticement to game animals or game birds.

IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO:

- Hunt any game animal (except as noted below) or game bird upon, over, around, or within 200 yards of bait.
- Hunt any area for a period of 10 days following complete removal of all bait.
- Hunt any game or feral hog over bait, or place bait, on any State or Federal managed lands.
- Place bait in a manner that will cause hunting on an adjacent property to be prohibited.

Taking of any big game, other than deer, over bait is subject to a fine of $5,000 and/or imprisonment up to 12 months.

EXCEPTIONS FOR DEER AND FERAL HOGS:

- Deer and feral hogs may be hunted over or near any bait on private lands in all counties, provided the hunter has written permission from the landowner. It is unlawful to hunt deer over bait, or place bait, on any state or federally managed lands.
- Placing bait for deer or hogs may make a property (or portion of a property) un-huntable for other species, such as turkeys. Hunters are urged to communicate with others who may hunt other species on or near an area where baiting for deer or hogs is being considered.

BIG GAME

Bear, deer, and wild turkey. All other game animals (including alligators, furbearers, migratory game birds, and upland game birds) are considered "small game" for regulatory purposes.

DAILY LIMIT

The number of fish or game animals that may be taken, caught, or killed during any one day.

HUNTING

"Hunting" means pursuing, shooting, killing, taking, or capturing wildlife or feral hogs. This term also includes acts such as placing, setting, drawing, or using any device used to take wildlife or feral hogs, whether any such act results in taking or not, and includes every act of assistance to any person in taking or attempting to take such wildlife or feral hogs.

FISHING

Catching, capturing, taking, or killing fish, mussels and all seafood and includes all lesser acts such as attempting to catch, capture, or kill by any device or method and directly assisting any person in catching or attempting to catch fish or seafood.

GAME FISH

Fish that are listed under Daily Limits (see pages 63 and 82).

IMMEDIATE FAMILY

All persons living in one household under one head of household and bearing a blood or dependent relationship to the head of household.

MOUNTAIN TROUT

Brook, Brown, and Rainbow trout and any hybrids of these species. Referred to in this Guide as "Trout."

NONGAME FISH

Any fish not designated as game fish under Daily Limits (see pages 63 and 82).

PUBLIC FISHING AREA

Designated areas owned and/or operated by the Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Division, Fisheries Section for the primary purpose of fishing and are open to the public. These are listed on pages 67-69.

RESIDENT

Resident means any person who has been domiciled within the State of Georgia (declared Georgia the only state of legal residence) for a period of at least three months. A valid Georgia driver's license or Georgia ID is required to show residency. Nonresident full time Georgia college students with a valid college ID living in Georgia, and nonresident active duty military personnel with a valid U.S. DOD Common Access Card with Uniformed Services affiliation and the dependents of such military personnel may obtain resident hunting and fishing licenses other than resident lifetime, disability and honorary licenses. Nonresident landowners must purchase a nonresident license.

2026 Forestry for Wildlife PARTNERS

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division honors our 2026 Forestry for Wildlife Partners for their outstanding accomplishments in incorporating wildlife conservation practices as an integral part of their land management. These partners had a positive impact for wildlife habitat on 1 million acres. Learn about FWP, including our focus on partner projects and a lower minimum acreage at GeorgiaWildlife.com/fwp.

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Licenses, Permits, and Passes

Transaction fees apply: $3 online and at retail outlets; and $5 by telephone

LICENSE	TERM	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
COMBO HUNTING & FISHING LICENSES			
Combo Hunting & Fishing License	Annual	$30.00	$150.00
	One-Day	$5.00	$30.00
	+ Additional Day	$1.00	$10.00
Apprentice Hunting & Fishing License	One-Day	$5.00	$30.00
	+ Additional Day	$1.00	$10.00
HUNTING LICENSES			
Hunting License (Residents 16-64; All non-residents)	Annual	$15.00	$100.00
	One-Day	see combo	$20.00
	+ Additional Day	see combo	$6.00
Senior Sportsman's License (65+); also see lifetime licenses	Annual	$7.00	Not Offered
Big Game License	Annual	$25.00	$225.00
	One-Day	$10.00	$130.00
	+ Additional Day	$2.00	$8.00
Harvest Record – Alligator, Bear, Deer & Turkey	Annual (Mar. - Feb.)	FREE	FREE
Quota Alligator Harvest Permit[1]	Seasonal	$75.00	$250.00
Trapping License[2]	Seasonal	$40.00	$325.00
Shooting Preserve License	Two-Year	$12.00	$12.00
GA Waterfowl and Migratory Bird License[3]	Annual (Mar. - Feb.)	$5.00	$5.00
Disability Hunting License	Annual	$3.00	Not Offered
	Three-Year	$9.00	Not Offered
FISHING LICENSES			
Fishing License (Residents 16-64; All non-residents)	Annual	$15.00	$50.00
	One-Day	see combo	$10.00
	+ Additional Day	see combo	$3.50
Optional Youth Fishing License (12-15)	Multi-Year[4]	$10.00	Not Offered
Senior Sportsman's License (65+); also see lifetime licenses	Annual	$7.00	Not Offered
Trout License (must additionally have a Fishing License)	Annual	$10.00	$25.00
	One-Day	$5.00	$10.00
	+ Additional Day	$1.00	$2.00
Saltwater Information Permit (SIP) (see page 80)	Annual	FREE	FREE
Commercial Fishing License	Seasonal	$20.00	$200.00
Disability Fishing License	Annual	$3.00	Not Offered
	Three-Year	$9.00	Not Offered
PUBLIC LAND ACCESS			
Georgia Lands Pass	Annual	$30	$60

1 - Free Quota Alligator Harvest Permit is available for all Lifetime Sportsman's License, Disability Sportsman's License, Disability Hunting License, Honorary License, and Optional Multi-year or Resident Youth Sportsman's License holders selected for an Alligator Quota Hunt.

2 - Non-resident trapping license requires a forfeiture bond. Please refer to application for specific details at GoHuntGeorgia.com

3 - Free GA Waterfowl and Migratory Bird License is available for all resident Landowners who hunt their own property and any hunter with a valid Sportsman's License, Optional Youth Sportsman's License, Disability Sportsman's License, Disability Hunting License, Honorary License or Lifetime Sportsman's License.

4 - Privileges for the multi-year resident Youth License are valid until the person's 17th birthday.

+ - Additional Day - days can be added for up to 11 consecutive days

Transaction fees apply: $3 online and at retail outlets; and $5 by telephone

LICENSE	TERM	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
SPORTSMAN'S LICENSES			
Sportsman's License (Residents 16-64; All non-residents)	Annual	$65.00	$400.00
	One-Day	$25.00	$170.00
	+ Additional Day	$3.00	$20.00
Optional Youth Sportsman's License (Residents 15 and under)	Multi-Year[4]	$15.00	Not Offered
Non-resident Youth Sportsman's License (Nonresidents 15 and under)	Annual	–	$50.00
Senior Sportsman's License (Residents 65+); also see lifetime licenses	Annual	$7.00	Not Offered
One-Time Honorary Veteran's License	One-Year	FREE	Not Offered
Disability Sportsman's License	Annual	$5.00	Not Offered
	Three-Year	$15.00	Not Offered

LICENSE	AGE	TERM	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
LIFETIME LICENSES				
Infant Lifetime Sportsman's License	Under 2	Lifetime	$500.00	$500.00
Youth Lifetime Sportsman's License	2-15	Lifetime	$600.00	Not Offered
Adult Lifetime Sportsman's License	16-49	Lifetime	$750.00	Not Offered
Older Adult Lifetime Sportsman's License	50-59	Lifetime	$375.00	Not Offered
Senior Discount Lifetime Sportsman's License	60-64	Lifetime	$315.00	Not Offered
Senior Lifetime Sportsman's License	65+	Lifetime	$70.00	Not Offered
Senior Lifetime Hunting License	65+	Lifetime	$35.00	Not Offered
Senior Lifetime Fishing License	65+	Lifetime	$35.00	Not Offered
Free Senior Lifetime Sportsman's License (born on or before June 30, 1952)	See Page 6	Lifetime	FREE	Not Offered
Military and Veterans Lifetime Sportsman's License	–	Lifetime	$600.00	Not Offered
Non-resident Grandchild Lifetime Sportsman's License	2-15	Lifetime		$1,500.00
Shooting Preserve Lifetime License	–	Lifetime	$75.00	$75.00

4 - Privileges for the multi-year resident Youth License are valid until the person's 17th birthday.
+ - Additional Day – days can be added for up to 11 consecutive days

YOUR DOLLARS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Program creates a direct link among sportsmen and women and industries needed to expand and enhance recreational opportunities.

HOW IT WORKS

1. Anglers, hunters, boaters purchase fishing/hunting equipment & boat motor fuels.
2. Manufacturers pay excise tax on that equipment and boaters pay fuel taxes.
3. US Fish & Wildlife Service allocates funds to state fish & wildlife agencies.
4. States receive grants.
5. State agencies implement programs & projects.
6. Better fishing, boating, hunting and wildlife-associated recreation.

License Requirements

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Reliable identification and a Social Security Number (SSN) are required to purchase a license (O.C.G.A. § 19-11-9.1). Game Wardens may require positive identification when checking licenses. All required hunting licenses and stamps must be in possession while hunting or while assisting another hunter (electronic copies are acceptable). It is unlawful to obtain, possess, or use multiple licenses for the purpose of circumventing season bag limits.

Hunter education is not required to purchase an Apprentice Hunting License or short-term license. Persons purchasing a Lifetime License must have hunter education before hunting, unless exempt by age or supervision. Hunter education is not required to hunt on one's own land or land of a parent or guardian (blood or dependent relationship) residing in the same household, or to hunt pen raised game birds on licensed shooting preserves that provide specified hunter education instruction (see Shooting Preserve License page 7).

To obtain a replacement hunter education card visit GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com or call 1-800-366-2661 Monday–Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

HUNTER EDUCATION

All hunters born on or after Jan. 1, 1961 must successfully complete a hunter education course before purchasing a hunting license. All hunter education courses certified or mandated by any state wildlife agency or Canadian province are accepted. Residents may sign up for online or classroom courses at **GoHuntGeorgia.com or by calling 1-800-366-2661.**

AGE REQUIREMENTS

HUNTERS UNDER AGE 16 are not required to complete a hunter education course. A child under age 16 must be under "direct supervision" or "directly supervised," which means the licensed adult must remain in a position to take immediate control of the youth's firearm at all times. It is unlawful for an adult to permit their child or ward (under age 16) to hunt without adult supervision.

Exception: Hunters 12–15 years old may hunt unsupervised after successfully completing a hunter education course. Special restrictions may apply on WMAs and Federal Areas (see pages 32-50 and 56-57).

HUNTERS AGE 16–25 are required to have a hunter education card when purchasing a season hunting license and must be in possession while hunting.

HUNTERS OVER AGE 25 and born after Jan. 1, 1961 must successfully complete a hunter education course but are not required to present their Hunter Education Card when buying a season hunting license or possess it while hunting.

APPRENTICE HUNTER is any person who has not successfully completed a hunter education course or does not possess a hunter education certificate. Apprentice hunters may purchase a short-term Apprentice Hunting License to hunt and fish in Georgia.

LANDS PASS

Any person age 16 and older, entering any WMA or PFA must have a valid Georgia license that allows hunting or fishing on state land or a Lands Pass (exclusions apply, visit **georgiawildlife.com/LandAccess**). WMAs and PFAs that require a license to hunt or fish or a Lands Pass are marked with a sign at the site or area entrance. See page 19 for more information.

FREE LICENSES

SENIOR CITIZENS: Georgia residents born on or before June 30, 1952 may obtain a Lifetime Sportsman's License free of charge. An optional Lifetime Sportsman's Plastic Card may be purchased for $10. Reduced cost senior annual and lifetime licenses are available to residents age 65+ born July 1, 1952 and after.

RETURNING GEORGIA VETERANS (ONE TIME ONLY): Georgia resident military veterans who were on active duty for 90 or more consecutive days and were honorably discharged on or after July 1, 2005 may obtain one annual Honorary License free of charge. Such veterans may obtain this license by providing a copy of their DD Form 214 and a completed DNR application.

TYPES OF LICENSES

RESIDENT HUNTING, COMBO OR SPORTSMAN'S LICENSE is required for all resident hunters 16 years of age or older, except when hunting or fishing on one's own land or land owned by immediate family (blood or dependent relationship) residing in the same household.

NONRESIDENT HUNTING, COMBO OR SPORTSMAN'S LICENSE is required for all nonresident hunters, except nonresident small game hunters that are under 16. All nonresident big game hunters must obtain a Harvest Record and those 16 and older must possess a big game license (included in Sportsman's License).

HARVEST RECORD is required for any person who hunts alligator, bear, deer or turkey, regardless of age. The Harvest Record is only valid for a single year and may be obtained on or after March 1 for the upcoming season. Harvest must be recorded before moving the animal from the site of the kill, and reported online or by telephone within 24 hours. See page 8.

RESIDENT HUNTERS UNDER AGE 16 must possess a Harvest Record to hunt alligator, bear, deer and turkey. They are not required to possess any of the following: Hunting, Big Game or GA Waterfowl & Migratory Bird License.

ALLIGATOR HARVEST PERMIT is required to harvest an alligator (permittee must also be selected through the alligator quota hunt process). All persons accompanying or assisting an alligator permit holder need a valid hunting license. A free permit is available for Lifetime Sportsman's License, Disability Sportsman's License, Disability Hunting License, Honorary License, and Resident Optional Youth Sportsman's License holders selected for an Alligator Quota Hunt.

BIG GAME LICENSE is required, in addition to a valid Hunting License, for hunting bear, deer, or turkey. The Big Game License is not required by resident hunters hunting one's own land or land owned by immediate family (blood or dependent relationship) residing in the same household, resident or nonresident persons under the age of 16, or anyone who possesses an Honorary, Sportsman's, or Lifetime Sportsman's License. A Harvest Record is also required to hunt bear, deer or turkey.

GA WATERFOWL & MIGRATORY BIRD LICENSE is required for any person who hunts migratory birds (doves, ducks, geese, woodcock, snipe,



coots, rails, or gallinules) and is required by age to have a hunting license to hunt. A free GA Waterfowl & Migratory Bird License is available for all resident Landowners hunting their own land and hunters with a valid Sportsman's License, Youth Sportsman's License, Disability Sportsman's License, Disability Hunting License, Honorary License or Lifetime Sportsman's License.

FEDERAL DUCK STAMP is required for all waterfowl hunters 16 years of age or older including resident landowners and their immediate family. Due to the passing of the Duck Stamp Modernization Act of 2023 and related to purchasing this Stamp through **GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com**, electronic Duck Stamps are now valid when purchased and between July 1st and June 30th of the following year. Physical Duck Stamps are no longer required, but they will be mailed by a federal fulfillment center following March 10th after the electronical Duck Stamp purchase. This Stamp is also available at US Post Offices, 1-800-STAMP24, or **usps.com.**

SPORTSMAN'S LICENSE includes Hunting, Big Game, Fishing and Trout Licenses. Duck hunters must obtain a Federal Duck Stamp. Migratory Bird hunters must obtain a Free GA Waterfowl & Migratory Bird License. Saltwater anglers must obtain a Free SIP license. Alligator, bear, deer and turkey hunters must obtain a Free Harvest Record.

RESIDENT OPTIONAL YOUTH SPORTSMAN'S LICENSE: this optional multi-year license can be purchased by resident youth through age 15 and does not expire until the sportsman's 17th birthday. The license includes privileges for all hunting and fishing including big game and trout. A Harvest Record, GA Waterfowl & Migratory Bird License (16+), Quota Alligator Harvest Permit if selected, and SIP (16+) are free but must be obtained each year. Hunter education is required at age 16.

NONRESIDENT YOUTH SPORTSMAN'S LICENSE: this annual license can be purchased by nonresident youth through age 15. The license includes privileges for all hunting and fishing including big game and trout (except for the Quota Alligator Harvest Permit). A harvest record, GA Waterfowl & Migratory Bird License (16+), and SIP (16+) are free but must be obtained. Hunter education is required at age 16.

DISABILITY HUNTING LICENSE: Georgia residents who are permanently and totally disabled may obtain a Disability License. A qualifying disability is an impairment of a permanent and total nature and is certified as such by the Department of Veterans Affairs, Social Security Administration, Medicaid, Medicare, or Railroad Retirement System.

LIFETIME SPORTSMAN'S LICENSES: Lifetime Sportsman's Licenses, which include Hunting, Big Game, Fishing, and Trout privileges, can be purchased online at **GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com.** After logging in, select your license, upload required documents, and check out. These licenses are not available at retail agents or by phone. To apply by mail, visit **GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com** to print an application.

Excluded from Lifetime Sportsman's License: Free GA Waterfowl & Migratory Bird License, Federal Duck Stamp, Free SIP permit, and a Free Alligator Harvest Permit, and Harvest Record (bear, deer, turkey). Lifetime license holders will need to obtain these annually.

RESIDENT / NONRESIDENT SHOOTING PRESERVE LICENSE: Persons with an active Georgia hunting license do not additionally need a shooting preserve license. A 2-year ($12) or lifetime ($75) shooting preserve license is available to residents and nonresidents. This license covers hunting pen-raised game birds and fishing in any private or state waters located within the boundaries of licensed private or commercial shooting preserves. Hunter safety requirements for hunting pen-raised game birds on properly licensed shooting preserves may be met by hunter education instruction that, at minimum, demonstrates techniques for proper firearm handling, unloading, and safety. Appropriate licenses, hunter safety certification requirements, and state seasons and regulations apply when hunting wild game birds or other wildlife on shooting preserves. Exception: it shall be lawful to hunt bobwhite quail between October 1 and March 31 of the following year on licensed shooting preserves.

WHO NEEDS A FISHING LICENSE

Anglers age 16 and older must have a current Georgia fishing license in their possession while fishing in fresh or salt water in Georgia. Additionally, a free SIP is required to fish in saltwater. A temporary authorization number obtained by telephone or internet sale may be used for seven days until the paper copy is received or printed. Game Wardens may require photo identification when checking fishing licenses. **Exception:** A fishing license is not required to fish in private ponds (does not include ponds owned by governments—city, county, state, or federal) nor by a resident and their immediate family when fishing on their land. See definition of *immediate family* on page 3.

RESIDENTS (see definition, page 3)

- Proof of residency is a Georgia driver's license or official State of Georgia ID card and is required to purchase a resident fishing license.
- Georgia resident military veterans that were on active duty for 90 or more consecutive days and who were honorably discharged on or after July 1, 2005 may obtain one annual Honorary Hunting and Fishing License free of charge. Such veterans may obtain this license by providing a copy of their DD Form 214 and a completed DNR application.
- **Senior Citizens:** Georgia residents born on or before June 30, 1952 may obtain a Lifetime Sportsman's License free of charge. An optional Lifetime Sportsman's Plastic Card may be purchased for $10. Reduced cost licenses are available for residents age 65 and older born after June 30, 1952 (see page 5).
- **Discount Disability License:** Georgia residents who are permanently and totally disabled may obtain a discounted Disability License. A qualifying disability is an impairment of a permanent and total nature and is certified as such by the Department of Veterans Affairs, Social Security Administration, Medicaid, Medicare or Railroad Retirement System.
- **Any resident who is totally blind** may apply for a Lifetime Honorary Fishing License and must provide a Physician's Certification of Blindness with the application.

NONRESIDENTS

- Nonresidents 16 or older, regardless of physical condition, must have a valid nonresident Georgia fishing license to fish in Georgia freshwater and saltwater, except in private ponds. See also **Agreements for Bordering States** on pages 66-67.
- Nonresidents under 16 do not require a fishing license or trout license.

RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS FOR BORDERING STATES

Georgia DNR has Agreements with Alabama, Florida, North Carolina, and South Carolina allowing holders of Georgia fishing licenses to fish in the waters covered without obtaining a fishing license from the bordering state. See **Agreements with Bordering States** on page 66.

TROUT LICENSES

- Landowners and their immediate families (see definition on page 3) may fish on their premises without a trout license.
- All resident anglers ages 16 and older must have a trout license and Georgia fishing license to fish in designated trout waters and to fish for or to possess trout. See pages 69-72 for special trout regulations.
- All nonresident anglers, 16 or older, regardless of physical condition, must possess a nonresident fishing license and nonresident trout license to fish for or possess trout or to fish in designated trout waters.
- Lifetime Sportsman's, Sportsman's, Honorary (free), and Discount Disability licenses include the trout fishing privilege.
- **State park visitors** are not required to have a trout license to fish in the impounded waters of the Park. However, those visitors wishing to harvest trout will need to have a trout license in their possession.

GEORGIA HUNTING

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources manages a million acres of land and more than 100 Wildlife Management Areas for hunting, fishing, bird watching, hiking, camping and conservation education. Game Management conducts research and surveys to monitor hunter harvests, wildlife populations and habitats. Immerse yourself in the time-honored tradition of hunting while enjoying the beauty of Georgia's natural habitats.

Hunting Information

LEGAL EQUIPMENT FOR HUNTING

RESTRICTIONS

- **Convicted felons** may not possess any firearm or muzzleloading firearm while hunting unless that individual's right to carry has been restored (O.C.G.A. § 16-11-131). This does not apply to archery equipment, air bows or air rifles.
- **Loaded Weapon:** A firearm is considered loaded if a shell is in the chamber or magazine, a percussion cap is on the nipple, or powder is present on the frizzen pan. A crossbow is considered loaded if it is cocked.
- **Plugged Shotguns:** For hunting migratory game birds, shotguns shall be limited to a capacity of not more than 3 shells in the magazine and chamber combined. If a plug is necessary to so limit the capacity, the plug shall be of 1 piece and incapable of being removed from the loading end of the magazine.
- **Suppressors:** Lawfully possessed suppressors may be used for hunting, unless otherwise specified. Permission of the landowner is required on private land.

ARCHERY EQUIPMENT

Crossbows (including torsion spring models), longbows, recurve bows, and compound bows are allowed for hunting any game or feral hog. Arrows for hunting deer, bear or feral hog must be broadhead type. Draw weight, let-off, bolt/arrow-length, recovery devices, and sights are not restricted. See the Summary of Bowhunting Equipment Regulations at **https://georgiawildlife.com/hunting/hunter-resources** for more details.

PRIMITIVE WEAPONS

Archery equipment, air bows, .30-cal. or larger air rifles and muzzleloaders or muzzleloading shotguns are legal during primitive weapons season. Scopes are legal.

FIREARMS

Deer & Bear

- **Modern Rifles and Handguns:** Centerfire only, .22-cal. or larger with expanding bullets. There is no restriction on magazine capacity for rifles.
- **Shotguns:** 20-gauge or larger loaded with slugs or buckshot.
- **Muzzleloaders:** .30-cal. or larger, or muzzleloading shotguns 20 gauge or larger. Scopes are legal.
- **Air Guns:** Any air rifle of at least .30 caliber or air bow utilizing unignited compressed gas or air is legal during primitive weapons and firearms seasons.

Turkey

Shotguns with No. 2 or smaller shot, any muzzleloading firearm, any air rifle of at least .30 caliber or air bow utilizing unignited compressed gas or air. Hunters are not required to plug shotguns for turkey.

Small Game & Furbearer

- **Rifles and Handguns:** Any .22-cal. or smaller rimfire, any muzzleloading firearm, or any caliber air rifle or air gun. For fox & bobcat, centerfire firearms of .17 caliber and larger may be used (see WMA Restrictions on page 19). There is no restriction on magazine capacity for rifles.
- **Shotguns:** Any having shot shell size 3.5 inches or smaller in length with No. 2 or smaller shot.
- **Shotguns (Waterfowl):** Any 10-gauge or smaller loaded with federally approved nontoxic shot of size "F" or smaller. Lead shot may not be in possession while hunting waterfowl.

GEORGIA GAME CHECK

All alligator, bear, deer, and turkey harvests must be reported through Georgia Game Check within 24 hours. For reporting requirements on certain WMA, VPA, and State Park hunts see page 19.

HOW TO REPORT YOUR ALLIGATOR, BEAR, DEER, OR TURKEY:

Cell Phone Handy?

If you have a cell phone, enter the harvest date and county on the Harvest Record through the Go Outdoors GA App, online at **GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com**, or by calling 1-800-366-2661 before moving your harvest from the site of the kill.

You can report your harvest through the GA Outdoors App when your phone has no service. Enter your harvest date and county on the Harvest Record through the App. When you get to a location with service, access the App and sync to receive your confirmation number.

No Phone? No Problem!

Log It—Enter the harvest date and county on your paper Harvest Record before moving the harvest from the site of the kill.

Report It—Within 24 hours of the kill, report your harvest by going online to **GoOutdoors Georgia.com** or calling 1-800-366-2661.

Record It—Copy the confirmation number received onto your paper Harvest Record.

TRAINING DOGS ON PRIVATE LAND

Persons training dogs for hunting must have a valid Hunting License unless they are on their own land or land of an immediate relative. There is no closed season for training dogs on private lands. It is unlawful to possess firearms (except handguns with blank or shot cartridges),

axes, climbers, or other equipment for taking game while training hunting dogs, except that shotguns with No. 6 or smaller shot may be used while training pointing, flushing, and retrieving dogs using pen-raised quail and pigeons provided that the dog trainer maintains proof of purchase of pen-raised quail. It is unlawful to run deer with dogs, except during open seasons for hunting deer with dogs, or to take game by any means while training hunting dogs, except during open seasons for such game. **For specific rules & regulations for dog training on WMAs & National Forests see page 29.**

CLOSED AREAS

Counties, or parts of counties, not specifically open by law or regulation are closed to hunting. Counties open for hunting do not include lands within WMAs, PFAs, State Parks, or other State/Federal lands, except when those lands are specifically open. Hunting for all species of wildlife is prohibited on the portion of Morgan Falls Lake (Bull Sluice) lying within Fulton Co. and in Willeo Creek.

PROTECTED SPECIES

For information on protected species, please visit **georgiawildlife.com**. Free-ranging elk should be reported to your local Game Management Region Office and may not be harvested without written permission from DNR.

HUNTER ORANGE/PINK REQUIREMENTS

A hunter, and anyone accompanying the hunter, must wear an outer garment with at least 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange or fluorescent blaze pink above the waist (which may include a head covering) when hunting:

- deer during the primitive weapons or firearms deer season
- bear during the primitive weapons or firearms bear seasons
- feral hogs during primitive weapons or firearms deer or bear seasons

Hunter orange or blaze pink is required during primitive weapons and firearms hunts for deer, bear, and special opportunity coyote and feral hog hunts on WMAs, VPAs, and federal lands. Hunter orange or blaze pink is not required on WMA, VPAs, or Corps of Engineers tracts designated "archery-only", nor during archery only deer hunts held on a WMA during the statewide primitive weapons or firearms seasons (unless otherwise indicated). Hunter orange or blaze pink is required on WMA and VPA small game hunts that are concurrent with firearms deer or bear hunts (see more information on page 19).

LEGAL HOURS

Legal hours for hunting are 30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset, except alligators, raccoons, opossums, foxes, coyotes, bobcats and feral hogs which may be hunted at night. Any light used to hunt raccoons, opossums, foxes, or bobcats must be carried on the body of the hunter, affixed to a helmet or hat worn by the hunter, or be part of a belt system worn by the hunter. There is no voltage restriction on such lights.



Report banded birds at www.reportband.gov

If you harvest a bird with an aluminum leg band or metal tag attached between the webbing of the toes, report that bird!

Visit reportband.gov to report your harvest. When you do, you will receive information about when and where your bird was originally banded!

Legal hours for migratory birds are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset (see page 17). Sunrise and sunset times are available on the Go Outdoors GA App.

UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES

- Using a drone to locate any game species on public or private land.
- Hunting without landowners' permission, including power line, gas line, railroad and other rights-of-way. Written permission must be obtained if land is so posted.
- Hunting while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Holding, possessing, releasing, or importing wildlife without a permit from the DNR.
- Concealing the taking or possession of wildlife (or parts) which the person in possession reasonably should have known was obtained illegally.
- Killing or crippling game without reasonable efforts to retrieve.
- Hunt, shoot, kill, or wound any farmed deer (e.g. elk, red deer, fallow deer, sika deer, or axis deer) or exotic wild animal (e.g. farmed deer, mouflon sheep, Barbary sheep [aoudad], antelope, etc.) held under a wild animal license for enjoyment, gain, amusement, or sport.
- Hunting or shooting from or across a public road.
- Hunting from a vehicle, plane, or boat under power.
- Selling or purchasing any game species or parts thereof, except antlers, hides, and tails of legally taken deer, tails of legally taken squirrels, hides of legally trapped furbearers, and legally taken alligator products.
- Use of a computer or any other device to remotely discharge a firearm for the purpose of hunting.
- Use of drugs, poisons, chemicals, smoke, gas, explosives, or electronically-amplified sounds to hunt any game species, except that electronic calls may be used to hunt bobcats, crows, and foxes.
- Use of any pitfall, deadfall, snare, catch, net, live decoy, or baited hook to take game species.
- Use of electronic communications equipment to aid in the pursuit of game.
- Disturbing wildlife dens, holes, or homes, or driving wildlife from their dens, holes, or homes.
- Discharging a firearm within 50 yards of a public road.
- Blinding wildlife with lights.

Chronic Wasting Disease

Chronic wasting disease (CWD) is a fatal neurological disease that affects deer. There is no evidence that CWD affects people, pets, or livestock. It was first detected in Georgia in January 2025. CWD develops slowly so infected deer appear normal for several months before showing signs such as abnormal behavior and severe weight loss. Although CWD cannot be eliminated, science-based management can keep infection levels low. Hunters play a key role in monitoring CWD by submitting samples from harvested deer for testing.

The **CWD Management Area (CMA)** includes:

- Any county where CWD was detected and any county within 5 miles of a detection
- Current CMA: Atkinson, Berrien, Lanier and Lowndes counties (as of April 2026)

STATEWIDE CARCASS DISPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Lawful disposal methods for deer carcasses/unused parts:

- Leave carcass on the property where the deer was killed
- Use a commercial deer processor
- Household trash service or solid waste landfill
- Deep burial, incineration, or any other approved method in the Dead Animal Disposal Act (O.C.G.A. § 4-5-1 to 4-5-11)

HUNTING OUT OF STATE?

If you harvest a white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk, moose, caribou, or any other species of deer outside Georgia, you may bring back only the following:

1. Boned-out meat or products thereof
2. Hides with no heads attached
3. Antlers, skulls, skull plates, teeth or jawbones with no soft tissue attached (velvet antlers are okay)
4. Finished taxidermy products

HOW IS DNR MANAGING CWD?

In addition to regulations designed to limit the spread, the primary management approach is cluster sampling. This method involves testing additional deer in the immediate area of a detection as those deer were most likely to have contact with the infected deer.

CWD TESTING

Hunters testing deer in the CMA is essential for effective disease management. However, testing is not necessary for hunters who are harvesting deer outside the CMA. For routine CWD surveillance, DNR partners with taxidermists and processors, and deer submitted through these services may be randomly selected for testing.

If you hunt in the CMA, locate a participating deer processor, taxidermist, or self-serve sampling site at **GeorgiaWildlife.com/cwd**. Deer that test positive do not count toward a hunter's bag limit and processing fees may be reimbursed, pending available funds. Hunters may test deer from other counties the same way, but test results may be delayed.

DEER BAITING/FEEDING

To reduce transmission risk:

- Broadcast bait/feed over large areas (500+ sq ft).
- Avoid troughs, gravity feeders, salt licks, or piles on the ground.
- Move feeding locations periodically to reduce excrement buildup in soil.
- Limit baiting/feeding to times when actively hunting.

CWD MANAGEMENT AREA



As of May 2026.



Scan this QR code to learn more about CWD in Georgia:

Deer Hunting Regulations

Looking for season dates and either-sex days? Go to pages 12-13

Archers may not possess any firearms while hunting during archery deer season and primitive weapons hunters may not possess any centerfire or rimfire firearm while hunting during the primitive weapons season unless the person is a lawful weapons carrier as defined in O.C.G.A. Section 16-11-125.1, subject to the limitations of O.C.G.A. §§ 16-11-126 and 16-11-127, except where prohibited by federal law.

ARCHERY

- **Archery Only Counties:** Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb and Fulton (north of GA Hwy 92) Counties in accordance with statewide bag limits and other regulations.
- **Extended Archery Season:** Baker, Barrow, Bibb, Calhoun, Chatham, Cherokee, Clarke, Clayton, Cobb, Columbia, Decatur, DeKalb, Douglas, Early, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Grady, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Miller, Mitchell, Muscogee, Paulding, Richmond, Rockdale, Seminole, and Thomas counties only in accordance with statewide bag limits and other regulations.
- **Chattahoochee NF & Oconee NF:** During firearms deer season, archers must follow firearms either-sex dates on the National Forest. **All Chattahoochee National Forest land east of I-75 is closed to antlerless deer hunting. Antlered bucks only.**

Archery hunting is allowed during primitive weapon and firearm deer seasons. Deer of either sex may be taken, except as otherwise specified on WMAs. Hunting on the Chattahoochee & Oconee National Forests is buck-only except as otherwise specified, see pages 56-57 for details. Archery hunters must wear at least 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange or blaze pink during primitive weapons and firearms deer seasons, except in archery-only counties or WMAs.

PRIMITIVE WEAPONS

Statewide, excluding archery-only counties. Scopes are legal. Air rifles of .30 cal or larger and air bows are legal. During the statewide primitive weapons deer season and WMA primitive weapons hunts, **youth under 16 years of age may hunt deer with any legal deer firearm.**

SEASON LIMIT

10 antlerless deer and 2 antlered deer. One of the two antlered deer must have a minimum of 4 points, 1 inch or longer, on either antler or a minimum 15-inch outside antler spread to be legal. (Special county antler restrictions noted in next section).

COUNTY-WIDE ANTLER RESTRICTIONS

Dooly & Macon: antlered bucks must have a minimum outside antler spread of 15 inches to be legal.

Hancock, Harris, Meriwether, Montgomery Randolph, Talbot & Troup: antlered bucks must have a minimum of 4 points, 1-inch or longer, on either antler or a minimum 15-inch outside antler spread to be legal.

CHECKING YOUR DEER

All deer hunters are required to have a Harvest Record for the current season. Additionally, harvested deer must be reported through Georgia Game Check within 24 hours (see Georgia Game Check on page 8).

ANTLERS

Antlerless deer are those having no visible antlers above the hairline (including "button bucks") and may only be taken during either-sex or antlerless seasons or hunts. During "buck-only" hunts or seasons, a deer must have antlers visible above the hairline to be legal for harvest.

HEAD OF DEER

It is unlawful to remove the head of a deer until the deer is processed, surrendered to a storage facility for storage or processing, or head is submitted for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) testing.

TRANSPORTING DEER HARVESTED BY ANOTHER HUNTER

Persons transporting deer harvested by another hunter must possess, in writing, the complete name, address, telephone and hunting license number of the person who harvested the deer, and the Game Check confirmation number.

COOLER LOCKERS

Whole or field-dressed deer received by a cold-storage or meat processing facility must be marked with the hunter's name, date, county of harvest and sex of deer. Hunters must provide the Game Check confirmation number to the facility when dropping off a deer. A list of processors is available at **GoHuntGeorgia.com**.

LAKES, STREAMS AND PONDS

It is unlawful to take a deer by any means while it is in a lake, stream, or pond.

RIGHTS-OF-WAY/ TRANSMISSION TOWERS

Hunting from a stand or platform attached to a transmission tower is trespassing and is prohibited. Written permission must be obtained from the landowner to hunt on power line, gas line, railroad, or other rights-of-way.

HUNTERS: STATEWIDE CARCASS DISPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Transporting or disposing of deer carcasses or parts? Know the requirements in Georgia.

Lawful Disposal Methods for Deer Carcasses/Unused Parts:



Leave carcass on the property where the deer was killed



Household trash service or solid waste landfill



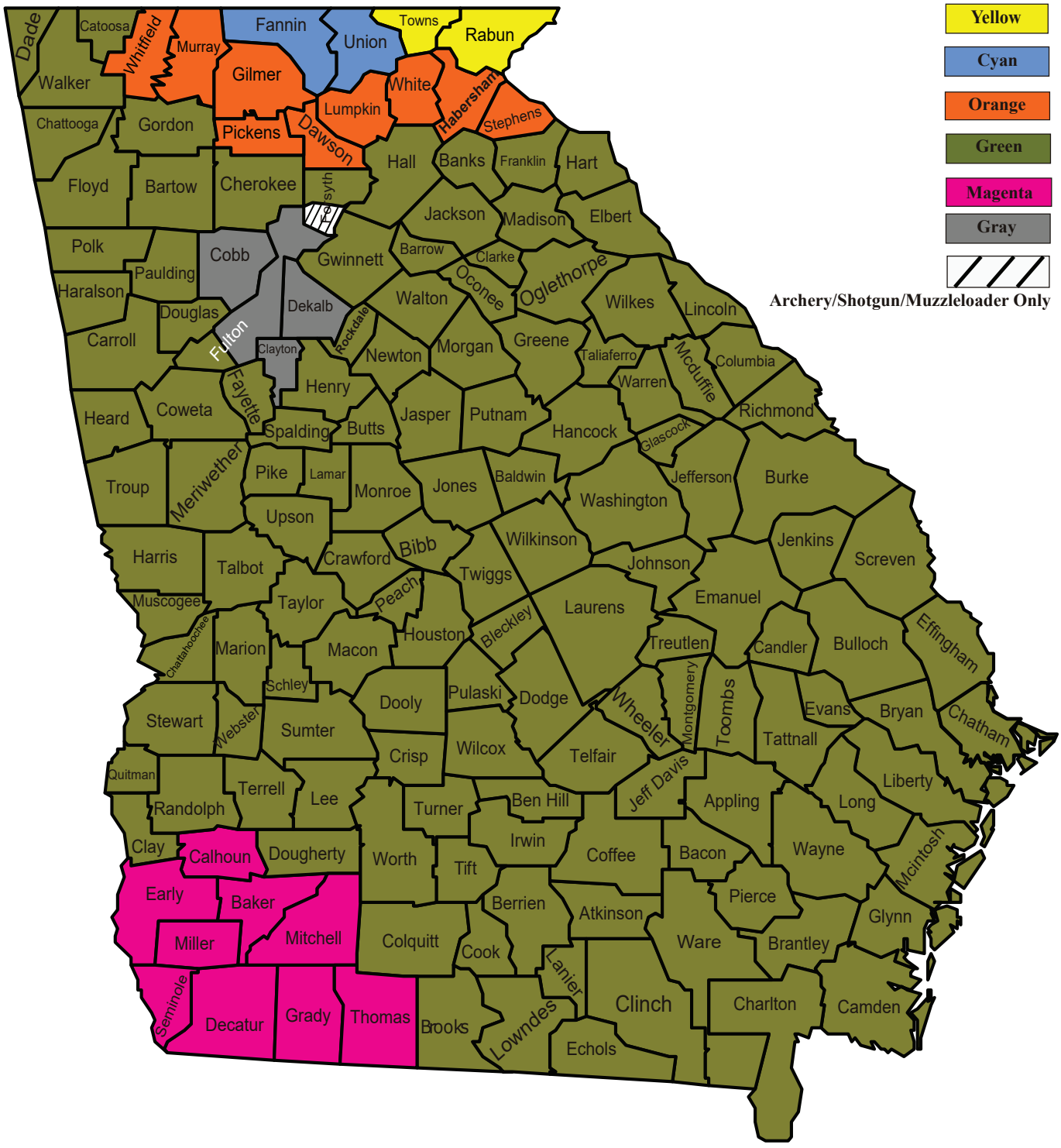
Use a commercial deer processor



Deer burial, incineration, or any other approved method in the Dead Animal Disposal Act (O.C.G.A. § 4-5-1 to 4-5-11)

Scan the QR code to learn more or visit GeorgiaWildlife.com/CWD

Deer Season & Private Lands



REFERENCE THE TABLES ON THE RIGHT TO SEE YOUR AREA'S EITHER-SEX DEER HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES ON PRIVATE LAND.

DEER SEASONS & PRIVATE LANDS

YELLOW

EQUIPMENT	STARTING	ENDING	OPPORTUNITY
Archery	Sept. 12, 2026	Oct. 9, 2026	Either-Sex
Primitive Weapons	Oct. 10, 2026	Oct. 16, 2026	Either-Sex
Firearms	Oct. 17, 2026	Nov. 27, 2026	Antlered Bucks Only
	Nov. 28, 2026	Nov. 29, 2026	Either-Sex
	Nov. 30, 2026	Dec. 31, 2026	Antlered Bucks Only
	Jan. 1, 2027	Jan. 1, 2027	Either-Sex
	Jan. 2, 2027	Jan. 10, 2027	Antlered Bucks Only

GREEN

EQUIPMENT	STARTING	ENDING	OPPORTUNITY
Archery	Sept. 12, 2026	Oct. 9, 2026	Either-Sex
Primitive Weapons	Oct. 10, 2026	Oct. 16, 2026	Either-Sex
Firearms	Oct. 3, 2026	Oct. 4, 2026	Antlerless Only
	Oct. 17, 2026	Jan. 10, 2027	Either-Sex

In Hancock, Harris, Meriwether, Montgomery, Randolph, Talbot and Troup Counties, only antlered bucks with at least 4 points (one inch or longer) on either side or a 15-inch outside spread are legal.

In Dooly and Macon Counties, antlered bucks must have a minimum 15-inch outside spread.

CYAN

EQUIPMENT	STARTING	ENDING	OPPORTUNITY
Archery	Sept. 12, 2026	Oct. 9, 2026	Either-Sex
Primitive Weapons	Oct. 10, 2026	Oct. 16, 2026	Either-Sex
Firearms	Oct. 17, 2026	Nov. 5, 2026	Antlered Bucks Only
	Nov. 6, 2026	Nov. 12, 2026	Either-Sex
	Nov. 13, 2026	Dec. 31, 2026	Antlered Bucks Only
	Jan. 1, 2027	Jan. 1, 2027	Either-Sex
	Jan. 2, 2027	Jan. 10, 2027	Antlered Bucks Only

MAGENTA

EQUIPMENT	STARTING	ENDING	OPPORTUNITY
Archery	Sept. 12, 2026	Sept. 27, 2026	Antlered Bucks Only
	Sept. 28, 2026	Oct. 9, 2026	Either-Sex
	Jan. 16, 2027	Jan. 31, 2027	Either-Sex
Primitive Weapons	Oct. 10, 2026	Oct. 16, 2026	Either-Sex
Firearms	Oct. 3, 2026	Oct. 4, 2026	Antlerless Only
	Oct. 17, 2026	Jan. 15, 2027	Either-Sex

ORANGE

EQUIPMENT	STARTING	ENDING	OPPORTUNITY
Archery	Sept. 12, 2026	Oct. 9, 2026	Either-Sex
Primitive Weapons	Oct. 10, 2026	Oct. 16, 2026	Either-Sex
Firearms	Oct. 17, 2026	Nov. 5, 2026	Antlered Bucks Only
	Nov. 6, 2026	Nov. 12, 2026	Either-Sex
	Nov. 13, 2026	Nov. 19, 2026	Antlered Bucks Only
	Nov. 20, 2026	Nov. 26, 2026	Either-Sex
	Nov. 27, 2026	Dec. 27, 2026	Antlered Bucks Only
	Dec. 28, 2026	Jan. 10, 2027	Either-Sex

GRAY

EQUIPMENT	STARTING	ENDING	OPPORTUNITY
Archery	Sept. 12, 2026	Jan. 31, 2027	Either-Sex

EXTENDED ARCHERY SEASON

COUNTIES	STARTING	ENDING	OPPORTUNITY
Baker, Barrow, Bibb, Calhoun, Chatham, Cherokee, Clarke, Clayton, Cobb, Columbia, Decatur, DeKalb, Douglas, Early, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Grady, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Miller, Mitchell, Muscogee, Paulding, Richmond, Rockdale, Seminole, and Thomas	Sept. 12, 2026	Jan. 31, 2027	Either-Sex

GEORGIA HUNTERS FOR THE HUNGRY

Share the Harvest!

YOU CAN HELP get venison from the woods to a local food bank and onto the tables of those in your community that need it most. Donate a deer at a participating processor during the hunting season.

This partnership program is brought to you by the Georgia Wildlife Federation and the Georgia DNR Wildlife Resources Division, along with cooperation from the Georgia Food Bank Association and Municipal Development Services, LLC.

FIND A PARTICIPATING PROCESSOR

Visit gwf.org/ghfth or scan the QR code for the current list of processors.

Interested in becoming a participating processor? Visit gwf.org/ghfth and apply.

Dog-Deer Seasons

Hunting deer with dogs is allowed in select counties by permit only. Hunting deer with dogs is allowed on leased properties of at least 1,000 contiguous acres or privately-owned properties of at least 250 acres that are permitted by DNR. Permits are specific to only one piece of property and only one permit application per property should be submitted. Applications for a permit must be received at least 30 days prior to hunting deer with dogs. Applicants wishing to hunt on opening day must submit an application by Sept. 17, 2026. Applications are available at **gadnrle.org/special-permits**. The permit number must be clearly marked on all dogs and all vehicles being used during the hunt. Call (770) 918-6408 for specific rules and regulations.

COUNTY	EITHER SEX
Atkinson (south of US Hwy 82), Jefferson, and Johnson (east of GA Hwy 15)	Nov. 26 - Jan. 10
Brantley, Bryan, Bulloch, Burke, Camden, Candler, Charlton, Chatham, Clinch, Dougherty, Echols, Effingham, Emanuel, Evans, Glynn (except Jekyll Island), Jenkins, Lanier (east of the Alapaha River and southeast of US Hwy 221), Liberty, Long, McIntosh, Pierce (southeast of US Hwy 84 and portion lying northwest of US Hwy 84 and east of Scenic Drive), Screven, Tattnall, Ware (south of US Hwy 82; and that portion lying north of US Hwy 82 and southeast of US Hwy 84), Washington (north of GA Hwy 24), and Wayne (north of US Hwy 341 and west of Beard's Bluff Rd.; north of GA Hwy 169; and southeast of US Hwy 84)	Oct. 17 - Jan. 10
Baker, Calhoun, Decatur, Early, Grady, Seminole, and Thomas	Oct. 17 - Jan. 15
Colquitt, Marion, Stewart, Terrell, and Webster	Dec. 5 - Jan. 10

Alligator, Bear, Feral Hog, Small Game & Turkey

See Seasons and Bag Limits on pages 16-17

ALLIGATOR

Please visit our website, **GeorgiaWildlife.com/alligator-info** for complete alligator hunting rules and regulations, and zone information.

Check Your Alligator: Harvested alligators must be reported through Georgia Game Check within 24 hours (see page 8).

Quota Process: Alligator harvest is by permit only. To enter the selection process, log into your account at **GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com**.

Application Period: June 1 - July 15

Legal Weapons: Hand-held ropes or snares, snatch hooks, harpoons, gigs, or arrows with restraining line attached. Lawfully restrained alligators may be killed with any caliber handgun or bangstick.

BEAR

LIMIT

Two bears per season, however, only one bear may be taken from the Central or Southern Zone.

STATEWIDE RESTRICTIONS

It is unlawful to kill a female bear with cub(s) or bears under 75 pounds. No hunting bears over bait.

REPORTING HARVESTED BEARS

- All bear hunters are required to have a Harvest Record for the current season.
- Harvested bears must be reported through Georgia Game Check within 24 hours (see page 8).
- Additional checking and tagging requirements are listed under each bear zone.
- List of approved cooperators may be found at **https://georgiawildlife.com/bear-info**. Hours may vary; contact cooperators for hours and details.

Northern Bear Zone

Carroll, Fulton, DeKalb, Gwinnett, Walton, Barrow, Jackson, Madison, Hart and all counties north.

Youth (under 16 years of age) may hunt bear with any legal bear firearm during the Primitive Weapons season.

Restrictions: Hunting bears with dogs is prohibited except as specified for Chattahoochee & Chestatee WMAs (pages 35-36).

Checking & Tagging:

- Bears killed during bonus deer hunts must be reported via Georgia Game Check and taken on the day of kill to the check station for sample collection and tagging.
- Within 3 business days, bears (minimum of hide and skull) must be taken to any Game Management Office (except Fitzgerald) during regular business hours or to a state approved cooperator for biological data collection and tagging.
- Harvested bears may also be checked at any WMA check station in the counties listed above that are open for a bear or bonus deer hunt between 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Central Bear Zone

Bibb, Bleckley, Houston, and Twiggs Counties.

