

# Forever Wild Land Trust

## Tracts with Hunting Provisions Wildlife Management Area/Community Hunting Area/Special Opportunity Areas

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The following information describes Forever Wild Land Trust Tracts (FWLT) with public hunting opportunities located within the Wildlife Management Area/Community Hunting Area system. These tracts are cooperatively managed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division and the State Lands Division to improve hunting related activities. Hunting is allowed as a recreational activity but is not the only recreational activity that takes place there.

FWLT currently owns/leases 284,813 acres.

FWLT currently has 245,617 (86%) acres that serve as part of the WMA system.

FWLT currently has 20,201 (7%) acres managed as Nature Preserve and Recreation Areas that allow hunting.

FWLT currently has 14,087 (5%) acres managed as Nature Preserve and Recreation Areas that do not allow hunting.

FWLT currently has 4,493 (2%) acres that serve as addition to State Parks.

### **WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA/COMMUNITY HUNTING AREA tracts acquired through the Forever Wild Program**

All properties are subject to Rules 220-2-.22. Hunters must have a valid hunting license, Wildlife Management Area license, and permit map; and follow regulations, seasons, and limits for the county in which the tract is located. For more information contact the State Lands Division at 1-800-LANDALA or see <http://www.outdooralabama.com/wildlife-management-areas>

**Autauga County WMA – Posey’s Crossroads, Oak Grove, Old Kingston, Joffre, and Phase II Additions:** Located in Autauga County, the WMA consists of 1,984 acres of mixed pine and hardwood upland forest. Each of the five acquisitions provided the required state matching funds for grants awarded to the Department of Conservation’s Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division for their purchase of additional acreage for the WMA. A WMA LICENSE AND PERMIT ARE REQUIRED TO HUNT AT THIS LOCATION. Contact the WFFD District 3 Office for additional details on regulations, seasons, limits, and trapping (205) 339-5716.

**Location:** Autauga County; T18N, R14E, Sections 1&2; T18N, R15E, Sections 5&6; T19N, R15E, Sections 13, 14, 24, 25 & 32; T19N, R16E, Sections 19 &30

**The Barbour WMA – Wehle Tract, Rmack Tract Additions, Dixon Tract Addition, and Leek Creek Addition** in Barbour and Bullock County are a mix of pine and hardwood forest habitats. These combined 7,478-acre acquisitions serve as a public land addition to the Barbour Wildlife Management Area, which is one of the largest and oldest state-owned public hunting areas in Alabama (see purchase # 2, 74, & 172).

**Location:** Barbour Co., T11N, R22E, multiple townships and sections, Bullock Co., T12N, R25E, Section 13; T11 & 12N, R27E, multiple areas within Sections 5, 6, 7, 31, 32

**Cahaba River WMA Tract:** Located in Shelby and Bibb County consists of a 93-year hunting lease for 70% of the Wildlife Management Area. The tract is comprised of mountainous and wooded terrain, hosting springs, rocky bluffs as well as early successional habitats within reclaimed areas and plantation forests bordering the Cahaba River. In partnership with the Molpus Timberlands, the plantation timber is under a pre-existing 93-year lease arrangement with a third party.

**Location:** multiple townships and sections

**Coosa WMA - Cahaba & Columbiana Tracts, Weogufka State Forest Addition, Hancock Phase II Addition:** Coosa County, 11,350 acres. These tracts are cooperatively managed by the State Lands Division and the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division as a Nature Preserve, Recreation Area, and Wildlife Management Area. The hunting and fishing programs on the tracts are managed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division as part of the Coosa WMA. Hunting regulations for this tract follow the seasons and limits established for the WMA. A WMA LICENSE AND PERMIT ARE REQUIRED TO HUNT AT THIS LOCATION. Contact the WFFD District 3 Office for additional details on regulations, seasons, limits, and trapping (205) 339-5716.

**Location:** Township 22N, Range 16, & 17E, Multiple Sections Flag Mountain, Mitchell Dam, Mitchell Dam Northwest, and Richville Quads; T23N, R17E, S1,11, 12, 14 and 23; T22N, R17E Sections 26, 27, 34 and 35

**Grand Bay WMA - Grand Bay Savannah Tract, Grand Bay Savannah Addition, Little River Road Addition Tract, Giddens Tract Addition, and Drake Addition, Solet Addition, Little River Addition, Richard Addition:** Mobile County, 8,176 acres. Managed by the State Lands Division as a Nature Preserve for unique plant and animal communities. Upland and wetland areas support small populations of game species, while riparian portions along Portersville and Grand Bays support some wintering waterfowl.

