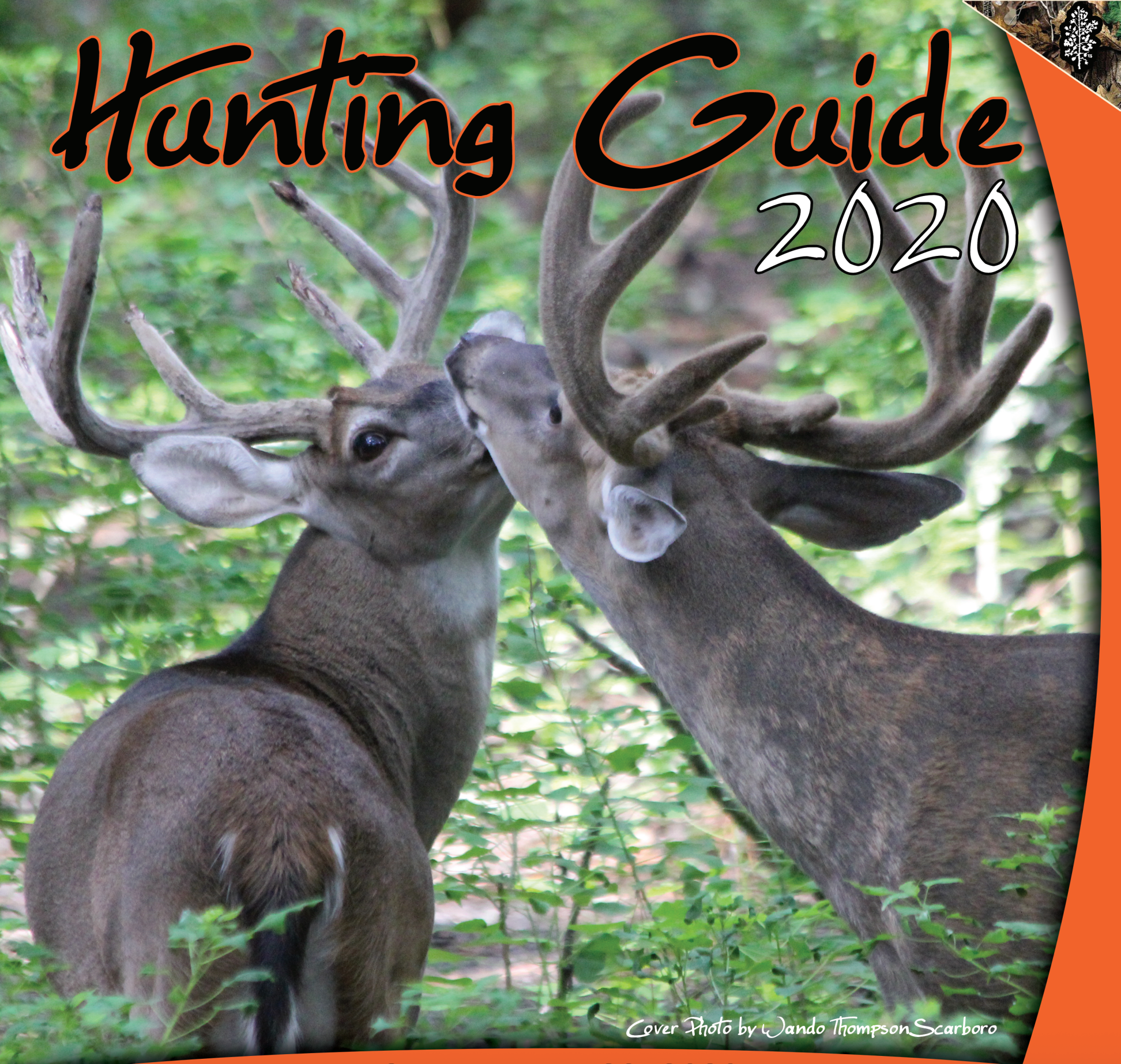


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Age requirements

HUNTERS UNDER AGE 16 are not required to complete a hunter education course. A child under age 16 must be under "direct supervision" or "directly supervised," which means uninterrupted, unaided visual contact and auditory communication with the child by a licensed adult. It is unlawful for an adult to permit their child or ward (under age 16) to hunt without adult supervision.

Exception: Hunters 12–15 years old may hunt unsupervised after successfully completing a hunter education course. Special restrictions may apply on WMAs and Federal Areas.

HUNTERS AGE 16–25 are required to have a

hunter education card when purchasing a season hunting license and must be in possession while hunting.

HUNTERS OVER AGE 25 and born after Jan. 1, 1961 must successfully complete a hunter education course but are not required to present their Hunter Education Card when buying a season hunting license or possess it while hunting.

APPRENTICE HUNTER is any person who has not successfully completed a hunter education course or does not possess a hunter education certificate. Apprentice hunters may purchase a short-term Apprentice Hunting License to hunt and fish in Georgia.

Purchasing your license

Multiple options are available for the purchase of license and are as follows:

Online: GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com

Phone: 1-800-366-2661

In Person: License vendors are statewide. Check GoHuntGeorgia.com for a complete list.

Federal Duck Stamp: GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com, usps.com, 1-800-STAMP24, or a local US Post Office.

Free three-month range pass available

Recent Georgia hunter ed grad? You have a free 3-month range pass! When you pass the Hunter Education Course, your certification card doubles as a free 3-month pass at any Department of Natural Resources shooting range.

Major WMA state-wide changes

Alligator Hunting

Quota-selected hunters are no longer sent a plastic tag in the mail nor required to bring their harvested alligator to a WRD Game Management office for a CITES tag. Hunters are required to report their harvest through the Georgia Game Check system within 24 hours of harvest.

Fort Stewart has added alligator hunting. Visit <https://ftstewart.isportsman.net/> for more information and how to apply.

Electronic Bicycles

Electric bicycles (750 watts or less) may be used the same as traditional bicycles on WMAs. Those exceeding 750 watts are restricted to roads open for vehicular access.

Game Check

All harvested alligators, deer, and turkey must be reported using the Georgia Game Check system within 24 hours of harvest.

New Public Hunting Opportunities

Canoochee Sandhills WMA: Bull-
och & Bryan Counties – 6,324 acres
Ceylon WMA: Camden County – 16,000 acres
Wire Road Tract (Sansavilla WMA): Wayne County – 1,665 acres

For information on these properties, visit georgiawildlife.com/allwmas.

Waterfowl

Special restrictions for Lake Allatoona. Active duty military and veterans may hunt during the Special Opportunity Waterfowl Season November 14-15, 2020. The bag limit for scaup is reduced to 1 bird.

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Licenses, IDs, passes, and requirements

Residency

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itary personnel may obtain resident hunting and fishing licenses other than resident lifetime, disability and honorary licenses. Nonresident landowners must purchase a nonresident license.

Hunter Education

All hunters born on or after Jan. 1, 1961 must successfully complete a hunter education course before purchasing a hunting license. All hunter education courses certified or mandated by any state wildlife agency or Canadian province are accepted. Residents may sign up for online or classroom cours-

es at GoHuntGeorgia.com or by calling 1-800-366-2661.