Restrictions: No hunting bears with dogs. No hunting bears on WMAs.

Checking & Tagging:

- Harvested bears must be tagged at the Oaky Woods WMA check station between noon and 9 p.m. on the day of the hunt(s).

Southern Bear Zone

Brantley, Camden, Charlton, Clinch, Echols, Lanier, Lowndes and Ware counties.

Restrictions: Hunting with dogs is allowed, except in Lanier and Lowndes Counties, where only still hunting is allowed.

Checking & Tagging:
Bears (minimum of hide and skull) must be tagged within 24 hours at one of these locations:

- Fargo Georgia Forestry Commission Office
  – Thursdays and Fridays 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturdays 12 p.m. - 9 p.m., all hunt days
- Folkston Georgia Forestry Commission Office
  – Thursdays and Fridays 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturdays 12 p.m. - 9 p.m., all hunt days
- Dixon Memorial WMA
  – Sept. 24-26; 8 a.m. - 8 p.m..
- After hours, call 1-800-241-4113, or 912-262-3173 on the following business day to arrange tagging.

FALCONRY

Valid falconry permit and hunting license required. For season dates and limits for small game see page 16.

FERAL HOG

PRIVATE LANDS

Limit: No limit, no closed season.

Feral hogs may be hunted at night on private land. Hunting over bait is allowed. Drones may be used to locate feral hogs subject to the provisions of Code Section 27-3-24.

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS:

Residents: All residents 16 years of age or older must possess a hunting license to hunt feral hogs except when hunting on land owned by them or their immediate family (blood or dependent relationship) residing in the same household.

Nonresidents: Must possess a nonresident hunting license.

LEGAL WEAPONS ON PRIVATE LAND

Any legal weapon. Additional weapon restrictions apply on WMAs and federal lands.

WMAS AND NATIONAL FOREST LANDS

Limit: No limit.

Hogs may be taken with primitive weapons during primitive weapons deer season, archery equipment during archery deer season, with deer weapons during firearms deer season, with turkey weapons during turkey season and with small game weapons during small game season. No night hunting. No hunting over bait. Hunting license requirements must be met. Hunter orange or blaze pink is required during firearms and primitive weapons deer and bear hunts. See page 29 for dog training seasons and rules. See pages 56-57 for Federal Lands.

TRANSPORTING & RELEASE

It is unlawful to transport a live feral hog without a permit from the Georgia Department of Agriculture (GDA). Feral hogs captured alive by a person without a valid GDA permit must be killed prior to transport. Release of any live feral hogs into an area that is not fenced in accordance with GDA regulations is prohibited. Any persons convicted of the transport or release of live feral hogs may be subject to losing hunting privileges for up to three years and a fine up to $5,000.00, but not less than $1,500.00. Transport and possession of live feral hogs are regulated by GDA; contact the Livestock & Poultry Program at 404-656-3665 for more information or visit **http://agr.georgia.gov/feral-hogs.aspx**.

PROCESSING

Any facility that processes hogs for a fee, including deer processors, must obtain a license to operate from the Meat Inspection Section of the Georgia Department of Agriculture. For more information, deer processors may contact the Georgia Meat Inspection office at 404-656-3673. Licensing requirements do not apply to individuals who process feral swine for their own use.

DISEASE PRECAUTION

Feral hogs can carry infectious diseases that are transmissible to people. To avoid possible exposure: wear plastic gloves when field-dressing feral hogs; wash hands with soap and hot water immediately afterwards; avoid direct contact with blood and reproductive organs; cook thoroughly; and properly dispose of all waste.

SMALL GAME

(See page 16 for seasons and bag limits)

BOBCAT & FOX

Bobcats and foxes may be hunted with small game firearms or centerfire firearms of .17 caliber or larger. Electronic calls may be used. Hunting with dogs allowed. Night hunting allowed.

TRAPPING

Complete trapping regulations are available at **GoHuntGeorgia.com**. See pages 16 & 21 for seasons.

TURKEY

LIMIT

Daily: 1 gobbler per hunter
Season: 2 gobblers per hunter
WMAs, VPAs, & National Forest lands: 1 gobbler per area per hunter (see page 20)

CHECK YOUR TURKEY

All turkey hunters are required to have a Harvest Record for the current season. Additionally, harvested turkeys must be reported through Georgia Game Check within 24 hours (see page 8).

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY SEASON

Season is for youth under 16 years of age and mobility-impaired persons (i.e. confined to wheelchair, hemiplegia, monoplegia, paraplegia, or single-leg amputation above the knee). Such hunters must be accompanied by a licensed adult (18 years or older) who can call but may not take or attempt to take a turkey. **This season does not apply to public lands unless otherwise specified.**

TURKEY SURVEY

All turkey hunters are encouraged to participate in the Turkey Hunting Population Survey to record turkey observations and hunter success during the spring season. Visit **georgiawildlife.com/turkey-info**.

BANDED TURKEYS

Hunters harvesting a banded turkey are asked to report their harvest at **georgiawildlife.com/turkeyband** or call 706-557-3350.

UNPROTECTED SPECIES

Coyotes, armadillos, groundhogs, beavers, starlings, pigeons, English sparrows, and nutria are unprotected species. No closed season. No limit. Electronic calls may be used for hunting coyotes.



Big Game, Small Game & Trapping 2026-2027 Seasons, Dates & Limits

Hunting seasons, dates, and bag limits on WMAs, PFAs, State Parks, and federal lands may differ from those below. See pages 32-50 & 52-57 for specific dates in the area specific listing.

	SPECIES	SEASON	DATES	LIMITS & RESTRICTIONS
BIG GAME	Deer	Archery	Sept. 12 - Oct. 9	See pages 12-13 for either sex days.
		Extended Archery: See page 11 for counties.	Sept. 12 - Jan. 31	12 per season, Statewide. No more than 10 may be antlerless and no more than 2 may be antlered. One of the 2 antlered deer must have at least 4 points, one inch or longer, on one side of the antlers or at least a 15-inch outside spread. See page 11 for requirements in counties with antler restrictions.
		Primitive Weapons & Youth-Only Firearms (see page 11)	Oct. 10 - Oct. 16	
		Firearms*	Oct. 17 - Jan. 10	*Firearms deer hunting is not allowed in Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton (north of GA Hwy 92), and that portion of Glynn County lying within Jekyll Island. In the portion of Forsyth County south of GA Hwy 20 only shotguns and muzzleloaders may be used (no other firearms allowed). In Baker, Calhoun, Decatur, Early, Grady, Miller, Mitchell, Seminole, & Thomas Cos., the first 2 weeks of archery is buck only.
	Bear	Northern Zone	**Archery:** Sept. 12 - Oct. 9 **Primitive Weapons & Youth Only Firearms:** Oct. 10-16 **Firearms:** Oct. 17 - Jan. 10	Two per season, provided, however, **no more than one of these may be taken from the Central or Southern Zones**. See pages 8 & 14 for bear harvest and reporting requirements. See page 20 for reporting requirements for bears harvested on WMAs. *If fewer than 6 female bears are harvested on Dec. 19 then a 2nd hunt day will be opened in January (please visit www.georgiawildlife.com after Dec. 21.
		Central Zone	**Firearms:** Dec. 19*	
		Southern Zone	**Firearms:** Sept. 17-19, 24-26, Oct. 1-3, 8-10	
	Turkey	Special Opportunity, Statewide	Mar. 20-21, 2027	Only for youth under 16 years of age and mobility-impaired persons (see page 15). This season does not apply to public lands unless otherwise specified.
		Private Lands	Mar. 27 - May 15, 2027	2 Gobblers per season; Daily bag limit of 1 (including Special Opportunity season). On WMAs, VPAs, & National Forest lands: 1 gobbler per area per person. See individual WMA listings for specifics pages 32-57.
		WMAs, VPAs & National Forest	Apr. 3 - May 15, 2027	
SMALL GAME	Alligator	Zone & Quota Limited	Aug. 14 (Sunset) - Oct. 5 (Sunrise)	1 per quota permit holder
	Fox & Bobcat	Statewide	Dec. 1 - Feb. 28	No limit
	Grouse	Statewide	Oct. 15 - Feb. 28	3 per day
		Falconry	Oct. 1 - Mar. 15	3 per day
	Quail	Statewide	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28	12 per day. On WMAs, VPAs, & National Forest lands: 3 quail per person a day. See individual WMA listings for specifics pages 32-57.
		Falconry	Oct. 1 - Mar. 15	12 per day
	Rabbit	Statewide	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28	12 per day
		Falconry	Oct. 1 - Mar. 15	12 per day
	Raccoon & Opossum	Private lands	No closed season	No limit
		Public lands	Aug. 15 - Feb. 28	No limit
	Squirrel	Statewide	Aug. 15 - Feb. 28	12 per day
		Falconry	Aug. 15 - Mar. 15	12 per day
TRAPPING	Bobcat, Fox, Mink, Muskrat, Otter, Skunk, Weasel	Statewide	Dec. 1 - Feb. 28	No limit
	Raccoon, Opossum	Statewide	No closed season	No limit

Migratory Birds 2026-2027 Species, Dates & Limits

	SPECIES	SEASON	DATES	LIMIT*
MIGRATORY BIRDS	Canada Goose	Statewide	Sept. 5-27 Oct. 10-25 Nov. 21-29 Dec. 12 - Jan. 31	5 per day, combined
	Brant	Closed		
	Common (Wilson's) Snipe	Statewide	Nov. 15 - Feb. 28	8 per day
	Coot	Statewide	Nov. 21 - Nov. 29 Dec. 12 - Jan. 31	15 per day
		Falconry	Sept. 5-27, Oct 10-25, Nov. 14-15, Nov. 21 - Dec. 6, Dec 12 - Jan 31	3 per day 9 in possession
	Crow	Statewide	Nov. 7 - Feb. 28	No limit
	Mourning Doves	Statewide	Sept. 5 - Oct. 11 Nov. 21 - Nov. 29 Dec. 19 - Jan. 31	15 per day
	Ducks	Statewide	Nov. 21 - Nov. 29 Dec. 12 - Jan. 31	6 per day; no more than 4 may be sea ducks See Species Limits
		Falconry	Sept. 5-27, Oct 10-25, Nov. 14-15, Nov. 21 - Dec. 6, Dec 12 - Jan 31	3 per day 9 in possession
	Gallinules	Statewide	Nov. 21 - Nov. 29 Dec. 12 - Jan. 31	15 per day
	Harlequin	Closed		
	Mergansers	Statewide	Nov. 21 - Nov. 29 Dec. 12 - Jan. 31	5 per day
	Snow Goose & White-fronted Goose	Statewide	Oct. 10-25 Nov. 21-29 Dec. 12 - Jan. 31	5 per day
	Sora and Rails	Statewide	Sept. 11-14	King & Clapper: 15 per day
			Sept. 26 - Nov. 30	Sora and Virginia: 25 per day
	Rails	Falconry	Sept. 5-27, Oct 10-25, Nov. 14-15, Nov. 21 - Dec. 6, Dec 12 - Jan 31	3 per day 9 in possession
	Teal	Statewide	Sept. 12-20	6 per day
	Woodcock	Statewide	Dec. 5 - Jan. 18	3 per day

* Possession limits are 3 times the daily bag limit.

	SPECIES	LIMIT*
DUCKS	Black or Mottled	1 per day
	Canvasback	2 per day
	Fulvous Whistling	1 per day
	Mallard	2 per day (only 1 may be a hen)
	Pintail	1 per day
	Redhead	2 per day
	Scaup	1 per day
	Wood Duck	3 per day
SEA DUCKS (SCOTER, EIDER, LONG-TAILED DUCK)	Eider	3 per day (only 1 may be a hen)
	Long-tailed duck	3 per day
	Scoter	3 per day

FEDERALLY REGULATED MIGRATORY BIRDS

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) regulates the harvest of migratory birds by establishing framework (opening and closing dates, maximum season length, and maximum bag limits) within which states can set their migratory bird hunting seasons. Georgia annually establishes waterfowl and late-season migratory bird hunting season dates and bag limits that maximize opportunity within the framework adopted by the USFWS.

In addition to State regulations, Federal rules apply to the taking, possession, shipping, transporting, and storage of migratory birds. Each hunter should also consult official Federal Regulations, which may be found in: Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.

GA WATERFOWL AND MIGRATORY BIRD LICENSE

A GA Waterfowl & Migratory Bird License is required for any person age 16 and older who hunts migratory birds (doves, ducks, geese, woodcock, snipe, coots, soras, rails, or gallinules). A free GA Waterfowl & Migratory Bird License is available for all resident Landowners hunting their own land and also for any Sportsman's License, Youth Sportsman's License, Disability Sportsman's License, Disability Hunting License, Honorary License or Lifetime Sportsman's License holder.

FEDERAL DUCK STAMP

Federal Duck Stamp is required for all waterfowl hunters 16 years of age or older including resident landowners and their immediate family. Due to the passing of the Duck Stamp Modernization Act of 2023 and related to purchasing this Stamp through **GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com**, electronic Duck Stamps are now valid when purchased and between July 1st and June 30th of the following year. Physical Duck Stamps are no longer required, but they will be mailed by a federal fulfillment center following March 10th after the electronic Duck Stamp purchase. This Stamp is also available at US Post Offices, 1-800-STAMP24, or **usps.com**.

LEGAL HOURS

ALL MIGRATORY BIRDS: ½ hour before sunrise to sunset.

FEDERAL YOUTH, ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY, & VETERANS WATERFOWL DAYS

Nov. 14-15, 2026

Youth under 16 years of age may hunt waterfowl or geese on these days. An adult at least 18 years of age must accompany the youth into the field but may not hunt. Additionally, active duty military and veterans may hunt waterfowl or geese on these days in accordance with all other license requirements and bag limits.

CROWS

Electronic calls may be used. Crows may be taken outside of these dates only when causing agricultural damage.

EURASIAN COLLARED DOVES

May be taken at any time; no limit.

NON-TOXIC SHOT

Any 10-gauge or smaller loaded with federally approved nontoxic shot of size "F" or smaller. No lead shot may be in possession while hunting waterfowl.

MIGRATORY BIRDS 2026-2027 SPECIAL REGULATIONS

POSSESSION OF MIGRATORY BIRDS HARVESTED BY ANOTHER

Persons possessing migratory birds harvested by another hunter must possess, in writing, the hunter's signature, address, total number of birds harvested by species and dates of harvest.

BANDED BIRDS

Hunters harvesting any banded migratory bird should go to the Bird Banding Laboratory website at **www.reportband.gov** to report the band number and how, when and where it was recovered.

FALCONRY (FOR MIGRATORY BIRDS)

Valid falconry permit and hunting license required. For season dates and limits for waterfowl see page 17.

CAUTION: More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on Federal Regulations, contact Special Agent-in-Charge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 75 Spring Street, S.W. Atlanta, GA 30303 or call 404-679-7057.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS

LAKES ALLATOONA & LANIER RESTRICTIONS:

No hunting allowed within 600 feet of a dock, house, structure, bridge, road, boat ramp, marina or open recreation area. Contact the local Game Management Region Office (see page 1) for open dates, closed recreation areas open for hunting and other special rules for waterfowl hunting on Lakes Allatoona & Lanier, or visit **georgiawildlife.com/migratory-bird-info**.

GEORGIA POWER LAKES (IN NORTH GEORGIA):

No hunting allowed within 300 feet of any dock, house, boat ramp, marina or open recreation area without permission from the lease or property owner.

Lakes open for duck and goose hunting: Lake Burton, Lake Seed, Lake Rabun, Tallulah Falls Lake, Lake Tugalo and Lake Yonah. Contact the Game Management Region 2 Office at 770-535-5700 for dates and other special rules for waterfowl hunting on Georgia Power Lakes in North Georgia, or visit **georgiawildlife.com/migratory-bird-info**.

LAKE WALTER F. GEORGE (LWFG):

No hunting allowed on the portions of LWFG in Georgia within 600 feet of a dock, house, structure, bridge, road, boat ramp, marina, or open recreation area. Waterfowl hunting from land is prohibited outside of the specified "Hunting Areas". A Corps permit **is required** to hunt waterfowl on all areas of the lake, except the Eufaula NWR. Information on how to purchase a permit (in person or by mail only): **www.sam.usace.army.mil** or 229-768-2516.

LAKE BLACKSHEAR, LAKE OCONEE, LAKE SEMINOLE, LAKE SINCLAIR & LAKE OLIVER (SOUTH OF STANDING BOY CREEK):

No hunting allowed within 300 feet of a dock, house, structure, bridge, road, boat ramp, marina or open recreation area.

Shooting Range Opportunities

ARCHERY AND FIREARMS RANGES

DNR provides recreational archery and target firearms shooting ranges around the state. For the convenience of range visitors, rules are posted at all ranges. Hearing and eye protection are required at all firearms ranges. Please visit **GoHuntGeorgia.com** or call at 706-557-3355 for hours, complete rules, and specific range information. We hope you will enjoy visiting one of our ranges soon.

Land Access: Any person, ages 16 and older, entering a WMA or PFA must possess a valid license for hunting or fishing or a Lands Pass (exclusions apply). Visit **www.georgiawildlife.com/LandAccess** for a list of all public properties and access requirements.

DNR ARCHERY RANGES

LOCATION		
Amicalola Falls State Park	Flat Creek PFA	Richmond Hill WMA
Bullard Creek WMA	General Coffee State Park	Rich Mountain WMA - Cartecay Tract
Carters Lake WMA	Georgia Veterans State Park	River Bend WMA
Chickasawhatchee WMA	J. L. Lester WMA	Rocky Mountain PFA
Clarks Hill WMA	McDuffie PFA	Unicoi State Park
Clybel WMA	Ocmulgee WMA	Victoria Bryant State Park
Dodge County PFA	Oconee WMA	Walton WMA
Evans County PFA	Panola Mountain State Park	

DNR FIREARMS RANGES

LOCATION	RANGE HOURS
Beaverdam, Big Lazer Creek, Bullard Creek, Cedar Creek, Clybel, Dixon Memorial, Hannahatchee Creek, Mayhaw, Mike Commander, Ocmulgee, Richmond Hill, West Point, Wilson Shoals, and Yuchi.	**Tuesday–Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. **Sunday:** 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. **CLOSED:** Mondays, Easter, Thanksgiving Day, & Christmas Day
Cohutta WMA (USFS - Sumac Creek Shooting Range)	https://www.fs.usda.gov/r08/chattahoochee-oconee/recreation
John's Mountain WMA (USFS - Chestnut Mountain Shooting Range)	https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/conf/recreation/otheractivities/recarea/?recid=10474&actid=106

GEORGIA PUBLIC HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES

Explore Georgia's rich hunting heritage through its diverse public hunting grounds. From the rugged mountains of the north to the coastal plains of the south, our state's public lands offer a haven for pursuing a variety of game, including deer, turkey, and ducks. With regulations in place to ensure sustainable practices, Georgia's public hunting areas provide an accessible and rewarding experience for hunters of all levels.

General WMA Regulations

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS (WMAS)

WMAs, VPAs, and State Parks offer unique hunting opportunities based upon factors such as size, habitat, topography, access, wildlife population dynamics and public desires. Therefore, each area has specific rules and regulations. Being familiar with Unlawful Actions (page 21), information that follows, and regulations for a specific area can ensure you have an enjoyable experience.

Land Access: Any person, age 16 and older, entering any WMA or PFA must have a valid GA license that allows hunting or fishing or a Lands Pass (exclusions apply). Visit **www.georgiawildlife.com/LandAccess** for a list of all public properties and access requirements. Areas that require a valid license to hunt or fish or a Lands Pass are marked with signage at the site or entrance. Passes and licenses may be purchased at **GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com**, by calling 1-800-366-2661, or through license vendors.

Any individual(s) or organization(s) desiring to sponsor or conduct an event, activity, or series of events or activities involving more than eight individuals or are engaged in commercial activities on a WMA or PFA may be required to obtain a "Right of Entry" agreement (ROEA) from the Department. Contact the respective Game Management office for more details (see page 1).

Maps: Interactive maps for all areas are available at **georgiawildlife.com/AllWMAs**. Maps may also be found at check stations, kiosks, and region offices.

Fees on National Forest Lands: Fees may be charged for camping, ATV/ORV trails, shooting ranges, and boat ramps on the National Forest. These fees apply to all users. For more information, visit **www.fs.usda.gov/visit/passes-permits/recreation-fees-passes** or contact any U. S. Forest Service Office.

WMA ACTIVITIES

CAMPING is allowed year-round unless otherwise indicated in the area listing. Camping and campfires must be in designated campgrounds unless otherwise posted at the check station. Camping, or establishment of a campsite, is limited to a maximum of 14 consecutive days, after which the campsite must be vacated and all personally owned property or physical features of the camp must be removed for a period of not less than 7 days. During that 7-day period a new campsite may not be established within the boundaries of the same WMA or within 1 mile straight-line radius of the vacated campsite by the same person(s).

Designated DNR-managed campgrounds may have a fee and/or require reservations. Payments and reservations may be made online at **GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com** or by calling 1-800-366-2661.

No musical instruments, radios, televisions, generators or other noise making devices may be used after 10:00 p.m. in a manner that they may be heard by other WMA users. (Note: Medically needed devices or aids to disabled persons are permitted.)

Loaded firearms are prohibited in camping areas, except that any lawful weapons carrier as defined in O.C.G.A. Section 16-11-125.1 may carry such firearm subject to the limitations of O.C.G.A. §§ 16-11-126 and 16-11-127, except where prohibited by federal law.

No carving, cutting, chopping or damaging of live or standing trees.

NATIONAL FOREST LANDS: Camping is allowed anywhere unless otherwise indicated or signed. Forest Service camping regulations apply on WMAs located on National Forest lands.

HIKING & OTHER RECREATIONAL USES are allowed year-round, unless otherwise posted at the WMA check station or at a specific recreation site. All WMA visitors are encouraged to wear daylight fluorescent orange/blaze pink during open hunting seasons. Specific recreation sites may be closed as needed for management purposes.

COLLECTING FIREWOOD: Only trees that are dead and down may be cut and used for firewood on WMAs. Annual firewood cutting permits are issued for personal use by the Game Management Region Office. On National Forests, firewood permits are available from the district U. S. Forest Service offices.

MOTOR VEHICLES, ATVS, HORSES & BICYCLES

All motor vehicles are restricted to roads open for vehicular access. ATVs may only be operated on open roads within WMAs during the period between 2 hours before sunrise and 2 hours after sunset one day prior to and during big game, small game, and hog only hunts by hunters actively participating in the hunt (except where otherwise specified).

GENERAL WMA REGULATIONS

"Open Roads" are roads not closed with a gate, sign, earthen berm or similar device intended to prevent vehicular access. Motor vehicles (including ATVs, dirt bikes, utility vehicles, golf carts, and other off-road vehicles) must meet applicable safety, licensing, insurance and registration requirements for use on public roads. Vehicle and ATV operators must be at least 16 years old. Roads may be closed at the discretion of DNR. Vehicles may not be parked in such a way as to block an open or closed roadway, or gate.

ON NATIONAL FOREST LANDS, including WMAs on the National Forest, ATVs are restricted to designated ATV trails unless posted otherwise.

HORSES AND BICYCLES

Horses and bicycles are allowed on open roads, designated trails, or designated areas (some specific area restrictions may apply). Bicycles may be used on closed roads for the purpose of hunter access. Electric bicycles (750 watts or less) may be used the same as pedal powered bicycles. Those exceeding 750 watts are restricted to roads open for vehicular access. Horses may be used off roads and trails during permitted field trials.

ON NATIONAL FOREST LANDS, horses and bicycles may be used on lands not otherwise closed. Electric bicycles are restricted to roads open for motor vehicles. Horses, bicycles, and electric bicycles are prohibited on the Appalachian Trail.

ROAD CLOSURES

There are reasons why roads may be closed to motor vehicles. Some roads are intended for Official Use Only (e.g., timber harvest, habitat management, emergency response). Roads that are typically closed may be open during managed hunts or during certain high-use periods to improve access and evenly distribute hunters. Before visiting a WMA:

- Go to **GoHuntGeorgia.com** for notices of road closures.
- Obtain a WMA map that denotes area specific access.
- Contact the Game Management Region Office (page 1) regarding questions pertaining to the specific status of roads or access features.

HUNTING, FISHING & TRAPPING

Sign-in is required for all bear, deer, and turkey hunts unless otherwise noted for a specific area listing. Sign in only once for each hunt segment or season. Sign-in can be done online at **GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com** except for some State Park Hunts and some coastal island WMA hunts. Sign-in available the day prior to the hunt.

Bag limits are the same as statewide limits unless otherwise specified below or for a specific area listing. All alligator, bear, deer, and turkey are to be recorded on your harvest record and reported in Georgia Game Check (page 8) except as otherwise specified below.

DEER

All deer hunts or seasons are either-sex unless otherwise noted in the area listing. On areas with antler restrictions in effect, all deer hunts are quality buck and antlerless unless otherwise noted in the area listing. Deer hunting, including archery, is prohibited during any quota hunt for rabbits or quail.

BONUS DEER HUNTS: No more than two (2) deer may be killed unless otherwise noted in area listing. On areas with antler restrictions in effect, no more than one (1) of the two (2) deer may be an antlered buck. Deer killed on bonus hunts are not to be recorded on your deer harvest record or reported in Georgia Game Check. Instead, deer are to be taken on day of kill to the check station where agency staff will tag the deer. Deer can be brought to the check station whole, field dressed, or quartered along with head.

TURKEY

Bag limit is statewide limit except that no more than one (1) gobbler per season may be taken per a single WMA, department-managed land, or National Forest lands outside of WMAs unless otherwise noted in the specific area listing.

BEAR

All harvested bears must be Game Checked and tagged (See page 14 for specific requirements by bear zone). Bear killed during bonus deer hunts are to be taken on day of kill to the check station where agency staff will tag the bear.

MIGRATORY BIRDS

CROWS, SNIPE, SORA, RAILS AND WOODCOCK may be hunted during the statewide seasons (pages 17-18) for each species unless otherwise specified.

DOVE: On opening day, hunters may not enter a managed dove field or set up more than one hour before shooting hours unless otherwise noted in area listing. Dove hunters may not enter the field prior to 1 hour before sunrise.

DUCK hunting on managed impoundments at Altamaha (Butler & Champney Islands), B. F. Grant, Oconee, Rum Creek, and West Point (Glovers Creek) WMAs and Cordele Hatchery is by quota only. Hunters must hunt from assigned areas or ponds. Shooting hours end at noon, except the last Saturday of the season when hunting is allowed until sunset. See page 25 for quota hunt information.

Waterfowl on all other WMA locations may be hunted any day of the waterfowl season or as otherwise specified.

GOOSE hunting is allowed on WMAs when the area is open for small game, except on managed waterfowl impoundments and managed dove fields. On managed waterfowl impoundments, geese may be taken by drawn hunters during the statewide goose season.

SMALL GAME, ALLIGATORS, FALCONRY

Small game and furbearers may be hunted subject to statewide seasons and bag limits (page 16) except as otherwise specified below and noted for a specific area listing. On WMAs, VPAs, & National Forest lands: 3 quail per person a day. See individual WMA listings for specifics (pages 32-57).

Small game and furbearer hunting are not allowed during quota hunts for any species unless otherwise noted in the specific area listing.

Daylight fluorescent orange or blaze pink is required on small game hunts (except dove and waterfowl) concurrent with firearms deer or bear hunts.

ALLIGATORS may be taken on small game dates and big game dates, day or night, during statewide alligator season by quota permit holders only, unless otherwise noted in the specific area listing. See page 14 for more information.

COYOTES may be taken anytime a WMA is open to hunting, but hunters may only use weapons legal for the species for which the area is open. During small game hunts and dates, centerfire firearms are not allowed. Additionally, coyote season is May 16-31 on all WMAs with any legal weapon, unless otherwise specified in the WMA specific area listings. Hunters are required to wear fluorescent orange or blaze pink and no night hunting or baiting is allowed. Electronic calls may be used.

FALCONRY: Small game may be taken on WMAs (including field trial and archery only areas) by permitted falconers during the state falconry season (see page 16) unless otherwise noted in the specific area listing.

FERAL HOGS may be taken anytime a WMA is open to hunting, but hunters may only use weapons legal for the species for which the area is open. During small game hunts and dates, centerfire firearms are not allowed. On some WMAs during the May 16-31 coyote season, feral hogs may be taken unless otherwise noted in the specific area listing. Electronic calls may be used. No night hunting or baiting allowed. On WMAs where feral hogs can be taken during May 16–31, any legal weapon may be used, and hunters are required to wear fluorescent orange or blaze pink. Dogs are NOT allowed unless otherwise specified. When dogs are allowed, they must be marked with the hunter's name and a valid phone number. Hogs must be killed immediately upon capture. The use of drones is not allowed for locating feral hogs on public land.

FOX SQUIRREL bag limit is one per person per day on all WMAs, VPAs, and department-managed lands.

RACCOONS, OPOSSUMS, FOXES & BOBCATS may be hunted at night unless otherwise noted in the specific area listing but is restricted to small game weapons only (no centerfire rifles). Hunters must pick up their dogs by noon on the day following the hunt. Electronic calls may be used for bobcat and fox. No centerfire rifles during small game dates, day or night.

AFTER YOUR SUCCESSFUL HUNT

All hunters must make an effort to properly dispose of all portions of their game carcasses after processing (see page 10). Please do not discard carcasses within 1,500 feet of any campground or within 125 feet of any road or trail. Only carcasses of deer harvested on the WMA may be disposed of on the area legally. Do not dump multiple game carcasses in one spot.

FISHING

Fishing is allowed on WMAs unless otherwise posted. A fishing license is required to fish on all WMAs (a trout license is additionally required to fish in mountain trout waters).

TREE STANDS & HUNTING STRUCTURES

Hunting structure: any portable tree stand, ground blind, stool, chair, bucket, waterfowl blind, or other similar device used for the purpose of hunting.

Hunters may not construct or hunt from any tree stand that is not portable or natural. Tree stands may not be placed on utility poles or other structures supporting utility lines. For big game and feral hog 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 noon the day following the hunt. For small game hunts, hunting structures may be placed and shall be removed from the WMA only on the day of the hunt. **Exception:** 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 prior to 1 hour before sunrise.

TRAPPING

Limited opportunities to trap on certain WMAs are available by permit only. Such opportunities are available on: Albany Nursery, B. F. Grant, Big Lazer Creek, Blanton Creek, Bullard Creek, Clayhole, Crockford-Pigeon Mtn, Dawson Forest, Dixon Memorial, Elmodel, Joe Kurz, Penholoway, Rum Creek, Tuckahoe, West Point, and Yuchi WMAs. Contact the appropriate region office (page 1) for further details or to apply for a permit.

YOUTH HUNTS AND SUPERVISION

Youth under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older and directly supervised, which means the licensed adult must remain in a position to take immediate control of the youth's firearm at all times.

Big Game (bear, deer, turkey) Hunts: One adult shall supervise no more than one child. Only the youth may hunt. The adult may not hunt. All youth big game hunts are firearms hunts unless specified otherwise.

Small Game Hunts: One adult may directly supervise no more than two children (under 16 years of age). Adults and children may hunt, provided that the adult is directly supervising a child who is actively participating in the hunt, unless otherwise noted in the specific area listing.

VOLUNTARY PUBLIC ACCESS (VPA) LANDS

Since 2014, through a USDA grant, the DNR Wildlife Resources Division (WRD) has been able to enhance its WMA program through temporary agreements with private landowners for public hunting opportunities. Some of these VPA opportunities are listed on pages 54-55, but some may not be included due to deadlines. For an up-to-date list of properties, please visit **GoHuntGeorgia.com**.

UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES ON WMAs

- Man-drives during deer hunts. A man-drive is defined as an organized hunting technique involving three (3) or more hunters using a coordinated effort to drive deer or feral swine from cover to another hunter for the purpose of shooting.
- Placing bait or wildlife food and hunting any game species or feral hog over bait.
- Target practicing, except on an authorized shooting range.
- Driving a vehicle around any gate, sign, earth berm, or similar device intended to prevent vehicular access.
- Hunting within 50 yards of any road opened for vehicular access. See pages 56-57 for National Forests.
- Hunting within a posted safety zone or no hunting zone.
- Consuming alcohol except at designated camp sites (this regulation does not apply on National Forest lands).
- Operate any motor vehicle, including off-road vehicles, in a reckless and negligent manner, or in a manner that willfully causes damage to roads, ditches, wildlife habitat, berms, firebreaks, campgrounds or parking areas.
- Using motor vehicles, signage, flagging tape, or any other method(s) to close or restrict access to roads, trails or any other access features.
- Using metal detectors or collecting artifacts.
- Using paintball equipment (this regulation does not apply on National Forest lands).
- Trapping except that special permits may be issued for certain WMAs.
- Possessing alcohol while hunting on National Forest lands.
- Possessing a cocked crossbow in a motor vehicle.
- Possessing a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle during a legal open hunting season for that area unless such person is a lawful weapons carrier as defined in O.C.G.A. Section 16-11-125.1.
- Hunt any big game species, feral hogs, or coyotes with dogs unless otherwise specified.
- Use a drone to locate any game animal or feral hogs.

Guide To Hunting Terms

HUNT TYPES

Quota Hunt: Only a set number of hunters are allowed on a given area and date. You must apply ahead of time and be drawn for a quota permit — see current regulations for how to apply.

Bonus Hunt: You may take no more than two deer unless the area listing says otherwise. On antler-restricted areas, only one of those two may be an antlered buck. Bonus hunt deer are not entered on your Harvest Record or reported through Game Check. Instead, bring the animal (whole, field dressed, or quartered — head must be included) to the designated check station on the day of the harvest .

Specialty Hunt: These hunts are set aside for specific groups — youth under 16 years of age, women, hunters over 65 years of age, Returning Georgia Veteran Honorary License holders (see page 6), and hunters with qualifying disabilities or mobility impairments.

Sign-In Hunt: You must sign in before you start. All bear, deer, and turkey hunts on WMAs require sign-in; other species may require it where noted. Sign-in is required once per season or date range (e.g. quota deer hunt).

HUNTER TYPES

Youth Hunt: For hunters under 16 years of age. A licensed adult (age 18+) must go with the youth and stay close enough to take control of the firearm at any moment. For big game, one adult may only supervise one youth and may not hunt. For small game, one adult may supervise up to two youth and may also hunt while actively supervising participating youth.

Mobility Impaired Hunt: For hunters with qualifying mobility impairments. See page 7 for license requirements. Each WMA's listing will note which roads and mobility devices are allowed.

Hunt & Learns: Hunt & Learn programs are one- to three-day educational events that teach new hunters about hunting, conservation, game identification, hunting tactics, and hunter safety. Designed for participants with little or no hunting experience, these programs provide a safe, hands-on learning environment and an opportunity to hunt a specific game animal. Programs are available for both youth and adults.

GAME RESTRICTIONS

Either-Sex Last Day (or Last Two Days): The hunt is buck-only for most of the date range and opens to either sex only on the last one or two days. Example: a hunt running October 29–31 is buck-only on the 29th and 30th, and either-sex on the 31st.

Antlerless Only: Only deer with no antlers visible above the hairline — does and button bucks.

Buck Only: Only deer with antlers visible above the hairline.

Either-Sex: Any deer hunt with none of the above restrictions is either-sex by default.

AREA TERMS

Antler Restricted Area: Only antlered bucks having at least four points that are one inch or longer on either antler, or an outside antler spread of at least 15 inches are legal for harvest on antler restricted areas.

Archery-Only Area: Only archery gear is allowed, no matter what the statewide season allows. Fluorescent orange or blaze pink is not required in these areas.

HOW TO READ A HUNT LISTING

Each WMA lists its hunts by species. Below are two examples that are broken down piece by piece.

TURKEY
» Q25 Apr. 4-5

LISTING	ELEMENT	WHAT IT MEANS
TURKEY	Species	The game species open for this hunt. Always check that your license covers this species.
Q25	Quota Hunt	This is a quota hunt with 25 slots. You must apply and be drawn to participate. Quotas limit the number of hunters to protect the resource and improve your experience.
	Youth Hunt	Open to hunters under 16 only. Must be accompanied by an adult (18+). For turkey (big game): one adult per one youth — the adult may not hunt.
Apr. 4-5	Hunt Dates	The hunt runs April 4th through April 5th. These are the only dates you may hunt this segment — sign in once before your first day out.

Antler Restricted Area

DEER
ARCHERY
» Either-Sex Last Day: Ⓑ Oct. 23-24

LISTING	ELEMENT	WHAT IT MEANS
Antler Restricted Area	Area Restriction	All antlered deer harvested in this area must have a minimum of four points that are one inch or longer on either antler, or a minimum 15-inch outside antler spread.
DEER ARCHERY	Species & Weapon	Deer hunts using archery equipment only (compound, recurve, longbow, or crossbow). No firearms. Hunter orange/blaze pink is not required on archery-only areas.
» Either-Sex Last Day	Sex Restriction	This hunt is buck only for Oct. 23–24. On the final day of this hunt (Oct. 25), both bucks and antlerless deer may be harvested.
Ⓑ	Bonus Hunt	Up to two (2) deer may be taken. Do NOT report these in Georgia Game Check — bring the deer to the check station on the day of kill for agency tagging.
Oct. 23-24	Hunt Dates	Three-day segment. Sign in once at GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com or on the Go Outdoors GA App before your first day.

Urban Wildlife Program

Our Mission: Help residents of metro Atlanta and Savannah resolve human-wildlife conflict through education, outreach, and emergency on-site response.

Our Commitment: As more people move into urban-suburban areas, we want to cultivate a deeper appreciation and understanding of wildlife and empower residents to identify potential conflicts early and resolve them proactively before they escalate.

HOW WE CAN HELP:

- Over-the-phone technical guidance
- Education and outreach
- Emergency on-site response

HUMAN-WILDLIFE CONFLICT

A human-wildlife conflict is any interaction between people and wildlife that results in a negative impact on people or wildlife. Most conflicts arise from easy access to food, water, or shelter.

PREVENTING CONFLICT?

- Remove or Secure Attractants: Pet food, bird feeders and unsecured garbage attract wildlife.
- Maintain Property: By controlling overgrowth in your yard, it becomes less attractive to such species as deer, coyotes, foxes and other species.
- Supervise Pets: Watch your pets when they are outdoors. Dawn and dusk are most active times for wildlife.
- Leave Wildlife Alone: Never approach, chase, pick up or feed wild animals.
- Have continuing issues? Contact UWP for more advanced strategies.

Prevent Wildlife Conflicts

Urban Wildlife Program

To learn more about preventing conflicts or about our Community-led Deer Management program, scan the QR codes above.

Youth Hunts

Q Quota Hunt
Ⓑ Bonus Deer Hunt
Antler Restricted
Youth Hunt

On Big Game Youth Hunts, only the youth may hunt (under 16 years of age). On Small Game Youth Hunts, both the youth (under 16 years of age) and the supervising adult may hunt. See page 25 for more information on applying for quota hunts.

YOUTH HUNT: DEER & BEAR

QUOTA APPLICATION DEADLINE: SEPT. 1
for designated quota hunts only

One adult may supervise one child. For designated quota hunts, group applications with up to five children allowed. Youth is defined as persons under 16 years of age.

AREA	TYPE	DATE
Big Lazer Creek WMA	Deer	Antler Oct. 10-11
Bond Swamp NWR	Deer	Nov. 14-15
Buck Shoals WMA	Deer/Bear	Q12 Ⓑ Nov. 21-22; Dec. 5-6
Carter's Lake WMA	Deer/Bear	Q20 Ⓑ Nov. 14-15
Chattahoochee Fall Line (Almo, Ft. Perry, Hilliard)	Deer	Antler Oct. 9-11
Chickasawhatchee WMA	Deer	Nov. 20-27; Dec. 18-23
Clayhole Swamp WMA	Deer	Sept. 18-20
Clybel WMA	Deer	Sept. 26 - Oct. 1
Eufaula NWR	Deer	Ⓑ Oct. 3; Oct. 17
Gaither WMA	Deer	Q25 Nov. 23-29
Grand Bay WMA	Deer	Sept. 26-27
Griffin Ridge WMA	Deer	Oct. 23-25
J.L. Lester WMA	Deer/Bear	Q20 Ⓑ Oct. 3-4; Jan. 9-10
Little River WMA	Deer	Oct. 10-18; Nov. 21-29; Dec. 19-27
Oaky Woods WMA	Deer	Oct. 10-16
Ocmulgee WMA	Deer	Oct. 10-16
Ossabaw Island WMA	Deer	Q75 Ⓑ Nov. 26-28
Paulks Pasture WMA	Deer	Sept. 18-20
Penholoway Swamp WMA	Deer	Sept. 25-27
Piedmont NWR	Deer	Oct. 17-18
River Creek, The Rolf, and Alexandra Kauka WMA	Deer	Antler Q35 Dec. 21-23
Sansavilla WMA	Deer	Sept. 25-27
Sapelo Island WMA	Deer	Ⓑ Oct. 9-11
Silver Lake WMA	Deer	Dec. 19-25



YOUTH HUNT: SMALL GAME

QUOTA APPLICATION DEADLINE: OCT. 15
for designated quota hunts only

One adult may supervise two children. For designated quota hunts, group applications with up to three children allowed. Selected child may bring one other child and must bring only one supervising adult.

AREA	TYPE	DATE
Albany Nursery WMA	Quail	Q1 Nov. 14; Dec. 5
Altamaha WMA - Waterfowl Management Area – Butler Island	Rabbit	Jan. 23-24; Archery only.
Arrowhead WMA	Quail,Rabbit	Jan. 11 - Feb. 28
Buck Shoals WMA	Small Game	Q10 Jan. 2-10, 16-24
Chickasawhatchee WMA	Quail	Q2 Nov. 14; Dec. 5, 26; Jan. 9, 16, 23
Di-Lane WMA	Quail	Q8 Feb. 6
River Creek, The Rolf, and Alexandra Kauka WMA	Quail	Q2 Jan. 23
Silver Lake WMA	Quail	Q2 Nov. 21, 28; Dec. 5; Jan. 16, 23, 30

YOUTH HUNT: TURKEY

QUOTA APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEB. 15
for designated quota hunts only

One adult may supervise one child. For designated quota hunts, group applications with up to three children allowed. Youth under 16 must bring supervising adult.

AREA	DATE
Albany Nursery WMA	Q1 Apr. 3-7, 17-21
B.F. Grant WMA	Apr. 3-9
Buck Shoals WMA	Q5 Apr. 17-18; May 1-2
Clybel WMA	Q25 Apr. 3-7, 17-21
Di-Lane WMA	Q20 Apr. 3-9
Dodge County PFA	Q2 Apr. 17-18, 24-25
Doerun Pitcherplant Bog WMA	Q1 Apr. 3-4, 10-11
Featherfield WMA	Q2 Apr. 3-4
Flat Creek PFA	Apr. 3-11
Grand Bay WMA	Apr. 3-4, 17-18
Griffin Ridge WMA	Q25 Apr. 3-4
Hugh M. Gillis PFA	Q2 Apr. 17-18, May 8-9
Moody Forest WMA	Apr. 3-4
Pleasant Valley VPA	Apr. 3 - May 15
River Creek, The Rolf, and Alexandra Kauka WMA	Q5 Apr. 3-5, 9-11
Rum Creek WMA	Q25 Apr. 3-7, 17-21 May 1-5
Silver Lake WMA	Apr. 15-19
Standing Boy State Park	Q10 Apr. 9-11, 16-18
West Point WMA - Dixie Creek	Apr. 3-9
West Point WMA - Glovers Creek	Apr. 3-9

YOUTH HUNT: DOVE

QUOTA APPLICATION DEADLINE: AUG. 15

for designated quota hunts only

One adult may supervise two children. For designated quota hunts, group applications with up to three children allowed. Youth under 16 must bring supervising adult.

AREA	DATE
Buck Shoals	Q25 Sept. 5, 12
Chattahoochee Fall Line (Almo, Ft. Perry, Hilliard)	**Hilliard Youth Field:** Sept. 5, 12
Di-Lane	**Field 2:** Q75 Sept. 5
Featherfield WMA	Sept. 5
Flint River	Sept. 5
Indian Ford Farm Dove Fields	Q50 Sept. 12
J. L. Lester	Sept. 5, 12
Paradise PFA	Sept. 5
Redlands	Q80 Sept. 5
River Creek	Q15 Sept. 5, 12
Walton	Q80 Sept. 5
Wilson Shoals	Q15 Sept. 5

YOUTH HUNT: WATERFOWL

QUOTA APPLICATION DEADLINE: OCT. 15

for designated quota hunts only

One adult may supervise two children. For designated quota hunts, no group applications allowed. Selected child may bring one other child and must bring only one supervising adult.

AREA	DATE
Altamaha Waterfowl Management Area	**Champney:** Q20 Nov. 21-22
B.F Grant	Q3 Nov. 14 (Child); Nov. 28 (Adult and Child)
Conasauga	Nov. 14, 21, 28
Lula Bridge	Nov. 14-15
Mead Farm	Nov. 14, 21, 28
Oconee - Dan Denton	Q3 Pond 1 & Q2 Pond 3: Nov. 14, 28
Phinizy Swamp	Nov. 14
Pleasant Valley VPA	Saturdays during state seasons
River Creek	Q3 Dec. 19; Jan. 2, 9
Rum Creek (Ebenezer Rd.)	Nov. 14-15
Rum Creek (MARSH)	Q3 Dec. 19, Jan. 9
West Point - Glovers Creek	Nov. 14

Quota Hunts

QUOTA HUNT — A hunt that allows a predetermined number of hunters to participate. A quota is used to conserve the natural resources (wildlife and their habitats) and to provide a quality hunting experience. A list of Youth Quota Hunts is on pages 24-25. A list of Mobility Impaired Quota Hunts is on page 28. A list of General Quota Hunts is on pages 25-27.

PRIORITY POINTS

An applicant is awarded one priority point if not selected for the quota hunt. Each person listed on a group application that is not selected is awarded a priority point. Priority points may be used on an application to increase the likelihood of selection. You may wager as many points as you have when applying for a quota hunt, not exceeding the lowest held by any group member. Only the number of points needed to win the hunt will be taken if you are selected. Visit the quota hunt webpage at **GoHuntGeorgia.com** to determine how many priority points may be required to get selected for your favorite hunt.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

The official application deadlines are 11:59 p.m. (EST) on the dates listed in the tables below. No applications are accepted after the deadline.

SUBMIT QUOTA HUNT APPLICATIONS

GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com

Questions about quota hunt applications: 1-800-366-2661

GENERAL QUOTA HUNT APPLICATIONS

APPLICATION DEADLINES	QUOTA HUNT	APPLICATION RESTRICTIONS
Feb. 15	Turkey	Application with up to three hunters allowed.
July 15	Alligator	Application with up to three hunters allowed.
Aug. 15	Dove	Application with up to five hunters allowed.
Aug. 15	Dog-Bear	Selected hunters may bring a hunting party totaling no more than 10 members, including the administrator and designated coadministrator. Participating hunters may not exceed their personal bag limit or a total of 5 bears per hunting party during the hunt
Sept. 1	Deer	Application with up to five hunters allowed.
	State Park Deer	
Sept. 30	Dog-Deer	Applications with an administrator and assistant administrator only. Selected administrators may bring a hunting party totaling no more than twenty members including administrators.
Oct. 15	Waterfowl	No group applications. Selected hunters may bring up to two hunters.
	Quail	
	Rabbit	
	Feral Hog	Application with up to five hunters allowed.

NOTE: Youth may participate in general quota hunts provided that adult supervision restrictions are followed.

YOUTH HUNT QUOTA APPLICATIONS (see page 24 for a list of hunts)

APPLICATION DEADLINES	QUOTA HUNT	APPLICATION RESTRICTIONS
Feb. 15	Youth Hunt Turkey	Group applications with up to three children allowed. Selected children MUST bring supervising adults (one adult may supervise one child).
Aug. 15	Youth Hunt Dove	Group applications with up to three children allowed. Selected children MUST bring supervising adults (one adult may supervise up to two children).
Sept. 1	Youth Hunt Deer	Group applications with up to five children allowed. Selected children MUST bring supervising adults (one adult may supervise one child).
Oct. 15	Youth Hunt Waterfowl	Selected child may bring one other child and MUST bring only one supervising adult.
	Youth Hunt Quail	Selected child may bring one other child and MUST bring only one supervising adult.
	Youth Small Game	Group applications with up to three children allowed. Selected children MUST bring supervising adults (one adult may supervise up to two children).

