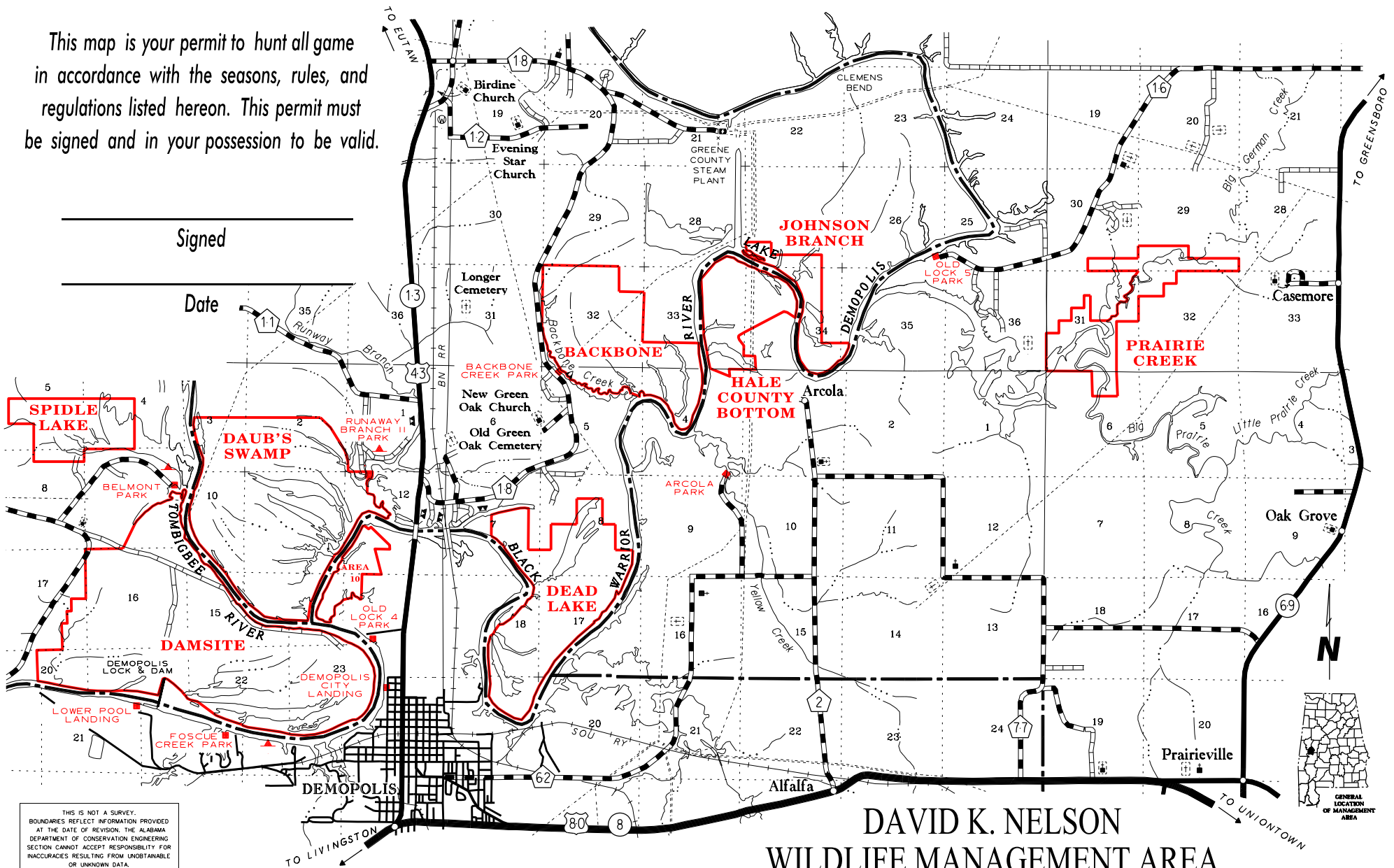


This map is your permit to hunt all game in accordance with the seasons, rules, and regulations listed hereon. This permit must be signed and in your possession to be valid.