License Requirements

Reliable identification and a Social Security Number (SSN) are required to purchase a license (OCGA § 19-11-9.1). Game Wardens may require positive identification when checking licenses. All required hunting licenses and stamps must be in possession while hunting or while assisting another hunter (electronic copies are acceptable). It is unlawful to obtain, possess, or use multiple licenses for the purpose of

circumventing season bag limits.

Hunter education is not required to purchase an Apprentice Hunting License or short-term license. Persons purchasing a Lifetime License must have hunter education before hunting, unless exempt by age or supervision. Hunter education is not required to hunt on one's own land or land of a parent or guardian (blood or dependent relationship) residing in the same household, or to hunt pen raised game birds on licensed shooting preserves that provide specified hunter education instruction (see Shooting Preserve License).

To obtain a replacement hunter education card visit <http://gooutdoorsgeorgia.com/> or call 1-800-366-2661 Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Lands Pass

Any person age 16 and older, entering any WMA or PFA must have a valid Georgia license that allows hunting or fishing on state land or a Lands Pass (exclusions apply, visit georgiawildlife.com/LandAccess). WMAs and PFAs that require a license to hunt or fish or a Lands Pass are marked with a sign at the site or area entrance.

Driver's License

Hunters age 16 and old-

er must have a hunting license to hunt, unless they are resident hunters hunting either on their own land or lands of an immediate family member.

If born on or after January 1, 1961, they must also have completed a Hunter Education Course. If a resident youth does not yet have a state-issued Driver's License, they will need a State of Georgia ID issued by the Department of Driver Services or a Georgia Instructional Permit in order to purchase their hunting license.

FREE Licenses

SENIOR CITIZENS: Georgia residents born on or before June 30, 1952 may obtain a Lifetime Sportsman's License free of charge. An optional Lifetime Sportsman's Plastic Card may be purchased for \$10. Reduced cost senior annual and lifetime licenses are available to residents age 65+ born July 1, 1952 and after.

RETURNING GEORGIA VETERANS (one time only): Georgia resident military veterans who were on active duty for 90 or more consecutive days and were honorably discharged on or after July 1, 2005 may obtain one annual Honorary License free of charge. Such veterans may obtain this license by providing a copy of their DD Form 214 and a completed DNR application.

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Alternately, there are free options for Georgia residents to acquire hunter education certification:

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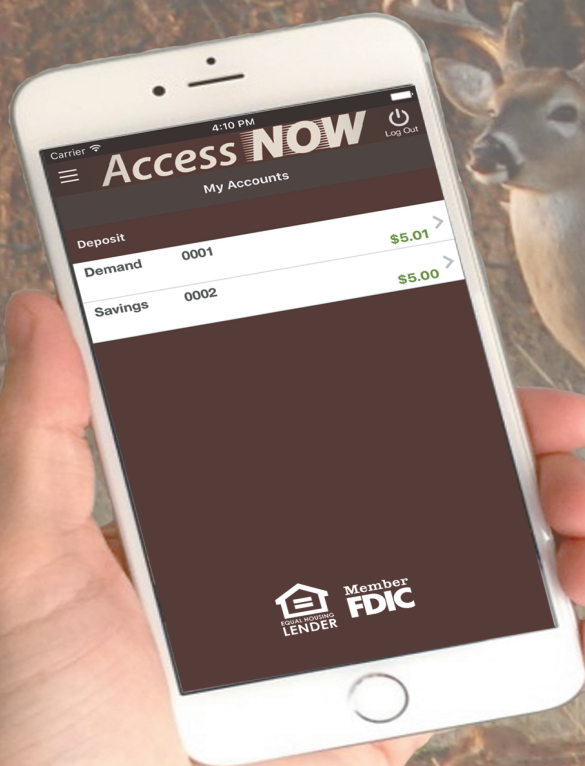
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January 12, 7 p.m.

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Oakland Library

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Augusta Technical College

Waynesboro Campus, 216 GA-24, Waynesboro, GA 30830

January 13, 7 p.m.

Dodge County PFA Pavilion

325 Dodge Lake Road, Eastman, GA 31023

Coastal Pines Technical College, Waycross Campus

1701 Carswell Avenue, Waycross, Georgia 31503

Jackson EMC

850 Commerce Road, Jefferson, GA 30549

January 14, 7 p.m.

Idlewilde Event Center, Indian Springs State Park

678 Lake Clark Road, Flovilla, GA 30216

Clay-Wood Community Center

135 Heery Road, Newnan, GA 30263

Top five reasons to buy a hunting and fishing license

1. 100% of your purchase is going to fund wildlife conservation in Georgia.
2. Your license purchase is an investment bringing \$50 back to Georgia wildlife in federal dollars.
3. You'll join a group of people that have funded conservation for the past 100 years.
4. It's a great value – A \$15 annual hunting or fishing license allows you to hunt or fish for 4 cents a day.
5. It lets you do more than just hunt or fish – every hunting or fishing license also gives you access to all of Georgia's Wildlife Management Areas (WMA), Public Fishing Areas (PFAs) and WRD shooting ranges.

Types of licenses available to hunters in Georgia

RESIDENT HUNTING, COMBO OR SPORTSMAN'S LICENSE is required for all resident hunters 16 years of age or older, except when hunting or fishing on one's own land or land owned by immediate family (blood or dependent relationship) residing in the same household.

NONRESIDENT HUNTING, COMBO or SPORTSMAN'S LICENSE is required for all nonresident hunters, except nonresident small game hunters that are under 16. All nonresident big game hunters must obtain a harvest record (alligator, deer and turkey) and those 16 and older must possess a big game license (included in Sportsman's License).

HARVEST RECORD (Alligator, DEER & TURKEY) is required for any person who hunts alligator, deer or turkey, regardless of age. The Harvest Record is only valid for a single year and may be obtained on or after March 1 for the upcoming season. Harvest must be recorded before moving the animal from the site of the kill, and reported online or by telephone within 24 hours.

RESIDENT HUNTERS UNDER AGE 16 must possess a Harvest Record to hunt alligator, deer and turkey. They are not required to possess any of the following: Hunting, Big Game or Georgia Migratory Bird Stamp.

ALLIGATOR HARVEST PERMIT is required to harvest an alligator (permittee must also be selected through the alligator quota hunt process). All persons accompanying or assisting an alligator permit holder need a valid hunting license. A free per-

mit is available for Lifetime Sportsman's License, Disability Sportsman's License, Disability Hunting License, Honorary License, and Resident Optional Youth Sportsman's License holders selected for an Alligator Quota hunt.

Big game license is required, in addition to a valid Hunting License, for hunting deer, turkey, or bear. The Big Game License is not required by resident hunters hunting one's own land or land owned by immediate family (blood or dependent relationship) residing in the same household, resident or nonresident persons under the age of 16, or anyone who possesses an Honorary, Sportsman's, or Lifetime Sportsman's License. A Harvest Record is required to hunt deer or turkey.