Youth = Under 16 years of age

NOTE: ONLY the youth (or youth when group applications are allowed) may submit an application for any Youth Hunt. ONLY youth can hunt on Youth Big Game Quota hunts.

DEER & BEAR QUOTA HUNTS

APPLICATION PERIOD: JUNE 1 - SEPT. 1

WMA/VPA	GAME	WEAPON	TYPE	QUOTA	DATE
Altama Plantation WMA	Deer	Firearms	Either Sex	Q50	Nov. 12-14; Dec. 3-5
B. F. Grant WMA	Deer	Firearms	Antler Restricted Either Sex	Q300	Ⓑ Nov. 5-7, 19-21
Berry College WMA	Deer/Bear	Firearms	Either Sex Last Day	Q1000	Ⓑ Oct. 28-31
			Either Sex	Q1000	Ⓑ Dec. 2-5
Blanton Creek WMA	Deer	Firearms	Antler Restricted Either Sex	Q125	Oct. 22-24
			Antler Restricted Either Sex	Q125	Ⓑ Nov. 19-21
Ceylon WMA	Deer	Firearms	Antler Restricted Either Sex	Q100	Ⓑ Nov. 12-14; Dec. 3-5
		Primitive	Antler Restricted Either Sex	Q100	Ⓑ Oct. 15-17
Chattahoochee Fall Line - Almo, Ft. Perry, Hilliard WMA	Deer	Firearms	Antler Restricted Either Sex	Q300	Ⓑ Nov. 12-14 Oct. 29-31
Chickasawhatchee WMA	Deer	Firearms	Either Sex	Q350	Nov. 5-7 Ⓑ Dec. 10-12
Clybel WMA	Deer	Firearms	Either Sex	Q200	Ⓑ Nov. 5-7, 19-21
Di-Lane WMA	Deer	Firearms	Antler Restricted Either Sex	Q300	Ⓑ Oct. 22-24; Nov. 5-7
Flint River WMA	Deer	Firearms	Antler Restricted Either Sex	Q25	Oct. 29-31; Nov. 12-14
Gaither WMA	Deer	Firearms	Either Sex	Q25	Nov. 6-8; Dec. 4-6
Joe Kurz WMA	Deer	Firearms	Antler Restricted Either Sex	Q100	Ⓑ Oct. 15-17
			Antler Restricted Either Sex Last Day	Q100	Ⓑ Nov. 5-7
Lanahassee WMA	Deer	Firearms	Antler Restricted Either Sex	Q50	Nov. 12-14
			Antler Restricted Either Sex	Q50	Ⓑ Dec. 3-5
Ossabaw Island WMA	Deer	Archery	Either Sex	Q100	Ⓑ Oct. 8-10
		Primitive	Either Sex	Q100	Ⓑ Oct. 22-24
		Firearms	Either Sex	Q100	Ⓑ Nov. 5-7; Dec. 10-12
River Creek WMA	Deer	Firearms	Antler Restricted Either Sex	Q35	Ⓑ Dec. 2-5
			Antler Restricted | Either Sex	Q35	Nov. 4-7
Rum Creek WMA	Deer	Firearms	Either Sex	Q200	Ⓑ Oct. 22-24; Nov. 12-14
Sapelo Island WMA	Deer	Primitive	Either Sex	Q125	Ⓑ Oct. 22-24
		Firearms	Either Sex	Q125	Ⓑ Nov. 5-7, 19-21
Silver Lake WMA	Deer	Firearms	Either Sex	Q160	Ⓑ Dec. 10-12
Tallapoosa River WMA	Deer/Bear	Firearms	Either Sex	Q200	Ⓑ Nov. 27-29; Jan. 8-10
Treat Mountain WMA	Deer/Bear	Firearms	Either Sex	Q200	Ⓑ Oct. 2-4; Nov. 27-29; Jan. 8-10
Upatoi Natural Area	Deer	Firearms	Either Sex	Q75	Nov. 20-22, Dec. 11-13

STATE PARK DEER QUOTA HUNTS

APPLICATION PERIOD: JUNE 1 - SEPT. 1

STATE PARK	WEAPON	TYPE	QUOTA	DATE
Chattahoochee Bend	Firearms	Either Sex	Q110	Ⓑ Dec. 1-2*
Don Carter	Firearms	Either Sex	Q55	Ⓑ Nov. 3-4*
F.D. Roosevelt	Firearms	Either Sex	Q150	Ⓑ Jan. 5-6
Fort Yargo	Firearms	Either Sex	Q85	Ⓑ Nov. 17-18
Hard Labor Creek	Firearms	Either Sex	Q250	Ⓑ Nov. 3-4
Mistletoe	Firearms	Either Sex	Q75	Ⓑ Nov. 17-18
Panola Mountain	Firearms	Either Sex	Q60	Ⓑ Nov. 3-4*
Red Top Mountain	Firearms	Either Sex	Q50	Ⓑ Nov. 17-18
Richard B. Russell	Firearms	Either Sex	Q60	Ⓑ Dec. 1-2
		Mobility-Impaired | Either Sex	Q25	Ⓑ Dec. 1-2
Standing Boy Creek	Archery	Either Sex	Q20	Oct. 2-4; Nov. 6-8, 13-15; Dec. 4-6
Tugaloo	Archery	Either Sex	Q40	Ⓑ Nov. 17-18

* Archery option for up to 10 (Chattahoochee Bend), 5 (Don Carter), and 4 (Panola Mountain) selected hunters. Contact the Parks Office for details.

DOG-DEER QUOTA HUNTS

APPLICATION PERIOD: SEPT. 1 - 30

LOCATIONS	WEAPON	TYPE	QUOTA	DATE
Dixon Memorial WMA	Shotguns (Buckshot Only)	Dog Hunting/Either Sex	Q3	Nov. 13-14; Dec. 11-12
Paulks Pasture WMA	Shotguns (Buckshot Only)	Dog Hunting/Either Sex	Q3	Ⓑ Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19
Sansavilla WMA	Shotguns (Buckshot Only)	Dog Hunting/Either Sex	Q1	Dec. 18-19
Townsend WMA - North, South, Pine Island Tracts	Shotguns (Buckshot Only)	Dog Hunting/Either Sex	Q3	Ⓑ Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17

2026 TURKEY QUOTA HUNTS

APPLICATION PERIOD: JUNE 1 - FEB. 15

WMA/VPA/STATE PARK	QUOTA	DATES
Alapaha River WMA	Q15	Apr. 3-9
B. F. Grant WMA	Q80	Apr. 10-16
Big Lazer Creek WMA	Q50	Apr. 3-9, 10-16
Blanton Creek WMA	Q35	Apr. 3-9, 10-16
Bullard Creek WMA	Q40	Apr. 3-9
Cedar Creek WMA	Q100	Apr. 3-9
Ceylon WMA	Q25	Apr. 3-9, 17-23; May 1-7
Chattahoochee Fall Line - Almo, Ft. Perry, Hilliard	Q45	Apr. 10-18, 24-30
Chickasawhatchee WMA	Q30	Apr. 3-9, 10-16, 17-23
Clybel WMA	Q25	Apr. 10-14; May 1-5
Crockford-Pigeon Mtn. WMA	Q40	Apr. 3-9
Dawson Forest WMA	Q50	Apr. 3-4
	Q75	Apr. 17-23; May 1-7
Di-Lane WMA	Q30	Apr. 10-16, 17-23
Dukes Creek - Smithgall Woods State Park	Q20	Apr. 10-11, 24-25; May 8-9
Featherfield WMA	Q2	Apr. 10-11
Gaither WMA	Q10	Apr. 3-7, 10-14, 17-21
Griffin Ridge WMA	Q25	Apr. 10-16, 24-30
Hart County WMA	Q5	Apr. 3-9, 24-30
Joe Kurz WMA	Q25	Apr. 3-11; Apr. 24-May 2
McGraw Ford WMA	Q10	Apr. 3-9
Oaky Woods WMA	Q80	Apr. 3-9
Ocmulgee WMA	Q60	Apr. 3-9
Oconee WMA	Q30	Apr. 3-9, 10-16
Ohoopee Dunes - North WMA	Q20	Apr. 3-9
Paulding Forest WMA	Q50	Apr. 3-11, 17-25
River Bend WMA	Q15	Apr. 3-9
River Creek WMA	Q5	Apr. 16-18
Rum Creek WMA	Q25	Apr. 10-14, 24-28
Sheffield WMA	Q10	Apr. 3-11, 17-25
Silver Lake WMA	Q35	Apr. 3-7, 22-26
Standing Boy Creek SP	Q10	Apr. 23-25; Apr. 30-May 2
Treat Mountain WMA	Q10	Apr. 3-11, 17-25
Upatoi Natural Area	Q5	May 2-8, 9-15
West Point WMA	Q80	Apr. 3-9
Wilson Shoals WMA	Q15	Apr. 3-9, 17-23; May 1-7
Yuchi WMA	Q30	Apr. 3-9, 10-16

WATERFOWL QUOTA HUNTS

APPLICATION PERIOD: JUNE 1 - OCT. 15

AREA	QUOTA	DATES
Atlamaha WMA - Waterfowl Management Area, Butler	Q20	Nov. 21, 28; Dec. 12, 19, 26; Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Atlamaha WMA - Waterfowl Management Area, Champney	Q20	**Youth or Veteran:** Nov. 21-22
	Q20	Nov. 28-29; Dec. 12-13, 19-20, 26-27; Jan. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 30-31
B. F. Grant WMA	Q3	Dec. 12; Jan. 16
Conasauga River WMA	Q3	Dec. 12, 19, 26
Flat Creek PFA	Q3	Nov. 21, 28
Oconee WMA - Dan Denton Waterfowl Area	Q3 Pond 1	Dec. 12, 19, 26; Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
	Q2 Pond 3	Dec. 12, 19, 26; Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
West Point WMA - Glovers Creek Area	Q7	Nov. 21, 28; Dec. 12, 19, 26; Jan. 2

SMALL GAME QUOTA HUNTS

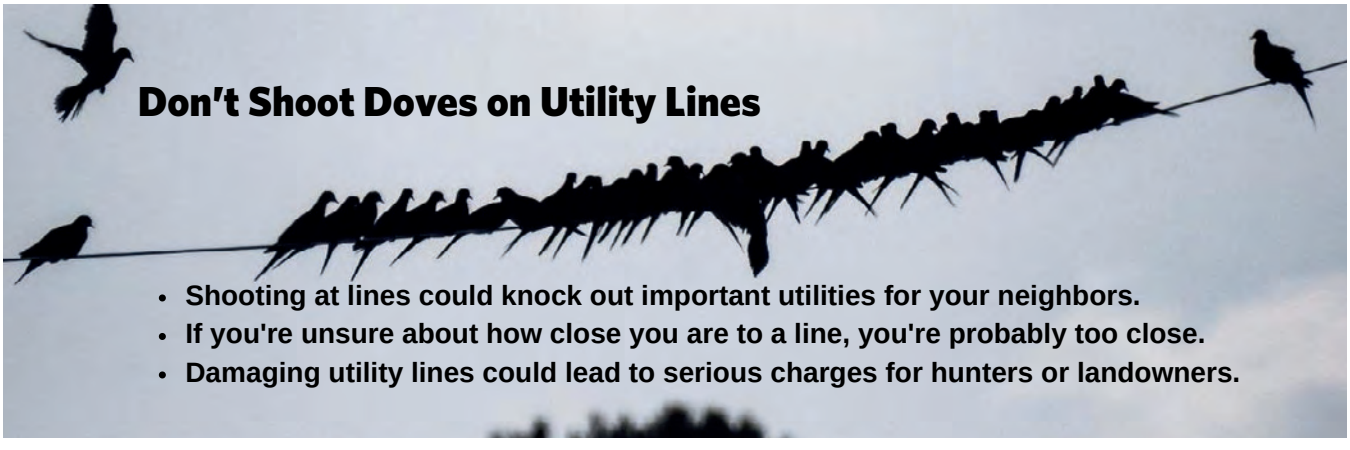
APPLICATION PERIOD: SEPT. 1 - OCT. 15

WMA	TYPE	QUOTA	DATES
Albany Nursery	Quail	Q1	Dec. 19; Jan. 16, 19
Chickasawhatchee	Quail	Q5	Nov. 14; Dec. 5, 26; Jan. 9, 16, 23
Di-Lane	Quail	Q8	Dec. 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 30; Feb. 10
J. L. Lester	Quail	Q3	Dec. 20; Jan. 3; Feb. 14, 20
J. L. Lester	Rabbit	Q5	Jan. 2; Feb. 21
Joe Kurz	Quail	Q3	Dec. 5; Jan. 9; Feb. 6
River Creek	Quail	Q2	Nov. 14, 21; Dec. 12, 26; Jan. 16
Silver Lake	Quail	Q5	Nov. 21, 28; Dec. 5; Jan. 16, 23, 30

DOG-BEAR QUOTA HUNTS

APPLICATION PERIOD: AUG. 1 - AUG. 15

AREA	TYPE	QUOTA	DATES
Chattahoochee WMA	Dog Hunting	Q15	Oct. 3-11
Chestatee WMA	Dog Hunting	Q15	Oct. 3-11



Dove, Specialty & Mobility-Impaired Hunts

The Specialty Hunt information listed below is for quick reference only. See Specific WMA Regulations for all details pertaining to the hunts listed below. **These hunts are not quota unless specified otherwise.**

DOVE QUOTA HUNTS

For dove hunts designated as quota, hunters must apply and be selected to participate. See page 25 for quota hunt information.

AREA	QUOTA	DATES
Alapaha WMA	Q50	Sept. 5
Albany Nursery WMA	Q35	Sept. 5
Alexander WMA	Q50	Sept. 5
Blanton Creek WMA	Q75	Sept. 5
Chickasawhatchee WMA	Q40	Sept. 5
Clarks Hill East WMA	Q60	Sept. 5, Field 1 & 2
Clybel WMA	Q200	Sept. 5
Dawson Forest WMA	Q40	Sept. 5
Di-Lane WMA	Q100	Sept. 5, Field 1
London Farms VPA	Q30	Sept. 5, 12
Lower Broad River WMA	Q45	Sept. 5
McDuffie PFA	Q25	Sept. 5
McGraw Ford WMA	Q20	Sept. 5, Sept. 12
Oconee WMA	Q60	Sept. 5
Perry Dove Field	Q150	Sept. 5
River Bend WMA	Q30	Sept. 5
Rum Creek WMA	Q75	Sept. 5, Sept. 12



SPECIALTY HUNTS

A Specialty Hunt is only for Youth (under 16 years of age), Ladies, Disability License holders, Returning Georgia Veteran Honorary License holders, and hunters over the age of 65. Hunts are sign-in unless otherwise noted. (Page 6)

AREA	TYPE	DATES
Allatoona WMA	Deer/Bear	Oct. 17-31
Arrowhead WMA	Deer/Bear	Sept. 12-Oct. 31
Arrowhead WMA	Turkey	Apr. 10-16
Beaverdam WMA	Deer	Sept. 19-25
Berry College WMA	Deer/Bear	Ⓑ Jan. 2-3
Big Lazer Creek WMA	Deer	♀ Nov. 20-22
Blanton Creek WMA	Deer	♀ Oct. 10-11
Bullard Creek WMA	Deer	Oct. 30-Nov. 1
Cedar Creek WMA	Deer	Nov. 23-29
Chattahoochee Fall Line (Almo, Ft. Perry, Hilliard)	Deer	♀ Nov. 20-22
Clybel WMA	Deer	Nov. 23-29
Cochrans Creek WMA	Deer/Bear	Ⓑ ♀ Oct. 28-31
Coopers Creek WMA	Deer/Bear	Ⓑ Nov. 4-7
Coosawattee WMA	Deer/Bear	Ⓑ Oct. 16-18
Crockford-Pigeon Mtn. WMA	Deer/Bear	Ⓑ Oct. 17-18
Dawson Forest WMA	Deer/Bear	♀ Ⓑ Oct. 28-31
Dukes Creek - SWSP	Deer/Bear	Oct. 9-11
Flint River WMA	Deer	♀ Oct. 10-18
Horse Creek WMA	Deer	Oct. 3-4
Lake Russell WMA	Deer/Bear	Ⓑ Nov. 4-7
Lanahassee WMA	Deer	♀ Dec. 20-26
Paulding Forest WMA	Deer/Bear	Ⓑ Oct. 10-11
Pleasant Valley VPA	Deer/Bear	Archery- Sept. 12-Oct. 16 Firearms- Oct. 17-Nov. 13 Firearms- Nov. 15-Jan. 1 (except Saturdays)
River Bend WMA	Deer	Oct. 16-18
Rum Creek WMA	Deer	Oct. 5-11
Tallapoosa River WMA	Deer/Bear	Ⓑ Oct. 2-4
Tallapoosa River WMA	Turkey	Apr. 3-May 15
Tuckahoe WMA	Deer	Sept. 18-20
West Point WMA	Deer	♀ Oct. 9-11

MOBILITY-IMPAIRED HUNTS

AREA	TYPE	DATES
Albany Nursery WMA	Deer	Oct. 29-Nov. 1; Nov. 26-29
Albany Nursery WMA	Turkey	QI Apr. 10-14, 24-28
Arrowhead WMA	Deer/Bear	Nov. 1-15
Arrowhead WMA	Turkey	Apr. 3-9
Carters Lake WMA	Deer/Bear	Ⓑ Nov. 6-8
Okefenokee NWR - Suwanee Canal Unit	Deer	See the ONWR website for dates and details.
Piedmont NWR	Deer	Oct. 17-18
River Bend WMA	Deer	Oct. 3-4
Richard B. Russell State Park	Deer	Q20 Ⓑ Dec. 1-2

See page 51 for additional opportunities with the adaptive Outdoors Beyond Barriers program.

Dog Training

TRAINING DOGS ON PUBLIC LANDS

Review specific area listings for season dates and additional restrictions. All participants must have a hunting license.

REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR ALL DOGS:

- All dogs must be confined or kept on a leash except when hunting or training during designated seasons or in designated areas.
- Each dog must be marked with hunter's name, address and telephone number.
- All dogs must be removed from area upon departure.
- It is unlawful to allow dogs to pursue bears, deer, or feral hogs onto lands not authorized for such activity.

ON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS (INCLUDING THOSE ON FOREST SERVICE LAND):

Unless otherwise specified, training dogs to pursue small game on a WMA is allowed anytime the season is open for that species on that WMA. Dog training is not allowed on an area when a quota hunt for quail or rabbits is taking place.

RESTRICTIONS:

- It is unlawful to run deer with dogs unless otherwise specified (see Dixon Memorial, Paulks Pasture, Sansavilla, and Townsend WMAs).
- It is unlawful to run bears with dogs unless otherwise specified (see Chattahoochee and Chestatee WMAs).
- It is unlawful to run feral hogs with dogs unless otherwise specified in the area specific listing.
- Hunters are allowed to hunt raccoons with trail dogs only.
- Trail dogs for rabbits are limited to beagles, basset hounds and dachshunds.

BIRD DOG TRAINING ON WMAs

Some WMAs allow bird dog training year-round during daylight hours (see list to right) except as otherwise noted in the area-specific listing.

- Pigeons and pen-raised quail may be used for the training of pointing, flushing, and retrieving dogs in designated areas only.
- Dog trainer must maintain proof of purchase for pen-raised quail used in training.
- Shotguns may be used to harvest released birds during training with No. 6 or smaller shot only.

FURBEARER DOG TRAINING ON WMAs

Some WMAs allow furbearer dog training Aug. 1-14 and Mar. 1-19 (see list to right) except as otherwise noted in the area-specific listing.

ON NATIONAL FORESTS (OUTSIDE OF WMAS):

Unless otherwise specified, training dogs to pursue small game on National Forests is allowed anytime the season is open for that species on that Forest. All participants must have a hunting license.

Bird and Furbearer Dog Training: The training season on the Chattahoochee National Forest and the Oconee National Forest is Aug. 1 - Sept. 7 and Jan. 2 – March 31.

Bear & Hog: The pursuit of bears and hogs for the purpose of training dogs on Chattahoochee National Forest is Aug. 1 - Sept. 7, Jan. 2 - Mar. 31, during legal daylight hours.

All participants must:

- Possess a valid Hunting license and Big Game license.
- Sign-in once per season online at **www.georgiawildlife.com**

Pursuing bears or hogs with dogs for hunting or training purposes is prohibited on the Oconee National Forest.

LOOK FOR THESE SYMBOLS IN A SPECIFIC WMA LISTING:

- Bird dog training allowed
- Furbearer dog training allowed
- Rabbit dog training allowed

DOG TRAINING AREAS

	BIRD	RABBIT	FURBEARER
Albany Nursery WMA	✓		
Alexander WMA	✓		✓
Beaverdam WMA	✓		
Berry College WMA	✓	✓	
Carters Lake WMA		✓	
Ceylon WMA	✓		
Chickasawhatchee WMA	✓		✓
Collins Road VPA	✓		
Crockford-Pigeon Mtn WMA	✓	✓	✓
Elbert County WMA			✓
Elmodel WMA	✓	✓	
Fishing Creek WMA			✓
Flat Creek PFA	✓	✓	
Germany Creek WMA			✓
Hart County WMA	✓		✓
Horse Creek WMA	✓		✓
J. L. Lester WMA	✓	✓	
Joe Kurz WMA	✓		
Little River WMA	✓	✓	✓
Little Satilla WMA			✓
Lower Broad River WMA			✓
Mead Farm WMA	✓		
Ocmulgee WMA - Gum Swamp Creek Tract	✓		
Otting WMA			✓
Paulding Forest WMA	✓	✓	
Penholoway Swamp WMA	✓		
Redlands WMA			✓
Redlands WMA - Watson's Spring Area			✓
Richmond Hill WMA	✓		✓
Rogers WMA			✓
Sandhills WMA	✓		
Sansavilla WMA			✓
Sapelo Island WMA			✓
Sheffield WMA			✓
Soap Creek WMA			✓
Sprewell Bluff WMA - West			✓
Walton WMA	✓		
West Point WMA			✓
West Point - Dixie Creek Tract	✓		
Yuchi WMA			✓

Dogs are not allowed for pursuing, catching or killing bears or hogs on WMAs, unless specified otherwise.

ATTENTION GROUSE HUNTERS

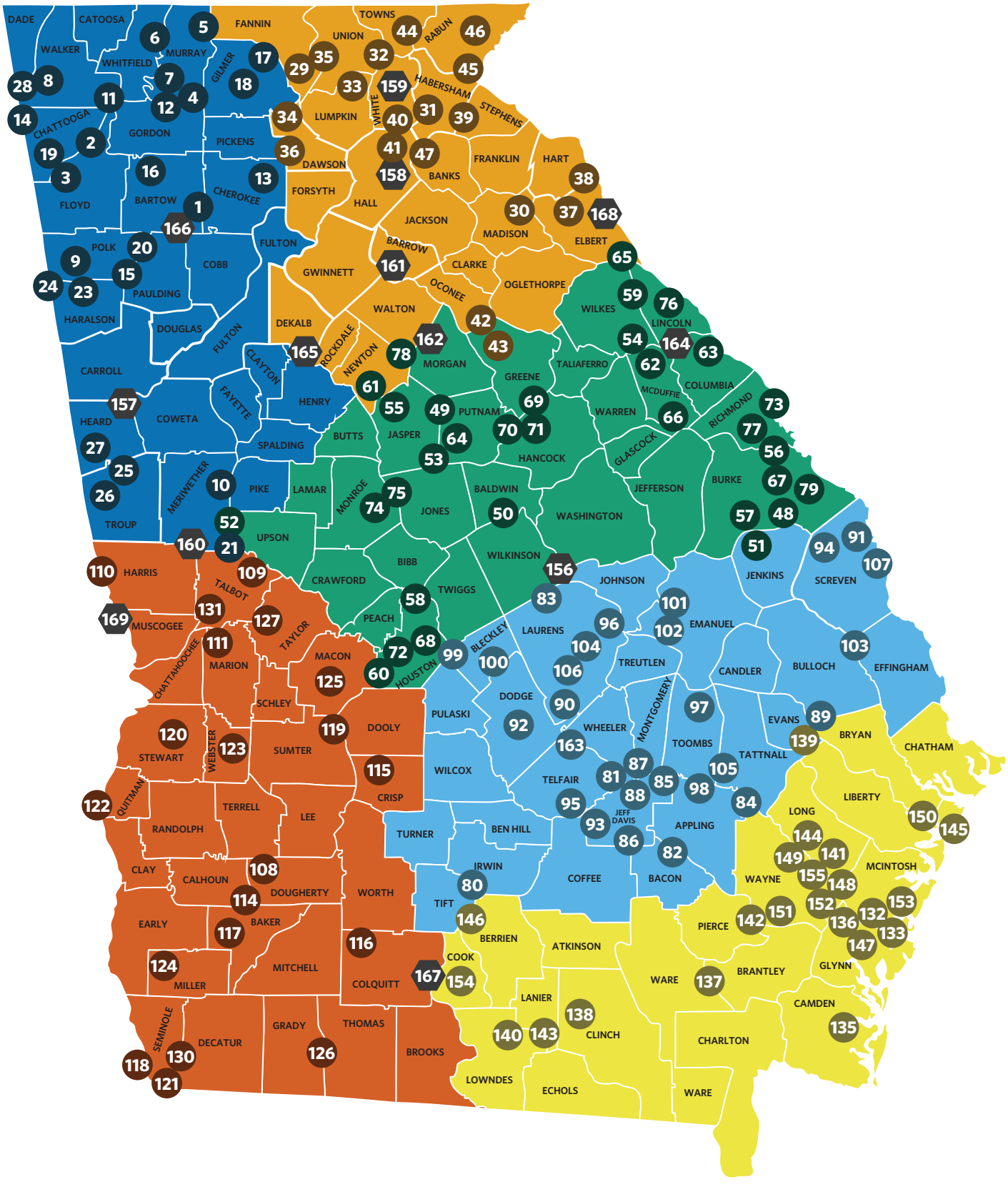
The GAME Lab at UGA is seeking assistance from hunters, birdwatchers, and other outdoor enthusiasts to collect genetic materials from ruffed grouse. The research is examining genetics of grouse across the landscape to better understand the declining grouse population in Georgia. Genetic materials include:

- Feathers.
- Small pieces of muscle.
- Blood.
- Roadkill grouse.
- Fecal samples from grouse drumming logs OR let UGA researchers know precise locations of drumming logs.



Scan the QR code for more info

Map of State Properties



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Specific WMA & PFA Hunting Regulations

The Georgia Wildlife Resources Division (WRD) manages a system of Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) across the state. These lands are open to the public for hunting and other outdoor activities. The listings in this section show the specific seasons, dates, and rules for each WMA. Before visiting any WMA, hunters must read both the statewide regulations and the rules for that specific area.

The following rules apply to all WMAs. Full regulations are found on page 19.

Antler Restricted Area: Only antlered bucks having at least four points that are one inch or longer on either antler, or an outside antler spread of at least 15 inches are legal for harvest on antler restricted areas.

Camping: Camp only in designated campsites unless the area kiosk or check station states otherwise.

Dog Training and Hunts: All dogs must display the hunter's name, address, and phone number.

Sign-In Hunts: All bear, deer, and turkey hunters must sign in unless the area listing says otherwise. Sign-in is required only once per hunt segment or season.

Small game, furbearers, and waterfowl: Unless otherwise stated, hunters are allowed to hunt any small game with an open state season during small game dates specified on each WMA. No small game or furbearer hunting is allowed during deer, quail, quota hunts except that waterfowl may be hunted during archery deer hunts during open state season.

Please review all area listings carefully. Each listing includes symbols in its header as a quick reference guide. A full legend is provided below.

LEGEND

Sign-in required for all bear, deer, and turkey hunts unless otherwise noted for a specific area.

- Ⓢ Sign-in
- Ⓑ Bonus Deer hunt (see pg. 20)
- Youth Hunt (see pg. 24)
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- Archery Only Area
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- Antler Restricted Area
- Mobility-Impaired Hunt (see pg. 28)
- Bird Dog Training
- Furbearer Dog Training
- Rabbit Dog Training
- Archery Range
- Firearms Shooting Range

ALAPAHA RIVER WMA

Q Ⓑ

6,870 acres • 229.426.5267

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 18
FIREARMS
» Oct. 24-25, Nov. 25-29, Dec. 15-20
» Ⓑ Nov. 12-14

TURKEY
» Q15: Apr. 3-9
» Apr. 10-May 15

DOVE
» Q50 Ⓢ Sept. 5
» Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, Nov. 21-Nov. 29, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

COYOTE
» May 16 - 31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

DIRECTIONS
From Ocilla: Take Hwy 319 West towards Tifton for 10 miles. Entrance on left.

ALBANY NURSERY WMA

Q

300 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-27, Oct. 5-22, Dec. 6-Jan. 10
SHOTGUN ONLY
» Oct. 29-Nov. 1, Nov. 26-29

TURKEY
» Q1 Apr. 10-14, 24-28
» Q1 Apr. 3-7, 17-21

QUAIL
Maximum 3 persons per party. Daily bag limit: 3/person. Quail hunting on designated dates only. Hunting party must report harvest at kiosk or online, one survey per party.
» Q1 Ⓢ Nov. 14, Dec. 5
» Q1 Ⓢ Dec. 19, Jan. 16, 19

DOVE
Quota on designated fields only. All other areas open to the public.
» Q35 Ⓢ Sept. 5
» Sept. 12-Oct. 11, Nov. 21-29, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

COYOTE
No May 16-31 season.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
No camping. Bird Dog training allowed north of access rd.

DIRECTIONS
Take GA Hwy 234 west 11 miles, turn right on Tallahassee Rd., go 1.2 miles to entrance on right.

ALEXANDER WMA

Q

1,300 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 16, Dec. 1-Jan. 10
FIREARMS
» Oct. 17-Nov. 30

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

DOVE
No dove hunting outside of dove field.
» Q50 Ⓢ Sept. 5
» Ⓢ Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, Nov. 21-29, Dec. 19-Jan. 31.

QUAIL
Daily bag limit: 3/person. Hunting on designated dates only. Hunting party must report harvest at kiosk or online, complete one survey per party.
Saturdays, Tuesdays:
» Ⓢ Nov. 14, 17, 21, 24, 28, Dec. 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, 29, Jan. 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30, Feb. 2, 6, 9, 13

WATERFOWL SEASONS
Waterfowl allowed during state season dates that overlap with small game dates.

COYOTE
» May 16 - 31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
No camping. Bird dog training allowed year round in designated areas (on WMA map).

DIRECTIONS
From Waynesboro: Take GA HWY 24 east 6 miles, turn right on Harrison Rd., go 1.5 miles to stop sign, turn left on Lovett Rd for 0.6 mile, Sign-In board is on the left.

ALLATOONA WMA

★

7,589 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER & BEAR
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 16
FIREARMS
» ★ Oct. 17-31
» Nov. 1-Jan. 1

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
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 am EST during other deer and turkey seasons. No ATVs. No camping.

DIRECTIONS
From Cartersville Take HWY 20 east from I-75, 5.5 miles to check station.

ALLIGATOR CREEK WMA

3,086 acres • 229.426.5267

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 9
PRIMITIVE
» Oct. 10-16
FIREARMS
» Oct. 17-Jan. 10

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted and taken with dogs.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

DIRECTIONS
From Lumber City: Take Hwy 19 north towards Glenwood for 2 miles. Entrance on left.

ALTAMA PLANTATION WMA

Q

4,612 acres • 912.262.3173

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Nov. 11, Jan. 3-10

FIREARMS
» Q50 Nov. 12-14, Dec. 3-5
» Dec. 31-Jan. 2

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons
No furbearers.

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

COYOTE
» May 16-31

DIRECTIONS
From Brunswick: Take I-95 north approx. 6.5 miles to Exit 42 (GA Hwy 99). Turn left (southwest) on Hwy 99 crossing back over I-95 toward Sterling and proceed approx. 0.5 mile to entrance on right.

ALTAMAHA WMA—BUFFALO SWAMP, LEWIS ISLAND, AND MCGOWAN LAKE TRACTS

20,167 acres • 912.262.3173

Area includes Altamaha WMA lands west of Butler & Champney Islands.

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 9
PRIMITIVE
» Oct. 10-16
FIREARMS
» Oct. 17-Jan. 10

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons.

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

DIRECTIONS
Buffalo Swamp from Darien: Take HWY 251/Cox Rd west 8 miles to Cox. Left onto Possum Point Rd. Sign In box is 1.5 miles on left. **McGowan Lake from Darien:** Take HWY 251/Cox Rd west 8 miles to Cox. Left onto Barrington Rd. Entrance is 2.2 miles on left. You may also sign in at Altamaha Regional Park, Champney Island Boat Ramp, and Darien City Docks.

ALTAMAHA WMA—WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA

Q

11,402 acres • 912.262.3173

Area includes Broughton, Butler, Champney, and Rhetts Islands.

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Nov. 15

DOVE
» Sept. 5-7, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» Aug. 15-Nov. 15, Feb. 1-28
No furbearers.
BUTLER ISLAND
» Opens after last saturday of waterfowl season.

BUTLER ISLAND
WATERFOWL
Selected hunters must check-in before 5:00 a.m. on morning of hunt for stand selection drawing. Shooting hours end at noon, last day of season ends at sunset.
Saturday
» Q20 S Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 12, 19, 26, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
RABBIT ARCHERY
» Jan. 23-24

CHAMPNEY ISLAND
WATERFOWL
Saturdays-Sundays
» Q20 S Nov. 28-29, Dec. 12-13, 19-20, 26-27, Jan. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 30-31
» **Youth or Veteran:** Nov. 21-22

RHETT'S ISLAND
WATERFOWL
» **Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays, State Holidays** during State Seasons

ALLIGATOR
» Aug. 14-Oct. 5

COYOTE
SMALL GAME WEAPONS
» Mar. 1-May 31. Feral hogs may be hunted and taken with dogs.

AREA NOTES
Butler Refuge (east of Hwy 17 on Butler Island) and Ansley Hodges MARSH Project (west of Hwy 17 on Champney Island) are always closed to firearms but archery equipment may be used during open dates listed above to take deer, hog, and rabbits after the last Saturday of waterfowl season. Airboats are banned in managed waterfowl impoundments. Access to Rhetts Island is limited to designated crossover sites, with boats restricted to a 25hp motor or less. Fishing, shrimping, and crabbing are prohibited on Rhetts Island during early teal and statewide waterfowl season. Butler Island ponds and impoundments west of HWY 17 are closed to cast netting. Drone use, including launching and landing, is prohibited.

DIRECTIONS
From Darien: Take U.S. HWY 17 south 1.5 miles, check station is on the right.

ARROWHEAD WMA

337 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER & BEAR
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 31
» Nov. 1-15
» Nov. 16-Jan. 10

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-9
» Apr. 10-16
» Apr. 17-May 15

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» Aug. 15-Sept. 11
QUAIL & RABBIT
» Jan. 11- Feb. 28

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» **Saturdays** during State Seasons

COYOTE
SMALL GAME WEAPONS
» May 16-31

AREA NOTES
No ATVs except mobility impaired hunters during mobility impaired hunt. No camping.

DIRECTIONS
From Rome: Take U.S. Hwy 27 north 9 miles to GA HWY 156, turn right (east) and go 2.3 miles to Floyd Springs Rd, turn left and go 2 miles to area.

B. F. GRANT WMA

Q B

11,400 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER
Antler Restricted Area
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 4, Nov. 22-Dec. 6
PRIMITIVE
» Dec. 17-20
FIREARMS
» Q300 B Nov. 5-7, 19-21

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-9
» Q80 Apr. 10-16
» Apr. 17-May 15

DOVE
» Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3-11, Nov. 22-29, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

WATERFOWL SEASONS
MARSH Pond
» **Youth Only:** Q3 S Nov. 14
» **Youth & Adult:** Q3 S Nov. 28
» Q3 Dec. 12, Jan. 16
Outside of MARSH Pond:
» Waterfowl allowed during state season dates that overlap with small game dates.
No waterfowl hunting on MARSH Ponds outside of quota hunts. Shooting hours end at noon.

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
No hunting on or access through pastures.

DIRECTIONS
From Eatonton: Take HWY 16 west 0.7 miles, turn right on HWY 441 Bypass, go 1.5 miles to Godfrey Rd at the flashing traffic light, turn left and go 6 miles to check-In station.

BARTRAM FOREST WMA

Archery Only Area

1,343 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER
» Sept. 12-Jan. 10

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

WATERFOWL SEASONS
OUTSIDE OF MARSH POND
» Waterfowl hunting is open for state waterfowl season. Shooting hours end at noon.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
No firearms hunting is allowed. No camping.

COYOTE
» No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

AREA NOTES
Bartram Forest is a multi-use forest, other users may be present during open hunting seasons. Gates may be open/closed at the discretion of Georgia Forestry Commission. Please see WMA maps for safety zones. No camping.

DIRECTIONS
From Milledgeville: Take US 441 south 3.1 miles, turn left, continue 2.9 miles on US 441/GA29 and make U-turn to return north, go 0.1 miles to 1st pull-in on right. Kiosk is just down that road.

BEAVERDAM WMA

B

5,500 acres • 229.426.5267

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-18, Sept. 26-Oct. 16
FIREARMS
» Sept. 19-25
» B Oct. 29-31
» Nov. 26-28, Dec. 16-19

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted and taken with dogs.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

DIRECTIONS
From Dublin: Take U.S. 441 north 4.5 miles, turn right on Old Toomsboro Rd., go 7.5 miles to WMA sign, turn right on Oconee Church Rd., turn at WMA sign.

BERRY COLLEGE WMA

Q B

15,605 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER & BEAR
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 27, Nov. 1-13
FIREARMS
» Q1000 B **Either-Sex Last Day:** Oct. 28-31
» Q1000 B Dec. 2-5
» B Jan. 2-3

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

BIRD & RABBIT DOG TRAINING
» Aug. 15-Mar. 19 except during firearms deer hunts.

DOVE
» Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10-11, Nov. 21-29, Dec. 19-Jan. 1, Jan. 4-31

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

COYOTE
» No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
There is no open season for the taking of any wildlife on Berry College Campus and Refuge. Possession of firearms and archery equipment and all hunting are prohibited on the Berry College campus and refuge. Hunters cannot use the campus to access the WMA. No ATVs allowed. Foot trails, bicycle, and horse areas are closed all day during firearms deer season and before 10:00 a.m. during deer archery and turkey season. Night hunting small game is prohibited on the WMA.

DIRECTIONS
From Rome: Take U.S. 27 north to jct of Old Summerville Rd., turn left on Old Summerville Rd and go 1.5 miles to jct with CCC Rd at check station.

BIG DUKES POND WMA

1,692 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 9, Dec. 1-Jan. 10
PRIMITIVE WEAPONS
» Oct. 10-16
FIREARMS
» Oct. 17-Nov. 30

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

LEGEND

Sign-in required for all bear, deer, and turkey hunts unless otherwise noted for a specific area.

- Ⓢ Sign-in
- Ⓑ Bonus Deer hunt (see pg. 20)
- Youth Hunt (see pg. 24)
- Q Quota Hunt (see pg. 25)
- Archery Only Area
- Specialty Hunt (see pg. 28)
- Hunt & Learn
- Antler Restricted Area
- Mobility-Impaired Hunt (see pg. 28)
- Bird Dog Training
- Furbearer Dog Training
- Rabbit Dog Training
- Archery Range
- Firearms Shooting Range

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» **Wednesdays, Saturdays** during statewide season.
Shooting hours end at noon.

AREA NOTES
Camping, ATVs & horses prohibited. Note Safety Zone on map - access prohibited between Feb. 1-July 15.

DIRECTIONS
From Millen: Take HWY 17 North 0.9 miles, turn right on Old Louisville Rd. Go 7.9 miles to entrance on left.

BIG HAMMOCK WMA

7,315 acres • 229.426.5267

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 7, Oct. 11-23, Nov. 9-Jan. 10
PRIMITIVE
» Oct. 8-10
FIREARMS
» Oct. 24-Nov. 8

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted and taken with dogs.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
If the river is 9 feet or higher at the Doctortown Gauge, the gates will be closed. After the river drops below 9 feet, the gates will stay closed for 7-10 days to dry out. No deer hunting within 50 feet of the nature trail off Mack Phillips Rd.

DIRECTIONS
From Glennville: Take HWY 144 south 12 miles to Altamaha River. Area lies on both sides of HWY 144.

BIG LAZER CREEK WMA

Q ★ Ⓑ

7,200 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER
Antler Restricted Area
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 4, Oct. 25-Nov. 8
FIREARMS
» Oct. 10-11.
» Oct. 22-24
» Ⓑ Nov. 12-14
» ★ Nov. 20-22

TURKEY
» Q50 Apr. 3-9, Apr. 10-16
» Apr. 17-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31

DOVE
» Sept. 5, 12, Sept. 19-Oct. 11, Nov. 22-29, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

WATERFOWL SEASONS
BIG LAZER CREEK PFA
» **Wednesdays, Saturdays** during State Seasons
Legal hours end at noon.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

DIRECTIONS
From Talbotton: Take U.S. 80 east 4 miles, turn left on Po Biddy Rd. go 6.5 miles, turn left on Bunkham Rd. and go 1.2 miles to check station.

BLANTON CREEK WMA

★ Q Ⓑ

4,800 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER
Antler Restricted Area
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 8, Oct. 12-18, Nov. 22-29
FIREARMS
» ★ Oct. 10-11
» Q125 Oct. 22-24
» Q125 Ⓑ Nov. 19-21

TURKEY
» Q35 Apr. 3-9, 10-16
» Apr. 17-May 15

DOVE
» Q75 Ⓢ Sept. 5
» Ⓢ Sept. 12
» Sept. 19-Oct. 11, Nov. 22-29, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons
Legal hours end at noon. No hunting on MARSH Pond. No waterfowl scouting or hunting during dove or deer quota hunts.

COYOTE
» May 16-31

DIRECTIONS
From West Point: Take HWY 103 south 10 miles to mile marker 6, turn right to check station.

BLUE RIDGE WMA

Ⓑ

20,900 acres • 770.535.5700

DEER & BEAR
ARCHERY
» **Buck Only**: Sept. 12-25, Oct. 3-9
FIREARMS
» **Buck Only:** Ⓑ Dec. 2-5
» **Buck Only:** Nov. 11-14, Dec. 26-Jan. 1
» **Bear Only:** Sept. 26-Oct. 2

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

COYOTE
» May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs.

AREA NOTES
US Forest Service owned property. No ATVs or UTVs. Electric bicycles restricted to roads open for motor vehicles.

DIRECTIONS
From Dahlonega take GA 60 north for 28 miles to jct. with USFS Road #69, turn left and go 1 mile to the check station.

BROAD RIVER WMA

440 acres • 770.535.5700

DEER & BEAR
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Nov. 28

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be taken. No dogs allowed.

DIRECTIONS
From Danielsville: Go north on U.S. 29 for 2 miles, turn right on HWY 281, go 4 miles, cross Broad River, go 0.3 mile, area is on right.

BUCK SHOALS WMA

Q ◆ Ⓑ

582 acres • 770-535-5700

DEER & BEAR
FIREARMS
Bag Limit: **1 deer**
» Q12 ◆ Ⓑ Nov. 7-8
» Q12 Ⓑ Nov. 21-22, Dec. 5-6

TURKEY
» Q3 ◆ Apr. 10-11
» Q5 Apr. 17-18, May 1-2

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» Q10 Ⓢ Jan. 2-10, 16-24
No night hunting.

DOVE
» Q25 Sept. 5, 12

COYOTE
» No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

AREA NOTES
Day use access is available on River Rd. Access for scheduled events is available on Cloverleaf Dr. and Buck Shoals Dr.

DIRECTIONS
From Cleveland: Take Hwy 115 east towards Clarkesville to Hwy 384 (Duncan Bridge Rd.), turn right, go 2.1 miles, entrance to area is on the left.
From Baldwin: From Hwy 365, take Duncan Bridge Rd. (Hwy 384) towards Cleveland, go 5.4 miles, entrance to area is on the right.

BULLARD CREEK WMA

★ Q Ⓑ

15,636 acres • 229.426.5267

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-23 Sept. 27-Oct. 12
PRIMITIVE
» Sept. 24-26
FIREARMS
» Ⓑ Oct. 22-24
» ★ Oct. 30-Nov. 1
» Nov. 26-29
» **Buck Only:** Dec. 17-19

TURKEY
» Q40 Apr. 3-9
» April 10-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Season

AREA NOTES
No firearms deer hunting within Towns Bluff archery only tract but legal firearms permitted for turkey and small game hunting.

DIRECTIONS
From Hazlehurst: Take U.S. 221 north 7 miles, turn left at entrance sign, go to check station.

BULLARD CREEK WMA—BELL TELEPHONE, MONTGOMERY, AND OCMULGEE TRACTS

1,369 acres • 229.426.5267

DEER
Montgomery Tract: Antler Restricted Area
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Jan. 10

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Season

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

DIRECTIONS
This WMA consists of 3 separate tracts. Directions to and maps of the various tracts can be obtained from: Region 4 Game Management Office, 229-426-5267, and maps may be printed from gohuntgeorgia.com.

CANOOCHEE SANDHILLS WMA

10,224 acres • 229.426.5267

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 10
FIREARMS
» Oct. 22-24, Nov. 12-14
» **Buck Only:** Dec. 17-19

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

DOVE
» Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, Nov. 21-29, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Season

DIRECTIONS
From Claxton: Take U.S. Hwy 280 East 9.5 miles to Groveland. Turn left on Groveland-Nevils Road and travel 3.5 miles to kiosk on the left.

CARTERS LAKE WMA

3,300 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER & BEAR
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Nov. 5, Nov. 9-13, Nov. 16-Jan. 1
FIREARMS
» Q20 Nov. 14-15
» Nov. 6-8

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

RABBIT DOG TRAINING
Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays
» Nov. 4, 11, 13, 18, 20, 21, 25, 27, 28, Dec. 2, 4, 5, 9, 11, 12, 16, 18, 19, 23, 25, 26, 30, Jan. 1, 2, 6, 8, 9, 13, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, 27, 29, 30, Feb. 3, 5, 6, 10, 12, 13, 17, 19, 20, 24, 26, 27

COYOTE
SMALL GAME WEAPONS
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
Mobility-impaired hunt participants must attend a pre-hunt meeting at noon at the check station on the day before the hunt. Selected quota youth hunters must attend a pre-hunt meeting at 7 p.m. at the Carter's Lake Nature Center the evening before the hunt. Sign-In for both the mobility-impaired and quota youth hunts available only at pre-hunt meetings. Youth firearms deer hunting prohibited in Doll Mountain and Woodring Branch Campgrounds. No ATV's except by mobility-impaired hunters during the mobility-impaired hunt. No camping except by reservation only in U.S. Army Corps of Engineers designated campgrounds.

DIRECTIONS
From Chatsworth: Go 11 miles south on old U.S. 411, turn left at Carters Lake Powerhouse sign, go 1 mile to check station.
From Ellijay: Take HWY 282 west to old U.S. 411, go south 3.8 miles, turn left at Carters Lake Powerhouse sign, go 1 mile to check station.

CEDAR CREEK WMA

41,000 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 21, Oct. 25-Nov. 11, 15-22, Dec. 14-Jan. 1
FIREARMS
» **Either-Sex Last Day:** Oct. 22-24
» Nov. 12-14
» Nov. 23-29
» **Buck Only:** Nov. 30-Dec. 13

TURKEY
» Q100 Apr. 3-9
» Apr. 10-May 15

DOVE
» Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3-11, Nov. 21-22, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
Waterfowl allowed during state season dates that overlap with small game dates.

AREA NOTES
Legal hours for waterfowl end at noon. ATVs prohibited.

DIRECTIONS
From Monticello: Take HWY 16 east 3/4 mile, take right fork on HWY 212, go 12 miles to check station sign on the right, follow arrow 0.5 mile to check station.

CEYLON WMA

16,000 acres • 912.262.3173

DEER
Antler Restricted Area
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 11, Dec. 6-27
PRIMITIVE
» Q100 Oct. 15-17
FIREARMS
» Q100 Nov. 12-14, Dec. 3-5

TURKEY
» Q25 Apr. 3-9, Apr. 17-23, May 1-7,

BIRD DOG TRAINING
Intersection of Boat House & Ceylon Roads, see area map.
» Aug. 15-Mar. 19

COYOTE
» May 16 - 31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

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

DIRECTIONS
From Brunswick: Take I-95 South to Exit 14 (GA Hwy 25, Woodbine). Turn left onto Lang Road and go 1 mile to WMA entrance on left.

