

White-tailed Deer Hunting Seasons

Deer Management Zone 1 - Private and open public lands east of I-55 and north of I-20 plus areas south of I-20 and east of U.S. Highway 61, excluding areas south of U.S. Highway 84 and east of MS Highway 35.

A legal buck is defined as having EITHER a minimum inside spread of 10 inches OR one main beam at least 13 inches long.

Method	Season Dates	Legal Deer
Archery	Oct. 1 - Nov. 20, 2009	Either-sex (Private and open public lands)
Youth Gun	Nov. 14 - Nov. 20, 2009	Either-sex (On private lands and authorized state and federal lands, Youth 15 and under)
Gun (with dogs)	Nov. 21 - Dec. 1, 2009	Either-sex (Private land); Legal bucks (Open public land)
Primitive Weapon / Youth Gun	Dec. 2 - Dec. 15, 2009	Either-sex (Private and open public lands)
Gun (without dogs)	Dec. 16 - Dec. 18, 2009 Dec. 19 - Dec. 20, 2009 Dec. 21 - Dec. 23, 2009	Either-sex (Private land); Legal bucks (Open public land) Either-sex (Private and open public lands) Either-sex (Private land); Legal bucks (Open public land)
Gun (with dogs)	Dec. 24, 2009 - Jan. 20, 2010	Either-sex (Private land); Legal bucks (Open public land)
Primitive Weapon / Youth Gun	Jan. 21 - Jan. 31, 2010	Either-sex (Private and open public lands)

Deer Management Zone 2 - 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 one main beam at least 13 inches long.

Method	Season Dates	Legal Deer
Archery	Oct. 15 - Nov. 20, 2009	Either-sex (Private and open public lands)
Youth Gun	Nov. 14 - Nov. 20, 2009	Either-sex (On private lands and authorized state and federal lands, Youth 15 and under)
Gun (with dogs)	Nov. 21 - Dec. 1, 2009	Either-sex (Private land); Legal bucks (Open public land)
Primitive Weapon / Youth Gun	Dec. 2 - Dec. 15, 2009	Either-sex (Private and open public lands)
Gun (without dogs)	Dec. 16 - Dec. 18, 2009 Dec. 19 - Dec. 20, 2009 Dec. 21 - Dec. 23, 2009	Either-sex (Private land); Legal bucks (Open public land) Either-sex (Private and open public lands) Either-sex (Private lands); Legal bucks (Open public land)
Gun (with dogs)	Dec. 24, 2009 - Jan. 20, 2010	Either-sex (Private land); Legal bucks (Open public land)
Primitive Weapon	Jan. 21 - Feb. 15, 2010	Legal bucks only (Private and open public lands)
Youth Gun	Jan. 21 - Feb. 15, 2010	Either-sex (Private and open public lands)

Deer Management Zone 3 - 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 one main beam at least 15 inches long.

Method	Season Dates	Legal Deer
Archery	Oct 1 - Nov. 20, 2009	Either-sex (Private and open public lands)
Youth Gun	Nov. 14 - Nov. 20, 2009	Either-sex (On private lands and authorized state and federal lands, Youth 15 and under)
Gun (with dogs)	Nov. 21 - Dec. 1, 2009	Either-sex (Private land); Legal bucks (Open public land)
Primitive Weapon / Youth Gun	Dec. 2 - Dec. 15, 2009	Either-sex (Private and open public lands)
Gun (without dogs)	Dec. 16 - Dec.18, 2009	Either-sex (Private land); Legal bucks (Open public land)
	Dec. 19 - Dec. 20, 2009	Either-sex (Private and open public lands)
	Dec. 21 - Dec. 23, 2009	Either-sex (Private land); Legal bucks (Open public land)
Gun (with dogs)	Dec. 24, 2009 - Jan. 20, 2010	Either-sex (Private land); Legal bucks (Open public land)
Primitive Weapon / Youth Gun	Jan. 21 - Jan. 31, 2010	Either-sex (Private and open public lands)

Deer Management Assistance Program & Fee Based Program Permits

Permits may be issued to all qualified landowners and clubs that participate in the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) or the Fee-based Antlerless Program (FMAP).

