

Forever Wild Land Trust

Tracts with Hunting Provisions

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The following information describes Forever Wild Tracts with provisions for public hunting. Forever Wild tracts may be designated for use under one or more of four categories: Wildlife Management Areas, Nature Preserves, Recreation Areas, and State Parks. Several tracts have been purchased solely to add to or create a Wildlife Management Area (WMA). These tracts are managed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division (WFF) to improve hunting related activities. Some tracts are cooperatively managed by the State Lands Division and the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division as a Nature Preserve, Recreation Area, and Wildlife Management Area. The hunting and fishing programs on these tracts are managed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division. Tracts designated as Nature Preserves and Recreation Areas are managed by the State Lands Division. Hunting may be allowed as a secondary activity on these tracts, but they not may be actively managed to enhance hunting. Forever Wild tracts purchased as additions to State Parks do not allow hunting and trapping, consistent with State Parks regulations. Forever Wild tracts not designated below do not have an open hunting season.

Wildlife Management Area tracts acquired through the Forever Wild Program.

Maps of the State's Wildlife Management Areas are available at:

<http://outdooralabama.com/hunting/wildlife-areas/wmamaps/>

Coosa WMA: Cahaba & Columbiana Tracts – Coosa County, 9,746 acres. These tracts are cooperatively managed by the State Lands Division and the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division as a Nature Preserve, Recreation Area, and Wildlife Management Area. The hunting and fishing programs on the tracts are managed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division as part of the Coosa WMA. Hunting regulations for this tract follow the seasons and limits established for the WMA. **A WMA LICENSE AND PERMIT ARE REQUIRED TO HUNT AT THIS LOCATION.** Contact the WFF Prattville Office for additional details on regulations, seasons, limits, and trapping (334) 358-0035.

Location: Township 22N, Range 16 & 17E, Multiple Sections
Flag Mountain, Mitchell Dam, Mitchell Dam Northwest, and Richville
Quads

Lauderdale and Freedom Hills WMA Tract Additions, Walker, BDM, JCM, BTW Tract Additions – Colbert and Lauderdale Counties, 32,050 acres. Numerous acquisitions provide public land for two WMAs that have been experiencing recent declines in acreage due to loss of leased land. The hunting and fishing programs on the tracts are managed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division as part of the Lauderdale and Freedom Hills WMAs. Hunting regulations for this tract follow the seasons and limits annually established for the WMA. A WMA LICENSE AND PERMIT ARE REQUIRED TO HUNT AT THESE LOCATIONS. For additional details on regulations, seasons, and limits contact WFF at (256)-359-6208 for Freedoms Hills and (256)-760-8670 for Lauderdale.

Location: Multiple locations South and North of the Tennessee River.
The Pickwick, Waterloo, Wright, Margerum, Cherokee, Bishop, Barton, Pleasant Site, Pleasant Grove and Yellow Creek Quad

Mobile-Tensaw Delta: Delta Tract, McMillan Tracts 1, 2 & 3, Bayou Jessamine, Coastal Land Trust, and Mifflin Lake Tract Additions; Bayou Canot, Salco, Middle River, Middle River West, Jacinto Port, Bayou Sara, Bayou Sara CLT Addition - Baldwin and Mobile Counties, 43,743 acres. These tracts are cooperatively managed by the State Lands Division and the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division as a Nature Preserve, Recreation Area, and Wildlife Management Area. The hunting and fishing programs on the tracts are managed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division as part of the Upper Delta and W.L. Holland WMA. Hunting regulations for this tract follow the seasons and limits established for the WMA. A WMA LICENSE AND PERMIT ARE REQUIRED TO HUNT AT THESE LOCATIONS. Contact the WFF Spanish Fort Office for additional details on regulations, seasons, limits, and trapping (334) 626-5474.