CHATTAHOOCHEE WMA

25,150 acres • 770.535.5700

DEER & BEAR
ARCHERY
» **Buck Only:** Sept. 12-25, Oct. 12-20, 25-31
FIREARMS
» **Buck Only:** Oct. 21-Oct. 24, Nov. 21-28
» **Buck Only:** Dec. 9-12

BEAR
FIREARMS
» Q9 (Bag limit 2/person or 5/party) **Dog/Bear:** Oct. 3-11
» Sept. 26-Oct. 2

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
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 notification email. US Forest Service property. No ATV's/UTV's. Electric bicycles restricted to roads open to motor vehicles.

DIRECTIONS
The Chattahoochee WMA Check Station has moved to DNR-owned land near Smithgall Woods/Dukes Creek State Park at 34.6720932° N, -83.778786° W. From Cleveland, go north on Main Street (U.S. 129) for 3.5 miles, turn right onto GA Hwy 75A, and travel 4.2 miles towards Helen. The station driveway will be on the left, across from Duke's Creek Baptist Church, before Asbestos Road.

CHATTAHOOCHEE FALL LINE WMA—ALMO, FT. PERRY, HILLIARD

19,500 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER
Antler Restricted Area
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 8, Nov. 15-29
FIREARMS
» Oct. 9-11
» Q300 Oct. 29-Oct. 31
» Q300 Nov. 12-14
» Nov. 20-22
» Dec. 4-6

DOVE
» Sept. 5, 12, Sept. 19-Oct. 8, Nov. 21-29, Dec. 19-Jan. 31
HILLIARD YOUTH FIELD
» Sept. 5, 12

TURKEY
» Q45 Apr. 10-18, 24-30
» Apr. 2-4
» May 3-15

QUAIL
» Dec. 12, 26, Jan. 9, 21

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons
No fox squirrel.

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
Legal waterfowl hours end at noon. No ATVs, horses, or hog dogs.

DIRECTIONS
From Geneva travel south on Hwy 240 approximately 2.75 miles, the check station, kiosk and campground are 200 yards east of Hwy 240 on a WMA road.

CHATTAHOOCHEE FALL LINE WMA—SATELLITE TRACTS

1,175 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER
Antler Restricted Area
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Jan. 10

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons
No fox squirrels.

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
No ATVs. No horses. No coyote season. Waterfowl hunting ends at noon.

DIRECTIONS
From Buena Vista: Go north on Hwy 41 about 4 miles. Turn left on Hwy 352 and follow for 10 miles. Turn left onto Hwy 355 and follow for 0.5 mi. Turn left on to Young Rd and the kiosk will be 1 mile on the left.

CHESTATEE WMA

27,123 acres • 770.535.5700

DEER & BEAR
ARCHERY
» **Buck Only:** Sept. 12-25, Oct. 12-29
FIREARMS
» **Buck Only:** Nov. 18-Nov. 21, Dec. 26-Jan. 1
» **Buck Only:** Ⓑ Dec. 9-12

BEAR
FIREARMS
» Q6 (Bag limit 2/person or 5/party)
Dog/Bear: Oct. 3-11
» Sept. 26-Oct. 2

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
Dog-bear hunters must check in at the Chattahoochee WMA check station prior to hunting and attend a pre-hunt meeting as directed in their notification email. US Forest Service property. No ATV's/UTV's. Electric bicycles restricted to roads open to motor vehicles.

DIRECTIONS
From Cleveland: Take U.S. 129 north 10.5 miles to Turner's Corner, turn left on U.S. 19, go 0.5 mile, turn right on Dick's Creek Rd., go 1 mile to check station driveway on left.

CHICKASAWHATCHEE WMA

19,700 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER
ARCHERY
» **Buck Only:** Sept. 12-27
» Sept. 28-Oct. 9, Dec. 24-Jan. 31
PRIMITIVE
» Oct. 10-23
FIREARMS
» Nov. 20-27, Dec. 18-23
» Q350 Nov. 5-7
» Q350 Ⓑ Dec. 10-12
Deer hunting is not allowed during the quail quota hunts listed below.

TURKEY
» Q30 Apr. 3-9, 10-16, 17-23
» Apr. 24-May 15

QUAIL
Daily bag limit is 3/person. Quail hunting on designated dates only. Maximum of 3 people/party on quota hunts. Daily bag limit is 3/person. Hunting party must check in at kiosk or online. Complete 1 harvest survey per party.
» Q2 Ⓢ Nov. 14, Dec. 5, 26, Jan. 9, 16, 23
» Q5 Ⓢ Nov. 14, Dec. 5, 26, Jan. 9, 16, 23
» Ⓢ Nov. 28, Dec. 8

DOVE
Quota on designated fields only. All other areas are open.
» Q40 Ⓢ Sept. 5
» Sept. 12-Oct. 11, Nov. 21-29, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

COYOTE
» May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons
No fox squirrel hunting.

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
Dog training in designated area only.

DIRECTIONS
From Albany: Take HWY 91 south 4 miles to jct. with HWY 62, turn right and go 15 miles, follow signs to check station.

CLARKS HILL WMA – EAST

10,224 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 9
PRIMITIVE
» Oct. 10-16
FIREARMS
» Oct. 17-Nov. 30

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

DOVE
FIELD 1 (MCDUFFIE)
» Q60: Sept. 5
FIELD 2 (WILKES)
» Q60: Sept. 5
AREA WIDE
» Sept. 12, 19, Oct. 3, 10, Nov. 21-29, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

QUAIL
» State season.
Hunting party must report harvest at kiosk or online, complete one survey per party.

WATERFOWL SEASONS
Waterfowl allowed during state season dates that overlap with small game dates.

DIRECTIONS
From Thomson: Take U.S. 78 north 11.5 miles, turn right on Smith Mill Rd. at WMA sign, go 2.5 miles to check station.

CLARKS HILL WMA – WEST

3,067 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 9
PRIMITIVE
» Oct. 10-16
FIREARMS
» Oct. 17-Jan. 10

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
Waterfowl allowed during state season dates that overlap with small game dates.

AREA NOTES
No camping.

DIRECTIONS
From Thomson: Take U.S. 78 north 8.7 miles, make a U-turn and travel 0.2, turn right.

CLAYHOLE SWAMP WMA

5,242 acres • 912.262.3173

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-17, 21-30, Oct. 4-Nov. 20, Nov. 30-Dec. 18
FIREARMS
» Sept. 18-20
» Ⓑ Oct. 1-3
» Nov. 21-29, Dec. 19-Jan. 10

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
No furbearer hunting or dog training in archery only areas. Horseback riding prohibited during deer hunts. Area west of Cowpen Swamp is archery only for all species, open during their respective statewide seasons.

DIRECTIONS
From Sterling: Take HWY 341 north 0.5 mile, turn right on Old Jesup Rd., go 1 mile to Pennick Rd. on right, WMA is 6 miles down Pennick Rd. on right.

CLYBEL WMA

6,700 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-25, Nov. 11-15
FIREARMS
» Sept. 26-Oct. 1
» Oct. 2-4, Nov. 9-10
» Q200 Ⓑ Nov. 5-7, Nov. 19-21
» ★ Nov. 23-29

TURKEY
» Q25 Apr. 3-7, 17-21
» Q25 Apr. 10-14, May 1-5
» Apr. 23-27

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» Ⓢ Aug. 15-Sept. 25, Oct. 5-Nov. 4, Nov. 8, 11-18, Nov. 22-Dec. 11, Dec. 13-Jan. 7, Jan. 11-Feb. 28
RABBIT
Daily bag limit: 3 rabbits/person.
» Dec. 12, Jan. 8-10

DOVE
» Q200 Ⓢ Sept. 5
» Ⓢ Sept. 12, 19, Oct. 5-11, Nov. 22, Dec. 19-Jan. 7, 11-31
R3 DOVE FIELD
» Ⓢ Sept. 11-12

QUAIL
Daily bag limit: 3/person or 9/party.
Quail hunting on designated dates only.
» Ⓢ Dec. 5, 19, Jan. 16

LEGEND

Sign-in required for all bear, deer, and turkey hunts unless otherwise noted for a specific area.

- Ⓢ Sign-in
- Ⓑ Bonus Deer hunt (see pg. 20)
- Youth Hunt (see pg. 24)
- Q Quota Hunt (see pg. 25)
- Archery Only Area
- ★ Specialty Hunt (see pg. 28)
- Hunt & Learn
- Antler Restricted Area
- Mobility-Impaired Hunt (see pg. 28)
- Bird Dog Training
- Furbearer Dog Training
- Rabbit Dog Training
- Archery Range
- Firearms Shooting Range

WATERFOWL SEASONS
Legal hours end at noon.
» Nov. 14-15
Waterfowl allowed during state season dates that overlap with small game dates.

COYOTE
» May 16-31

AREA NOTES
Multi-use trail and areas are closed all day during firearms deer hunts and before 10:00 a.m. during archery and turkey seasons. Rules posted at trailhead. Campground reservations: georgiawildlife.com/charlie-elliot-wildlife-center.

DIRECTIONS
From Mansfield: Take HWY 11 south 5.7 miles to Shepherd Rd. turn left and follow signs 1.1 miles.

COCHRANS CREEK WMA

2,057 acres • 770.535.5700

DEER & BEAR
Antler Restricted Area
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 9, Dec. 13-Dec. 19
PRIMITIVE
» **Either-Sex Last Two Days:** Ⓑ Dec. 30-Jan. 2
FIREARMS
» Ⓑ Oct. 28-31
» **Buck Only:** Ⓑ Nov. 18-21, Dec. 9-12

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
No camping. No ATVs or horses. Deer and bear taken during bonus deer hunts must be tagged at Dawson Forest WMA check station.

DIRECTIONS
From Dawsonville GA: Take Shoal Creek Road, turn left on Highway 136, at the roundabout take the 1st exit to Highway 52 East, travel approximately 3 miles.

COHUTTA WMA

92, 647 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER & BEAR
ARCHERY
» **Buck only:** Sept. 12-30, Oct. 5-Dec. 1, Dec. 7-Jan. 1
FIREARMS
» **Buck Only:** Ⓑ Oct. 1-4, Dec. 2-6

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
» No May 16-31 coyote or hog season.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
No ATVs except on designated ATV trails. Electric bicycles restricted to roads open for motor vehicles.

DIRECTIONS
From Ellijay to Holly Creek Check Station: Take Hwy 52 west 9.2 miles, turn right at Conasauga Lake sign, go 3.5 miles, turn right on USFS road #68, go 2 miles to check station.
From Chatsworth to Holly Creek Check Station: Take US Hwy 411 north to Eton, turn right at traffic light and follow Holly Creek Rd 11.6 miles to check station.
From Cisco to West Cowpen Check Station: Take GA Hwy 2, go 3 miles east to junction with West Cowpen Rd, check station at junction.

CONASAUGA RIVER WMA

Q

509 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER & BEAR
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Nov. 13, Nov. 15-20, 22-27, Nov. 29–Dec. 11, Dec. 13-18, 20-25, Dec. 27-Jan. 1

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-Apr. 25

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» Aug. 15-Sept. 11, Feb. 1-28

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» Nov. 14, 21, 28
» Q3 Dec. 12, 19, 26
» **January:** Saturdays only during statewide season.
EARLY TEAL
» Sept. 12-Sept. 20

COYOTE
» May 16-31

AREA NOTES
No ATVs. No camping.

DIRECTIONS
This WMA consists of 4 separate tracts. Directions to and maps of the various tracts can be obtained from: Region 1 Game Management Office, 706-295-6041, maps may be printed from gohuntgeorgia.com.

COOPERS CREEK WMA

Ⓑ

30,000 acres • 770.535.5700

DEER & BEAR
ARCHERY
» **Buck Only:** Sept. 12-25, Oct. 3-9
PRIMITIVE
» **Buck Only:** Oct. 21-24
FIREARMS
» **Buck Only:** Ⓑ Nov. 4-7
» **Buck Only:** Ⓑ Nov. 25-28
» **Buck Only:** Dec. 26-Jan. 1
» **Bear Only:** Sept. 26-Oct. 2

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
US Forest Service property. No ATV's/UTV's.Electric bicycles restricted to roads open to motor vehicles.

DIRECTIONS
From Dahlonega Take GA HWY 60 north 26 miles to jct. of Coopers Creek Rd., turn right and go 0.5 mile to jct. of USFS Road #236, turn left and go 4 miles to jct. of USFS Road #4, turn right and go 0.5 mile to check station. **From Blairsville** Take Old Blue Ridge HWY west 5 miles to Mulkey Gap Rd., turn left and travel 8.5 miles to check station.

COOSAWATTEE WMA

Q Ⓑ

2,714 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER & BEAR
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 15, Oct. 19-Nov. 12, Nov. 16-Jan. 1
FIREARMS
» Ⓑ Oct. 16-18
» Q150 Ⓑ Nov. 13-15

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

DOVE
» State Seasons

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

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

DIRECTIONS
From Chatsworth: Go 11 miles south on old US 411, turn left at Carters Lake Powerhouse sign, go 1 mile to check station.

CORDELE FISH HATCHERY

40 acres • 229.430.4254

WATERFOWL SEASONS
Maximum 3 persons per party. Designated pond only.
» **Wednesdays, Saturdays** during statewide season
Legal hours end at noon.

COYOTE
» No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

DIRECTIONS
From Cordele: Take U.S. HWY 280 west 0.5 miles. Turn right on Fish Hatchery Rd., go 1.4 miles. Turn Right on Williams Lake Rd, go 0.4 miles to impoundment on left.

CROCKFORD-PIGEON MOUNTAIN WMA

Ⓑ Q

21,895 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER & BEAR
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 16, Oct. 19-Nov. 18, Nov. 22-Dec. 8, Dec. 13-Jan. 1
FIREARMS
» Ⓑ Oct. 17-18
» **Either-Sex Last Day:** Ⓑ Nov. 19-21
» **Buck Only:** Ⓑ Dec. 9-12

TURKEY
» Q40 Apr. 3-9
» Apr. 10-May 15

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

DOVE
» Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10-11, Nov. 21-29, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
No ATVs. All non-hunting activities except camping prohibited during firearms deer hunts. Horse & bicycle trails & areas closed before 10:00 a.m. during archery deer & turkey season. Firearms restrictions apply to portions of WMA. See WMA map for specific limitations.

DIRECTIONS
From Lafayette: Take HWY 193 west 2.7 miles to Chamberlain Rd., turn left and go 3 miles to Rocky Lane Rd., turn right and go 0.3 mile to check station.

DAWSON FOREST WMA

Q Ⓑ

25,658 acres • 770.535.5700

DEER & BEAR
Antler Restricted Area
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 9
» Dec. 13-19
PRIMITIVE
» **Either Sex Last Two Days:** Ⓑ Dec. 30-Jan. 2
FIREARMS
» Ⓑ Oct. 28-31
» **Buck Only:** Ⓑ Nov. 18-21, Dec. 9-12

TURKEY
» Q50 Apr. 3-4
» Q75 Apr. 17-23, May 1-7

DOVE
» Q40 Ⓢ Sept. 5
» Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, Nov. 21-29, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

COYOTE
» May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
All trails are closed before 10:00 a.m. during turkey and archery deer seasons, and all day during deer firearms hunts. No waterfowl hunting behind the Horse Camp parking lot. Special rules for horses, bicycles, and camping are posted at the trailhead, campsites, and WMA check station. Permits are needed for horses, bikes, and camping. Permits must be on you to be valid. Camp only in designated areas. City of Atlanta Tract - roads are closed to vehicles from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. (unless lawfully camping, hunting, or fishing).

DIRECTIONS
From Dawsonville: Take GA HWY 53 west 6 miles, turn right onto driveway at kiosk, check station is at top of hill. Check in and Sign-in/out at kiosk on HWY 53, check out harvested game during managed hunts at check station. Sign-in and sign-out is also available at the Horse Camp.

DI-LANE WMA

Q Ⓑ

8,100 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER
Antler Restricted Area
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 21
» **Anterless Only:** Dec. 1-Jan. 10
FIREARMS
» Q300 Ⓑ Oct. 22-24, Nov. 5-7
» Ⓑ Nov. 19-Nov. 21

TURKEY
» Q20 Apr. 3-9
» Q30 Apr. 10-16, 17-23
» Apr. 24-May 15

SMALL GAME SEASONS
January hunting south of Rocky Creek only, except squirrel, raccoon, waterfowl, and woodcock (hunt area wide).

LEGEND

Sign-in required for all bear, deer, and turkey hunts unless otherwise noted for a specific area.

- Ⓢ Sign-in
- Ⓑ Bonus Deer hunt (see pg. 20)
- Youth Hunt (see pg. 24)
- Q Quota Hunt (see pg. 25)
- Archery Only Area
- Specialty Hunt (see pg. 28)
- Hunt & Learn
- Antler Restricted Area
- Mobility-Impaired Hunt (see pg. 28)
- Bird Dog Training
- Furbearer Dog Training
- Rabbit Dog Training
- Archery Range
- Firearms Shooting Range

RABBIT:
» Ⓢ Nov. 15, 16, 19, 22, 23, 26
RABBIT/FOX:
No Rabbit/Fox hunting North of Rocky Creek in January
Sundays, Mondays, Thursdays
» Dec. 6, 8, 10, 13, 14, 17, 20, 21, 24, 27, 28, 31,
» Jan. 3, 4, 7, 10, 11, 14, 17, 18, 21, 24, 25, 28, 31,
» Feb. 1, 4, 7, 8, 11, 14, 15, 18, 21, 22, 25, 28

DOVE
No dove hunting outside of dove fields.
FIELD 1
» Q100 Ⓢ Sept. 5
FIELD 2
» Q75 Ⓢ Sept. 5
» Ⓢ Jan. 1-Jan. 31
FIELD 1 & 2
» Ⓢ Sept. 12, Sept. 19, Sept. 26, Oct. 3, Oct. 10, Nov. 21-Nov. 29

QUAIL
Bag limit: 6/person or 12/party.
Quail hunting on designated dates only. Woodcock, snipe, and other gamebirds with an open season may be taken.
» Q8 Ⓢ Feb. 6
» Q8 Ⓢ Dec. 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 30, Feb. 10

COYOTE
» No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

AREA NOTES
For information about bird dog field trials call (706) 595-4222.

DIRECTIONS
From Waynesboro: Take HWY 25 South to 4th Street. Turn right on 4th Street/Herndon Rd. and go 9 miles. Follow signs to check station.

DIXON BAY WMA

300 acres • 229.426.5267

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Nov. 6
PRIMITIVE
» Nov. 7-Jan. 10

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons
No furbearers.

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Season

AREA NOTES
No camping. Furbearer and alligator hunting prohibited.

DIRECTIONS
From Sylvania: Take E. Ogeechee 2.2 miles to jct. of Buck Creek and Brannen's Bridge Rd., take Brannen's Bridge Rd. 3.4 miles to jct. of GA HWY 24, continue on Brannen's Bridge Rd. 5.3 miles to stop sign, turn left on Pine Grove Inn Rd. and go 6 miles, turn right on Sweetheart Rd., go 1.6 miles. Area is on right.

DIXON MEMORIAL WMA

Q Ⓑ

35,247 acres • 912.262.3173

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-23, 27-30, Oct.4-9, Dec. 13-Jan. 10
FIREARMS
» Ⓑ Sept. 24-26, Nov. 5-7
» Oct. 1-3, Nov. 21-29
» **Buck Only:** Oct. 10-Nov. 1
» Q3 **Dog Hunting/Buckshot Only:** Nov. 13-14, Dec. 11-12

Dog-deer hunting in designated area only. All dogs used in the hunt must be marked with the selected hunter's name & valid phone number. Designated area is closed during hunts except to hunters with a valid quota permit.

BEAR
Bears may not be taken on the Federal portion of Cowhouse Island.
ARCHERY
» Sept. 17-19
FIREARMS
» Sept. 24-26, Oct.1-3, Nov. 5-7

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

DOVE
» State Seasons

COYOTE
» May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons.

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
No airboats. Archery only areas applies to deer only. Alligators may not be taken on the Federal portion of Cowhouse Island or Laura S. Walker State Park. No ATVs/UTVs.

DIRECTIONS
From Waycross: Take U.S. 1 south 6 miles to HWY 177, turn north and follow signs to check station.

DODGE COUNTY PFA

Q ◎

444 acres • 912.285.6094

DEER
ARCHERY
» Oct. 31-Nov. 29

TURKEY
» Q2 Apr. 17-18, 24-25

ALLIGATOR
» Ⓢ Sept. 11-13, Night hunting only.

COYOTE
» No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

AREA NOTES
No small game hunting. Hunting in designated area only. Area map posted at office and kiosk.

DIRECTIONS
From Eastman: South on U.S. Hwy 23/341 for 3 miles, left on County Rd. 49, go 0.6 miles.

DOERUN PITCHERPLANT BOG WMA

Q

730 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Jan. 10

TURKEY
» Q1 Apr. 3-4, 10-11

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons
No fox squirrel, fox, or bobcat hunting.

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

COYOTE
» No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

AREA NOTES
To protect rare plant species and sensitive habitats, vehicular access is limited. No ATVs or horses allowed. No camping.

DIRECTIONS
From Doerun Take HWY 133 south two miles, turn left at Natural Area sign.

ECHECONNEE CREEK WMA

Archery Only Area

750 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Jan. 10

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
Waterfowl allowed during state season dates that overlap with small game dates.

AREA NOTES
No firearms hunting allowed. Legal hours for waterfowl end at noon. Access to Ocmulgee River tract is only by boat. No camping.

DIRECTIONS
This WMA consists of 2 separate tracts. Directions to and maps of the various tracts can be obtained from: Region 3 Game Management Office, 706-595-4222, and maps may be printed from gohuntgeorgia.com.

ELBERT COUNTY WMA

2,500 acres • 770.535.5700

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 9
PRIMITIVE
» Oct. 10-16
FIREARMS
» **Buck Only:** Oct. 17-23
» Oct. 24-Jan. 1

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

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

DIRECTIONS
This WMA consists of 5 separate tracts in Elbert Co. Directions to and maps of the various tracts can be obtained from: Region 2 Game Management Office, (770) 535-5700, and maps may be printed from gohuntgeorgia.com.

ELMODEL WMA

1,600 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 28-Jan. 31
» **Buck Only:** Sept. 12-27

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

DOVE
» Sept. 5-Oct. 11, Nov. 21-29, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

QUAIL
Daily bag limit: 3/person. Quail hunting on designated dates only. Hunting party must report harvest at kiosk or online, one survey per party.
» Nov. 14, 17, 21, 24, 28, Dec. 1, 5, 8, 12, 22, 26, 29, Jan. 2, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, Feb. 6

COYOTE
» May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
No fox or bobcat hunting. No camping. Bird dog training in designated area only.

DIRECTIONS
From Newton: Take HWY 37 north 8 miles, turn left on Jericho Rd., area is on right.

EVANS COUNTY PFA

400 acres • 912.285.6094

ALLIGATOR
» Sept. 4-6. Night hunting only.

COYOTE
» No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

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

DIRECTIONS
From Claxton: Take U.S. HWY 280 east for 8.5 miles, turn right on Old Sunbury Rd., go 1 mile and turn left on Area Line Rd., go 0.3 miles, PFA on right.

FEATHERFIELD WMA

875 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 28-Jan. 31
» **Buck Only:** Sept. 12-27

TURKEY
» Q2 Apr. 3-4
» Q2 Apr. 10-11

DOVE
» Sept. 5
» Sept. 12, Sept. 19-Oct. 11, Nov. 21-29, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons
No quail or fox squirrel hunting.

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

DIRECTIONS
From Bainbridge, travel south on GA HWY 253 for 21.4 miles, Turn south on GA HWY 39 and travel 0.5 miles. The kiosk will be on your right.

ARE NOTES
No fox or bobcat hunting. No ATVs or horses allowed. No camping.

FISHING CREEK WMA

2,900 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 9
PRIMITIVE
» Oct. 10-16
FIREARMS
» Oct. 17-Jan. 10

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

DOVE
» Sept. 5-Oct. 11, Nov. 21-29, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» **Wednesdays, Saturdays** during state season on waterfowl impoundments.
Legal hours end at noon.

COYOTE
» May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

DIRECTIONS
From Washington: Take HWY 44 East 12.8 miles to O'Hara-Standard Rd., turn right, at end turn left on Jones Chapel and continue to area.
To Waterfowl Area from Lincolnton: Take HWY 79 eight miles to Midway Church Rd. and turn left. Go 1.5 miles to sign on right.

FLAT CREEK PFA

850 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Jan. 10

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-11
» Apr. 12-May 15

BIRD & RABBIT DOG TRAINING
» Aug. 15-Mar. 15 except during deer hunts.

ALLIGATOR
» Sept. 11-13. Night hunting only.

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» Q3 Nov. 21, 28
» **Wednesdays, Saturdays during 2nd season.**
Shooting hours end at noon.

DOVE
» Sept. 5-Oct. 11, Nov. 21-29, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

COYOTE
» No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
No camping.

DIRECTIONS
From Perry: Take U.S. HWY 41 south across Flat Creek. Park is on left.

FLAT TUB WMA

8,748 acres • 229.426.5267

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 9
SOUTH OF HWY 107:
» Sept. 12-Jan. 10
PRIMITIVE
» Oct. 10-16
FIREARMS
» Oct. 17-Nov. 30, Dec. 26-Jan. 10

TURKEY
Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Season

AREA NOTES
No ATVs. Firearms allowed for turkey and small game hunting on archery only tract.

DIRECTIONS
From Douglas: Take HWY 441 north 20 miles, turn right onto HWY 107, go 8 miles to WMA sign on left.

FLINT RIVER WMA

2,400 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER
Antler Restricted Area
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-21, Nov. 21-30,
FIREARMS
» Oct. 10-Oct. 18
» Q25 Oct. 29-31, Nov. 12-14

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

QUAIL
» **Sundays, Wednesdays** during State Season after Nov. 11

DOVE
» Sept. 5
» Sept. 12, Sept. 19-Oct. 11, Nov. 21-29, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

COYOTE
» May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

DIRECTIONS
From Vienna: Take HWY 27 to HWY 230, turn right, go 1 mile, veer left on River Rd. and go 6 miles to entrance sign.

GAITHER WMA

2,129 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER
ARCHERY
» Oct. 17-25, Nov. 14-22, Dec. 19-27
FIREARMS
» Q25 Nov. 23-29
» Q25 Nov. 6-8, Dec. 4-6

TURKEY
» Q10 Apr. 3-7, 10-14, 17-21

COYOTE
» No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
Waterfowl legal hours end at noon. Archery-only area is south of Old Post Road and east of Davis Ford Rd, archery only for deer dates. No horses. Bicycles permitted only for hunter access.

DIRECTIONS
From Mansfield: Go South on Hwy 11 for 7 miles and turn Right onto Henderson Mill Rd. Proceed 3.7 miles on Henderson Mill Rd and turn Right onto Davis Ford Rd. From there travel 0.4 miles to the Kiosk on the left.

GERMANY CREEK WMA

1,200 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 9
PRIMITIVE
» Oct. 10-16
FIREARMS
» Oct. 17-Jan. 1

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

COYOTE
» May 16-31

AREA NOTES
No camping.

DIRECTIONS
From Thomson: Take Hwy 150/ Cobbham Road 8.9 miles, turn left on Rousseau Creek Road, go 3.3 miles turn left and follow to WMA Kiosk and Parking Area. For access by boat (nearest boat ramp is Raysville Bridge on GA HWY 43 approximately 12 miles north of Thomson). The area is to the east of bridge access.

GRAND BAY WMA

Youth Ⓑ CWD Management Area

8,700 acres • 912.262.3173

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-13, 19-20
PRIMITIVE
» Oct. 10-11
FIREARMS
» Youth Sept. 26-27
» Ⓑ Oct. 3-4
» Oct. 17-18, 24-25, Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, Dec. 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27, Jan. 2-3, Jan. 9-10

TURKEY
» Youth Apr. 3-4, 17-18
» Apr. 24-25, May 8-9,

SMALL GAME SEASONS
Saturdays, Sundays
» State Seasons
No furbearer hunting or fox squirrel.

WATERFOWL SEASONS
Saturday/Sunday
» State Seasons; Legal hours end at noon.

COYOTE
» No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

AREA NOTES
Harvested deer must be removed from the area whole (no field-dressing). No ATVs or motorcycles. Hiking trail from check station closed to hikers during firearms deer hunts.

LEGEND

Sign-in required for all bear, deer, and turkey hunts unless otherwise noted for a specific area.

- Ⓢ Sign-in
- Ⓑ Bonus Deer hunt (see pg. 20)
- Youth Hunt (see pg. 24)
- Q Quota Hunt (see pg. 25)
- Archery Only Area
- ★ Specialty Hunt (see pg. 28)
- ◆ Hunt & Learn
- Antler Restricted Area
- Mobility-Impaired Hunt (see pg. 28)
- Bird Dog Training
- Furbearer Dog Training
- Rabbit Dog Training
- Archery Range
- Firearms Shooting Range

Federal lands within WMA may be closed for military training. No firearms hunting within designated archery-only areas.

DIRECTIONS
From Valdosta: Take U.S. 221 north 8 miles, turn left on Knights Academy Rd., go 1.5 miles to entrance on right, follow signs to check station.

GRIFFIN RIDGE WMA

Q Youth

5,975 acres • 912.262.3173

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 9. 19-22, 26-30, Nov. 9-Jan. 10
PRIMITIVE
» Oct. 10-18
FIREARMS
» Youth Oct. 23-25
» Oct. 31-Nov. 8

TURKEY
» Q25 Youth Apr. 3-4
» Q25 Apr. 10-16, 24-30

COYOTE
» May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons.
No furbearers.

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
No ATVs or horses. Camping only at Fountain Hole Camping Area.

DIRECTIONS
From Ludowici: Take U.S. 301 south 2 miles. The area is on the right (north) of highway. First road south of DOT weigh station.

HANNAHATCHEE WMA

5,600 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 9
PRIMITIVE
» Oct. 10-16
FIREARMS
» Oct. 17-Jan. 10

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

DOVE
» Sept. 5-Oct. 11, Nov. 21-29, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

COYOTE
» May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

DIRECTIONS
From Richland: Take HWY 27 west toward Lumpkin, Go 4 miles to first paved road, turn right and go 3 miles, turn left and go 1 mile to Moore's Store Rd. (1st dirt road on right), turn right and proceed to check station.

HART COUNTY WMA

Q

1,000 acres • 770.535.5700

DEER & BEAR
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 9
PRIMITIVE
» Oct. 10-16
FIREARMS
» **Buck Only:** Oct. 17-Nov. 12
» Nov. 13-15

TURKEY
» Q5 Apr. 3-9, 24-30

DOVE
» Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, Nov. 21-29, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

COYOTE
» May 16-31. Feral hogs may also be taken.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

DIRECTIONS
From Hartwell: Take HWY 77 south 1.5 miles, turn left onto Liberty Rd., go 4 miles to the end of the pavement at Cedar Creek, the area lies to the south.

HILTONIA WMA

500 acres • 229.426.5267

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Nov. 6
PRIMITIVE
» Nov. 14-Jan. 10

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

DOVE
» Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, Nov. 21-29, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons
No Furbearers.

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Season

AREA NOTES
No camping. No furbearer season.

DIRECTIONS
From Hiltonia Take GA HWY 24 west 2.7 miles to Hurst Church Rd., turn left and go 0.7 mile to Sandy Church Rd. Take Sandy Ridge Rd. 1.2 miles to Mt. Pleasant Rd. to enter area.

HORSE CREEK WMA

★ Youth Ⓑ

7,397 acres • 229.426.5267

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-16, Sept. 20-Oct. 2, 5-20, Jan. 1-10
PRIMITIVE
» Sept. 17-19
FIREARMS
» ★ Youth Oct. 3-4
» Ⓑ Nov. 19-21
» Oct 21-24, Dec. 10-12

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Season

DIRECTIONS
From Jacksonville: Take HWY 117 east 6 miles, turn right at sign, then turn right at information board, follow road to check station.

HUGH GILLIS PFA

Q Youth

700 acres • 912.285.6094

DEER
ARCHERY
» Oct. 31-Nov. 29

TURKEY
» Q2 Youth Apr. 17-18, May 8-9

AREA NOTES
» No small game or May 16-31 coyote season.

DIRECTIONS
From East Dublin: Go east on U.S. Hwy 80 for 10 mi., left on Keens Crossing Rd., go 1.4 mi. to PFA entrance on right.

INDIAN FORD FARM DOVE FIELDS

Q Youth

100 acres • 229.426.5267

DOVE
» Q50 Youth Sept. 12
Hunters must sign-in at check station at 12:00 p.m. Hunt is 12:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.

AREA NOTES
No ATVs. Hunters must use open gates to access fields: DO NOT climb fences. Do not leave litter or shotgun shells. No small game or coyote season

DIRECTIONS
From Lyons: Take Hwy 152 North (New Cobbtown Rd.) 2.9 miles and turn right on Indian Ford Farm Rd. Proceed approximately 0.7 miles to building on left to sign-in area for the hunt.

J. L. LESTER WMA

Q Youth Ⓑ

477 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER & BEAR
ARCHERY
» Nov. 22-29, Dec. 21-Jan. 1
FIREARMS
» Q20 Youth Ⓑ Oct. 3-4, Jan. 9-10

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

SMALL GAME SEASONS
RABBIT
» Q5 Jan. 2, Feb. 21
QUAIL
» Q3 Dec. 20, Jan. 3, Feb. 14, 20

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

BIRD & RABBIT DOG TRAINING
» Aug. 15-Mar. 19, except during deer hunts, quota hunts, and field trials.

DOVE
» Sept. 5, 12
» Sept. 19, 26

AREA NOTES
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.

DIRECTIONS
From Cedartown: South of Cedartown at jct. of Bus. U.S. 27 and U.S. 27, go north ¼ mile on U.S. 27 to Cason Rd., turn right and go 4.3 miles to check station.

JOE KURZ WMA

Q B

3,700 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER
Antler Restricted Area.
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-20, Nov. 8-15
FIREARMS
» Q100 B Oct. 15-17
» Q100 **Either-Sex Last Day:** B Nov. 5-7

TURKEY
» Q25 Apr. 3-11, Apr. 24-May 2

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons
Small game hunting prohibited during deer hunts and quota quail. Rabbit daily bag limit: 3/person.
QUAIL
Bag limit: 3/person or 9/party. Quail hunting on designated dates only.
» Q3 S Dec. 5, Jan. 9, Feb. 6

DOVE
» Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10-11, Nov. 21-29, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» **Wednesdays, Saturdays** during small game dates and Federal Youth Day.
Legal hours end at noon.

BIRD DOG TRAINING
» Aug. 15-Mar. 19 in designated area only except during deer and quota quail hunts.

COYOTE
» May 16-31

DIRECTIONS
From Woodbury: Take HWY 85 north for 7.5 miles to Gay, turn right at red light, check station is 2.7 miles on left.

JOHN'S MOUNTAIN WMA

B

23,710 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER & BEAR
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 23, Oct. 26-Nov. 11, Nov. 15-Dec. 25
FIREARMS
» B Oct. 24-25
» **Either-Sex Last Day:** B Nov. 12-14
» **Buck Only:** Dec. 26-Jan. 1

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons
QUAIL
» Jan. 2-31

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
No ATVs. Electric bicycles restricted to roads open for motor vehicles.

DIRECTIONS
From Calhoun: Take HWY 136C north 6 miles to Sugar Valley, turn left and go 6 miles to Lake Marvin, check station is at The Pocket.

KEG CREEK WMA

800 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Jan. 10

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
SMALL GAME WEAPONS
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
No camping.

DIRECTIONS
From Pollards Corner: Take HWY 47 west 2 miles. Area is on left side of HWY.

LAKE RUSSELL WMA

B

17,300 acres • 770.535.5700

DEER & BEAR
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 9
PRIMITIVE
» B Dec. 9-12
FIREARMS
» B Nov. 4-7
» **Buck Only:** B Nov. 25-28

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
US Forest Service property. No ATV's/UTV's.Electric bicycles restricted to roads open to motor vehicles.

DIRECTIONS
From Gainesville: Take HWY 365 north, take Toccoa/Lavonia exit, stay on HWY 365, go 1.8 miles, turn right on Rock Rd., go 0.7 mile, turn left on Dicks Hill Pkwy., go 2.4 miles, turn right on Ayersville Rd. by the Milliken plant, go 0.9 mile, turn left on Check Station Rd., go 0.5 mile to check station on left.

LAKE SEMINOLE WMA

8,300 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 28-Oct. 9, Jan. 16-31
» Buck Only: Sept. 12-27
PRIMITIVE
» Oct. 10-16
FIREARMS
» Oct. 17-Jan. 15

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons
No hunting within 300 yards of a developed recreation area, house, dock, building or other structure.

COYOTE
» No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
No camping.

DIRECTIONS
This WMA consists of 9 tracts along Lake Seminole and associated waterways. Maps available at gohuntgeorgia.com.

LAKE WALTER F. GEORGE WMA

1100 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Jan. 10

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons
Waterfowl hunting permitted on portions of lake in Georgia, except within 300 yards of a public park, road, cabin, or other developed areas. Areas within Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge have separate regulations.

COYOTE
» No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
No camping.

DIRECTIONS
This WMA has 4 tracts along the lake shore. Directions and maps are available from the Region 5 Game Management Office, (229) 430-4254, or can be printed from gohuntgeorgia.com. The Army Corps of Engineers also manages additional properties that require a special permit from their Ft. Gaines office at (229) 768-2516.

LANAHASSEE WMA

Q B S

4,440 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER
Antler Restricted Area
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 9, Oct. 17-Nov. 1
PRIMITIVE
» Oct. 10-16
FIREARMS
» Q50 B Dec. 3-5
» Q50 Nov. 12-14
» Dec. 20-26

QUAIL
Daily bag limit: 3/person. Quail hunting on designated dates only. Hunting party must report harvest at kiosk or online, one survey per party.
» Nov. 21, Dec. 1, 12

COYOTE
» May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

TURKEY
No turkey hunting.

DIRECTIONS:
From Preston, take US HWY 280 east 3.4 miles. The kiosk will be on the left.

LITTLE RIVER WMA

1,475 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 9, Oct. 19-Nov. 20, Nov. 30-Dec. 18, Dec. 28-Jan. 10
FIREARMS
» Oct. 10-18, Nov. 21-29, Dec. 19-27

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

DOG TRAINING
» Aug. 15-Mar. 15 except during firearms deer hunts.

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons
Legal hours end at noon.

AREA NOTES
No ATVs. No camping.

DIRECTIONS
From Eatonton: Take GA 16 west 3.6 Miles to Lynchburg Rd., turn right, go 0.5 miles to kiosk on right.

LITTLE SATILLA WMA

16,990 acres • 912.262.3173

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 9
PRIMITIVE
» Oct. 10-16
FIREARMS
» Oct. 17-Jan. 10

COYOTE
» May 16-31

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
No camping.

DIRECTIONS
From Patterson: Take U.S. HWY 32 east 8 miles, turn left at check station sign.

LOWER BROAD RIVER WMA

Q

1,500 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 9
PRIMITIVE
» Oct. 10-16
FIREARMS
» Oct. 17-Jan. 1

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

DOVE
» Q45 S Sept. 5
» Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, Nov. 21-29, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

LEGEND

Sign-in required for all bear, deer, and turkey hunts unless otherwise noted for a specific area.

- S Sign-in
- B Bonus Deer hunt (see pg. 20)
- Youth Hunt (see pg. 24)
- Q Quota Hunt (see pg. 25)
- Archery Only Area
- Specialty Hunt (see pg. 28)
- Hunt & Learn
- Antler Restricted Area
- Mobility-Impaired Hunt (see pg. 28)
- Bird Dog Training
- Furbearer Dog Training
- Rabbit Dog Training
- Archery Range
- Firearms Shooting Range

COYOTE
» May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
No camping.

DIRECTIONS
From Elberton: Take HWY 72 east 11 miles. Turn right on HWY 79, go 7.3 miles to River Rd., turn right. Go 0.75 miles to Kiosk on left.

LULA BRIDGE WMA

513 acres • 770.535.5700

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» Nov. 14-15
» Nov. 21-29; Dec. 12-Jan. 31
EARLY TEAL
» Sept. 12-20

COYOTE
No coyote & hog season.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

DIRECTIONS
From Gainesville: Take U.S. HWY 365 north 7 miles from Exit 24, turn left on GA HWY 52, go 3 miles, cross Chattahoochee River, turn right into boat ramp parking lot.

MAYHAW WMA

6,300 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER
ARCHERY
» **Buck Only:** Sept. 12-27
» Sept. 28-Oct. 9, Jan. 16-31
PRIMITIVE
» Oct. 10-16
FIREARMS
» **Buck Only:** Oct. 17-Nov. 29
» Dec. 12-Jan. 15

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

DIRECTIONS
From Colquitt: Firetower Tract is 1 mile west of Colquitt on HWY 91. Willoughby and Oldhouse tracts: From Colquitt take U.S. 27 North to first paved road, turn left and go 1 mile to Willoughby Tract and 2 miles to Oldhouse Tract. Check station is located near entrance to Willoughby tract.

McDUFFIE PFA

Q

600 acres • 706.595.1619

DOVE
» Q25 S Sept. 5
» Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3

WATERFOWL SEASONS
Hunters must check kiosk for open ponds. Designated ponds only. Legal hours end at noon.
» Dec. 12, 19, 26

AREA NOTES
No small game or May 16-31 coyote season.

DIRECTIONS
From Thomson: Take U.S. HWY 278 east for 5.6 miles, turn right on Ellington Airline Rd., go 2.8 miles and turn right on Fish Hatchery Rd.

MCGRAW FORD WMA

Q

2,067 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER & BEAR
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Jan. 1

TURKEY
» Q10 Apr. 3-9
» Apr. 10 -May 15

DOVE
» Q20 Sept.5, 12
» Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10-11, Nov. 21-29, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

WATERFOWL SEASONS
Wednesday, Saturdays during State Season.
Legal hours end at noon.

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» Aug. 15-Sept. 4, Sept. 6-11, Sept. 13-Feb. 28

AREA NOTES
No ATVs.

DIRECTIONS
From Ballground: From jct. of Bus. HWY 5 and HWY 372 travel 2.1 miles east to Sign-In on right across from intersection with Conns Creek Rd.

MEAD FARM WMA

200 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Jan. 1

TURKEY
Apr. 3-May 15

WATERFOWL SEASONS
Shooting hours end at noon.
» Nov. 14, 21, 28
» **Saturdays, Wednesdays** during State Season.
EARLY TEAL
» Sept. 12, 16, 19

BIRD DOG TRAINING
Allowed year-round.

COYOTE
SMALL GAME WEAPONS
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
Foot traffic only. No camping.

DIRECTIONS
From Waynesboro: Take HWY 56 north 3.5 miles, turn right on Cates Mead Rd., go 3.8 miles, turn left on Seven Oaks Rd., entrance is 0.8 mile on left.

MONTEZUMA BLUFFS WMA

Archery Only Area

500 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER
Antler Restricted Area.
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Jan. 10

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15, archery only

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons
No fox or bobcat hunting.

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
To protect rare plants and sensitive habitats, vehicle access is limited to Boat Landing Rd. No ATVs or horses. No camping. No May 16-31 coyote season

DIRECTIONS
From Montezuma: Take HWY 49 north 1 mile to Crook Landing Road, turn left, area lies along river bluff north and south of Boat Landing Road.

MOODY FOREST WMA

4,675 acres • 229.426.5267

DEER
FIREARMS
» Nov. 1-Dec. 15

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-4
» Apr. 10-26

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» Squirrel Only: State Season
No fox squirrel hunting.

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Season

COYOTE
» May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

AREA NOTES
No ATVs. Check for prescribed burn info and sign in at kiosk on East River Road.

DIRECTIONS
From Baxley: Take US Hwy 1 north 2.4 miles, right on Dunns Lake Rd. for 0.6 miles, left on Ben Carter Rd. for 5.8 miles, go straight on sharp curve onto Jake Moody Rd. (dirt), kiosk is 1.3 miles ahead on right.

MORGAN LAKE WMA

Archery Only Area

1,493 acres • 912.262.3173

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Jan. 10

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
Archery only for all species,The operation of a Personal Watercraft (O.C.G.A. 52-7-8.2 "jet ski") on Morgan Lake and other water bodies within WMA prohibited.

DIRECTIONS
From Ludowici: Take U.S. Hwy 301 south approx. 4.5 miles. Make left on Fishing Road. Travel approx. 0.5 and make right. Boat ramp is 0.3 miles on the left.

OAKY WOODS WMA
Q B

13,450 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 4, Nov. 7-13
FIREARMS
» Oct. 10-16
» **Either-Sex Last Day:** B Oct. 29-31, Dec. 3-5
» **Buck Only:** Dec. 21-27

TURKEY
» Q80 Apr. 3-9
» Apr. 10-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
No bear hunting. Legal hours for waterfowl end at noon.

DIRECTIONS
From Perry: Take HWY 127 east 8 miles to HWY 247, turn right, go 1 mile, turn left on Oaky Woods Rd. At fork veer right and go 1.7 miles to check station.

OCMULGEE WMA
Q B

15,000 acres • 229.426.5267

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 9
WEST LAKE ROAD TRACT:
» Sept. 12-Jan. 10
FIREARMS
» Oct. 10-16
» **Either-sex Last Day:** B Oct. 22-24, Nov. 19-21
» Dec. 10-13

TURKEY
» Q60 Apr. 3-9
» Apr. 10-May 15

ALLIGATOR
OCMULGEE PFA
» Sept. 4-6. No hunting during daylight hours.

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
OCMULGEE PFA
» **Wednesdays:** Dec. 16-Jan. 28
Legal hours end at 12 noon.

AREA NOTES
No bear hunting.

DIRECTIONS
From Cochran: Take U.S. 23 north, turn left on Red Dog Farm Road, go 4 miles to Magnolia Road. Turn right and follow signs to check station.

OCMULGEE WMA—GUM SWAMP CREEK

475 acres • 229.426.5267

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Jan. 10

TURKEY
ARCHERY
» Apr. 3-May 15

BIRD DOG TRAINING
» Aug. 15-Mar. 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Season

AREA NOTES
No camping. Legal hours for waterfowl end at noon.

DIRECTIONS
From Cochran: Take HWY 26 to HWY 126 (Airport Rd.), go 5.9 miles, turn left onto Rebie Rd., go 0.3 miles, turn left onto Skipper-Jackson Rd., go 0.5 miles, entrance on left.

OCONEE WMA
Q

7,400 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 9, Dec. 1-Jan. 10
PRIMITIVE
» Oct. 10-16
FIREARMS
» Oct. 17-Nov. 30

TURKEY
» Q30 Apr. 3-9, 10-16
» Apr. 17-May 15

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» S State Seasons
QUAIL
» State Season
Hunting party must report harvest at kiosk or online, complete one survey per party.

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

COYOTE
» May 16-31

DOVE
» Q60 S Sept. 5
» Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, Nov. 21-29, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

DIRECTIONS
From Greensboro: Turn south from HWY 278 onto Walnut St. (Veazey Rd.) at caution light, go 7.1 miles and turn right on Liberty Church Rd., go 7.5 miles to check station.

From Eatonton: Go east 14.7 miles on GA HWY 16 to the Oconee River, continue 3.8 miles to Centennial Road, turn left and continue 4.8 miles to Centennial Church Road, turn left and continue 2.5 miles to Liberty Church Road, turn left and go south 0.8 miles to check station located on the right

OCONEE WMA—DAN DENTON WATERFOWL AREA
Q

100 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 16

WATERFOWL SEASONS
POND 1
» Q3 S Nov. 14, 28
» Q3 S Dec. 12, 19, 26, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
POND 3
» Q2 S Nov. 14, 28
» Q2 S Dec. 12, 19, 26, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

COYOTE
» No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

AREA NOTES
No small game hunting. No fishing or hunting on waterfowl impoundments (except waterfowl and archery deer during statewide archery and primitive weapons seasons). Impoundments 1 & 3 are open only to drawn quota hunters. Hunters may not enter impoundments before 5:00 a.m. and shooting ends at noon, except the last hunt of the season when shooting ends at sunset. Herndon Pond and Impoundment 2 are closed to hunting. No Foot traffic from Nov. 1- Feb. 1. Waterfowl hunting is prohibited on the Oconee River between Wallace Dam and GA Hwy 16.