GEORGIA MIGRATORY BIRD STAMP is required for any person who hunts migratory birds (doves, ducks, geese, woodcock, snipe, coots, rails, or gallinules) and is required by age to have a hunting license to hunt. A free Georgia Migratory Bird Stamp is available for all resident Landowners hunting their own land and hunters with a valid Sportsman's License, Youth Sportsman's License, Disability Sportsman's License, Disability Hunting License, Honorary License or Lifetime Sportsman's License.

Federal Duck Stamp is required for all waterfowl hunters 16 years of age or older including resident landowners and their immediate family. **The stamp is valid from July 1-June 30** and must be signed in ink across the face. The Federal Migratory Bird

Hunting and Conservation Stamp is available at US Post Offices, 1-800-STAMP24, www.gooutdoorsgeorgia.com, or usps.com.

Sportsman's License includes Hunting, Big Game, Fishing and Trout Licenses. Duck hunters must obtain a Federal Duck Stamp. Migratory Bird hunters must obtain a Free Georgia Migratory Bird Stamp. Saltwater anglers must obtain a Free SIP license. Alligator, deer and turkey hunters must obtain a Free Harvest Record.

RESIDENT OPTIONAL YOUTH SPORTSMAN'S LICENSE: this optional multi-year license can be purchased by resident youth through age 15 and does not expire until the sportsman's 17th birthday. The license includes privileges for all hunting and fishing including big game and trout. A Harvest Record, Migratory Bird Stamp (16+), Quota Alligator Harvest Permit if selected, and SIP (16+) are free but must be obtained each year. **Hunter education is required at age 16.**

NONRESIDENT YOUTH SPORTSMAN'S LICENSE: this annual license can be purchased by nonresident youth through age 15. The license includes privileges for all hunting and fishing including big game and trout (except for the Quota Alligator Harvest Permit). A harvest record, Migratory Bird Stamp (16+), and SIP (16+) are free but must be obtained. **Hunter education is required at age 16.**

Disability Hunting License: Georgia residents who are permanently and totally disabled may obtain a Disability License. A qualifying disability is an impairment of

a permanent and total nature and is certified as such by the Department of Veterans Affairs, Social Security Administration, Medicaid, Medicare, or Railroad Retirement System.

Lifetime Sportsman's Licenses: cover all state paid hunting and fishing privileges (free required state licenses and the Federal Duck stamp are not included) and are valid for the life of the license holder. **These privileges specifically include Hunting, Big Game, Fishing, and Trout Licenses.** Lifetime License applications may be obtained at GoHuntGeorgia.com, by calling 1-800-366-2661, or by visiting any WRD office. For identification and proof of residency requirements see information on page 10.

Excluded from Lifetime Sportsman's License: Free Georgia Migratory Bird Stamp, Federal Duck Stamp, Free SIP permit, and a Free Alligator, Deer, and Turkey Harvest Record. These must

be obtained annually.

Resident / NonResident Shooting Preserve License: A 2-year (\$12) or lifetime (\$75) shooting preserve license is available to residents and nonresidents. This license covers hunting pen raised game birds and fishing in any private or state waters located within the boundaries of licensed private or commercial shooting preserves. Hunter safety requirements for hunting pen raised game birds on properly licensed shooting preserves may be met by hunter education instruction that, at minimum, demonstrates techniques for proper firearm handling, unloading, and safety. *Appropriate licenses, hunter safety certification requirements, and state seasons and regulations apply when hunting wild game birds or other wildlife on shooting preserves.*

Exception: it shall be lawful to hunt bobwhite quail between **October 1 and March 31** of the following year on licensed shooting preserves.



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What you need to know about hunting bear, turkey, feral hog, alligator, and small game

Bear

LIMIT

Two bears per season, however, only one bear may be taken from the Southern Zone or Central Zone.

STATEWIDE RESTRICTIONS

It is prohibited to kill a female bear with cub(s) or bears under 75 pounds. No hunting bears over bait.

NORTHERN BEAR ZONE

Carroll, Fulton, DeKalb, Gwinnett, Walton, Barrow, Jackson, Madison, Hart and all counties north.

Restrictions:

Hunting bears with dogs is prohibited except as specified for Chatahoochee & Chestatee WMAs.

Reporting:

Within 24 hours, harvested bears must be reported to the Wildlife Resources Division Gainesville Office (770-535-5700) or Armuchee Office (706-295-6041). After hours, call 1-800-241-4113.

Within 3 business days, bears (minimum of hide and skull) must be taken to any Game Management Office (except Fitzgerald) for tagging.

Harvested bears may also be checked at any WMA check station in the counties listed above that are open for a managed deer or bear hunt between 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

CENTRAL BEAR ZONE

Bibb, Houston, and Twiggs Counties.

Restrictions:

No hunting bears with dogs. No hunting bears on WMAs.

Reporting:

Harvested bears must be checked and tagged at the Oaky Woods WMA check station between noon and 9 p.m. on the day of the hunt.

SOUTHERN BEAR ZONE

Brantley, Camden, Charlton, Clinch, Echols, Lanier, Lowndes and Ware counties.

Restrictions:

Hunting with dogs is allowed, except in Lanier and Lowndes Counties, where only still hunting is allowed.

Reporting:

Bears (minimum of hide and skull)

must be checked and tagged at one of these locations:

Fargo Georgia Forestry Commission Office – Thursdays and Fridays 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Saturdays noon – 9 p.m., all hunt days

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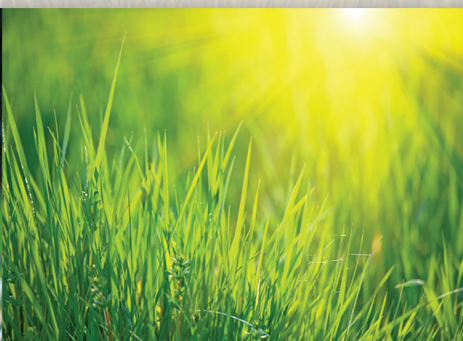
Dixon Memorial WMA – Oct. 1-3; 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

After hours, call 1-800-241-4113, or 912-262-3173 on the following business day to report harvested bears and arrange tagging.

Turkey

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LIMIT

3 gobblers per season, including Special Opportunity Season.

CHECK YOUR TURKEY

All turkey hunters are required to have a Harvest Record for the current season. Additionally, harvested turkeys must be reported through Georgia Game Check within 24 hours.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY SEASON

For youth 16 years of age and younger and mobility impaired persons (i.e. confined to wheelchair, hemiplegia, monoplegia, paraplegia, or single-leg amputation above the knee). Such hunters must be accompanied by a licensed adult (18 years or older) who can call but may not take or attempt to take a turkey. This season does not apply to public lands unless otherwise specified.

TURKEY SURVEY

All turkey hunters are encouraged to participate in the Turkey Hunting Population Survey to record turkey observations and hunter success during the spring season. Visit GoHuntGeorgia.com/turkey-info or call (706) 557-3264.

Feral Hog

PRIVATE LANDS

Limit: No limit, no closed season.

Feral hogs may be hunted at night on private land, night hunting is prohibited on public land. Hunting over bait is allowed. No hunting from a vehicle under power.