Signed _____

Date _____



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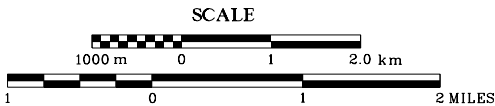
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LEGEND

- PRIMITIVE ROAD
- UNIMPROVED ROAD
- GRADED AND DRAINED ROAD
- GRAVEL, STONE OR SOIL ROAD
- PAVED STATE ROUTE
- OTHER PAVED ROADS

- MANAGEMENT AREA BOUNDARY
- PRIVATE LAND
- CAMP OR LODGE
- BOAT LAUNCHING RAMP



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(Greene, Hale, Marengo, & Sumter Counties)
ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF WILDLIFE AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES
Hunting Regulations – August 1, 2012 – July 31, 2013

PERMITS: Season permits for all hunts are available at the self-service box at the Damsite Unit entrance of David K. Nelson WMA; locally at Wal-Mart, Hwy 80, Demopolis; Willingham's Sports, Hwy. 80, Demopolis; Elk Food Mart Shell Station, Hwy. 43 North, Demopolis; AMOCO Food Shop, Hwy. 28 West, Coatopa; and Belmont Grocery, Belmont; or via the internet at www.outdooralabama.com/hunting/wildlife-areas/wmmaps. Requests for permits by mail should be sent to Area Biologist Justin Brock, P.O. Box 993, Demopolis, AL 36732 (office phone (334) 289-8030). Include a large, self-addressed stamped envelope and current hunting license number. All deer, turkeys, and feral swine killed during any hunt **must** be reported by contacting the area biologist. **Trapping** permits must be obtained from the Area Biologist.

NOTE:

- A State hunting license, wildlife management area (WMA) permit, and WMA license are required when hunting on any WMA. For residents, a Wildlife Heritage license is valid in lieu of a State hunting license or a WMA license while hunting on a WMA for all small game, except waterfowl.
- Statewide antlered buck season bag limit applies to all WMAs.
- Administrators of the hunt shall have the right to distribute the hunters and to inspect all vehicles or other equipment while on the areas. **The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and landowners, who are making the hunting possible, hereby put each hunter on notice that he hunts at his own risk and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and such landowners shall not be responsible for any accidents or injuries that may occur.**

LOCATION OF UNITS: The Damsite Unit is located in Sumter County across the Tombigbee River from the city of Demopolis and Demopolis Lock and Dam. This unit is accessible by vehicle off Sumter Co. Rd. 23 near the Belmont community. Boat ramps giving access include Demopolis City, Old Lock 4 Park, Foscue Creek Park, and Belmont Park boat ramps. The Daub's Swamp Unit is located in the south end of Greene County and is accessible by boat only. Boat ramps providing the best access are Runaway Branch II Park and Belmont Park boat ramps. The Area 10 Unit is located in Marengo County at the confluence of the Tombigbee and Black Warrior Rivers. This unit is accessible by boat from Runaway Branch II Park and Old Lock 4 Park boat ramps. The Backbone Unit is located in Greene County directly across from Backbone Creek Park off Greene Co. Rd. 18. Best boat ramps for accessing this unit are Backbone Creek Park and Arcola Park boat ramps. The Dead Lake Unit is located in Greene County northeast of the city of Demopolis. Best ramps for accessing this unit are Backbone Creek Park and Runaway Branch II Park boat ramps. The Hale County Bottom Unit is located in Hale County and is south of the Greene County Steam Plant. Best ramps for access are Arcola Park and Old Lock 5 Park boat ramps. The Spidle Lake Unit is located in Sumter County. Best access is from Belmont Park boat ramp. Johnson Branch Unit is located in Greene County southeast of the Greene County Steam Plant. Best access is from Arcola Park or Old Lock 5 Park boat ramps. The Prairie Creek Unit is located in Hale County along Big Prairie and Big German Creeks. Best access is from Old Lock 5 Park boat ramp.

SIZE AND DESCRIPTION OF UNITS: The Damsite Unit is 2,534 acres and is bounded by water on three sides. The Daub's Swamp Unit is 1,481 acres and is bound on the west by the Tombigbee River and on the east by the Black Warrior River. The Area 10 Unit is 155 acres and is bound on the west by the Black Warrior River. The Backbone Unit is 999 acres and is bound on the west by Backbone Creek and on the east by the Black Warrior River. The Dead Lake Unit is 1,000 acres and is bound on the east by the Black Warrior River. The Hale County Bottom Unit is 423 acres and is bound on three sides by the Black Warrior River. The Johnson Branch Unit is 236 acres and is bound on the south and west by the Black Warrior River. The Prairie Creek Unit is 554 acres and lies along Big German and Big Prairie Creeks. The Spidle Lake Unit is 402 acres and is bound on the southeast by Spidle Lake Slough. Each unit is posted with yellow and black signs which specifically state "Hunting by Permit Only", along with red painted boundary lines.