Location: Contact the WFF Spanish Fort Office for specific descriptions.
(251)626-5474
The Basin, Bilbo Island, Chickasaw, and Stiggins Lake Quads

Riggins Tract- Lowndes County, 624 acres. Managed by WFF as part of the Lowndes WMA. Hunting regulations for this tract follow the seasons and limits established for the WMA. A WMA LICENSE AND PERMIT ARE REQUIRED TO HUNT AT THIS LOCATION. Part of the tract is restricted to bow hunting only. Contact the office at Lowndes WMA for additional details on regulations, seasons, limits, and trapping (334) 874-4471 or see

Location: T16N, R15E, Sections 19 and 30
Lowndesboro Quad

Walls of Jericho, Jacob Farm Addition, Post Oak Flat, and Henshaw Cove Tracts - Jackson County, 15,827 acres. The Walls of Jericho, Post Oak Flats, and Henshaw Cove Tracts are cooperatively managed by the State Lands Division and the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division as a Nature Preserve, Recreation Area, and Wildlife Management Area. The Jacob Farm tract was purchased solely as an addition to James D. Martin - Skyline Wildlife Management Area. The hunting and fishing programs on these tracts are managed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division as part of James D. Martin - Skyline Wildlife

Management Area. Hunting regulations for this tract follow the seasons and limits established for the WMA. A WMA LICENSE AND PERMIT ARE REQUIRED TO HUNT AT THIS LOCATION. Contact the office at Skyline WMA for additional details on regulations, seasons, limits, and trapping regulations (256) 587-3114. For the Walls of Jericho Tract west of highway 79 and the Henshaw Cove Tract, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) are only allowed to retrieve a harvested deer.

Location: Township 1S and 2S, Range 5E, 6E and 7E Multiple Sections
Estill Fork, Hytop and Eureka Quads

Wehle Tract- Bullock County, 1,505.5 acres. This tract is cooperatively managed by the State Lands Division and the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division as a Nature Preserve, Recreation Area, and Wildlife Management Area. The hunting and fishing programs on 626 acres of the tract are managed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division and have been included within the Barbour County Wildlife Management Area. Hunting regulations for this tract follow the seasons and limits established for the WMA. A WMA LICENSE AND PERMIT ARE REQUIRED TO HUNT THE 626 ACRES AT THIS LOCATION. Contact the office at Barbour County WMA for additional details on regulations, seasons, limits, and trapping regulations (334)529-3222.

Location: Township 12N, Range 22E, Sections 28 & 29
Comer Quad

Nature Preserves and Recreation Areas

Available as Open Permit Public Land subject to Rules 220-2-.125, 220-2-.127, 220-4-.11, and 220-4-.15 found at the end of this document. Hunters must have valid hunting license and follow regulations, seasons, and limits for the county in which the tract is located. Some of the most popular hunting activities available on each tract are detailed below. See Rule 220-2-.125 and 220-2-.127 for specific restrictions. For more information contact the State Lands Division at 1-800-LANDALA or see

<http://outdooralabama.com/public-lands/stateLands/foreverWild/>

Blowing Spring Cave- Lauderdale County 60 acres. Managed as a Nature Preserve by the State Lands Division for a unique bat cave. The tract is largely a bottomland hardwood forest adjacent to First Creek. The forest and river support populations of various game species. No open season for deer or turkey. Permissible activities include hunting small game with primitive weapons. No ATVs allowed. See Rule 220-2-.127 for specific restrictions.

Location: T02 R07W, in Section 19
Lexington Quad

Coon Creek Tract- Tallapoosa County, 320 acres. Managed as a Recreation Area by the State Lands Division, with a public boat launch on Yates Reservoir. Upland areas support small populations of game species, while riparian portions along Coon Creek Cove support some wintering waterfowl. Permissible activities include bow hunting for deer, turkey hunting, waterfowl hunting, and small game hunting. No ATVs allowed. See rule 220-2-.125 for specific restrictions.

Location: T19N, R22E, in Sections 28 and 29
Tallasse Quad

Grand Bay Savannah Complex (Grand Bay Savannah Tract, Grand Bay Savannah Addition, Little River Road Addition Tract, and Giddens Tract Addition) - Mobile County, 5,151 acres. Managed by the State Lands Division as a Nature Preserve for unique plant and animal communities. Upland and wetland areas support small populations of game species, while riparian portions along Portersville and Grand Bays support some wintering waterfowl. Permissible activities include stalk hunting deer with a shotgun and slug, bow hunting for deer, feral hog hunting, turkey hunting, waterfowl hunting, and small game hunting. Special muzzleloader season November 17 to November 21. No ATVs allowed. See Rule 220-2-.125 for specific restrictions.

Location: T7S, R3W, and parts of Sections 19, 20, 28, 29, 30
Grand Bay Quad

Indian Mountain Complex (Indian Mountain Tract, Indian Mountain-Garner Tract) - Cherokee County, 514 and 80 acres. Managed as a Recreation Area by the State Lands Division, primarily to facilitate long-distance hiking along the Pinhoti Trail. Permissible activities include bow hunting for deer, turkey hunting, and small game hunting. No ATVs allowed. See Rule 220-2-.125 for specific restrictions.

