MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER W8 3514

The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, at a meeting in Jackson, Mississippi on May 18, 2005, under authority of Section 25-43-3.103, Mississippi Code of 1972, made known its intent and thirty days thereafter did adopt the following wildlife management area regulations for the 2005-06 hunting year. This was done under authority of Sections 49-1-29, 49-5-13 and 49-7-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W7 3514a is hereby amended, and the following 2005-06 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

2005 - 2006 Regulations for
Black Prairie Wildlife Management Area
Lowndes County

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see DEER HUNTING PERMITS, LEGAL BUCKS, ANTLERLESS DEER REGULATIONS, DEER WEIGHT LIMIT, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Youth Gun	Oct. 8	Oct. 8	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun - Permit Only	Oct. 12 Oct. 19 Oct. 26 Nov. 2	Oct. 15 Oct. 22 Oct. 29 Nov. 5	Legal bucks with special permit and antlerless deer.
Gun - Permit Only	Dec. 9	Dec. 13	Legal bucks only. See DEER HUNTING PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
TURKEY - Permit Only	Apr. 1 Apr. 8	Apr. 3 Apr. 10	See TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
SQUIRREL	Oct. 9 Oct. 16 Oct. 23 Oct. 30 Nov. 6 Nov. 26	Oct. 11 Oct. 18 Oct. 25 Nov. 1 Nov. 10 Dec. 3	
RACCOON	Jul. 1	Sep. 30	Friday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1	Feb. 28	See RACCOON, OPOSSUM, AND BOBCAT in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

TRAPPING	Nov. 1	Feb. 28	By special permit. See Area Manager.
RABBIT	Oct. 30 Nov. 6 Nov. 26 Jan. 11	Nov. 1 Nov. 10 Dec. 3 Jan. 27	
QUAIL - Training Only	Oct. 1 Oct. 9 Oct. 16 Oct. 23 Oct. 30 Nov. 6 Nov. 26 Jan. 11	Oct. 7 Oct. 11 Oct. 18 Oct. 25 Nov. 1 Nov. 10 Dec. 8 Feb. 3	See BIRD DOG TRAINING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
QUAIL - Permit Only	Feb. 4	Feb. 12	See BAG LIMITS and QUAIL HUNTING PERMITS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
DOVE	See Federal Regulations.		See DOVE HUNTING in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR BLACK PRAIRIE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
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BAG LIMITS: Same as statewide bag limits EXCEPT:
Quail - party limit of 8 quail per day.
Turkey - A bag limit of one (1) legal gobbler per permitted hunter

PERMIT STATIONS: All visitors must obtain a DAILY VISITOR USE PERMIT card from a self-service permit station. Parts A and B of this permit must be legibly filled out before using the WMA. Part A of the permit must be deposited in the return box at a permit station before using the WMA. Part B must be kept with the visitor while on the WMA. Permits are invalid if not properly dated or if date has been changed. Before leaving the WMA, visitors must complete the reverse side of Part B of the permit and deposit it in the return box at a permit station. It is the responsibility of the Area Manager and other Agency personnel to have permit cards completed.

DEER HUNTING PERMITS: Deer hunting will be allowed by special permit only. To receive an application, send a self-addressed, stamped, letter size envelope to Black Prairie WMA Deer Hunting Permits, MDWFP District 1 Office, 272 CR 995, Tupelo, MS 38804. Completed applications must be received by September 15, 2005 to be eligible for drawing. Hunters who check-in an adult antlerless deer during their permitted hunt will be issued a permit to harvest one (1) antlered deer, 4 points or greater. This buck permit will be valid for the duration of the permitted hunt, and during the antlered-only deer hunt (Dec. 9 - Dec. 13). A total of 30 hunters will be randomly drawn for each 4-day antlerless hunt.

LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with four or more antler points. For hunters less than 16 years of age, one of the three buck bag limit may be any antlered buck.

ANTLERLESS DEER REGULATIONS: This WMA is NOT open to antlerless deer hunting during statewide either-sex gun days (Dec. 17 - 18).

