

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
 DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
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 JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 39205

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER W10 3473

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 W9 3473a is hereby amended, and the following 2005-06 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

**2005 - 2006 Regulations for
 Natchez State Park**

Adams County

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, DEER HUNTING PERMITS, ELIGIBLE HUNTERS, LEGAL BUCKS, DEER WEIGHT LIMIT, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Youth Gun- Permit Only	Oct. 29 Nov. 5	Oct. 29 Nov. 5	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Handicapped Gun - Permit Only	Nov. 12	Nov. 12	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Archery - Permit Only	Oct. 12 Oct. 19 Oct. 26 Nov. 2 Nov. 9 Nov. 16	Oct. 15 Oct. 22 Oct. 29 Nov. 5 Nov. 12 Nov. 19	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon - Permit Only	Nov. 29 Dec. 6 Dec. 13 Jan. 3 Jan. 10	Dec. 3 Dec. 10 Dec. 17 Jan. 7 Jan. 14	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY - Permit Only	Apr. 1 Apr. 8 Apr. 15	Apr. 1 Apr. 8 Apr. 15	See TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS in Special Instructions.

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR NATCHEZ STATE PARK
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HUNTING AREA: See map.

BAG LIMITS: Same as statewide bag limits.

PERMIT STATIONS: All hunters must check-in at the Park office and obtain a DAILY VISITOR USE PERMIT card. Parts A and B of this permit must be legibly filled out and Part A of the permit must be deposited at the Park office before hunting. 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 Park, hunters must complete the reverse side of Part B of the permit and deposit it at the Park office.

DEER DATA COLLECTION: All deer harvested must be brought to the check station for biological data collection.

DEER HUNTING PERMITS: Deer hunting is allowed by special permit only. To receive an application, send a self-addressed, stamped, letter size envelope to Natchez State Park Deer Hunting Permit, MDWFP District 5 Office, 304 South Second Street, Brookhaven, MS 39601. **To receive an application for youth deer hunts, a copy of the youth's birth certificate must be sent along with the self-addressed, stamped envelope.** Completed applications must be received by Sept. 15, 2005 to be eligible for drawing. Only one application per hunter will be accepted. Hunters who are selected will be notified by mail.

ELIGIBLE HUNTERS:

Youth: Mississippi resident hunters under the age of sixteen (16).

Handicapped: Any hunter who is quadriplegic, paraplegic, or disabled, requiring mobility support from braces and/or crutches.

Primitive Weapons: Restricted to Mississippi residents.

Archery Hunts: Restricted to Mississippi residents.

LEGAL BUCKS: Legal bucks during all other seasons are those with four or more antler points on one side 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.

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 Park is 98 pounds. Any harvested antlerless deer less than 65 pounds live weight is an illegal deer.

DOG RESTRICTIONS: Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited.

TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS: Youth turkey hunting is allowed by special permit only. To receive an application send a self-addressed, stamped, letter size envelope **and a copy of the youth's birth certificate** to Natchez State Park Turkey Hunting Permits, MDWFP District 5 Office, 304 South Second Street, Brookhaven, MS 39601. Only one application per hunter will be accepted. Completed applications must be received by February 15, 2005 to be eligible for drawing. Hunters who are selected 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. 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 youth turkey hunting.

OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs: No ORVs/ATVs allowed.

HORSES: During deer and turkey hunts, horseback riding is restricted to roads open to motorized vehicles.

CAMPING: Camping is allowed under State Park regulation.

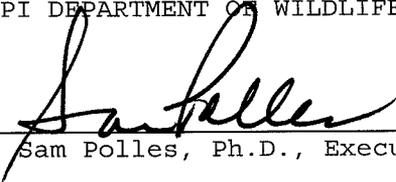
BEARS: Black bears may occur on this Park. They are federally protected as a threatened subspecies. Hunting or disturbing bears is prohibited. Please report any bear sightings to the Park office.

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

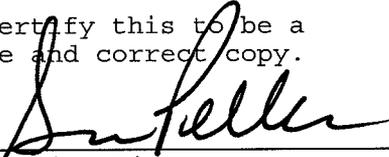
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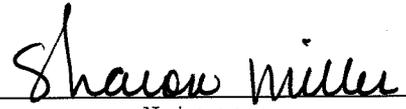
BY: 
Noble Lee, Chairman

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

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

I certify this to be a true and correct copy.


Executive Director


Notary

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