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS:

Residents: All residents 16 years of age or older must possess a hunting license to hunt or trap feral hogs except when hunting on land owned by them or their immediate family (blood or dependent

relationship) residing in the same household.

Nonresidents: Must possess a nonresident hunting license.

Exemptions to many of these restrictions for agricultural producers are available by permit. Contact your local Game Management Office for details.

LEGAL WEAPONS on Private Land

Any legal weapon. Additional weapon restrictions apply on WMAs and Federal Lands.

WMAs and National Forest Lands

Limit: No limit.

Hogs may be taken with primitive weapons during primitive weapons deer season, archery equipment during archery deer season, with deer weapons during firearms deer season, with turkey weapons during turkey season and with small game weapons during small game season. No night hunting. No hunting over bait. Hunting license requirements must be met. Hunter orange is required during firearms and primitive weapons deer and bear hunts.

TRANSPORTING & RELEASE

It is unlawful to transport a live feral hog without a permit from the Georgia Department of Agriculture (GDA). Feral hogs captured alive by a person without a valid GDA permit must be killed prior to transport. Release of any live feral hogs into an area that is not fenced in accordance with GDA regulations is prohibited. Any persons convicted of the transport or release of live feral hogs may be subject to losing hunting privileges for up to three years and a fine up to \$5,000.00, but not less than \$1,500.00. Transport and possession of live feral hogs are

regulated by GDA; contact the Animal Industry Division at 404-656-3665 for more information or visit <http://agr.georgia.gov/feral-hogs.aspx>.

PROCESSING

Any facility that processes hogs for a fee, including deer processors, must obtain a license to operate from the Meat Inspection Section of the Georgia Department of Agriculture. For more information, deer processors may contact the Georgia Meat Inspection Section at 404-656-3673. Licensing requirements do not apply to individuals who process feral swine for their own use.

DISEASE WARNING

Feral hogs can carry infectious diseases that are transmissible to people. To avoid possible exposure: wear plastic gloves when field-dressing

feral hogs; wash hands with soap and hot water immediately afterwards; avoid direct

contact with blood and reproductive organs; cook thoroughly (Continued on page 10)



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2020-2021 Season Dates

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Species	Season	Limit
Deer	Archery, Statewide	Sept. 12–Jan. 10
	Extended Archery (Bibb, Chatham, Clarke, Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett & Rockdale only)	Sept. 12–Jan. 31
	Primitive Weapons	Oct. 10–Jan. 10
	Youth Firearms	Oct. 10–Oct. 16
	Firearms	Oct. 17–Jan. 10
Bear	Northern Zone	Archery: Sept. 12–Jan. 10 Primitive Weapons: Oct. 10–Jan. 10 Firearms: Oct. 17–Jan. 10
	Central Zone	Firearms: Dec. 19
	Southern Zone	Firearms: Sept. 17–19 & 24–26, Oct. 1–3 & 8–10
Turkey	Statewide	Mar. 20–May 15 (2021)
	Special Opportunity Youth/Mobility Impaired	Mar. 13–14 (2021)
Alligator	Zone & Quota Limited	Aug. 14 (sunset)–Oct. 5 (sunrise)
Crows	Statewide	Nov. 7–Feb. 28
Dove	Statewide	Sept. 5–30 Nov. 21–Nov. 29 Dec. 8–Jan. 31
Falconry	Statewide	Squirrel: Aug. 15–Mar. 15 Rabbit, Quail: Oct. 1–Mar. 15 Grouse: Oct. 1–Mar. 15
Fox & Bobcat	Statewide	Dec. 1–Feb. 28
Grouse	Statewide	Oct. 15–Feb. 28
Sora & Rails	Statewide	Sept. 17–Oct. 21 Nov. 13–Dec. 17
Opossum	Statewide	Oct. 15–Feb. 28
Quail	Statewide	Nov. 14–Feb. 28
Rabbit	Statewide	Nov. 14–Feb. 28
Raccoon	Statewide	Oct. 15–Feb. 28
Snipe	Statewide	Nov. 15–Feb. 28
Squirrel	Statewide	Aug. 15–Feb. 28
Woodcock	Statewide	Dec. 5–Jan. 18

Georgia Waterfowl regulations can be found at <https://www.georgiawildlife.com/hunting/waterfowl>.

What you need to know...

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oughly; and properly dispose of all waste.

Alligator

Please visit our web-site, GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com for complete alligator hunting rules and regulations, including NEW reporting information.

Check Your Alligator: Harvested alligators must be reported through Georgia Game Check within 24 hours.

Season: August 14 (sunset) – October 5 (sunrise)

Quota Process: Alligator harvest is permit only. To enter the selection process, log into your account at GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com.

Application Period: June 1 – July 15

Legal Weapons: Hand-held ropes or snares, snatch hooks, harpoons, gigs, or arrows with restraining line attached. Lawfully restrained alligators may be killed with any caliber handgun or bangstick.

Small Game

BOBCAT & FOX

Bobcats and foxes may be hunted with small game firearms or centerfire firearms of .17 caliber or larger. Manual calls only. Hunting with dogs allowed. Night hunting allowed.

Trapping

Complete trapping regulations are available at GoHuntGeorgia.com.

Falconry

Valid falconry permit and hunting license required.

Squirrel (12 per day) Aug. 15 – Mar. 15

Grouse (3 per day) Oct. 1 – Mar. 15

Rabbit (12 per day) Oct. 1 – Mar. 15

Quail (12 per day) Oct. 1 – Mar. 15

Unprotected Species

Coyotes, armadillos, ground-hogs, beavers, starlings, pigeons, English sparrows, and nutria are unprotected species. No closed season. No limit. There is no closed season for trapping beavers and coyotes. Electronic calls may be used for hunting coyotes.

Don't break the law! Unlawful activities

- Hunting without landowners' permission, including power line, gas line, railroad and other rights-of-way. Written permission must be obtained if land is so posted.
- Hunting while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Holding, possessing, releasing, or importing wildlife without a permit from the DNR.
- Concealing the taking or possession of wildlife (or parts) which the person in possession reasonably should have known was obtained illegally.
- Killing or crippling game without reasonable efforts to retrieve.
- Hunt, shoot, kill, or wound any farmed deer (e.g. elk, red deer, fallow deer, sika deer, or axis deer) or exotic wild animal (e.g. farmed deer, mouflon sheep, Barbary sheep [aoudad], antelope, etc.) held under a wild animal license for enjoyment, gain, amusement, or sport.
- Hunting or shooting from or across a public road.
- Hunting from a vehicle, plane, or boat under power.
- Selling or purchasing any game species or parts thereof, except antlers, hides, and tails of legally taken deer, tails of legally taken squirrels, hides of legally trapped furbearers, and legally taken alligator products.
- Use of a computer or any other device to remotely discharge a firearm for the purpose of hunting.
- Use of drugs, poisons, chemicals, smoke, gas, explosives, or electronically-amplified sounds to hunt any game species.
- Use of any pitfall, deadfall, snare, catch, net, live decoy, or baited hook to take game species.

