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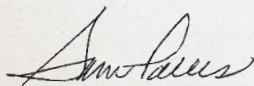
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<b>Wildlife Management Area User Permit</b> (Must be purchased prior to ANY use of a Wildlife Management Area and in addition to any other required hunting/fishing license; however, on U.S. Forest Service Wildlife Management Areas, permits are only required for hunting, fishing, and trapping.)	\$15.00	\$1.29	\$1.00
<b>Small Game Hunting/Freshwater Fishing</b>	\$10.00	\$1.29	\$1.00
<b>Apprentice Sportsman License</b>	\$32.00	\$1.29	\$1.00
<b>Apprentice All Game License</b>	\$17.00	\$1.29	\$1.00
<b>Apprentice Small Game License</b>	\$13.00	\$1.29	\$1.00
<b>North Mississippi National Wildlife Refuge Permit*</b>	\$15.00	\$1.29	\$1.00
<b>3-Day Sportsman Apprentice License</b>	\$7.00	\$1.29	\$1.00
<b>Trapping License</b>	\$25.00	\$1.29	\$1.00
<b>3-Day Freshwater Fishing<sup>1</sup></b>	\$3.00	\$1.29	\$1.00
<b>Saltwater Fishing</b>	\$10.00	\$1.29	\$1.00
<b>Freshwater Commercial Fishing License</b>	\$30.00	\$1.29	\$1.00
<b>Slat Basket License</b> (required for each Slat Basket; a commercial fishing license is also required to fish Slat Baskets)	\$30.00	\$1.29	\$1.00
<b>State Waterfowl Stamp Electronic Privilege</b> (Required for any persons 16 years of age and older when hunting waterfowl - Federal Stamp also required.)	\$10.00	\$1.29	\$1.00
<b>Federal Duck Stamp - Electronic</b> (Electronic stamp is valid for 45 days from date of purchase. Actual stamp will be mailed within 45 days)	\$26.50	\$1.29	\$1.00
<b>Youth Exempt</b> (Under 16 years of age, voluntary – All Game Hunting, Freshwater and Saltwater Fishing license, Archery/Primitive Weapon/Crossbow permit, WMA, Waterfowl Stamp.)	\$2.30	\$1.70	\$1.00
<b>Senior Exempt Lifetime</b> (Age 65 and over, voluntary – All Game Hunting, Freshwater Fishing license, Archery/Primitive Weapon/Crossbow permit, WMA. <b>Does not include</b> saltwater fishing, waterfowl stamp. )	\$2.30	\$1.70	\$1.00
<b>Senior Lifetime Saltwater License</b> (Age 65 and over)	\$5.00	\$1.29	\$1.00
<b>Disabled Exempt**</b> (Voluntary – All Game Hunting, Freshwater, and Saltwater Fishing license, Archery/Primitive Weapon/Crossbow permit, WMA – must carry proof of disability if you do not purchase the Disabled Exempt license.)	\$2.30	\$1.70	\$1.00
<b>Duplicate Hunting &amp; Fishing License</b>	\$5.00	\$1.29	\$1.00

\* This permit is valid for Coldwater, Dahomey, and Tallahatchie National Wildlife Refuges only.

\*\* May be purchased only at MDWFP offices, state lakes, and state parks.

\*\*\* Accompanied by a valid hunting license, may hunt with a crossbow during any open season for deer, turkey, or small game.

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1 - 3-Day License is valid for 3 consecutive calendar days.

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Note: includes Sportsman, WMA User Permit, and Saltwater privileges

### Lifetime License (13 and over) – \$1000.00

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### Non-Resident Native Lifetime License – \$1500.00

Note: includes All Game, Archery/Primitive Weapon/Crossbow, Deer Permit, Spring/Fall Turkey Permit, WMA User Permit, and Saltwater privileges

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<b>All Game Hunting<sup>1</sup></b> (Does not include Archery/Primitive Weapon/Crossbow permit, Deer Permit, Spring or Fall Turkey Permits, WMA User Permit, Waterfowl Stamp, Freshwater & Saltwater Fishing.)	\$300.00	\$1.29	\$3.00
<b>7-Day All Game Hunting<sup>1</sup></b> (Does not include Archery/Primitive Weapon/Crossbow permit, Deer Permit, Spring or Fall Turkey Permits, WMA User Permit, Waterfowl Stamp, Freshwater & Saltwater Fishing.)	\$125.00	\$1.29	\$3.00
<b>3-Day All Game Hunting - Archery/Primitive Weapon/Crossbow<sup>1</sup></b> (Does not include Deer Permit, Spring or Fall Turkey Permits, WMA User Permit, Waterfowl Stamp, Freshwater & Saltwater Fishing.)	\$125.00	\$1.29	\$3.00
<b>Youth All Game Hunting<sup>2</sup></b> (Does not include Archery/Primitive Weapon/Crossbow permit, Deer Permit, Spring or Fall Turkey Permits, WMA User Permit, Waterfowl Stamp, Freshwater & Saltwater Fishing.)	\$110.00	\$1.29	\$3.00
<b>Youth 7-Day All Game Hunting<sup>2</sup></b> (Does not include Archery/ Primitive Weapon/Crossbow permit, Deer Permit, Spring or Fall Turkey Permits, WMA User Permit, Waterfowl Stamp, Freshwater & Saltwater Fishing.)	\$60.00	\$1.29	\$3.00
<b>Archery/Primitive Weapon/Crossbow</b> (Must be purchased in addition to All Game Hunting or 7-Day All Game Hunting.)	\$75.00	\$1.29	\$3.00
<b>Wildlife Management Area User Permit*</b> (Must be purchased prior to ANY use of a wildlife management area and in addition to any other required hunting/fishing license; however, on U.S. Forest Service Wildlife Management Areas, permits are only required for hunting, fishing, and trapping.)	\$30.00	\$1.29	\$1.00
<b>Deer Permit*</b> (Required for hunting deer during all deer seasons. This license must be purchased in addition to All Game, 7-Day All Game, 3-Day All Game Hunting, Youth All Game Hunting, or Youth 7-Day All Game Hunting.)	\$5.00	\$1.29	\$1.00
<b>Spring Turkey Permit*</b> (Required for hunting turkey during spring turkey season. This license must be purchased in addition to All Game, 7-Day All Game, 3-Day All Game Hunting, Youth All Game Hunting, or Youth 7-Day All Game Hunting.)	\$20.00	\$1.29	\$1.00
<b>Fall Turkey Permit*</b> (Required for hunting turkey during fall turkey season. This license must be purchased in addition to All Game, or 7-Day All Game, or 3-Day All Game Hunting, or Youth All Game Hunting, or Youth 7-Day All Game Hunting. See open areas on page 23.)	\$20.00	\$1.29	\$1.00
<b>Small Game Hunting</b>	\$95.00	\$1.29	\$3.00
<b>7-Day Small Game Hunting</b>	\$38.00	\$1.29	\$3.00
<b>North Mississippi National Wildlife Refuge Permit**</b>	\$15.00	\$1.29	\$1.00
<b>Trapping License</b>	\$205.00	\$1.29	\$3.00
<b>Shooting Preserve</b>	\$13.00	\$1.29	\$1.00
<b>Non-Resident State Waterfowl Stamp</b> (Electronic privilege required for any person 16 years of age and older when hunting waterfowl. Federal Stamp also required.)	\$19.00	\$1.29	\$1.00
<b>Federal Duck Stamp - Electronic</b> (Electronic stamp is valid for 45 days from date of purchase. Actual stamp will be mailed within 45 days)	\$26.50	\$1.29	\$1.00
<b>Freshwater Fishing</b>	\$60.00	\$1.29	\$3.00
<b>1-Day Freshwater Fishing</b> (Valid for one (1) calendar day.)	\$8.00	\$1.29	\$1.00
<b>3-Day Freshwater Fishing</b>	\$15.00	\$1.29	\$2.00
<b>Saltwater Fishing</b>	\$30.00	\$1.29	\$3.00
<b>3-Day Saltwater Fishing</b>	\$15.00	\$1.29	\$2.00
<b>Freshwater Commercial Fishing License</b>	\$200.00	\$1.29	\$3.00
<b>Slat Basket License</b> (required for each Slat Basket; a commercial fishing license is also required to fish Slat Baskets)	\$30.00	\$1.29	\$1.00
<b>Armed Forces 14-Day License</b> (Includes Spring or Fall Turkey Permit, Deer Permit, Freshwater Fishing, Archery, Primitive Weapon/Crossbow permit. <b>Does not include</b> WMA Permit, State Waterfowl or Saltwater Fishing. Applications are available at Jackson office and online at <a href="http://www.MDWFP.com">www.MDWFP.com</a> )	\$33.00	\$1.29	\$0.00
<b>Duplicate Hunting &amp; Fishing License</b>	\$5.00	\$1.29	\$1.00

\* These permits are required in addition to any Non-Resident Lifetime License previously sold.

\*\* This permit is valid for Coldwater, Dahomey, and Tallahatchie National Wildlife Refuges only.

1 - Ages 19 and over

2 - Ages 16, 17, and 18

#### Note:


- Louisiana residents must purchase both the Freshwater and Saltwater license to fish in the marine waters of Mississippi.
- 3-Day License is valid for 3 consecutive calendar days.
- 7-Day License is valid for 7 consecutive calendar days.
- All deer, turkey, and hog hunters must purchase an All Game Hunting License.

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## FISHING LICENSE (SALTWATER AND FRESHWATER)

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**Non-Resident** - All non-resident anglers, except for minors under the age of sixteen (16), are required to obtain a fishing license while fishing in the fresh or marine waters of Mississippi. Louisiana residents must purchase both freshwater and saltwater licenses to fish in the marine waters of Mississippi. Any non-resident sixty-five (65) years of age or older shall not be required to pay any fee over and above the processing fees associated with the issuance of said license if the non-resident's state provides the same exemption for Mississippi residents [MS Code 49-7-3].

## HUNTING LICENSE

**Resident** - Each resident of Mississippi ages sixteen (16) through sixty-four (64), must obtain a hunting license, except while hunting on lands titled in his/her name. Any person sixty-five (65) or older, or any person otherwise exempt from obtaining a hunting license, must have documentation with him/her at all times while hunting as described in "License Exemptions" below [MS. Code 49-7-5].

**Non-Resident** - All non-resident hunters, except for minors under the age of sixteen (16), are required to obtain a hunting license while hunting in the State of Mississippi.

## HUNTER EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

All persons born on or after January 1, 1972, must satisfactorily complete a hunter education course approved by the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks before purchasing a Mississippi hunting license. A child at least twelve (12) years of age and under sixteen (16) years of age must have a certificate of satisfactory completion of a hunter education course approved by the department before hunting alone in the state. A child at least twelve (12) years of age and under sixteen (16) years of age may hunt without having a certificate of hunter education if the child is in the presence and under the direct

supervision of a Mississippi licensed or exempt hunter at least twenty-one (21) years of age when the child is hunting. A child under the age of twelve (12) must be in the presence and under the direct supervision of a licensed or exempt hunter at least twenty-one (21) years of age when the child is hunting. A resident apprentice hunting license may be issued to a resident over the age of fifteen (15) who does not have the required certificate of hunter education. An apprentice license may be issued only one (1) time to a resident and the apprentice hunting licensee must be accompanied by a licensed or exempt resident hunter at least twenty-one (21) years of age when hunting. If it is determined that the holder was not entitled to issuance or obtained the license or hunter education certificate by fraudulent means, the license will be revoked or canceled. It is unlawful to issue a hunting license to any person without proof of completion of the hunter education course, except those born before Jan. 1, 1972, or residents purchasing a one-time apprentice license. [MS. Code 49-7-01].

## DUPLICATE HUNTER/BOATER EDUCATION CARD

If you have lost your hunter/boater education card, please go to [www.mdwfp.com/education-outreach/hunter-education/](http://www.mdwfp.com/education-outreach/hunter-education/) to download a temporary card or to purchase a duplicate card for a \$3.00 fee.

## WATERFOWL STAMPS

A state and federal waterfowl stamp is required for any person 16 or older when hunting any waterfowl species. Lifetime license holders are not exempt from the waterfowl stamp requirement. Physical or electronic proof of purchase is sufficient. However, if a physical stamp is in possession, it must be signed by the hunter across the face of the stamp.

## HUNTER SAFETY RECOMMENDATION

Many hunters travel to and from their tree stand or blind before dawn and after dusk. It is recommended that hunters use a flashlight or red light while traveling to and from their stands or hunting area. Use of a small light will help with the identity of the hunters during low light conditions. This recommendation does not legalize the use of lights to hunt game animals.

## SMALL GAME/FISHING LICENSE

Any resident purchasing the combination small game hunting/freshwater fishing license for the use of freshwater fishing will not be required to provide a

hunter education number. Any resident purchasing the combination small game hunting/freshwater fishing license for the use of hunting small game will be required to provide a hunter education number. If purchasing small game/freshwater fishing license for fishing purposes only, Hunter Education is optional.

## DISABLED LICENSE EXEMPTIONS

Residents who are blind, paraplegic, a multiple-amputee, adjudged 100% disabled by the Social Security Administration, or 100% service-connected disabled by the Veterans Administration or Railroad Retirement Board are NOT required to purchase a hunting or fishing license [MS. Code 49-7-5 and 49-7-9]. Residents exempt based on these criteria are required to have proof of residency, disability status or other physical impairment in their possession while engaged in hunting and fishing activities unless an exempt license is purchased. The Disabled Exempt license is an annual privilege. Applications are available online at [www.mdwfp.com](http://www.mdwfp.com).

## RESIDENT SENIOR LICENSE EXEMPTIONS

Residents age sixty-five (65) and older are exempt from purchasing a hunting or freshwater fishing license. Residents exempt based on these criteria are required to have proof of age and Mississippi residency in their possession while engaged in hunting and freshwater fishing activities unless a voluntary Resident Senior Exempt license is purchased. The Resident Senior Exempt license is a valid lifetime privilege as long as you are a Mississippi resident. The Resident Senior Exempt license may be purchased from any vendor that sells hunting and fishing license.

## SENIOR SALTWATER LICENSE

Effective July 1, 2010, residents sixty-five (65) years of age or older are required to purchase a saltwater fishing license if fishing South of U.S. Highway 90. The Senior Saltwater License is a valid lifetime privilege as long as you are a Mississippi resident.

## YOUTH LICENSE EXEMPTIONS

Residents under the age of sixteen (16) are exempt from purchasing a hunting or fishing license. Individuals exempt based on these criteria may purchase a voluntary Youth Exempt license by providing their social security number along with a copy of their parent/legal guardian's driver's license to establish residency. Youth Exempt license may be purchased from any vendor that sells hunting and fishing license.

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## TRAPPING

A trapping license is required of anyone sixteen (16) years of age or older who traps furbearers (bobcat, mink, muskrat, opossum, otter, raccoon, and weasel) and/or nuisance animals (beaver, coyote, fox, skunk, nutria and wild hogs). An All Game Hunting License is also an acceptable license when trapping wild hogs. A trapping license is not required for persons trapping on lands titled in their name. This license shall be required of each assistant or helper sixteen (16) years of age or older employed or used by a trapper. A trapping license is required to sell skins or carcasses

of any fur-bearing animal. (see additional information in *General Hunting Regulations and Information-Trapping*). Trapping license may be purchased at [www.mdwfp.com](http://www.mdwfp.com), 1-800-5GO-HUNT (546-4868), or anywhere licenses are sold.

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Persons who possess a valid Freshwater Commercial Fishing License are allowed to fish gill nets, trammel nets, hoop nets, trotlines, slat baskets (with slat basket license), crawfish traps and shrimp traps, and/or sell non-game gross fish, minnows and non-native fish taken from the freshwaters of Mississippi. See the Commercial Fishing brochure for information or go to [www.mdwfp.com/fishing-boating/freshwater-commercial/](http://www.mdwfp.com/fishing-boating/freshwater-commercial/). A commercial Fishing License, Slat Basket License, or Fur Dealer License may be purchased at [www.mdwfp.com](http://www.mdwfp.com), at 1-800-5GO HUNT (546-4868), or anywhere licenses are sold.

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## DEER AND TURKEY PERMITS

Non-Residents are required to have a deer or turkey permit for hunting during all deer or turkey seasons, unless individuals possess a Native Son Lifetime License. These permits must be purchased in addition to All Game, 7-Day All Game, 3-Day All Game Hunting, Youth All Game Hunting, or Youth 7-Day All Game Hunting.

## WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA USER PERMIT

Residents and Non-Residents using any state-operated Wildlife Management Area must purchase a Wildlife Management Area (WMA) User Permit in addition to any other required hunting/fishing license. However, WMA User permits are required only for hunting, fishing, and trapping on U.S. Forest Service WMAs.

## RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

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## ■ ■ License Information

Under this section, a person's domicile is that person's principal or primary home or place of abode. A "principal or primary home or place of abode" is that home or place in which a person's habitation is fixed and to which he/she, whenever absent, has the present intention of returning after a departure of absence regardless of the duration of absence. The burden of proving the domicile shall be on the person claiming such status.

A current and valid Mississippi driver's license shall be proof of domicile/residency for the purpose of obtaining a Mississippi resident hunting or fishing license. The Department may prescribe and consider other means of proving domicile/residency. Please contact the License Bureau at 601-432-2055 for further information or at [mdwfp.com](http://mdwfp.com). In the case of minors, domicile of the parents shall be used as evidence of the minor's domicile. Any person with a valid driver's license from another state will not be considered for a resident hunting and/or fishing license (see exceptions below). A person who obtains a license under an assumed name or makes a materially false statement to obtain a license is guilty of a felony and shall be subject to a fine of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) or may be imprisoned for a term of one (1) year or both. You may be denied a resident hunting license if you fail to provide adequate proof.

If using a Mississippi driver's license as proof of residency, please make sure license has not expired prior to purchasing a hunting/fishing license.

**Exceptions:** Even if you are domiciled in another state, you may purchase a resident hunting/fishing license if you provide either (1) a current identification card from a Mississippi college or university (in which you are enrolled as a student in good standing); or (2) a current military ID card showing that you are an active member of the Armed Forces (excluding Reserves and the National Guard) and a copy of the orders assigning you to a Mississippi military base.

### **ARMED FORCES 14-DAY HUNTING/FISHING LICENSE**

Non-Residents who are active members of the United States Armed Forces (excluding Reserves and the National Guard) may purchase a special Armed Forces 14-Day Hunting/Fishing license for \$34.29. Only two Armed Forces 14-Day Hunting/Fishing licenses may be purchased per license year. Proof of active military status is required. This license is processed at the Jackson Office only. Applications are available online at [www.mdwfp.com](http://www.mdwfp.com). Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks Hunter Education requirements apply to all non-residents who purchase the Armed Forces 14-day Hunting/Fishing License.

### **MISSISSIPPI LIFETIME LICENSE**

Resident Lifetime license applicants must provide proof (i.e. Mississippi driver's license number) that they have been domiciled in the state of Mississippi for a minimum of eighteen (18) consecutive months prior to issuance of such license. All resident applicants through age twelve (12) must include a certified copy of their birth certificate. All non-resident Mississippi native applicants must include a certified copy of their birth certificate showing the applicant was born in Mississippi and their parent(s) address was in Mississippi at the time of birth. Birth certificates will not be returned. Lifetime applications are processed only at the Jackson Office. Applications are available online at [www.mdwfp.com](http://www.mdwfp.com). Any address change by license holders should be reported to the License Department. Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks Hunter Education requirements apply to all Lifetime License holders.

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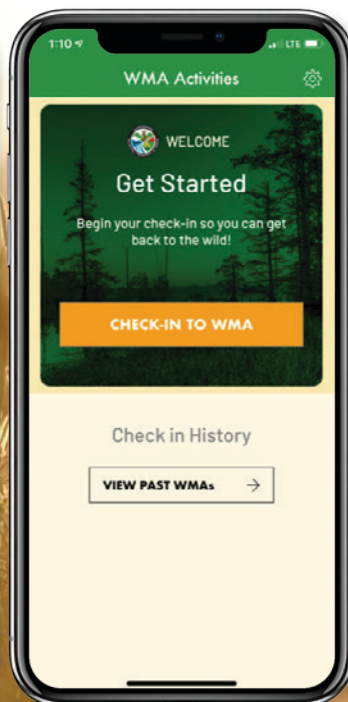
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- **Make it a point to know the regulations and rules related to shooting in areas experiencing dry and hot conditions, whether on public or private land or at shooting ranges. Many national forests, for example, do not allow recreational shooting when fire restrictions are in effect.**
- **Consider the type of ammunition and targets you are using. Minimize the risk of fires by not using steel-jacketed ammunition, ammunition with steel-core components, tracer rounds or exploding targets in fire-prone areas.**
- **Remember that equipment, such as cars and ATVs, can have extremely hot exhaust systems that could ignite dry vegetation, so park only in designated areas.**
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- **Warn others of potential dangers and behaviors for starting wildfires.**
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# White-Tailed Deer Hunting

Zone lines are based on soil regions using highways and interstates as dividing boundaries.

## ZONES

**Northeast:** Private and open public lands east of I-55 and north of U.S. Highway 82.

**East Central:** Private and open public lands east of I-55, east of U.S. Highway 49, south of U.S. Highway 82, and north of U.S. Highway 84.

**Southwest:** Private and open public lands east of U.S. Highway 61, south of I-20, west of U.S. Highway 49, and west of MS Highway 35.

**Southeast:** Private and open public lands south of U.S. Highway 84 and east of MS Highway 35.

**Delta:** Private and open public lands west of I-55 and north of I-20 plus areas south of I-20 and west of U.S. Highway 61, excluding the South Delta Zone.

**South Delta:** All Mississippi lands south of Bunge Road; south of Hwy 14; west of Hwy 149; west of Hwy 3; west of Hwy 61 from Hwy 3 to Business 61 and to I-20; and east of the of state line (in MS River).