DIRECTIONS
From Eatonton: Go east 14.2 miles on GA Hwy 16, look for turn in for Impoundment 1 on left before you reach the bridge over the Oconee River. Sign-in kiosk is located in gravel parking lot.

OCONEE WMA—ROCK HAWK TRAILS & EFFIGY

430 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Jan. 10

TURKEY
Selected Oconee quota turkey hunters only may hunt with firearms during quota hunt dates in this area.
» Apr. 17-May 15

SMALL GAME & WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

COYOTE
» No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

DIRECTIONS
From Eatonton: Go east 13.8 miles on GA Hwy 16 towards the Oconee River, turn left onto Wallace Dam Rd. then turn left onto Lawrence Shoals Rd., go 1 mile, parking is on left.

OHOOPEE DUNES NORTH WMA
Q B

5,675 acres • 229.426. 5267

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 9, Dec. 6-Jan. 10
FIREARMS
» B Oct. 22-24
» Dec. 3-5

TURKEY
» Q20 Apr. 3-9
» Apr. 10-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
To protect rare plants and sensitive habitats, vehicular access is limited. No ATVs or horses. No dogs from Mar. 1-Nov. 1.

DIRECTIONS
From Swainsboro: Take Highway 57 west 8.5 miles, turn left on Cow Ford Bridge Road and travel 2 miles, check station is on the left.

OHOOPEE DUNES SOUTH WMA

3,596 acres • 229.426. 5267

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Jan. 10

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Season

AREA NOTES
To protect rare plants and sensitive habitats, vehicular access is limited. No ATVs or horses. No dogs from Mar. 1-Nov. 1.

DIRECTIONS
Directions to Highway 80 Tract Kiosk: from Swainsboro, take Hwy 80 west 6 miles past intersection with Highway 1, kiosk is on the right.

OLIVER BRIDGE WMA

1,560 acres • 229.426.5267

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 9
PRIMITIVE
» Oct. 10-16
FIREARMS
» Oct. 17-Jan. 10

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Season

AREA NOTES
No ATVs. No camping.

DIRECTIONS
From Statesboro: From Veteran's Memorial Pkwy. and GA 24 intersection go east on GA 24 toward Oliver for approximately 12.5 miles to the WMA entrance on right.

OSSABAW ISLAND WMA

Q B

9,000 acres • 912.262.3173

DEER
ARCHERY
» Q100 B Oct. 8-10
PRIMITIVE
» Q100 B Oct. 22-24
FIREARMS
» Q75 B Nov. 26-28
» Q100 B Nov. 5-7, Dec. 10-12

FERAL HOG
» Q100 Jan. 14-16, Feb. 11-13

LEGEND

Sign-in required for all bear, deer, and turkey hunts unless otherwise noted for a specific area.

- S Sign-in
- B Bonus Deer hunt (see pg. 20)
- Youth Hunt (see pg. 24)
- Q Quota Hunt (see pg. 25)
- Archery Only Area
- Specialty Hunt (see pg. 28)
- Hunt & Learn
- Antler Restricted Area
- Mobility-Impaired Hunt (see pg. 28)
- Bird Dog Training
- Furbearer Dog Training
- Rabbit Dog Training
- Archery Range
- Firearms Shooting Range

COYOTE
» No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

AREA NOTES
Access to Ossabaw Island above the high tide mark is prohibited, except that hunters drawn for deer or feral hog hunts may enter no earlier than 12:00 pm EST one day prior to check-in. Check in opens at 9 am EST one day prior to hunt, camps must be removed by 12 pm EST on the day after the hunt ends. One person from each campsite must check in and check out at the check station. Hunters are responsible for their own transportation to and from the island, and must use only the dock facilities at Newell Creek at the south end. Campfires allowed only in provide fire rings. Motorized vehicles, e-bikes, bicycles, and pets are not allowed.

DIRECTIONS
Access only by boat, nearest ramp is at Ft. McAllister State Park, approximately 9 miles east of Richmond Hill.

OTTING TRACT WMA

700 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER & BEAR
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Jan. 1

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

FURBEARER DOG TRAINING
» Aug. 15-Mar. 19

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
No ATVs.

DIRECTIONS
From Cloudland: Take Hwy 157 north 2.1 miles to parking area on left.

PARADISE PFA

CWD Management Area

1,300 acres • 912.285.6094

DOVE
Dove hunting in designated fields only.
» Sept. 5
» Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, Nov. 21-29, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

WATERFOWL SEASONS
Hunting in designated areas only, legal hours end at noon.
» Dec. 17, Jan. 14
EARLY TEAL
» Sept. 17

COYOTE
» No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

AREA NOTES
Waterfowl and dove hunting only, no other small game hunting allowed.

DIRECTIONS
From Tifton: Take U.S. HWY 82 east for 8 miles to Brookfield. Turn right on Whitley Rd., take first left on Brookfield-Nashville Rd. and go 1.5 miles to entrance on left.

PAULDING FOREST WMA

Q B

28,183 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER/BEAR
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 9, Oct. 12-Nov. 4, 9-13
FIREARMS
» B Oct. 10-11
» **Either-Sex Last Day:** B Nov. 5-8
» Dec. 10-13

TURKEY
» Q50 Apr. 3-11, 17-25
» Apr. 26-May 15

BIRD & RABBIT DOG TRAINING
» Aug. 15-Mar. 19 except during firearms deer hunts.

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons except during firearm deer hunts.

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
No ATVs. Horse & bicycle trails & areas, except Silver Comet Trail, closed all day during firearms deer hunts and before 10:00 a.m. during archery deer and turkey hunts. Camping only in designated areas, except during firearms deer hunts (see rules posted at check station).

DIRECTIONS
From Intersection of HW 278 and HW 61 travel west on HW 278 12.5 miles. Turn Right onto Coot's Lake Rd and go to the stop sign. Turn Right onto Braswell Mt. Rd. Go 2 miles to check-in station pull in on left side of road.

PAULKS PASTURE WMA

Q B

16,066 acres • 912.262.3173

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-17, 21-30, Oct. 4-9, Nov. 1-20
FIREARMS
» Sept. 18-20
» B Oct. 1-3
» **Buck Only:** Oct. 10-30
» Nov. 21-29, Dec. 23-31
» Q3 **Dog Deer, Buckshot Only:** B Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19

Dog-deer hunting in designated area only. Dog-deer hunters must check in at check station prior to hunt. All dogs used in the hunt must be marked with the selected hunter's name & valid phone number. WMA is closed during hunts except to hunters with a valid quota permit.

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons
No furbearer hunting in archery only areas.

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
No dog training in Archery Only Areas. No camping. No horseback riding during deer hunts. All vehicles used in dog-deer hunt must display DNR issued permit on vehicle dash.

DIRECTIONS
From Brunswick: Take U.S. HWY 341 north 8 miles to check station on left.

PENHOLOWAY SWAMP WMA

B

11,177 acres • 912.262.3173

This area includes the Boyles Island Tract. Access to Boyles Island is by river only. Road access may be provided during bonus deer hunts pending river and road conditions. Call Region Office for details at 912-262-3173.

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-24, Sept. 28-Oct. 7, Oct. 11-Nov. 20, Nov. 30-Jan. 10
FIREARMS
» Sept. 25-27
» B Oct. 8-10
» Nov. 21-29

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

BIRD DOG TRAINING AREA
» Aug. 15-Mar. 19
Designated in the areas of Redman and Deadend Rds.

COYOTE
» May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs.

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons.
No furbearers in archery only areas

AREA NOTES
Archery only area is archery equipment for all species. Idle speed only on Cogden Lake. No dog training in Archery Only areas. No camping.

DIRECTIONS
From Mt. Pleasant: Take HWY 341 north 2 miles to Akin Rd., turn right, go to end of Akin Rd., turn left onto River Rd. Entrance to WMA is 2.7 miles on right just before Paradise Park Rd.

PERRY DOVE FIELD

Q

226 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Jan. 10

DOVE
» Q150 Sept. 5
» Sept. 12, 19, 26, Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 19, 26, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

COYOTE
» No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

AREA NOTES
No camping. No small game hunting.

DIRECTIONS
From I-75 take Exit 134 and head East approximately 1.6 miles and field is on the right.

PHINIZY SWAMP WMA

1,500 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12- Jan. 10

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

WATERFOWL SEASONS
Legal hours end at noon.
» Nov. 14
» Nov. 25, 28, Dec. 12, 16, 19, 21, 23, 26, 30, Jan. 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30
EARLY TEAL
» Sept. 12, 16, 19

COYOTE
SMALL GAME WEAPONS
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
No camping.

DIRECTIONS
From Augusta: From I-520 exit south on HWY 56 spur (Doug Barnard Pkwy.), go 0.5 mile to WMA entrance sign adjacent to Augusta Wastewater Treatment Facility, or from I-520, exit north on HWY 56 spur (D. Barnard Pkwy.), go 1.6 miles and turn right on Gravel Pit Rd. WMA at end of road.

RAYONIER CORRIDOR LANDS WMA

41 acres • 912.262.3173.

COYOTE
» No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
WMA consists of 300 ft 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.

REDLANDS WMA

Q

37,500 acres • 770.535.5700

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 9
PRIMITIVE
» Oct. 10-16
FIREARMS
» **Buck Only:** Oct. 17-30
» Oct. 31-Nov. 28, Dec. 26-Jan. 1

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

DOVE
» Q80 $ Sept. 5
» Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, Nov. 21-29, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons
Legal hours end at noon.

COYOTE
» May 16-3, Hogs may be taken with dogs.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
No hunting on Dyars Pasture MARSH pond. Furbearers may not be hunted during firearms deer hunt. US Forest Service property. No ATV's/UTV's. Electric bicycles restricted to roads open to motor vehicles.

DIRECTIONS
From Greensboro: Take GA HWY 15 north 9 miles, check station on left.

REDLANDS WMA—WATSONS SPRINGS AREA

770.535.5700

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Nov. 28, Dec. 26-Jan. 1

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

DIRECTIONS
From Greensboro: Take GA HWY 15 north 9 miles, check station on left.

RICH MOUNTAIN WMA

B

20,674 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER & BEAR
ARCHERY
» **Buck Only:** Sept. 12-Nov. 23, Nov. 30-Jan. 1
FIREARMS
» **Buck Only:** B Nov. 24-29

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
No ATVs. Electric bicycles restricted to roads open for motor vehicles.

DIRECTIONS
From Ellijay: Take HWY 515 north 7 miles to Co. Road 151, turn right, go 4 miles to Stanley Creek check station.

RICH MOUNTAIN WMA—CARTECAY TRACT

2,165 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER & BEAR
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Jan. 1

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
No ATVs. Horse & bicycle trails and areas are closed before 10:00 a.m. during deer, bear & turkey seasons.

DIRECTIONS
From East Ellijay: Take Hwy 52E 2.7 miles. Turn right onto Canoe Launch Rd. Go approx 0.2 mile and turn left to archery range parking area and kiosk.

RICHMOND HILL WMA

7,400 acres • 912.262.3173

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 6
PRIMITIVE
» Oct. 10-16
FIREARMS
» Oct. 17-Jan. 10

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

DOG TRAINING
» Aug. 15-Mar. 19

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons
No furbearers.

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
Archery Only areas applies only to deer. No furbearer hunting or dog training in archery only areas. No camping.

DIRECTIONS
From Richmond Hill: Take HWY 144 east to Oak Level Rd. or Kilkenny Rd. and follow signs.

RIVER BEND WMA

Q B

3,670 acres • 229.426.5267

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 1, Oct. 5-15, Dec. 13-Jan. 10
FIREARMS
» ★ Oct. 16-18
» ♿ Oct. 3-4
» B Nov. 5-7
» Dec. 10-12

TURKEY
» Q15 Apr. 3-9
» Apr. 10-May 15

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» Aug. 15-Oct. 1, Oct. 5-Feb. 28

DOVE
» Q30 $ Sept. 5
» Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 10, Nov. 21-29, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

WATERFOWL SEASONS
Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday during statewide season. Waterfowl may be hunted on impoundment and its dikes/roads. Legal hours end at noon.

COYOTE
» May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs.

DIRECTIONS
From Dublin: Take I-16 east to Exit 58 (HWY 199), turn south and go 0.3 miles, road to check station is on right.

RIVER CREEK, THE ROLF & ALEXANDRA KAUKA WMA

Q B

2,437 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER
Antler Restricted Area
Youth hunt exempt from antler restriction.
ARCHERY
» **Buck Only:** Sept. 19-27
» Oct. 10-18
FIREARMS
» Q35 Nov. 4-7
» Q35 B Dec. 2-5
» Q35 Dec. 21-23
» **Antlerless Only:** Dec. 27-30

TURKEY
» Q5 Apr. 3-5, 9-11
» Q5 Apr. 16-18

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» Jan. 13-29
No fox squirrel, bobcat, or fox hunting.

DOVE
» Q15 $ Sept. 5, 12
Dove hunting by quota only.

QUAIL
Daily bag limit: 3/person. Quail hunting on designated dates only. Maximum 3 persons per party. Hunting party must check in harvest at kiosk or online. Complete 1 check in survey per party.
» Q2 $ Nov. 14, 21, Dec. 12, 26, Jan. 16
» $ Nov. 24, Dec. 8, Jan. 12
» Q2 $ Jan. 23

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» Q3 $ Dec. 19, Jan. 2, 9

COYOTE
» No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

DIRECTIONS
From Thomasville: Take U.S. HWY 84 west approx. 4 miles. WMA entrance is on left approx. 0.9 mile after crossing the Ochlockonee River Bridge.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN RECREATION AREA & PFA

Archery Only Area, except waterfowl

3,000 acres • 706.802.5087

DEER & BEAR
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Jan. 10

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

WATERFOWL SEASONS
ANTIOCH LAKE
» Jan. 1–2, 4–9, 11–16, 18–23, 25–30
HEATH LAKE
» State Seasons

COYOTE
» No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
Daily use fee (per vehicle) required for all users. Waterfowl hunters only may use firearms. No ATVs. All activities prohibited on Upper and Lower reservoirs. Alcohol prohibited. Closes at sunset.

DIRECTIONS
From Rome: Take U.S. 27 north 10.4 miles, turn left on Sikes Storey Rd., go 0.4 miles, turn left on Big Texas Valley Rd., go 5.4 miles to entrance.

LEGEND

Sign-in required for all bear, deer, and turkey hunts unless otherwise noted for a specific area.

- Ⓢ Sign-in
- Ⓑ Bonus Deer hunt (see pg. 20)
- Youth Hunt (see pg. 24)
- Q Quota Hunt (see pg. 25)
- Archery Only Area
- ★ Specialty Hunt (see pg. 28)
- ◆ Hunt & Learn
- Antler Restricted Area
- Mobility-Impaired Hunt (see pg. 28)
- Bird Dog Training
- Furbearer Dog Training
- Rabbit Dog Training
- Archery Range
- Firearms Shooting Range

ROGERS WMA

3,340 acres • 912.262.3173

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 9
PRIMITIVE
» Oct. 10-16
FIREARMS
» Oct. 17-Jan. 10

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
No camping.

DIRECTIONS
From Hortense: Take HWY 301 north to McKinnon. Turn left at Rogers Tract sign and cross over railroad tracks.

ROGERS STATE PRISON FARM DOVE FIELDS

538 acres • 229-426-5267

DOVE
» Ⓢ Sept. 5, 12, 19

AREA NOTES
Hunters must sign in at kiosks at field entrances. No ATV/UTVs. No hunting within 100 yards of residences or 50 yards of county roads. Do not climb fences. Do not litter, remove spent shells, and ensure no live shells are left. No small game or coyote & hog hunting from May 16-31.

DIRECTIONS
From Reidsville: Take GA Highway 147 approximately 6.5 miles to intersection with Hwy 178. Turn left on Hwy 178 and proceed 1.5 miles to dirt road on the right that leads to entrance of field 1 and the parking area.

RUM CREEK WMA

Q ★ Ⓑ

5,800 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 4, Nov. 15-Dec. 6
FIREARMS
» ★ Oct. 5-11
» Q200 Ⓑ Oct. 22-24, Nov. 12-14

TURKEY
» Q25 Apr. 3-7, 17-21
» Q25 Apr. 10-14, 24-28
» May 1-5

DOVE
» Q75 Ⓢ Sept. 5, 12
» Sept. 19, 26, Oct. 3-4, Nov. 21-29, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

WATERFOWL SEASONS
Shooting hours end at noon for all areas.
MARSH PROJECT:
Area west of Juliette Rd. is only open for 2 youth quota hunts
» Q3 Dec. 19, Jan. 9
EAST OF EBENEZER RD. (INCLUDES LAKE JULIETTE):
Open for all hunters. **Federal Youth Waterfowl Days & Wed.-Sun.**, during state season. No motor in excess of 25 hp may be operated on Lake Juliette.
YOUTH AREA
Between Juliette Rd. and Ebenezer Rd. only youth may hunt. **Federal Youth Waterfowl Days & Wed.-Sun.**, during state season.

COYOTE
» May 16 - 31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

DIRECTIONS
From Forsyth: Take Hwy 18 east 7 miles to Rum Creek Drive on your left then proceed to the check station on your right.

RUM CREEK WMA—BERRY CREEK AREA

Archery Only Area

161 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER
» Sept. 12-Jan. 10

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
No firearms hunting allowed. No camping. Waterfowl hunting hours end at noon.

DIRECTIONS
From Forsyth: Take Hwy 18 east 7 miles to Rum Creek Drive on your left then proceed to the check station on your right.

SANDHILLS WMA - EAST

870 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Jan. 10

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

QUAIL
Wednesdays, Saturdays during state season
» Nov. 14, 18, 21, 25, 28, Dec. 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30, Jan. 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30, Feb. 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons
Legal hours end at noon.

COYOTE
» May 16-31
No night hunting.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons
No fox squirrel hunting.

AREA NOTES
No camping. Bird dog training allowed Aug. 15-Mar. 15.

DIRECTIONS
From Butler: From the intersection of HWY 96 and HWY 19, go west 2.6 miles to Taylor County Industrial Park, turn right, kiosk is immediately on the left side of the road.

SANDHILLS WMA - WEST

2,500 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 9
PRIMITIVE
» Oct. 10-16
FIREARMS
» Oct. 17-Jan. 10

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

QUAIL
Wednesdays, Saturdays during state season.

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons
Legal hours end at noon.

BIRD DOG TRAINING
» Aug. 15-Mar. 19

COYOTE
» May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
Camping in designated areas only. No fox squirrel hunting.

DIRECTIONS
From Butler: From the intersection of HWY 96/HWY 19 in Butler, GA, take HWY 96 west 13.2 miles. Turn left on HWY 90 and go 2.2 miles, then left on Fox Run Rd. Continue 2.2 miles and the WMA entrance will be on your right.

SANSAVILLA WMA

Q Ⓑ

19,084 acres • 912.262.3173

WMA includes the Wire Road Tract and Baptisia Tract.

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-24, Sept. 28-Oct. 6, 11-16, Nov. 7-27
FIREARMS
» Sept. 25-27
» Ⓑ Oct. 8-10
» **Buck Only:** Oct. 17-Nov. 6
» Nov. 28-Dec. 17, Dec. 20-Jan. 10
» Q1 **Buckshot Only/Dog Deer:** Dec. 18-19

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15
Firearms may be used in Archery Only area.

COYOTE
» May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons
No furbearers in archery area. Firearms may be used in Archery Only area.

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
No dog training in Archery Only areas. 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. Hunting area is closed to all users during dog-deer hunts except to hunters with a valid quota permit. No camping.

DIRECTIONS
From Brunswick: Take U.S. 341 north to Mt. Pleasant, south of Jesup, Turn right on Howard Rd., Check Station is on left (17 miles from Brunswick).

SAPELO ISLAND WMA

Q 🧍 Ⓑ

9,000 acres • 912.262.3173

DEER
Maps of open hunting areas available at kiosk, Brunswick DNR office, and georgiawildlife.com
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 7, Nov. 23-Jan. 10
» **South End:** Sept. 12-Jan. 10
PRIMITIVE
» Q125 Ⓑ Oct. 22-24
FIREARMS
» 🧍Ⓑ Oct. 9-11
» Q125 Ⓑ Nov. 5-7, 19-21

COYOTE
» Mar. 1-May 31. Feral hogs may be taken with dogs.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons
No furbearers.

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

TURKEY
Area is closed to turkey hunting.

AREA NOTES
Hunters are required to furnish their own boat transportation to/from Sapelo. Access is allowed only at Moses Hammock Dock at head of Duplin River. Stream anchorage may be required. 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. Hunters are required to stay outside the boundaries of the safety zones. For information on local charter options or transportation to the Moses Hammock hunt camp, please contact the Sapelo Island Visitors Center (912) 437-3224.

DIRECTIONS
From Savannah: Take I-95 south to Exit 58, turn left on GA HWY 57, go 1 mile to flashing light, continue straight on HWY 99, go 9.1 mi. to Landing Rd. (in Meridian), turn left and proceed to Sapelo Island Visitors Center.

SHEFFIELD WMA

Q

5,556 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER & BEAR
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Jan. 1

TURKEY
» Q10 Apr. 3-11, 17-25
» Apr. 26-May 15

FURBEARER DOG TRAINING
» Aug. 15-Mar. 19

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
No ATVs. Camping in designated areas only.

DIRECTIONS
From Cartersville: Take HWY 61 south 13.2 miles to Braswell Mountain Rd., turn right, go 2.4 miles to Lee Rd., turn right and proceed 1.2 miles to area.
From Dallas: Take HWY 61 north 6.2 miles to Braswell Mountain Rd., turn left, go 2.4 miles to Lee Rd., turn right and proceed 1.2 miles to area.

SILVER LAKE WMA

Q 🧍 Ⓑ Ⓢ

9,200 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER
ARCHERY
» **Buck Only:** Sept. 12-27
» Sept. 28-Oct. 9, Jan. 16-31
PRIMITIVE
» Oct. 10-18
FIREARMS
» Oct. 29-31
» Q160 Ⓑ Dec. 10-12
» **Buck Only:** Nov. 14-20, 22-27, Dec. 26-Jan. 15
» 🧍 Dec. 19-25

TURKEY
» Q35 Apr. 3-7, 22-26
» 🧍 Apr. 15-19
» May 4-15

DOVE
» Sept. 5, 12, 19-Oct. 11, Nov. 21-29, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

QUAIL
Daily bag limit: 3/person. Quail hunting on designated dates only. Quota hunts are restricted to 3 per party. Hunting party must check in harvest at kiosk or online. Complete 1 check-in (survey) per party.
» Q2 🧍 Ⓢ Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5, Jan. 16, 23, 30
» Q5 Ⓢ Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5, Jan. 16, 23, 30
» Ⓢ Dec. 1, 15

COYOTE
» No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons
No fox squirrel, bobcat, or fox hunting.

DIRECTIONS
From Bainbridge: Take HWY 253 south 2.7 miles, go left on Ten Mile Still Rd., travel 6 miles, turn right on Silver Lake Rd., travel 2.9 miles, turn left onto WMA access road. Check station is 0.8 miles on the right.

SOAP CREEK WMA

1,000 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 9
PRIMITIVE
» Oct. 10-16
FIREARMS
» Oct. 17-Jan. 1

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
No camping.

DIRECTIONS
From Lincolnton: Take HWY 79 north 2 miles. Turn right on New Petersburg Rd. Sign-In board is on left.

SPIRIT CREEK FOREST WMA

Archery Only Area, except small game

570 acres • 706.595.4222

Spirit Creek Forest is a multi-use forest, other users may be present during open hunting seasons. Gates may be open/closed at the discretion of Georgia Forestry Commission. Please see WMA maps for safety zones.

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Jan. 10

SMALL GAME SEASONS
SHOTGUN & ARCHERY
» State Seasons

Why Is The WMA Road Closed?

WMA roads are closed for many different reasons, including to allow hunting activities and to minimize disturbance to nests and young wildlife.





For updates on road closures, visit GeorgiaWildlife.com/closures

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15.

COYOTE
» May 16-31. Archery only coyote & hog season.

AREA NOTES
No camping. No ATVs.

DIRECTIONS
From Augusta: take GA Hwy 56 (Mike Padgett Hwy) south, turn right onto Old Waynesboro Rd, travel 1.7 miles and turn right onto McDade Rd, travel 1.6 miles and turn right onto Smokey Rd, access road is approximately 0.4 miles on right.

SPREWELL BLUFF WMA — EAST

1,330 acres • 706.295.6041

The East Tract includes property east of the Flint River.

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Jan. 10

SMALL GAME SEASONS
SHOTGUN & ARCHERY ONLY
» State Seasons
No furbearer hunting with dogs. No night hunting.

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons
Legal hours end at noon.

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31

LEGEND

Sign-in required for all bear, deer, and turkey hunts unless otherwise noted for a specific area.

- Ⓢ Sign-in
- Ⓑ Bonus Deer hunt (see pg. 20)
- Youth Hunt (see pg. 24)
- Q Quota Hunt (see pg. 25)
- Archery Only Area
- ★ Specialty Hunt (see pg. 28)
- ◆ Hunt & Learn
- Antler Restricted Area
- Mobility-Impaired Hunt (see pg. 28)
- Bird Dog Training
- Furbearer Dog Training
- Rabbit Dog Training
- Archery Range
- Firearms Shooting Range

AREA NOTES
No hunting in park day-use area. No camping.

DIRECTIONS
From Thomaston to Sprewell Bluff Tract: Take HWY 36 west 6 miles to Roland, turn right on Alabama Rd., turn left and follow paved road to area.

SPREWELL BLUFF WMA — WEST

6,571 acres • 706.295.6041

The West Tract includes property west of the Flint River.

DEER
Antler Restricted Area
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 16
FIREARMS
» Oct. 17-Jan. 1

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

FURBEARER DOG TRAINING
» Aug. 15-Mar. 19

COYOTE
» May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
Legal waterfowl hours end at noon. Camping in designated areas only.

DIRECTIONS
From Manchester at JCT of HWY 85 and Hill St (Chalybeate Springs Rd), go east 3.2 miles, turn left on Mitchell Cove Rd, go 0.7 miles and then turn right on Tom Brown Rd. Go 0.8 miles to WMA entrance and kiosk.

SWALLOW CREEK WMA
Ⓑ

19,000 acres • 770.535.5700

DEER & BEAR
ARCHERY
» **Buck Only:** Sept. 12-25, Oct. 3-9
FIREARMS
» **Buck Only:** Ⓑ Nov. 11-14, Dec. 2-5
» **Buck Only:** Dec. 26-Jan. 1

BEAR
FIREARMS
» Sept. 26-Oct. 2

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
US Forest Service owned property. No ATVs or UTVs. Electric bicycles restricted to roads open for motor vehicles.

DIRECTIONS
From Cleveland: Take HWY 75 north 20 miles to GA 180, continue on HWY 75 for 1 mile and turn left at check station sign.

TALLAPOOSA RIVER WMA

5,215 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER & BEAR
ARCHERY
» Nov. 30-Jan. 1
FIREARMS
» ★ Ⓑ Oct. 2-4
» Q200 Ⓑ Nov. 27-29, Jan. 8-10. Deer and bear harvested during bonus hunts must be checked out at J.L. Lester WMA.

TURKEY
» ★ Apr. 3-May 15

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» Waterfowl allowed during state season dates that overlap with small game dates.

COYOTE
» May 16-31

AREA NOTES
No ATVs. No camping. Firearms restrictions apply to certain portions of the WMA. (Consult WMA map for specific limitations).

DIRECTIONS
From Cedartown: Take U.S. Highway 27 South to Felton. In Felton, turn left onto Felton Rockmart Road. Go 0.9 miles and turn right onto Rainey Lake Road. The VPA property begins 0.7 miles down Rainey Lake Road.

TALLULAH GORGE WMA

2,689 acres • 706.754.7981

DEER & BEAR
ARCHERY
» **Buck Only:** Sept. 12-Oct. 9
PRIMITIVE
» **Buck Only:** Oct. 10-16
FIREARMS
» **Buck Only:** Oct. 17-Jan. 1

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
No ATVs. No coyote season.

DIRECTIONS
From Tallulah Falls: Take U.S. 441 north, turn right onto Jane Hurt Yarn Dr., go ¼ mile past campground, follow WMA signs.

TOWNSEND WMA— BUCK ISLAND TRACT

7,244 acres • 912.262.3173

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 9
PRIMITIVE
» Oct. 10-16
FIREARMS
» Oct. 17-Jan. 10

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

DIRECTIONS
From Ludowici: Entrance to Townsend WMA - Buck Island Tract is located off HWY 301 approximately 4.75 miles west of Ludowici.

TOWNSEND WMA— NORTH, SOUTH AND PINE ISLAND TRACTS
Q Ⓑ

27,050 acres • 912.262.3173

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-30
FIREARMS
» Ⓑ Oct. 1-3, Nov. 5-7
» **Buck Only:** Oct. 17-25
» Nov. 21-29, Dec. 19-27
» Q3 **Dog Deer:** Ⓑ Dec. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
The archery-only area is archery only for all species. Dog-deer hunters must check in at the station and hunt in designated areas only. The hunting area is closed to all except quota permit holders during dog-deer hunts.

DIRECTIONS
This WMA has 3 tracts. Directions and maps are available from the Region 6 Game Management Office, 912-262-3173, or can be printed from gohuntgeorgia.com.

TREAT MOUNTAIN WMA
Q Ⓑ

7,260 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER & BEAR
Deer & bear harvested during bonus hunts must be checked out at J. Lester WMA.
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12, Oct.5-Nov. 26, Nov. 30-Jan. 7

FIREARMS
» Q200 Ⓑ Oct. 2-4, Nov. 27-29, Jan. 8-10

TURKEY
» Q10 Apr. 3-11, 17-25
» April 26-May 15

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

COYOTE
» May 16-31.

AREA NOTES
No ATVs. No camping.

DIRECTIONS
From Cedartown: Take U.S. Highway 27 South. Turn right onto GA Highway 100 south. Go 5.4 miles and turn right onto Treat Mountain Road. WMA property begins 0.2 miles down on the south side of the road.

TUCKAHOE WMA

15,100 acres • 229.426.5267

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-17, 21-30, Oct. 4-Nov. 4
PRIMITIVE
» Ⓑ Oct. 1-3
FIREARMS
» Sept. 18-20
» Ⓑ Nov. 5-7
» Nov. 24-28

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31. Feral hogs may be hunted with dogs.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
State Season

DIRECTIONS
From Sylvania: Take E. Ogeechee 2.2 miles to jct. of Buck Creek and Brannen's Bridge Rd., take Brannen's Bridge Rd. 3.4 miles to jct. of GA HWY 24, continue on Brannen's Bridge Rd. 5.2 miles to check station on left.

UPATOI NATURAL AREA

9,500 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER
Antler Restricted Area
FIREARMS
» Q75 Nov. 20-22, Dec. 11-13

TURKEY
» Q5 May 2-8, 9-15

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
No fox squirrel, quail, bobcat, or fox hunting. No dog training allowed. Vehicle use is limited on the natural area. Entry is by foot, bicycle, or e-bike only. There is currently no camping allowed and no campsite is planned for this season.

WALTON WMA

200 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Jan. 10

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» Oct. 10-Feb. 28

DOVE
» Q80 Ⓢ Sept. 5
» Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, Nov. 21-29, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

BIRD DOG TRAINING
» Oct. 1-June 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31, Archery and shotgun only.

AREA NOTES
Shotguns only for hunting small game.

DIRECTIONS
From I-20: At Exit 101, take HWY 278 north 1.7 miles. Area is on left across from Wildlife Resources Headquarters adjacent to the Wildlife Resources Conservation Center. Additional parking on Willow Springs Church Rd.

WARWOMAN WMA

15,800 acres • 770.535.5700

DEER/BEAR
ARCHERY
» **Buck Only:** Sept. 12-25, Oct. 3-9
FIREARMS
» **Buck Only:** Ⓑ Nov. 11-14, Dec. 2-5

BEAR
FIREARMS
» Sept. 26-Oct. 2

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
No ATV's/UTV's.Electric bicycles restricted to roads open to motor vehicles USFS property.

DIRECTIONS
From Clayton: Take U.S. 441 north, turn right on Warwoman Rd., go 3.5 miles to Finney Creek Rd., turn left and go 0.2 miles to check station.

WEST POINT WMA

8,952 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER
Antler Restricted Area
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 8, Oct. 11-21, Oct. 25-Nov. 15
PRIMITIVE
» Dec. 12-13
FIREARMS
» Oct. 9-11
» **Antlerless Last Day:** Ⓑ Oct. 22-24, Dec. 3-5

TURKEY
» Q80 Apr. 3-9
» Apr. 10-May 15

FURBEARER DOG TRAINING
» Aug. 15-Mar. 19 except during deer hunts.

DOVE
» Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10-11, Nov. 21-29, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

WATERFOWL SEASONS
DANIELS POND AND POND 1
» Nov. 14-15
» **Saturdays** during State Season.
OUTSIDE OF PONDS
» State Seasons
Shooting hours end at noon.

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
No gasoline engines allowed on waterfowl ponds. No fishing in managed waterfowl impoundments. No fishing from bridges. No hog dogs.

DIRECTIONS
From Lagrange: Take GA HWY 219 north 0.5 miles past Chattahoochee River Bridge, turn right on Old Whitley Rd. Follow signs to check station and kiosk.

WEST POINT WMA—DIXIE CREEK AREA

711 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER
Antler Restricted Area
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Jan. 10

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-9
» Apr. 10-May 15

BIRD DOG TRAINING
» Aug. 15-Mar. 19

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
No camping.

DIRECTIONS
From Lagrange take Hwy 219 north 4.8 miles. Go left on Cameron Mill Rd., and area is 0.6 miles on the left.

WEST POINT WMA—GLOVERS CREEK AREA

337 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER
Antler Restricted Area
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Jan. 10

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-9
» Apr. 10-May 15

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» Nov. 14
» Q7 Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 12, 19, 26, Jan. 2, » Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30

COYOTE
No hog & coyote season.

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
No gasoline motors on waterfowl impoundment. No fishing on Glovers Creek Area.

DIRECTIONS
From Franklin: Take Hwy 100 west 0.75 miles then bear left on Lagrange St. Take immediate left on Mary Johnson Dr. (turns to Beavis Rd.) and go approximately 2 miles to entrance on right just past bridge.

WILSON SHOALS WMA

2,800 acres • 770.535.5700

DEER & BEAR
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 30
PRIMITIVE
» Dec. 19-27
FIREARMS
» **Either-Sex Last Day:** Nov. 14-29

TURKEY
» Q15 Apr. 3-9, 17-23, May 1-7

DOVE
» Q15 Sept. 5
» Sept. 12, 19, 26, Oct. 3, 10, Nov. 21-29, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

DIRECTIONS
From Gainesville: Take HWY 365 north 11 miles, turn right on Mud Creed Rd., go 1 mile, turn left, go 0.1 mile, turn right on Yonah Rd., go 2.1 miles, area on left.

YUCHI WMA

7,800 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 9
PRIMITIVE
» Oct. 10-16
FIREARMS
» Oct. 17-25, Nov. 21-29, Dec. 26-Jan. 1
» **Buck Only:** Oct. 26-28, Nov. 1-20, Nov. 30-Dec. 6
» Ⓑ Oct. 29-31

TURKEY
» Q30 **Apr. 3-9, 10-16**
» Apr. 17-May 15

DOVE
» Ⓢ Sept. 5-Oct. 11, Nov. 21-29, Dec. 19-Jan. 31

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
Camping in designated sites only.

DIRECTIONS
From Waynesboro: Take HWY 80 east 8 miles to Shell Bluff Community, turn right on HWY 23, travel 7 miles south, turn left on Ebenezer Church Rd., go 1 mile to Check Station on right.

ZAHND WMA

1,642 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER & BEAR
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Jan. 1

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

AREA NOTES
No ATVs.

DIRECTIONS
From Cloudland: Take HWY 157 north 8.2 miles, turn right on Dougherty Gap Rd. and go 3.5 miles, Dougherty Gap Rd. becomes West Cove Rd., Continue straight for 3.5 miles, Turn left on S. Cedar Lane to end of road.

Need Advice on Managing Deer and Turkeys on your property or hunt club?

Georgia's Deer Management Assistance Program has biologists dedicated to helping hunt clubs and landowners meet their objectives through habitat and herd management recommendations.

Scan the QR code to learn more or visit GeorgiaWildlife.com/DMAP



OUTDOORS BEYOND BARRIERS

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

From hunting to fishing or hiking to paddling, enjoying the outdoors should be accessible for everyone. The Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) meets that challenge head on with the **Outdoors Beyond Barriers** adaptive program. This program seeks to educate, encourage, and empower those with disabilities, such as mobility impairments, to connect with nature by providing gateways to enjoy hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreational opportunities.

OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Adaptive Hunting Programs:** These application-based, multi-day programs provide guided experiences with specialty equipment, such as EcoRover Chairs, and will take place across the seasons and state.
- **Adaptive Fishing Programs:** These single-day programs pair with local community fishing and small group events across the state to provide specialty equipment, such as EcoRover Chairs, for those who need it to the enjoy the experience.
- **Specialty Hunts:** DNR offers specialty hunts that provide disability license holders with dedicated public land access opportunities and early opportunity hunts on private land.
- **Fishing Access:** All Georgia DNR Public Fishing Areas (11 areas around the state) and many Georgia State Parks offer accessible fishing piers and facilities, and all coastal public fishing piers are ADA-accessible.
- **Birding and Wildlife Viewing:** DNR sites (Parks, WMAs, PFAs, and Education Centers) offer a multitude of accessible piers and trails.
- **Shooting Ranges:** Six accessible DNR public shooting ranges.
- **Overnight Accommodations:** State Parks, Wildlife Management Areas, and Public Fishing Areas accessible cottages, cabins, yurts, and campsites across the state.
- **Water Access:** Accessible kayak launches and equipment are available at several parks with more fully accessible offerings coming soon.
- **Horseback Riding Access:** Accessible horse ramps at Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center/Clybel WMA and other State Parks.
- **Accessible Hiking Equipment:** State Parks and Historic Sites across the state have free equipment available to visitors that allow those with mobility challenges to enjoy hiking trails and scenic views, including Action Trackchairs, GRIT Freedom Chairs, and Enchroma Colorblind Glasses.

Georgia DNR is actively working to expand accessible offerings at all properties across the state. Visit division websites for the most up-to-date information.

gadnr.org/OBB

Check the website or scan the QR code for more information!

GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES







State Park Hunting Opportunities

Hunting opportunities are limited to only those species and dates specified for each State Park property. State laws and regulations and WMA Rules (pages 19-21) apply except as otherwise specified.

BALLS FERRY STATE PARK

525 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Jan. 10

TURKEY
ARCHERY
» Apr. 3-May 15

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
Waterfowl allowed during state season dates that overlap with small game dates.
Shooting hours end at noon.

AREA NOTES
» No camping. No May 16-31 coyote season.

DIRECTIONS
From Toomsboro: Take Hwy 57 east 7.5 miles. Park on the left before the Oconee River Bridge.

LEGEND

Sign-in required for all bear, deer, and turkey hunts unless otherwise noted for a specific area.

- Ⓢ Sign-in
- Ⓑ Bonus Deer hunt (see pg. 20)
- Youth Hunt (see pg. 24)
- Q Quota Hunt (see pg. 25)
- Archery Only Area
- Specialty Hunt (see pg. 28)
- Hunt & Learn
- Antler Restricted Area
- Mobility-Impaired Hunt (see pg. 28)
- Bird Dog Training
- Furbearer Dog Training
- Rabbit Dog Training
- Archery Range
- Firearms Shooting Range

CHATTAHOOCHEE BEND STATE PARK

Q Ⓑ

2,910 acres • 770. 254.7271

DEER
Bag limit: 5, no more than 2 antlered
FIREARMS
» Q110 Ⓑ Dec. 1-2

AREA NOTES
Prior to hunting, hunters must check in with the Park Office or Check-in Station for site specific information, or attend a pre-hunt meeting scheduled the day before the hunt. Hunt participants are charged a $30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a Park Pass is required. Cabins and campsites may be reserved by calling the Park office at (770) 254-7271. All park access is closed to the public during the hunt. Coyotes and feral hogs may be taken during deer hunts.

DIRECTIONS
From Newnan: Take U.S. 27 Alt north 1.2 miles to Franklin Rd.; turn left, go 1.2 miles to Welcome Rd.; turn right, go 8.6 miles to Hewlette South Rd.; turn right, go 0.9 miles and continue 1.9 miles on Bud Davis Rd. to Flat Rock Rd.; turn right and continue to park entrance.

DON CARTER STATE PARK

Q Ⓑ

1,316 acres • 678.450.7726

DEER
Bag limit: 5, no more than 2 antlered
FIREARMS
» Q55 Ⓑ Nov. 3-4

AREA NOTES
Prior to hunting, hunters must check in with the Park Office or Check-in Station for site specific information, or attend a pre-hunt meeting scheduled the day before the hunt. Hunt participants are charged a $30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a Park Pass is required. Cabins and campsites may be reserved by calling the Park office at (678) 450-7726. All park access is closed to the public during the hunt. No ATVs.

DIRECTIONS
From Gainesville: Take I-985 to Exit 24; take Jesse Jewell Pkwy. 0.4 mi. to Limestone Pkwy. turn right, go 1.6 mi. to Clarks Bridge Rd. turn right, go 6.2 mi. to N. Browning Bridge Rd. turn right, go 1.8 mi. to park.

DUKES CREEK—SMITHGALL WOODS STATE PARK

Q ★

4,500 acres • 706.878.3087

DEER & BEAR
ARCHERY
» **Buck Only:** Sept. 12-13
PRIMITIVE
» **Buck Only:** Nov. 11-14
FIREARMS
» ★ **Buck Only:** Oct. 9-11
» **Buck Only:** Nov. 25-28

TURKEY
» Q20 Ⓢ Apr. 10-11, 24-25, May 8-9

SMALL GAME SEASONS
Hunting by reservation only. Maximum 10 furbearer hunters/25 small game hunters per hunt period. Reservations must be made beginning Nov. 1 by calling (706) 878-3087.
» Ⓢ Dec. 3-5, Jan. 7-9, 28-31

AREA NOTES
Main gate on Tsalaki Trail opens at 5:00AM for all hunts. All hunts are restricted to the area east of Alt75 (75A).

DIRECTIONS
From Helen: Take HWY 75 north to Robertstown, turn left on Alt. GA 75; go 2.2 miles, turn left into Smithgall Woods at Stone Pillars; follow signs to check station.

F.D. ROOSEVELT STATE PARK

Q Ⓑ

9,049 acres • 706.663.4858.

DEER
FIREARMS
» Q150 Ⓑ Jan. 5-6

DIRECTIONS
From Pine Mountain: Take Hwy. 27 South 1.0 mile to Hwy. 354; turn left, go 2.5 miles to Hwy. 190; turn right; follow signs.

FORT YARGO STATE PARK

Q Ⓑ

1,816 acres • 770.867.3489

DEER
Bag limit: 5, no more than 2 antlered
FIREARMS
» Q85 Ⓑ Nov. 17-18

AREA NOTES
Prior to hunting, hunters must check in with the Park Office or Check-in Station for site specific information, or attend a pre-hunt meeting scheduled the day before the hunt. Hunt participants will be charged a $30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a $5 Park Pass is required. Cabins and campsites may be reserved by calling the Park office at (770) 867-3489. All park access is closed to the public during the hunt. No ATVs.

DIRECTIONS
From Winder: Take HWY 81 Southwest, travel 1.2 miles, follow signs.

HARD LABOR CREEK STATE PARK

Q Ⓑ

5,804 acres • 706.557.3001

DEER
Bag limit: 5, no more than 2 antlered
FIREARMS
» Q250 Ⓑ Nov. 3-4

AREA NOTES
Prior to hunting, hunters must check in with the Park Office or Check-in Station for site specific information, or attend a pre-hunt meeting scheduled the day before the hunt. Hunt participants will be charged a $30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a ParkPass is required. Cabins and campsites may be reserved by calling the park office at (706) 557-3001. All park access is closed to the public during the hunt. No ATVs. Coyotes and Feral Hogs may be taken during deer hunts.

DIRECTIONS
From I-20: From Exit 105 turn north on Newborn Rd. Go 2.3 miles to Rutledge, follow signs.

LITTLE OCMULGEE STATE PARK

265 acres • 229.868.7474

ALLIGATOR
No hunt this year. Hunting by special permit only. Interested hunters selected for Zone 5 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 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 vessel per permit holder. Fishing and other non-permitted lake activities are prohibited after sunset to before sunrise.

DIRECTIONS
From McRae: Take Hwy. 280 East, turn left on Hwy. 441, travel one-half mile, turn left on Spanish Moss Dr.

MISTLETOE STATE PARK

Q Ⓑ

1,920 acres • 706.541.0321

DEER
FIREARMS
Bag limit: 5, no more than 2 antlered
» Q75 Ⓑ Nov. 17-18

DIRECTIONS
From Thomson I-20: Travel East 3.0 miles to Exit 175, Hwy. 150; turn left, go 7.9 miles to Mistletoe Rd; turn left, go 3.0 miles to park entrance.

AREA NOTES
Prior to hunting, hunters must check in with the Park Office or Check-in Station for site specific information, or attend a pre-hunt meeting scheduled the day before the hunt. Hunt participants will be charged a $30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a Park Pass is required.

Cabins and campsites may be reserved by calling the park office at (706) 541-0321. All park access is closed to the public during the hunt. No ATVs. Coyotes and Feral Hogs may be taken during deer hunts.

PANOLA MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

Q Ⓑ ◎

1,635 acres • 770.389.7801

DEER
FIREARMS
Bag limit: 5, no more than 2 antlered
» Q60 Ⓑ Nov. 3-4. NOTE: Archery option for up to 4 selected hunters.

AREA NOTES
Prior to hunting, hunters must check in with the Park Office or Check-in Station for site specific information, or attend a pre-hunt meeting scheduled the day before the hunt. Hunt participants will be charged a $30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a ParkPass is required. Hunting within 50 yards of the PATH Trail is prohibited. All park access is closed to the public during the hunt. No ATVs.

DIRECTIONS
From Atlanta: Take I-20 to Exit 71; turn right on Panola Rd; go 3.6 mi to Snapfinger Rd/GA Hwy 155; go left; go 1.5 mi to park entrance on left.

RED TOP MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

Q Ⓑ

1,776 acres • 770.975.0055

DEER
FIREARMS
Bag limit: 5, no more than 2 antlered
» Q50 Ⓑ Nov. 17-18

AREA NOTES
Prior to hunting, hunters must check in with the Park Office or Check-in Station for site specific information, or attend a pre-hunt meeting scheduled the day before the hunt. Hunt participants will be charged a $30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a ParkPass is required. Cabins and campsites (hunters only) are available and may be reserved through the park office at (770) 975-0055. All park access is closed to the public during the hunt. No ATVs.

DIRECTIONS
From Atlanta: Take I-75 North to Acworth exit 285, turn right on Red Top Mountain Rd, follow signs.

REED BINGHAM STATE PARK

375 acres • 229.896.3551

ALLIGATOR
No alligator hunt scheduled this year.

DIRECTIONS
From Tifton: Take I-75 South to Adel exit 39, turn right on HWY 37, follow signs.

RICHARD B. RUSSELL STATE PARK

Q ♿ Ⓑ

2,508 acres • 706.213.2045

DEER
FIREARMS
Bag limit: 5, no more than 2 antlered
» Q60 Ⓑ Dec. 1-2
» Q20 ♿ Dec. 1-2

AREA NOTES
Prior to hunting, hunters must check in with the Park Office or Check-in Station for site specific information, or attend a pre-hunt meeting scheduled the day before the hunt. Hunt participants will be charged a $30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a ParkPass is required. Cabins and campsites (hunters only) may be reserved through the park office at (706) 213-2045. All park access is closed to the public during the hunt. No ATVs. Mobility-impaired hunters must apply by letter by Oct. 15 to: Mobility-impaired Hunt RBR State Park, 2650 Russell State Park Drive, Elberton, GA 30635.

DIRECTIONS
From Elberton: Take GA-77 Northeast 1.2 miles, turn right on Ruckersville Rd, travel 7.9 miles, turn right on Russell State Park Rd.