**Location:** T7S, R3W, and parts of Sections 19, 20, 28, 29, 30; Grand Bay Quad; T7S, R4W, Portions of Sections 21,22,23,24,25,26,27, 28, and 34.

**Lauderdale and Freedom Hills WMA - Lauderdale and Freedom Hills WMA Tract Additions, Walker, BDM, JCM, BTW, Tassin, Shaw Hollow and Pea Ridge Tract Additions, Freedom Hills Adams and McCullough Additions, Lauderdale Whitsett Hollow Addition, Tom Ray Swamp, Denson Tract Addition, Randolph Hollow Addition, Newman Addition, Robbins Addition, Burgess Swap:** Colbert and Lauderdale Counties, 32,728 acres. Numerous acquisitions provide public

land for two WMAs that have been experiencing recent declines in acreage due to loss of leased land. The hunting and fishing programs on the tracts are managed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division as part of the Lauderdale and Freedom Hills WMAs. Hunting regulations for this tract follow the seasons and limits annually established for the WMA. **A WMA LICENSE AND PERMIT ARE REQUIRED TO HUNT AT THESE LOCATIONS.** For additional details on regulations, seasons, and limits contact WFF at (256)-359-6208 for Freedoms Hills and (256)-760-8670 for Lauderdale.

**Location:** Multiple locations South and North of the Tennessee River. The Pickwick, Waterloo, Wright, Margerum, Cherokee, Bishop, Barton, Pleasant Site, Pleasant Grove and Yellow Creek Quad; T01S R14W Section 32

**Little River Canyon WMA-The Little River Canyon-Hancock/TNC:** Addition in Cherokee County is a mix of pine and hardwood forest habitats. This 1,506-acre acquisition serves as a public land addition to the Little River Canyon Wildlife Management Area, which is one of the largest and oldest state-owned public hunting areas in Alabama.

**Location:** T07 & 08S, R10E, multiple sections

**Lowndes WMA - Riggins Tract and Big Swamp Creek Addition:** in Lowndes County consists of 1,967 acres of upland and bottomland hardwoods, pine plantations and open fields on gently rolling alluvial land within Alabama's black belt. The tracts are being managed, along with other federal and state land acquisitions in the area, as part of the Lowndes Wildlife Management Area. The tract abuts Highway 80 and offers new access to other WMA land in the southern quadrant of the public hunting area. Hunting regulations for this tract follow the seasons and limits established for the WMA. **A WMA LICENSE AND PERMIT ARE REQUIRED TO HUNT AT THIS LOCATION.** Part of the Riggins Tract is restricted to bow hunting only. Contact the office at Lowndes WMA for additional details on regulations, seasons, limits, and trapping at (205)399-5716 or (334) 874-4471.

**Location:** T16N, R15E, Sections 19 and 30; Lowndesboro Quad; T15N, R13E, portions of Sections 8, 13, 18, & 19

**Mobile-Tensaw Delta: Delta Tract, Bayou Canot, Salco and Middle River, Middle River West, McMillan Tracts 1, 2 & 3, Jacinto Port, Bayou Jessamine, Coastal Land Trust, Bayou Sara, Mifflin Lake Tract Addition; Bayou Sara CLT, and N. Q. Adams Additions, Slaughter Land Swap, The Cutoff Addition** - Baldwin and Mobile Counties, 44,384 acres. These tracts are cooperatively managed by the State Lands Division and the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division as a Nature Preserve, Recreation Area, and Wildlife Management Area. The hunting and fishing programs on the tracts are managed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division as part of the Upper Delta and W.L. Holland WMA. Hunting regulations for this tract follow the seasons and limits established for the WMA. **A WMA LICENSE AND PERMIT ARE REQUIRED TO HUNT AT THESE LOCATIONS.** Contact the WFFD Spanish Fort Office for additional details on regulations, seasons, limits, and trapping (334) 626-5474.