- Use of electronic communications equipment to aid in the pursuit of game.
- Disturbing wildlife dens, holes, or homes, or driving wildlife, from their dens, holes, or homes.
- Discharging a firearm within 50 yards of a public road.
- Blinding wildlife with lights.
- Unlawful Activities on WMAs**
- Man-drives during deer hunts. A man-drive is defined as an organized hunting technique involving three (3) or more hunters using a coordinated effort to drive deer or feral swine from cover to another hunter for the purpose of shooting.
- Placing bait or wildlife food and hunting any game species or feral hog over bait.
- Target practicing, except on an authorized shooting range.
- Driving a vehicle around any gate, sign, earth berm, or similar device intended to prevent vehicular access.
- Hunting within 50 yards of any road opened for vehicular access. (Possession of a loaded firearm within 50 yards of a road opened for vehicular access is considered hunting.)
- Hunting within a posted safety zone or no hunting zone.
- Consuming alcohol except at designated camp sites (this regulation does not apply on National Forest Lands).
- Operate any motor vehicle, including off-road vehicles, in a reckless and negligent manner, or in a manner that willfully causes damage to roads, ditches, wildlife habitat, berms, firebreaks, campgrounds or parking areas.
- Using motor vehicles, signage, flagging tape, or any other method(s) to close or restrict ac-

- cess to roads, trails or any other access features.
- Using metal detectors or collecting artifacts.
- Using paintball equipment (this regulation does not apply on National Forest Lands).
- Trapping except that special permits may be issued for certain WMAs.
- Possessing alcohol while hunting on National Forest lands.
- Possessing a cocked crossbow in a motor vehicle.
- Possessing a firearm during a closed hunting season for an area, except on designated shooting ranges, unless such a firearm is unloaded and stored in a motor vehicle so as to not be readily accessible, except that any person possessing a Weapons Carry License that is valid in this state pursuant to OCGA §§ 16-11-126(f) or 16-11-129 may carry such firearm subject to the limitations of OCGA §§ 16-11-126 and 16-11-127, except where prohibited by federal law.
- Possessing a loaded firearm (a gun is considered loaded if a shell is in the chamber or magazine, a percussion cap is on the nipple, or powder is present on the frizzen pan) in a motor vehicle, except that any person possessing a Weapons Carry License that is valid in this state pursuant to OCGA §§ 16-11-126(f) or 16-11-129 may carry such firearm subject to the limitations of OCGA §§ 16-11-126 and 16-11-127, except where prohibited by federal law.
- A Weapons Carry License does not allow the holder to carry a loaded firearm, other than a handgun, in a motor vehicle on a WMA.
- Hunt any big game species, feral hogs, or coyotes with dogs unless otherwise specified.

Important contact information

Southeast Region Office (Region 4)

1773-A Bowens Mill Hwy, Fitzgerald, GA 31750
Game Management (Fitzgerald) 229-426-5267
Law Enforcement (Metter) 912-685-2145

Law Enforcement Division Headquarters

2070 US Highway 278 SE, Social Circle, GA 30025
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Boating Registration 800-366-2661
Special Permits Unit 770-918-6408
Boating Education 770-918-6408

Wildlife Resources Division Headquarters

2067 US Highway 278 SE, Social Circle, GA 30025
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Toll Free 833-557-3303
Game Management 706-557-3350

Fisheries Management 706-557-3305
Wildlife Conservation 706-557-3213

Conservation, Education & Licenses

2065 US Highway 278 SE, Social Circle, GA 30025
Hunting & Fishing Licenses 800-366-2661
Hunter Services/Hunter Education 706-557-3355
Private Lands Program (Albany) 229-420-1183
Wildlife Conservation (Forsyth) 478-994-1438

Ranger Hotline

Cash reward for wildlife violator information.
1-800-241-4113
www.georgiaNRF.org

Information on legal weapons for hunting

“Hunting” means pursuing, shooting, killing, taking, or capturing wildlife or feral hogs. This term also includes acts such as placing, setting, drawing, or using any device used to take wildlife or feral hogs, whether any such act results in taking or not, and includes every act of assis-

tance to any person in taking or attempting to take such wildlife or feral hogs.

Restrictions

□ Convicted felons may not possess any firearm or muzzleloading firearm while hunting unless that individual's right to carry has been restored (OCGA § 16-11-131). This

does not apply to archery equipment, air bows or air rifles.

□ Loaded Weapon: A firearm is considered loaded if a shell is in the chamber or magazine, a percussion cap is on the nipple, or powder is present on the frizzen pan. A crossbow is considered loaded if it is

cocked.

□ Plugged Shotguns: For hunting migratory game birds, shotguns shall be limited to a capacity of not more than 3 shells in the magazine and chamber combined. If a plug is necessary to so limit the capacity, the plug shall be of 1 piece and incapable of being removed from the loading end of the magazine.

□ Suppressors: Lawfully possessed suppressors may be used for hunting, unless otherwise specified. Permission of the landowner is required on private land.

Archery Equipment

Crossbows, longbows, recurve bows, and compound bows are allowed for hunting any game or feral hog. Arrows for hunting deer, bear or feral hog must be broadhead type. Draw weight, let-off, arrow-length, and sights are not restricted.

Primitive Weapons

Archery equipment, air bows, air rifles and any muzzleloading firearm are legal during primitive weapons season. Scopes are legal.

Firearms

Deer & Bear

□ Modern Rifles and Handguns: Centerfire only, .22-cal. or larger with expanding bullets. There is no restriction on magazine capacity for rifles.

□ Shotguns: 20-gauge or larger loaded with slugs or buckshot.

□ Muzzleloaders: .44-cal. or larger, or muzzleload-

ing shotguns 20 gauge or larger. Scopes are legal.

□ Air Guns: Any air rifle of at least .30 caliber or air bow utilizing unignited compressed gas or air is legal during primitive weapons and firearms seasons.

Turkey

Shotguns with No. 2 or smaller shot, any muzzleloading firearm, any air rifle of at least .30 caliber or air bow utilizing unignited compressed gas or air. Hunters are not required to plug shotguns for turkey.

Small Game & Furbearer

□ Rifles and Handguns: Any .22-cal. or smaller rimfire, air rifle, or any muzzleloading firearm. For fox & bobcat, centerfire firearms of .17 caliber and larger may be used. There is no restriction on magazine capacity for rifles.

□ Shotguns: Any having shot shell size 3.5 inches or smaller in length with No. 2 or smaller shot.

□ Shotguns (Waterfowl): Any 10-gauge or smaller loaded with federally approved nontoxic shot of size “F” or smaller. Lead shot may not be in possession while hunting waterfowl.

GEORGIA GAME CHECK

All alligator, deer, and turkey harvests must be reported through Georgia Game Check within 24 hours. For reporting requirements for deer harvested during Check-In hunts on WMAs and State Parks see [Public Hunting Opportunities](#).

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HOW TO REPORT YOUR ALLIGATOR, DEER, OR TURKEY:

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If you have a cell phone, enter the harvest date and county on the Harvest Record through the GA Outdoors App, online at GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com, or by calling 1-800-366-2661 before moving your harvest from the site of the kill.

