MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
POST OFFICE BOX 451
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 39205

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER W4 3685

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 W3 3685a is hereby amended, and the following 2005-06 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

2005-2006 Regulations for
Mason Creek Wildlife Management Area
Greene County

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS, ANTLERLESS DEER REGULATIONS, DEER WEIGHT LIMIT, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 15	Oct. 31	Legal bucks only.
Archery	Nov. 1	Nov. 18	Antlerless deer and legal bucks
Youth Gun	Nov. 12	Nov. 18	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Nov. 19	Dec. 1	WITH DOGS. Legal bucks only.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2	Dec. 15	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 16	Dec. 23	WITHOUT DOGS. Legal bucks only.
Gun	Dec. 24	Jan. 18	WITH DOGS. Legal bucks only.
Primitive Weapon	Jan. 19	Jan. 31	Legal bucks only.
Archery	Feb. 1	Feb. 15	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	Mar. 8	Mar. 14	
TURKEY	Mar. 15	May 1	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Oct. 22	Oct. 28	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 29	Feb. 28	
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	
RABBIT	Oct. 15	Feb. 28	

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR MASON CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
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NO SUNDAY HUNTING.

BAG LIMITS: Same as statewide bag limits.

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 displayed on the dash of the vehicle so that the name, address, and date are visible from outside the vehicle. 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. permit station. It is the responsibility of the Area Manager and other Agency personnel to have permit cards completed.

DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be recorded on DAILY VISITOR USE PERMIT card.

LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks are those with four or more antler points AND an inside spread of 12 inches or more. 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 82 pounds. Any harvested antlerless deer less than 65 pounds live weight is an illegal deer.

DOG RESTRICTIONS: Deer hunting with dogs is allowed Nov. 19 - Dec. 1 and Dec. 24, 2005 - Jan. 18, 2006. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season.

LEGAL WEAPONS: Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs or buckshot, 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. Only archery equipment and shotguns with #2 shot or smaller may be used for turkey hunting.

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

OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: Off-road vehicle use will be governed by U. S. Forest Service regulations. For additional information, contact the Forest Service at (601) 428-0594.

HORSES: Use of horses will be governed by U. S. Forest Service regulations. For additional information, contact the Forest Service at (601) 428-0594.

CAMPING: In addition to the regular daily visitor use permit, campers must fill out the front side of another daily visitor use permit from a self-service permit station and display it so the name and address are visible from the outside of the camping unit. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days. Camping equipment may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours. All camping equipment and garbage must be removed before final departure.

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.

CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 36, will be enforced. For additional information, contact the Forest Service at (601) 428-0594.

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 Helden, Brooks & Garland, Inc.

SHARON S. MILLER
NOTARY
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HINDS COUNTY, MS