Any deer harvested by permit under DMAP or FMAP, as approved by the Department, shall not be subject to the daily or annual bag limit. Any deer harvested under this permit must be identified with a tag immediately upon possession.

These permits do not exempt the hunter from the weapons restriction imposed by the statewide seasons. These permits are valid only for the lands for which they are designated by the DMAP biologist or conservation officer (FMAP). When being transported from the hunting area, all deer harvested under these permits must be tagged. Permits may not be used outside of the prescribed area.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, & U.S. Army Managed Lands

These lands are authorized to provide youth hunting opportunities and to harvest antlerless deer on days designated by Federal Regulations. Contact your local National Wildlife Refuge, the Corps of Engineers, or U.S. Army for details.

Mississippi Official State Record Deer

Boone and Crockett-Non-Typical: score 295 6/8 – taken by Tony Fulton, Winston County, 1994-1995 season

Boone and Crockett-Typical: score 182 7/8 – taken by Glen Jourdan, Noxubee County, 1986-1987 season

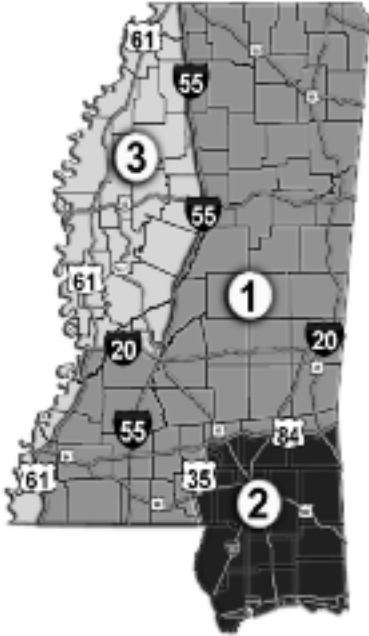
Pope and Young-Non-Typical: score 236 1/8 – taken by Tracy Laird, Adams County, 2003-2004 season

Pope and Young-Typical: score 167 2/8 – taken by Robb Stockett, III, Tallahatchie County, 2007-2008 season

White-tailed Deer Management Zones

Research indicates the 4-point law allowed the harvest of better quality yearling bucks, while protecting older-aged spikes and 3-point bucks. The result has been a decrease in antler size within age classes of older bucks. The combination of the 4-point law, high hunting pressure, and lower reproduction results in the over-harvest of bucks and a decrease in antler size. To prevent these problems, yearling bucks must be allowed to reach older age classes.

These antler criteria will protect almost 100% of the 1½ year old bucks. This protection will prevent over-harvest of bucks and will improve antler size as bucks get older. These protected bucks will improve skewed buck:doe ratios, resulting in higher reproduction. Zone lines are based on soil regions using highways and interstates as dividing boundaries.



LEGAL BUCKS			
Zone	Inside Spread	OR	Main Beam
1	10"	OR	13"
2	10"	OR	13"
3	12"	OR	15"

Deer Management Zone 1

Private and open public lands east of I-55 and north of I-20 plus areas south of I-20 and east of U.S. Highway 61, excluding areas south of U.S. Highway 84 and east of MS Highway 35.

Deer Management Zone 2

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

Deer Management Zone 3

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.

Bag Limits

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 within the appropriate deer management zone. For youth hunters fifteen (15) years of age and younger, hunting on private land and authorized state and federal lands, one (1) of the 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.

Legal Bucks

Zones 1 and 2

A legal buck is defined as having EITHER a minimum inside spread of 10 inches
OR one main beam at least 13 inches long.

How to estimate a 10 inch inside spread:

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.

How to estimate a 13 inch main beam:

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.

10" Inside Spread



13" Main Beam



Zone 3

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

How to estimate a 12 inch inside spread:

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 Zone 3, ear-tip to ear-tip measurements are slightly larger compared to Zones 1 & 2.

How to estimate a 15 inch main beam:

To estimate a 15 inch main beam, the buck's head must be observed from the side. If the tip of the main beam extends between the front of the eye and the tip of the nose, main beam length is approximately 15 inches.