You can report your harvest through the GA Outdoors App when your phone has no service. Enter your harvest date and county on the Harvest Record through the App. When you get to a location with service, access the App and sync to receive your confirmation number.

No Phone? No Problem!

Log It—Enter the harvest date and county on your paper Harvest Record before moving the harvest from the site of the kill.

Report It—Within 24 hours of the kill, report your harvest by going online to GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com or calling 1-800-366-2661.

Record It—Copy the confirmation number received onto your paper Harvest Record.

Training Dogs on Private Land

Persons training dogs for hunting must have a valid Hunting License unless they are on their own land or land of an immediate relative. There is no closed season for training dogs on private lands. It is unlawful to possess firearms

(except handguns with blank or shot cartridges), axes, climbers, or other equipment for taking game while training hunting dogs, except that shotguns with No. 6 or smaller shot may be used while training pointing, flushing, and retrieving dogs using pen raised quail and pigeons provided that the dog trainer maintains proof of purchase of pen-raised quail. It is unlawful to run deer with dogs, except during open seasons for hunting deer with dogs, or to take game by any means while training hunting dogs, except during open seasons for such game.

Closed Areas

Hunting for all species of wildlife is prohibited on the portion of Morgan Falls Lake (Bull Sluice) lying within Fulton Co. and in Willeo Creek. Counties, or parts of counties, not specifically open by law or regulation are closed to hunting. Counties open for hunting do not include lands within WMAs, PFAs, State Parks, or other State/Federal lands, except when those lands are specifically open.

Protected Species

For information on protected species, please visit georgiawildlife.com.

Hunter Orange requirements

A hunter, and anyone accompanying the hunter, must wear as an outer garment at least 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange above the waist (which may include a head covering) when hunting:

deer during the primitive weapons or firearms deer season bear during the primitive weapons or firearms bear seasons

feral hogs during firearms deer or bear seasons

Hunter orange is required during primitive weapons and firearms hunts for deer, bear, and special opportunity coyote and feral hogs hunts on WMAs and federal lands. Hunter orange is not required on WMA or Corps of Engineers tracts designated "archery-only", nor during archery deer hunts held on a WMA during the statewide primitive weapons or firearms seasons (unless otherwise indicated). Hunter orange is required on WMA small game hunts that are concurrent with firearms deer or bear hunts.

Legal Hours

Legal hours for hunting are 30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset, except alligators, raccoons, opossums, foxes, coyotes, bobcats and feral hogs which may be hunted at night. Any light used to hunt raccoons, opossums, foxes, bobcats must be carried on the body of the hunter, affixed to a helmet or hat worn by the hunter, or be part of a belt system worn by the hunter. There is no voltage restriction on such lights. Sunrise and sunset times are available on the GO Outdoors GA App and can also be found here: <http://aa.usno.navy.mil/>. Legal hours for migratory bird hunting conform to federal regulations.

Additional courses

Free Tree Stand Safety Course

If you hunt from a tree stand, please take the time to take a 15-minute free tree stand safety course. This course is offered by HunterCourse and can be accessed @ <https://www.huntercourse.com/treestandafety/>.

Bowhunter Education Course

Georgia resident hunters who wish to improve their bowhunting safety knowledge or are hunting in a state that requires bowhunter education now have the opportunity to complete bowhunter education online. Though bowhunter education is not required in Georgia, it is required in several states. Take the online bowhunter education course @ <https://www.bowhunter-ed.com/georgia/>.

Replacement certificates

Anyone who completed a Georgia hunter education course and needs a replacement Hunter Education Certificate can visit www.gooutdoorsgeorgia.com and print one for free.



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Public hunting opportunities: *What you need to know*

Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs)

Each WMA offers unique hunting opportunities based upon factors such as habitat types, topography, access, wildlife population dynamics and public desires. Therefore, each WMA has specific rules and regulations. You should be familiar with the rules and regulations for a specific WMA before visiting.

Maps: Interactive maps for all WMAs are available at georgiawildlife.com/AllWMAs. Maps may also be found at check stations, kiosks, and region offices.

Land Access: Any person, age 16 and older, entering any WMA or PFA must possess a valid license to hunt or fish or a Lands Pass (exclusions apply). Visit www.georgiawildlife.com/LandAccess for a list of all public properties and access requirements. Areas that require a valid license to hunt or fish or a Lands Pass are marked with signage at the site or entrance. Passes and licenses may be purchased at GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com, by calling 1-800-366-2661, or through license vendors.

Any individual(s) or organization(s) desiring to sponsor or conduct an event, activity, or series of events or activities involving more than eight individuals on a WMA or PFA may be required to obtain a "Right of Entry" agreement (ROEA) from the Department. Contact the respective Game Management office (see Contact information) for more details.

Voluntary Public Access (VPA) Properties

Since 2014, through a USDA grant, the DNR Wildlife Resources Division (WRD) has been able to enhance its WMA program through temporary agreements with private landowners for public hunting opportunities. Some of these VPA opportunities are listed within WMA Regulations, but some may not be included due to deadlines. For an accurate list of properties, please visit GoHuntGeorgia.com.

Road Closures

There are reasons why roads may be closed to motor vehicles. Some roads are only intended for WRD personnel to perform administrative activities on a WMA (such as timber harvest,

habitat management, prescribed fire or emergency response). Roads that are typically closed may be open during managed hunts or during certain high-use periods to provide better access and evenly distribute hunters.

Before visiting a WMA:

Go to GoHuntGeorgia.com for notices of road closures

Obtain a WMA map that denotes area specific access

Contact the region office regarding questions pertaining to the specific status of roads or access features

CHECK-IN HUNT VS. SIGN-IN HUNT:

CHECK-IN Hunt

For check-in hunts, hunters must check-in prior to hunting. Hunters may check-in starting at noon one day prior to the hunt, anytime during the hunt, or online at GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com. Check-in is required once for each check-in hunt.

Unless otherwise specified, two deer of either sex may be harvested during any one check-in (Continued on page 15)



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hunt except on Quality Buck WMAs. See specific WMA listing for hunt details.

All deer and bear harvested at a check-in hunt must be checked-out at the check station on the day of the harvest and should not be recorded on your Harvest Record or reported through Georgia Game Check.

SIGN-IN & CHECK-IN HUNTS

Depending on the type of hunt, all big game hunters must either sign-in or check-in prior to hunting. For designated check-in hunts, hunters can check in at the check station/kiosk. Both sign-in and check-in are available online at GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com except for some State Park Hunts and some coastal island WMA hunts. For designated sign-in hunts, sign-in is available beginning at noon one day prior to hunt at check station/kiosk. Sign-in is required once per hunt for big game hunts.

Two deer may be harvested during any sign-in hunt lasting less than ten days. During a sign-in hunt lasting 10 days or longer, the bag limit is the statewide season bag limit. Bag limits for other species are the same as statewide limits, unless otherwise noted under the specific WMA.