HUNTING DATES:

DEER:	(Youth)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – two deer per day only one of which may be an antlered buck): Nov. 10-11.
	(Gun)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – two deer per day only one of which may be an antlered buck): Nov. 17; Nov.23-29; Dec. 7-13; Jan 10-12
	(Archery)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – two deer per day only one of which may be an antlered buck): Oct. 15 - Jan. 31 (except on days of scheduled gun deer hunts).
	(Primitive Weapons)	Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice (except spotted fawns – two deer per day only one of which may be an antlered buck): Jan. 24-26.
TURKEY:	(Youth)	March 9-10. Legal hunting hours are daylight until 1:00 p.m.
	(Physically Disabled)	March 14. Legal hunting hours are daylight until 1:00 p.m.
	(Regular)	March 15 - April 30. Legal hunting hours are daylight until 1:00 p.m.
SQUIRREL & RABBIT:		Oct. 1 - Feb. 28 (except on days of scheduled gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
QUAIL:		Nov. 14 - Feb. 28 (except on days of scheduled gun and primitive weapons deer hunts).
RACCOON & OPOSSUM:		Sept. 1 - Feb. 28 (nighttime only). No hunting on nights preceding days of scheduled gun and primitive weapons deer hunts.
MOURNING DOVE:		State seasons. No hunting on days of scheduled gun and primitive weapons deer hunts. Legal hunting hours are 12:00 noon until sunset.
WATERFOWL:		State seasons on Daub's Swamp, Spidle Lake, and Dead Lake Units, remaining areas State season (except on days of scheduled gun and primitive weapons deer hunts). Legal hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until 12:00 noon on all areas.
FERAL SWINE & COYOTE:		Open during any other legal season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts (no dogs allowed; daylight hours only).
BOBCAT & FOX		Open during deer and turkey seasons in that county using weapons and ammunition for open legal seasons (no dogs allowed; daylight hours only).
TRAPPING:		Nov. 10 - Feb. 28.

BAG LIMITS: Deer – Either-sex except spotted fawns – 2 a day, one of which may be an antlered buck; statewide antlered buck bag limit applies; *turkey (gobblers only)* – 1 a day or 5 per season; *squirrel* – 8 a day; *rabbit* – 8 a day; *quail* – 12 a day; *raccoon* – 5 a day; *opossum* – no limit; *mourning dove* – 15 a day; *feral hogs* – no limit; *coyote* – no limit; *bobcat* – no limit; *fox* – 1 a day; *waterfowl* – State and Federal regulations apply.

PERMITTED FIREARMS AND BOW & ARROW:

DEER:	(Youth & Gun)	Centerfire rifles that have been plugged or otherwise incapable of holding more than 11 cartridges and using mushrooming and/or expanding type ammunition, shotguns using slugs only, muzzleloading rifles .40 caliber or larger, or centerfire handguns with a minimum 4-inch barrel length using mushrooming and/or expanding ammunition. All applicable laws regarding possessing and carrying handguns must be followed.
	(Archery)	Bows & arrows or crossbows will be legal (Oct. 15-Jan 31).
	(Primitive Weapons)	Only muzzleloading rifles, muzzleloading shotguns, bows & arrows, or crossbows will be legal. Rifles and shotguns may have fixed open metallic sights or scopes. Rifles to be .40 caliber or larger; shotguns to use pumpkin balls only. Firearms must be incapable of holding more than one charge per barrel.
TURKEY:		Shotguns using No. 2 shot or smaller and bows & arrows (no crossbows).
SQUIRREL & RABBIT:		Shotguns using No. 4 shot or smaller, .22 caliber or smaller rimfire firearms, and muzzleloading rifles .40 caliber or smaller, or rifles operated by air.
QUAIL:		Shotguns using No. 4 shot or smaller.
RACCOON & OPOSSUM:		Shotguns using No. 6 shot or smaller or .22 caliber rimfire firearms.
MOURNING DOVE:		Shotguns using No. 2 shot or smaller.
WATERFOWL:		Shotguns using steel shot only, T-size or smaller, or other shot compositions and shot sizes that are approved by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.
FOX:		Open during any other legal WMA deer or turkey hunting season using weapons and ammunition approved for those hunts. On all scheduled deer or turkey hunts, bows & arrows or crossbows will be legal (Oct. 15-Jan 31). Broadhead points will be legal only during scheduled deer hunts. Bows & arrows must conform with State regulations on specification.
FALCONRY:		Legal on all WMA scheduled hunts for legally permitted falconers. Falconers may take migratory game birds (not more than 3 per day) and resident game birds and animals on dates those seasons are open on each WMA.
TRAPPING:		Standard .22 caliber rimfire firearms only during daylight hours only. All trappers must conform with all State laws and regulations pertaining to trapping.

IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL:

1. To hunt, trap, use dogs, possess firearms, traps, or bow and arrow, except on open designated target ranges and except bow fishing equipment from March 1 – August 31, without a valid permit. A permit is valid only during scheduled WMA seasons during legal hunting hours and only with the required hunting license(s) and stamps and only with weapons and ammunition permitted for hunting the wildlife listed on permit. See (22) for limited exception for certain lawfully licensed handguns possessed for personal protection.
2. To use dogs for stalk hunting of deer or for turkey hunting.
3. To use dogs for hunting, training or any purpose from March 1 until the opening of the following fall gun season.
4. For any person under 16 years of age to hunt on any WMA unless accompanied by a licensed hunter at all times.
5. For any person to carry in or on a vehicle, any of the following: any firearms [including pistols/handguns, except as described in (22)] with ammunition in the magazine, breech or clip attached to firearms, or black powder weapons with primer, cap or flash powder in place, or cocked crossbows. See (22) for limited exception for certain lawfully licensed handguns possessed for personal protection.
6. To camp on any WMA except in designated sites. Individuals or groups may camp on WMAs for a period not to exceed nine (9) days in any thirty (30) day period. Campfires must be extinguished before departing. No warming fires shall be permitted away from camping area.
7. To kill or willfully molest any species of wildlife except those designated for hunting. However, this regulation shall not apply to coyote or feral swine, which may be killed during all scheduled WMA hunts, when possessing a valid permit and using weapons and ammunition that are legal for such designated hunts during daylight hours only.
8. To discharge fireworks at any time.
9. To discharge firearms for target practice.
10. To hunt or discharge firearms within 150 yards of any camping area, dwelling, dam or timber operation, 100 yards of any paved public road or highway; within a posted safety zone or on Sunday within one-half mile of any church.
11. To use fire to smoke out game.
12. For any person to possess any firearm while hunting with bow and arrow or crossbow, except on days of either-sex gun deer hunts.
13. For any person except authorized personnel to operate any motor driven vehicle behind, under or around any locked gate, barricaded road or sign which prohibits vehicular traffic.
14. For any unauthorized person at any time to operate any unlicensed motor scooter, motorcycle, trail bike, ATV, UTV, or other motor driven vehicle on the WMA. Utility right-of-ways are not open to vehicular traffic.
15. For any unauthorized person to ride or possess horses except on roads and trails open to four-wheel motorized vehicles or on roads and trails or in areas designated as open to horses, (except for raccoon hunters during the legal nighttime raccoon season where authorized). **A valid WMA license and a valid WMA permit are required to ride and/or possess horses on David K. Nelson WMA.**
16. For any person to hunt deer or feral swine on days of scheduled youth, gun, or primitive weapons deer hunts without wearing an outer garment above the waist containing a minimum of 144 square inches of hunter orange color or either a full size hunter orange hat or cap. Hunters are not required to wear hunter orange when hunting from a stand elevated twelve (12) feet or more above the ground. The hunter orange must be of solid color, except for a small logo and/or printing on the front of the cap, and visible from any angle.
17. For any person except authorized personnel to block or otherwise stop traffic on any road or at any gate by parking a vehicle in such a way that passage around the vehicle is impossible.
18. For any person to deposit, distribute or scatter grain, salt, litter, or any other materials on any WMA maintained by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources prior to receiving approval from said Department.
19. To damage or remove any artifacts, trees, crops, or other plants, dirt, gravel or sod without legal authorization.
20. To erect or use a permanent tree stand or scaffold without written permission from the landowners.
21. To hunt from an elevated stand or platform without attaching themselves to the tree or platform with a full body safety harness capable of supporting their weight.
22. Nothing in this regulation prohibits or requires a wildlife management area permit for the possession of handguns by lawfully licensed persons for personal protection, provided the handguns are not used to hunt or take or to attempt to take wildlife except as otherwise provided by this regulation.
23. For any person to field-dress or move any harvested antlered buck or turkey without first properly recording it on the hunter's Antlered Deer Harvest Record or Turkey Harvest Record form.

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