## BAG LIMITS

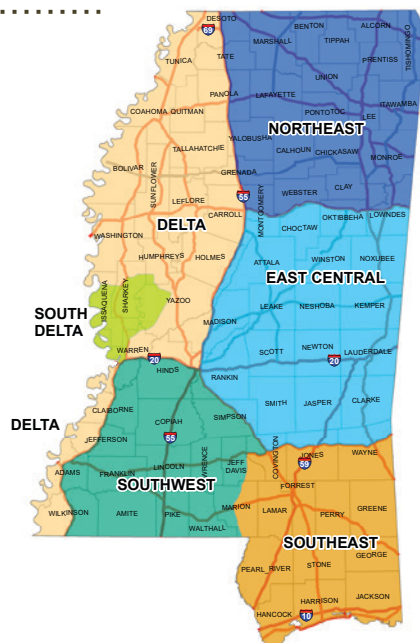
### Antlered Buck Deer

The statewide bag limit on antlered buck deer is one (1) buck per day and three (3) per annual season. One (1) of these three (3) may have hardened antlers that do not meet the zone legal antler requirements on private land and Holly Springs National Forest. Only two (2) antlered deer may be harvested from the South Delta Zone. For youth hunters fifteen (15) years of age and younger, hunting on private land and authorized state and federal lands, all three (3) of the three (3) buck bag limit may be any antlered deer.

### Antlerless Deer

**Private Land:** The statewide annual bag limit on antlerless deer is five (5). Antlerless deer are male or female deer which do not have hardened antler above the natural hairline. Only two (2) antlerless deer may be harvested from the Southeast and South Delta zones. There is no daily bag limit on antlerless deer; except, only one (1) antlerless deer per day may be harvested in the Southeast Zone.

**U.S. Forest Service Lands:** The bag limit is one (1) per day, not to exceed five (5) per annual season except in the Southeast Zone, which is two (2) per annual season.



## LEGAL BUCKS

ZONE	INSIDE SPREAD	OR	MAIN BEAM
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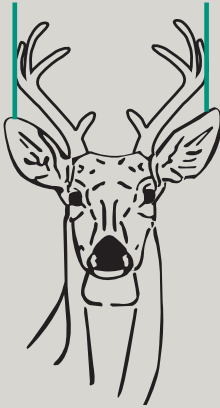
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## Legal Bucks: Northeast, East Central, Southwest, and Southeast Zones

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Estimating a 10-inch spread is accomplished by observing a buck's ears in the alert position. When in the alert position, the distance from ear-tip to ear-tip measures approximately 14 inches. If the OUTSIDE of each antler beam is 1 inch inside the ear-tip, the inside spread is approximately 10 inches.



To estimate a 13-inch main beam, the buck's head must be observed from the side. If the tip of the main beam extends to the front of the eye, main beam length is approximately 13 inches.

## Legal Bucks: Delta and South Delta Zones

A legal buck is defined as having EITHER a minimum inside spread of 12 inches OR one main beam at least 15 inches long.



Estimating a 12-inch spread is accomplished by observing a buck's ears in the alert position. When in the alert position, the distance from ear-tip to ear-tip measures approximately 15\* inches. If the OUTSIDE of each antler beam reaches the ear-tip, the inside spread is approximately 12 inches. Therefore, if the outside of both antler beams reach the ear tips, the buck is legal.

\*Due to body size differences in the Delta Zone, ear-tip to ear-tip measurements are slightly larger compared to the Hill and Southeast Zones.



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## HUNTING SEASONS: NORTHEAST, DELTA, SOUTH DELTA, EAST CENTRAL, SOUTHWEST ZONES

Northeast Zone: Areas east of I-55 and north of U.S. Highway 82. East Central Zone: Areas east of I-55, east of U.S. Highway 49, south of U.S. Highway 82, and north of U.S. Highway 84. Southwest Zone: Areas east of U.S. Highway 61, south of I-20, west of U.S. Highway 49, and west of MS Highway 35. A legal buck is defined as having EITHER a minimum inside spread of 10 inches OR a minimum main beam length of 13 inches. Delta Zone: Private and open public lands west of I-55 and north of I-20 plus areas south of I-20 and west of U.S. Hwy. 61. A legal buck is defined as having EITHER a minimum inside spread of 12 inches OR a minimum main beam length of 15 inches.

METHOD	SEASON DATES	LEGAL DEER
<b>Archery</b>	Oct. 1 - Nov. 20	Either-Sex on private and open public land.
<b>Youth Gun (15 and under)</b>	Nov. 7 - Nov. 20	Either sex on private and authorized state and federal lands.
	Nov. 21 - Jan. 31	Either sex on private lands. On open public lands, youth must follow below legal deer criteria.
<b>Antlerless Primitive Weapons</b>	Nov. 9 - 20	<b>Antlerless Deer Only</b> on private lands.
<b>Gun (with dogs)</b>	Nov. 21 - Dec. 1	Either-Sex on private land and Holly Springs NF. Legal Bucks only on open public land.
<b>Primitive Weapon</b>	Dec. 2 - 15	Either-Sex on private land, open public land, and Holly Springs NF. <i>Weapon of choice may be used on private land with appropriate license.</i>
<b>Gun (without dogs)</b>	Dec. 16 - 23	Either-Sex on private land and Holly Springs NF. Legal Bucks only on open public land.
<b>Gun (with dogs)</b>	Dec. 24 - Jan. 20	Either-Sex on private land and Holly Springs NF. Legal Bucks only on open public land.
<b>Archery/Primitive Weapon</b>	Jan. 21 - 31	Either-Sex on private land and Holly Springs NF. Legal Bucks only on open public land. <i>Weapon of choice may be used on private land with appropriate license.</i>

## HUNTING SEASONS: SOUTHEAST ZONE

Private and open public lands south of U.S. Hwy. 84 and east of MS Hwy. 35. A legal buck is defined as having EITHER a minimum inside spread of 10 inches OR a minimum main beam length of 13 inches.

METHOD	SEASON DATES	LEGAL DEER
<b>Archery</b>	Oct. 15 - Nov. 20	Either-Sex on private and open public land.
<b>Youth Gun (15 and under)</b>	Nov. 7 - Nov. 20	Either sex on private and authorized state and federal lands.
	Nov. 21 - Feb. 15	Either sex on private lands. On open public lands, youth must follow below legal deer criteria.
<b>Gun (with dogs)</b>	Nov. 21 - Dec. 1	Either-Sex on private land. Legal Bucks only on open public land.
<b>Primitive Weapon</b>	Dec. 2 - 15	Either-Sex on private land and open public land. <i>Weapon of choice may be used on private land with appropriate license.</i>
<b>Gun (without dogs)</b>	Dec. 16 - 23	Either-Sex on private land. Legal Bucks only on open public land.
<b>Gun (with dogs)</b>	Dec. 24 - Jan. 20	Either-Sex on private land. Legal Bucks only on open public land.
<b>Archery/Primitive Weapon</b>	Jan. 21 - 31	Either-Sex on private land. Legal bucks only on open public land. <i>Weapon of choice may be used on private land with appropriate license.</i>
	Feb. 1 - 15	Legal bucks only on private and open public land. <i>Weapon of choice may be used on private land with appropriate license.</i>

## MANDATORY CWD SAMPLING

During the 2020-2021 season, all deer harvested in the respective counties and dates listed below must be submitted for CWD sampling by 10 p.m. on the day of harvest. Check station and dropoff locations can be found at [www.mdwfp.com/cwd](http://www.mdwfp.com/cwd)

DATES	LOCATIONS
<b>Nov. 21-22</b>	In any county or portion thereof in the North Mississippi and Issaquena CWD Zones.
<b>Jan. 2-3</b>	In the following counties: all portions of Adams, Amite, Franklin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Pike, Walthall, and Wilkinson.
<b>Jan. 16-17</b>	In the following counties: all portions of Covington, Forrest, George, Greene, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Jefferson Davis, Jones, Lamar, Marion, Pearl River, Perry, Stone, and Wayne.

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) was discovered in Mississippi in February 2018. Since then, proactive measures have been enacted for continued surveillance and management. Some measures include:

\*Supplemental feeding of wildlife, (including feeders, salt licks, and mineral licks), is banned within any MDWFP-defined CWD Zone.

\*Only cut/wrapped meat, deboned meat, hides with no head attached, finished taxidermy products, antlers with no tissue attached, and cleaned skulls or skull plates may be transported outside the CWD Zones or into Mississippi from any other state or country.

\*MDWFP urges hunters to submit the heads of harvested deer for CWD sampling, especially if the deer was harvested in a CWD Zone.

\*Please visit <http://www.mdwfp.com/wildlife-hunting/chronic-wasting-disease/> to learn more about CWD.

## LEGAL WEAPONS

**Archery:** Longbows, recurves, crossbows and compound bows. There is no minimum or maximum draw weight. There is no minimum arrow length. Fixed or mechanical broadheads may be used.

**Primitive Weapons:** Weapons legal for use during the Primitive Weapons season are all archery equipment and primitive firearms. "Primitive firearms," for the purpose of hunting deer, are defined as single- or double-barreled, muzzle-loading rifles of at least .38 caliber; OR single-shot, breech-loading, metallic-cartridge rifles (.35 caliber or larger) and replicas, reproductions, or reintroductions of those type rifles with an exposed hammer; OR single- or double-barreled, muzzle-loading shotguns, with single ball or slug. All muzzle-loading primitive firearms must use black powder or a black powder substitute with percussion caps, #209 shotgun primers, or flintlock ignition.

"Blackpowder substitute" is defined as a substance designed, manufactured, and specifically intended to be used as a propellant in muzzleloading or other black powder firearms, excluding modern smokeless powder. Metallic cartridges may be loaded with either black powder or modern smokeless powder (cartridges purchased at sporting goods stores).

**During any open season on deer with primitive weapons after November 30, a person may use any legal weapon of choice on private lands only, if the person is the title owner of the land; the lessee of the hunting rights on the land; a member of a hunting club leasing the hunting rights on the land; or a guest of a person specified above. If the person is required to have a hunting license, the person must have a primitive weapon license, Sportsman's License or a Lifetime Sportsman's License.**

**Gun:** There are no caliber or magazine capacity restrictions on firearms. Air guns may be used on private lands during open gun seasons. Archery and primitive firearms may be used during Gun seasons.

**Open Public Lands include U.S. National Forests, Corps of Engineers lands, etc., that have state-wide seasons without special regulations. Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) are not considered Open Public Land. For seasons and bag limits on MDWFP Wildlife Management Areas visit [www.mdwfp.com/wma](http://www.mdwfp.com/wma)**

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# White-Tailed Deer Hunting

## SUPPLEMENTAL FEEDING

Supplemental feeding of wildlife is allowed on private land in any county, or portion thereof, not in a CWD Management Zone. The feed may only be provided from above-ground, covered feeders or stationary spin-cast feeders. Any type of feed may be used. Feed may not be poured, piled, or placed directly on the ground. All feed and feeders must be at least 100 yards from the nearest property line. Deer hunters may hunt in the proximity, with no minimum distance, from a feeder as described above.

## SPECIAL DEER HUNTS

Special primitive weapons deer hunts are established pursuant to the authority granted the Commission in Sections 49-7-37(2), (3), & (4), Mississippi Code of 1972.

**All archery and primitive weapons hunters must wear hunter orange while these special hunts are in effect.**

## ANTLERLESS PRIMITIVE WEAPONS HUNT

This season is for Antlerless Deer Only on private lands. Legal weapons are primitive weapons. This hunt is not on MDWFP Wildlife Management Areas. Refer to Page 18 for the definition of a primitive weapon.

## HUNTER ORANGE

When hunting deer during any firearm season, every hunter, whether hunting with a firearm, bow and arrow, or any weapon, must wear in full view at least five-hundred (500) square inches of solid unbroken fluorescent orange, except as otherwise provided in this section. Mesh-style or orange-camouflage is not considered unbroken and does not count toward the five hundred (500) square inch minimum.

Hunters shall not be required to wear five hundred (500) square inches of solid unbroken hunter orange when:

1. Hunting from a deer stand that is elevated twelve (12) feet or more above the ground; or
2. Hunting in a fully enclosed blind.

It is the intent of the Commission that "fully enclosed blinds" are tripod type stands, ladder stands, blinds and/or "shooting houses" or any other stand, whether located on the ground or elevated above ground, that can be covered so as to hide the hunter from view of game or other hunters.

## FEDERAL LANDS-YOUTH HUNTS AND ANTLERLESS HARVEST

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers managed lands which designate the youth deer season in their regulations and open U.S. Forest Service National Forest lands are authorized to provide youth hunting opportunities.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and U.S. Army managed lands are authorized to harvest antlerless deer on days designated by Federal Regulations. Contact local National Wildlife Refuge, Corps of Engineers, or U.S. Army for details.

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# Small Game & Migratory Game Birds

## 2020-2021 SMALL GAME HUNTING SEASONS & BAG LIMITS

SEASON	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT
Youth Squirrel (On private lands and authorized state and federal lands. Youth 15 and under.)	Sept. 24 - 30	8
Squirrel – Fall Season	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	8
Squirrel – Spring Season	May 15 - June 1	4
Rabbit	Oct. 17 - Feb. 28	8
Bobwhite Quail	Nov. 26 - March 6	8
Frog	April 1 - Sept. 30	25/night
Raccoon	July 1 - Sept. 30	1 per party/night
Opossum, Raccoon, and Bobcat	Oct. 1 - Oct. 31 (Food and sport)	5/day; 8/party
	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28 (Food, sport, and pelt)	no limit
Trapping	Nov. 1 - March 15	no limit

## 2020-2021 MIGRATORY GAME BIRD SEASONS & BAG LIMITS

SEASON	SEASON DATES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Sept. Canada Geese*	Sept. 1 - 30	5	15
White-winged and Mourning Doves (North Zone)**	Sept. 5 - Oct. 18 Oct. 24 - Nov. 21 Dec. 23 - Jan. 8	15 singly or in aggregate	45 singly or in aggregate
White-winged and Mourning Doves (South Zone)***	Sept. 5 - 20 Oct. 10 - Nov. 8 Dec. 19 - Jan. 31	15 singly or in aggregate	45 singly or in aggregate
Sept. Teal	Sept. 12 - 27	6	18
Rails (Sora & Virginia)	Sept. 1 - Oct. 4 Nov. 26 - Dec. 31	25 singly or in aggregate	75 singly or in aggregate
Rails (Clapper & King)	Sept. 1 - Oct. 4 Nov. 26 - Dec. 31	15 singly or in aggregate	45 singly or in aggregate
Gallinules: Common and purple	Sept. 1 - Oct. 4 Nov. 26 - Dec. 31	15 singly or in aggregate	45 singly or in aggregate
Crow	Nov. 7 - Feb. 28	no limit	no limit
Snipe	Nov. 14 - Feb. 28	8	24
Geese (Canada, Snow, Blue, Ross's, White-fronted, and Brant)	Nov. 13- 29 Dec. 4 - 6 Dec. 9 - Jan. 31	Canada Goose Bag Limit 3; Snow, Blue, and Ross's Bag Limit 20; White-fronted Bag Limit 3; Brant Bag Limit 1	Possession 9 (Canada Goose) No Possession Limit (Snow, Blue, and Ross's) Possession 9 (White-fronted) Possession 3 (Brant)
Ducks, Mergansers, & Coots	Nov. 27 - 29 Dec. 4 - 6 Dec. 9 - Jan. 31	See below for ducks, mergansers, and coots bag limits.	
Woodcock	Dec. 18 - Jan. 31	3	9
Youth, Veteran, and Active Military Waterfowl Days	Feb. 6 - 7, 2021	Bag limits & shooting hours are the same as the regular season.	
Light Goose Conservation Order****	Oct. 1 - Nov. 12; Feb. 1 - Feb. 5; Feb. 8 - March 31	no limit	no limit

\* Sept. Canada Goose season is closed on Roebuck Lake in Leflore county.

\*\* (Dove North Zone) Areas north of U.S. Hwy 84 plus areas south of U.S. Hwy. 84 and west of MS Hwy. 35.

\*\*\* (Dove South Zone) Areas south of U.S. Hwy 84 and east of MS Hwy. 35.

\*\*\*\* The Light Goose Conservation Order is a special opportunity designed to reduce the populations of snow, blue, and Ross's geese when no other waterfowl seasons are open. This allows for expanded methods of take which are not allowed during regular waterfowl seasons.

Shooting hours for all migratory game birds are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, except during the Light Goose Conservation Order.

To participate in the Light Goose Conservation Order, hunters need a valid Mississippi hunting license, state waterfowl stamp, and a free Light Goose Conservation Order permit number. Hunters can obtain the permit number online at [www.mdwfp.com/waterfowl](http://www.mdwfp.com/waterfowl).

### Light Goose Conservation Order Methods:

- Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
- Only snow, blue, and Ross's geese are eligible for harvest.
- The use of electronic calls is allowed.
- The use of unplugged shotguns is allowed.
- There is no daily or possession limit for snow, blue, or Ross's geese.
- Hunters must use non-toxic shot.

### DAILY BAG LIMITS / POSSESSION LIMITS:

Possession Limit is three times the daily bag limit for all migratory game birds except on opening day unless otherwise noted.

**Ducks** - A total of 6 ducks, including no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 of which may be females), 1 mottled duck, 3 wood ducks, 2 redheads, 1 scaup, 2 black ducks, 2 canvasbacks, and 1 pintail.

**Mergansers** - A total of 5, only 2 of which may be hooded mergansers.

**Coots** - 15 Daily.

# Turkey Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits

## 2020 FALL TURKEY HUNTING SEASONS & BAG LIMITS

Fall turkey season is open BY PERMIT ONLY from October 15 - November 15 on private lands in the following counties or portions of counties where the landowner/leaseholder completes a fall turkey hunting application to the MDWFP Jackson Office and receives tags.

**Delta Zone:** Bolivar County - west of the main Mississippi River levee and those lands east of the main Mississippi River levee known as 27 Break Hunting Club; Coahoma, Desoto, Issaquena, Tunica, and Washington counties - west of the main Mississippi River levee.

**North-Central Zone:** Benton, Lafayette, Marshall, Panola, Tippah, and Union counties.

**Southwestern Zone:** Adams, Amite, Claiborne, Copiah, Hinds, Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, Madison, Warren, Wilkinson, and Yazoo counties.

The fall season bag limit is two (2) turkeys, which may be of either sex.

## 2021 SPRING TURKEY HUNTING SEASONS & BAG LIMITS

SEASON	DATES	BAG LIMIT
<b>Youth</b> (Private and authorized state and federal public lands; youth 15 and under.)	March 8 - 14	See Spring season for bag limit.
<b>Spring</b>	March 15 - May 1	One (1) adult gobbler or 1 gobbler with a 6-inch or longer beard per day, 3 per Spring season. Hunters 15 years of age and younger may harvest 1 gobbler of choice (any age) per day, 3 per spring season.

## REPORTING YOUR TURKEY HARVESTS

By reporting your turkey harvests, you will aid the future of wild turkey conservation in Mississippi. Reporting through the MDWFP Game Check system is quick and easy, and it is MANDATORY for ALL TURKEY HUNTERS. The basics of Game Check are outlined below.

### STEP 1. BEFORE YOU GO HUNTING

Obtain a hunting license (unless exempt) and harvest record. Two types of harvest records are acceptable, a digital record or a printed form. Digital record keeping may be done through the Game Check feature found within the free MDWFP app. Register in the app and it will be your official harvest record. If you prefer a printed form, the form below will suffice.

### STEP 2. WHEN YOU HARVEST A TURKEY

The reporting process must begin BEFORE you move the turkey from its harvest location. Using the Game Check feature, click the REPORT TURKEY button and complete and submit an entry. If there is no cellular coverage where you hunt, the app will automatically upload your harvest when coverage resumes. Using the printed form method, notch the corresponding month bubbles.

### STEP 3. AFTER YOU HUNT

Using the Game Check feature, you have no additional requirements. Using the printed form, you must report the harvest through the MDWFP website or by calling 1-800-BE-SMART before 10 p.m. on the day of harvest.

### THERE ARE THREE WAYS TO REPORT:

1. MDWFP app
2. Online at [mdwfp.com/gamecheck](http://mdwfp.com/gamecheck)
3. Call 1-800-BE-SMART

Once you complete the harvest-reporting process, you will receive a confirmation number. This number must be documented on the harvest record.

## SPRING TURKEY HARVEST RECORD



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ License No: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions:** All hunters must have a current harvest record in their possession while turkey hunting. If you are using the MDWFP app to report your harvest you do not need this form. Before moving a turkey from the point of harvest, hunters should document the harvest using the MDWFP app or on their harvest record. To document a harvest on this form, punch out the appropriate bubbles for month and date. Hunters must report their harvest by 10 p.m. on the day of harvest. Harvests can be reported via the MDWFP app, MDWFP website, or by calling 1-800-BE-SMART. Once the harvest has been reported, record the corresponding confirmation number on the appropriate line of the harvest record.

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**TURKEY 3**

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# Wildlife Management Areas

The Mississippi Wildlife Management Area (WMA) system is expansive and diverse. It includes 55 areas encompassing over a thousand square miles. WMAs are located from the upper edge of the coastal marshes in Jackson County to the lower reaches of the Appalachians in Tishomingo County. They range from the rolling hardwood hills of southwestern Mississippi to the deep, rich soils of the Delta. The MDWFP owns some WMAs and manages many others under memoranda of understanding with the U.S. Forest Service or private corporations. Others are operated through long-term license agreements with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

When most Mississippians think of our WMAs, they think of them primarily as public hunting areas. Public hunting does, indeed, constitute the largest single use of WMAs. While deer hunting is the leading use, at over half of the annual total, there are many other resident and migratory game species available to pursue. Wild turkey, squirrel, rabbit, quail, raccoon, opossum, fox, and bobcat are among the resident species traditionally hunted on our WMAs. Ducks, geese, and doves are the most commonly hunted migratory species, but several other migratory game birds may be taken too. Wild hogs are classified as nuisance animals and hunt-

ers are encouraged to kill them at any lawful opportunity. Wild hogs may be killed during any open WMA hunting season with weapons and ammunition legal for that season.

