

This map is your permit to hunt all game in accordance with the seasons, rules, and regulations listed hereon. EXCEPT for gun deer, and primitive weapons deer hunting. A separate gun deer and primitive weapons deer hunting permit will be issued at the checking station on the dates of these hunts. This permit must be signed and in your possession to be valid.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

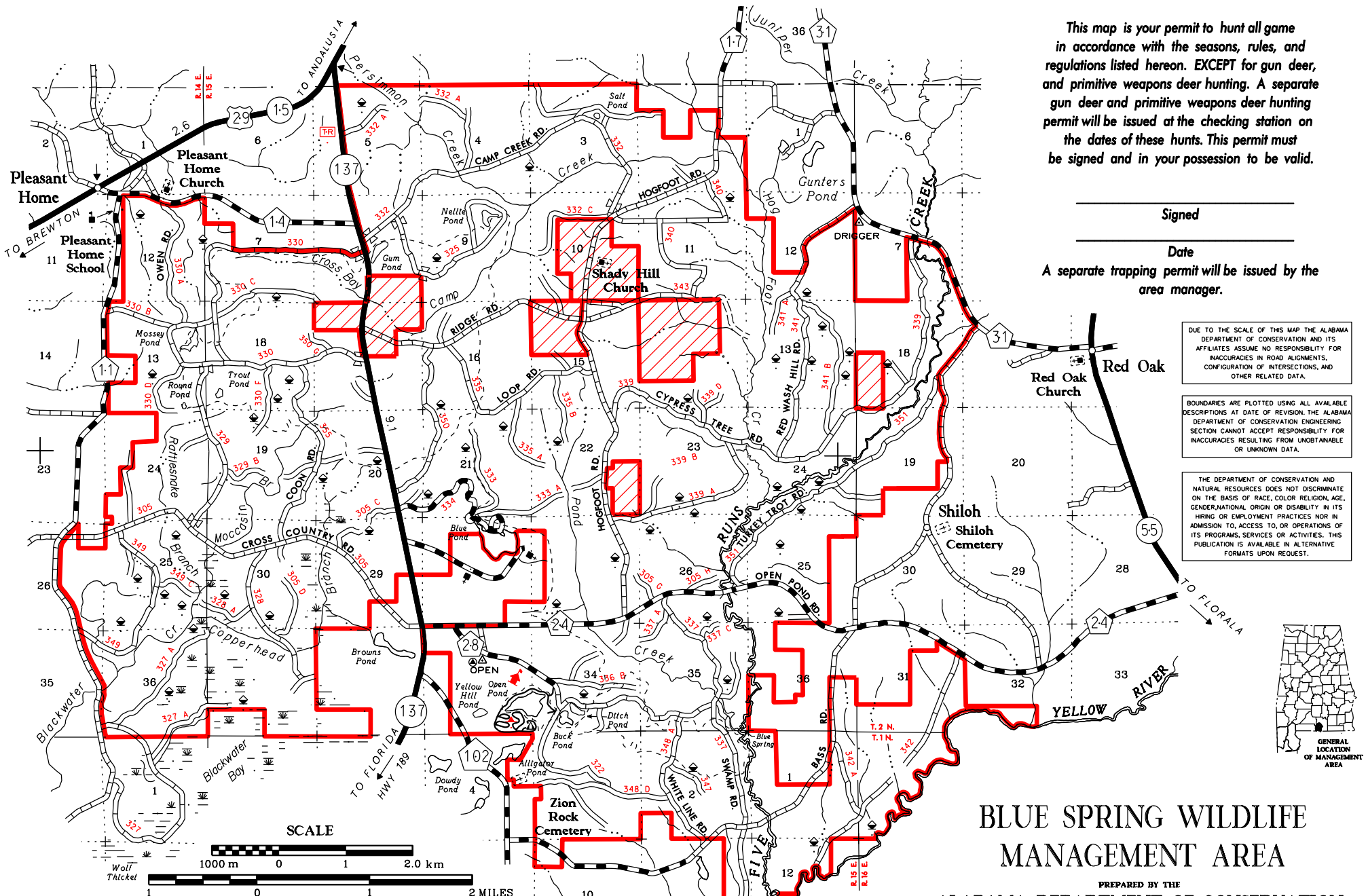
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A separate trapping permit will be issued by the area manager.

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# BLUE SPRING WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

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A WILDLIFE RESTORATION PROJECT



## LEGEND

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| TRAIL                      | ----- | MANAGEMENT AREA BOUNDARY        |  |
| PRIMITIVE ROAD             | ----- | PRIVATE LAND                    |  |
| UNIMPROVED ROAD            | ----- | CAMP OR LODGE                   |  |
| GRADED AND DRAINED ROAD    | ----- | CHECKING STATION (HEADQUARTERS) |  |
| GRAVEL, STONE OR SOIL ROAD | ----- | OBSERVATION OR LOOKOUT TOWER    |  |
| PAVED STATE ROUTE          |       | WILDLIFE OPENING                |  |
| OTHER PAVED ROADS          |       | AREA RD NUMBER                  |  |
| CATTLE GUARD               |       | ROADSIDE PARK-PICNIC GROUND     |  |
| MARSH AREA                 |       | TARGET RANGE                    |  |

