

White-tailed Deer Hunting Seasons

Deer Management 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 long.**

| <u>Method</u> | <u>Season Dates</u> | <u>Legal Deer</u> |
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| Archery | Oct. 1 – Nov. 16, 2012 | Antlerless Deer & Legal Bucks on private and open public land. |
| Youth Gun | Nov. 3, 2012 – Jan. 31, 2013 | Antlerless Deer & Legal Bucks on private and authorized state and federal lands. Youth 15 and under. |
| Early Primitive Weapons Hunt / Crossbow | Nov. 5 – 16, 2012 | Antlerless Deer Only (private and open public land). |
| Gun (with dogs) / Crossbow / Special Archery Hunt | Nov. 17 – 30, 2012 Dec. 24, 2012 – Jan. 17, 2013 | Antlerless Deer & Legal Bucks on private and open public land; Legal Bucks only on open public land. Special Archery; Antlerless Deer & Legal Bucks. |
| Primitive Weapon / Crossbow / Special Archery Hunt | Dec. 1 – 14, 2012 | Antlerless Deer & Legal Bucks on private and open public land. |
| Gun (without dogs) / Crossbow / Special Archery Hunt | Dec. 15 – 23, 2012 | Antlerless Deer & Legal Bucks on private and open public land. |
| Primitive Weapon / Archery / Crossbow | Jan. 18 – 31, 2013 | Antlerless Deer & Legal Bucks on private and open public land. |

Antlered Buck Deer: The bag limit on antlered buck deer is one (1) buck per day, not to exceed three (3) per license year. Legal bucks must meet the antler criteria with- in the appropriate deer management zone. For youth hunters fifteen (15) years of age and younger hunting on private lands and authorized state and federal lands, all three (3) of their three (3) buck bag limit may be any antlered deer.

Antlerless Deer: The bag limit on antlerless deer is one (1) per day, not to exceed five (5) per license year.

Spotted Fawns are not to be killed or molested at any time.

Small Game Hunting Seasons & Bag Limits

| <u>Species</u> | <u>Season Dates</u> | <u>Daily Bag Limit</u> |
|---|--|------------------------|
| Rabbit | S Oct. 13, 2012 -Feb. 28, 2013 | 8 |
| Bobwhite Quail | Nov. 22, 2012 -Mar. 2, 2013 | 8 |
| Frog | Apr. 1 -Sept. 30, 2013 | 25/night |
| Raccoon | June 30 – Sept. 30, 2012 | 1 per party/night |
| Opossum, Raccoon and Bobcat | Oct. 1 – 31, 2012 (Food and sport) | 5/day; 8/party |
| | Nov. 1, 2012 – Feb. 28, 2013 (Food, sport and pelt) | No limit |
| Trapping | Nov. 1, 2012 -Feb. 28, 2013 | no limit |
| Squirrel (Zone 1*) | Sept. 29, 2012 -Feb 28, 2013 | 8 |
| Squirrel (Zone 2**) | Oct. 13, 2012 -Feb. 28, 2013 | 8 |
| Squirrel (Zone 3***) | Oct. 27, 2012 -Feb. 28, 2013 | 8 |
| Youth Squirrel Hunts - Private lands and authorized state and federal public lands - Youth 15 and under | | |
| Zone 1 | Sept. 22 - 28, 2012 | 8 |
| Zone 2 | Oct. 6 - 12, 2012 | 8 |
| Zone 3 | Oct. 20 - 26, 2012 | 8 |
| *Zone 1 – Areas north of Hwy. 82 plus those portions of Sunflower county and Washington County south of Hwy. 82 | | |
| **Zone 2 -Areas between Hwy 82 and Hwy 84 plus portions of the state south of Hwy 84 and west of I-55. | | |
| ***Zone 3 -Areas south of Hwy 84 and east of I-55. | | |