Today's WMAs serve many other roles in addition to public hunting – fishing, primitive camping, wildlife viewing, photography, wildlife research, and nature study, to name a few. The common link among all WMAs is that they provide habitat for wildlife, game and nongame species alike. In certain locations they even lend themselves to management for threatened and endangered species such as the gopher tortoise, yellow-blotched sawback turtle, and red-cockaded woodpecker. The ability to enhance habitats and regulate public use makes WMAs vitally important for maintaining species of special concern.

While our WMAs have something for almost everyone, they cannot be all things to all people. We are ultimately responsible for protecting the public's wildlife resources, so there must be limits on recreational opportunities we can offer. The ability to formulate regulations for specific areas allows us to offer controlled public use within the limits of these resources. Individual WMA brochures are available from the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and

Parks at 1505 Eastover Drive, Jackson, MS 39211-6374, or online at [www.mdwfp.com/wma](http://www.mdwfp.com/wma), or the WMA.

NOTE: The MDWFP will assist handicapped users in locating easily accessible areas for hunting on all WMAs.

## WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA PERMITTED DRAW HUNTS

Permitted draw hunts are used for a variety of species on WMAs to distribute hunting opportunity and pressure while providing higher quality, safer hunting experiences for the public.

To see a list of hunts that are currently open and to submit applications, please visit the WMA permitted draw hunt page at [www.mdwfp.com/draws](http://www.mdwfp.com/draws).

Annual application deadline targets are: Early Teal - August 15; Deer - August 31 and Turkey - February 15. Waterfowl applications for opening weekend hunt period will be available October 31. Typically, applications will be opened online approximately one month prior to the application deadlines.

Permitted hunt drawings are conducted within one week of the close of the application period. Selected hunters are notified by email or may check their status online at the WMA permitted draw hunt page link listed above.

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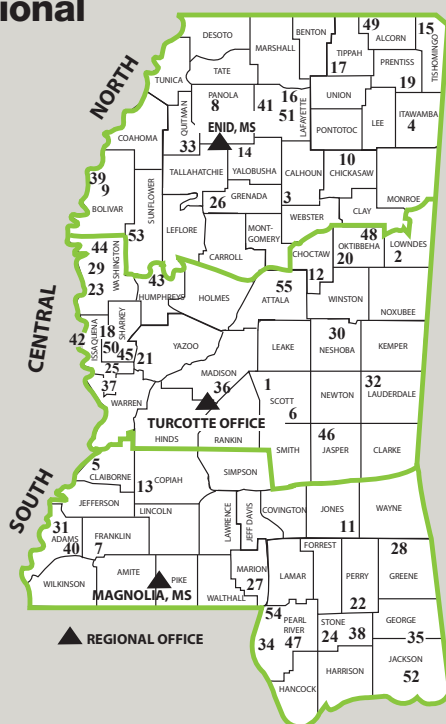
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## State Wildlife Management Areas

1. Bienville WMA\*
2. Black Prairie WMA
3. Calhoun County WMA
4. Canal Section WMA
5. Canemount WMA
6. Caney Creek WMA\*
7. Caston Creek WMA\*
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31. Natchez State Park WMA
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36. Pearl River WMA
37. Phil Bryant WMA
38. Red Creek WMA\*
39. Riverfront WMA
40. Sandy Creek WMA\*
41. Sardis Waterfowl WMA
42. Shipland WMA
43. Sky Lake WMA
44. Stoneville WMA
45. Sunflower WMA\*
46. Tallahala WMA\*
47. Theodore A. Mars, Jr. Memorial Wildlife Refuge
48. Trim Cane WMA
49. Tusculum WMA
50. Twin Oaks WMA
51. Upper Sardis WMA\*
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# North Mississippi National Wildlife Refuge Complex

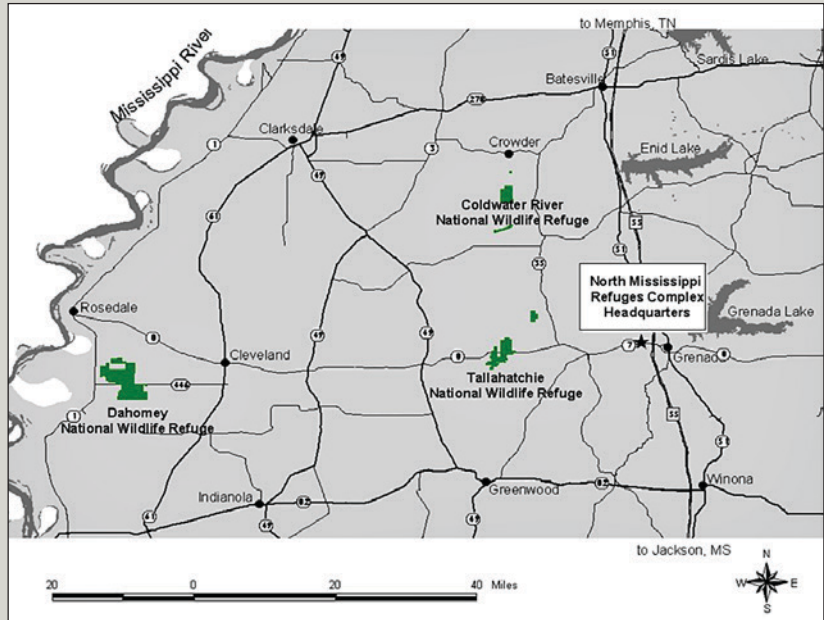
North Mississippi Refuges Complex (Coldwater, Dahomey and Tallahatchie National Wildlife Refuges) is open from sunrise to sunset. During hunting season, hunters may enter the refuge at 4:00am and must exit the refuge no later than two hours after sunset.

Hunting and Fishing on the North Mississippi Refuges Complex requires a \$15 Refuge permit.

All hunters and anglers should read and follow the current Hunting and Fishing Regulations. Hunters are required to fill out/display on dash of vehicle a Harvest Data Card. Harvest Data Cards are available at all refuge kiosks.

**The following activities are some of the prohibited activities please check the Hunting and Fishing brochure for a complete list:**

- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages
- Use or possession of All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) or Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTVs)
- Fires, camping, littering
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Wildlife Management Area	Acres	Nearest Town
Bienville.....	26,136.....	Morton
Black Prairie.....	5,673.....	Brooksville
Calhoun County.....	7,545.....	Calhoun City
Canal Section.....	26,000.....	Fulton
Canemount.....	3,587.....	Port Gibson
Caney Creek.....	28,000.....	Forest
Caston Creek.....	29,875.....	Meadville
Charles Ray Nix.....	4,000.....	Sardis
Charlie Capps.....	600.....	Cleveland
Chickasaw.....	27,259.....	Houston
Chickasawhay.....	30,000.....	Laurel
Choctaw.....	24,314.....	Ackerman
Copiah County.....	7,466.....	Hazlehurst
Cossar S.P.....	604.....	Oakland
Divide Section.....	15,337.....	Iuka
Graham Lake.....	2,089.....	Oxford
Hell Creek.....	2,284.....	New Albany
Howard Miller.....	2,420.....	Rolling Fork
John Bell Williams.....	3,135.....	Fulton
John W Starr.....	8,244.....	Starkville
Lake George.....	8,383.....	Holly Bluff
Leaf River.....	42,000.....	Wiggins
Leroy Percy.....	1,642.....	Hollandale
Little Biloxi.....	14,540.....	McHenry
Mahannah.....	12,675.....	Redwood
Malmaison.....	9,953.....	Greenwood
Marion County.....	7,200.....	Columbia
Mason Creek.....	28,000.....	Richton

Wildlife Management Area	Acres	Nearest Town
Muscadine Farms.....	3,046.....	Avon
Nanah Waiya.....	7,655.....	Philadelphia
Natchez State Park.....	2,261.....	Natchez
Okatibbee.....	6,883.....	Collinsville
O'Keefe.....	6,239.....	Lambert
Old River.....	14,764.....	Poplarville
Pascagoula River.....	39,150.....	Vancleave
Pearl River.....	6,925.....	Canton
Phil Bryant.....	17,816.....	Redwood
Red Creek.....	22,789.....	Wiggins
Riverfront.....	1,000.....	Rosedale
Sandy Creek.....	16,407.....	Natchez
Sardis Waterfowl.....	3,700.....	Oxford
Shiplace.....	3,642.....	Mayersville
Sky Lake.....	4,306.....	Belzoni
Stoneville.....	2,500.....	Leland
Sunflower.....	58,480.....	Rolling Fork
Tallahala.....	28,120.....	Montrose
Theodore A. Mars, Jr.....	896.....	Poplarville
Trim Cane.....	891.....	Starkville
Tuscumbia.....	2,436.....	Corinth
Twin Oaks.....	5,675.....	Rolling Fork
Upper Sardis.....	50,485.....	Oxford
Ward Bayou.....	13,234.....	Moss Point
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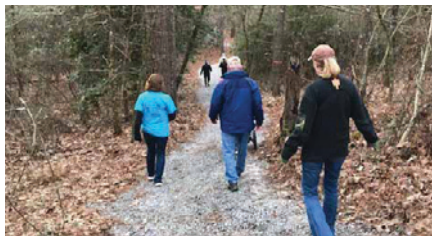
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# Sharing Your Wildlife Management Areas and National Forests

The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks (MDWFP) and the National Forests in Mississippi are committed to providing safe recreational experiences for all users. Growing demands for recreational trails, places to hunt, and other outdoor activities have resulted in increased use of wildlife management areas and National Forests. Interactions between recreational visitors are occurring more frequently. In response, the MDWFP and National Forests in Mississippi are increasing efforts to raise individual awareness by providing tips to our visitors. Please follow these tips to ensure a safe visit for yourself and others and "Live to Play Another Day".

## TIPS FOR TRAIL USERS

**Trail Users: Know local hunting seasons**—Specific dates for hunting seasons vary year-to-year and also by type of game hunted and the weapon used. Small-game seasons (dove, squirrel, rabbit, etc.) stretch from September through February. Deer seasons generally occur from October through January or mid-February. Turkey seasons usually run from mid-March through the beginning of May. Learn the regulations and hunting seasons for the areas where you will be recreating before you go. See [www.mdwfp.com](http://www.mdwfp.com) for specific information.



### Trail Users:

- Know when hunting seasons are open
- Wear hunter orange during open seasons
- Make your presence known

**Trail Users: Wear hunter orange**—Wear a hunter orange hat and vest (and pack cover if backpacking), or hooded outerwear when out in fall, winter, and spring. Horse riders should make or buy brightly colored rump sheets for their horses.

**Trail Users: Other clothing tips**—Avoid wearing colors that could be mistaken for game animals—white or brown during deer seasons; red or blue during turkey seasons.

**Trail Users: Be heard**—Make sure you are heard before you are seen by whistling,

singing, talking, etc., while on a trail. Tie small bells to your stirrups.

**Trail Users: Communicate**—Conflicts between hunters and trail riders seem to be relatively rare. If you meet hunters tell them your planned route. Try to keep the communication open.

**Trail Users: Avoid peak hunting times**—Avoid riding at peak times such as the opening day of a particular hunting season or early mornings/late afternoons.

**Trail Users: Try to avoid known hunting areas**—If possible, use trails located outside of state WMAs during peak hunting periods.

## TIPS FOR HUNTERS

**Hunters: ID your Target**—Be sure of your target and what is in front of and beyond it. Before you pull the trigger you must properly identify game animals. Until your target is fully visible and in good light, do not even raise your scope to see it. Use binoculars!

**Hunters: Don't Shoot**—Across roads, trails or waterways. These areas may be occupied by people.

**Hunters: Avoid**—Avoid alcohol and medications that may impair judgment before or while handling firearms.

**Hunters: Educate yourself**—Obey all the rules of firearm safety and insist that those around you do the same.

**Hunters: Know where trails are**—National Forest trail maps can be obtained at U.S. Forest Service ranger district offices. WMA maps located at WMA visitor permit stations include maps showing trails on the areas.

**Hunters: Be alert for trail users and make your presence is known to them**—Trail users may be unfamiliar with hunting. Trail users may not be aware of hunting seasons or that they are in or near areas open to hunting. Trail users may not be wearing hunter orange. Please use appropriate caution and communicate openly.

The websites below contain additional related information that visitors might find useful.

### Leave No Trace:

[www.lnt.org](http://www.lnt.org)

### Respected Access:

[www.respectedaccess.org](http://www.respectedaccess.org)

### Tread Lightly:

[www.treadlightly.org](http://www.treadlightly.org)

### International Hunter Education Association:

[www.ihea.com](http://www.ihea.com)



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### Hunters:

- Always positively identify your target
- Be aware that trail users may be present
- Make your presence known

# Hunting and Recreation on National Forests in Mississippi

The National Forests in Mississippi provide over 1 million acres of land available to the public for hunting. A variety of game is hunted each year on the National Forests in Mississippi. White-tailed deer, wild turkey, quail, squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, waterfowl, and more can be found in the forest.

The Forest Service shares responsibility for managing wildlife resources on national forest land with the MDWFP. This agency is responsible for regulating hunting seasons and enforcing game laws. The Forest Service, mainly through timber harvest, contributes to improved habitat conditions that benefit wildlife populations on the Forest.

## DO I NEED A PERMIT TO HUNT ON NATIONAL FOREST LAND?

The requirements for hunting on national forest land in Mississippi include having a valid hunting license and following all rules and regulations set forth by the MDWFP.

Residents and Non-Residents that hunt, fish, or trap on Wildlife Management Areas on national forest land must purchase a Wildlife Management Area User Permit in addition to any required hunting/fishing license.

## MAY I HUNT ANYWHERE ON NATIONAL FOREST LAND?

Most of the general forest area is open to hunting, but designated recreation areas and administrative sites are not. In addition, the Impact Closure Area of Camp Shelby on the DeSoto National Forest is closed to all public use. The area may be identified by signs that read "Danger, Military Firing Range, Unexploded Ordinance, DO NOT ENTER." Fourteen wildlife management areas are located on the National Forests in Mississippi that have special seasons and hunting regulations. These wildlife management areas are Bienville, Caney Creek, Caston Creek, Chickasaw, Chickasawhay, Choctaw, Leaf River, Little Biloxi, Mason Creek, Red Creek, Sandy Creek, Sunflower, Tallahala, and Upper Sardis. Be sure to review the regulations for hunting in these areas. All wildlife management area boundaries are posted with yellow signs. Check with the district offices for more information.

It is important to stay at least 150 yards from trails, roads, recreation areas, buildings, and residences. Pay close attention to the boundaries; what you may think is national forest land could be private. National forest land is marked with yellow signs in black print. These signs are posted along the boundaries.

Even though you may be within the national forest proclamation boundary, there are pockets of private land within

that boundary. Abide by posted "No Hunting" and "No Trespassing" signs. Permission from private property owners must be obtained prior to hunting.

You may purchase forest maps, available at district offices or at the Supervisor's Office in Jackson, MS.

The hunting seasons set by the MDWFP for private land are the same for Mississippi's national forest land, except for special regulations which govern wildlife management areas, antlerless deer harvest, and youth hunting seasons.

## OFF-ROAD VEHICLES/ATV AND GAME RETRIEVAL

ORVs/ATVs are allowed on designated roads or trails, and only for the retrieval of harvested deer or hogs without a weapon on all Forest Service-owned WMA's. On Sunflower WMA (Delta National Forest), anyone operating ORVs/ATVs should have a permit. Anyone operating ORVs/ATVs should be familiar with the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) published annually by the U.S. Forest Service. The MVUM explains when and where ORVs/ATVs may be used. MVUMs are available at the local Forest Service office and online at [www.fs.usda.gov/main/mississippi/maps-pubs](http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/mississippi/maps-pubs).

## TREE STANDS AND BLINDS

Tree stands and blinds may be used on national forest land, but they must be portable and cannot be of a type that will deface or harm trees. Since national forest lands are open to public hunting, hunters cannot maintain exclusive rights to a hunting area. Wildlife Management Areas located on national forest land have specific regulations pertaining to tree stands and blinds. Please refer to MDWFP WMA Basic Rules for these regulations.

## PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED HUNTER ACCESS

The Forest Service provides Universal Access to all persons and does not discriminate against able and unable bodied persons. Therefore, no lands are set aside for sole use by handicapped hunters.

## BAITING

Baiting and hunting over baited areas to attract wildlife is not allowed on national forest lands. No food plots may be placed on national forest land except by official personnel.

## CAMPING

Developed recreation areas offer conveniences such as showers, restrooms and picnic facilities. Primitive camping is allowed except in designated scenic areas or where

otherwise prohibited. During hunting season, camping is permitted only in designated hunter camps in Sunflower WMA (Delta National Forest), and Choctaw and Chickasaw WMA's (Tombigbee National Forest). Camping in the national forests is limited to 14 days during a 30-day time period. Camps may not be left unattended for a period no longer than twenty-four (24) hours. Contact ranger offices for more information on camp locations.

## HOW TO RECOGNIZE NATIONAL FOREST LAND

The land shown in green on the maps indicates national forest land.

Red paint and signs mark the boundaries between national forest land and private property. Recognition of these markings and boundary signs helps the visitor to be certain to stay on national forest land.

Visitors should comply with state law and the owner's rules when entering private land.

Entrance (portal) signs can be seen along major roads entering the national forests, usually on the first tract of government land encountered. Generally, portal signs are not used on low traffic roads.

Welcome signs are located on or just inside the boundaries or individual tracts of national forest land where the road enters. The sign will be oriented so that the land behind the sign is public land. Generally, they are not used on dead-end or woods roads or on small blocks of public land.

Upon entering woods on public land, welcome signs will not be present and the visitor should rely on property line markings and boundary signs.

The boundaries of individual national forest tracts adjacent to other ownerships are marked with brown and yellow property boundary signs.

The small metal boundary signs are fastened either to trees or posts located on the boundary line and at road crossings, and the signs are placed so that public land is behind the sign. Red paint spots on trees define the boundary line through woods.

While the majority of boundaries are identified and posted, occasionally visitors may encounter an area where signs have been vandalized or lines are not marked. In these cases, visitors should be alert to avoid accidentally trespassing on private land.

## KNOW THE RULES

The regulations for legal species, weapons, season dates and bag limits are issued by the MDWFP. The rules in this guide are general in scope. More detailed, local rules and regulations may be obtained from the district ranger's office.

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# GameCheck

## MDWFP app helps monitor harvest trends

By Adam B. Butler and William T. McKinley

**T**here is an adage that goes something like, “you can’t know where you’re going if don’t know where you’ve been.” Wildlife management is no different. It is essential to have accurate tallies of the number of animals removed from the game population each year to ensure that population’s sustainability.

For many years, the only means by which Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks (MDWFP) could assess the numbers of wild turkeys taken each spring was through after-the-fact surveys and calculations. It went like this: After the season, a few thousand hunting license holders were randomly selected from MDWFP’s database. These individuals were then questioned about their hunting experiences. For instance, they might be asked how many times they went hunting and how many turkeys they harvested. Their responses were then extrapolated out to the entirety of individuals who were known to have purchased a hunting license that year. This estimate painted the picture of total turkey harvest across the state.

This process came with shortcomings. First, as an after-the-fact survey, the numbers often were not available until several months after the season’s end. Secondly, the results of the survey told nothing about the timing of when harvest occurred during the season (in other words, decisions on whether to add or take away days could not be guided by reliable information). Finally, and arguably most importantly, while the survey’s results represented a statistically defensible estimate of harvest for the entire state, the data it provided could not be used to assess the conditions where they matter most — right out hunters’ back doors within each county. This deficiency meant population trends in specific locales could be hidden in the data by counterbalancing trends elsewhere. And so, without the ability to be everywhere at once, decision-makers at the state level were ill-equipped to recognize turkey population ups and downs that were blatantly obvious to hunters in the field.

Fortunately, the 2019 spring season marked a new beginning for wild turkey management in Mississippi. Thanks to proactive actions by the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks, the legal steps to create a harvest reporting system were put in place. MDWFP developed Game Check, a channel through which hunters could provide the critical harvest data needed to manage the state’s turkey flock effectively. For the first time in its history, MDWFP became directly able to collect information that can be used to evaluate its management actions on behalf of the state’s sportsmen and women.

Game Check was developed with ease of use in mind, and part of its built-in flexibility was a variety of avenues for reporting. Hunters can report through a mobile phone app, website, or by calling the MDWFP at 1-800-BE-SMART. Of these options, hunters have overwhelmingly utilized the mobile app in the system’s first two years; three-quarters of all reports have been via the app. Less than one minute has been required, on average, for hunters to report their bird using the app.

Game Check’s value in guiding turkey management will only increase with time as the dataset grows and more patterns are revealed. Nevertheless, interesting insights have already been noted. For instance, when excluding Delta counties that hold little turkey habitat, Mississippi turkey hunters have reported an average of about one gobbler harvested per three and a half square miles of land throughout most of the state. Most of the reported turkeys come from private land, but a little more than one in ten have been from public land. An average of about 10% of Game Check users reached the three-bird seasonal bag limit in each of the first two seasons. When inspecting the timing of harvest as it occurs throughout the season, the opening day accounted for the single largest sum of gobblers reported on any given day of the season in both 2019 and 2020. Furthermore, most harvests occurred early in the hunting season both years. Game Check data showed 50% of harvest happens before March 30.

Data received from Game Check has been a huge step forward for wild turkey management in Mississippi. For the first time ever, MDWFP has an effective means to monitor harvest trends over time down to the county level. Having access to this information is the first step in addressing hunter concerns with population numbers or regulations. The insight acquired through Game Check will serve as a check-up on the turkey flock for each Mississippi county. Generations from now, future MDWFP officials, along with the turkey hunters they serve, will look back on harvest reporting data for a sense of where our conservation efforts for this noble bird have led.

### DEER HARVEST

MDWFP gains statewide deer harvest estimates annually from an early summer phone survey of licensed hunters, the same survey from which wild turkey harvest estimates have traditionally been acquired. These harvest estimates do not include game harvested by license-exempt hunters, such as those under 16 and over 65. There is currently no valid method to determine the number of license-exempt hunters in Mississippi nor to estimate their harvest.

The statewide deer harvest has declined sharply over the past two decades, with the steepest decline happening in the last few years. Total deer harvest has declined about 125,000 deer, or about 40%, since 2010. We must assume that the decrease in harvest directly correlates to a reduction in the total number of deer on the landscape.