DEER WEIGHT LIMIT: All antlerless deer must weigh a minimum of 65 pounds live weight to be legal for harvest. The average live weight of an adult doe on this WMA is 115 pounds. Any harvested antlerless deer less than 65 pounds live weight is an illegal deer.

DOG RESTRICTIONS: Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season.

TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS: Turkey hunting will be allowed by special permit only. Two 3-day turkey hunts will be held (April 1-3, 2006 and April 8-10, 2006). A bag limit of one (1) legal gobbler per permitted hunter will be enforced. To make application, please your name and address along with a self-addressed stamped letter size envelope to: Black Prairie WMA Turkey Hunts, MDWFP District 1 Office, 272 Rd. 995, Tupelo, MS 38804-8294. Applications will be accepted until February 15, 2006. Hunters who were successfully drawn to hunt will be notified by mail.

LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons (as defined by Public Notice 2280.002), and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting. Legal weapons for small game hunting (excluding waterfowl) during daylight hours are shotguns using #2 shot or smaller and rifles or handguns no larger than .22 rimfire magnum. When hunting with a handgun, no other gun may be in possession.

RACCOON, OPOSSUM, AND BOBCAT: During deer seasons without dogs, hunting is allowed without dogs during daylight hours and with dogs from one-half hour after sunset until 4:00 a.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Hunting dog field trails and other special events will be allowed by special use permit only. These permits may be obtained from the MDWFP, see Area Manager for additional information. Special events will be restricted to the following dates: Nov. 11 - Nov. 25, 2005; Dec. 14, 2005 - Jan. 10, 2006. Anyone participating in permitted special events must obey conduct rules as designated and posted by club or group permitted to hold event.

BIRD DOG TRAINING: During bird dog training dates, a person may not use area facilities more than 4 consecutive days.

QUAIL HUNTING PERMITS: Quail hunting from Feb. 4 - 12 is allowed by special permit only. To receive an application, send a self-addressed, stamped, letter size envelope to Black Prairie WMA Quail Hunting Permits, MDWFP District 1 Office, 272 CR 995, Tupelo, MS 38804. Only one application per hunter will be accepted. Completed applications must be received by Jan. 15, 2006 to be eligible for drawing. Hunters who are selected will be notified by mail.

DOVE HUNTING: A youth dove hunt will be held on a designated field Sept. 3, 2005, beginning at 1:00 pm. This hunt will be by special permit only. To apply, send a self-addressed, stamped, letter size envelope to: Special Youth Dove Hunt, MDWFP, 744 Fire Tower Rd. Crawford, MS 39743. Only one application per hunter will be accepted. Envelopes must be received by August 1, 2005 to be eligible for the drawing. Hunters who are selected will be notified by mail. Dove hunting will be closed on the area prior to the youth hunt, during area deer hunts, and scheduled special events. Dove hunting will be allowed on designated fields after the Sept. 3 youth hunt, beginning 12:00 noon, on Wednesdays and Saturdays only.

OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: Off-road motorized vehicles/ATVs are allowed on designated roads or trails for hunting and fishing access only. Off-road use of ORVs/ATVs is allowed for retrieval of harvested deer. No loaded weapon may be in possession when retrieving harvested game.

HORSES: During WMA deer seasons, horseback riding is restricted to roads open to motorized vehicles. Raccoon hunting from horses is allowed on entire area during nighttime hours.

CAMPING: No camping allowed.

FISHING: Fishing will be permitted on area ponds. Fishing is subject to special regulations posted at each pond.

BEARS: Black bears may occur on this WMA. They are federally protected as a threatened subspecies. Hunting or disturbing bears is prohibited. Please report any bear sightings on your daily visitor use permit.

This adopted public notice will become effective July 31, 2005. Witness my hand and seal this the 30th day of June 2005.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: _____
Noble Lee, Chairman

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: _____
Sam Polles, Ph.D., Executive Director

I certify this to be a true and correct copy.

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Executive Director

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Notary

Notary Public State of Mississippi At Large
My Commission Expires: May 15, 2006
Bonded Thru Heiden, Brooks & Garland, Inc.

SHARON S. MILLER
NOTARY
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HINDS COUNTY, MS