**Location:** Contact the WFFD Spanish Fort Office for specific descriptions. (251)626-5474  
The Basin, Bilbo Island, Chickasaw, and Stiggins Lake Quads

**Mulberry Fork WMA Tract:** in Walker and Tuscaloosa County consists of a 93-year hunting lease for the entire 33,280-acre Wildlife Management Area. The tract is comprised of mountainous and wooded terrain, hosting springs, rocky bluffs as well as early successional habitats within reclaimed

areas and plantation forests bordering the Bankhead Lake portion of the Black Warrior River. In partnership with the Molpus Timberlands, the plantation timber is under a pre-existing 93-year lease arrangement with a third party.

**Location:** multiple townships and sections

**Perdido River - Longleaf Hills Tracts, Perdido Swift Addition, Perdido River Barnhill Addition, Freise Addition, McNeill Addition:** Baldwin County, 6,208 acres. These tracts are cooperatively managed by the State Lands Division and the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division as a Nature Preserve, Recreation Area, and Wildlife Management Area. The hunting and fishing programs on the tracts are managed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division as part of the Perdido WMA.

**Location:** multiple sections within T2S, T3S and R4S, R5S, R6S

**Red Hills WMA – Red Hills Tract, Hancock/CFS Addition, Ziebach, Section 2, Flat Creek Phase I, II, III; Baucom, Brown, and Parris Trust:** in Monroe County consist of 7,072 acres of wet ravine and upland pine forest that include a mix of coastal plain habitats and pine-plantation forest between the Alabama River drainages. The tract is managed cooperatively with the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division as a nature preserve and recreational area with hunting opportunities as a WMA.

**Location:** Monroe County: T10N, 7E, Sections 34, 35 & 36; T9N, R7E, Sections 2, 3, 4, 9, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 32, 33

**Skyline WMA - Walls of Jericho, Jacob Farm Addition, Post Oak Flat, Henshaw Cove, Sims/Swaim/Johnson Addition Tracts, Post Oak Flat Patrick Addition, And Jacobs Mountain Addition, Walls of Jericho Hurricane Creek Addition, McQuinn Land Swap, Crow Mountain Addition:** Jackson County, 25,795 acres. The Walls of Jericho, Post Oak Flats, Henshaw Cove, Sims/Swaim/Johnson, Post Oak Flat Patrick Addition, and Jacobs Mountain Tracts are cooperatively managed by the State Lands Division and the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division as a Nature Preserve, Recreation Area, and Wildlife Management Area. The Jacob Farm tract was purchased solely as an addition to James D. Martin - Skyline Wildlife Management Area. The hunting and fishing programs on these tracts are managed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division as part of James D. Martin - Skyline Wildlife Management Area. Hunting regulations for this tract follow the seasons and limits established for the WMA. A WMA LICENSE AND PERMIT ARE REQUIRED TO HUNT AT THIS LOCATION. Contact the office at Skyline WMA for additional details on regulations, seasons, limits, and trapping regulations (256) 587-3114. For the Walls of Jericho Tract west of highway 79 and the Henshaw Cove Tract, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) are only allowed to retrieve a harvested deer.

**Location:** Township 1S and 2S, Range 4E, 5E, 6E and 7E Multiple Sections; Estill Fork, Hytop and Eureka Quads; T2S, R6E, Sections 17,18, 20, 21, 28, 29, 30, 32 and 33 TS3, R6E, Section 4; T02S, R04E, T03S, R04E Multiple Sections.

**The Yates Lake West Tract, Weil Trust Addition, and Yates Lake Guy Addition** in Elmore County consist of 5,616 acres of a pine-hardwood hills and creek valleys on the western shore of Yates Lake. Habitat components include longleaf pine stands and mature hardwood creek bottoms, as well as the protection of 3 miles of shoreline along the Tallapoosa River. The tract is to be managed for a broad assortment of public recreational opportunities, as a nature preserve, and an environmental education study area.

**Location:** T19N, R21& 22E, in Sections 10,11,12,13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 7,18,19,30 respectively; T19N, R21E Sections 1, 2, and 12, T19N, R22E Sections 6 and 7

**COMMUNITY HUNTING AREA**  
**tracts acquired through the Forever Wild Program**

**Jackson County WMA & CHA - Coon Gulf-Glawson, Coon Gulf Blue Hole Tracts, and Heard Addition** - Jackson County, 3,285 acres. Cooperatively managed by the State Lands Division and the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division as a Nature Preserve, Recreation Area, and Community Hunting Area.