Steve Gulledege



The decline is not likely occurring uniformly across all counties in the state. How does MDWFP determine what counties or regions have declining harvests? Currently, we do not know. MDWFP needs county-level deer harvest data. From this data, trends would show increasing and decreasing harvest in counties and regions of the state. MDWFP could begin addressing the regions with declining harvests, without impacting regions where the deer herd is stable.

The discovery of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in 2018 has the potential to negatively affect Mississippi's deer herd more than any other factor in recent history. Studies from other states show that reducing deer density through a variety of methods has the greatest impact on keeping prevalence low and slowing the spread of the disease. In other states, managing CWD includes liberalizing deer harvest in each county where the disease is found. Success is determined through monitoring total harvest and disease prevalence in each county. It is critical in CWD management that MDWFP has reliable county-level harvest estimates.

Game Check data is voluntary for deer harvest. Mississippi is the only state that does not require mandatory tagging and/or reporting for harvesting big game. To report a deer, hunters can go online or use the MDWFP App on their smartphone (<http://www.mdwfp.com/wildlife-hunting/game-check/deer-game-check>). If using the app, the hunter selects the county harvested, private or public land, buck or doe, weapon type, and a description of the antlers on bucks. The entire process takes less than one minute.

With our state facing new challenges to our natural resources, mandatory harvest reporting is critical for managing our deer herd. Concerned hunters have always been the greatest asset to Mississippi's wildlife. We ask for your support in this conservation issue by reporting your deer harvest. For more information on harvest reporting, visit the Game Check homepage at [www.mdwfp.com/gamecheck](http://www.mdwfp.com/gamecheck).

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## DEER HEALTH OBSERVATION

If you observe a deer you suspect may be diseased or sick, report it to the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks at:

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# General Hunting Regulations and Requirements

Landowner permission is required to hunt, fish, or trap on private lands. MDWFP Wildlife Management Areas are subject to special seasons and regulations which may vary from statewide seasons and regulations. Contact the MDWFP or area personnel (see page 24) for information about these areas.

## LICENSE AND HUNTER EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

For information on license requirements, license exemptions, and hunter education requirements, see "License Information" on pages 8-12.

## UNLAWFUL PURCHASE OF LICENSE

Any person who obtains a license under an assumed name or makes a materially false statement to obtain a license is guilty of a felony and shall be subject to a fine of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) and/or can be imprisoned for a term of one (1) year.

## SHOOTING HOURS

Legal shooting hours for resident game are one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one-half (1/2) hour after sunset. Legal shooting hours for migratory birds are one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise to sunset.

## LEGAL GAME

For description of legal bucks, see White-tailed Deer Management Zones on page 17. Raccoon, fox, opossum, beaver, nutria, coyotes, and bobcats may be legally hunted at night, with or without the use of a light and with dogs, except during the spring turkey season. Hunters may hunt raccoon with dogs during the spring turkey season with a permit issued from MDWFP. These permits may be obtained online at mdwfp.com.

Landowners, leaseholders, or their designated agents may take nuisance animals year-round on lands owned or leased by them. Beaver, coyotes, nutria, fox, skunk, and wild hogs are classified as nuisance species and can be taken year round by licensed hunters subject to applicable regulations (see MDWFP Rule 7.1).

## WEAPONS AND LOADS

Legal weapons for hunting from one-half (1/2) hour after sunset to one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise are restricted to handguns or rifles using no larger than .22 standard rimfire cartridges (no. 22 magnums) and shotguns with shot no larger than No. 6.

When hunting migratory birds, a shotgun must be "plugged" so that it can hold no more than three (3) shells at one loading.

The hunting of turkeys during the spring gobbler and fall either-sex seasons shall be restricted to shotguns with shot no larger than No. 2 and compound, recurve, cross-bow, and long bows. However, any quadruplegic may hunt turkey with a rifle.

## DECOYS AND BAIT

It is illegal to hunt any wild animal or wild bird with the aid of live decoys or bait. Liquid scents may be used. Electrically operated calling or sound-reproducing devices may be used for hunting crow and nuisance animals. See MDWFP Rule 7.1 for information on baiting of nuisance animals.

## HUNTING DOGS

Running of dogs during spring turkey season is allowed only by the exceptions designated in MDWFP Rule 5.3. Dogs are not allowed for hunting deer during archery season, primitive weapon seasons, or still hunting season. Application for dog field trials must be made to the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks at least 5 working days before the opening of the trial.

## MEANING OF "UNLOADED"

"Unloaded" means that a cartridge or shell is not positioned in the barrel or



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magazine of the firearm or in a clip, magazine, or retainer attached to the firearm; or in the case of a caplock muzzle-loading firearm, "unloaded" means that the cap has been removed; or in the case of a flintlock muzzle-loading firearm, "unloaded" means that all powder has been removed from the flashpan.

#### **HUNTING FROM ROADS, VEHICLES, AND BOATS**

It is unlawful to hunt or shoot in, on, or across any street, public road, public highway, railroad, or the rights-of-way.

#### **RULE 1.4 HUNTING FROM A MOTORIZED VEHICLE**

A. It is unlawful to shoot at any wild animal, or wild bird from a motorized vehicle or motorized conveyance unless the progress from such vehicle or conveyance has completely ceased.

B. It is unlawful to hunt, chase, take, or pursue any wild animal other than squirrels and beaver from a motorboat or other watercraft having a motor, unless the motor has been completely shut off and its progress has ceased.

C. It is unlawful to discharge any firearm from a boat or other watercraft operating on the public waters of this state during nighttime hours from 30 minutes after sunset until 30 minutes before sunrise; except the Commission may set special seasons and regulations for the taking of alligators at night during dates and times set by them.

History: Revised April 2014.

SOURCE: MISS. CODE ANN. §§49-1-29, 49-4-4, AND 49-7-45. Deer may not be taken from a boat at any time.

#### **ANIMAL CONTROL PERMITS**

Animal Control Permits may be issued to scare, harass, and/or kill deer that are destroying crops only after an MDWFP officer has inspected the damage and requested the issuance of such permits. To request an officer to inspect your damage, contact the appropriate regional office. Regional office phone numbers can be found on page 24.

#### **KILLING DEER OUT OF SEASON**

If a person is convicted of killing any deer out of season, that person may be fined not less than \$100 and his license may be revoked for a year by the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks.

#### **HEADLIGHTING**

It is unlawful to hunt deer at night with the aid of a light, lighting device, or light amplifying device. Headlighting deer is a Class I violation and a conviction is punishable by a minimum \$2,000 fine and forfeiture of hunting, trapping, and fishing privileges for one to three years.

Any equipment used to hunt or kill deer at night with a lighting device that is subject to seizure is considered contraband property and will be seized by the enforcement officer. This equipment is subject to forfeiture and may become the property of the State of Mississippi.

A person may be charged with headlighting if that person is caught shining lands on either side of a public road with a firearm in the vehicle. An individual who shines the lands on either side of a public road with no firearm in the vehicle may be charged with harassing wildlife. This provision does not apply to normal use of lights while driving, emergency vehicles, landowners, or agricultural leaseholders searching for livestock or lawfully hunting, trapping, or fishing.

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## TRANSPORTING GAME

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## LITTERING

It is unlawful to throw, dump or otherwise dispose of any dead wildlife, wildlife parts, or waste on roads, rights-of-way of such roads, highways, or upon any private property without the permission of the owner of such property.

## SELLING OF ANIMALS NATIVE TO MISSISSIPPI

It is unlawful to buy, sell, offer for sale, or exchange for merchandise or other consideration, any game animal, game bird, or game fish (regardless of whether it was taken in or out of Mississippi), except as follows: The skins and sinew of legally taken deer can be bought or sold at any time, products crafted or made from deer bone or antlers not in velvet can be sold, any part of a wild turkey, except the meat, may be bought or sold, and any parts of nuisance animals may be bought or sold. The meat of wild hogs may only be sold upon inspection per regulation of the Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce. The carcasses of raccoons, opossums, and muskrats may be sold for food during the open trapping season, and for 30 days after the close of trapping season. It also is illegal to buy or sell any non-game wildlife native to Mississippi, or any mounted game animals, game birds, or game fish.

## PROTECTED WILDLIFE

Protected Wildlife are species that may not be hunted, molested, bought, or sold. All birds of prey (eagles, hawks, osprey, owls, kites, and vultures) and other native non-game birds are considered Protected Wildlife. Additionally, all species receiving protection under the Federal Endangered Species Act and/or Mississippi's Endangered Species Act are Protected Wildlife. Some of these species are more likely than others to be encountered by Mississippi hunters in the field: black bear, gopher tortoise, and sawback turtles (black knobbed, ringed, and yellow blotched) are examples. A full list of federal and/or state-endangered species occurring in Mississippi can be found by navigating to <http://www.mdwfp.com/seek-study/science-resources.aspx> and clicking on "endangered species."

## MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

Any person 16 years of age and older must have both a federal waterfowl stamp (or temporary proof of electronic purchase) and a state waterfowl stamp (or proof of electronic purchase) in order to hunt migratory waterfowl (ducks and geese). If a physical stamp is in possession, it must be signed by the hunter across the face of the stamp. Exempt landowners and hunters over the age of 65 also must have these stamps when hunting waterfowl. Dove, rail, gallinule, coot, woodcock, crows, and snipe are not classified as waterfowl and may be hunted without such stamps.

All licensed hunters hunting migratory game birds (dove, rail, gallinule, coot, woodcock, snipe, crows, and waterfowl (ducks and geese) must be H.I.P. (Harvest Information Program) certified. H.I.P. certified means taking the Migratory Bird Survey at time of license purchase or separately.

## PUBLIC WATERWAYS

Public waterways are defined in Miss. Code Ann. §51-1-4, and set forth on a map at [www.mdeq.ms.gov/water/surface-water/public-waterways/](http://www.mdeq.ms.gov/water/surface-water/public-waterways/). All citizens of the state of Mississippi and other states, have the right to use the public waterways for free transport, fishing, and water sports. Any person using the public waterways of the state does so at his or her own risk. The use of the public waterways of the state does not entitle any person to trespass upon any lands adjacent to the stream or waterway. No person using the public waterways may harm or disturb the banks or bed of the stream, nor may any person hunt, fish, or go across any adjacent lands under floodwaters outside the natural banks of the waterway. The right of the public to use the public waterways does not include the use of motorized vehicles (ATV's, trucks, etc.) on the streambed. Exceptions to this prohibition are set forth in Miss. Code Ann. §51-1-4.

## TRAPPING

Trappers must have permission to trap on any land other than their own. A trapping license is required of anyone 16 years of age or older who traps fur-bearing and nuisance animals on property other than their own. A trapping license is also required of each assistant or helper 16 years of age or older employed or used by a trapper. Trappers are required to have an identification number, which is registered with the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, & Parks, attached to ALL traps by a metal tag or permanently inscribed, etched, or stamped on the trap. Any trap found without a registered identification

number will be in violation and subject to removal by a conservation officer.

It shall be unlawful for any person to disturb the traps of another or to take fur-bearing/nuisance animals from them unless authorized by the owner. A trapping license is required to sell the pelts and/or skins of nuisance animals and furbearers, and may be sold only during the trapping season and for 30 days thereafter. All traps must be attended at least once every 36-hour period.

No traps may be placed on or set within 100 feet of any street or public road. Except, a municipality or county, or any person who has contracted with a municipality or county, may place or set only snare traps within one hundred (100) feet of any road or street located within such municipality or county. The governing authority of the municipality or the board of supervisors of the county shall make a finding that such placement of snare traps is reasonable and necessary to protect the public safety by removing fur-bearing and nuisance animals that threaten the safety of public roads and bridges. Snares shall be submerged at least fifty percent (50%). Additionally, landowners may trap on their own land within 100 feet of a public road, but not within the maintained road right-of-way.

No body-gripping (conibear-type) traps that exceed 7 inches inside jaw spread may be set on any public lands unless submerged in water.

Licensed trappers may maintain raw fur, green pelts, or dried fur in storage at any time. Anyone transporting raw fur or green pelts from 11 days after the close of trapping season until the day before the opening of trapping season must tag and identify such fur and pelts with the date, county of harvest, and person who trapped them.

It is illegal to trap with the aid of bait, recordings of bird or animal calls, or electrically amplified imitations of calls of any kind. Except, lure is allowed for trapping furbearers, beaver, nutria, coyote, skunk, and fox, provided that no more than two and one-half (2.5) cubic inches of such lure may be placed or located within twenty (20) feet of any trap. The lure amount of 2.5 cubic inches is approximately the volume equivalent of a regulation-sized golfball. All lure within twenty (20) feet of any trap must be covered and not visible from above. However, there are no lure restrictions when used inside live-cage type traps that do not exceed forty-two (42) inches in length, fifteen (15) inches in width, and twenty (20) inches in height. Liquid scents may be used.

The carcasses of raccoons, muskrats, and opossums may be sold for food during the open trapping season and for thirty (30) days after the close of trapping season. The holder of an All Game License, Sportsman License, or Trapping License may sell any part of any nuisance animal year-round.

#### **TAGGING OF OTTER AND BOBCAT**

Federal regulations, which require tagging to account for harvest of bobcat and river otter, are in effect. The Commission requires the tagging of otter and bobcat, to account for harvest of these species, which are subject to federal export regulations (CITES Tags). Bobcat and river otter harvested in Mississippi must be CITES tagged prior to shipping or transporting out of Mississippi. *It is not required to present the carcass or pelt to the MDWFP in order to purchase CITES tags.*

CITES tags (via over-the-counter purchases) are only available for purchase from November 1 - April 15 at the following MDWFP locations: Jackson Office, North Region Office, Central Region Office, South Region Office, Buccaneer State Park, Clarkco State Park, Hugh White State Park, J. P. Coleman State Park, John Kyle State Park, Legion State Park, Leroy Percy State Park, Natchez State Park, and Paul B. Johnson State Park. Tags are sold in lots of five each for \$1.29 only at the above listed locations. Quantities at each location may be limited, therefore, it is recommended to call in advance.

CITES tags are no longer available by mail-in requests.

#### **ALLIGATOR HUNTING PERMITS**

Alligator hunting in Mississippi is allowed by special permit only. There are

separate seasons for public waters and private lands. Each alligator permit allows the harvest of two alligators 4 feet long or longer, but only 1 may exceed 7 feet long. The MDWFP issues harvest tags to each permittee and harvest reporting is mandatory.

**Public Water Permits** – A limited number of public water permits are offered each year. (A random drawing will be conducted by a third-party entity for all available permits in each of the seven alligator hunting zones. To be entered into the drawing, qualified applicants must submit an application electronically between June 1-8. The application is free but there will be a processing fee charged. There are seven zones and customers are limited to one application in a zone of their choice). To qualify for a permit you must be 16 years of age or older and possess one of the following prior to June 1: a valid Mississippi Sportsman License, All Game Hunting/Fishing License, Small Game Hunting/Fishing License, Apprentice Sportsman License, Apprentice All Game License, Apprentice Small Game License, Senior Exempt License, Disabled Exempt License, or Lifetime License. Winning applicants will be notified via email on or about June 14. A link will be provided to purchase the alligator permit and license. Winners will have a deadline to purchase their permit. Upon the deadline, a second drawing of the remaining undrawn applicants will take place to fulfill any deficits of available unpurchased permits. The MDWFP offers an Alligator Hunting Training Course for permit holders. An Alligator Hunting License is \$25 and an Alligator Possession Permit is \$200. Any hunting party guests 16 years of age and older must possess a valid Alligator Hunting License and an All Game Hunt-

ing License. Lifetime License holders are exempt from the Alligator Hunting License. Hunter education requirements for licenses do apply. For more specific regulations and application procedures, visit [www.mdwfp.com/alligator](http://www.mdwfp.com/alligator).

**Private Lands Permits** – There are 36 counties open to private lands permits. To be eligible, properties in open counties must contain at least 20 acres of privately owned permanent surface water. One harvest permit voucher is issued for properties with at least 20 acres of eligible water and one additional voucher for each additional 100 acres of eligible water. Applications are available at [www.mdwfp.com/alligator](http://www.mdwfp.com/alligator). Applications are submitted in June and the deadline for submission is July 1. Only one application may be submitted per property. Applicants may be residents or non-residents 16 years of age or older. Applicants must provide signed permission from the landowner, copies of property tax receipts, property deed and legal description, and a property boundary map. An alligator hunting training course is offered for persons who qualify for the permit. License requirements for drawn applicants are an Alligator Hunting License (\$25) and an Alligator Possession Permit (Resident-\$100, Non-resident \$200), as well as an All Game Hunting License. Any hunting party guests 16 years of age and older must purchase an Alligator Hunting License and an All Game Hunting License. Lifetime License holders are exempt from the Alligator Hunting License. Hunter education requirements for licenses do apply. For more specific regulations and application procedures, visit [www.mdwfp.com/alligator](http://www.mdwfp.com/alligator).



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# Mississippi Museum of Natural Science

## Mississippi Museum of Natural Science

Visit the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks' Museum of Natural Science at the intersection of I-55 and Lakeland Drive. The Museum is located on Lefleur's Bluff surrounded by beautiful woodland, swamp, and riverine landscapes. Visitors are greeted with exhibits featuring native wildlife, dioramas of Mississippi's terrestrial ecosystems, and numerous large aquariums. Our aquariums hold over 100,000 gallons of water and showcase inhabitants of the Mississippi Sound, the Pearl River, and many other aquatic habitats throughout the state. In addition, the Museum offers a 200-seat auditorium, two classrooms, a preschool room, a gift shop, an exhibit hall for travelling exhibits, laboratories, collections, and 2.5 miles of majestic hiking trails. For more information on educational programs, field trips, camps, or events, please call (601) 576-6000 or visit our website at [www.mdwfp.com/museum](http://www.mdwfp.com/museum).

### Museum Hours:

8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday - Friday

9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday

1-5 p.m. Sunday

Closed On All Major Holidays

### PROJECT WILD & WET

The Museum provides teacher education training through active, hands-on workshops. These workshops are interdisciplinary conservation and environmental education programs emphasizing wildlife. The programs are designed for educators of kindergarten through twelfth grade.

Most workshops are 6 hours and are approved by the State Department of Education for CEUs. For more information on these and other educational programs, visit [www.mdwfp.com/museum/learn-teach](http://www.mdwfp.com/museum/learn-teach).



The Mississippi Museum of Natural Science is located on I-55 at Lakeland Drive - within Lefleur's Bluff State Park. From I-55, take Exit 98B - East on Lakeland - South on Highland Drive - Left at Park entrance.  
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# Mississippi's Hunter Education Program

## HUNTER EDUCATION WORKS

Since 1950 when formal hunter safety programs were introduced, the number of hunting and firearms-related accidents has declined dramatically. In Mississippi, we know that our hunter education efforts have reduced firearms accidents and saved lives. MDWFP offers the hunter education classes at numerous locations across the state, and the course includes ten (10) hours of instruction. Students must be at least 10 years old, must attend all course hours, and score 70 or greater on the written exam.

Hunter Education Courses are typically held in each county during the late summer, fall, and winter months. Courses are taught by MDWFP staff or by certified volunteer instructors. Pre-registration for all Hunter Education Classes is required. To locate and register for a class, visit our website at [education.mdwfp.com](http://education.mdwfp.com). Either select a county of your choice or click on the desired county located on the map. All Hunter Education Classes available in the selected

county will be displayed. You may select the class of your choice and pre-register.

Hunter Education Courses are also offered online. As of October 1, 2019, Mississippi residents age 16 and over can complete their hunter education requirement online. The internet course, *Today's Hunter in Mississippi*, is video-narrated and interactive. The card from the online course can be presented as a digital or paper copy to license vendors to purchase a hunting license.

Residents and non-residents under 16 (ages 10-15) **who choose to take the internet course will need to attend a three-hour classroom course before being certified.** The internet course allows the student to complete part of the course from any computer with internet access, and upon completing a pre-certification exam, the student then goes to a pre-determined classroom setting to complete the final three hours. This allows the student time for interaction with the instructor and completion of final testing.

*The last three hours of the Online Hunter Education Course are available at any of our regional offices or available as a part of most one day classes. Students must pre-register for the class at [education.mdwfp.com/Web/Event/CountySelection](http://education.mdwfp.com/Web/Event/CountySelection). Students must bring proof of online certification completion. It can either be a digital copy or paper copy.*

### Course contents include:

- hunter ethics and responsibility
- history of firearms
- types of firearms
- types of ammunition
- safe gun handling
- fundamentals of marksmanship
- bowhunting skills
- wildlife identification
- principles of wildlife management
- basic survival skills
- water safety
- dangers of hypothermia
- first aid fundamentals
- tree stand safety guidelines

### DUPLICATE HUNTER/BOATER EDUCATION CARD

If you have lost your hunter/boater education card, please go to [www.mdwfp.com/education-outreach/hunter-education](http://www.mdwfp.com/education-outreach/hunter-education) to download a temporary card or to purchase a duplicate card for a \$3.00 fee.

### All Hunter Education classes require online pre-registration.

To locate and register for a class, visit our website at [education.mdwfp.com](http://education.mdwfp.com) and select a county.



For more information about a hunter education class, or to replace a hunter education card, contact:

**MDWFP, Hunter Education Division**  
1505 Eastover Drive  
Jackson, MS 39211-6374  
1-800-354-5033 or call your  
Regional Office\*

\*See the region map on page 24 for the phone number of the regional office nearest you.

MDWFP offers the Hunter Education course online. Visit [www.mdwfp.com](http://www.mdwfp.com) for more information.

## Archery in Mississippi Schools

Archery in Mississippi Schools (AIMS) is designed to introduce 4th-12th grade students to the sport of International-Style Target Archery and as an extracurricular team sport.

Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks (MDWFP) is a driving force behind AIMS. The program, which began in 2005 with 10 schools, now has more than 500 schools in over 50 counties with more than 70,000 students participating each year. You can learn more about participating in AIMS in your local community by going to [www.mdwfp.com/aims](http://www.mdwfp.com/aims) or call (601) 674-0777 and (601) 325-0222.



