

Field Dressing and Skinning:

Deer may be field dressed prior to retrieval. When field dressing does, do not remove the mammary glands (milk sack), since they are useful in determining lactation rates.

Hunters may skin and process deer on the area. No waste from skinning or field dressing may be placed within 200 yards of any campsite, parking area, boat ramp or building.

Checking and Tagging Bonus Deer and Antlered Bucks:

All deer must be properly tagged. Bonus deer (Type B bucks and does) may be tagged using Freddie Black Choctaw Island WMA and Deer Research Area (East Unit) bonus deer tags (available at area check station) to include hunter's name, date of kill, time of kill and WMA Number 133 all written legibly in ink.

Permit Firearms Season (Gun and Muzzleloader):

All deer must be checked by Wildlife Management personnel during permit hunts at the designated check station near the area headquarters.

Archery Season: (Special restrictions apply):

Does: During archery season, does may be checked via Internet or telephone by calling (877) 507-4263.

All Bucks: During archery season, all bucks must be checked by Wildlife Management personnel only. Hunters harvesting any buck during archery season must contact the Monticello Regional Office (within 2 hours of harvest) by calling (877) 367-3559 (Note: after office hours leave message) and provide hunter's name, date of birth, date of kill, type A or B buck, number of points, method of kill, hunter's address, phone number where hunter can be contacted and ID number of hunting license. Hunters may not remove antlers or lower jaw bone until buck is officially examined by Wildlife Management personnel.

General Use Permit

I _____
have read and understand all of the regulations contained in this general use permit.

Date _____ / _____ / _____

Note: Hunters must retain this signed general use permit at all times while hunting on the Freddie Black Choctaw Island WMA and Deer Research Area (East Unit).



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Freddie Black Choctaw Island Wildlife Management Area and Deer Research (East Unit) General Use Permit

Welcome to the Freddie Black Choctaw Island WMA and Deer Research Area (East Unit)

The area, purchased by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission in 2001, is made up of two separate portions of land. The larger mainland section (approx. 5,732 acres) is accessible from three different points along the levee — North Access, Thane Road and Kate Adams Lake. The smaller "island" portion (approx. 1,944 acres) may be accessed from the "Old River" boat ramp located on the Thane Road Access.

Regulations

Access:

No ATVs are allowed on the area for any reason. (except during the Special Mobility Impaired Firearms Deer Hunt).

Any roads posted as open will be open to vehicular traffic. When parking on road-sides, pull completely off the road to allow other vehicles to pass unrestricted. Do not block any roads.

Non-motorized bicycles may be used on any road. Horses or mules may be used February through March and June through September only on established roads. Permits for organized trail rides involving 10 or more horses or mules must be obtained from the Monticello Regional Office.

Camping:

Camping is allowed on designated campsites only.

The gravel camping pads are for recreational vehicles (travel trailers, motor homes, etc.) only.

Camping is restricted to no more than 14 consecutive days, and camps may not remain unoccupied for more than 48 hours. During permit hunts, camping is restricted to permit holders only.

Campfires are not allowed on graveled surfaces. Campfire rings should be used where available. Do not place aluminum cans, plastic bottles, etc. in campfires. These items are considered litter and should be removed when leaving the campsite.

Generators may be used, but should be turned off between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Hunting Stands:

Only portable hunting stands (no objects or screws driven into trees, including screw-in steps, tree gaffs, etc.) may be used. Each hunting stand must have the owner's name and address permanently affixed to the stand. Stands may not remain in the same location for more than seven days. After seven days, the stand must be moved at least 200 yards from its previous location. Stands may not be placed more than seven days before the opening of the archery season and must be removed no later than seven days after the last day of the archery season.

Legal Buck Definitions:

Type A Buck:

Any buck having five or more points (at least one inch or longer) on one side, or having a 15-inch or greater inside spread (when measured perpendicular to the centerline of the skull), or a "button buck" with no hardened-bone antlers.

Note: Under the spread restriction, a legal buck will have an inside spread that obviously exceeds his ear width when facing the hunter. **Antler restrictions are strictly enforced. Be sure before you shoot.**

Type B Buck:

Any buck having five or fewer total points on both sides (examples: five-, four- and three-points and all spikes).

Deer Bag Limit:

No more than two bucks total, no more than two does total, see below.

Type A Buck:

One buck per person. The hunter must first harvest and check a doe from the Freddie Black Choctaw Island WMA and Deer Research Area (East Unit) before being eligible to harvest a Type A buck. The Type A buck is not a bonus deer and does count toward your state bag limit.

Type B Buck:

No more than two per person. The hunter is not required to harvest and check a doe from the Freddie Black Choctaw Island WMA and Deer Research Area (East Unit) before being eligible to harvest a Type B buck. The Type B buck is a bonus deer and does not count toward your state bag limit.

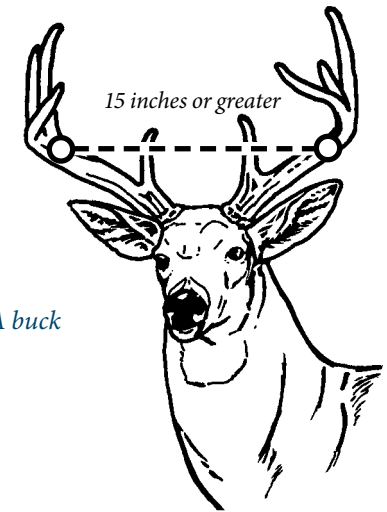
The combined total buck limit may consist of no more than two legal bucks (example: one Type A and one Type B buck, or two Type B bucks).

Does:

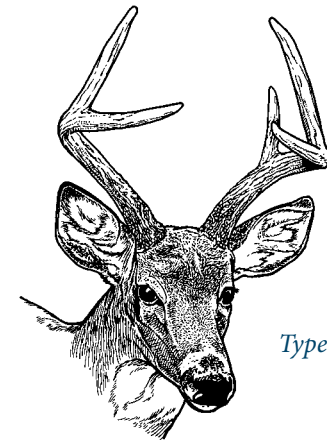
No more than two per person. All does harvested on the Freddie Black Choctaw Island WMA and Deer Research Area (East Unit) are bonus deer and do not count toward your state bag limit.

Deer Retrieval:

Hunters are encouraged to come prepared for success and to consider having some type of deer retrieval cart to aid in transporting harvested deer.



Type A buck



Type B buck



Type B buck