Migratory Game Bird Seasons

| Species | Season Dates | Daily Bag Limit | Possession Limit |
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| Canada Geese* | Sept. 1 – 15, 2012 | 5 | 10 |
| White-winged and Mourning Doves (North Zone)** | Sept. 1 – 23, 2012 Oct. 13 – Nov. 11, 2012 Dec. 15, 2012 – Dec. 31, 2012 | 15 singly or in aggregate | 30 |
| White-winged and Mourning Doves (South Zone)*** | Sept. 1 – 9, 2012 Oct. 6 – Nov. 11, 2012 Dec. 21, 2012 – Jan. 13, 2013 | 15 singly or in aggregate | 30 |
| Teal | Sept. 15 – 30, 2012 | 4 | 8 |
| Rails (Sora & Virginia) | Sept. 22 – Nov. 30, 2012 | 25 singly or in aggregate | 25 |
| Rails (Clapper & King) | Sept. 22 – Nov. 30, 2012 | 15 singly or in aggregate | 30 |
| Moorhens & Gallinules | Sept. 22 – Nov. 30, 2012 | 15 singly or in aggregate | 30 |
| Snipe | Nov. 14, 2012 – Feb. 28, 2013 | 8 | 16 |
| Woodcock | Dec. 18, 2012 – Jan. 31, 2013 | 3 | 6 |
| Snow, Blue & Ross's Geese | Nov. 15, 2012 – Jan. 27, 2013 Oct. 1 – Nov. 14, 2012 Jan. 28 – Feb. 1, 2013 Feb. 4 – Mar. 31, 2013 | 3-bird daily bag limit | Twice the daily bag limit |
| White-fronted Geese | Nov. 15, 2012 – Jan. 27, 2013 Oct. 1 – Nov. 18, 2011 Jan. 30 – Feb. 3, 2012 Feb. 6 – Mar. 31, 2012 | 2-bird daily bag limit | 4 |
| Brant | Nov. 15, 2012 – Jan. 27, 2013 | 1-bird daily bag limit | Twice the daily bag limit |
| Ducks, Mergansers & Coots | Nov. 23 – 25, 2012 Nov. 30 – Dec. 2, 2012 Dec. 5, 2012 – Jan. 27, 2013 | See below for species bag limit | |
| Youth Waterfowl Weekend | Feb. 2 – 3, 2013 | | |
| Late-season Canada Goose | Nov. 21, 2011 – Jan. 29, 2012 | 3-bird daily bag limit | Twice the daily bag limit |
| <p>*Roebuck Lake in Leflore County is closed to Canada Goose hunting. **(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. ****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. Hunters can obtain a permit by calling 601-432-2199.</p> | | | |
| <p>DAILY BAG LIMITS / POSSESSION LIMITS: Possession Limit is twice the daily bag limit for all ducks, mergansers, Canada geese and brant. Ducks – A total of 6 ducks, including no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 of which can be female), 3 wood ducks, 2 redheads, 4 scaup, 2 pintails, 1 canvasback, 1 mottled duck and 1 black duck. Mergansers – A total of 5, only 2 of which may be hooded mergansers. Coots – 15 Daily.</p> | | | |

Spring Turkey Hunting Seasons & Bag Limits

| Season | Dates | Bag Limit |
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| Youth (Private lands and authorized state and federal public lands: youth 15 and under) | March 8 – 14, 2013 | See Spring season for bag limit |
| Closed Areas for Spring Turkey Hunting | | |
| In the counties of: | | In the area of: |
| Coahoma | West of Hwy. 61, east of Hwy. 1, north of Eagles Nest-Friars Point Road and south of Coahoma-Friars Point Road. | |
| Leflore | West of Hwy. 7 and Hwy. 49 E and north of Morehead Road and south of Hwy. 442 | |
| Quitman | Entire county. | |
| Sunflower | South of Hwy. 442 and east of Hwy. 3 and Hwy. 49 W and north of Berclair Road | |

Fall Turkey Hunting Seasons & Bag Limits

| Season | Dates | Bag Limit |
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| Fall (see open areas) | Oct. 15 – Nov. 15, 2012 | Two (2) turkeys, which may be either sex. |
| <p>Open Areas: In the following zones, on private lands, and where the landowner/leaseholder completes a fall turkey hunting application and provides a copy of the property deed or lease agreement at an MDWFP district office or the Jackson office.</p> | | |
| <p>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.</p> | | |
| <p>North-Central Zone: Benton, Lafayette, Marshall, Panola, Tippah and Union counties.</p> | | |
| <p>Southwestern Zone: Adams, Amite, Claiborne, Copiah, Hinds, Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, Madison, Warren, Wilkinson and Yazoo counties.</p> | | |