## Mississippi Scholastic Shooting Sports Program

The Mississippi Scholastic Shooting Sports Program (MSSSP) is a team-based, youth-development program that uses the shotgun sports of 5-Stand, Skeet, and Sporting Clays to instill life skills such as discipline, safety, teamwork, ethics, self-confidence, and other life values. The program utilizes these disciplines to teach hunting skills through the safe use of hunting equipment, including firearms, and their relationship to hunting situations. For more information on participating in MSSSP, contact Jad Touchton ([Jad.Touchton@wfp.ms.gov](mailto:Jad.Touchton@wfp.ms.gov)) or call (601) 859-5164.

# Boating Enforcement

## PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES

- All vessels must carry one wearable U. S. Coast Guard approved personal floatation device (PFD) or life jacket for each person on board.
- All PFDs must be:
  - » in good and serviceable condition;
  - » readily accessible which means you are able to put the PFD on quickly in an emergency;
  - » of the proper size for the intended wearer. Sizing for PFDs is based on body weight and chest size.
- All vessels 16 feet length or longer must also have one U.S. Coast Guard approved Type IV PFD (throwable) on board and it must be readily accessible.
- Children 12 years old and younger must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved Type I, II, or III PFD whenever in a vessel less than 26 feet in length that is underway.
- Each person riding on or being towed behind a personal watercraft must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved Type I, II, or III PFD.



## ALCOHOL BOATING SAFETY

The Alcohol Boating Safety Act makes it unlawful to operate a watercraft on the public waters of the State of Mississippi while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any other substance which has impaired the person's ability to operate a watercraft.

- a. As a condition of operating a watercraft on the public waters of this state, the person operating the watercraft is deemed to have given consent to testing for the purpose of determining the alcoholic content of his blood.
- b. "Watercraft" is defined as any motorized vessel with a motor of twenty-five horsepower or greater used for transportation on public waters, and any personal watercraft (jet skis).
- c. "Public waters" is defined as all public waters over which the State of Mississippi has jurisdiction.
- d. Penalties for conviction under this law are:

1. **First conviction** - Fine no less than \$250 nor more than \$1,000, or imprisonment in jail for not more than twenty-four hours or both. Violator must complete a boating safety course.
2. **Second conviction** (within a five-year period) - Fine no less than \$600 nor more than \$1,000 and imprisonment not less than forty-eight consecutive hours nor more than one year of community service work for not less than ten days nor more than one year. Court shall order violator not to operate a watercraft for one year.
3. **Third conviction** (within a five-year period) - Fine no less than \$800 nor more than \$1,000; and imprisonment not less than thirty days nor more than one year. Court shall order violator not to operate a watercraft for two years.
4. **Conviction of a fourth or subsequent violation** (within a five-year period) is a FELONY OFFENSE. Fine no less than \$2,000 nor more than \$5,000; and imprisonment in the state penitentiary for not less than ninety days nor more than five years. Court shall order violator not to operate a watercraft for three years.

## BOATING SAFETY COURSE

Any person born after June 30, 1980 must have successfully completed a Boating Safety Course prior to operating a boat. Persons under 12 years of age must be accompanied by a person 21 or older on board the boat in order to operate the boat.

For persons who wish to learn more about Mississippi Boating Basics and the legal and safe practices for boat operators, a six-hour course taught by trained instructors is available for groups. The Mississippi Boating Basics home-study course is available for persons who are unable to attend an instructor-taught course. Online courses are available at [www.mdwfp.com](http://www.mdwfp.com). Most insurance companies honor these courses by offering reductions in insurance premiums on completion. Boating Safety Courses are only required for operating motorized vessels.

For more information related to boating and Boating Safety Classes, call (601) 432-2178, visit our website at [www.mdwfp.com](http://www.mdwfp.com) or write to:

Boating Enforcement, 1505 Eastover Dr., Jackson, MS 39211-6374.

## BOAT REGISTRATION

In Mississippi, all boats equipped with propulsion machinery and sailboats (anchored or not) which use the public waters of the state must be registered and numbered for identification. A person must register his/her boat no later than 10 days after the actual purchase. All boat registrations are valid for a period of three years from the last day of the month of receipt of the original or transfer application. You must have your registration card on board the vessel at all times.

Due to the increase in marine theft, a closer look is being taken at applications for boat registration when received. Applications for boat registration with required information missing or information which appears to be incorrect will be returned. The applicant will be required to have their boat inspected by a conservation officer. A "Boat Inspection Request Form" can be purchased through point-of-sale license agents and an inspection will be arranged with an officer in the area. The cost of the inspection is \$10.00 (plus transaction fee). The application should then be resubmitted along with the completed boat inspection form. All homemade boats will require an inspection prior to registration.

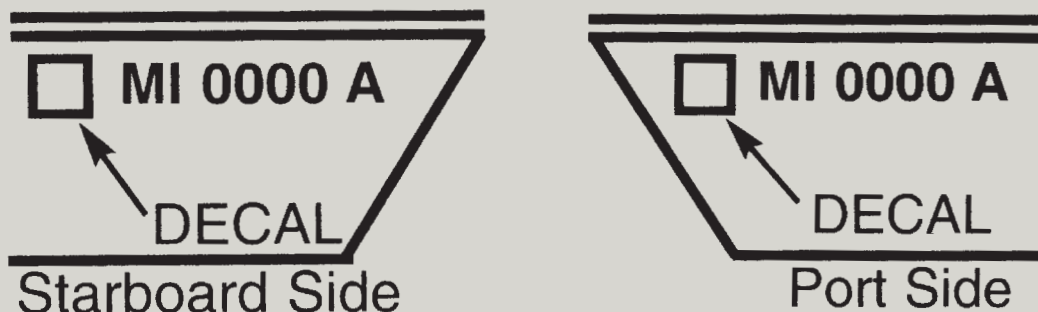
## HOW TO APPLY FOR REGISTRATION OF A BOAT

Owners of new or used boats may get the registration form at any local county tax collector's office, most places where boats are sold or serviced, MDWFP Regional Offices, or online at [www.mdwfp.com](http://www.mdwfp.com). Complete the form, attach any necessary documents, sign and mail to the Jackson Office with the appropriate fee.

**To register a new boat, if purchased from a dealer, the sales invoice showing**

## Example of Correct Number and Decal Display

Validating decal should be displayed within six inches (6") of the number.



proof of payment of Mississippi sales tax must be included. If the boat was purchased in another state you may pay Mississippi state sales tax at the local county tax collector's office. Include this proof of payment with the registration application. If registering or transferring ownership of a used boat you must include a notarized or witnessed bill of sale describing the boat being purchased. You must also provide proof of the last registered owner of the used boat. If a boat was previously registered and titled in a state that requires mandatory titling you must also include the previous state's registration and title.

The registration application requires a Hull Identification Number or serial num-

ber. This number should contain 12 digits if the boat was manufactured after November, 1972. Examples of proper 12 digit Hull Identification Numbers will be: ABC456781272 or ABC45678A484. Boats manufactured prior to 1972 will have a serial number.

### HOW TO RENEW A BOAT REGISTRATION

Once a boat is registered, a notice to renew the registration will be mailed to the owner by the MDWFP. For convenience and faster service you may renew your boat registration wherever hunting and fishing licenses are sold, by calling 1-800-5GO-HUNT (1-800-546-4868) which is available 24 hours a day, or online at [www.mdwfp.com](http://www.mdwfp.com).

You may also mail your renewal to the MDWFP Boat Registration Department. You should notify the MDWFP Boat Registration Department of any address changes.

### HOW TO OBTAIN A DUPLICATE BOAT REGISTRATION

If you lose your boat registration card and/or decals or if you need an additional boat registration card you may obtain a duplicate wherever hunting and fishing licenses are sold or by calling 1-800-5GO-HUNT (1-800-546-4868) available 24 hours a day. You must provide your MS boat registration number and hull I.D. number/serial number in order to purchase a duplicate boat registration card.



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# Boating Enforcement

## REGISTRATION, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, & DUPLICATE FEES\*

Fees for original, transfer of ownership, renewal, livery, dealer and duplicate registrations are as follows:

Less than 16 feet .....	\$10.20
16 feet but less than 26 feet .....	\$25.20
26 feet and over .....	\$47.70
40 feet and over .....	\$47.70
Dealer Number .....	\$40.20
Duplicate .....	\$7.70
Boat inspection fee .....	\$12.70

\* Boat registration fees are subject to change.

## ASSIGNMENT OF REGISTRATION NUMBER

After processing a new boat registration, the department will assign a registration number to be displayed on the boat. This number is also noted on a water-resistant, pocket-sized boat registration card which is mailed to the owner. **This card must be aboard the boat when in operation.** Boat owners also will receive two validating decals. The decals should be displayed within six inches (6") of the number (See Boat Registration Numbering System and Proper Display). The decals correlate with the year the boat registration will expire. **The registration number assigned by MDWFP for a boat becomes a permanent number. That registration number will remain the same in the event that the boat is transferred to a new owner within the state of Mississippi.**

## BOAT REGISTRATION NUMBERING SYSTEM & PROPER DISPLAY

The numbering system consists of three parts: the first part consists of the symbol MI, which designates Mississippi; the

second part consists of a numerical group having a maximum of four digits; and the third part consists of an alphabetical group having a maximum of two letters. Each part shall be separated by hyphens or equivalent spaces.

**The assigned number shall be painted on or attached to each side of the bow of the vessel for which it was issued.** The numbers shall be placed on each side of the forward half of the vessel in such position as to provide clear legibility for identification.

The numbers shall read from left to right and shall be in block characters of good proportion not less than three inches (3") in height. The numbers shall be of a color which will contrast with the color of the background and be maintained to be clearly visible and legible, i.e., dark numbers on a light background, or light numbers on a dark background. **No other numbers shall be carried on the bow of such vessel.**

## SOLD OR LOST/STOLEN BOATS

**Should you sell your boat, you are required to report such transaction to the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks,** which issues the registration number. The new owner must, within ten (10) days, make application to transfer the registration. **If a numbered boat is lost, stolen or abandoned, the owner should first report it to the local authorities having jurisdiction, and then report it to Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks.**

## BOAT & MOTOR TITLING

**Boat and outboard motor titling is available in Mississippi but is not mandatory.** Boat and motor titling is an op-

tional choice for lending institutions and boat owners. The cost is \$12.70 each for an original title, duplicate title, or corrected title. **A boat must be registered before being titled.** If the title is submitted indicating a lien, the original title will be sent to the lending institution until the lien is satisfied. Once the lien is satisfied, an original clear title will be provided to the owner. **When a titled boat is sold, the owner must provide the original title to the purchaser along with a bill of sale in order for the boat to be eligible for transfer of ownership.** Boat and Motor title applications may be obtained online at [www.mdwfp.com](http://www.mdwfp.com), through your lending institution or from MDWFP Boat Registration Department.



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## Prevent the transport of nuisance species:

**When you leave a body of water:**

- Remove any visible mud, plants, fish, or animals before transporting equipment.
- Eliminate water from equipment before transporting.
- Clean and dry anything that comes into contact with water (boats, trailers, equipment, clothing, dogs, etc.).
- Never release plants, fish, or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water.

**[www.ProtectYourWaters.net](http://www.ProtectYourWaters.net)**

# Freshwater Fishing in Mississippi

## FRESHWATER SPORT FISHING

MDWFP manages all public freshwater fish populations north of Hwy 90. This includes over 159,000 acres of flood-control and water-supply reservoirs, 20 state fishing lakes, 20 state park lakes and 20 community fishing assistance ponds. Over 50,000 miles of creeks, streams, and rivers are also managed. A freshwater fishing license is required to fish in public waters north of Interstate 10, unless you are exempt. Review the license section at the beginning of the digest for license requirements or call (601) 432-2055. Fishing is allowed year-round. **Go to [www.mdwfp.com](http://www.mdwfp.com) for**

weekly fishing reports from February through November.

## FREE FISHING DAYS

On June 5 and 6, 2021, during National Fishing and Boating Week, a sport fishing license is not required for Mississippi residents for all public waters, and fishing permits for all anglers at State Lakes and State Park Lakes are free! Mississippi residents can fish without a fishing license on July 4th in all waters of the state. State Fishing Lake and State Park Permits are required to fish in State Fishing Lakes and State Park Lakes on July 4.

## SALTWATER FISHING

Saltwater fisheries and public fishing south of Hwy 90 are managed by the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources. For information concerning saltwater fishing, please call (228) 374-5000 or go to [www.dmr.ms.gov](http://www.dmr.ms.gov). A saltwater fishing license is required to fish all waters south of Hwy 90.

**On all public waters south of Interstate 10 and north of Hwy 90 either a freshwater fishing license or a saltwater fishing license is valid for use.**

# Freshwater Fishing in Mississippi

## PUBLIC ACCESS

Many public waters in the state are located on or near private land. These waters must be accessed through a public access point or by permission from the landowner. Contact MDWFP if you have questions about access to fishing waters and for public access points.

## GAME FISH

Game fish are defined as: bream (reardear sunfish, bluegill, longear sunfish, war-mouth, green sunfish), crappie (white, black), black bass (largemouth, small-mouth, spotted) shadow bass, walleye, sauger, yellow perch, hybrid striped bass, striped bass, white bass, yellow bass, and pickerel (redfin, grass, and chain).

## NON-GAME GROSS FISH

Non-game gross fish are defined as: gizzard shad, threadfin shad, gar (alligator, shortnose, longnose, spotted), eel, bowfin, common carp, paddlefish, bullheads (yellow, black, brown), buffalo (smallmouth, bigmouth, and black), spotted sucker, river carpsucker, quillback, highfin carpsucker, blacktail redhorse, freshwater drum, and catfish (channel, blue, flathead).

## LEGAL SPORT FISHING METHODS

**Hook and Line:** Game fish may be taken by hook and line (one or more hooks, including rod and reel with artificial bait). You may actively fish with an unlimited number of poles or rod/reels except on waters where the number of poles or rod/reels is restricted. Check the Special Regulations Section for specific restrictions.

**Bow & Arrow, Crossbow, Spear, or Gig** are allowed for the harvest of the following: bowfin, buffalo, common carp, catfish, gar, shad, silver carp, bighead carp, black carp, grass carp, and snakehead. Only carp, gar, buffalo, and bowfin may be taken by bow and arrow at night at State Fishing Lakes and State Park Lakes. Catfish may not be taken with spear or gig from May 1 through July 15. No other species of fish may be harvested with these gears.

**Snagging:** Snagging is when fish are intentionally hooked in any place other than the mouth. Snagging is allowed statewide the entire year for all game fish and non-game gross fish. Any size hook may be used when snagging except when fishing in spillways. See spillway restrictions.

**Trotlines, Throwlines, Limblines and/or Set Hooks** are allowed for the harvest of game fish and non-game gross fish. No

more than a total of 100 single hooks may be fished. Hooks must be tied securely at least 2 feet apart. The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources regulates trotline use in the waters south of Interstate 10. Anglers should call (228) 374-5000 to learn about fishing trotlines in these waters.

## HOOK LIMIT

Each person having a valid sport fishing license may use no more than 100 hooks per person.

**Free Floating Fishing Devices (FFFD), Jugs & Yo-Yos:** No more than 25 jugs and no more than 25 yo-yos may be fished by an individual with no more than 2 single hooks on each of these devices. If these devices are attached to a line, they must be tied securely at least 2 feet apart. See State Border Waters section for legal number allowed in those areas. These gears do not need to be attended or tagged unless you are fishing in the following waters:

1. Arkabutla Reservoir in Tate and DeSoto counties
2. Eagle Lake in Warren County
3. Enid Reservoir in Lafayette, Panola, and Yalobusha counties
4. Grenada Reservoir in Grenada, Calhoun, and Yalobusha counties

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# Freshwater Fishing in Mississippi

5. Lake Washington in Washington County
6. Sardis Reservoir in Panola, Marshall, and Lafayette counties

In these waters, attended means devices (whether set, baited, or tripped) must remain within sight of the angler during daylight hours. These devices may be fished at night without attendance except at Lake Washington where attendance at night is required. At Lake Washington, yo-yos may only be unattended (tripped, with hook out of the water) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Unattended yo-yos fishing during the day at the waters listed above and fishing at night at Lake Washington may be seized by MDWFP Law Enforcement officers except for those fishing unattended at Lake Washington from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. In these waters, all gear must be legibly marked with a tag. The tags shall be furnished by the angler and must contain either the license holder's MDWFP number or the full name, residence address, and zip code of any angler exempt from purchasing a license. This information must be legibly written with either waterproof ink or stamped. Yo-yo tags shall be attached above the water line.

## CRAWFISH AND FRESHWATER SHRIMP

A sport fishing license is required (unless exempt by 49-7-9) to harvest crawfish and freshwater shrimp from public waters for personal use. A freshwater commercial fishing license is required to sell crawfish and freshwater shrimp harvested from public waters. Shrimp and crawfish traps fished in public waters shall be marked with a waterproof tag provided by the angler, which shall contain either the license holder's MDWFP number or the full name, residence address and zip code of any angler exempt from purchasing a license.

There is no limit on the number of crawfish traps and freshwater shrimp traps a person may fish.

Crawfish traps are any device constructed of coated wire with openings of throats or flutes not exceeding 2 inches and are used for the sole purpose of taking crawfish. Any commercially available crawfish trap with openings of the throats or flutes not exceeding 2 inches may be used.

Shrimp traps—It is illegal to take or attempt to take freshwater shrimp by the use of any trap which exceeds the following dimensions: 36 inches long (from the rear of the heart to the leading edge of the trap), by 24 inches wide (between the leading edges of the trap, or heart opening), by 12 inches high; or has external or unattached wings, weirs, or other devices intended to funnel shrimp to the trap heart.

## AREAS CLOSED TO TROT LINES, THROW LINES, SET HOOKS, LIMBLINES, FFFD'S, JUGS AND YO-YOS:

1. Aberdeen Lock spillway downstream to U.S. 45 overpass, including auxiliary spillway and associated bank fishing access area in the Tombigbee River cutoff below the dam.
2. All spillways listed in the Spillway Restrictions section.
3. All State Park Lakes and State Fishing Lakes.
4. Amory Lock downstream to MS Hwy 6 overpass.
5. Fulton Lock downstream to MS Hwy 78 overpass.
6. G.V. Sonny Montgomery Lock downstream to mile marker 406.
7. Glover Wilkens Lock downstream to mile marker 375
8. Jamie L. Whitten Lock downstream to MS Hwy 4 overpass.
9. John Rankin Lock downstream to mile marker 398.
10. John C. Stennis Lock spillway downstream to mile marker 334, including auxiliary spillway and associated bank fishing access area in the Tombigbee River cutoff below the dam.
11. Lake Washington: Limblines and set hooks may not be fished or set, but sportfishing trotlines, FFFD's and yo-yos may be used.
12. Ross Barnett Reservoir: Pelahatchie Bay, Pelahatchie Creek, and the area of the reservoir north of the main dam and south of a line between the point where Twin Harbors channel enters the main lake in Madison County and the Fannin Landing boat launch in Rankin County; within 100 yards of any sandbar or public boat launching facility within the main lake or river; in any marked navigational channel between State Highway 43 and Ratliff Ferry in Madison County.
13. Sardis Lower Lake from the outlet structure to Spaulding Creek, except that FFFD's are permitted in Sardis Lower Lake.

## SPILLWAY RESTRICTIONS

Special restrictions apply to spillways at the following lakes:

1. Aberdeen and Columbus spillways.
2. Arkabutla, Enid, Grenada, Sardis, Okatibbee, and Ross Barnett Reservoirs from the spillway outlet to the end of the rip rap.
3. Bluff Lake spillway in Noxubee County.
4. Lowhead dam on Ross Barnett Reservoir from the dam to the end of the Idle Speed Only/No Wake Zone Area downstream of the dam.

From December 1 until the last day of February anglers fishing these waters may use no more than one pole or rod per person (except those in the lowhead dam area of Ross Barnett Reservoir) with no more than 2 single hooks. Single hooks must be at least 1 inch apart and must be no larger than #2.

From March 1 to November 30 anglers may use no more than one pole or rod per person with no more than 2 single hooks of any size. Single hooks must be at least 1 inch apart.

Artificial lures with no more than 3 treble hooks no larger than #2 may be used year round.

The use of bare or baited treble hooks is illegal in these spillway areas. No other gear may be used in these waters except for dip or landing nets, cast nets, boat-mounted scoops, wire baskets, minnow seines, and minnow traps that can be used to capture shad and minnows. Anglers keeping legal fish caught with these gear types in these waters, except for Lowhead dam in Leake County on Ross Barnett Reservoir, must immediately place their catch on ice or in a dry container. All game fish caught with these gear types must be released immediately upon capture.

## GRABBLING SEASON

Grabbling is open from May 1 to July 15. Grabbling is fishing for non-game fish, most notably catfish, with your hands or with rope (no attachments). Only wooden containers may be used. It is illegal to place or take fish from structures such as plastic or metal barrels, hot water tanks, concrete pipe, tires, and other non-biodegradable materials in any public waters of the state. It shall be illegal to place any cavity-type structure, intended to be used for hand-grabbling purposes, in all Mississippi water of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway.

It is unlawful to alter any natural areas by placing boards, wire, or any other obstruction to logs, holes, etc., or to take fish from such altered devices. It is also unlawful to raise any part of a natural or wooden container out of the water thereby aiding in the capture of enclosed fish.

## FISH ATTRACTORS

It shall be illegal to place structures such as plastic or metal barrels, plastic or metal pipes and tubing larger than 4 inches in diameter, hot water tanks, concrete pipes and tires, and any other nonbiodegradable material into the public waters of the state for use as fish attractors. However, wooden materials and plastic tubing and pipe materials may be used as fish attractors provided

that the plastic materials are no larger than 4 inches in diameter. Concrete, rope, wire, and nails may be used to make fish attractors. **Written permission to place such legal fish attractor materials into public waters must be obtained from the federal or state agency which owns the specific water body.** The person placing such fish attractor material into the public water must carry a copy of the written permission on them at all times when transporting and placing such material. A permit is required to place fish attractors and grabbing boxes in Ross Barnett Reservoir. To apply for a permit, call the Ross Barnett Reservoir office at (601) 856-6574.