STANDING BOY STATE PARK

Q

1,580 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER
ARCHERY
» Q20 Oct. 2-4, Nov. 6-8, 13-15, Dec. 4-6

TURKEY
» Q10 Apr. 9-11, 16-18
» Q10 Apr. 23-25, Apr. 30-May 2

AREA NOTES
No camping. No ATVs. No small game season. No alligator hunting. No coyote season. This area is managed by a biking club, which charges a parking fee. The area is not closed to other users during quota hunts. Please visit www.standingboy.org for more information.

DIRECTIONS
From Columbus: Take HWY 219 north. Turn left on Old River Rd., go 1.5 miles. Tract on left.

TUGALOO STATE PARK

Q Ⓑ Archery Only Area

393 acres • 706.356.4362

DEER
ARCHERY
Bag limit 5, no more than 2 antlered
» Q40 Ⓑ Nov. 17-18

AREA NOTES
Prior to hunting, hunters must check in with the Park Office or Check-in Station for site specific information, or attend a pre-hunt meeting scheduled the day before the hunt. Hunt participants will be charged a $30 nonrefundable, nontransferable hunt fee and a Park Pass is required. Cabins and campsites may be reserved by calling the Park office at (706) 356-4362. All park access is closed to the public during the hunt. No ATVs.

DIRECTIONS
From Lavonia: Take GA-328N/ Gumlog Rd. 4.0 miles to Tugaloo SP Rd; turn right, go 1.9 miles to park entrance.



Voluntary Public Access (VPA) Lands

Since 2014, through a USDA grant, the DNR Wildlife Resources Division (WRD) has been able to enhance its public land hunting program through temporary agreements with private landowners to provide public hunting opportunities. Some of these VPA opportunities are listed below, but some may not be included due to deadlines. For an up-to-date list of properties, please visit **GoHuntGeorgia.com**. State laws and regulations and WMA Rules (pages 19-21) apply. Hunting opportunities are limited to those species and dates specified for each VPA property.

APPLING COUNTY DOVE FIELD VPA

123 acres • 229.426.5267

No hunts this year.

AREA NOTES
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 coyote season.

DIRECTIONS
From Alma: Take US 1 north to Pat Lewis Rd. on right (1st road on right after crossing over the Appling County line from Bacon County). Go 1 mile to dove fields.

From Baxley: Take US 1 south for 9 miles; turn left on Pat Lewis Rd. Go 1 mile to dove fields.

LEGEND

Sign-in required for all bear, deer, and turkey hunts unless otherwise noted for a specific area.

- Sign-in
- Bonus Deer hunt (see pg. 20)
- Youth Hunt (see pg. 24)
- Quota Hunt (see pg. 25)
- Archery Only Area
- Specialty Hunt (see pg. 28)
- Hunt & Learn
- Antler Restricted Area
- Mobility-Impaired Hunt (see pg. 28)
- Bird Dog Training
- Furbearer Dog Training
- Rabbit Dog Training
- Archery Range
- Firearms Shooting Range

CAMP THUNDER VPA

Archery Only Area

1,527 acres • 706.595.4222

DEER
» Sept. 12-Jan. 10

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

COYOTE
» May 16-31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
Waterfowl allowed during state season dates that overlap with small game dates.

AREA NOTES
No firearms hunting allowed. No ATVs. Camping allowed only at designated sites and must register at: campreservation.com/095/Camps/157

DIRECTIONS
From Thomaston: Take Hwy 74 west approximately 12 miles and go left on Thundering Springs Rd, in approximately 2.4 miles the sign-in kiosk will be on the right.

CEDAR GROVE VPA

294 acres • 229.426.5267

DEER & SMALL GAME
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Jan. 10

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

DIRECTIONS
From Dublin take Hwy 441 South approx. 17 miles, continue straight after intersection with Hwy 46 for 0.5 miles, turn right on Clarence Chappell Road. Take dirt road approximately 0.5 miles and property entrances are on the right.

CHATTAHOOCHEE FALL LINE WMA—VPA TRACTS

9,048 acres • 229.430.4254

DEER
Antler Restricted Area
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Jan. 10
» **Kendall Creek Tract:** Sept. 12-Jan. 31

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons.
No fox squirrel hunting.

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons
Shooting hours end at noon.

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

AREA NOTES
No ATVs or horses.

DIRECTIONS
From JCT Hwy 80 and 355, go south on 355. Tracts are located on Doctor Brooks Rd., Parker Mill Rd., and Hwy 355. Distance to tracts is between 4 and 10 miles from Hwy 80.

COLLINS ROAD VPA

356 acres • 706.595.4222

RABBIT
Wednesdays, Saturdays
» Nov. 14, 18, 21, 25, 28, Dec. 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30, Jan. 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30, Feb. 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27

BIRD DOG TRAINING
Sun.-Tues. & Thur.-Fri., year round.

AREA NOTES
No ATVs. No camping. No May 16-31 coyote season

DIRECTIONS
From Waynesboro: Take GA Hwy 56 North 11.5 miles and turn right onto Collins Rd; travel 0.4 miles and VPA entrance is on the right.

From Augusta: Take I-520 (Bobby Jones Expressway) to Exit 9 for GA Hwy 56 South/Mike Padgett Hwy; turn right onto GA Hwy 56 South and travel 13.3 miles; turn left onto Collins Rd; travel 0.4 miles and VPA entrance is on the right.

DUPONT TRACT VPA

912.262.3173 • 349 acres

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 30, Nov. 16-Jan. 10
FIREARMS
» Oct. 31-Nov. 15

BEAR
ARCHERY
» Sept. 17-19, 24-26, Oct. 1-3, 8-10

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons
No furbearers.

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

DIRECTIONS
From Dupont take Hwy. 84 east for 1.8 miles, turn left on Harvest Time Church Rd. and the kiosk is 0.25 miles ahead.

LOLA TRACT VPA

CWD Management Area

391 acres • 912.262.3173

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 23, Nov. 9-Jan. 10
FIREARMS
» Oct. 24-Nov. 8

BEAR
ARCHERY
» Sept. 17-19, 24-26, Oct. 1-3, 8-10

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

DIRECTIONS
From Stockton Take Hwy. 84 west for 1.4 miles. WMA kiosk is on the right. WMA is on both sides of the river.

LONDON FARMS VPA

Q

111 acres • 770.535.5700

DOVE
» Q30 Sept. 5, 12

AREA NOTES
Selected hunters may check in at 6:00 a.m. and hunt from 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset. No blinds, buckets, seats or 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.

DIRECTIONS
From Cleveland: Take Hwy 115 East 5.9 miles, turn right on Hwy 384 South, go 1.1 mile, turn right on Barrett Mill Rd., go 0.7 mile to dove field.

McENTIRE ROAD VPA

95 acres • 706.295.6041

DOVE
» Sept. 5, 12, 19, Sept. 26-Oct. 11

AREA NOTES
No ATVs. VPA is only open to the public for hunting during designated seasons. All other access is prohibited. No coyote season.

DIRECTIONS
From Calhoun, take Hwy 225 NE to Hwy 136. Turn right (east) on Hwy 136 (Nicklesville Rd). Go 5 miles and turn left (North) on Davis Rd (which turns into McEntire Rd when entering Murray Co). Kiosk is 0.7 miles on right.

PLEASANT VALLEY VPA

934 acres • 706.295.6041

DEER & BEAR
ARCHERY
» Specialty Hunt Sept. 12-Oct. 16

FIREARMS
» Oct. 17-Nov. 13
» Nov. 15–20, 22–27, 29–30, Dec. 1–4, 6–11, 13–18, 20–25, 27–31, Jan. 1

TURKEY
Apr. 3-May 15

WATERFOWL SEASONS
Saturday during statewide season

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» Aug. 15-Sept. 11, Feb. 1-28

COYOTE
» May 16-31.

AREA NOTES
No ATVs.

DIRECTIONS
From Adairsville: Take Adairsville Pleasant Valley Road east crossing under I-75. Turn right on East Pleasant Valley Road. For east kiosk, continue 0.4 miles and kiosk will be on the right. For west kiosk, go 0.25 miles and turn right onto Pleasant Valley Road. Cross over I-75 and then go 0.25 miles and kiosk will be on the left.

SCOTLAND ROAD VPA

199 acres • 229.426.5267

DEER & SMALL GAME
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Jan. 10
No furbearers.

TURKEY
» Apr. 3-May 15

DIRECTIONS
From Dublin, take Hwy 441 south of I-16 for 2.6 miles to Scotland Road on the left. Proceed down Scotland Road approx. 6 miles and turn left on Anderson Road. Go 0.6 miles, take left on Fountain Drive and go another 0.5 miles to Rozier Lane on the left. Take Rozier Lane to end of road and follow roads around old homesite to property.

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BANKS LAKE NWR

912.496.7836

ALLIGATOR
» Aug. 28-30

AREA NOTES
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.

BLACKBEARD ISLAND NWR

843.784.2468

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

LEGEND

Sign-in required for all bear, deer, and turkey hunts unless otherwise noted for a specific area.

- Sign-in
- Bonus Deer hunt (see pg. 20)
- Youth Hunt (see pg. 24)
- Quota Hunt (see pg. 25)
- Archery Only Area
- Specialty Hunt (see pg. 28)
- Hunt & Learn
- Antler Restricted Area
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- Firearms Shooting Range

BOND SWAMP NWR

Q

478-775-4907

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Nov. 1
FIREARMS
» Nov. 14-15
» Q200 Nov. 20-21, Dec. 4-5

TURKEY
Bag Limit: 1 gobbler
» Q40 Apr. 3-4, 16-17

SMALL GAME SEASONS
Bag Limit: 1 fox squirrel/day
» **Squirrel:** Aug. 15-Sept. 11
» **Squirrel/Rabbit/Quail:** Dec. 6-Jan. 31

WATERFOWL SEASONS
Legal hours end at noon.
» Q20 Dec. 18-19, Jan. 1-2, 15-16, 29-30

AREA NOTES
Refuge permits are required for all hunts. For the quota deer, waterfowl, and turkey application deadline check the refuge webpage. 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 478-775-4907 or email piedmont@fws.gov. Please check the refuge webpage or call the refuge office for updates.

CHATTAHOOCHEE NATIONAL FOREST (OUTSIDE OF WMAS)

770.297.3000

Hunting bears with dogs is prohibited on the Chattahoochee National Forest lands outside of designated WMAs.

BEAR
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 9, Jan. 2-10
PRIMITIVE
» Oct. 10-16
FIREARMS
» Oct. 17-Jan. 1

DEER (EAST OF I-75)
ARCHERY
» **Buck Only:** Sept. 12-Oct. 9, Jan. 2-10
PRIMITIVE
» **Buck Only:** Oct. 10-16
FIREARMS
» **Buck Only:** Oct. 17-Jan. 1

DEER (WEST OF I-75)
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Oct. 9, Jan. 2-10
PRIMITIVE
» Oct. 10-16
FIREARMS
» **Buck Only (except during county either-sex days):** Oct. 17-Jan. 1

TURKEY
Bag Limit: 1 gobbler
» Apr. 3-May 15

SMALL GAME SEASONS
» State Seasons
QUAIL (WEST OF I-75)
» Jan. 1-31

WATERFOWL SEASONS
» State Seasons

DOG TRAINING
» Aug. 1-Sept. 7, Jan. 2-March 31, 2027

AREA NOTES
Other requirements apply, see pg. 29. On all National Forest lands, discharging a firearm or any implement capable of causing injury or property damage is prohibited within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site, or occupied area; across or on a Forest Service road; across any water body; or into or within a cave. Transportation of any loaded weapon in a motor vehicle is prohibited. Hogs may be taken during daylight hours only. Coyotes may be taken during hunts using legal firearms or archery equipment for the specified game species; electronic calls are allowed; night hunting is prohibited. Placing, leaving, or depositing food, bait, or refuse in any manner likely to attract or concentrate wildlife — whether for hunting or viewing — is prohibited, as is failing to properly store food or refuse to prevent wildlife access.

CUMBERLAND ISLAND NS

Q

912.882.4336 x258

AREA NOTES
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.

EUFAULA NWR

Q B

334.687.4065

DEER
ARCHERY
» Sept. 12-Jan. 10
FIREARMS
» B Oct. 3, 17

WATERFOWL SEASONS
Q16 Wed. during state season. Shotshell limit of 25. Check with Refuge office for dates.

AREA NOTES
Closed to alligator hunting. Apply Aug. 1-Sept. 15 for all quota hunts. User fees must be prepaid. Eligible ages for youth hunts are 10-15 years. A waterfowl permit holder may bring up to 2 guests (no more than 3 individuals/blind). No May 16-31 coyote & hog season.

FORT EISENHOWER

Q

706.791.6135 or 2397

All hunters must set up an account and acquire a permit at https://ftgordon.isportsman.net. Hunting and fishing permits are offered to the general public through a lottery system on the iSportsman website. 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. Application period begins July 1 and ends July 15 each year. All hunters, regardless of age, must possess a Hunter Education Certificate. Mandatory daily check-in/check-out. All hunting is subject to post regulations and hunting access is not guaranteed. For more information go to https://ftgordon.isportsman.net.

FORT STEWART & HUNTER ARMY AIRFIELD

Q

912.767.9040

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.

HARRIS NECK NWR

843.784.2468

Hunting for deer and feral hogs is offered. All hunters 16 years of age or older must purchase a $25 Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex Annual Hunt Permit at www.recreation.gov/activitypass/savannah-complex-hunt-permit. Visit www.fws.gov/refuge/harris-neck for season dates, refuge regulations, and more information.

HARTWELL LAKE/ RICHARD B. RUSSELL LAKE/ J. STROM THURMOND LAKE (CLARKS HILL) (USACE)

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Hunting opportunities vary by area. Please visit each project's website

All federal area special regulations can be found at georgiawildlife.com/specialfederalregulations.

for information regarding hunting opportunities at: Hartwell — https://bit.ly/3BnnipP — Richard B. Russell — https://bit.ly/3zp546r — Clarks Hill — https://bit.ly/3yIRHmp. An online USACE hunting map application powered by ArcGIS Online is also available at https://bit.ly/3zmNJeF. Information is also available at each lake project office: Hartwell 1-888-893-0678; Richard B. Russell 1-800-944-7207; Clarks Hill 1-800-533-3478.

LAKE SEMINOLE/W.F. GEORGE LAKE/G.W. ANDREWS LAKE/ WEST POINT LAKE/ ALLATOONA LAKE/ CARTERS LAKE (USACE)

Hunting opportunity may vary by area so please contact the appropriate COE office as provided herein. Some COE properties require a special permit for species-specific hunting; please call or check online well before the season opens as some permits can only be obtained onsite or by US mail. Contact the Corps resource manager's office at the appropriate lake project for hunting areas: Allatoona 678-721-6700; Walter F. George 229-768-2516; Seminole 229-662-2001; Carters 706-334-2640; West Point 706-645-2937 OR visit the website http://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Recreation/Hunting.aspx.

LAKE SIDNEY LANIER (USACE)

Q

DEER

ARCHERY

Buford Dam Unit

» Nov. 11-13

» Pre-hunt meeting: Nov. 10

Islands Unit

» Nov. 7-10, 14-17, 21-24; Dec. 5-8, 12-15, 19-22

AREA NOTES

For hunt information and hunt maps visit https://www.sam.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Recreation/Lake-Sidney-Lanier/Hunting/.

OCONEE NATIONAL FOREST (OUTSIDE OF WMAS)

706.485.1776

DEER

ARCHERY

» Sept. 12-Oct. 9

PRIMITIVE

» Oct. 10-16

FIREARMS

» **Buck Only:** Oct. 17-30, Nov. 2-20, Nov. 23-Dec. 11, 14-25, Dec. 28-Jan. 10

» Oct. 31-Nov. 1, Nov. 21-22, Dec. 12-13, 26-27

TURKEY

Bag Limit: 1 gobbler

» Apr. 3-May 15

SMALL GAME SEASONS

» State Seasons

WATERFOWL SEASONS

» State Seasons

DOG TRAINING

» Aug. 1 - Sept. 7, Jan. 2 - Mar. 31

HITCHITI EXPERIMENTAL FOREST

Hitchiti Experimental Forest is only open during Piedmont Refuge hunting seasons with a valid Piedmont Refuge hunting permit and in accordance with Refuge regulations. See Piedmont NWR listing.

AREA NOTES

On all National Forest lands, discharging a firearm or any implement capable of causing injury or property damage is prohibited within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site, or occupied area; across or on a Forest Service road; across any water body; or into or within a cave. Hogs may be taken during daylight hours only. Coyotes may be taken during hunts using legal firearms or archery equipment for the specified game species; electronic calls are allowed; night hunting is prohibited. Pursuit of bears with dogs is prohibited. Placing, leaving, or depositing food, bait, or refuse in any manner likely to attract or concentrate wildlife — whether for hunting or viewing — is prohibited, as is failing to properly store food or refuse to prevent wildlife access. Transportation of any loaded weapon in a motor vehicle is prohibited.

OKEFENOKEE - COWHOUSE UNIT

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912.496.7836

Visit https://www.fws.gov/refuge/okefenokee/visit-us/activities/hunting for a list of hunting opportunities at Okefenokee.

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

OKEFENOKEE - POCKET UNIT

912.496.7836

Visit https://www.fws.gov/refuge/okefenokee/visit-us/activities/hunting for a list of hunting opportunities at Okefenokee.

Sign-in/sign-out required. Bears and alligators may not be taken. Foot travel only off paved road. No dogs allowed. No May 16-31 coyote season, no coyote hunting.

OKEFENOKEE NWR - SUWANNEE CANAL UNIT

Q B

912.496.7836

Visit https://www.fws.gov/refuge/okefenokee/visit-us/activities/hunting for a list of hunting opportunities at Okefenokee.

Youth are those 16 and under and supervised by an adult 21 or older. Hunter Education is required for youth hunters. Shooting hours close at noon; Shotguns and muzzleloaders only; hunters are charged a $15.00 permit fee; check-out required; hunters are not required to tag deer prior to check out — special NWR tags provided for two harvested deer; hunt area zoned; Chesser Island zone is for mobility-impaired or youth hunters only. No dogs allowed. Feral hogs may be taken: no limit. No May 16-31 coyote season, no coyote hunting.

PIEDMONT NWR

Q B

478-775-4907

NOTE: The Hitchiti Experimental Forest is open for hunting only during refuge hunting seasons with a valid Piedmont Refuge hunting permit and in accordance with refuge regulations.

DEER

ARCHERY

» Sept. 12-Oct. 4

PRIMITIVE

» Q1250 Oct. 29-31

FIREARMS

» Oct. 17-18

» Oct. 17-18

» Q1250 Nov. 5-7, 12-14

TURKEY

Bag Limit: 1 gobbler

» Q300 Apr. 6-10, 20-24, May 4-8

SMALL GAME SEASONS

RABBIT/QUAIL/SQUIRREL

» Nov. 15-Jan. 31

RACCOON & OPOSSUM

» **Fri. & Sat.**: Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26, Jan. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23, 29-30

SQUIRREL

Limit 1 fox squirrel/day

» Aug. 15-Sept. 11, Oct. 5-16, 19-28, Nov. 1-4, 8-11

AREA NOTES

Refuge permits are required for all hunts. Quota deer and turkey hunt permits must be purchased from Piedmont Refuge's Recreation.gov page at recreation.gov/camping/gateways/1565. Permit fee required for all quota hunts. Feral hogs may be taken on quota deer hunts.

Information will be posted on Recreation.gov and the refuge web page for how and when you buy hunt permits. These are limited quota hunts but will no longer be selected by lottery. Mobility-impaired hunters must provide medical documentation stating that they are confined to a wheelchair for mobility to be eligible to participate in the mobility-impaired deer hunt. Baiting is prohibited. No May 16-31 coyote season. Contact the refuge office to obtain general hunt permits and refuge specific hunting regulations (478-775-4907) or email piedmont@fws.gov

SAVANNAH NWR

843.784.2468

Hunting for deer, turkey, waterfowl, dove, squirrel, raccoon, rabbit, opossum, beaver, armadillo, feral hog, and coyote is offered. No alligator hunting. All hunters 16 years of age or older must purchase a $25 Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex Annual Hunt Permit at www.recreation.gov/activitypass/savannah-complex-hunt-permit. Visit www.fws.gov/refuge/savannah for season dates, refuge regulations, and more information.

WASSAW NWR

843.784.2468

No alligator hunting. No May 16-31 coyote season. Hunting for deer and feral hogs is offered. All hunters 16 years of age or older must purchase a $25 Savannah Coastal Refuges Complex Annual Hunt Permit at www.recreation.gov/activitypass/savannah-complex-hunt-permit. Visit www.fws.gov/refuge/wassaw for season dates, refuge regulations, and more information.



YOUTH & NEW HUNTER PROGRAMS

FOR 2026-2027



Hunter Education Program
georgiawildlife.com/education

This is a required program for anyone age 16 and up who plans to hunt (and is a requirement for many of our youth programs). Students learn how to be safe and responsible with firearms.

S.H.A.R.P. Program
georgiawildlife.com/sharp-program

Are you an adult or youth hunter with limited experience or success? The "Safe Harvest and Responsible Practices" (S.H.A.R.P) program at Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center provides new hunters with the basic knowledge and skills required to confidently pursue Georgia's wild game on their own.

Give It a Shot Program
georgiawildlife.com/give-it-a-shot

Would you llike a hands-on approach to firearms and shooting? The Give It a Shot Program is designed to help those who are new to shooting learn the basics.

Buck Shoals WMA & Clybel WMA
georgiawildlife.com/learntohuntfish

Buck Shoals WMA and Clybel WMA offer a variety of youth and adult hunt and learn programs and youth quota hunt opportunities.

Scholastic Clay Target Program
georgiawildlife.com/sctp

The Georgia Independent Schools Association and the Georgia Association of Private and Parochial Schools offer SCTP as a varsity team sport. Students who have completed hunter education have the opportunity to school trap, skeet and sporting clays with the help and support of trained coaches focused on firearm safety.

National Archery in the Schools Program
georgiawildlife.com/NASP

NASP is an in-school archery program for students in grades 4-12.

Summer Camps
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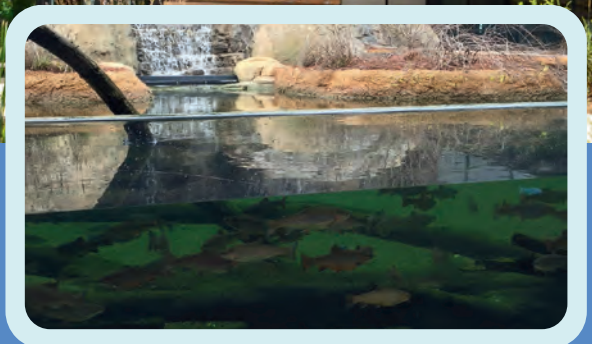

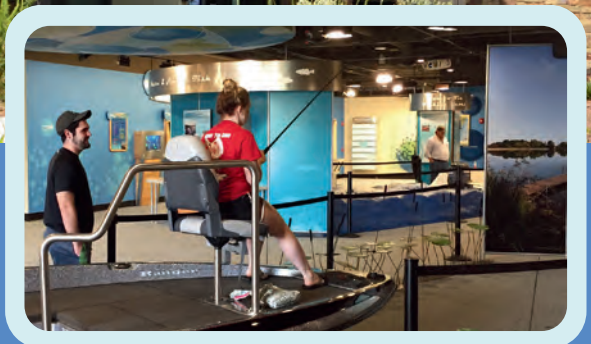

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Fishing Events Support Family and Community Fishing

Georgia DNR hosts family fishing events across the state. These events are a great way for people to learn about fishing and some easy-to-access places to fish. **Scan the QR code to see a calendar of upcoming events close to home!**

Plan Before You Go:

- Find and register for local WRD fishing events at GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com
- Purchase a fishing license (ages 15 & under do not require a license in Georgia)
- Check weather forecast
- Dress in lightweight, comfortable layers of apparel. Consider moisture-wicking or waterproof clothing.

Family Fishing Checklist

Here is a list of things to consider bringing to a family fishing event in Georgia. Most fishing events offer fishing equipment, bait, and spare tackle, loaned to participants, free of charge.

- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Water bottle
- ☐ Travel cooler with ice pack
- ☐ Plenty of water (or sports drink)
- ☐ Hat and Sunglasses (polarized)
- ☐ Insect repellant for mosquitoes and gnats
- ☐ Individually wrapped snack foods
- ☐ A few resealable bags for trash, etc.
- ☐ Wet wipes/tissues
- ☐ Portable outdoor folding chairs
- ☐ Phone (with storage space for fishing pictures!)
- ☐ Needlenose pliers and line cutting tool
- ☐ Items specific to your family (e.g., baby supplies, medications, etc.)

Be sure to check event details for more information and to see if bait and equipment are needed.

Common Species Caught at Fishing Events:



Black Crappie



Bluegill



Channel Catfish



Largemouth Bass



Redear Sunfish

Tips!

- Cast toward areas with shade, fallen trees, vegetation (if available)
- Keep hooks away from faces and fingers
- Look for obstacles behind you before casting
- For catch-and-release anglers—snap a photo and return fish to water quickly!

Fish identification pictures: Duane Raver or © Joseph Tomelleri

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WILDLIFE RESOURCES DIVISION



GET KIDS *Hooked!*

With over 500,000 acres of lakes and 16,000 miles of streams in Georgia, there are plenty of opportunities to get kids hooked on fishing.









FISHING WITH KIDS: GeorgiaWildlife.com/kidsfishing

Find out more about introducing your child to fishing, such as:

- Kids Fishing Event locations and dates
- Places to take kids fishing
- Tips for fishing with kids
- Downloading a "My First Fish" Certificate

YOUTH FISHING CAMPS & PROGRAMS

Find out more about youth angler camps and programs:

- Fishing Workshops & Summer Fishing Day Camps at Go Fish Education Center (GoFishEducationCenter.com/education-gfec).
- Fish-n-Learn Education Programs for youth ages 7–15. (GeorgiaWildlife.com/FishAndLearn)
- The Charlie Elliott Center offers multiple day and overnight camps for youth, including the Gone Fishin' Overnight Camp for youth ages 11–13. (GeorgiaWildlife.com/camps).

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS: GeorgiaWildlife.com/educational-resources

Plan a school trip to one of the regional wildlife education centers in Georgia. Each center offers hands-on, nature based programming around fishing and wildlife conservation.
The Go Fish Education Center in Perry, GA offers interactive, hands-on lessons, live fish and wildlife exhibits, fishing simulators and so much more!

GIVE THE GIFT OF FISHING!

Got a young angler in the house? Gift them a lifetime license as a child and save hundreds. It's never too early!
Visit https://georgiawildlife.com/lifetime license

GEORGIA FRESHWATER FISHING

With more than 500,000 acres of lakes, 12,000 miles of warm water streams and 4,000 miles of trout streams, Georgia is home to excellent freshwater fishing opportunities. Our commitment to conservation ensures that the fisheries in these waters remain vibrant and healthy. Discover the freshwater fishing experience, where pristine lakes, winding rivers and streams beckon anglers of all levels.

General Regulations

FRESHWATER GAME SPECIES DAILY LIMITS

- It is unlawful to take in one day or to possess at any one time, except at a residence or commercial storage facility, more than the daily limit for each species. It is unlawful to possess more than a total of 50 individuals of all the game fish listed in this section, except channel and flathead catfish. **New:** See page 63 for actual creel limits.
- Once the daily limit for a particular species is taken, it is unlawful to continue to fish for that species.

Exception: Daily limits differ on certain waters shared by Georgia and South Carolina. See **Agreements with Bordering States** (pages 66-67).

SEASONS

There is no closed season for fishing in freshwater in Georgia except for the following:

- **Flint, Chattahoochee and Spring Creeks:** The Flint River and its tributaries from the Georgia Power Co. dams at Albany to the US Hwy 84 bridge; the Chattahoochee River and its tributaries from the Columbia Lock and Dam to the GA Hwy 91 bridge; and Spring Creek and its tributaries downstream to GA Hwy 253 are CLOSED to striped bass fishing and spear fishing from May 1 - October 31 each year.
- **Lake Seminole:** All fishing, including spear fishing, for any species in the marked areas around five fish refuges in Lake Seminole is prohibited from May 1 - October 31 each year.
- **Coosa River:** The season for taking lake sturgeon from the Coosa River and its tributaries is CLOSED. See **GoFishGeorgia.com** for more information on this closure and how to identify this fish.
- **Noodling or Grabbling:** The season is open March 1 - July 15 statewide in freshwater.

LENGTH LIMITS

Note: There are no minimum length limits on freshwater game fish unless they are listed below, or on pages 59-62. All lengths are Total Length (see "How to Measure Fish," page 82). You must release all fish shorter than the minimum length indicated for that species.

LARGEMOUTH BASS

12 inches statewide **except:**

- Lake Blackshear: 14 inches
- Lake Blue Ridge: no minimum (0 inches)
- Lake Burton: no minimum (0 inches)
- Lake Juliette: no minimum (0 inches)
- Lake Lanier: 14 inches
- Lake Oconee: 14 inches
- Lake Lindsay Grace: bass between 15 and 22 inches must be released immediately. All others may be kept. In addition, only one bass may be greater than 22 inches.
- Lake Walter F. George: 14 inches
- West Point Reservoir: 14 inches
- Public Fishing Area lakes operated by the Department of Natural Resources: 14 inches. This limit will not apply to lakes which have been posted as having a different length limit for largemouth bass.

SHOAL BASS

15-inches statewide **except:**

- Flint River downstream of Warwick Dam (Lake Blackshear): Bass between 15 and 20 inches must be released immediately. All others may be kept.

SPOTTED BASS

- Lake Lanier: 14 inches

STRIPED BASS, WHITE BASS, & HYBRID WHITE-STRIPED BASS

You may only keep two fish of the total limit that are 22 inches or longer, **except:**

- **See agreement with South Carolina (page 66)**
- The minimum length for all fish is 22 inches on the North Newport River, Medway River including Mount Hope Creek, Little Ogeechee River, Ogeechee River; Oconee River downstream of GA Hwy 22 in Milledgeville; Ocmulgee River downstream of GA Hwy 96 bridge between Houston and Twiggs counties; Altamaha River, Saint Mary's River, Satilla River, and the tributaries to these river sections; and from saltwater.
- The minimum length is 27 inches on the Savannah River and its tributaries downstream of J. Strom Thurmond Dam (2 fish limit).
- See table on page 63 for full details.

FISHING GEAR MUST BE REGULARLY CHECKED

- Attend to gear such as limb lines and minnow traps. (Anglers are encouraged to check all gear within 24 hours).
- Make every reasonable effort to retrieve lost gear (including hooks, line and lead sinkers).
- Recycle used fishing line.

CREEL AND POSSESSION NOTE TO ANGLERS

Creel and possession limits are per person. For Game Wardens to correctly determine compliance with these limits, each individual should keep trout or other fish on separate stringers or in separate creels. It is unlawful for one individual to possess more than the legal limit of any fish species. For possession restrictions on Dukes Creek see page 70.

FRESHWATER TURTLES

Individuals may not possess more than 10 freshwater turtles (any combination of species) without a valid permit. There is no closed season for the harvest of freshwater turtles, however, taking of species protected by federal or state law is prohibited. For more information on turtling regulations see **GeorgiaWildlife.com/turtling**.

FISHING ON WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

According to statewide regulations or as otherwise posted, fishing is allowed on WMAs. Alcohol use is prohibited on WMAs except in designated camping areas. Refer to the Hunting Regulations section of this guide for a complete list of WMA regulations.

FISHING WITHOUT PERMISSION

It is unlawful to fish on someone else's property without permission. Game Wardens and other law enforcement officers are charged with enforcing this law. Always ask permission before entering private land.

Permission is not required to fish in the Chattahoochee or Oconee National Forests, on Wildlife Resources Division Public Fishing Areas (PFAs) or Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs), or in Georgia State Parks (**gastateparks.org**) as long as all applicable state regulations are followed.

Game Species Daily Limits

SPECIES		DAILY LIMIT	EXCEPTIONS
Bass	All black bass species (Genus *Micropterus*).	10	• Total daily limit of 10 black bass, only 5 of which may be Altamaha, Bartrams, Chattahoochee, Coosa, Shoal, Smallmouth, Suwannee, Tallapoosa. • Lake Lindsay Grace (Wayne Co.) — Only one bass may be greater than 22 inches.
Catfish	Channel and/or Flathead	No limit	—
Crappie	Black and/or White	30	—
Pickerel	Chain, Grass and/or Redfin	15	—
Shad	American and/or Hickory	8	—
Striped Bass, White Bass and/or Hybrid White-Striped Bass	—	15, only two of which can be 22 inches or longer.	• Limit taken from the North Newport River, Medway River including Mount Hope Creek, Little Ogeechee River, Ogeechee River, Oconee River downstream of GA Hwy 22 in Milledgeville, Ocmulgee River downstream of the GA Hwy 96 bridge between Houston and Twiggs counties, Altamaha River, St. Mary's River, Satilla River, and the tributaries to these river sections; and from saltwater is a two fish limit, both of which must be 22 inches in length or longer. • Limit taken from the Savannah River and its tributaries downstream of J. Strom Thurmond Dam is a two fish limit, both of which must be 27 inches in length or longer. • Limit taken from Lake Richard B. Russell from the Russell Dam to Lake Hartwell Dam and Lake Secession Dam, all tributaries to Lake Richard B. Russell is two (2) striped bass per day, only one (1) of which can exceed 34 inches in length. • See the Fishing Regulations for shared waters for Georgia and South Carolina on page 66.
Sunfish or Bream	Bluegill, Flier, Redbreast, Redear, Rock bass, Spotted sunfish, Warmouth and/or Shadow bass	50	Bream: See South Carolina Agreement on page 66.
Trout	Brook, Rainbow, Brown trout, and any hybrids of these species	8	See Amicalola Creek, Chattahoochee River, Chattooga River, Smithgall Woods, Smith Creek, Toccoa River, and Waters Creek on page 70. See the new limits for shared waters of Georgia and South Carolina on page 66.
Walleye	—	8	—

See page 67 for special limits on Public Fishing Areas.
See table on page 73 for other species that may be found in freshwater.
Sturgeon – May not be taken in fresh or saltwater in Georgia.

Fishing Methods

HOOK & LINE

- There is no restriction on the number of poles and lines used to fish for game fish **except:**
  - Fishing for trout in designated trout waters: 1 pole
  - Fishing on Public Fishing Areas: 2 poles
  - Sport shad fishing: 2 poles
- Anglers using more than two poles and lines to fish for shad must abide by commercial shad regulations.
- Landing nets may be used to land fish legally caught.
- Game fish may be used as live bait (where live bait is legal) if they are taken legally and you do not exceed daily creel and possession limits.

SPORT TROTLINES

- A sport trotline is one line or a combination of lines using less than 51 hooks. Sport trotlines must be:
  1. Marked with the owner's name and address and with visible buoys, and
  2. Submerged at least three feet below the surface of the water, and
  3. Attended regularly and removed after the completed fishing trip.
- Unmarked or unattended trotlines will be confiscated by DNR. It is unlawful to use any sport trotline within one-half mile below any lock or dam.
- Only catfish and nongame fish (year-round) and American and Hickory shad during shad season may be taken with trotlines.
- Trotlines are not permitted on Lake Tobesofkee or any State Park Lake or at any Public Fishing Area.
- Use of 51 or more hooks is considered Commercial Fishing (see page 72).

SET HOOKS & JUGS

- Only catfish and nongame fish (year round) and American and Hickory shad during shad season may be taken with set hooks and jugs.
- It is illegal to use jugs and set hooks on Lake Tobesofkee, any State Park Lake, or at any Public Fishing Area.
- A sport fishing license is required to fish with set hooks and jugs in Georgia.
- There are no other restrictions on the use of set hooks and jugs (number of, dimensions, materials, etc.).
- DNR encourages anglers using these methods to check them regularly, remove them at the end of the fishing day, and avoid areas popular with recreational boaters.

SPEAR FISHING

- "Spearing" is the use of a handheld spear or similar device and the use of a weapon, other than a firearm, which propels the spear to which a wire, rope, line, etc. is attached and secured to the weapon or the person using the weapon.
- Only nongame fish, and catfish as described below, may be speared in freshwater and are not to be sold or used for commercial purposes.
- The taking of flathead and channel catfish by spear may be done any time day or at night by light in the Savannah River and its tributaries and impoundments in the Savannah River Basin only.
- All spears must have barbs or other devices to recover fish and must be attached to a line secured to the person using the weapon.
- A sport fishing license is required to spear fish in Georgia.
- The person spearing fish must be completely submerged.

Note: See **Seasons** on page 62.

CAST NETS, BOW NETS, MINNOW SEINES & TRAPS

- Dip nets and cast nets may be used to take threadfin shad, gizzard shad, and blueback herring for bait except cast nets may not be used in State Park Lakes or at any Public Fishing Area.
- Bow nets are considered sport shad fishing gear and shall have a minimum legal size of 3½ inches stretched mesh.
- Up to 50 nongame fish 5 inches in length or less may be taken using a minnow seine or trap and are not to be sold or used for commercial purposes.
- All other fish and eels taken in a minnow seine or trap must be released immediately unharmed into the water.
- A minnow seine must be less than 20 feet in length and have a 3⁄8 inch or less mesh (square or diameter).
- A minnow trap must be less than 24 inches in length, 18 inches in width, or 9 inches in height for a rectangular trap; or, 30 inches in circumference for cylindrical traps. The throat opening must be no larger than 1 inch, and bar mesh must not be smaller than 1/4 inch (square or diameter).
- Each minnow trap must have an attached tag or float bearing the name and address of trap owner.
- An individual may deploy up to 2 traps at any time.
- In addition to designated trout waters, minnow seines and traps may not be used in the following water bodies:
  - Mainstem of Etowah River upstream of Lake Allatoona and all Etowah River tributary streams that enter the Etowah River within or upstream of Lake Allatoona.
  - Raccoon Creek and its tributary streams in Paulding and Bartow counties.
  - Entire mainstem of the Conasauga River and all Conasauga River tributary streams entering the Conasauga mainstem from the east.
  - Coosawattee River and all tributary streams upstream from Carter's Lake Dam and the Coosawattee River between Carter's Lake and its confluence with the Conasauga River.
  - Mainstem of Talking Rock Creek.
  - Mainstem of South Chickamauga Creek downstream from Swanson Mill Dam.

BOW FISHING

Nongame fish (see note below for catfish information) may be taken by bow and arrow from freshwater under the following conditions:

- Possession of a sport fishing license is required to bow fish in Georgia.
- Arrows must be equipped with barbs or similar devices for recovering fish and must be attached to the person or bow by a line sufficient for recovering the arrow and fish.
- Poisonous or exploding arrowheads are illegal.
- Arrows cannot be discharged into the water closer than 150 feet to anyone engaged in any other means of recreation.
- Legal hours for fishing with bow and arrow are from sunrise to sunset, except that fish (nongame) may be taken at night while using a light in reservoirs over 500 acres in size.
- Any game fish with an open wound possessed by a person bow fishing will be considered evidence of taking fish illegally.
- Know your target – the take of protected species is unlawful.
- **Note:** Any catfish species, even those that are game fish, may be taken by bow and arrow in the waters of Georgia any time during the day or at night by the use of a light.

NOODLING

- Is legal in Georgia's freshwater from March 1 - July 15 with a sport fishing license.
- The only species of fish that may be taken by hand, **without** the aid of any device, hook, snare, net or other artificial element and without the use of any scuba equipment, air hose or other artificial breathing apparatus are flathead, channel and blue catfish.
- It is not legal to alter any natural or man-made features in order to attract or capture fish by hand. It is not legal to raise any part of a natural or artificial device out of the water to aid in the hand capture of enclosed fish.

IN GEORGIA
IT IS UNLAWFUL TO:

- Possess or use live blueback herring for bait in all fresh waters except the following: Lakes Allatoona, Bartlett's Ferry, Blue Ridge, Chatuge, Goat Rock, Juliette, Lanier, Nottely, Oliver, and West Point; and the Altamaha River watershed downstream of the following: Juliette dam on the Ocmulgee River, Lake Juliette dam on Rum Creek, Lake Tobesofkee dam on Tobesofkee Creek, Lake Sinclair dam on the Oconee River; and watersheds of all other streams that flow directly into the Atlantic Ocean (this drainage includes Lakes Hartwell, Russell, Clarks Hill, Burton, Tugaloo, and Rabun).
- Possess and fish with live blueback herring in Alabama waters.
- Fish for game fish, except American shad, hickory shad, channel catfish, blue catfish, or flathead catfish, by any means other than pole and line.
- Take any fish from public freshwater by any method other than the methods listed on this page. Snagging fish is illegal.
- Use electronic devices, explosives, poisons, or firearms to take fish.
- Stock or release fish or bait into any public waters except the water from which it was taken.
- Discard fish caught in public waters.
- Take protected species.

Boating

BOAT REGISTRATION

- All boats that carry any means of mechanical propulsion (electric trolling motor and/or gas motor) and all sailboats 12 feet and longer must be registered.
- You may register or renew online at **GoBoatGeorgia.com**
- A Boat Registration Application by mail can be obtained from **GoBoatGeorgia.com**
- Register or renew by phone at **800-366-2661**.
- Georgia honors all other states' registrations, provided the boat is not used in excess of 60 consecutive days in Georgia.

PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES

- A wearable personal flotation device (PFD) is required for each person aboard a vessel. PFDs must be readily accessible to all occupants, in good and serviceable condition, legibly marked with the US Coast Guard approved number, and of appropriate size for the occupants. One Type IV throwable device must also be on board all vessels except Class A vessels (boats less than 15′ 11″ which also includes personal-watercraft, canoes and kayaks).
- Children under age 13 must wear a PFD when the vessel is under way, unless the child is within a fully enclosed cabin.
- PFDs must be worn by each person aboard a vessel in an area marked as "hazardous area."

OUTBOARD MOTOR RESTRICTIONS

- No motor in excess of 9.9 hp may be operated on the Ogeechee River upstream of State Hwy 119.
- No motor in excess of 25 hp may be operated on Lake Juliette or Lake Tugalo.
- Georgia State Park lakes often have boat and motor restrictions. Check with the Park Office at each park for details.

BOATING SAFETY

- No vessel may be operated above idle speed within 100 feet of any moored or anchored vessel, vessel adrift, or any wharf, pier, piling, or persons in the water, or shoreline next to a full or part-time residence, public park, public beach, public swimming area, marina, restaurant, or other public use area.
- Tybee, Sea, St. Simons, and Jekyll Islands have temporal (May 1 - Sept. 30) 1,000 ft. safety zones.
- It is unlawful to operate a vessel while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- To learn about boating education please visit **GoBoatGeorgia.com**
- Visit **GoBoatGeorgia.com** for complete boating regulations.



Agreements With Bordering States

Agreements with bordering states allow holders of Georgia fishing licenses to fish in the waters covered without obtaining a fishing license from the bordering state.

Note: Regulations under these agreements may differ from Georgia's general laws and regulations. If this is the case, the laws and regulations of the agreement explained in this section are to be followed.

ALABAMA

WATERS COVERED

The banks and waters of only that portion of the Chattahoochee River forming the boundary between Georgia and Alabama and Lakes Bartletts Ferry (Harding), George W. Andrews, Goat Rock, Oliver, Seminole, Walter F. George (Eufaula) and West Point; however, this agreement does not include that portion of West Point Reservoir lying upstream (north) of Georgia Hwy 109 bridge on the Chattahoochee River arm of the reservoir. The waters covered by this agreement do not include other streams or tributaries which flow into the Chattahoochee River or its impoundments or the portion of Lake Seminole covered by the agreement with Florida or Lake Weiss.

LICENSES

All persons meeting the sport fishing requirements of Georgia or Alabama may fish from the banks and in the waters covered without having to obtain any other license.

MINIMUM LENGTH LIMITS

- **Largemouth bass:**
  - Lake West Point: 14 inches
  - Lake Walter F. George: 14 inches
- All other fishing laws and regulations of the State of Georgia apply in Georgia waters covered by this agreement.

CREEL AND POSSESSION LIMITS

All creel and possession limits on waters covered by this agreement are the same as Georgia's statewide limits.

- **Note: It is illegal to possess and fish with live blueback herring in Alabama waters covered by this agreement.**

SOUTH CAROLINA

WATERS COVERED

On the banks and in the waters of all channels of the Savannah River from its mouth to the junction of the Tugaloo (Toogaloo) and Seneca Rivers; the Tugaloo River from its mouth to the junction of the Tugaloo and Chattooga Rivers; and the Chattooga River to the North Carolina state line (35th parallel of North latitude at Ellicott's Rock). This agreement also applies to all the waters and banks of Clarks Hill Reservoir (Strom Thurmond), Richard B. Russell Reservoir, Hartwell Reservoir, Yonah Lake, Tugaloo (Toogaloo) Lake, the New Savannah Bluff Lock and Dam, and Stevens Creek Lake (except that portion on the Stevens Creek arm upstream of South Carolina Hwy 53). The agreement does not apply to any flowing portions of tributary streams to these impoundments nor to tributary streams of the Savannah, Tugaloo and Chattooga Rivers.

LICENSES

- All persons meeting the freshwater license requirements of Georgia or South Carolina may fish from the banks and in the waters covered without having to obtain any other license.
- This agreement does not apply to commercial fishing or saltwater sport fishing.
- A South Carolina saltwater fishing license is required when fishing from a boat on the South Carolina side of the Savannah River downstream of where the CSX Railroad trestle crosses the Back River.

LENGTH, CREEL AND POSSESSION LIMITS

See Georgia-South Carolina chart above for the length, creel and possession limits for the border waters covered by this agreement.

GENERAL NOTES

- Any person using baskets, jugs, minnow seines, trot lines, or other set hooks in the waters covered must comply with the laws, rules and regulations of the state in which the baskets, jugs, minnow seines, or trot lines are fished, regardless of their residence.
- No person may carry to either state or possess in such state more fish than the laws of that state or those of this agreement permit, even though the fish were caught in the waters of the other state.

GEORGIA - SOUTH CAROLINA BORDER WATERS
RECIPROCAL AGREEMENT

SPECIES	WATER BODY	POSSESSION LIMIT	SIZE LIMIT
Striped bass or hybrid bass or combination	Lakes Hartwell and Clarks Hill	10	Only 3 may be over 26 inches
Striped bass or hybrid bass or combination	Lake Russell	2	Only 1 may be over 34 inches
Striped bass, hybrid bass, white bass or combination	Savannah River downstream of Clarks Hill dam	2	27-inch minimum length limit
White bass	All border waters covered except for Savannah River downstream of Clarks Hill dam (see above for size limit).	10	No size limit
Trout	All border waters covered	5	No size limit
Bass (largemouth, spotted, redeye, smallmouth or combination)	All border waters covered	10	12-inch minimum length for largemouth bass
Walleye or Sauger or combination	All border waters covered	8	No size limit
Aggregate of all game fish (does not include catfish)*	All border waters covered	40	

All other laws and regulations of Georgia apply in the Georgia portion of waters covered by this agreement.

*** List of Game Fish in South Carolina differs from Georgia.**

Note: South Carolina regulations differ for crappie and bream.

FLORIDA

WATERS COVERED

- The waters and the banks of the St. Mary's River, not including its tributaries.
- The waters and banks of Lake Seminole, bounded on the west by Florida State Road No. 271; on the south by the Jim Woodruff Dam; on the east by the line immediately east of the Chattahoochee Marina (also known as the Booster Club) running northwest across the reservoir to the tip of land at the junction of the Flint and Chattahoochee Rivers, west of Spring Creek; and on the north by the Herman Talmadge Bridge across the Chattahoochee River (please see map at **GoFishGeorgia.com**).

LICENSES

- Any person who has a valid fishing license and properly issued permits or licenses, or both, required by Georgia or Florida in their possession may sport fish for freshwater fish in the waters covered.
- Georgia Honorary Disability License is not recognized by Florida under this agreement.

- A nonresident fishing license is required to fish, castnet, seine, crab, gig, sport bait trawl, or harvest shell fish in saltwater in Georgia.
- A Florida saltwater fishing license is required to fish for or to possess saltwater fish on the Florida side of the St. Mary's River.

CREEL AND POSSESSION LIMITS

- The limit for striped bass, white bass, and hybrid white-striped bass on the St. Mary's River is two fish which must be 22 inches or longer.
- For all other species in the waters covered, Georgia's statewide creel and possession limits (page 63) apply.
- All other fishing regulations of the State of Georgia apply on the Georgia side of the St. Mary's River and the Georgia portion of Lake Seminole. Florida laws and regulations apply on the Florida side of the St. Mary's River and the Florida portion of Lake Seminole.