12" Inside Spread



15" Main Beam



Spring Turkey Hunting Seasons & Bag Limits

Season	Dates	Bag Limit
Youth (Private lands and authorized state and federal public lands; youth less than 16 years old)	Mar. 6 - Mar. 12, 2010	See Spring season for bag limit
Spring (see closed areas)	Mar. 13 - May 2, 2010	One (1) adult gobbler or 1 gobbler with a 6-inch or longer beard per day, 3 per spring season. for hunters less than 16 years old, one of the 3-bird bag limit (which includes the youth hunt and the regular spring season combined) may be any gobbler regardless of beard length
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 Pt. Rd., and south of Coahoma-Friars Point Rd.	
Leflore	West of Hwy 7 and Hwy 49E and North of Moorehead Rd. and South of Hwy 442	
Quitman	Entire county	
Sunflower	South of Hwy 442 and East of Hwy 3 and Hwy 49W and North of Berclair Rd.	

Fall Turkey Hunting Seasons & Bag Limits

Season	Dates	Bag Limit
Fall (see open areas)	Oct. 15 - Nov. 15, 2009	Two (2) turkeys, which may be either sex.
Open Areas: In the following zones, on private lands with a minimum of 100 acres, 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.		
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.		

Mississippi Turkey State Records

Turkey Records

Typical: score 80.64 – taken by Amp Frith, Smith County, April 8, 2005

Non-Typical: score 151.155 – taken by Jerrell Keele, Tishomingo County, March 17, 2008

Longest Beard: length 17.25" – taken by Monty Roberts, Monroe County, April 30, 2001

Longest Spur: length 1.875" – taken by Dr. Don E. Marascalco, Lauderdale County, April 16, 2007

Heaviest: weight 25.27 lbs. – taken by Lauren Kaye Russell, Panola County, April 11, 2009

PURCHASE HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE

1-800-5GO-HUNT (1-800-546-4868) or online at www.mdwfp.com

Small Game Hunting Seasons & Bag Limits

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit
Squirrel (Zone 1*)	Oct. 3, 2009 - Feb. 28, 2010	8
Squirrel (Zone 2**)	Oct. 17, 2009 - Feb. 28, 2010	8
Squirrel (Zone 3***)	Oct. 31, 2009 - Feb. 28, 2010	8
Youth Squirrel Hunts - Private lands and authorized state and federal public lands - Youth less than 16 years old		
Zone 1	Sept. 26 - Oct. 2, 2009	8
Zone 2	Oct. 10 - Oct. 16, 2009	8
Zone 3	Oct. 24 - Oct. 30, 2009	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.		
Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit
Rabbit	Oct. 17, 2009 - Feb. 28, 2010	8
Bobwhite Quail	Nov. 26, 2009 - Mar. 6, 2010	8
Frog	Apr. 1 - Sept. 30, 2010	25/night
Raccoon	July 1 - Sept. 30, 2009	1 per party/night
Opossum, Raccoon and Bobcat	Oct. 1 - Oct. 30, 2009 (Food and sport)	5/day; 8/party
	Oct. 31, 2009 - Feb. 28, 2010 (Food, sport, and pelt)	no limit
Trapping	Nov. 1, 2009 - Feb. 28, 2010	no limit

Migratory Bird Hunting Seasons & Bag Limits

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit
Sept. Teal	Sept. 12, 2009 - Sept. 27, 2009	4
Sept. Geese*	Sept. 1, 2009 - Sept. 15, 2009	5
Woodcock	Dec. 18, 2009 - Jan. 31, 2010	3
Snipe	Nov. 14, 2009 - Feb. 28, 2010	8
Moorhens & Gallinules	Sept. 26, 2009 - Dec. 4, 2009	15 singly or in aggregate
Rails, Clapper, & King	Sept. 26, 2009 - Dec. 4, 2009	15 singly or in aggregate
Rails, Sora & Virginia	Sept. 26, 2009 - Dec. 4, 2009	25 singly or in aggregate
White-winged & Mourning Doves (North Zone)**	Sept. 5, 2009 - Sept. 27, 2009 Oct. 10, 2009 - Nov. 3, 2009 Dec. 25, 2009 - Jan. 15, 2010	15 singly or in aggregate
White-winged & Mourning Doves (South Zone)***	Sept. 5, 2009 - Sept. 13, 2009 Oct. 10, 2009 - Nov. 4, 2009 Dec. 12, 2009 - Jan. 15, 2010	15 singly or in aggregate

* 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.