### ILLEGAL FISHING METHODS

It is unlawful to take any fish species by muddying and by the use of lime, poison, explosives, electrical devices, wire baskets, fish traps, or dip nets; except that shad and minnows may be taken by residents only as specified below under the Bait section. It is illegal to take fish, crawfish, or shrimp from, tamper with or use any sport fishing gear without the consent of the gear's owner.

**No person shall stock, place, release, or cause to be released into any of the public waters of the state any aquatic species without first obtaining a permit from the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks.**

### BAIT

Sport anglers may use game fish, non-game gross fish, goldfish, and minnows for bait, as long as they were legally taken and you do not possess more than the daily creel limit. Anglers can harvest minnows, non-game gross fish, and non-game fish for personal use as bait without a commercial fishing license. A freshwater commercial fishing license is required to sell those fishes legally taken in minnow seines and minnow traps from public waters. No minnow caught in public waters shall be taken outside of the state for sale. **Shad and minnows may be taken for sport fishing bait using dip/landing nets, cast nets, boat mounted scoops, and wire baskets by residents only for personal use during sport fishing.** Minnow seines and minnow traps can be used to harvest minnows, nongame gross fish, and non-game fish for bait. Minnow seines must be no more than 25 feet in length and 4 feet in depth. Minnow traps shall be constructed of glass, plastic, nonmetallic, or wire mesh not more than 32 inches in length and 12 inches in diameter without

leads or wings and having an entrance no larger than 1 inch in diameter. All game fish caught with these gears must be immediately returned to the water. **Freshwater mussels cannot be collected or used for bait (State Law 49-9-5).**

### SALE OF GAME FISH

It is illegal for any person, while in Mississippi, to buy or sell, offer for sale, or exchange any game fish harvested in Mississippi or coming from another state.

### COMMERCIAL FISHING

It shall be illegal to possess while on the water, both commercial and sport fishing gear in the same boat. **See the Commercial Fishing brochure for information or go to [www.mdwfp.com/fishing-boating/freshwater-commercial/](http://www.mdwfp.com/fishing-boating/freshwater-commercial/).**

### STATE BORDER WATERS

Mississippi resident licenses are valid for fishing certain state-line waters including:

1. Pickwick Lake
2. Aliceville Pool
3. Mississippi and Pearl Rivers and border lakes along these rivers where they are the boundaries between Mississippi, Tennessee, Louisiana, and Arkansas.

In Mississippi waters that border adjacent states, the legal number of FFFDs shall be that of the adjacent state or the Mississippi limit, whichever is greater, but not to exceed 50 per individual. Yo-yos and FFFDs must be attended during daylight hours on borderline waters between Arkansas and Mississippi.

**For details on state border waters and current reciprocal agreements, or visit our website, [www.mdwfp.com](http://www.mdwfp.com)**

### PUBLIC WATERWAYS

Public waterways are defined in Miss. Code Ann. §51-1-4, and set forth on a map at [www.mdeq.ms.gov/water/surface-water/public-waterways/](http://www.mdeq.ms.gov/water/surface-water/public-waterways/) by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality. All citizens of the state of Mississippi and other states have the right to use the public waterways for free transport, fishing, and water sports. Any person using the public waterways of the state does so at his or her own risk. The use of public waterways of the state does not entitle any person to trespass upon any lands adjacent to the stream or waterway. No person using the public waterways may harm or disturb the banks or bed of the stream, nor may any person hunt, fish, or go across any adjacent lands under floodwaters outside the natural banks of the waterway. The right of the public to use the public waterways does not include the use of motorized vehicles

(ATVs, trucks, etc.) on the streambed. Exceptions to this prohibition are set forth in Miss. Code Ann. §51-1-4.

### CREEL LIMIT

The creel limit is the specified maximum number of fish a person can take in one day.

### TRANSPORT LIMIT

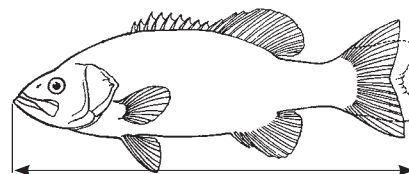
No person shall transport more than seven daily limits of game fish for each licensed or exempt angler present in the vehicle. A single angler may only transport his or her own daily limit(s) of fish, not to exceed seven daily limits.

### LENGTH LIMIT

While fishing areas with established MDWFP length limits all game fish must be intact (with head, tail, skin, and scales) and comply with length limits for that body of water.

### HOW TO MEASURE A FISH

Lay the fish on its side, with the mouth closed and the tail lobes pressed together. Measure the total length from the tip of the snout to the end of the tail. Paddlefish are measured from the front of the eye to the fork of the tail.



Total Length (using a flatboard)

### MINIMUM LENGTH LIMIT

Fish measuring equal to or shorter than the regulated size length must be returned to the water immediately after capture and may not be possessed on designated waters. Fish exceeding the minimum length may be kept.

### MAXIMUM LENGTH LIMIT

Fish measuring equal to or longer than the regulated size length must be returned to the water immediately upon capture and may not be in possession on these designated waters. Fish shorter than the maximum length limit may be kept.

### SLOT LENGTH LIMIT

Fish measuring equal to or between the designated range in inches must be returned to the water immediately upon capture and may not be in possession on these designated waters. Fish shorter than or longer than the designated range may be kept.

# Freshwater Fishing in Mississippi

## Statewide Creel and Size Limits

For Saltwater Fishing Regulations, call the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources at 228-374-5000 or visit [www.dmr.ms.gov](http://www.dmr.ms.gov)

Species	Daily Creel Limits
Alligator Gar****	2
Paddlefish* (must be less than 30 inches).....	2
Striped Bass and/or Striped Bass Hybrids (minimum length 15 inches)**	6
Walleye***	3
Sauger	10
Crappie** (combined white and black)	30
Bluegill, bream and all other sunfish (combined)**	100
Largemouth, Smallmouth and Spotted bass (combined)**	10
Sturgeon.....	0

For all other game or sport fish species, there is no daily creel limit.

\* No Paddlefish harvest allowed in the Tenn-Tom Waterway, Tombigbee River or its tributaries, and Pickwick Lake. Paddlefish are measured from the front of the eye to the fork of the tail.

\*\* Daily limits for bream, Black Bass (largemouth, spotted and smallmouth), Crappie, Striped Bass and Striped Bass hybrids in waters adjoining adjacent states shall be that of the adjacent state, or the Mississippi limit, whichever is greater.

\*\*\* Harvest and possession of Walleye is prohibited in Lake Lamar Bruce, Lake Monroe, and in the Old Tombigbee River and its tributaries north of Hwy 278 (Monroe, Itawamba and Prentiss Counties).

\*\*\*\* No Alligator Gar harvest allowed from Bee Lake (Holmes County).

**Transport Limit:** No person shall at anytime transport more than seven (7) daily creel limits of game fish for each licensed or exempt angler present in the vehicle. A single angler can only transport his or her own daily limit(s) of fish, not to exceed seven (7) daily limits.

On all other lakes, there is no length limit for any species except Striped Bass and/or Striped Bass hybrids and Paddlefish but the statewide daily creel limits apply.

## Special Largemouth, Spotted & Smallmouth Bass Regulations

Area/Water	Lengths to Release	Creel Limits
Aberdeen Lake.....	14 inches & under.....	10 per day
Calling Panther Lake.....	20 inches & over.....	10 per day, 1 over 20 inches
Charlie Capps WMA Lake .....	No Length Limit .....	5 per day
Columbus Lake .....	14 inches & under.....	10 per day
Davis Lake (Chickasaw County) .....	18-22 inches.....	10 per day; 1 over 22 inches
Eagle Lake .....	16 inches & under.....	10 per day
(includes channel to Muddy Bayou water control structure)		
Lake Bill Waller.....	18-22 inches.....	15 per day, 1 over 22 inches
Lake Bogue Homa.....	15 inches & under.....	5 per day
Lake Claude Bennett .....	No Length Limit .....	30 per day
Lake Jackson (Washington County).....	No Length Limit .....	5 per day
Lake Jeff Davis.....	18-24 inches.....	15 per day, 1 over 24 inches
Lake Lamar Bruce.....	18-24 inches.....	10 per day, 1 over 24 inches
Lake Monroe.....	18-24 inches.....	10 per day, 1 over 24 inches
Lake Okhissa (Franklin County) .....	18-22 inches.....	10 per day, 1 over 22 inches
Lake Washington .....	15 inches & under.....	5 per day
(Possession of black bass under 15 inches while in Paul Love Park or on the weir is prohibited.)		
Leroy Percy State Park Lake .....	No Length Limit .....	5 per day
Malmaison WMA Lakes.....	15 inches & under.....	2 per day
Moon Lake (includes area east of Hwy 1) .....	No Length Limit .....	5 per day
Natchez State Park Lake .....	18-22 inches.....	7 per day, 1 over 22 inches
Neshoba County Lake .....	16-20 inches.....	10 per day, 1 over 20 inches
North Abutment Campground Lake at Grenada Reservoir .....	15 inches & under.....	2 per day
Pascagoula River .....	12 inches & under.....	10 per day
(George & Jackson Counties, Merrill, MS to Hwy 90 bridge, includes all connected oxbow lakes; East & West Pascagoula Rivers and all waters between these two rivers)		
Paul B. Johnson State Park Lake (Geiger Lake) .....	18-22 inches.....	10 per day, 1 over 22 inches
Percy Quin State Park (Lake Tangipahoa).....	16-22 inches.....	7 per day, 1 over 22 inches
Pickwick Lake .....	15 inches & under.....	10 per day
RecCon Lake (Bolivar County).....	No Length Limit .....	2 per day
Ross Barnett Reservoir.....	14 inches & under.....	7 per day
Wolf-Broad Lake (Yazoo & Humphreys Counties).....	12 inches & under.....	5 per day

## Special Striped Bass and Hybrid Striped Bass Regulations

Area/Water	Lengths to Release	Creel Limits
Ross Barnett Reservoir to City of Jackson water intake .....	15 inches & under .....	6 per day, 1 over 24 inches

## Special Bluegill & Redear Regulations

Area/Water	Lengths to Release	Creel Limits
Lake Okhissa (Franklin County) .....	No Length Limit .....	50 per day

## Special Catfish Regulations

Area/Water	Lengths to Release	Creel Limits
Lake Okhissa (Franklin County) .....	No Length Limit .....	5 per day
RecCon Lake (Bolivar County) .....	No Length Limit .....	10 per day
All MDWFP State Fishing Lakes and State Parks Lakes .....	No Length Limit .....	10 per day
Border Waters with Alabama & Tennessee .....	No Length Limit .....	1 over 34 inches, no creel limit under 34 inches

For all other waters, there is no daily creel limit for any catfish species.

## Special Walleye Regulations

Area/Water	Lengths to Release	Creel Limits
Davis Lake (Chickasaw County) .....	No Length Limit .....	1 per day

## Special Black & White Crappie Regulations

Area/Water	Lengths to Release	Creel Limits
Arkabutla Reservoir <sup>+</sup> .....	12 inches & under .....	15 per day
Arkabutla Spillway to Prichard Rd. Bridge <sup>++</sup> .....	No Length Limit .....	15 per day
Charlie Capps WMA Lake .....	No Length Limit .....	20 per day
Eagle Lake (includes channel to Muddy Bayou water control structure) .....	11 inches and under .....	30 per day
Enid Reservoir <sup>+</sup> .....	12 inches & under .....	15 per day
Enid Spillway to I-55 <sup>++</sup> .....	No Length Limit .....	15 per day
Grenada Reservoir <sup>+</sup> .....	12 inches & under .....	15 per day
Grenada Spillway to Hwy. 51 <sup>++</sup> .....	No Length Limit .....	15 per day
Lake Monroe .....	No Length Limit .....	20 per day
Lake Okhissa (Franklin County) .....	10 inches & under .....	10 per day
Lake Washington .....	11 inches & under .....	30 per day
(Possession of crappie under 11 inches while in Paul Love Park or on the weir is prohibited.)		
Moon Lake (includes area east of Hwy 1) .....	10 inches & under .....	30 per day
Percy Quin State Park (Lake Tangipahoa) .....	No Length Limit .....	20 per day
Pickwick Lake & Tenn-Tom Waterway .....	9 inches & under .....	30 per day
(including all tributaries)		
Sardis Reservoir <sup>+</sup> .....	12 inches & under .....	15 per day
Sardis Spillway & Sardis Lower Lake to Spaulding Creek <sup>++</sup> .....	No Length Limit .....	15 per day

<sup>+</sup> At Arkabutla, Enid, Grenada and Sardis Reservoirs anglers may fish no more than 4 poles per person. Each pole may have no more than 2 hooks or lures. The aggregate daily boat creel limit for all species of crappie on Arkabutla, Enid, Sardis, and Grenada Reservoirs for boats with three or more anglers shall be 40 crappie larger than 12 inches.

<sup>++</sup> See spillway restrictions in this section.

## Special Rainbow Trout Regulations

Area/Water	Lengths to Release	Creel limits
Lake Lamar Bruce .....	No Length Limit .....	3 per day

On all other lakes, there is no length limit for any species except Striped Bass and/or Striped Bass hybrids and Paddlefish but the statewide daily creel limits apply.

# Mississippi State Fishing Lakes

MDWFP operates 20 prime fishing lakes throughout the state which offer outstanding fishing on more than 4,000 acres of picturesque waters.

Sport fishing licenses and permits are required to fish these lakes, except on the first weekend of National Fishing Week which is June 5 and 6, 2021, when fishing permits are free, and a sport fishing license is not required for Mississippi residents.

Only rod and reel or pole fishing is allowed on State Fishing Lakes and State Park Lakes except that carp, gar, buffalo, and bowfin may be taken by use of bow and arrow at night only after purchasing a valid permit for fishing and/or boating. No other gear is allowed at these lakes.

Fishing is not allowed from courtesy piers adjacent to boat ramps. Night fishing is allowed at all State Fishing Lakes (except for Lake Bill Waller) from the bank or from boats that are in compliance with state and U.S. Coast Guard regulations.

Camping reservations are not available at State Fishing Lakes.

## STATE FISHING LAKES FEE SCHEDULE

DAILY PERMITS	FEE
Boat Launching/Fishing/Skiing (ages 16-64)	\$7.00
Boat Launching/Fishing/Skiing - Disabled or Age Exempt Fishing (ages 65 and older)	\$6.00
Fishing (ages 16-64) - no boat launching	\$5.00
Fishing - Disabled or Age Exempt (ages 65 and older) - no boat launching	\$3.00
Youth Fishing (under 16 years of age)	Free
Camping* (ages 16-64)	\$22.00
Camping - Disabled or Age Exempt (ages 65 and older)*	\$15.00
Primitive/tent camping (no electricity)*	\$15.00
Pavilion Rental - without restrooms	\$36.00
Pavilion Rental - with restrooms	\$51.00
Duplicate Copy of Annual/Lifetime Permit	\$7.29

\* These camping permits include fishing and boat launching for registered campers not to exceed 8 people.

+ Primitive camping permits do not include fishing and boat launching.

MONTHLY PERMITS	FEE
Camping (30 day)*	\$460.00
Camping (30 day) - Disabled or Age Exempt (ages 65 and older)*	\$360.00
ANNUAL PERMITS	FEE
Guest Boat Launching /Fishing/Skiing (ages 16-64; includes all persons in boat)	\$150.00
Guest Boat Launching/Fishing/Skiing Disabled or Age Exempt (ages 65 and older; includes all persons in boat)	\$120.00
Boat Launching/Fishing/Skiing (ages 16-64)	\$102.00
Boat Launching/Fishing/Skiing - Disabled or Age Exempt (ages 65 and older)	\$72.00
Fishing (ages 16-64) - no boat launching	\$52.00
Fishing - Disabled or Age Exempt (ages 65 and older) - no boat launching	\$32.00
CABIN RENTAL PERMITS	FEE
Cabin - weekday rate**	\$65.00
Cabin - weekend rate**	\$75.00

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\*\* Cabins without linens are at Lake Claude Bennett, Prentiss Walker Lake, and Holmes County State Park Lake. Cabin rentals include fishing and boat launching for the number of registered cabin guests.

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# State Fishing Lakes Information

## 1. CALLING PANTHER LAKE

(404 acres)

**Manager:** Ricky Blakeney,  
(601) 892-4776

### **Location:**

Copiah Co., 5 miles west of Crystal Springs just off New Zion Road.

**Facilities/Activities:** 21 camping pads and 2 handicapped camping pads with electrical/water/sewer hookups. Boat ramp, handicapped fishing pier, handicapped restroom with showers, and nature trail. Skiing on Wednesday, Sunday, Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day noon to sunset.

## 2. ELVIS PRESLEY LAKE

(322 acres)

**Manager:** Nathan Martin,  
(662) 620-6314

**Location:** Lee Co., 2 miles northeast of Tupelo, just off Hwy 78 east.

**Facilities/Activities:** Bicycle/walking trail, boat ramp, 16 camping pads with water/electrical hookups, tent camping, 2 handicapped fishing piers, grills, pavilion, picnic tables, and restrooms with showers. Skiing daily, noon to sunset.

## 3. HOLMES COUNTY STATE PARK LAKE

Two Lakes: (45 acres and 16 acres)

**Manager:** Vacant,  
(662) 653-3351

**Location:** Four miles south of Durant off I-55, exit 150

**Facilities/Activities:** Boat Ramp, 28 camping pads with electrical/water hookups, bath house, 1 handicapped fishing pier, pavilions, picnic tables, playground, and restrooms. No Skiing.

## 4. KEMPER COUNTY LAKE

(595 acres)

**Manager:** Kenny Mason,  
(601) 743-5505

**Location:** Kemper Co. 3 miles northwest of DeKalb off Hwy 397.

**Facilities/Activities:** Boat ramp, 47 camping pads with electrical/water/sewer hookups, fish cleaning station, 2 handicapped fishing piers, pavilion, picnic tables, playground, and restrooms with showers. Skiing daily, noon to sunset.

## 5. LAKE BILL WALLER

(168 acres)

**Manager:** Dustin Brumfield,  
(601) 736-1861

**Location:** Marion Co. 12 miles southeast of Columbia on Marion Co. WMA.

**Facilities/Activities:** Boat ramp, 2 handicapped fishing piers, 5 earthen piers, handicapped restrooms with showers. No skiing or camping.

## 6. LAKE BOGUE HOMA

(882 acres)

**Manager:** Chris Germany,  
(601) 425-2148

**Location:** Jones Co. About 6 miles east of Laurel on Hwy 84.

**Facilities/Activities:** Boat ramp, 2 camping pads with electrical/water hookups, duck hunting, 3 handicapped fishing piers, pavilion, picnic tables, and restrooms with showers. Skiing daily, noon to sunset.

## 7. LAKE CLAUDE BENNETT

(71 acres)

**Manager:** Jason Thigpen,  
(601) 727-3561

**Location:** Jasper Co. about 20 miles east of Bay Springs off Hwy 18.

**Facilities/Activities:** Boat ramp, 2 cabins and 1 handicapped cabin, 31 camping pads with electrical/water hookups, 1 handicapped fishing pier, pavilions, picnic tables, playground, and handicapped restrooms with showers. Skiing on Wednesday, Sunday, Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day noon to sunset.

## 8. LAKE COLUMBIA

(84 acres)

**Manager:** Dustin Brumfield,  
(601) 736-1861

**Location:** Marion Co. 12 miles southeast of Columbia on Marion Co. WMA.

**Facilities/Activities:** Boat ramp, six camping pads with electrical/water hookups, 1 handicapped fishing pier, 2 earthen piers, pavilion, picnic tables, and handicapped restrooms with showers. Skiing on Wednesday, Sunday, Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day noon to sunset.

## 9. LAKE JEFF DAVIS

(100 acres)

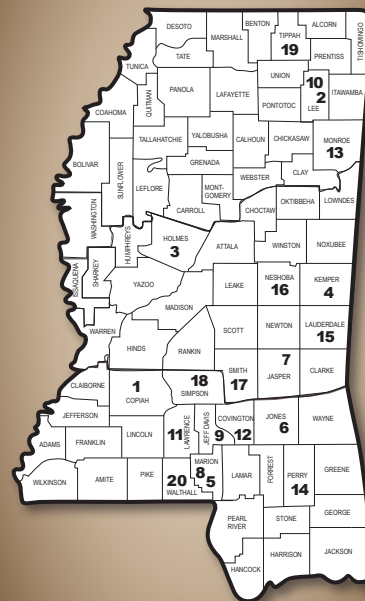
**Manager:** Richard Hathorn,  
(601) 792-8225

**Location:** Jefferson Davis Co., 3 miles southeast of Prentiss off Hwy 42.

**Facilities/Activities:** Boat ramp, 13 camping pads with electrical/water hookups, 3 handicapped fishing piers, bike trail, nature trail, pavilion, picnic tables, and handicapped restrooms with showers. Skiing on Tuesday, Sunday, Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day noon to sunset.

## State Fishing Lakes Map

(number in text corresponds to location on map)



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## 10. LAKE LAMAR BRUCE

(300 acres)

**Manager:** Jim Lusby,  
(662) 869-2009

**Location:** Lee Co. 1.5 miles northeast of Saltillo off Hwy 45.

**Facilities/Activities:** Boat ramp, 11 camping pads with water/electrical hookups, 3 handicapped fishing piers, pavilion, and handicapped restrooms with showers. Skiing on Thursday, Sunday, Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day noon to sunset.