NORTH CAROLINA

WATERS COVERED

Lake Chatuge and all tributary branches lying in Georgia or North Carolina which are accessible by boat from the main body of the reservoir.

LICENSES

- Holders of a valid Georgia or North Carolina fishing license may fish with hook and line in Lake Chatuge only from boats. Boats may not be anchored to the shore or to a pier or boat dock connecting to the shore.
- Senior citizen and youth license exemptions authorized by either state are honored by both states on Lake Chatuge.
- All other laws and regulations of Georgia apply to the Georgia portion of Lake Chatuge. All other laws and regulations of North Carolina apply to the North Carolina portion of Lake Chatuge.

Public Fishing Areas

Public Fishing Areas (PFAs) are great places for family outings! You can fish from the bank or a boat, picnic, hike, watch wildlife, and enjoy the outdoors. Good bank fishing opportunities are available at all PFAs and many of them have special kids fishing areas for young anglers.

LICENSES:

- Anglers 16 years of age and older must possess a valid fishing license.
- To enter a PFA, visitors 16 years of age and older must have a valid license that allows fishing or hunting or a Lands Pass (see page 6).
- Not all PFAs have the ability to sell licenses on site. Please call each PFA for details. Licenses can also be obtained online or by phone.

LENGTH AND DAILY LIMITS:

Unless different length limits or daily limits are posted or detailed in the information section for a specific PFA in this regulation guide, the following apply:

LENGTH LIMIT:

Largemouth bass: 14 inches minimum unless otherwise posted.

DAILY LIMITS:

Largemouth bass (unless otherwise posted) 5

Bream or sunfish
(of any one species or a combination) 15

Channel catfish 5

All other species ..... see page 63

Grass carp must be released immediately.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Public Fishing Areas hours of operation are open seven days a week, 24 hours a day, unless otherwise indicated in the following PFA listing or posted at the site.

HUNTING ON PUBLIC FISHING AREAS

There are hunting opportunities available at several PFAs located around the state. Refer to the Hunting Regulations section of this guide for a complete list of PFA hunting opportunities and regulations or visit **GoHuntGeorgia.com**.

BIG LAZER CREEK

Talbot County, 229-430-4256

Fish Species: Largemouth bass, Hybrid striped bass, Bluegill and Redear sunfish, Channel catfish, Black crappie. Live fish (minnows) are allowed for bait.

Water: 195 acre lake.

Facilities: Concrete two-lane boat ramp, fishing piers, fish cleaning station, shooting range, restrooms, picnic tables, primitive camping, some facilities accessible to persons with disabilities.

Directions from Talbotton: East on US Hwy 80 for 4 mi.; left on Po Biddy Road for 6.4 mi.; left on Bunkham Road; left into area.

MARBEN PFA (CHARLIE ELLIOTT WILDLIFE CENTER)

Jasper/Newton Counties, 478-825-6151 or 770-784-3059

Fish Species: Largemouth bass, Bluegill, Redear sunfish, Black crappie, Channel catfish. Live fish (minnows) are allowed for bait.

Note: Daily Bag Limit is five (5) largemouth bass, only one (1) of which can be 16 inches or longer.

Water: 20 ponds, totaling 293 acres, ranging in size from 1 to 95 acres.

Facilities: Kids only ponds, concrete boat ramps (6 lakes), boat docks, restrooms, fishing piers, fish cleaning station, picnic areas, primitive camping, (visit **GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com** for pricing and reservations) shooting and archery ranges, and some fishing areas accessible to persons with disabilities.

Note: Check information board for lakes that are open for fishing when you visit.

Directions from Mansfield: South on GA Hwy 11 for 2.7 mi.; left on Marben Farm Rd. Follow signs.

PUBLIC FISHING AREAS



DODGE COUNTY

478-374-6765 or 912-285-6094

Fish Species: Largemouth bass, Bluegill, Redear sunfish, Channel catfish, Black crappie. Live fish (minnows) are allowed for bait.

Note: Largemouth bass between 16 and 24 inches must be released immediately. Bass up to 16 inches and over 24 inches can be kept (limit 5 total per person, only 1 over 24 inches).

Water: 104 acre lake.

Facilities: Concrete boat ramps, fishing piers, fish cleaning station, 3-D archery range, restrooms, picnic tables, nature trail, some facilities accessible to persons with disabilities. Primitive camping is allowed in designated areas.

Directions from Eastman: South on US Hwy 23/341 for 3 mi.; left on County Rd. 49 for 0.6 mi. to lake.

PUBLIC FISHING AREAS

EVANS COUNTY

912-727-2112

Fish Species: Hybrid striped bass, Largemouth bass, Bluegill, Redear sunfish, Channel catfish, Black crappie, Brown bullhead. Live fish (minnows) are allowed for bait.

Note: Largemouth bass between 12 and 16 inches must be released immediately. Bass up to 12 inches and over 16 inches can be kept. Limit five (5) per person, with only one (1) over 16 inches.

Water: Three ponds encompassing 122 acres (8, 30, 84 acres).

Facilities: Concrete boat ramps, picnic pavilion, event center (visit **GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com** for pricing and reservations), static and 3D archery ranges, fishing piers, fish cleaning station, restrooms, picnic tables, tent and RV camping in designated areas (visit **GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com** for pricing and reservations), some facilities accessible to persons with disabilities.

Directions from Claxton: East on US Hwy 280 for 8.5 miles; right on Old Reidsville-Savannah Road for 1 mile; left on Old Sunbury Road (dirt), PFA 0.3 miles on right marked by Wildlife Resources sign.

FLAT CREEK

Houston County, 478-825-6151

Fish species: Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, Redear sunfish, Channel catfish, Black crappie. Live fish (minnows) are allowed for bait.

Water: 102 acre lake and Event Pond. Note: Event Pond is ONLY open during scheduled events or DNR sponsored events.

Facilities: Concrete two-lane boat ramp, fish cleaning station, restrooms, picnic tables, grills, pavilion, bank fishing, archery range, fishing pier and some facilities accessible to persons with disabilities.

Directions from I-75: Take I-75 to exit 134 (South Perry Parkway), Turn west onto South Perry Parkway, Travel approx. 0.25 miles and turn left (South) on Georgia Highway 41, Drive about 2 miles and turn left into Flat Creek Public Fishing Area.



McDuffie PFA: Striped Bass Catch

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Laurens County, 478-296-6192 or 912-285-6094

Fish species: Largemouth bass, Bluegill, Redear sunfish, Channel catfish, Black crappie, Brown bullhead. Live fish (minnows) are allowed for bait.

Note: Largemouth bass between 16 and 24 inches must be released immediately. Bass up to 16 inches and over 24 inches can be kept (limit 5 per person).

Water: 109 acre lake and two 1 acre Kids' Fishing Event ponds. Live fish (minnows) are allowed for bait.

Facilities: Concrete boat ramps, fishing pier, fish cleaning station, restrooms, primitive camping, picnic tables, open-air covered pavilion (first come, first serve), some facilities accessible to persons with disabilities. Primitive camping is allowed in designated areas.

Directions from East Dublin: East on US Hwy 80 for 10 mi.; left on Keens Crossing Rd. for 1.4 mi., PFA entrance on right.

MCDUFFIE

McDuffie County, 706-595-1684 or 706-595-1619

Fish Species: Largemouth bass, Bluegill, Redear sunfish, Channel catfish.

Water: 7 ponds varying in size from 5 to 37 acres (102 total acres).

Facilities: Concrete boat ramps, courtesy docks, fishing piers, fish cleaning station, restrooms, picnic tables, archery range and tower, hiking trail, covered pavilions (one reservable and one first come first serve), campground with full hook-up RV sites and tent campsites (visit **GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com** for pricing and reservations). Some ADA accessible facilities, fishing piers, and campsites.

Directions from Thomson: South on Hwy 17 to US Hwy 278; left (east) for 5.6 mi.; right on Ellington Airline Road for 2.8 mi.; right on Fish Hatchery Road for 0.8 mi.

OCMULGEE

Bleckley/Pulaski Counties, 478-783-2557 (PFA) or 912-285-6094 (Waycross)

Fish Species: Largemouth bass, Bluegill, White crappie, Redear sunfish, yellow bullhead. Live fish (minnows) are allowed for bait.

Note: Largemouth bass are catch-and-release.

Water: 106 acre lake and Kids only Special Event Pond. Live fish (minnows) are allowed for bait.

Facilities: Two-lane Concrete Boat ramp, courtesy dock, fish cleaning station, 2 fishing piers, restrooms, picnic tables, bank fishing, and nature trail. Some facilities accessible to person's with disabilities. See WMA rules (page 19) regarding camping near the PFA.

From Hawkinsville: Take HWY 341/27 south over the Ocmulgee River. In approximately a mile turn left onto HWY ALT 129/26. Continue 0.3 miles and turn left onto Upper River Road. Travel approximately six miles then turn left onto Allison's Landing Rd. In approximately a mile, fork right at the PFA sign.

From Cochran: Take HWY Alt 129 North turn left onto Porter Rd. Travel about eight miles and turn right onto Allison's Landing Rd. then turn right into the PFA at the sign.

PARADISE

Berrien County, 229-533-4792 or 912-285-6094

Fish Species: Largemouth bass, Bluegill, Redear sunfish, Channel catfish, Black crappie, Brown bullhead, Hybrid striped bass. Live fish (minnows) are allowed for bait.

Note: Daily creel limit is five (5) hybrid striped bass. Largemouth bass daily limit is five (5) total per person, only one over 24 inches. Hybrid striped bass daily creel limit is five (5) fish.

Water: 68 lakes encompassing 525 acres of water.

Facilities: Restrooms, fish cleaning station, picnic area, concrete boat ramps, archery range, primitive camping, (visit **GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com** for pricing and reservations), fishing piers, boat dock, nature trail, numerous bank fishing opportunities, some facilities accessible to persons with disabilities.

Directions from Tifton: East on US Hwy 82 for 8 mi. to Whitley Road near Brookfield; follow signs from US Hwy 82 to the area.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN RECREATION & PUBLIC FISHING AREA

Floyd County, 706-802-5087

Fish Species: Largemouth bass, Bluegill, Redear sunfish, Channel catfish, Black crappie, Walleye. Live fish (minnows) are allowed for bait.

Water: Two lakes (202 and 357 acres). Heath Lake is open the 1st–10th of each month **only**.

Facilities: Concrete boat ramps, fishing jetties, restrooms, picnic shelters, scenic overlooks, hiking trails, biking trails, swimming beach, some facilities accessible to persons with disabilities. Reservations required for tent and RV camping, group primitive camping, and group picnic area (visit **GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com** for pricing and reservations).

Fee: Daily or annual Rocky Mtn. PFA parking permit required (one per vehicle).

Restrictions:

- All activities prohibited on upper and lower reservoirs.
- It is illegal to possess alcoholic beverages.
- Day fishing **only.**
- No one may rappel, rock climb or hang glide.

Directions from Rome: North on US Hwy 27 for 10.4 mi.; left on Sike Storey Road 0.4 mi.; left on Big Texas Valley Road 5.4 mi. to entrance.

SILVER LAKE

Decatur County, (229) 430-4256

Fish Species: Largemouth bass, Bluegill, Redear sunfish, Channel catfish, Black crappie, Brown bullhead. Live fish (minnows) are allowed for bait except in Panic Pond.

Note: The harvest for largemouth bass in Panic Pond is one fish greater than 24 inches per day. Panic Pond is open to fishing Saturday – Monday and is closed to all fishing during July and August. The harvest of hybrid striped bass in House Pond is one fish not less than 18 inches in total length and for Bluegill, redear sunfish, and warmouth is five (5) singly or in combination and not less than 8 inches in total length. House Pond is open only from sunrise on Thursday through sunset on Saturday.

Water: Thirty ponds totaling more than 480 acres.

Facilities: Five ponds with concrete boat ramps with accompanying service piers, restrooms and primitive camping in designated areas. Some facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities.

Directions from Bainbridge: South on Hwy 253 (Spring Creek Rd.) to Hwy 310 (Yates Spring Rd.): left for 2.5 mi: right on Silver Lake Rd. for 0.8 mi.

PUBLIC FISHING AREAS
UNLAWFUL ACTIVITIES

- Operate boats on ponds or lakes posted as closed to boats.
- Operate gas outboard motors unless lake is posted as being open to the use of outboard motors. NOTE: Gas motors, if allowed, must be operated at idle speed only.
- Fish in a pond or lake that has been posted "closed."
- Fish with any gear other than pole and line.
- Fish with more than two poles and lines.
- Usage of a cast net.
- Use or possess live fish (minnows) for bait, unless otherwise posted.
- Using metal detectors or collecting artifacts.
- Consume alcoholic beverages except at campsites on the area. No alcoholic beverages are allowed anywhere on Rocky Mountain PFA.
- Operate personal watercraft (jet skis), sailboats, or sailboards.
- Allow children under 14 years of age to be on PFA without adult supervision.
- Fish at night at Rocky Mountain PFA.
- Drive on any closed road or block any gate.
- Camp any place other than designated camping areas. NOTE: Contact the PFA before visiting for regulations regarding camping.
- Swim, except at Rocky Mountain Recreation and PFA beach.
- Ride horses in restricted areas or areas not designated as open to equestrian use.
- Operate a motor vehicle, including off-road vehicles, in a reckless and negligent manner, or in a manner that willfully causes damage to roads, ditches, wildlife habitat, berms, firebreaks, campgrounds or parking areas.
- Hold an organized event of more than 8 people without first obtaining a Right-of-Entry permit from the public fishing area.

Trout Fishing

WRD uses special regulations (see below) and stocking to provide quality trout fishing in Georgia. About one million rainbow trout and brown trout are stocked each year from March through mid-September. The number of trout stocked and the stocking frequency depend on a stream's fishing pressure, public access, and water conditions. Streams with greater public access are stocked more often with more trout. General information about trout stocking and the Trout Streams of Georgia Map are available from WRD offices and at **GoFishGeorgia.com**. The map includes Georgia's trout streams, roads, and a list of recommended streams.

Trout need clean, cold water to survive. Georgians can be good trout managers by using proper land use practices. Trees and other vegetation left along stream banks provide shade to keep water cold and help prevent soil from washing into the stream.

Many trout streams are bounded by private property. It is your responsibility to know when you cross a property line. Obtain permission from the landowner before fishing on private property.

Note: While fishing any specially regulated waters with a minimum size limit, it is unlawful to possess a trout which is less than the specified minimum size regardless of where the fish was caught.

TROUT SEASON

All designated trout waters are now open year round (see pages 70-72 for stream listings).

TROUT FISHING HOURS

- Fishing 24 hours a day is allowed on all trout streams and all impoundments on trout streams **except** those in the next paragraph.
- Fishing hours on Dockery Lake, Rock Creek Lake, the Chattahoochee River from Buford Dam to Peachtree Creek, the Conasauga River watershed upstream of the Georgia-Tennessee state line and Smith Creek downstream of Unicoi dam are 30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset. Night fishing is not allowed.

TROUT FISHING RULES

- Trout anglers are restricted to the use of one pole and line which must be handheld. No other type of gear may be used in trout streams.
- It is unlawful to use live fish for bait in trout streams. Seining or trapping bait-fish is not allowed in any trout stream.

IMPOUNDMENTS ON TROUT STREAMS

ANGLERS CAN:

- Fish for fish species other than trout without a trout license on Dockery and Rock Creek lakes.
- Fish at night, **except** on Dockery and Rock Creek lakes. See Trout Fishing Hours for details.

IMPOUNDMENT NOTES:

- If you fish for or possess trout, you must possess a trout license. If you catch a trout and do not possess a trout license you must release the trout immediately.
- **State park visitors** are not required to have a trout license to fish in the impounded waters of the Park. However, those visitors wishing to harvest trout will need to have a trout license in their possession.

DELAYED HARVEST STREAMS

Anglers fishing delayed harvest streams must release all trout immediately and use and possess only artificial lures with one single hook per lure from Nov. 1 - May 14 annually. The use of additional "dropper" lures on one line is permitted as long as each lure contains one single hook. These restrictions do not apply from May 15 - Oct. 31 of each year. The following streams are delayed harvest streams:

- **Amicalola Creek** from County Road 192 (Steele Bridge Road) downstream to GA Hwy 53.
- **Chattahoochee River** from Sope Creek (off Columns Drive) downstream to US Hwy 41 (Cobb Parkway).
- **Chattooga River** from GA Hwy 28 bridge upstream to the mouth of Reed Creek.
- **Smith Creek** on Unicoi State Park from Unicoi Dam downstream to the Unicoi State Park property boundary.
- **Toccoa River** on U.S. Forest Service land from 0.4 miles above the Shallowford Bridge upstream to a point 450 feet upstream of the Sandy Bottom Canoe Access.

Visit **GoFishGeorgia.com** to see maps of Delayed Harvest Streams and learn more about this program.

ARTIFICIAL LURES ONLY

In streams listed here only artificial lures may be used. It is unlawful to possess any other type bait on an "artificial lures only" stream (see definitions on page 3).

- **Chattahoochee River** from GA Hwy 20 to the boat ramp at the National Park Service Medlock Bridge Park immediately upstream of GA Hwy 141.
- **Coleman River** and its tributaries from its junction with the Tallulah River upstream to Forest Service Bridge No. 54.
- **Conasauga River** and its tributaries (except Jacks River watershed) upstream of the Georgia-Tennessee state line are restricted to using only artificial lures from Nov. 1 through the last Saturday in March of each year.
- **Hoods Creek** and its tributaries on the Warwoman WMA.
- **Jones Creek** and its tributaries on US Forest Service property.
- **Mountaintown Creek** and its tributaries upstream of Mountaintown Creek Watershed Structure No. 2 (Hills Lake).
- **Noontootla Creek** and its tributaries on Blue Ridge WMA. **Note:** All trout less than 16 inches in length caught from this section of Noontootla Creek must be released immediately.
- **Stanley Creek** and its tributaries on the Rich Mountain WMA.
- **Walnut Fork Creek** and its tributaries on the Warwoman WMA.

OTHER TROUT STREAM REGULATIONS

MOCCASIN CREEK

That portion of Moccasin Creek between Lake Burton Hatchery water intake and a sign marking the approximate normal pool level of Lake Burton is restricted to anglers under 12 years of age, licensed seniors 65 or older and all ages with a Georgia Disability License.

SMITHGALL WOODS-DUKES CREEK CONSERVATION AREA

Dukes Creek and its tributaries within the Dukes Creek Conservation Area are open to fishing year round by reservation only. For reservations call 706-878-3087.

- Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used or possessed on the portion of Dukes Creek and its tributaries in White County on the Conservation Area, including the GA Hwy 75 Alternate right-of-way. Possession of any bait, lure, or gear not legal for use on the stream is unlawful.
- All fish caught from Dukes Creek and its tributaries in White County on the Conservation Area, including the GA Hwy 75 Alternate right-of-way, must be immediately released where caught.
- No trout may be possessed while fishing on any stream on the Conservation Area or the GA Hwy 75 Alternate right-of-way.

WATERS CREEK

- **Size limits:** 22 inches for brown and rainbow trout and 18 inches for brook trout. It is a violation to possess a trout smaller than these limits while fishing on Waters creek.

NOONTOOTLA CREEK AND ITS TRIBUTARIES ON BLUE RIDGE WMA

- **Size limit:** 16 inches for all mountain trout.



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Trout Streams Destinations by County

All Trout Streams are open to fishing throughout the year.

Watershed: the stream and all its tributaries (streams flowing into that stream).

Abbreviations used throughout this section: **Cr. = Creek and R. = River**

NOTE: The following trout streams have special regulations (see pages 69-70 before fishing): Amicalola Cr., Chattahoochee R., Chattooga R., Coleman R., Conasauga R., Hoods Cr., Jones Cr., Moccasin Cr., Mountaintown Cr., Noontootla Cr., Smithgall Woods-Dukes Cr., Smith Cr., Stanley Cr., Toccoa R., Walnut Fork Cr., and Waters Cr.

BARTOW COUNTY

Boston Cr. watershed upstream from GA Hwy 20; Connesena Cr. watershed; Dykes Cr. watershed; Pine Log Cr. watershed; Pyle Cr. watershed; Salacoa Cr. watershed; Spring Cr. watershed; Stamp Cr. watershed upstream from Bartow Co Rd. 269; Toms Cr. watershed upstream from Bartow Co Rd. 82; Two Run Cr. watershed; Ward Cr. watershed.

CARROLL COUNTY

Tallapoosa R. watershed north of I-20, not including Little Tallapoosa R. watershed.

CATOOSA COUNTY

Dry Cr. watershed, which is a part of the East Chickamauga Cr. watershed, upstream of Catoosa Co Rd. 257; Hurricane Cr. watershed upstream from Peters Branch; Little Chickamauga Cr. watershed upstream from Catoosa Co Rd. 387; Tiger Cr. watershed upstream from GA Hwy 2.

CHATTOOGA COUNTY

Allgood Branch watershed; Chappel Cr. watershed; Chelsea Cr. watershed; East Fork Little R. watershed, including Gilreath Cr.; Hinton Cr. watershed; Kings Cr. watershed; Little Armuchee Cr. watershed upstream from Co Rd. 326; Mt. Hope Cr. (Coon Cr.) watershed;

Perennial Spring watershed; Raccoon Cr. watershed upstream from GA Hwy 48; Ruff Cr. watershed; Storey Mill Cr. watershed; Taliaferro Cr. watershed.

CHEROKEE COUNTY

Bluff Cr. watershed upstream from Cherokee Co Rd. 114; Boston Cr. watershed; Pine Log Cr. watershed; Salacoa Cr. watershed; Soap Cr. watershed upstream from Cherokee Co Rd. 116; Stamp Cr. watershed; Wiley Cr. watershed.

COBB COUNTY

Chattahoochee R. upstream from the mouth of Peachtree Cr.

DADE COUNTY

Allison Cr. watershed; East Fork Little R. watershed; Lookout Cr. watershed, upstream from Dade Co Rd. 197; Rock Cr. watershed.

DAWSON COUNTY

Amicalola Cr. watershed upstream from GA Hwy 53; Anderson Cr. watershed; Long Swamp Cr. watershed; Nimblewill Cr. watershed; Shoal Cr. watershed upstream from the mouth of Burt Cr.; Sweetwater Cr. watershed.

FANNIN COUNTY

Charlie Cr. watershed; Flat Cr. watershed; Rock Cr. Lake; Star Cr. watershed; Wilscot Cr. watershed; and all other streams or parts of streams not listed above except: Toccoa R. watershed below the mouth of Stanley Cr. to Blue Ridge Reservoir and tributaries of Blue Ridge Reservoir not listed above.

FLOYD COUNTY

Dykes Cr. watershed; Johns Cr. watershed upstream from Floyd Co Rd. 212; Kings Cr. watershed; Lavender Cr. watershed upstream from Floyd Co Rd. 893; Little Cedar Cr. watershed; Mt. Hope Cr. watershed; Silver Cr. watershed upstream from GA Hwy 1E (Floyd Co Rd. 631); Spring Cr. watershed, which flows into Etowah R.; Toms Cr. watershed.

FORSYTH COUNTY

Chattahoochee R.

FULTON COUNTY

Chattahoochee R. upstream from the mouth of Peachtree Cr.

GILMER COUNTY

Harris Cr. watershed; Johnson Cr. watershed; Mountaintown Cr. watershed; Tails Cr. watershed; and all other streams or parts of streams not listed above, except: Coosawattee R. downstream from old GA Hwy 5 (Gilmer Co Rd. 239), Talking Rock Cr., and tributaries to Carters Reservoir not listed above.

GORDON COUNTY

Johns Cr. watershed upstream of Floyd Co Rd. 212; Pin Hook Cr. watershed upstream from Gordon Co Rd. 275; Pine Log Cr. watershed upstream from GA Hwy 53; Rocky Cr. watershed upstream from Gordon Co Rd. 210; Salacoa Cr. watershed upstream from US Hwy 411; Snake Cr. watershed.

GWINNETT COUNTY

Chattahoochee R.

HABERSHAM COUNTY

Amy's Cr. watershed upstream from GA Hwy 17; Chattahoochee R. watershed upstream from GA Hwy 255 crossing of the Chattahoochee R.; Liberty Cr. watershed; Middle Fork Broad R. watershed; Nancytown Cr. watershed upstream from Nancytown Lake; North Fork Broad R. watershed; Panther Cr. watershed; Roberts Branch watershed; Soque R. watershed upstream from the mouth of Deep Cr.; Toccoa Cr. watershed.

HARALSON COUNTY

Flatwood Cr. watershed; Lassetter Cr. watershed; Mann Cr. watershed upstream from Haralson Co Rd. 162; Tallapoosa Cr. watershed; Tallapoosa R. watershed upstream from Co Rd. 222.

HART COUNTY

Savannah R. from Hartwell Dam downstream to Richard B. Russell Reservoir.

LUMPKIN COUNTY

Amicalola Cr. watershed; Cane Cr. watershed upstream from the GA Hwy 52 bridge; Cavender Cr. watershed; Chestatee R. watershed upstream from the mouth of Tesnatee Cr.; Dockery Lake; Etowah R. watershed upstream from Castleberry Bridge; Shoal Cr. watershed; Yahoola Cr. watershed upstream from GA Hwy 52.

MURRAY COUNTY

Conasauga R. watershed upstream from the Georgia-Tennessee state line (includes Jacks R. watershed); Holly Cr. watershed upstream from the mouth of Dill Cr., including Dill Cr. watershed; Mill Cr. watershed upstream from Murray Co Rd. 27; Mill Cr. (Hasslers Mill Cr.) watershed, which is within Holly Cr. watershed; North Prong Sumac Cr. watershed; Rock Cr. watershed, the most southern of two Rock Cr. watersheds which are in the Holly Cr. watershed, upstream from Murray Co Rd. 4; Rock Cr. watershed, the most northern of two Rock Cr. watersheds which are in the Holly Cr. watershed, upstream from Murray Co Rd. 301; Sugar Cr. watershed upstream from Murray Co Rd. 4; Sumac Cr. watershed upstream from Coffey Lake.

PAULDING COUNTY

Possum Cr. watershed upstream from Paulding Co Rd. 64; Powder Cr. (Powder Springs Cr.) watershed; Pyle Cr. watershed; Pumpkinvine Cr. watershed upstream from Paulding Co Rd. 231; Raccoon Cr. watershed upstream from State Route 2299 (Paulding Co Rd. 471); Tallapoosa R. watershed; Thompson Cr. watershed; Ward Cr. watershed.

PICKENS COUNTY

Amicalola Cr. watershed; Ball Cr. watershed; Bluff Cr. watershed; Cartecay R. watershed; Cove Cr. watershed upstream from Pickens Co Rd. 294; Fausett Cr. watershed; Fisher Cr. watershed; Hobson Cr. watershed; Little Scarecorn Cr. watershed; Long Swamp Cr. watershed, including Darnell Cr. watershed, upstream from Cove Cr.; Mud Cr. watershed; Pin Hook Cr. watershed; Rock Cr. watershed; Salacoa Cr. watershed; Scarecorn Cr. watershed upstream from GA Hwy 53; Sevenmile Cr. watershed; Sharp Mountain Cr. watershed; Soap Cr. watershed; Talking Rock Cr. watershed upstream from S1011 (GA Hwy 136); Town Cr. watershed; Wildcat Cr. watershed.

POLK COUNTY

Cedar Cr. watershed upstream from Polk Co Rd. 121; Little Cedar Cr. watershed; Pumpkinpile Cr. watershed upstream from Polk Co Rd. 437; Silver Cr. watershed; Spring Cr. watershed; Tallapoosa R. watershed; Thompson Cr. watershed upstream of Polk Co Rd. 441.

RABUN COUNTY

Bad Branch watershed Bad Cr. watershed; Crow Cr. watershed (includes Slick Shoal Cr.); Dicks Cr. watershed; Dickenson Branch; Falls Branch watershed; Flat Cr. watershed; Joe Cr. watershed; LaCounts Cr. watershed; Moccasin Cr. watershed; Popcorn Cr. watershed; Seals Cr. watershed; Timpson Cr. watershed; Wildcat Cr. watershed; Worse Cr. watershed; and all other streams or parts of streams not listed above, except: Tallulah R. downstream from Lake Burton Dam, Chattooga R. below Warwoman Cr., and tributaries to Burton, Seed, Rabun, Tallulah Falls, Tugaloo and Yonah reservoirs not listed above.

STEPHENS COUNTY

Little Toccoa Cr. watershed; Middle Fork Broad R. watershed upstream from NRCS flood control structure No. 44; North Fork Broad R. watershed upstream from NRCS flood control structure No. 1; Panther Cr. watershed; Toccoa Cr. watershed upstream from Toccoa Falls.

TOWNS COUNTY

Bearmeat Cr. watershed; Bell Cr. watershed; Bugscuffle Branch watershed (Allen Mill Cr.); Burch Branch watershed; Fodder Cr. watershed;

TROUT STREAMS DESTINATIONS BY COUNTY

Hightower Cr. watershed; Hiwassee R. watershed downstream to Towns Co Rd. 87; Hog Cr. watershed; Shake Rag Branch watershed; and all other streams or parts of streams not listed above, except: Hiwassee R. downstream from Towns Co Rd. 87 and tributaries to Chatuge Reservoir not listed above.

UNION COUNTY

Bracket Cr. watershed; Camp Cr. watershed; Conley Cr. watershed; Coosa Cr. watershed; Ivylog Cr. watershed; Kiutuestia Cr. watershed; Low Cr. watershed; Nottely R. watershed upstream from Nottely Reservoir; Youngcane Cr. watershed; and all other streams or parts of streams not listed above, except: Butternut Cr. watershed, Nottely R. downstream from Nottely Dam, and tributaries to Nottely Reservoir not listed above.

WALKER COUNTY

Chappel Cr. watershed; Chattanooga Cr. watershed upstream from Walker Co Rd. 235; Concord Cr. watershed; Duck Cr. watershed; East Fork Little R. watershed, which flows into Dade County; East Fork Little R. watershed, which flows into Chattooga County, including Gilreath Cr.; Furnace Cr. watershed; Gulf Cr. watershed; Harrisburg Cr. watershed, including Dougherty Cr. watershed, upstream from Dougherty Cr.; Johns Cr. watershed; Left Fork Coulter Branch watershed; Little Chickamauga Cr. watershed; Rock Cr. watershed, including Sawmill Branch, upstream from Sawmill Branch; Ruff Cr. watershed; Snake Cr. watershed; West Armuchee Cr. watershed; West Chickamauga Cr. watershed upstream from Walker Co Rd. 107.

WHITE COUNTY

Chattahoochee R. watershed upstream from the GA Hwy 255 crossing of the Chattahoochee R.; Little Tesnatee Cr. watershed (includes Turner Cr watershed) upstream from the mouth of Turner Cr.; Town Cr. watershed upstream from the mouth of Jenny Cr.

WHITFIELD COUNTY

Coahulla Cr. watershed upstream from Whitfield Co Rd. 183; Dry Cr. watershed, which is a part of East Chickamauga Cr. watershed; Snake Cr. watershed; Spring Cr. (Deep Spring Cr.) watershed; Swamp Cr. watershed upstream from Whitfield Co Rd. 9; Tiger Cr. watershed.

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COMMERCIAL FISHING

- It is unlawful to fish commercially except in waters opened for commercial fishing by regulation of the DNR Board.
- It shall be unlawful to engage in commercial fishing without having all valid commercial fishing licenses.
- It is unlawful for any person to sell or purchase any game fish, however American shad, hickory shad, channel catfish, and flathead catfish taken while commercial fishing may be sold as described in the Game and Fish Code.
- For information on fish baskets, including usage, construction, and licensing contact the nearest Fisheries Section office or visit our website at **GoFishGeorgia.com.**
- For a complete copy of the freshwater commercial fishing regulations visit **GoFishGeorgia.com.**
- For saltwater commercial fishing information contact the Coastal Resources Division or visit **CoastalGADNR.org.**

SALE OF FISH & AQUACULTURE

Game Fish

It is unlawful for any person to sell or purchase any game fish except under the following conditions:

- Game fish may be sold by properly licensed commercial fish hatcheries, wholesale and retail fish dealers, and pond owners (see following paragraph) who conform to the Game and Fish Code.
- Game fish may be sold from a pond when the owner has obtained a valid permit from DNR Law Enforcement Section (2 weeks required to process). NOTE: The permit must be displayed at the pond and the fish must be packaged and labeled for transport from the pond with the permit number and the number and pounds of each species contained in the package. Fish must remain so packaged until processed or released into another pond. NOTE: A permit will be issued only once annually and limits the time for taking fish from the pond to 15 days.
- Game fish shipped into Georgia may be lawfully transported, sold, and resold provided each person in possession of said game fish has an authentic bill of sale or lading which details the source of the fish and the species, number and pounds of the fish.

Domestic Fish

- Aquaculturists (fish farmers) must register with the Department of Natural Resources in order to sell domestic fish.
- Registration applications are available from any Fisheries Section office, at **GoFishGeorgia.com**, or by calling 770-918-6408. Find Aquaculture information under the Fishing Regulation section of the WRD website.
- Domestic fish are lawfully obtained farmed fish which are held in confinement in private ponds, but only if they are fish species which are either indigenous to Georgia or have been recognized prior to 1992 as having an established population in public waters in Georgia. White perch is not recognized as a domestic fish. Persons in possession of domestic fish from registered aquaculturists must have an authentic bill of sale or lading which identifies the seller, the date of transaction and at least two of the following for each fish species: number, weight, or average length.

Freshwater Fish Records

SPECIES	WEIGHT	ANGLER	LOCATION	DATE
Bass, Hybrid	25 lb. 8 oz.	David Hobby	Lake Chatuge	May 1995
Bass, Largemouth	22 lb. 4 oz	George Perry	Montgomery Lake	June 1932
Bass, Redeye	3 lb. 7 oz.	Steve Williams	Lake Hartwell	April 2004
Bass, Rock	1 lb. 0 oz.	Jeffrey Forester	South Chickamauga Creek	April 2024
Bass, Shadow	0 lb, 10 oz	Kristen Brown	Flint River	June 2016
Bass, Shoal (tie)	8 lb. 5 oz.	Joseph McWhorter	Chattahoochee River	Dec 2021
		Clark Wheeler	Flint River	April 2022
Bass, Smallmouth	7 lb. 2 oz.	Jack Hall	Lake Chatuge	March 1973
Bass, Spotted	8 lb. 2 oz.	Wayne Holland	Lake Burton	Feb. 2005
Bass, Striped (tie)	63 lb.	Kelly Ward	Oconee River	May 1967
		Terry McConnell	Lake Richard B. Russell	April 2009
Bass, Suwanee	3 lb. 9 oz.	Laverne Norton	Ochlocknee River	Oct. 1984
Bass, White	5 lb. 1 oz.	J.M. Hobbins	Lake Lanier	June 1971
Bowfin	16 lb. 3 oz.	Jimmy Tucker	Suwannee River	June 2014
Bullhead, Brown	5 lb. 8 oz.	James Andrews	O.F. Veal Pond	May 1978
Bullhead, Yellow	4 lb. 15 oz.	Glenn Settles	Ogeechee River	Oct. 2003
Carp, Common	35 lb. 12 oz.	Rev. Donald Clark	Lake Jackson	1972
Catfish, Blue	110 lb. 6 oz.	Tim Trone	Chattahoochee River	Oct. 2020
Catfish, Channel	44 lb. 12 oz.	Bobby Smithwick	Altamaha River	May 1972
Catfish, Flathead	83 lb.	Carl Sawyer	Altamaha River	June 2006
		Jim Dieveney	Altamaha River	July 2010
Catfish, White	8 lb. 10 oz.	James Sanders	Savannah River	June 1996
Crappie, Black (tie)	4 lb. 4 oz.	Shirley Lavender	Acree's Lake	June 1971
		Steve Cheek	Lake Spivey	March 1975
Crappie, White	5 lb.	Theresa Kemp	Bibb Co. Pond	April 1984
Gar, Longnose	31 lb. 14 oz.	Silas Turner	Lake Blackshear	March 2026
Muskellunge	38 lb.	Rube Golden	Blue Ridge Lake	June 1957
Perch, Yellow (tie)	2 lb. 9 oz.	Thomas Lewis	Savannah River	Feb. 2013
		Emerson Mulhall	Lake Burton	Feb. 2024
Pickerel, Chain	9 lb. 6 oz.	Baxley McQuaig Jr.	Homerville	Feb. 1961
Pickerel, Redfin	2 lb. 10 oz.	Gene Brantley	Lewis' Pond	July 1982
Pike, Northern	18 lb. 2 oz.	Keith Gragg	Lake Rabun	June 1982
Sauger	4 lb. 3 oz.	Stuart Bowers	Clarks Hill Reservoir	April 1986
Shad, American	8 lb. 3 oz.	Henry Baxley	Savannah River	April 1986
Shad, Hickory	2 lb. 10 oz.	Timmy Woods	Ogeechee River	Feb. 2022
Sunfish, Bluegill	3 lb. 5 oz.	P.F. Gumm	Shamrock Lake	July 1977
Sunfish, Flier	1 lb. 4 oz.	Curt Brooks	Lowndes Co. Pond	Feb. 1996
Sunfish, Green	1 lb. 7 oz.	Jeff Sumner	Private Pond	Feb. 2006
Sunfish, Redbreast	1 lb. 12 oz.	Lester Roberts	Satilla River	May 2022
Sunfish, Redear	4 lb. 2 oz.	Pat Lawrence	Richmond Co. Pond	June 1995
Sunfish, Spotted	13 oz.	Josh Forsythe	Suwannee River	May 2025
Sunfish, Warmouth	2 lb.	Carlton Robbins	Private Pond	May 1974
Trout, Brook	5 lb. 10 oz.	Russell Braden	Waters Creek	March 1986
Trout, Brown	20 lb. 14 oz.	Chad Doughty	Chattahoochee River	July 2014
Trout, Rainbow	17 lb. 8 oz.	Mark Cochran	Soque River	May 2004
Walleye	14 lb. 2 oz.	Wes Carlton	Lake Rabun	Feb. 2016

RED indicates new record!
BLUE indicates a World Record Fish (either IGFA or NFFHF)

Georgia Freshwater Fish



LARGEMOUTH BASS
- Upper jaw extends beyond eye
- Spiny and soft dorsal fin separate or nearly so
- Tongue normally smooth, tooth patch rare



SMALLMOUTH BASS
- Upper jaw extends to about middle of eye
- Usually has vertical stripes along body
- 3 short spines on anal fin



SPOTTED BASS
- Upper jaw not past rear of eye
- Spiny and soft dorsal fin clearly connected
- Tooth patch on tongue



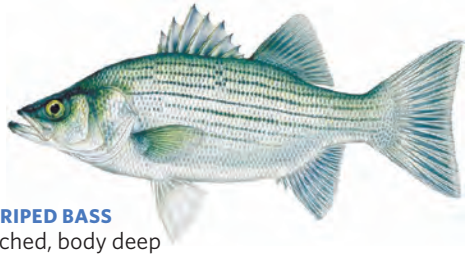
SHOAL BASS
- Found in Chattahoochee, Flint, and Ocmulgee Rivers
- Vertical bars on fish of all sizes
- No tooth patch on tongue
- Dark spot at base of tail
- Light golden color



REDEYE BASS
- Small tooth patch found on tongue
- Sides olive to brown in coloring; dark vertical bars; prominent dark spot on the gill cover
- White margin on tail



WHITE BASS
- Seldom exceeds 3 pounds
- Tongue with one tooth patch
- Stripes often faint
- 2nd anal spine 1/2 length of 3rd anal spine



HYBRID
WHITE-STRIPED BASS
- Back arched, body deep
- Stripes distinct and usually broken
- Tongue with two tooth patches
- 2nd anal spine 2/3 or more the length of 3rd anal spine



STRIPED BASS
- Body slender
- Stripes distinct, occasionally broken
- Tongue with two tooth patches
- 2nd anal spine ½ or less the length of 3rd anal spine



CHANNEL CATFISH
- Numerous small, black spots present
- Deeply forked tail fin
- State Record 44 lb. 12 oz.



FLATHEAD CATFISH
- Head wide and flat
- Body dark in color
- Tail not forked



WALLEYE
- Sharp teeth
- No spots on dorsal fin
- Dark area at base of dorsal fin
- White spot at bottom of tail

Fish identification pictures:
Duane Raver or © Joseph Tomelleri

GEORGIA FRESHWATER FISH



BLACK CRAPPIE
- 7–8 dorsal spines
- Body color pattern irregular arranged spots



REDEAR SUNFISH (SHELLCRACKER)
- Red edge on operculum ear flap
- Spotted body



REDBREAST SUNFISH
- Long, dark ear flap
- Blue lines on head
- Ear flap (operculum) not wider than eye



BLUEGILL
- Black spot on soft dorsal fin
- Vertical bars on body



GIZZARD SHAD
- Mouth below end of snout
- Elongated dorsal fin ray
- Deep body
- Blunt snout



RAINBOW TROUT
- Small black dots throughout the body that extend into the tail
- Red stripe along side on silvery body



BROWN TROUT
- Black and red-orange spots inside light circles on brown body
- Caudal fin (tail) square



BROOK TROUT
- Light, wormlike markings on dark upper body
- White leading edge on lower fins (pectoral, pelvic and anal)



CHAIN PICKEREL (JACKFISH)
- Elongated body with chain-like markings
- Sharp needle-like teeth



AMERICAN SHAD
- Bluish or green above with a silvery side
- Deeply forked tail



THREADFIN SHAD
- Mouth at end of snout
- Elongated dorsal fin ray
- Pointed snout
- Yellow tail fin

Fish Consumption Guidelines

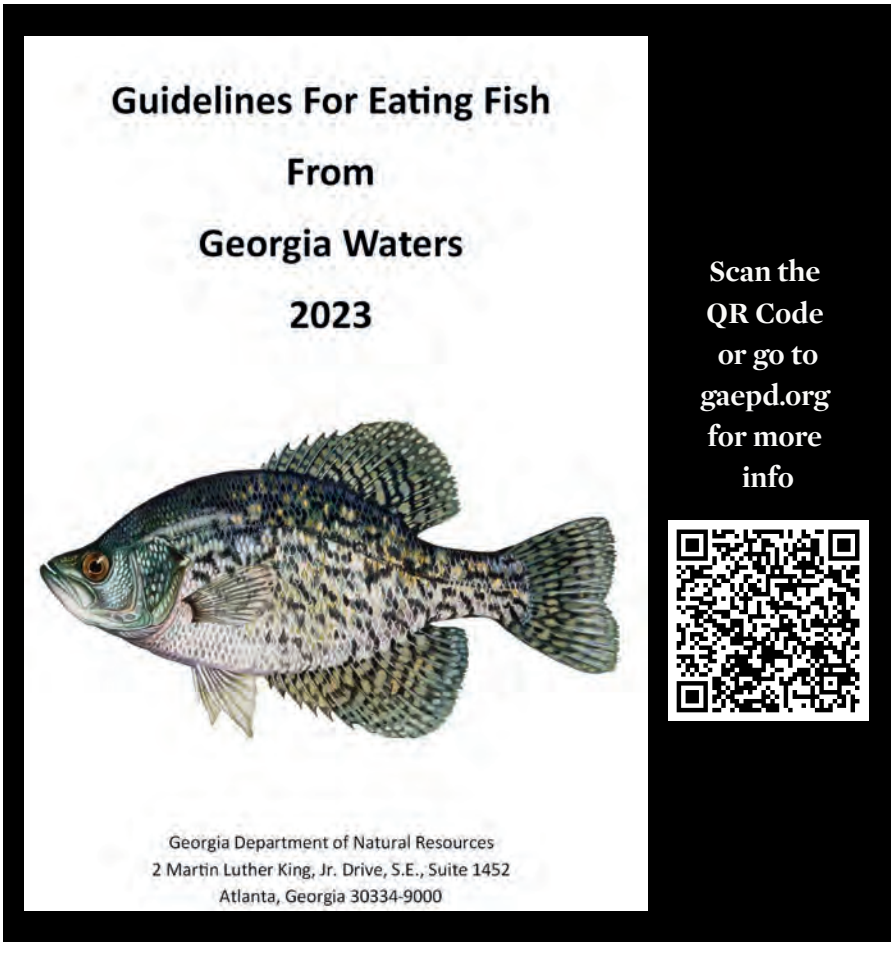
THE HEALTH BENEFITS OF EATING FISH

Sport fish caught in Georgia are generally good quality and safe to eat. Fish provide a high protein, low fat diet which is low in saturated fats. Fish may have substantial health benefits when they replace a high fat source of protein in the diet.

WHAT ARE THE GUIDELINES?

Georgia DNR samples fish from water bodies each year to test for contaminants such as PCBs, chlordane, and mercury. Many of the fish tested have few or no contaminants and are safe to eat. **Waters where fish have been tested and found to be clean are listed to the right.** Fish from waters listed in the tables had some level of contaminants so you should restrict the amount of fish you eat from these waters. Recommendations are made to limit how often you eat a meal of fish from these sources to either once per week or month. A meal of fish is about 4 to 8 ounces. These guidelines are based on eating fish from a listed area for at least 30 years. That is because it would take months or years of regularly eating contaminated food to accumulate levels in your body that would affect your health.

"One meal per week" means that eating a 4- to 8-ounce serving no more than once per week should cause no significant health risks.



SPECIAL NOTICE FOR PREGNANT WOMEN, NURSING MOTHERS AND CHILDREN

If you are pregnant or a nursing mother, or plan to become pregnant soon, you and also children under 6 years of age are sensitive to the effects of some contaminants. Women and children in these categories may wish to eat fish less often than recommended in the tables.

HOW TO REDUCE YOUR HEALTH RISK

Eat smaller fish and vary the kind of fish you eat. Contaminants build up in top predators (bass), bottom feeders (catfish), and older (larger) fish to a greater extent than panfish, such as bream and crappie.

Clean and cook fish properly. Some chemicals have a tendency to concentrate in the fatty tissues of fish. By removing the fish's skin and trimming the fat, you can substantially reduce contaminants.



Cook fish so fat drips away. Broil, bake, or grill fish and do not use the drippings. Deep-fat frying removes some contaminants, but discard the oil once you have cooked the fish. Pan frying removes few contaminants.

GUIDELINES FOR GEORGIA

Please note: Lakes and rivers in the Fish Consumption Guidelines have been tested and the fish found to contain little or no contamination. If the lake or stream where you fish is listed, it is safe to eat the amount listed for a given species from that body of water. Water bodies are listed alphabetically.

"These guidelines are non-binding recommendations EPD determines based on the body of water a fish comes from, the species of fish and the amount of fish a person consumes. The purpose of these guidelines is to provide detailed information in an understandable format for people who eat fish. Waters listed in the fish consumption guidelines are not necessarily assessed as impaired using USEPA guidelines for Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act."

More details and most recent results from fish contaminant testing are available in the publication "Guidelines for Eating Fish from Georgia Waters" available at: **www.gaepd.org**

Call for a copy or more information:

Environmental Protection Division: 404-656-4713 | Coastal Resources Division: 912-264-7218 | Wildlife Resources Division: 706-557-3305

GET REWARDED FOR FISHING!

Angler Recognition Programs

Add a challenge to your fishing trip by participating in these angler reward programs!



TROUT SLAM
If you can catch all 3 species of trout (rainbow, brown, brook) available in Georgia waters, you earn a Georgia Trout Slam!

ANGLER AWARDS
This program recognizes anglers who catch fish that meet or exceed a specific weight or length for that species. Categories include: adult, youth, public fishing area, and trophy bass.

BASS SLAM
If you can catch (at a minimum) 5 of the 10 different black bass species found in Georgia within a calendar year, you earn a Georgia Bass Slam!

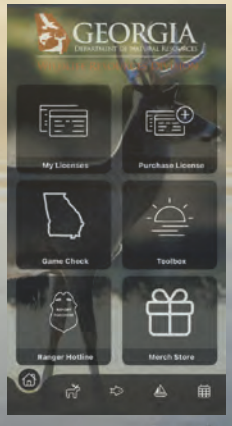
STATE RECORDS
This program is for anglers that legally catch a freshwater fish that exceeds the existing state record catch weight by two ounces or more.