**Location:** multiple sections in T3S, R8E

**The Riverton Community Hunting Area** (Boone Branch Addition, Riverton CHA Ables Road Addition) in Colbert County is a mix of pine and hardwood forest habitats. This 80-acre acquisition provides for public land additions to the Riverton Community Hunting Area, which coupled with the Freedom Hills WMA, had been experiencing recent declines in acreage until Forever Wilds Southern Timber Venture purchase in 2001 (see purchase #20, #43, and #45).

**Location:** 80 acres - T02S, R13W, portion of Section 22

**SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY AREA**  
**tracts acquired through the Forever Wild Program**

**Cedar Creek SOA – Dallas County Phase I, II, Dallas County WMA Addition, Elm Bluff:** Located in Dallas County, the Cedar Creek SOA and its additions feature a mix of pine and hardwood lowland forest. These properties total 1,754 acres and serve as an addition to the Cedar Creek SOA. The hunting and fishing programs on these tracts are managed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division. Properties in the states SOA program require a special permit that is provided via a random drawing process. For more information about how to register to receive a permit please visit [Special Opportunity Areas | Outdoor Alabama](#) or contact the District 3 office at (205) 339-5716.

**Location:** Dallas County, T14N, R10E, Sections 4, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 19 & 30

**Portland Landing SOA – Pine Barren Creek, Rum Creek, Gilmore:** Located in Dallas County, these three additions to the Portland Landing SOA total 2,473 acres of mixed pine and hardwood lowlands adjacent the Alabama River. The hunting and fishing programs on these tracts are managed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division. Properties in the states SOA program require a special permit that is provided via a random drawing process. For more information about how to register to receive a permit please visit [Special Opportunity Areas | Outdoor Alabama](#) or contact the District 3 office at (205) 339-5716.

**Location:** Dallas County, T14N, R9E, Sections 28, 29, 32 & 33; T13N, R9E, Sections 4, 5, 8, 9, 15, 16, 17 & 18

**Uchee Creek SOA – Uchee Creek Confluence:** This Forever Wild acquisition of 4,735 acres located in Russell County contains a mix of pine uplands and hardwood bottomlands along Uchee Creek. The hunting and fishing programs on these tracts are managed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division. Properties in the states SOA program require a special permit that is provided via a random drawing process. For more information about how to register to receive a permit please visit [Special Opportunity Areas | Outdoor Alabama](#) or contact the District 4 office at (334) 347-9467.

**Location:** Russell County, T16N, R28E, Sections 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 & 30

**Thigpen Hill SOA – Thigpen Hill Phase I & II:** The Thigpen Hill tract consists of 4,535 acres of mixed hardwood and pine stands in Butler County. Located just North of Greenville, a portion of this property serves as a Special Opportunity Area and the other a recreation area. The hunting and fishing programs on these tracts are managed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division. Properties in the states SOA program require a special permit that is provided via a random drawing process. For more information about how to register to receive a permit please visit [Special Opportunity Areas | Outdoor Alabama](#) or contact the District 5 office at (251) 626-5153.

**Location:** Butler County, T11N, R14E, Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 16, 17, 18 & 19; T11N, R13E, Sections 12, 13 & 24

**Little River State Forest SOA – Little River State Forrest Addition:** The Little River State Forest is comprised of 712 acres of mixed hardwood and pine stands in Escambia County. This property serves as an addition to the Little River State Forest and was acquired in coordination with the Alabama Forestry Commission utilizing Forest Legacy grant funding. The hunting and fishing programs on these tracts are managed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division. Properties in the states SOA program require a special permit that is provided via a random drawing process. For more information about how to register to receive a permit please visit [Special Opportunity Areas | Outdoor Alabama](#) or contact the District 5 office at (251) 626-5153.

**Location:** Escambia County, T3N, R6E, Sections 17, 18 & 19

**Blackwater River SOA – Blackwater River South:** The Blackwater River South Tract is a 2,269-acre tract located in Baldwin County consisting of upland sandy, wet-pine savanna, and associated wetland habitats adjacent to the Perdido River and upper Perdido Bay. Located between Seminole and Lillian, the property serves as a Special Opportunity Area and nature preserve. The hunting and fishing programs on these tracts are managed by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division. Properties in the states SOA program require a special permit that is provided via a random drawing process. For more information about how to register to receive a permit please visit [Special Opportunity Areas | Outdoor Alabama](#) or contact the District 5 office at (251) 626-5153.

**Location:** Baldwin County, T6S, R6E, Sections 26, 27, 33, 34 & 35; T7S, R6E, Sections 3, 4 & 9