## 11. LAKE MARY CRAWFORD\*

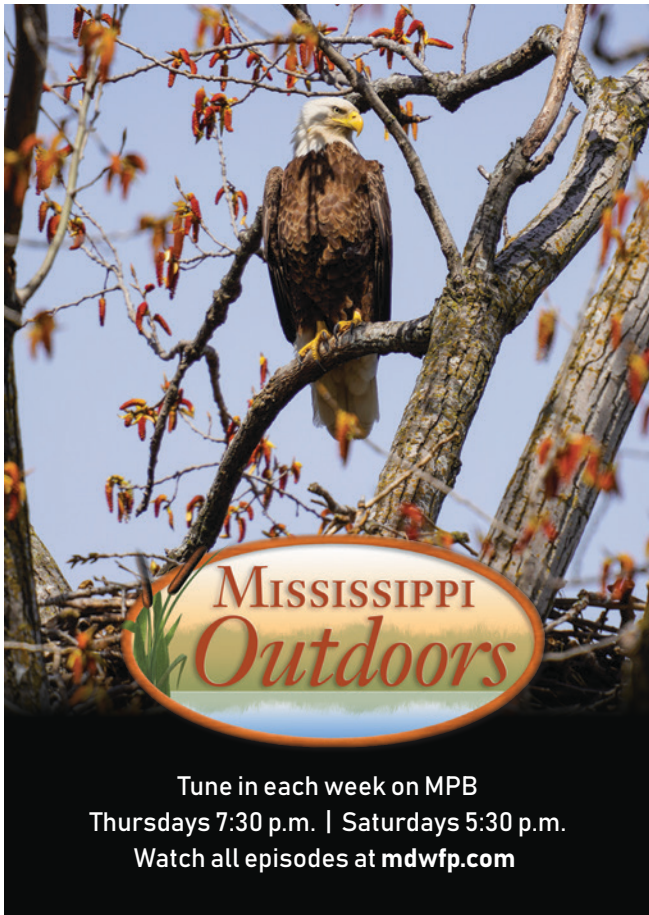
(128 acres)

**Manager:** John Stamps,  
(601) 587-7853

**Location:** Lawrence Co. 5 miles west of Monticello off Hwy 84.

**Facilities/Activities:** 2 boat ramps, 20 camping pads with electrical/water hookups, 4 fishing piers (3 handicapped), 8 earthen piers, nature trail, pavilion, picnic tables, and handicapped restrooms with showers. Skiing on Sunday, Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day noon to sunset.

\* Currently closed for renovation



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## 12. LAKE MIKE CONNER

(79 acres)

**Manager:** Gary Berteau,  
(601) 765-4024

**Location:** Covington Co. 8 miles west of Collins off Hwy 84.

**Facilities/Activities:** Boat ramp, 15 camping pads with electrical/water hookups, 2 handicapped fishing piers, pavilion, picnic tables, and handicapped restrooms with showers. Skiing on Wednesday, Sunday, Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day noon to sunset.

## 13. LAKE MONROE

(99 acres)

**Manager:** Charles Mullins,  
(662) 256-9637

**Location:** Monroe Co. between Aberdeen and Amory off Hwy 45 on Coontail Rd.

**Facilities/Activities:** Boat ramp, 14 camping pads with electrical/water hookups, 2 handicapped fishing piers, picnic tables, and restrooms with showers. No skiing.

## 14. LAKE PERRY

(68 acres)

**Manager:** Joey Hinton,  
(601) 784-6119

**Location:** Perry Co. about 3 miles south of Beaumont off Hwy 98.

**Facilities/Activities:** 2 boat ramps, 15 camping pads with electrical/water hookups, 4 fishing piers (3 handicapped), nature trail, pavilion, picnic tables, and handicapped restrooms with showers. Skiing on Friday, Sunday, Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day noon to sunset.

## 15. LAKE TOM BAILEY

(182 acres)

**Manager:** Vacant,  
(601) 632-4679

**Location:** Lauderdale Co. about 8 miles east of Meridian off Hwy 11.

**Facilities/Activities:** Boat ramp, 22 camping pads with electrical/water hookups, 2 handicapped fishing piers, picnic tables, and handicapped restrooms with showers. Skiing on Sunday, Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day noon to sunset.

## 16. NESHOPA COUNTY LAKE

(138 acres)

**Manager:** Sherry Hazelwood,  
(601) 656-7376

**Location:** Neshoba Co. about 6 miles southeast of Philadelphia off Hwy 486.

**Facilities/Activities:** Boat ramp, 22 camping pads with electrical/water/sewer hookups, 2 handicapped fishing piers, pavilion, picnic tables, playground, and handicapped restrooms with showers. No skiing.

## 17. PRENTISS WALKER LAKE

(81 acres)

**Manager:** Stan Sullivan,  
(601) 733-2611

**Location:** Smith Co. about 4 miles southwest of Mize off Hwy 35.

**Facilities/Activities:** Boat dock, boat ramp, 1 cabin and 1 handicapped cabin, 18 camping pads with electrical/water hookups, 2 handicapped fishing piers, pavilions, picnic tables, playground, and handicapped restrooms with showers. Skiing on Friday, Sunday, Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day noon to sunset.

## 18. SIMPSON COUNTY LAKE\*

(76 acres)

**Manager:** Gregory Perry,  
(601) 849-4886

**Location:** Simpson Co. 5 miles north of Magee on Hwy 49.

**Facilities/Activities:** Boat ramp, 11 camping pads with electrical/water hookups, 3 handicapped fishing piers, pavilions, picnic tables, and handicapped restrooms with showers. Skiing on Thursday, Sunday, Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day noon to sunset.

\* Currently closed for renovation

## 19. TIPPACH COUNTY LAKE

(145 acres)

**Manager:** Jim Cutberth,  
(662) 837-9850

**Location:** Tippah Co. 2.5 miles north of Ripley on Hwy 15, west 2.5 miles.

**Facilities/Activities:** Boat ramp, 22 camping pads with electrical/water hookups, 3 handicapped fishing piers, 1 earthen pier, grills, pavilion, picnic tables, and restrooms with showers. Skiing on Saturday, Sunday, Memorial Day, July 4th, and Labor Day noon to sunset.

## 20. LAKE WALTHALL

(55 acres)

**Manager:** None

**Location:** Walthall Co. 8 miles southeast of Tylertown off Hwy 48.

**Facilities/Activities:** Boat ramp. No camping or skiing



Jordan Hill

## FISH CONSUMPTION ADVISORIES & COMMERCIAL FISHING BANS

These advisories are current as of the time of publication, but are subject to change.

Please consult the MDEQ Web Site

<https://www.mdeq.ms.gov/water/field-services/fish-advisories-fish-tissue-and-fishing-bans/ms-fish-tissue-advisories-and-commercial-fishing-bans-june-2011/>  
or call the MDEQ Laboratory at (601) 961-5701 for the most up to date information.

STREAM REACH	CHEMICAL	DATE ISSUED	ACTION
Archusa Water Park in Clark County	Mercury	Sept. 1996	See #1 Below
Bogue Chitto River	Mercury	May 1995	See #1 Below
Delta Region / All waters east of the Mississippi River levee and west of the bluff hills except for Steele Bayou, Black Bayou, Bee Lake, RecCon Lake (Rainey's Lake), and Lake Charlie Capps.	Toxaphene, DDT	June 2001	See #4 Below
Enid Reservoir	Mercury	May 1995	See #1 Below
Escatawpa River from the Alabama state line to Interstate 10.	Mercury	May 1995	See #1 Below
Grenada Lake & Yalobusha River from the dam downstream to Hwy 8 & 35 at Holcomb.	Mercury	June 2001	See #1 Below
Gulf of Mexico	Mercury	May 1998	See #2 Below
Lake Susie, Oxbow Lake of Old Tallahatchie River in Panola County west of Batesville	PCBs	Nov. 1989	See #3 Below
Little Conehoma Creek & Yockanookany River in Attala & Leake counties. From Highway 35 near Kosciusko Downstream to Highway 429 near Thomastown (approx. 15 miles).	PCBs	June 1987	See #3 Below
Pascagoula River	Mercury	Sept. 1996	See #1 Below
Pearl River Hwy 25 (Leake County), near Carthage, downstream to Leake County Water Park	Mercury	June 2001	See #1 Below
Yazoo National Wildlife Refuge (All Waters)	Toxaphene, DDT	1975	See #3 Below
Yockanookany River	Mercury	May 1995	See #1 Below
Yocona River From Enid Reservoir to Little Tallahatchie River	Mercury	Sept. 1996	See #1 Below

### CONSUMPTION RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Mississippi State Department of Health recommends that people limit the amount of largemouth and spotted bass and large catfish over 27 inches that they eat from these areas because of high levels of mercury in the fish. Children under seven and women of childbearing age should eat no more than one meal of these fish every two months. Other adults should eat no more than one meal of these fish every two weeks.
2. The Mississippi State Department of Health recommends that people limit the amount of 33"-39" king mackerel they eat from the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Do not eat king mackerel greater than 39". Children under seven and women of childbearing age should eat no more than one meal of these fish every two months. Other adults should eat no more than one meal of these fish every two weeks.
3. Do not consume any fish from these waters. Closed to commercial fishing. Precautionary advisory issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for Yazoo National Wildlife Refuge.
4. The Mississippi State Department of Health recommends that people eat no more than one meal every 2 weeks of buffalo, carp, gar, and catfish over 22 inches from all waters in this area, except for Steele Bayou, Black Bayou, Bee Lake, RecCon Lake (Rainey's Lake) and Lake Charlie Capps.

DDT (dichloro-diphenyl-trichloroethane) is an insecticide whose use in the United States was banned in 1972.

PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) are chemicals whose production in the United States was banned in 1978.

# MISSISSIPPI OFFICIAL STATE RECORD FRESHWATER FISH

(Rod and Reel Division)

SPECIES	WEIGHT	ANGLER	LOCATION CAUGHT	DATE
Alligator Gar	215 lbs	Earl Stafford	MS River (Natchez)	5/3/2003
American Eel	5 lbs 1 oz	Mitch McLendon	MS River (Vicksburg)	7/12/1994
Bighead Carp	67 lbs 12 oz	Ron Maxwell	Sardis Lower Lake	4/3/2007
Bigmouth Buffalo	46 lbs 3 oz	Willie Hearn	Private Pond	10/24/2007
Black Bass Hybrid	11 lbs 4.5 oz	Hunter Yarborough	Private Pond	9/26/1964
Black Bullhead	5.56 lbs	Harold B. Alexander	Sunrise Lake	6/12/1988
Black Crappie	4 lbs 4 oz	Gerald Conlee	Arkabutla Reservoir	3/19/1991
Blue Catfish	95 lbs	Dakota Hinson	MS River (Natchez)	3/16/2009
Bluegill	3.45 lbs	Gerald E. Thurmond	Farm Pond	2/2/1995
Bowfin	18 lbs 14 oz	B.H. Toney	Ross Barnett Reservoir	11/23/1978
Brown Bullhead	6.13 lbs	Bobby L. Gibson	Farm Pond	1/19/1991
Chain Pickerel	6 lbs 4 oz	Ronnie Boren	Bay Springs Lake	10/4/1986
Channel Catfish	51 lbs 12 oz	Tom Edwards	Lake Tom Bailey	5/31/1997
Common Carp	74 lbs	Curtis Wade	Pelahatchie Lake	6/13/1963
Flathead Catfish	77.7 lbs	Matt Bingham	MS River (Tunica)	5/8/2012
Freshwater Drum	30.63 lbs	John Smith	Eagle Lake	1/7/2016
Grass Carp	53.2 lbs	Melvin Murphy	Prairie Waters	4/16/2008
Green Sunfish	1.26 lbs	Craig Jones	Waltman's Lake (Canton)	5/21/1986
Green Sunfish Hybrid	1.23 lbs	Troy M. Wright	Private Pond	4/6/1986
Largemouth Bass	18.15 lbs	Anthony Denny	Natchez State Park Lake	12/31/1992
Longear Sunfish	0.39 lbs	John Merritt	Black Creek	5/10/2020
Longnose Gar	48 lbs 1 oz	Don Henson	Sardis Reservoir Spillway	9/10/2016
Magnolia Crappie	3.46 lbs	Tom Box	Lake Charlie Capps	3/24/2004
Paddlefish	65 lbs	Randy Pues	Ross Barnett Reservoir Spillway	6/23/1974
Rainbow Trout	5.03 lbs	Cyrus Manning	Private Pond	1/5/2015
Redspotted Sunfish	2.3 oz	Caleb Hinton	Thompson Creek	9/29/2014
Redear	3.33 lbs	James K. Martin	Tippah County Lake	11/5/1991
Sauger	2.52 lbs	Pete Mauceli	MS River (Greenville)	8/5/1992
Saugeye	4.66 lbs	Scott Wood	Bay Springs lake	2/26/2000
Shadow Bass	0.83 lbs	Allen Smith	Red Creek	5/11/2020
Shortnose Gar	5.83 lbs	Robert Mills	Enid Spillway	8/22/1999
Silver Carp	27.25 lbs	Andrew Vinson	Sardis Lower Lake	8/1/2019
Smallmouth Bass	7 lbs 15 oz	Thomas Wilbanks	Yellow Creek Arm (Pickwick Lake)	1/24/1987
Smallmouth Buffalo	57 lbs 12 oz	Charles M. Cox	Ross Barnett Reservoir	11/21/1983
Spotted Bass	8 lbs 2 oz	S. Ross Gratham	Farm Pond	9/2/1975
Spotted Gar	8.1 lbs	Chuck Herring	Enid Spillway	8/13/2012
Striped Bass	39.6 lbs	Rocky Rawls	Pascagoula River	2/7/2016
Striped Bass Hybrid	17.77 lbs	Robert F. Fulce	Lower Sardis Lake	4/15/1991
Walleye	9.66 lbs	Clayton E. Hobbs	TN River (Iuka)	1/19/1985
Warmouth	1 lb 8 oz	Lillian Morris	Black Creek	6/17/1979
White Bass	5 lbs 6 oz	William Mulvihill	Grenada Reservoir Spillway	4/21/1979
★ White Crappie	5 lbs 3 oz	Fred Bright	Enid Reservoir	7/31/1957
Yellow Bass	2.24 lbs	Zach Lipford	Pickwick Lake	3/2/2017
Yellow Bullhead	2 lbs 13 oz	Robert Cason	Mossy Lake	5/26/1974
Yellow Perch	1.46 lbs	Wesley Cummins	Pickwick Lake	3/21/2016

★ - World Record

# Community Fishing Assistance Program— Public Fishing Waters

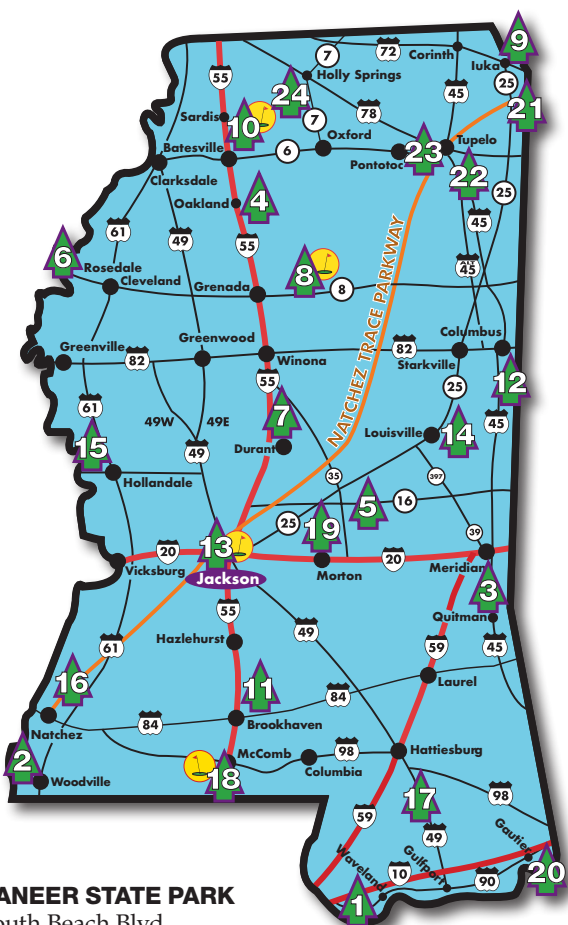
To inquire about enrolling a water body owned by a city or county in this program call (601) 432-2207.

- Only rod and reel or line and pole gear may be used in the following public waters which are open to fishing. Unless otherwise stated, all persons possessing a valid fishing license or who are legally exempt from the license requirements may fish these waters.
- The term “Handicapped persons” means paraplegic, hemiplegic, anyone permanently dependent upon a wheelchair for mobility, anyone who requires the permanent use of braces, full prosthesis or crutches for walking or blindness.
- Boating, swimming, littering, and alcoholic beverages are not allowed, except where noted. City or county ordinances may also regulate activities at these waters.
- Community Fishing Assistance Program Lakes may be closed to public use and the use regulations may be changed for special events.

LOCATION AND WATER	SIZE	SPECIES	DAILY LIMIT	RULES
Amory, Monroe County McAlpine Lake	2.5 acres	Largemouth Bass Bluegill, Redear, all bream Catfish	1 10 2	See A Below
Brookhaven, Lincoln County Brookhaven Fishing Pond	1 acre	Largemouth Bass Bluegill, Redear, all bream Catfish	0 10 5	See B Below
Byram, Hinds County Lake Dockery	43.5 acres	Largemouth Bass Bluegill, Redear, all bream Catfish	5 25 5	See C Below
Carthage, Leake County McMillian Park Pond	1.5 acres	Largemouth Bass All other Species Combined	2 8	Open Each Day
Clarksdale, Coahoma County Coahoma County Lake	3.2 acres	Largemouth Bass Bluegill, Redear, all bream Catfish	2 20 5	See D Below
Cleveland, Bolivar County Bear Pen Park Lake	3 acres	Largemouth Bass Bluegill, Redear, all bream Catfish	0 15 5	See E Below
Eupora, Webster County White’s Creek Lake	280 acres	Largemouth Bass. Release bass 15 inches and under Bluegill, Redear, all bream Crappie. Release all crappie 10 inches and under Catfish	5 25 15 10	See F Below
Greenwood, LeFlore County, Florewood River Plantation Lake	5 acres	Largemouth Bass bream Catfish	0 0 0	See G Below
Hattiesburg, Forrest County Duncan Lake	16.5 acres	Largemouth Bass Bluegill, Redear, all bream Catfish	5 10 5	See H Below
Hattiesburg, Forrest County Forrest County Lake	10.1 acres	Largemouth Bass Bluegill, Redear, all bream Catfish	5 20 5	See I Below
Hernando, Desoto County Lee’s Summit Park Lake	1.5 acres	Largemouth Bass Bluegill, Redear, all bream Crappie	0 100 30	See J Below
Olive Branch, Desoto County Olive Branch City Park Main, Middle, & Amphitheater Ponds	8 acres Total	Largemouth Bass. Release bass 15 inches & under Bluegill, Redear, all bream Crappie Catfish	2 10 5 5	Open Each Day
Oxford, Lafayette County Lake Patsy	7.6 acres	Largemouth Bass Bluegill, Redear, all bream Catfish	0 10 5	See K Below
Pascagoula, Jackson County Chateau Lake	4.5 acres	Largemouth Bass Bluegill, Redear, all bream Catfish	5 10 5	Open Each Day
Pascagoula, Jackson County Whitehead Lake	13 acres	Largemouth Bass Bluegill, Redear, all bream Catfish	5 10 5	Open Each Day
Poplarville, Pearl River County Poplar Springs Lake	5.2 acres	Largemouth Bass Bluegill, Redear, all bream Catfish	2 20 5	See L Below
Tupelo, Lee County Ballard Lake	3 acres	Largemouth Bass Bluegill, Redear, all bream Catfish	5 25 5	See M Below
Walnut Grove, Leake County Willow Lake	2.5 acres	Largemouth Bass All other species combined	0 8	See N Below

## Rules for Community Fishing Assistance Program Waters – 40 MS Admin. Code Part 3 Rule 2.2

- McAlpine Lake is open for fishing to persons 15 years old and younger on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday. One pole per youth.
- Brookhaven Fishing Pond will only be open for fishing to persons 14 years old and younger or handicapped persons of any age, as defined in this Rule.
- Lake Dockery is open to fishing each day from 30 minutes before dawn until 30 minutes before sunset. No swimming, alcohol, glass containers, overnight camping, outboard gasoline engine use or ATVs, tobacco products, unleashed pets, or firearms allowed. Contained fires only.
- Coahoma County Lake is open to fishing each day from sunrise to sunset.
- Bear Pen Park Lake is open daily from sunrise to sunset.
- White Creek’s Lake is open daily from sunrise to 9 p.m. No campfires, firearms, explosives, or jug fishing allowed. Boating allowed. Launching fee may apply. See rules posted at lake.
- Florewood River Plantation Lake is closed to fishing until further notice.
- Duncan Lake is open to fishing each day from sunrise to sunset. Pets must be on a leash.
- Forrest County Lake will be open to fishing on Thursday and Friday of each week and only to persons 14 years old or younger or handicapped persons of any age as defined in this Rule. All minors must be accompanied by a supervising adult and handicapped persons in need of personal assistance must provide such. The lake will be open to the general public for fishing on Saturday of each week from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Lee’s Summit Park Lake is open to fishing each day from sunrise to sunset.
- Lake Patsy will only be open for fishing to persons 15 years old and younger or handicapped persons of any age, as defined in this Rule. Fishing hours will be from sunrise to sunset each day.
- Poplar Springs Lake shall be open to fishing on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.
- Ballard Lake is open to fishing each day from sunrise to 10 p.m.
- Willow Lake will be open to fishing Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday of each week from sunrise to sunset.



## 1 BUCCANEER STATE PARK

1150 South Beach Blvd.  
Waveland, MS 39576  
(228) 467-3822

**Location:** Two miles off U.S. 90 on Beach Blvd. in Waveland on the Gulf Coast.

## 2 CLARK CREEK NATURAL AREA - DAY USE ONLY

366 Fort Adams Rd.  
Woodville, MS 39669  
(601) 888-6040

**Location:** 13 miles west of Woodville off Hwy 24 at the Pond Community.

## 3 CLARKCO STATE PARK

386 Clarkco Rd.  
Quitman, MS 39355  
(601) 776-6651  
65 acre lake

**Location:** 20 miles south of Meridian off U.S. 45.

## 4 GEORGE P. COSSAR STATE PARK

165 County Road 170  
Oakland, MS 38948  
(662) 623-7356

On 16,130 acre Enid Lake  
**Location:** Five miles east of I-55 off Mississippi 32.