Rewards and Rules Vary with Program. Find Out More at ***GeorgiaWildlife.com/fishing/angler-resources.***

Go Outdoors Georgia App

With the free Go Outdoors Georgia app, you can:

- View digital copy of license(s)
- Have access to Interactive Maps
- Use Game Check
- View Regulations
- Buy a License
- and more!



Scan the QR Code for more info.

Georgia Offers THREE Free Fishing Days Each Year!

NATIONAL HUNTING & FISHING DAY
September 26, 2026

NATIONAL FISHING & BOATING WEEK
June 5 & June 12, 2027

On Free Fishing Days, Georgia residents do NOT need a fishing license or a trout license to fish on any public waters in the state including lakes, streams, ponds and any of the 11 Public Fishing Areas.

More About Fishing at GoFishGeorgia.com



GATEWAY TO FISHING PROGRAM

Did you know that even in metro Atlanta, you have fishing opportunities near you? Scan the QR code to explore these locations and make your plan to Go Fish Georgia!



REPORT POACHERS

- Poaching is the illegal fishing & hunting of wildlife.
- Poachers rob you of hunting opportunities.
- Poachers steal everyone's wildlife.
- Poachers give ethical anglers & hunters a bad name.
- Rewards are paid if an arrest is made.
- Anonymity is respected.

Hunt Regs App

HOW DO I REPORT POACHING?

- Scan the QR code for the Hunt Regs App. You can download the app to report, or report directly without it.
- Call the Ranger Hotline.

WE ARE AVAILABLE
24-7-365
1-800-241-4113
RangerHotline@dnr.ga.gov

RANGER HOTLINE
GEORGIA
REPORT POACHERS
CASH REWARD
NATURAL RESOURCES FOUNDATION
800-241-4113

PROTECTED SPECIES MAY BE ENCOUNTERED WHILE FISHING

It is unlawful to capture, kill, or harm any protected species. If you accidentally capture a protected species while fishing or collecting bait, please release it unharmed immediately.

There are 58 fishes, 10 salamanders, one frog, one snail, 27 mussels, 20 crayfish and 14 turtles under protection in Georgia.

Exception: all native crayfish, including state protected species, can be used as bait as long as they are not harvested from burrows. Bait species should never be transferred between water ways.

For more information contact DNR's Wildlife Conservation Section at **(706) 557-3213**.

Search the rare species data portal at **GeorgiaBiodiversity.org** for a list of protected species in your watershed.



MAP TURTLE

Aquatic turtle with prominent spiny keel on midline of shell. Found in large streams and rivers in northwest and southwest portions of the state.



ALLIGATOR SNAPPING TURTLE

Huge aquatic turtle that may weigh more than 100 lbs. Occurs in large streams, rivers, reservoirs in the southwest corner of the state. Jaws are powerful—keep a safe distance!



REDHORSE SUCKER

There are several protected species of redhorse suckers that can easily be confused with common carp while bow fishing. For more information on sport fish and carp identification, please visit **GeorgiaWildlife.com/fishing/identification.**



Up to 29" in length, 11–20" typical

EASTERN HELLBENDER

Large, harmless salamander found in clear, rocky mountain streams such as trout streams.



ALTAMAHA SHINER

A state protected minnow that is common in rocky sections of large rivers and streams in the Oconee and Ocmulgee river systems.

Guidelines for Sea Turtle Protection

If you hook or entangle a sea turtle while fishing, contact Georgia DNR Hotline: 1-800-2-SaveMe.

- **Keep hands away from turtle's mouth and flippers.**
- **Do not lift the turtle by the hook or by pulling on the line.**
- **Safely land the turtle using a net or by walking it to shore.**
- **Leave the hook in place as removing it can cause more damage.**
- **Keep the turtle out of direct sunlight and cover with damp towel.**
- **Use non-stainless, barbless hooks when possible.**

If you cannot reach Georgia DNR, cut the line as short as possible and release the turtle.

WILDLIFE VIOLATOR COMPACT

All 50 states, including Georgia, are members of the Wildlife Violator Compact (WVC). This allows Wildlife Officers to treat non-residents hunting in WVC member states as if they were a resident of that state in regards to wildlife violations. All wildlife law violators will be held more responsible due to the fact that their illegal activities in one state can affect their hunting privileges in all WVC member states.

Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact

GEORGIA SALTWATER FISHING

From the deep waters of the Gulf Stream across a wide expanse of open Atlantic Ocean through winding tidal rivers to remote marshes, coastal Georgia offers a diversity of inviting places for the saltwater angler. Whether you fish from the surf, a fishing pier, or a boat, there is always something ready to tug on your line.

Recreational Fishing

Fishing Licenses: See page 6 for information on license requirements.

- Licenses are required for hook and line fishing, castnetting, seining, crabbing, gigging, sport bait trawling, and harvesting shellfish.
- A Georgia fishing license and free Saltwater Information Permit (SIP) are required for anglers age 16 and older to fish in both state (0-3 nautical miles off shore) and federal (beyond 3 miles) marine waters of Georgia. The SIP expires one year from the date of issuance, regardless of license type (lifetime, senior, multi-year).
- Reciprocal agreements with Alabama, South Carolina, and Florida currently do not apply to saltwaters.
- Georgia saltwater fishing guides have the option of purchasing a blanket fishing license to cover their customers. Anglers booking a trip with a Georgia saltwater fishing guide should inquire if they will need a Georgia fishing license or whether they will be covered by the guide's license. Persons interested in purchasing a Saltwater Guide's License should call the DNR Coastal Regional License Office at 912-264-7237.
- Effective January 1, 2027, a "Reef & Migratory Fish Endorsement" will be required of any angler landing any of the following nine species in Georgia: Amberjack, Black sea bass, Cobia, Dolphin, Gag, King Mackerel, Red Porgy, Red Snapper, and Spanish Mackerel. The 2026 Georgia General Assembly approved SB420 creating the endorsement as part of an effort to improve data collection for offshore species. The endorsement will cost $10 for residents and $20 for non-residents. More information will be provided at CoastalGaDNR.org as the effective date nears.

SALTWATER FISHING INFORMATION

GEORGIA SALTWATER FISHING REGULATIONS

For information and updates on licenses, regulations, and fishing in Georgia's inshore and offshore saltwaters contact:

Georgia DNR Coastal Office
Law Enforcement
One Conservation Way, Suite 201
Brunswick, GA 31520-8687
912-264-7237 or fax 912-262-3166

Coastal Resources Division
Marine Fisheries Section
One Conservation Way,
Brunswick, GA 31520-8687
912-264-7218 or fax 912-262-3143
www.CoastalGADNR.org

FEDERAL SALTWATER FISHING REGULATIONS

For information and updates on recreational fishing regulations in federal waters (3–200 miles offshore), contact:

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council
4055 Faber Place Dr., Suite 201
North Charleston, SC 29405
843-571-4366 or 866-SAFMC-10
www.safmc.net

For information and updates on federal regulations and required permitting for tunas, billfish, and sharks, contact:

National Marine Fisheries Service
HMS Management Division
1315 East-West Hwy
Silver Spring, MD 20910
301-713-2347
www.nmfspermits.com

For more information about fishing, boating, and diving at Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary, contact:

NOAA - Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary
10 Ocean Science Circle
Savannah, GA 31411
graysreef@noaa.gov
912-598-2345
www.graysreef.noaa.gov

WANTON WASTE

Sort or cull your catch on the water. Return undersized or unwanted wildlife to the water alive. When you throw away wildlife, you are not only wasting valuable resources, but you are also breaking the law!

ARTIFICIAL REEFS

Georgia maintains 15 inshore and 31 offshore artificial reefs located from inside the estuary to 80 miles offshore. The 19 reefs beyond 3 miles offshore are designated as federal Special Management Zones and as such, only allow hand-held and spear fishing gear. For more information, coordinates and updates go to **CoastalGaDNR.org/HERU**.

BOATING SAFETY ZONES

Boating safety zones have been established off Jekyll, Tybee, St. Simons, and Sea islands. These zones extend from the northernmost point to the southernmost point of each of these islands and from the highwater mark to a distance 1,000 feet seaward. From May 1 through September 30, power boats, jet skis, and other motorized craft are prohibited in these zones.

SALTWATER FINFISH

LANDING REQUIREMENTS/ TRANSFER PROHIBITION

All saltwater finfish (including sharks) under state or federal regulation must be landed with head and fins intact. Anglers must make catches available for inspection by government officials. Saltwater finfish subject to size and bag limits cannot be transferred to another person or vessel on the water. A commercial license is required to sell any seafood.

GEAR

A **seine** may not be used as a gill net (a net constructed of single webbing attached to a float line and lead line and fished in a stationary manner to ensnare or entangle fish in the meshes; see page 86).

Only flounder may be taken with a **gig** (any handheld shaft with single or multiple points, barbed or barbless).

All seasons, hours, creel limits, minimum size limits, and other regulations applicable to saltwater finfish apply regardless of the gear used.

Sharks: Recreational harvest of sharks is limited to hook and line gear only. Additionally, anglers must use non-offset, corrodible, non-stainless steel circle hooks when fishing for sharks recreationally, except when fishing with flies or artificial lures.

RELATED DEFINITIONS

Maximum Size: the specific size in length above which it is unlawful to take that finfish species.

Minimum Size: the specific size in length below which it is unlawful to take that finfish species.

Open Season: that specified period of time during which one may take certain finfish species from any waters of the state.

Daily Creel Limit: the lawful amount of a species of finfish that a person may take in one day.

Possession Limit: the lawful amount of a species that a person can legally have at one time.

Bushel: 8 gallons.

SALTWATER DEMARCATION LINE

This line is established in this state as the separation point between saltwaters and freshwaters for commercial fishing and sport fishing. The saltwater demarcation line is defined below:

- The point at which U.S. Highway 17 crosses the following bodies of water and their tributaries shall be the line of demarcation for them: St. Mary's River, Satilla River, South Altamaha River, Champney River, Butler River, Darien River, Little Ogeechee System (except Salt Creek), North Newport River, Medway River, Big Ogeechee River, and the point at which Georgia Highway 25/South Carolina 170 crosses the Savannah River and its tributaries. All water seaward of these points shall be considered saltwater.
- The following streams and their tributaries are designated as salt water for their entire length: Crooked River, Little Satilla River, South Brunswick River, Turtle River, Sapelo River, South Newport River, Salt Creek (Little Ogeechee System), and all other rivers, streams, and tributaries in the six coastal counties which are not enumerated in this subsection.
- For purposes of crabbing, that portion of the St. Mary's River and the Satilla River System (including the Satilla River and White Oak Creek) which is seaward of the points at which the Seaboard Coastline Railroad crosses such streams and that portion of the Altamaha River System which is seaward of the points at which I-95 crosses the streams of that system shall be considered salt water. It shall be unlawful to place any crab trap in the waters of this state other than that described as salt water in Code Section 27-4-1 or by this subsection.

FIVE THINGS YOU CAN DO
TO BE A RESPONSIBLE ANGLER

- Buy a fishing license and obtain your free Saltwater Information Permit (SIP). Funds from license sales support fishery management, boating and fishing access projects, and conservation law enforcement. Your SIP identifies you as a Georgia saltwater angler, which informs fishery management.
- Handle the fish as little as possible. Leaving a fish in the water is the best option when releasing it, but if you must remove it from the water, wet your hands first to avoid removing its protective slime.
- When taking a photograph with the fish, be sure to support its weight by holding the fish horizontally and support its weight with your hands.
- If a fish looks lethargic, gently force water through the mouth and over the gills by holding it in the current, or slowly moving the fish in a figure-eight motion.
- Use non-stainless steel non-offset circle hooks when possible. It is believed that these hooks reduce the rate of gut hooking in fish and helps increase their chance of survival after release. Non-stainless steel hooks also rust quicker than stainless if it is left in the fish.



Finfish Seasons, Limits, Sizes

SEASONS, LIMITS, SIZES

All limits per person unless specified. FL = fork length, TL = total length (see "How to Measure a Fish" below)

SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	DAILY LIMIT AND POSSESSION LIMIT	MINIMUM SIZE (inches)
Amberjack*	All year	1	28 FL
American Eel	All year	25	9 TL
Atlantic croaker	All year	25	
Atlantic sturgeon	No Harvest		
Billfish (Blue marlin, White marlin, Sailfish)*	Billfish may be landed in Georgia, provided the angler complies with all federal regulations. Visit CoastalGaDNR.org/HMS for federal regulations.		
Black drum	All year	15	14 TL
Black sea bass*	All year	15	12 TL
Bluefish	All year	15	12 FL
Cobia	Mar. 1 - Oct. 31	1 per angler, max 6 per boat.	36 FL
Dolphin*	All year	10 (not to exceed 54 per boat, except headboats, which are allowed 10 per paying customer	20 FL
Flounder	All year	15	12 TL
Gag grouper*	All year	2	24 TL
King mackerel*	All year	3	24 FL
Red drum (Channel bass, Spottail bass, Redfish)**[B]	All year	5	14 TL (23 TL maximum)
Red porgy*	All year	3	14 TL
Red snapper*	All year	2	20 TL
Sharks			
Small shark composite (SSC)[A] (Atlantic sharpnose, Bonnethead, Spiny dogfish)	All Year	1 per angler	30 FL
Sharks (other than Hammerheads, SSC and Prohibited Sharks)[A]		1 per angler or boat, whichever is less	54 FL
Hammerhead Sharks (Great, Scalloped, and Smooth)[A]			78 FL
Shortfin Mako Shark	When Federal Quota is Available.		83 FL
Prohibited Sharks (NO HARVEST)[A]	Sand tiger, Sandbar, Silky, Bigeye sand tiger, Whale, Basking, White, Dusky, Bignose, Galapagos, Night, Reef, Narrowtooth, Caribbean sharpnose, Smalltail, Atlantic angel, Longfin mako, Bigeye thresher, Sharpnose sevengill, Bluntnose sixgill, Oceanic Whitetip, and Bigeye sixgill		
Sheepshead	All year	15	10 FL
Spanish mackerel*	All year	15	12 FL
Spot	All year	25	
Spotted seatrout	All year	15	14 TL
Striped bass (Saltwater)	All year	2	22 TL
Striped bass (Savannah River)	All year	2	27 TL
Tarpon	All year	1	68 FL
Tripletail	All year	2	18 TL
Weakfish	All year	1	13 TL

* These species are also federally managed from 3 to 200 miles offshore. Go to www.safmc.net for federal regulations.

** Red Drum are a gamefish in Georgia [O.C.G.A. 27-1-2 (36)(I)]. As gamefish, Red Drum may only be fished for with pole and line (rod/reel) [O.C.G.A. 27-4-5].

A These species are also federally managed. Go to **www.fisheries.noaa.gov/atlantic-highly-migratory-species/atlantic-highly-migratory-species-minimum-sizes-and-bag-limits** for federal regulations.

B At the time of this guide's publication, the Board of Natural Resources was considering regulation changes for Red Drum. These limits and sizes may have changed. Please check **CoastalGaDNR.org/Limits** for the most up-to-date regulations.

REEF FISH

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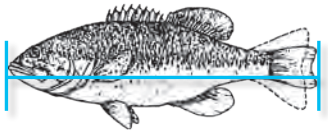
HOW TO MEASURE A FISH

Freshwater fish are measured as Total Length (TL). Minimum sizes for saltwater finfish are measured in two ways: Total Length (TL) and Fork Length (FL). Methods for measuring fish are indicated to the right:



Fork Length



Total Length

Georgia's Saltwater Gamefish Records

SPECIES	MEN'S RECORD		WOMEN'S RECORD	
	WEIGHT	MALE ANGLER (year)	WEIGHT	FEMALE ANGLER (year)
Amberjack, Greater	92 lb. 1 oz.	Ben W. Key. Jr. (1975)	72 lb. 8 oz.	Tricia L. Nicosia (1986)
Barracuda, Great	54 lb. 8 oz.	Wayne Hall (1999)	47 lb. 8 oz.	Marie Franklin (1999)
Bass, Black Sea (tie, men)	5 lb. 11 oz.	J.C. Hadden, Jr. (1994)	4 lb. 8 oz.	Evelyn B. Carter (1983)
	5 lb. 12 oz.	Willie J. Oakman (1998)		
Bluefish*	17 lb. 12 oz.	Gary Q. Altman (1980)	14 lb. 4 oz.	Kathy Sikes (1986)
Cobia	88 lb. 12 oz.	Jeffrey Clark (1985)	68 lb. 5 oz.	Wanda Carroll (1999)
Croaker, Atlantic	5 lb. 12 oz.	David Flynt (1977)	2 lb. 11 oz.	Caroline Hicks (2014)
Dolphin (tie)	68 lb. 1.9 oz.	James Roberts (2022)	54 lb. 8 oz.	Romona Arsenault (1977)
	68 lb. 9.28 oz.	Cade Quick (2025)		
Drum, Black	92 lb. 0 oz.	John H. Thomas Jr. (2010)	80 lb. 0 oz.	Jennifer Swenson (2009)
Drum, Red (Channel Bass)*	47 lb. 7 oz.	Richard Price (1986)	38 lb. 13 oz.	Sandra Price (1986)
Flounder (Composite)	15 lb. 8 oz.	Walter C. Hewitt (1982)	15 lb. 10 oz.	Janice Youmans (1990)
Grouper, Gag	38 lb. 0 oz.	David Sapp (2002)	20 lb. 0 oz.	Joyce L. Richards (1984)
Grouper, Goliath*	124 lb. 0 oz.	James Chumley (1976)	Harvest prohibited, therefore record no longer allowed.	
Grouper, Graysby	2 lb. 2.24 oz.	Justin Bythwood (2024)	1 lb. 5.8 oz.	Mackenzie L. Hendricks (2025)
Grouper, Red	26 lb. 6.4 oz.	Bruce C. Bartlett Jr. (2021)	19 lb. 2 oz.	Karen Kratzer (2016)
Grouper, Scamp	27 lb. 2 oz.	Jakob Hallstrom (2014)	23 lb. 6 oz.	Kathy Wash (1987)
Grouper, Warsaw	252 lb. 0 oz.	Gene Whitehurst (1981)	Harvest prohibited, therefore record no longer allowed.	
Jack, Almaco	27 lb. 8 oz.	James W. Thompson (2024)	No minimum weight	
Jack, Crevalle	38 lb. 8 oz.	Lex Bazemore (2001)	33 lb. 10.72 oz.	Lauren E. Harden (2024)
Kingfish (Whiting)	2 lb. 12 oz.	Harold Guinn (1975)	2 lb. 4 oz.	Lois E. Guinn (1975)
Ladyfish	3 lb. 12 oz.	Dwight Thornton (1977)	5 lb. 0 oz.	Marjorie Nighbert (1978)
Mackerel, King	75 lb. 12 oz.	Joe H. Bell (2004)	45 lb. 7 oz.	Jessica Pace (2016)
Mackerel, Spanish	8 lb. 4 oz.	James I. Geiger (1991)	7 lb. 14 oz.	Ida Knight (1988)
Marlin, Blue*	491 lb. 8 oz.	John C. Howard, Jr. (1985)	178 lb. 0 oz.	Susan D. Meek (1985)
Marlin, White*	49 lb. 12 oz.	Thomas Hester (1986)	Harvest prohibited, therefore record no longer allowed.	
Mullet, Striped	9 lb. 3 oz.	Steve Middleton (1994)	Minimum weight: 4 lbs.	
Pinfish	2 lb. 3.2 oz.	Spencer N. Schutte (2023)	1 lb. 14 oz.	Nicole Starnes (2020)
Pompano, African	40 lb. 0.48 oz.	Richard Bjorneby (2021)	25 lb. 13 oz.	Jennifer Roberts (2016)
Pompano, Florida	5 lb. 4 oz.	Bill Knightbuford (2002)	2 lb., 3.52 oz.	Shantel Curlett (2023)
Porgy (Composite)	15 lb. 14 oz.	Louis F. Jiran (1988)	Minimum weight: 3 lbs.	
Porgy, Red	5 lb. 6 oz.	Jimmy Ginn (1980)	Minimum weight: 4 lbs.	
Runner, Rainbow	17 lb. 12 oz.	Tyler Bond (1984)	Minimum weight: 5 lbs.	
Sailfish*	65 lb. 0 oz.	Vann Downs (1981)	38 lb. 5 oz.	Laura Hammond (1992)
Seatrout,Spotted	9 lb. 7 oz.	Tommy Hall (1976)	7 lb. 8 oz.	Amanda Wooten (1990)
Shark, Blacktip	131 lb. 0 oz.	Albert Lee Boyd (1978)	148 lb. 0 oz.	Allison Gerber (2008)
Shark, Bonnethead	22 lb. 8 oz.	Zachery Gross (2009)	22 lb. 11.5 oz.	Amanda Page (2012)
Shark, Bull	455 lb. 0 oz.	Mark D. Noble (1978)	121 lb. 9 oz.	Jennifer Swenson (2011)
Shark, Dusky*	272 lb. 8 oz.	Bill Hunter (1978)	6 lb. 2 oz.	Wendy Mead (1982)
Shark, Hammerhead	770 lb. 0 oz.	Charlie Marshall (1973)	10 lb. 0 oz.	Katherine Bullis (1985)
Shark, Lemon	375 lb. 0 oz.	Thomas Winslow (1974)	322 lb. 0 oz.	Deborah Carpenter (2011)
Shark, Mako	440 lb. 0 oz.	Tyler Gary (2017)	No minimum weight	
Shark, Nurse	244 lb. 0 oz.	Bill Watson (1981)	Minimum weight: 50 lbs.	
Shark, Sandbar (Brown)*	158 lb. 8 oz.	Chet Lee Kirby (1979)	124 lb. 0 oz.	Dorothea Bays (1985)
Shark, Sand Tiger*	290 lb. 0 oz.	Billy Castle (1977)	212 lb. 6 oz.	Clara Adams (1984)
Shark, Spinner	145 lb. 6 oz.	Edward J. Hawie (2009)	Minimum weight: 50 lbs.	
Shark, Thresher	116 lb. 0 oz.	Mark D. Noble (1976)	Minimum weight: 50 lbs.	
Shark, Tiger	794 lb. 0 oz.	Chuck Hall (1975)	190 lb. 0 oz.	Pam Page (2012)
Sheepshead (tie)	14 lb. 14 oz.	Ralph V. White (2002)	12 lb. 9 oz.	Linda Carroll (2003)
	14 lb. 14.37 oz.	Ben Golden III (2023)		
Snapper, Cubera	10 lb. 0 oz.	Chris Gray (2012)	—	
Snapper, Gray	12 lb. 9 oz.	David Blackshear (2011)	10 lb. 11 oz.	Lindsey Paulk (2020)
Snapper, Lane	2 lb. 15.8 oz.	Marcus M. Hanson (2024)	—	
Snapper, Mutton	18 lb. 6.56 oz.	Benjamin Lewis (2019)	18 lb. 19.92 oz.	Janet Monroe (2019)
Snapper, Red	37 lb. 8 oz.	Bill Shearin, Jr. (1988)	29 lb. 8 oz.	Phyllis Thompson (1989)
Snapper, Yellowtail	5 lb. 0 oz.	Eddie N. Vanmeter II (2014)	—	
Snapper, Vermillion	5 lb. 11.68 oz.	Mark Brandon Neville (2022)	3 lb. 14.4 oz.	Stacey T. Pope (2023)
Snook	10 lb. 2 oz.	Lester Rooks (1990)	10 lb. 6 oz.	Marlene Patton (2008)
Spadefish, Atlantic	13 lb. 2 oz.	Shahram Zare (2004)	11 lb. 5 oz.	Deidra H. Jeffcoat (2003)
Spot	1 lb, 0.32 oz.	Joel E. Duck (2023)	No minimum weight	
Swordfish	205 lb. 8 oz.	Brendin A. Page (2014)	No minimum weight	
Tarpon	161 lb. 0 oz.	C. Edwards (1995)	139 lb. 0 oz.	Wendy A. Mead (1986)
Triggerfish, Queen	9 lbs. 6.24 oz.	Brian C. Richburg (2024)	No minimum weight	
Triggerfish, Gray	11 lb. 3 oz.	Dean Williams (1989)	11 lb. 5 oz.	Elizabeth Zeagler (1987)
Tripletail	38 lb. 14 oz.	Kyle Thigpen (2005)	29 lb. 5.8 oz.	Jordan Davis (2017)
Tuna, Blackfin	40 lb. 8 oz.	Tyler Deal (2016)	30 lb. 8 oz.	Penny Morgan-Turner (1999)
			30 lb. 14.24 oz.	Molly W. Strickland (2024)
Tuna, Yellowfin	249 lb. 2 oz.	Ken Cooper (1980)	165 lb. 4 oz.	Anne Smith (1973)
Tunny, Little	22 lb. 1 oz.	Dusty Blackburn (2017)	20 lb. 0 oz.	Str. Mary Clarice (1973)
Wahoo	123 lb. 3 oz.	Michael Stefanick (2000)	77 lb. 0 oz.	Linda Li-Chao Yang (1988)
Weakfish (Summer Trout)	6 lb. 8 oz.	Frank Taylor (1976)	Minimum weight: 3 lb.	

For more information on Saltwater records, contact Coastal Resources Division at 912-264-7218. RED indicates new record!

* Current regulations require the immediate release of these fish and therefore are not eligible for state records. Due to the maximum 23 inch size limit on Red Drum, a state record cannot be submitted.

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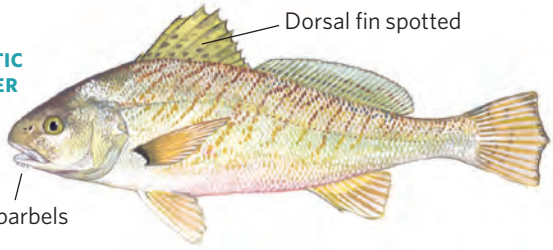
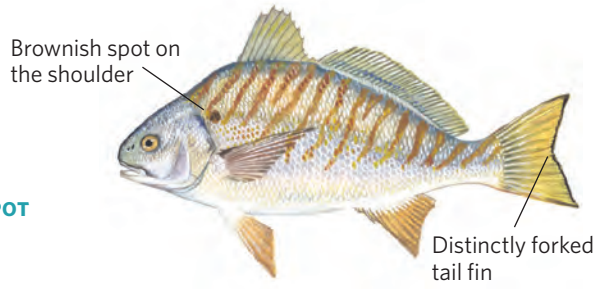
Georgia Saltwater Fish

ATLANTIC CROAKER



SPOT



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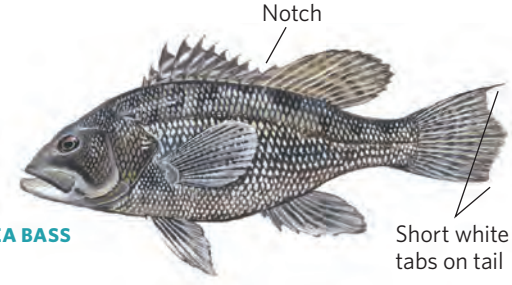
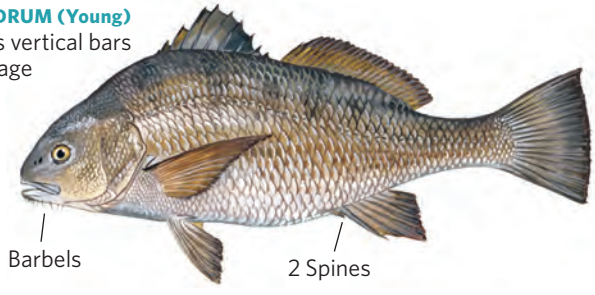


SOUTHERN KINGFISH (Whiting)



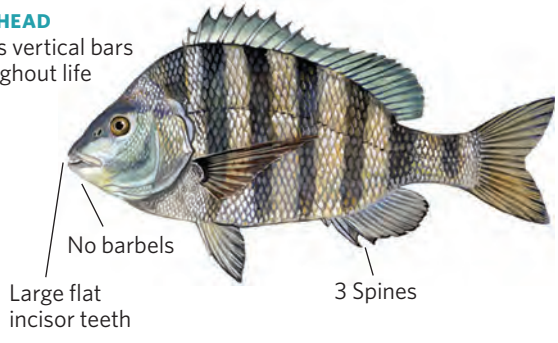
BLACK DRUM (Young)

- Loses vertical bars with age



SHEEPSHEAD

- Keeps vertical bars throughout life



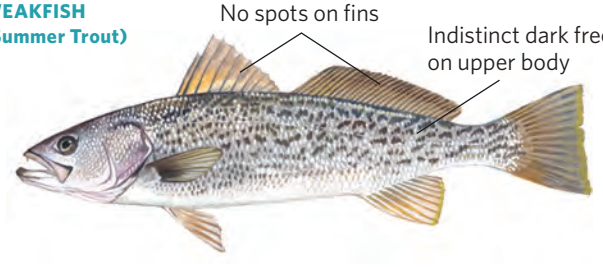
TRIPLETAIL



RED DRUM



WEAKFISH (Summer Trout)



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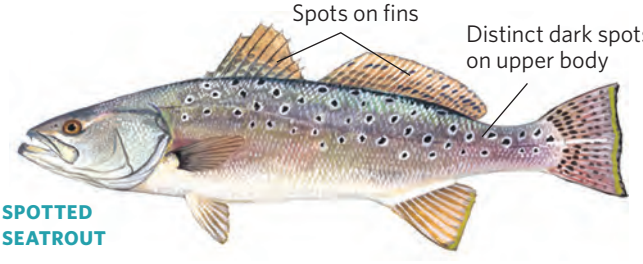
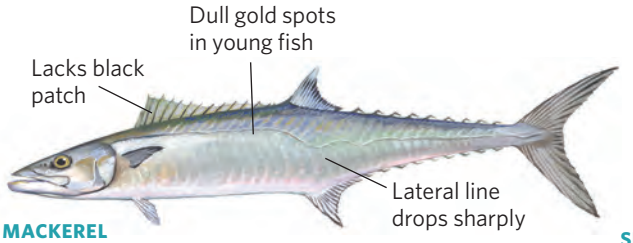
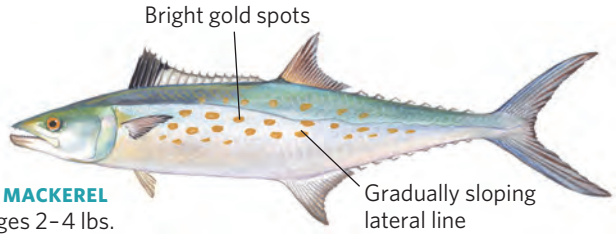


GEORGIA SALTWATER FISH

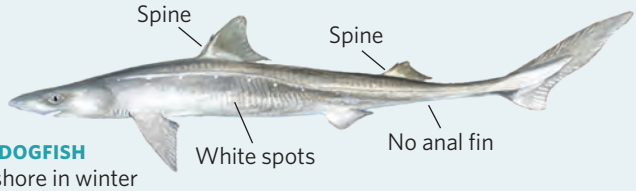


KING MACKEREL
- Up to 60 lbs.

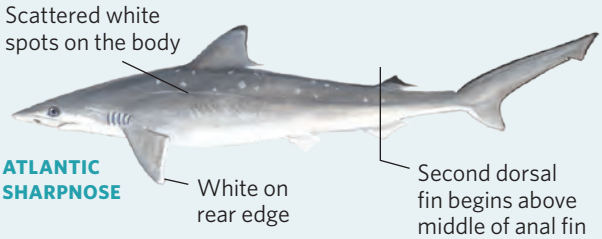


SPANISH MACKEREL
- Averages 2–4 lbs.

SMALL SHARK COMPOSITE



SPINY DOGFISH
- Offshore in winter



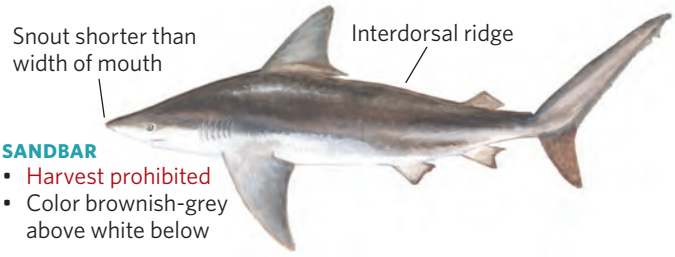
ATLANTIC SHARPNOSE



BONNETHEAD
- Shovel or bonnet-shaped head



BLACKTIP
- Color dark to bluish-grey with a Z-shaped pattern

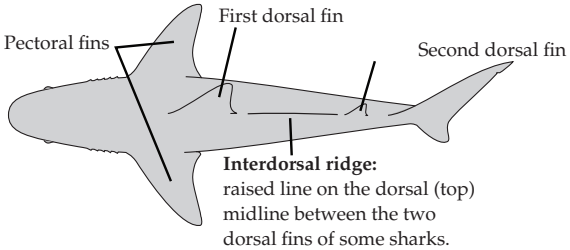


SANDBAR
- Harvest prohibited
- Color brownish-grey above white below



SAND TIGER
- Harvest prohibited

SHARK ANATOMY
(view from above)



Interdorsal ridge: raised line on the dorsal (top) midline between the two dorsal fins of some sharks.

SHARKS FOUND IN GEORGIA WATERS THAT CAN BE HARVESTED (NOT INCLUDING SMALL SHARK COMPOSITE ABOVE)	
Blacknose	Blacktip
Bull	Finetooth
Lemon	Nurse
Scalloped Hammerhead	Smooth Hammerhead
Thresher	Tiger (has interdorsal ridge)

Most sharks with an interdorsal ridge caught in Georgia waters will be included in the "prohibited" or "no harvest" categories.
If you are not sure of the species and whether you may keep it, release it.

See the complete Seasons, Limits, Sizes list on page 82.

Fish identification pictures by: Duane Raver

Shrimp, Crab, Shellfish & Bait Minnows

A Georgia fishing license and Saltwater Information Permit (SIP) are required to recreationally fish for any seafood, whether for personal consumption or bait. **It is illegal to sell any seafood or bait harvested with a recreational license!**

SHRIMP

It is unlawful for any person to sell or otherwise dispose of, for human consumption, any shrimp taken as bait.

SHRIMP "BAITING" PROHIBITED

It is unlawful to place, deposit, distribute, or scatter any bait of any kind in, on, or over any waters so as to lure, attract, or entice shrimp toward the bait or to cause shrimp to congregate in the area where bait is placed. It is illegal to knowingly fish for shrimp in baited waters.

SHRIMPING SEASON

Unless otherwise designated, there is no closed season for the harvest of bait shrimp, regardless of the approved gear used. The season for the recreational harvest of food shrimp is the same as that established for commercial shrimping. The Commissioner of DNR may open the season from May 15 through the end of February; however, it is generally opened mid-June through mid-January. The opening and closing of the food shrimping season is announced via coastal media outlets, posted at marinas, and at **www.CoastalGADNR.org**.

TRAWL NETS (Sport Bait Shrimping)

Gear: Power-drawn trawl nets 10 feet or smaller may be used in saltwaters to harvest shrimp for bait. Information on the specific net dimensions for bait trawls is available from DNR offices in Brunswick.

Areas: Unless designated otherwise, a 10-foot sport bait trawl may be used at any season to take shrimp only in rivers and creeks or portions thereof that have been opened to bait shrimping by DNR. Charts of established "Bait Zones" are also available at **GeorgiaOutdoorMap.com**.

Hours: Trawling for bait shrimp is legal only between the hours of ½ hour before official sunrise to ½ hour after official sunset.

Harvest Limit: A sport bait shrimper may not possess at any time more than two (2) quarts of shrimp, no more than ½ pint of which may be dead, and may not take more than four (4) quarts of shrimp within a 24-hour period. When two or more persons occupy the same boat, there may be no more than four (4) quarts of shrimp on board the boat at any time; no more than one pint of which may be dead, and no more than eight (8) quarts of shrimp may be taken within a 24-hour period.

Commercial licenses are required to use trawl nets (power-drawn or hand-retrieved) to harvest shrimp for food. Trawling for food shrimp may only be conducted in the waters seaward of the sound boundary when those waters are open to the harvest of food shrimp.

SEINES

Gear and Areas: Seines equal to or smaller than 12 feet long, with a maximum depth of four feet, and a maximum stretch mesh of one (1) inch may be used throughout Georgia's saltwaters. The use of seines over 12 feet long in any inlet or tidal slough is prohibited. Seines less than 100 feet long and with a minimum stretch mesh of 1 ¼ inches may be used on sand beaches of any barrier island in Georgia. Seines from 100 to 300 feet long and with a minimum mesh size of 2 ½ inches may be used only on the oceanfront sides of beaches. Seines over 300 feet long are also prohibited. It is unlawful to use any seine in saltwaters such that it blocks more than ½ of the entrance of any tidal river, creek, slough, or inlet to the ocean.

Hours: Unless otherwise designated, seines may be used any time of day during the open season for bait shrimp and food shrimp.

Harvest Limits: Recreational seiners collecting bait shrimp are limited to two quarts per person at any time and no more than four quarts per person per day, or a maximum of four quarts per group at any time or eight quarts per day. No one person taking food shrimp solely by means of a seine, whether such person is acting alone or in a group of persons, may possess more than 24 quarts of shrimp with heads on or 15 quarts of tails taken by such seine in any 24-hour period. If any person or group of persons occupying the same boat is in possession of a cast net and a seine, such person or persons shall be subject to the limits imposed for shrimp taken by cast net.

CAST NETS

Gear: A cast net is a cone shaped net with a weighted circumference thrown and retrieved by hand without mechanical assistance. Two types of cast nets are defined: a "Bait shrimp cast net" having a minimum bar mesh of ⅜ inch and a "Food shrimp cast net" having a minimum bar mesh of ⅝ inch. Bait shrimp cast nets cannot be used to take shrimp for personal consumption; however, food shrimp cast nets may be used to take bait. There are no length restrictions on either net and cast nets can be modified with the addition of duct tape or other materials to enhance performance.

Areas and Hours: During the open season and unless designated otherwise, cast nets may be used to harvest bait or food shrimp at any time of day in all of Georgia's saltwaters.

Harvest Limits: Recreational cast netters collecting bait shrimp are limited to two quarts per person at any time, provided that person may take a maximum of four quarts of bait shrimp per day. When two or more persons occupy the same boat, there may be no more than four quarts of bait onboard the boat at any time, and the persons occupying the boat may take no more than eight quarts of bait shrimp per day. Bait shrimp may be alive or dead when caught with a cast. No person taking food shrimp with a cast net may possess more than 48 quarts of heads-on shrimp or 30 quarts of shrimp tails in any day. When one or more persons occupy the same boat, there may be no more than 48 quarts of heads-on shrimp or 30 quarts of shrimp tails on board at any time. No vessel owner shall allow the vessel to be used to take more than the allowable catch limits in any day.

STONE CRABS

Georgia does not regulate the harvest of stone crab; however, the harvest of the whole crab is discouraged. It is recommended that only one claw measuring at least 2 ¾ inches from the elbow to the tip of the lower, immovable finger be removed. A properly removed claw should not have meat from the body attached.

BLUE CRABS

AREAS, SEASONS, HOURS

Unless otherwise designated, the saltwaters of Georgia are open year-round for recreational crabbing at any time of the day.

GEAR

Traps: Up to six standard size crab traps (2 x 2 feet or smaller) may be used recreationally. Two unobstructed escapement rings (2 ⅜ inch inside diameter) must be installed on an outside vertical wall. Each trap must be marked with a fluorescent green or lime green float bearing the owner's name and address in one-inch letters. Traps should be sufficiently weighted to prevent loss in strong tidal currents. It is unlawful to place or set crab traps in the channel of any stream with a lawfully established system of waterway markers. Disposal of crab traps in public waters is a violation of State and Federal laws.

Other Gear: Subject to other restrictions outlined in these regulations, legal crabs may be taken with other legal fishing gear such as seines, cast nets, hand-lines, and lift rings.

SIZE AND HARVEST LIMITS

It is unlawful to take or possess any crab less than 5 inches from spike to spike across the back (other than a "peeler" or a "mature adult female" crab). Peelers must measure at least 3 inches from spike to spike across the back.

No sponge (egg-bearing) crabs are allowed. Recreational crabbers may take no more than one bushel of crabs during any 24-hour period. No more than two bushels may be taken recreationally or possessed during a 24-hour period on a boat with more than one person aboard.

Terrapins in Crab Traps: Recent studies have investigated the effectiveness of excluder devices for preventing the capture of diamond-back terrapins in commercial-style crab traps. Terrapins that enter crab traps cannot escape and often drown. To learn how to build your own terrapin excluder call 912-264-7355.

SHELLFISH

SEASON AND HOURS

Saltwaters may be opened for taking shellfish between January 1 and December 31. Prior to harvesting any shellfish, check with the DNR-Coastal Resources Division **(www.CoastalGADNR.org)** for any seasonal closures that may be in effect during the calendar year. Shellfish must be harvested between the hours of ½ hour before official sunrise and ½ hour after official sunset.

GEAR

Shellfish may only be taken with handheld implements.

AREAS

Updated charts of approved public shellfish picking areas can be obtained from the Coastal Resources Division or at **CoastalGADNR.org/ApprovedRecHarvestAreas**. It is illegal to harvest shellfish except in areas designated for such purpose.

SIZE AND HARVEST LIMITS

Oysters must measure no less than three inches from hinge to mouth, unless the oyster cannot be removed from a legal-sized oyster without destroying it. For clams, the maximum depth from one shell half to the other must be at least ¾ inch thick. Recreational quantity limits are up to two bushels of oysters and one bushel of clams per person per day, with a maximum limit of six bushels of oysters and one bushel of clams per boat per day.

WHELK (CONCH)

Recreational harvest of whelk is limited to 1 bushel/person. There is no minimum size, closed season or closed area. A recreational fishing license and Saltwater Information Permit (SIP) are required, including hand harvest from the beach.

BAIT MINNOWS

SEASON, HOURS AND AREAS

Bait minnows may be harvested year-round.

GEAR

No more than two traps may be used recreationally, except that a licensed saltwater fishing guide may use a maximum of four traps. A minnow trap must be less than 24 inches in length, 18 inches in width, or 9 inches in height for a rectangular trap; or, 30 inches in circumference for cylindrical traps. The throat opening must be no larger than 1 inch, and bar mesh must not be smaller than ¼ inch (square or diameter). Each trap must have attached a tag or float bearing the name and address of the person using the trap. Subject to specific gear design criteria, sizes, time of day, and area restrictions outlined in these regulations, bait minnows may also be taken recreationally year-round in seines and cast nets.

POSSESSION LIMITS

No individual recreationally harvesting bait minnows may possess more than two quarts of bait minnows at any given time. A licensed saltwater fishing guide may possess not more than 10 quarts at any given time.

SALTWATER ADVISORY

Harmful toxins called PCBs are stored in the hepatopancreas ("the green gland" also known as the mustard, tomalley, or liver) found in the body section of blue crabs.

Recent studies have shown that crabs in the Middle Turtle River and Purvis and Gibson Creeks contain high levels of PCBs. While the crab meat may still be eaten in recommended amounts, the hepatopancreas should not be eaten because of the high PCB levels.

If crabs are cooked whole, the juice should not be consumed. Because PCBs are transferred to cooking liquid, crab cooking liquid should also be discarded.

Cleaning crabs before you cook them ("backing" the crabs and rinsing out the guts and the gills) reduces the risk of consuming PCBs.

TAGGED FISH

Coastal Resources Division (CRD) biologists are conducting long-term studies on the growth, migration and fishing exploitation rates of red drum, black drum, sheepshead, and tripletail. If you catch a tagged fish, please record and report the following information: 1) your name, address, and phone number, 2) fish species, 3) date caught, 4) tag number, 5) total length and location, and 6) whether the fish was kept or released. To report a tagged fish, visit **CoastalGaDNR.org/FishTag** or call 912-264-7218. If released, please do not remove the tag.



If kept, please return the tag to GADNR/CRD, One Conservation Way, Brunswick, GA 31520. If the tag number is not legible lightly scrape the tag with your fingernail or similar flat object.

If you are an angler who practices catch and release and would like to become a cooperative angler please contact the Cooperative Angler Tagging Program at 912-264-7218 or visit **CoastalGaDNR.org/CooperativeTagging**.

General Guidelines

Many marine fish have gas-filled organs called swim bladders. These organs control buoyancy and allow the fish to maintain depth. When some fish are brought quickly to the surface, the gas in the swim bladder can over-expand and rupture the bladder, a condition known as "**barotrauma**." Escaping gas fills the gut cavity which can lead to everted stomachs or intestines. If released in this condition, the fish cannot descend and may float away and die. Generally, fish caught deeper than 30 feet will suffer some effects of barotrauma.

- **Recompression**. The **best and first choice** for release should be to return fish to the depth from which they are caught, a technique known as recompression. A variety of recompression tools are on the market, including descender devices, release weights, and release baskets (see **TakeMeFishing.org/FishSmart**). Fish should be returned to the depth of capture when practical. If catching fish at great depth, returning them to at least 60 to 100 feet will dramatically improve survival.
- **Venting**. If recompression is not possible, venting is a second option. Venting helps the gas escape and allows the fish to descend. A simple venting tool can be made by mounting a sharpened football needle in a 1" x 3" dowel rod with a hole drilled lengthwise through the rod to allow gas to pass. Hold the fish gently on its side. Insert a needle through the thin lower body wall below the rear end of the pectoral fin. Insert the needle only as far as needed to allow the gas to escape. Squeeze gently to help push the gas out.
- **Do not puncture a protruding stomach or try to push the stomach back into the throat. Remember a knife is not a proper venting tool!**

By developing a few simple habits, anglers can greatly increase the chances that the fish they release will survive. Try these tips the next time you go fishing. For more information about best fishing practices, please visit **CoastalGaDNR.org/FishSmart**.

- **Plan Ahead**. Before you go, decide whether you might release fish on your trip and prepare the equipment necessary to do so.
- **Avoid Encounter.** If catching fish that you don't want or cannot keep due to regulation, change your fishing depth, move to a different area, or use different bait.
- **Use Appropriate Gear.** Use non-stainless steel hooks that dissolve quickly. Use non-offset circle hooks when fishing with natural bait to avoid gut-hooking. Flatten barbs so the hook can be removed with less damage to the fish.
- **Don't Exhaust Fish.** Use gear and line strength to minimize playing time, landing fish as quickly as possible. If possible leave the fish in the water rather than bringing them on board.
- **Handling the Fish.** If you must handle the fish, use knot-less rubberized landing nets, rubberized gloves, or wet towels or wet hands to avoid removing the slime layer. Make sure to wet your measuring board or boat deck. Don't put your fingers in the gills.

FEDERAL WATERS VIOLATIONS

TO REPORT VIOLATIONS ON FEDERAL WATERS CONTACT:

U.S. Coast Guard stations in Brunswick (912-267-7999) and Tybee Island (912-786-5440).

NOAA's toll-free, 24-hour Fisheries Enforcement hotline (800-853-1964).

- **Keep horizontal and support the body of the fish.** The lower jaw is not meant to support the full weight of any fish.
- **Time is of the Essence!** Release fish as soon as practical and do not keep them out of the water longer than necessary. Have your camera always on the ready.
- **Some Fish May Need a Little Assistance.** If the fish does not immediately swim away, support the fish horizontally in the water and gently move it back and forth so that water runs over the gills. Release the fish when it is able to swim away on its own.



ADVENTURES IN BEST FISHING PRACTICES

with Coastal Resources Division

FEATURING THE MEN AND WOMEN OF DNR



PREPARE YOUR GEAR

Before you go, decide which species and sizes you intend to keep. Release all others. Use tackle heavy enough to bring fish in quickly.



KNOW THE LAW



Limit the time fish are out of water. Return them quickly.

Wet your hands before handling fish, or use a wet towel. Hold fish horizontally and support with both hands.

Consider not targeting bull red drum during the hottest months.

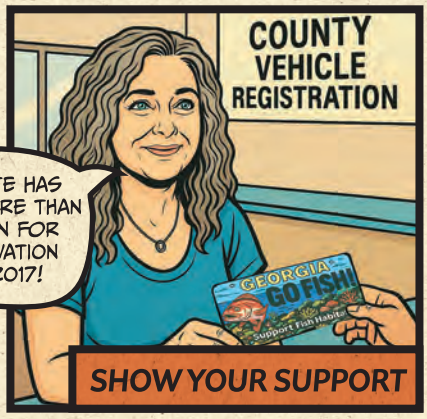


HANDLE PROPERLY





REPORT TAGGED FISH



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Support habitat creation and restoration by purchasing Coastal Resources Division's "Support Fish Habitat" license plate at your county tag office.

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