All deer and turkey harvested during a sign-in hunt must be checked using GA Game Check and will count toward the hunter's personal bag limit (see Georgia (Continued on page 16)



2020–2021 Migratory Bird Season Dates

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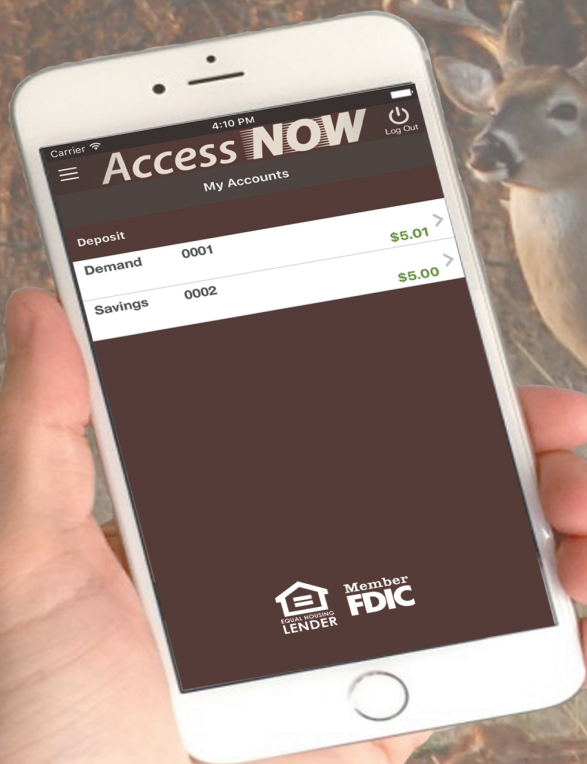
All Georgia hunting regulations can be found at <https://georgiawildlife.com/hunting/regulations>.

Species	Season	Bag Limits
Canada Geese	Sept. 5–27 Oct. 10–25 Nov. 21–29 Dec. 12–Jan. 31	5 per day 15 in possession
Common (Wilson's) Snipe	Nov. 15–February 28	8 per day 24 in possession
Coots	Nov. 21–29 Dec. 12–Jan. 31	15 per day 45 in possession
Ducks	Nov. 21–29 Dec. 12–Jan. 31	6 per day 18 in possession See species limits below
Falconry	Sept. 5–27 Oct. 10–25 Nov. 14–15 Nov. 21–Dec. 5 Dec. 12–Jan. 31	3 per day 9 in possession
Gallinules	Nov. 21–29 Dec. 12–Jan. 31	15 per day 45 in possession
King & Clapper Rails	Sept. 17–Oct. 21 Nov. 13–Dec. 17	15 per day 45 in possession
Mergansers	Nov. 21–29 Dec. 12–Jan. 31	5 per day 15 in possession Not more than 2 hooded mergansers (6 in possession)
Mourning Dove	Sept. 5–30 Nov. 21–29 Dec. 8–Jan. 31	15 per day 45 in possession
Sea Ducks (Scoters, Eiders, Long-tailed Ducks)	Nov. 21–29 Dec. 12–Jan. 31	5 per day 15 in possession See species limits below Sea ducks count towards the total bag limit of 6 ducks except in the Sea Duck Zone, which is defined as tidal waters greater than 1 mile offshore
Snow & White-fronted Geese	Oct. 10–25 Nov. 21–29 Dec. 12–Jan. 31	5 per day 15 in possession
Sora & Virginia Rails	Sept. 17–Oct. 21 Nov. 13–Dec. 17	25 per day 75 in possession
Teal	Sept. 12–27	6 per day 18 in possession
Woodcock	Dec. 5–Jan. 18	3 per day 9 in possession
Youth, Active Duty Military & Veterans Waterfowl Days	Nov. 14–15	

Duck Species Daily Bag Limits: 1 Black or Mottled Duck, 2 Canvasback, 1 Fulvous Whistling Duck, 2 Mallards (only 1 may be a hen), 1 Pintail, 2 Redheads, 1 Scaup, 3 Wood Ducks. Possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

Sea Duck Daily Bag Limits: 4 Eiders, 4 Long-tailed Ducks, 4 Scoters. Possession limit is three times the daily bag limit.

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Game Check, Hunting Information).

Mandatory WMA Bear Harvest Requirements: All bears must be reported and tagged. See Bear & Small Game for specific requirements by Bear Zone.

Youth HUNTS AND SUPERVISION

Youth under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older and "directly supervised," which means uninterrupted, unaided visual contact and auditory communication with the youth by the adult when hunting on a WMA.

Big Game Hunts: One adult shall supervise no more than one child. Only the youth may hunt. The adult may not hunt. All Youth big game hunts are firearms hunts unless specified otherwise.

Small Game Hunts: One adult may directly supervise no more than two children (16 years old and under). Adults and children may hunt, provided that the adult is directly supervising a child who is actively participating in the hunt, unless otherwise noted on specific WMA.

RESTRICTIONS QUALITY BUCK

Several WMAs are managed for Quality Bucks, which place restrictions on the buck you may harvest. These WMAs will define a Quality Buck in one of three ways:

Point Restrictions: Requires a minimum of 4 points on one side and points must be 1 inch or longer.

Spread Restrictions: Requires a 15 inch outside spread OR 16 inch main beam.

Point or Spread Restriction: Requires a minimum of 4 points on one side and points must be at least one inch long OR a 15 inch outside spread.

On hunts having antler restrictions, only one antlered buck may be harvested per hunt. Always refer to the specific WMA to determine if it is managed as a Quality Buck area and to see the applicable restrictions.

HUNTING FERAL HOGS and Coyotes

Feral hogs and coyotes may be taken during any small or big game season with the appropriate lawful weapons. In addition, a coyote season will be held from May 16-31 on all WMAs, unless otherwise specified in the WMA listings. On some WMAs during the May 16-31 season, feral hogs may be taken as specified by individual WMA listing. Daylight fluorescent orange is required, for both coyote and feral hogs. Any legal big or small game firearms may be used during coyote and hog season. Electronic calls may be used. No night hunting or baiting allowed. Dogs are NOT allowed unless otherwise specified.

TREE STANDS AND HUNTING STRUCTURES

Hunting structure: any portable tree stand, ground blind, stool, chair, bucket, waterfowl blind, or other similar device used for the purpose of hunting.

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struct or hunt from any tree stand that is not portable or natural. Tree stands may not be placed on utility poles or other structures supporting utility lines. For big game and feral hog hunts, hunting structures shall not be placed any sooner than one day prior to the hunt and shall be removed from the WMA no later than noon the day following the hunt. For small game hunts, hunting structures may be placed and shall be removed from the WMA only on the day of the hunt.

Exception: Opening day of dove season hunters shall not enter a managed dove field and hunting structures shall not be placed on a managed dove field prior to 10 a.m.

WMA ACTIVITIES CAMPING

All camps or fires shall be in designated campgrounds unless otherwise posted at the check station. Designated campgrounds may have a fee and/or require reservations. Payments and reservations may be made online at GoOutdoorsGeorgia.com or by calling 1-800-366-2661. Camping, or establishment of a campsite, shall be limited to a maximum of 14 consecutive days, after which the campsite shall be vacated and all personally owned property or physical features of the camp must be removed for a period of not less than 7 days. During that 7-day period a new campsite may not be established within the boundaries of the same WMA or within 1

mile straight-line radius of the vacated campsite by the same person(s).