## 5 GOLDEN MEMORIAL STATE PARK - CLOSED

2104 Damascus Road  
Walnut Grove, MS 39189  
(601) 253-2237

15 acre lake  
**Location:** On Mississippi 492, five miles east of Walnut Grove off Mississippi 35.

## 6 GREAT RIVER ROAD STATE PARK - DAY USE ONLY

101 State Park Road  
P.O. Box 292  
Rosedale, MS 38769  
(662) 827-5436

25 acre lake  
**Location:** In Rosedale off Hwy 1, 35 miles north of Greenville.

## 7 HOLMES COUNTY STATE PARK

5369 State Park Road  
Durant, MS 39063  
(662) 653-3351  
Two lakes (45 and 16 acres)

**Location:** Four miles south of Durant off I-55, exit 150.

## 8 HUGH WHITE STATE PARK

3170 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 725  
Grenada, MS 38902  
(662) 226-4934

Golf Course: 662-226-4123

On 35,280 acre Grenada Lake  
**Location:** 2424 Hugh White State Park Road, Grenada, MS 38901.

## 9 J. P. COLEMAN STATE PARK

613 CR 321  
Iuka, MS 38852  
(662) 423-6515

On 43,100 acre Pickwick Lake  
**Location:** 13 miles north of Iuka off Hwy 25.

## 10 JOHN W. KYLE STATE PARK

4235 State Park Rd.  
Sardis, MS 38666  
(662) 487-1345

On 32,100 acre Sardis Lake

**Golf Course:** 1-662-487-2400  
**Location:** 9 miles east of Sardis off Hwy 315, I-55, exit 252.

## 11 LAKE LINCOLN STATE PARK

2573 Sunset Rd. NE  
Wesson, MS 39191  
(601) 643-9044

550 acre lake  
**Location:** 4.5 miles east off Hwy 51.

## 12 LAKE LOWNDES STATE PARK

3319 Lake Lowndes Road  
Columbus, MS 39702  
(662) 328-2110

150 acre lake  
**Location:** Six miles southeast of Columbus off Mississippi 69.

## 13 LEFLEUR'S BLUFF STATE PARK

3315 Lakeland Terrace  
Jackson, MS 39216  
(601) 987-3923

50 acre lake

**Golf Course:** (601) 364-1783

**Location:** I-55, exit 98B (Lakeland Drive), Jackson.  
Call office for directions-GPS incorrect.

## 14 LEGION STATE PARK

635 Legion State Park Road  
Louisville, MS 39339  
(662) 773-8323

16 acres of lake

**Location:** 2 miles north of Louisville on North Columbus Avenue (Old Hwy 25).

# Mississippi State Parks

**15 LEROY PERCY STATE PARK**  
1400 Hwy 12 W  
Hollandale, MS 38748  
(662) 827-5436  
60 acre lake  
**Location:** 5 miles west of Hollandale off Mississippi 12.

**16 NATCHEZ STATE PARK**  
230-B Wickcliff Rd.  
Natchez, MS 39120  
(601) 442-2658  
230 acre lake  
**Location:** 10 miles north of Natchez off U. S. 61 at Stanton.

**17 PAUL B. JOHNSON STATE PARK**  
319 Geiger Lake Rd.  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401  
(601) 582-7721 – 225 acre lake  
**Location:** 10 miles south of Hattiesburg, off U.S. 49.

**18 PERCY QUIN STATE PARK**  
2036 Percy Quin Dr.  
McComb, MS 39648  
(601) 684-3938  
490 acre lake  
**Golf Course:** 1-855-219-7282  
**Location:** 6 miles south of McComb off I-55, exit 13.

**19 ROOSEVELT STATE PARK**  
2149 Highway 13 South  
Morton, MS 39117  
(601) 732-6316  
150 acre lake  
**Location:** I-20, exit 77.

**20 SHEPARD STATE PARK**  
1034 Graveline Rd.  
Gautier, MS 39553  
(228) 497-2244  
**Location:** 3 miles west of Pascagoula, south of U. S. 90 at Gautier.  
Operated by the City of Gautier.

**21 TISHOMINGO STATE PARK**  
105 County Rd. 90 / P.O. Box 880  
Tishomingo, MS 38873  
(662) 438-6914  
45 acre lake  
**Location:** Mile marker 304 off the Natchez Trace or two miles south of Tishomingo off Hwy 25.

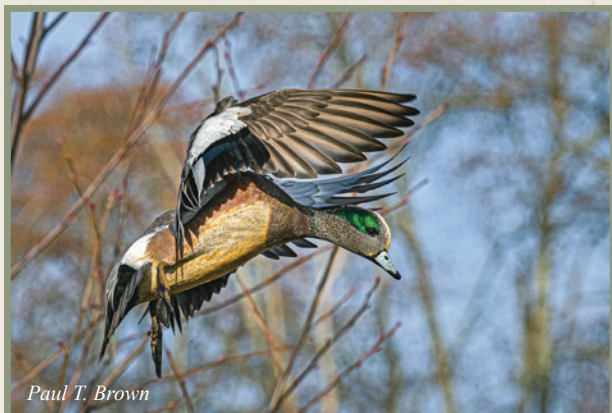
**22 TOMBIGBEE STATE PARK**  
264 Cabin Drive  
Tupelo, MS 38804  
(662) 842-7669  
120 acre lake  
**Location:** 6 miles southeast of Tupelo off Mississippi 6.

**23 TRACE STATE PARK**  
2139 Faulkner Rd.  
Belden, MS 38826  
(662) 489-2958  
565 acre lake  
**Location:** 10 miles east of Pontotoc off Mississippi 6.

**24 WALL DOXEY STATE PARK**  
3946 Hwy 7 South  
Holly Springs, MS 38635  
(662) 252-4231  
60 acre lake  
**Location:** 7 miles south of Holly Springs off Mississippi 7.

(NOTE: Florewood State Park in Greenwood is temporarily closed.)

## 2020/2021 MISSISSIPPI DUCK STAMP PRINT



Prints of the 2020/21 Mississippi Duck Stamp are available in both Regular Edition and Artist Proofs and are personally signed and numbered. All prints are 6" x 9" and printed on 12" x 14" acid free paper with fade-resistant inks. The matching numbered print Duck Stamp is included.

Regular Edition prints	\$160.00*
Artist Proof	\$185.00*

*\*Plus applicable processing and shipping fees.*

*A percentage of the proceeds go to Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks to be used in the continuing effort toward wildlife conservation in Mississippi.*

# Mississippi State Parks – Fees

GENERAL ENTRANCE	FEES	DESCRIPTION
Private Vehicles	\$4.00	\$.50 for each person over 6 people
Special Event/Vehicle	\$6.00 - \$10.00	\$.50 for each person over 6 people
Daily Trail Use, ORV, Horse	\$8.00	Per person
Daily Trail Use, Mountain Bike	\$5.00	Per person
Daily Walk-In, Bus, Bike	\$.50	Per person
Annual Entrance Permit	\$50.00	In & Out-of-State
Annual ORV/Horse	\$102.00	Per person

FISHING PERMITS	FEES	DESCRIPTION
Daily Youth Fishing	N/A	Under 16 years of age
Daily Fishing (Ages 16-64)	\$5.00	Per person
Daily Disabled/Age Exempt Fishing	\$3.00	Per person
Annual Bank/Pier Fishing (Ages 16-64)	\$52.00	Per person
Annual Bank/Pier Disabled/Age Exempt Fishing	\$32.00	Per person

BOAT LAUNCH	FEES	DESCRIPTION
Daily Boat Launch Fish/Ski (Ages 16-64)	\$7.00	Per boat
Daily Boat Launch Fish/Ski Disabled/ Age Exempt	\$6.00	Per boat
Annual Boat Launch Fish/Ski (Ages 16-64)	\$102.00	Per boat
Annual Guest Boat Launch Fish/Ski (Ages 16-64)	\$150.00	Includes fishing permits for all in the boat
Annual Boat Launch Fish/Ski Disabled/Age Exempt	\$72.00	Per boat
Annual Guest Launch Fish/Ski Disabled/Age Exempt	\$120.00	Includes fishing permits for all in the boat
Duplicate copy of Annual Permit	\$7.29	

CANOE RENTAL	RATE	DESCRIPTION
Bear Creek Float Trip	\$40.00	Per Trip (Tishomingo Only)

CABINS, COTTAGES	RATE RANGE
Mini, Rustic, Standard & Deluxe cabins	\$35 - \$110
Standard cottage (no linens)	\$60 - \$110

BEAR CREEK  
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CAMPING	NIGHTLY	MONTHLY
Camping-Full (water/sewer/ electricity)	\$24.00	\$500.00
Camping- Standard (water/ electricity)	\$22.00	\$460.00
Camping-Primitive (tent only)	\$15.00	
Camping- 65+/Disabled – Full	\$16.00	\$400.00
Camping- 65+/Disabled – Standard	\$15.00	\$360.00
Scout Groups (per person)	\$2.00	
Camping- Premium, where available	\$28.00	\$580.00 (Only Buccaneer)
Camping- Beach Front (Buccaneer)	\$45.00	

GOLF VILLAS	WEEKDAY	WEEKEND
Per Villa	\$310	\$380

GROUP CAMPS	RATE	STANDARD
Lodging	\$8.50	Per person/per night
Meals	\$7.50- \$15.00	Per person/per meal

MARINAS	SLIP	RATE	DESCRIPTION
J.P. Coleman	Dock A - C	\$56.00 - \$233.00	Monthly, 32 – 48 foot slips. Covered and uncovered, w/ and w/out electricity
	Transient Dock	\$1/foot	10 Day maximum stay. Minimum length 26 foot. Includes electricity.
	Guest Slip Rental	\$6.00	Daily, covered, without electricity
Percy Quin	All slips	\$300.00	Yearly, with electricity

MEETING ROOMS	RATE
Meeting Rooms	\$40.00 – \$500.00

BUSINESS RETREAT CENTERS	RATE
J.P. Coleman & Lefleurs Bluff	\$500.00

MISCELLANEOUS	RATE	DESCRIPTION
Disc Golf Rental	\$3.00	Per disc/per day
Disc Rental Replacement Fee	\$5.00	Per Disc
Horse Barn Rental (Trace State Park)	\$6.00	Per Night
Permit Replacement Fee	\$6.00	Each
Firewood	\$7.00	Per Load
Ice	\$2.50	Bag
Linen Rental	\$15.00	Per set
Damage Fee	\$50.00	

MOTELS & TOWNHOUSES	WEEKDAY	WEEKEND
Motel-2 queen beds/room	\$72.00	\$82.00 (J.P. Coleman, Percy Quin & Roosevelt)
Motel-1 queen bed/room	\$62.00	\$72.00 (J.P. Coleman, Percy Quin, & Roosevelt)
Motel Suite	\$25.00	\$25.00 (extra per rental at Percy Quin)
Townhouse	\$162.00	\$182.00 (Only at J.P. Coleman)

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES	RATE	DESCRIPTION
Ball Field, with lights	\$12.00	Per hour

# Mississippi State Parks – Fees

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES	RATE	DESCRIPTION
Ball Field, without lights	\$6.00	Per hour
Ball Field, Softball Tournaments	\$25.00	Per team (Lake Lowndes) 10 team minimum
Ball Field, Child Team Practice	\$50.00	Per Field
Carpet (miniature) Golf	\$2-\$4	Per Person
Gymnasium Lake Lowndes	\$2.00	Per Person – general use
Gymnasium Lake Lowndes	\$10.00	Per hour, reserved (2 hour minimum)
Gymnasium Lake Lowndes	\$200.00	Lock-in 8 p.m. to 8 a.m.
Multi-Sports Center- Lake Lowndes	\$150.00	6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
School Recreation Permit, Annual	\$250.00	Lake Lowndes only
Tennis Courts	\$6.00	Per 1.5 hours with lights
Tennis Courts	\$3.00	Per 1.5 hours without lights
Concessions- Vendor Rental	\$35.00	Per Space
Tournaments- Special Events	\$50.00-\$1,000.00	Rate to be determined

PAVILIONS	RATES
Pavilions	\$40.00 - \$125.00

TENNIS	RATES
Entrance Annual Permit	\$75.00 per person

SWIMMING, WATER SLIDES, SPLASH PADS & WAVE POOL		
FACILITY	RATE	DESCRIPTION
Pool (at J.P. Coleman, Percy Quin, Roosevelt, Tishomingo, & Buccaneer)	\$6.00 \$4.00	Person 13 and older Person 3-12 years old
Water Slides (at Roosevelt)	\$11.00	Per Day/Per Person

BUCCANEER STATE PARK		
Water Slides & Wave Pool Regular Rate	\$13.00 \$19.00	One person under 48" high One person over 48" high
Group Rate (50 people +)	\$11.00 \$16.00	One person under 48" high One person over 48" high
Twilight (4-6 p.m.)	\$9.00 \$11.00	One person under 48" high One person over 48" high
Non-Participant Fee	\$6.00	
Annual Pass, Individual	\$60.00	
Annual Pass, Family	\$200.00	(4 people) Family pass only covers immediate family
Annual Pass, Additional Family Member	\$50.00	(up to 2 people) Only covers immediate family
Annual Pass replacement	\$10.00	

PAUL B. JOHNSON STATE PARK		
Splash Pad Regular Rate	\$6.00 \$8.00	One person 15 – & under One person 16 – & older
Annual Pass, Individual	\$30.00	
Annual Pass, Family	\$120.00	(4 people) Family pass only covers immediate family
Private Parties (7–9pm)	\$250.00	Each person over 50 will be charged the standard rate.

Notes: 1. Refer to State Park Fees (Rule 1.1) and Rules and Regulations (Rule 1.2) for complete fee and reservation information at <http://www.mdwfp.com/parks-destinations/state-park-fees-rules.aspx>

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QUAIL HOLLOW GOLF COURSE			
RATES	WEEKDAY	WEEKEND	DESCRIPTION
9 Holes with cart	\$25.00	\$25.00	Per Person
18 Holes with cart	\$40.00	\$40.00	Per Person
SPECIAL RATES	FEE	DESCRIPTION	
Twilight rate	\$30.00	2pm Winter & 3 pm Summer	
9 Holes Student or Junior	\$15.00	Walking, Mon.-Fri.; Sat.-Sun. after 1 p.m.	
18 Holes Student or Junior	\$30.00	Walking, Mon.-Fri.; Sat.-Sun. after 1 p.m.	
Driving Range Ball Bucket	\$5.00	6 p.m. to 10 p.m.	
Tournament Rates	Call for rates	Number of Participants Apply to Rates	
SEASON PASSES	FEE	DESCRIPTION	
Adult Season Pass Holder	\$1,500.00	14 Day Advances Tee Time Reservation is Available	
Junior Season Pass Holder	\$400.00	14 Day Advanced Tee Time Reservation is Available. Cart Fees Apply. 17 years old and Younger	
Driving Range Pass	\$200.00	Unlimited Driving Range Balls for One Year of Purchase	

LEFLEUR'S BLUFF GOLF COURSE			
RATES	WEEKDAY	WEEKEND	DESCRIPTION
9 Holes with Cart	\$13.00	\$14.00	Per Person
18 Holes with Cart	\$23.00	\$28.00	Per Person
SPECIAL RATES	FEE	DESCRIPTION	
9 Holes Walking	\$10.00	Per Person	
18 Holes Walking	\$18.00	Per Person	
Driving Range Ball Bucket	\$6.00		
SEASON PASSES	FEE	DESCRIPTION	
Adult Season Pass Holder	\$600.00	14-Day Advanced Tee Time Reservation is Available	
Junior Season Pass Holder	\$250.00	14-Day Advanced Tee Time Reservation is Available. Cart Fees Apply. 17 Years Old and Younger.	
Driving Range Pass	\$200.00	Unlimited Driving Range Balls for One Year of Purchase	

**Season Pass Includes:**

- Unlimited Green Fees for One Year from Date of Purchase
- Unlimited Cart Fees for One Year from Date of Purchase (Adult Season Pass Holders)
- Additional Fees Apply for Tournament Participation Note: Junior Pass Holders Must Be 17 Years Old or Younger.
- Additional Cart Fees Apply for Junior Season Pass Holders

MALLARD POINT GOLF COURSE					
SUMMER RATES	MON-WED	THURS-FRI	WEEKEND	HOLIDAY	DESCRIPTION
9 Holes Walking	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	Per Person
18 Holes Walking	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	Per Person
9 Holes with Cart	\$25.75	\$30.00	\$32.00	\$37.50	Per Person
18 Holes with Cart	\$41.75	\$47.00	\$52.50	\$52.50	Per Person
WINTER RATES	MON-WED	THURS-FRI	WEEKEND	HOLIDAY	DESCRIPTION
9 Holes Walking	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	Per Person
18 Holes Walking	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	Per Person
9 Holes with Cart	\$20.00	\$24.00	\$28.00	\$28.00	Per Person
18 Holes with Cart	\$32.50	\$37.50	\$43.50	\$43.50	Per Person
TWILIGHT RATES	WINTER M-F	WINTER S-S	SUMMER M-F	SUMMER S-S	DESCRIPTION
Twilight	\$26.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$37.50	Includes Cart

SENIOR RATES		FEE	DESCRIPTION
Summer		\$31.00	Per Person (62 and older Monday - Thursday Only)
Winter		\$27.00	Per Person (62 and older Monday - Thursday Only)
DRIVING RANGE		FEE	DESCRIPTION
Small Bucket		\$3.50	
Large Bucket		\$6.00	
9 Hole Replay		\$10.00	Per Person (Winter & Summer)
18 Hole Replay		\$20.00	Per Person (Winter & Summer)
18 Hole Replay		\$20.00	Winter & Summer
CART FEE		FEE	DESCRIPTION
Cart – \$8.00, 9 holes		\$15.00 – 18 holes	Per Person

MEMBERSHIPS	MONTHLY DUES	ANNUAL DUES	PREPAID WITH CREDIT CARD	DESCRIPTION
Eagle	\$150.00	\$1,620.00	\$1,674.00	Per Person (Includes cart and range privileges)
Double Eagle	\$180.00	\$1,944.00	\$2,008.00	Per Person (Includes cart and range privileges)
Annual	\$85.00	\$900.00		Per Person (green fees only)
Annual (Family)	\$115.00	\$1,350.00		Per Family (green fees only)
Annual Senior	\$100.00	\$1,000.00		Per Person (Includes cart and range privileges)
Annual Senior Couple	\$140.00	\$1,500.00		Per Couple (includes cart and range privileges)

VILLA OVERNIGHT PACKAGES	SINGLE OCCUPANCY	DESCRIPTION
1 night/1 round	\$90.00	Per Person
1 night/2 rounds	\$130.00	Per Person
2 nights/2 rounds	\$180.00	Per Person
2 nights/3 rounds	\$220.00	Per Person
3 nights/4 rounds	\$305.00	Per Person

**NOTE:** For a golfer plus a non-golfer, add \$49.50 per night to the double occupancy rate above.

VILLA NON-GOLF PACKAGE	FEE	DESCRIPTION
Entire Villa	\$428.00	4 rooms - 8 beds (does not include golf)

# Mississippi State Parks – Amenities

## CONFERENCE & OVERNIGHT FACILITIES

FACILITY OR ACTIVITY AVAILABLE	MOTEL	MEETING ROOMS	CABINS	GROUP CAMP	RV CAMPGROUND	TENT CAMPGROUND	CAMPGROUND LAUNDRY	CAMP STORE
Buccaneer					•	•	•	•
Clarkco		•	•		•	•	•	•
George P. Cossar		•	•		•		•	
Golden Memorial	Day Use Only							
Holmes County					•			
Hugh White		•	•		•			
J. P. Coleman	•	•	•		•	•	•	
John W. Kyle		•	•	•	•		•	
Lake Lincoln			•		•	•		
Lake Lowndes		•	•		•	•	•	
LeFleur's Bluff					•	•		
Legion		•	•		•	•		
Leroy Percy		•	•		•		•	
Natchez			•		•	•	•	
Paul B. Johnson		•	•	•	•	•	•	
Percy Quin	•	•	•	•	•	•		
Roosevelt	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Shepard					•	•		
Tishomingo		•	•	•	•	•		
Tombigbee		•	•	•	•	•	•	
Trace		•	•		•	•	•	
Wall Doxey		•	•	•	•	•	•	

## DAY USE FACILITIES & ACTIVITIES

FACILITY OR ACTIVITY AVAILABLE	GOLF	TENNIS	DISC GOLF	PICNIC AREA/PAVILIONS	PLAYGROUND	PLAYING FIELDS	EQUESTRIAN TRAIL	MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL	NATURE TRAIL	SWIMMING POOL	WATER SLIDE	SPLASH PAD	FISHING	BOAT LAUNCH	WATER SKIING	CANOE TRIP	GOLF VILLAS	MINI GOLF	MARINA	ATV TRAILS	WAVE POOL
Buccaneer			•	•	•				•	•	•		•								•
Clarkco		•	•	•	•	•			•			•	•	•	•						
George P. Cossar			•	•	•				•				•	•	•			•			
Golden Memorial				•	•				•				•	•							
Holmes County				•									•	•							
Hugh White	•		•	•	•								•	•	•						
J. P. Coleman				•	•					•			•	•	•			•	•		
John W. Kyle	•				•								•	•	•		•				
Lake Lincoln				•	•	•			•				•	•	•						
Lake Lowndes		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•				•	•	•						
LeFleur's Bluff	•		•	•	•				•				•	•							
Legion				•	•				•				•								
Leroy Percy			•	•	•				•				•	•							
Natchez			•	•	•				•				•	•							
Paul B. Johnson			•	•	•				•			•	•	•	•						
Percy Quin	•	•		•	•	•			•	•			•	•	•		•		•		
Roosevelt		•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•		•	•	•						
Shepard			•	•	•	•			•				•	•							
Tishomingo			•	•	•	•			•	•			•			•					
Tombigbee			•	•	•	•			•				•	•							
Trace			•	•	•		•	•	•				•	•	•					•	
Wall Doxey			•	•	•	•			•				•	•							
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