Location: T11S, R11E, in Section 36
T11S, R12E, in Section 31
T12S, R11E, in Section 1
Indian Mountain Quad

Lillian Swamp Complex (Lillian Swamp South Addition, Lillian Swamp West Addition and Caney Bayou) - Baldwin County, 1858 acres. Managed as a Nature Preserve for unique plant and animal communities, upland and wetland areas support a variety of game. Permissible activities include stalk hunting deer with a shotgun and slug, bow hunting for deer, turkey hunting, waterfowl hunting, and small game hunting. Special muzzleloader season November 17 to November 21. No ATVs allowed. See Rule 220-2-.125 for specific restrictions.

Location: Township 7S, Range 6E, Sections 13 & 24
Township 7S, Range 7E, Section 18
Lillian Quad

Pike County Pocosin Tract- Pike County, 190 acres. Managed as a Nature Preserve by the State Lands Division for unique plant communities. Upland areas support small populations of game species. Permissible activities include stalk hunting deer with a shotgun and slug, bow hunting for deer, turkey hunting, and small game hunting. Special muzzleloader season November 17 to November 21. No ATVs allowed. See Rule 220-2-.125 for specific restrictions.

Location: T9N, R21E, in Section 1
T9N, R22E, in Section 6
Troy Quad

Shoal Creek Preserve Tract- Lauderdale County, 296 acres. Managed as a Nature Preserve and Recreation Area by the State Lands Division for unique plants and animals. Recreational opportunities include hiking trails that extend throughout the tract. Permissible activities include bow hunting for deer, turkey hunting, and small game hunting. No ATVs allowed. See Rule 220-2-.125 for specific restrictions.

Location: Township 1S, Range 10W, Section 32
Township 2S, Range 10W, Section 5 & 6
Pruitton, Blackburn Quads

Sipsey River Complex (Sipsey Sullivan, Sipsey Randolph, and Sipsey Robertson Tracts) - Tuscaloosa County, 3431 acres. Managed as a Nature Preserve and Recreation Area by the State Lands Division for unique riverine animals and wetlands. The tract is largely a bottomland hardwood forest adjacent to the Sipsey River. The forest, swamps, and river support populations of various game species, and some waterfowl. Permissible activities include stalk hunting deer with a shotgun and slug, bow hunting for deer, feral hog hunting, turkey hunting, waterfowl hunting, and small game hunting. Special muzzleloader season November 17 to November 21. All terrain vehicle operation (4-wheelers or other motorized ATV's) is permitted only during designated hunting seasons scheduled for October through April and only in association with a hunting activity. All such vehicles must remain on designated woods roads. See Rule 220-2-.125 for specific restrictions.

Location: T21S, R12W, in Sections 3, 10, 11, 15, 16, 21, 22, 28, 29, and 31
T22S, R03E, Sections 5 and 6
Romulus Quad

Splinter Hill Bog Complex (Splinter Hill Bog Tract, Ben May Tract, International Paper Addition) - Baldwin County, 1,233 acres. Managed as a Nature Preserve for unique wetland plant communities. Permissible activities include stalk hunting deer with a shotgun and slug, bow hunting for deer, turkey hunting, and small game hunting. Special muzzleloader season November 17 to November 21. No ATVs allowed. See Rule 220-2-.125 for specific restrictions.

Location: Township 1N, Range 4E, Section 21
Township 1N, Range 4E, Section 28 Perdido Quad

Regulations governing hunting and other conduct on Forever Wild Lands

220-2-.125 Special 2008-2009 Hunting Seasons for Certain Forever Wild and State Lands Division Lands

(1) The following special 2008-2009 hunting seasons, in accordance with the below-stated times, places, manners, and means, are hereby established for the following Forever Wild and State Lands Division lands:

Grand Bay Savanna Complex – Grand Bay Savanna, Grand Bay Savanna Addition, Grand Bay Savanna Little River Road Addition, and Grand Bay Savanna Giddens Addition tracts, Mobile County;

Lillian Swamp Complex - Lillian Swamp South, Caney Bayou, and Lillian Swamp West tracts, Baldwin County;

Pike County Pocosin Tract, Pike County;