Antlered bucks taken on WMAs count toward season limit of 3 antlered bucks

BLUE SPRING WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA  
CONECUH NATIONAL FOREST  
(Covington County)  
ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
WILDLIFE AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES  
Hunting Regulations - August, 2009 – July, 2010

**PERMITS:** Season permits will be issued for small game, primitive weapons, archery deer and turkey. All deer hunters (including archery) during gun, primitive weapon, and dog deer hunts shall be issued a daily permit from the checking station and shall report in and out at the checking station located at the Blue Spring Equipment Shed near Open Pond Tower in Conecuh National Forest. Checking station will open no later than 5:00 a.m. Permits requested by mail should be made to Area Biologist Justin Monk, 9682 Tower Road, Andalusia, AL 36420 (Telephone [334] 222-5415). Request must include current hunting license numbers and a large stamped, self-addressed envelope. Season permits available on a self-service basis from the checking station or during business hours at the Wildlife District VI Office in Andalusia. Trapping permits must be obtained from the area biologist. On all gun stalk deer hunts, each hunter under 16 years and females will be issued an either sex deer permit good for that hunt. **NOTE: A State Hunting License\*, management area permit, and Wildlife Management Area (WMA) License\* are required when hunting deer, turkey or waterfowl on any wildlife management area. A State Hunting License, a WMA License, or a Wildlife Heritage License is required when using a WMA shooting range. \*A Wildlife Heritage License is valid in lieu of State Hunting and WMA Licenses on a WMA for all small game hunting, except waterfowl.**

**HUNTING DATES**

**DEER:** (Youth) Stalk Hunting Hunters' Choice (except spotted fawns) **Nov 14;** two deer per day  
(Gun) Stalk Hunting Hunters' Choice (except spotted fawns) **Nov 21; Nov 27-28; Dec 4-6; Dec 30-31; Jan 1; Jan 8-9; Jan 14-16; Jan 22-23;** two deer per day – only one of which may be an antlered buck.  
(Dog Hunting) Hunters' Choice (except spotted fawns) **Dec 9-10; Dec 26-27;** two deer per day – only one of which may be an antlered buck.  
(Primitive Weapons) Stalk Hunting Hunters' Choice (except spotted fawns) **Nov 19-20;** two deer per day – only one of which may be an antlered buck –  
**No daily permits issued on PW hunts – must check-in harvested deer – map permit valid for PW hunts**  
(Archery) Stalk Hunting Hunters' Choice (except spotted fawns) **Oct 15 – Jan 31;** two per day – only one of which may be an antlered buck – no hunting on days of youth and dog deer hunts (must obtain daily permit on stalk hunts).

**TURKEY:** (Youth) **Mar 13** (daylight until 1:00 pm)  
(Physically Disabled) **Mar 14** (daylight until 1:00 pm)  
(Regular) **Mar 15-Apr 30** (daylight until 1:00 pm)

**SQUIRREL:** **Oct 1-Feb 28** (except days of gun, youth, and primitive weapons deer hunts – **Fox Squirrel season closed during February**)  
**RACCOON, & OPOSSUM:** **Sept 1-Feb 28** (night hunting only - except on nights preceding days of and nights of gun, youth and primitive weapons deer hunts).  
**FOX:** **Sept 1-Oct 14** (daylight hunting permitted – dogs only – no weapons)  
**Oct 15-Feb 28** (night hunting only - except on nights preceding days of and nights of gun, youth and primitive weapons deer hunts).  
**Dec 18-Jan 31** (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).  
**State Season** (except on days of gun, dog, and primitive weapons deer hunts; no hunting permitted on Open, Buck, Ditch and Blue Ponds).  
**State Season** (12:00 noon – sunset; except on days of dog, primitive weapon and gun deer hunts);  
**Saturdays only** of 1<sup>st</sup> segment of State Season; **Thursdays only** of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> segments of State Season

**WOODCOCK & SNIPE:** **Dec 1-Feb 15** (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).  
**WATERFOWL:** **Dec 1-Feb 15** (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).  
**DOVE:** **Jan 15-Feb 20**

**QUAIL:** **Dec 1-Feb 15** (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).  
**RABBIT:** **Dec 1-Feb 15** (except on days of gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).  
**TRAPPING:** **Jan 15-Feb 20**

**BAG LIMITS:** Deer – two per day (except spotted fawns) – only one of which may be an antlered buck; archery – two deer per day (except spotted fawns)  
Turkey (gobblers only) - 1 a day; 5 per season; Squirrel - 8 a day; Quail - 12 a day; Rabbit - 8 a day; Raccoon - 5 per person per day; Opossum - no limit; Fox - 1 a day,  
Woodcock - 3 a day; Waterfowl - State Limit.

**PERMITTED FIREARMS & BOW AND ARROW:**

Deer: Dog Hunts: Shotguns using buckshot only.  
Stalk Hunts: Centerfire rifles that have been plugged or otherwise incapable of holding more than 11 cartridges and using mushrooming and/or expanding type ammunition or shotguns using slugs only or muzzle loading rifles .40 caliber or larger, or centerfire handguns with a minimum 4 inch barrel length using mushrooming and/or expanding type ammunition. All applicable laws regarding possessing and carrying handguns must be followed.