No musical instruments, radios, televisions, generators or other noise making devices may be used after 10:00 p.m. in a manner that they may be heard by other WMA users. (Note: Medically needed devices or aids to disabled persons are permitted.)

No camping or driving motor vehicles on wildlife openings.

No carving, cutting, chopping or damaging of live or standing trees.

Camping, hiking and other recreational uses are allowed year-round, unless otherwise posted at the WMA check station or at a specific recreation site. All WMA visitors are encouraged to wear daylight fluorescent orange during open hunting seasons. Specific recreation sites may be closed as needed for management purposes.

Loaded firearms are prohibited in camping areas, except that any person possessing a Weapons Carry License that is valid in this state pursuant to OCGA §§ 16-11-126(f) or 16-11-129 may carry such firearm subject to the limitations of OCGA §§ 16-11-126 and 16-11-127, except where prohibited by federal law.

Camping is allowed anywhere on National Forest Lands unless otherwise indicated or signed. Forest Service regulations govern outdoor recreation on WMAs located on National Forest Lands.

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Collecting Firewood

Only trees that are dead and down may be cut and used for firewood on WMAs. Annual firewood cutting permits are issued for personal use by the Game Management region office. On National Forests, firewood permits are available from the district US Forest Service offices.

FISHING

Fishing is allowed on WMAs unless otherwise posted. A fishing license is required to fish on all WMAs (a trout license is additionally required to fish in mountain trout waters).

OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLES AND ATVs

All motor vehicles are restricted to roads open for vehicular access. ATVs may only be operated on open roads within WMAs during the period between 2 hours before sunrise and 2 hours after sunset one day prior to and during big game, small game, and hog only hunts by hunters actively participating in the hunt (except where otherwise specified). However, on National Forest Lands, including WMAs on the National Forest, ATVs are restricted to designated trails unless posted otherwise.

"Open Roads" are roads not closed with a gate, sign, earthen berm or similar device intended to prevent vehicular access. Motor vehicles (including ATVs, dirt bikes, utility vehicles, golf carts, and other off-road vehicles) must meet applicable safety, licensing, insurance and registration

requirements for use on public roads. Vehicle and ATV operators must be at least 16 years old. Roads may be closed at the discretion of DNR. Vehicles may not be parked in such a way as to block an open or closed roadway.

Fees on National Forest Lands: Fees may be charged for camping, ATV/ORV trails, shooting ranges, and boat ramps on the National Forest. These fees apply to all users. For more information, visit www.fs.fed.us/conf or contact any US Forest Service Office.

RIDING HORSES AND BIKES

Horses and bicycles are allowed on open roads, designated trails, or designated areas (some specific area restrictions may apply). Bicycles may be used on closed roads for the purpose of hunter access. Electric bicycles (750 watts or less) may be used the same as pedal powered bicycles. Those exceeding 750 watts are restricted to roads open for vehicular access. Horses may be used off roads and trails during permitted field trials. Horses and bicycles may be used on National Forest Lands not otherwise closed. Horses and bicycles are prohibited on the Appalachian Trail.

AFTER YOUR SUCCESSFUL HUNT

All hunters must make an effort to properly dispose of all portions of deer carcasses after processing. Please do not discard carcasses within 1,500 feet of any campground or within (Continued on page 19)

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125 feet of any road or trail. Do not dump multiple deer in one spot. Spread carcasses out so scavengers across the WMA can access the carcasses, facilitating quick clean up.

Migratory Birds

CROWS, SNIPE, SORA, RAILS AND WOODCOCK may be hunted on small game dates during the statewide seasons for each species unless otherwise specified. Statewide bag limits and restrictions listed on Migratory Birds Seasons apply.

Duck hunting on managed impoundments at Altamaha (Butler Island), B.F. Grant WMA, Cordele Hatchery, Oconee WMA, Rum Creek WMA, and West Point WMA – Glovers Creek is by quota only. Hunters must hunt from assigned areas or ponds, as

specified. Shooting hours end at noon, except the last Saturday of the season, when hunting is allowed until sunset. See Quota Hunts for quota hunt information.

Waterfowl on all other WMA locations may be hunted any day of the waterfowl season that the area is open for small game hunting or as otherwise specified.

Goose hunting is allowed on WMAs except on managed waterfowl impoundments and managed dove fields. On managed waterfowl impoundments, geese may be taken by drawn hunters during the statewide goose season.

Small Game, Furbearers, Falconry

Alligators may be taken on small game dates and big game dates, day or night, during statewide alligator season by quota permit holders only,

unless otherwise specified in the WMA listings. See Alligators & Small Game for more information.

Coyotes may be taken anytime a season is open on a WMA, but hunters may only use weapons legal for the game species for which the season is open. In addition, on WMAs where coyotes can be taken during May 16-31, any legal weapon may be used. During the May season, hunters are required to wear fluorescent orange.

Falconry: Small game may be taken on WMAs (including field trial and archery only areas) by permitted falconers at any time during the state falconry season except during managed big game hunts or as otherwise specified on the specific WMA.

Furbearers: Raccoons, opossum, foxes and bobcats may be

hunted within statewide seasons during small game dates, unless otherwise specified in the WMA listings. Furbearers may not be hunted during managed firearms deer hunts. Night hunting is allowed, unless otherwise specified, but is restricted to small game weapons only (no centerfire rifles). Hunters must pick up their dogs by noon on the day following the hunt. No electronic calls.

Small Game: Small game may be hunted during the specified WMA dates ONLY when the statewide season for that small game species is also open (see statewide season and WMA specific dates). Daylight fluorescent orange is required on small game hunts (except dove and waterfowl) concurrent with firearms deer and bear hunts. No small game or furbearer hunting is allowed

during a deer hunt lasting less than 10 days, except that migratory birds may be hunted during archery deer hunts during open state season unless otherwise specified. Some WMAs also allow small game hunting during the statewide primitive weapons deer season (check individual WMA listings).

TRAPPING

Limited opportunities to trap on certain WMAs are available by permit only. Such opportunities are available on: Albany Nursery, B. F. Grant, Big Lazer Creek, Blanton Creek, Bullard Creek, Clayhole, Crockford-Pigeon Mtn, Dawson Forest, Dixon Memorial, Elmodel, Joe Kurz, Penholoway, Rum Creek, Tuckahoe, West Point, and Yuchi WMAs. Contact the appropriate region office for further details or to apply for a permit.

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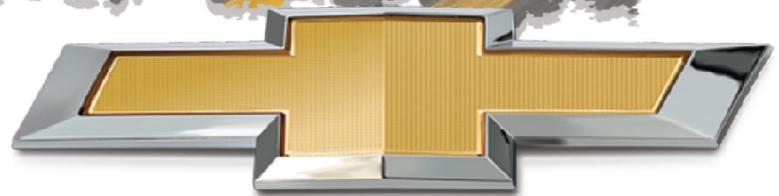
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