Sipsey River Complex – Sipsey Sullivan, Sipsey Randolph, and Sipsey Robertson tracts, Tuscaloosa County; and

Splinter Hill Bog Complex - Splinter Hill Bog Ben May, Splinter Hill Bog International Paper Addition, and Splinter Hill Bog Ben May Charitable Trust tracts, Baldwin County:

(a) The hunting seasons as established in Rule 220-2-.01 entitled "2008-2009 Hunting Seasons," Rule 220-2-.77 entitled "2008-2009 Duck, Coot, Merganser, Goose, and Teal Hunting Seasons," and Rule 220-2-.29, entitled "Open Trapping Seasons on Fur-Bearers," as they apply to said lands and to "Open Permit-Public Land" in the particular portions of the counties in which the tracts are located, shall apply except as otherwise provided herein:

1. No centerfire rifles or buckshot shall be allowed for any type of hunting;
2. No dogs shall be permitted for hunting deer, coyote, and feral swine (wild hogs);
3. Special muzzleloader season for Deer: By muzzleloader only – Stalk hunting only (no dogs). During the special muzzleloader deer season, two (2) deer per day only one of which may be an antlered buck (excepted spotted fawns), is permitted November 17 to November 21 .

4. Hunting of waterfowl shall be restricted to thirty (30) minutes prior to sunrise until 12 noon during the state waterfowl seasons.

5. Hunting of feral swine (wild hogs) shall be limited to October 1 through April 30 (no bag limit).

(2) The following special 2008-2009 hunting seasons, in accordance with the below-stated times, places, manners, and means, are hereby established for the following Forever Wild lands:

Coon Creek Tract, Tallapoosa County;

Indian Mountain Complex – Indian Mountain and Indian Mountain Garner tracts, Cherokee County; and

Shoal Creek Preserve Tract, Lauderdale County:

(a) The hunting seasons as established in Rule 220-2-.01 entitled "2008-2009 Hunting Seasons," and Rule 220-2-.77 entitled "2008-2009 Duck, Coot, Merganser, Goose and Teal Hunting Seasons," as they apply to said lands and to "Open Permit-Public Land" in the particular portions of the counties in which the tracts are located, shall apply except as otherwise provided herein:

1. Deer hunting shall be limited to bow and arrow, crossbow, or spear.
2. No firearms permitted except for shotguns, 10 gauge or smaller using standard No. 2 shot or smaller.
3. No dogs shall be permitted for hunting deer, coyote, and feral swine (wild hogs).
4. Hunting of feral swine (wild hogs) shall be limited to October 1 thorough April 30 (no bag limit).
5. No trapping shall be allowed.

Statutory Authority: §§ 9-2-7, 9-2-8, 9-2-12, 9-11-235, and 9-11-240
Code of Alabama 1975

PENALTY: As provided by law.

12/14/2000(E);8/28/2001(E).7/16/2002(E);7/17/2003(E);8/17/2004(E);8/16/2005(E);
8/28/2006(E); 10/25/2007(E); 10/27/2008(E).

220-2-.127 Special 2008-2009 Hunting Seasons for Blowing Springs Cave Tract (Forever Wild Lands), Lauderdale County

(1) The following special 2008-2009 hunting seasons, in accordance with the below-stated times, places, manners, and means, are hereby established:

(a) The hunting seasons as established in Rule 220-2-.01 entitled "2008-2009 — Hunting Seasons," and as established in Rule 220-2-.77 entitled "2008-2009 Duck, Coot, Merganser, Goose and Teal Hunting Seasons," as they apply to that portion of Lauderdale County known as the Blowing Springs Cave Tract (Forever Wild Lands), and as they apply to "Open Permit-Public Land" in that portion of Lauderdale County, shall apply to hunting on the Blowing Springs Cave Tract (Forever Wild Lands), except as otherwise provided herein:

1. There shall be no open season for deer or turkey.
2. The only legal firearms or weapons shall be black powder firearms otherwise legal for hunting and bow and arrow (including crossbow) otherwise legal for hunting.
3. No trapping shall be allowed.

Statutory Authority: §§ 9-2-7, 9-2-8, 9-2-12, 9-11-235, and 9-11-240
Code of Alabama 1975

PENALTY: As provided by law.

11/14/2002(E); 7/17/2003(E); 8/17/2004(E);8/16/05(E);8/28/2006(E);10/25/2007(E);
10/27/2008(E).