Primitive Weapons: Using only muzzle loading rifles, muzzle loading shotguns, or bow and arrow. Rifles to be .40 caliber or larger; shotguns to use pumpkin balls only. Firearms must be incapable of holding more than one charge per barrel.

Turkey: Shotguns using No. 2 shot or smaller and bow and arrows.  
Dove: Shotguns using No. 2 shot or smaller.  
Squirrel & Rabbit: Shotguns using No. 4 shot or smaller, .22 caliber or smaller rimfire firearms, and muzzle loading rifles .40 caliber or smaller, or rifles operated by air.  
Fox: Dogs Only – No Weapons  
Quail: Shotguns using No. 4 shot or smaller.  
Raccoon & Opossum: Standard .22 caliber or smaller rimfire firearms (No .22 cal. magnum).  
Duck: Shotguns using T shot or smaller approved by U.S.F.W.S.  
Trapping: Standard .22 caliber rimfire firearms only during daylight hours only. All trappers must conform with all State laws and regulations pertaining to trapping.

On all scheduled hunts, except fox hunting, bow & arrow and crossbows shall be legal for hunting. Broadhead points will be legal only during scheduled deer and turkey hunts. Bows & arrows must conform with State Regulations on specification. WHEN ARCHERY HUNTING, IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO CARRY OR POSSESS ANY FIREARMS.

**IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL:**

- To hunt, trap, use dogs, possess firearms, ammunition, traps or bow and arrow without a valid permit (except for legally licensed handguns). A permit is valid only during scheduled management and refuge area seasons during legal hunting hours and only with weapons and ammunition permitted for hunting the wildlife listed on permit.
- To use dogs for stalk hunting of deer or for turkey hunting.
- To use dogs for hunting, training or any purpose from March 1 to the opening of the following fall gun season.
- For any person under 16 years of age to hunt on the management area unless accompanied by a licensed hunter at all times.
- For any person to hunt deer with gun or bow and arrow on scheduled gun deer hunts without first presenting his required hunting license at the checking station.
- For any person to carry firearms in or on vehicle with ammunition in the magazine, breech or clip attached to firearms, or black powder weapons with primer, cap or flash powder in place (except for legally licensed handguns).
- To camp in the management area except in designated sites. On management areas located on U.S. Forest Service lands, this camping restriction applies from October 1-January 31. Individuals or groups may camp on the management area for a period not to exceed nine (9) days in any 30 day period. Campfires must be extinguished before departing. No warming fires shall be permitted away from camping area.
- To kill or willfully molest any species of wildlife except those designated for hunting. However, this regulation shall not apply to bobcat, feral swine, or coyote which may be killed during all scheduled management area hunts, during daylight hours only, when possessing a valid permit and using weapons and ammunition that are legal for such designated hunts.
- To discharge fireworks at any time.
- To discharge firearms for target practice.
- To hunt or discharge firearms within 150 yards of any camping area, dwelling, dam or timber operation, or within 100 yards of any paved public road, highway, or within a posted safety zone, or within one-half mile of a church on Sunday, or to hunt or discharge firearms from any open U.S. Forest Service Road.
- To use fire to smoke out game.
- To transport deer killed during the gun hunts from the management area before being examined at the checking station for scientific data.
- For any person except authorized personnel to operate any motor driven vehicle behind, under or around any locked gate, barricaded road or sign which prohibits vehicular traffic.
- For any unauthorized person at any time to operate a motor scooter, motorcycle, trail bike, or any motor driven vehicle on any wildlife management area (WMA) except on regularly used roads open for public use by four wheel vehicle traffic and except on U.S. Forest Service land in a WMA where all-terrain vehicles (ATV) must be used on open designated ATV trails only.
- For any person to hunt deer on days of scheduled gun or primitive weapons hunts without wearing a vest containing a minimum 144 square inches of hunter orange color, or either a full size hunter orange hat or cap. The hunter orange must be of solid color, except for a small logo on the front of the cap, and visible from any angle.
- For any person except authorized personnel to block or otherwise stop traffic on any road by parking a vehicle in such a way that passage around the vehicle is impossible.
- To deposit, distribute or scatter grain, salt, litter, or any other materials on management area prior to receiving approval from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.
- For any person to damage or remove any trees, crops or other plants, dirt, gravel or sod from management area without legal authorization.
- To erect or use a permanent tree stand or scaffold on management area without written permission from the landowners.
- To hunt from an elevated stand or platform without attaching themselves to the tree or platform with a full body safety harness capable of supporting their weight.

**NOTE:** Administrators of the hunt shall have the right to distribute the hunters and to inspect all vehicles or other equipment while on the areas. **The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and landowners who are making the hunting possible, hereby put each hunter on notice that he hunts at his own risk and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and such landowners shall not be responsible for any accidents or injuries that may occur. Youth must be less than 16 & Supervisors must be 25 or older and properly licensed.**

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