



**Oak Mountain State Park  
State Park Special Opportunity Area  
Urban Deer Management Program  
Hunt Guidelines/Rules**

Successful applicants may be accompanied by a hunting guest(s) 16 years or older as outlined below. Permit holders and their appropriate guest(s) must remain within their assigned hunt unit during hunting. Each hunting unit is clearly defined on the State Park Special Opportunity Area (SPSOA) map.

Following hunt registration and permit selection, permit holders will receive an email within a couple weeks covering specific SPSOA information and unit assignments. Selected “hunters” and “alternates” will be required to purchase a WMA license prior to accepting their “hunter or “alternate” status and pay State Park Special Opportunity Area fees.

Note:

- A State Hunting License and Wildlife Management Area (WMA) License are required by all archery deer hunt limited quota permit holders and guests.
- Statewide antlered buck season bag limit applies to all SPSOAs and all deer harvested are to be recorded, data collected, at the kiosk and reported through Gamecheck.
- Administrators of the hunt shall have the right to inspect all vehicles or other equipment while on the areas.
- Any violation of SPSOA rules and regulations (220-2-.55 and 222-2-.140) or any other regulation or law while hunting on Oak Mountain State Park will result in that individual losing their eligibility for future SOA and SPSOA hunts.
- Failure to unregister for an upcoming hunt outside of 7 days prior to your permitted hunt start date and failure to notify State Park personnel of cancellation within 7 days of the hunter’s assigned hunt dates at Oak Mountain State Park will result in that individual losing their eligibility for future SOA and SPSOA hunts.
- Hunters shall only hunt in their assigned unit(s).
- Hunters may scout at any time during regular Oak Mountain State Park hours of operation. (Day use fees apply).
- Must attend a mandatory hunters meeting.

**220-2-.140 Special State Park Hunting Seasons**

There are hereby established Special State Park Hunting Seasons for the following parks:

(1) Oak Mountain State Park – Whitetail Deer Hunt by bow and arrow (including crossbows) only. In a designated area of the park November 2, 2020 – January 15, 2021, Monday – Friday only, and January 18, 2021 – February 4, 2021, every day. Permitted and licensed Alabama resident and non-resident hunters 16 years of age or older only, subject to and in accordance with established registration and eligibility requirements. Stalk hunting only, no dogs. State harvest limits will apply. Hunters will be allowed to take up to three deer per day, only one of which may be an antlered buck.

## **OAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK – STATE PARK SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY HUNTING AREA**

**(Shelby County)**

Archery Only Deer Hunts:

It shall be unlawful to hunt on Oak Mountain State Park SPSOA unless selected by random draw for a limited quota permit for specific hunt dates on the assigned hunt unit. The permit holder and one guest may only access and hunt the assigned hunt unit for those permitted times and days. No substitutions will be allowed.

It shall be unlawful for any limited quota permitted hunter to hunt without possessing a daily permit obtained from kiosk self-service box located at the Archery Park. When obtaining permit, the tear-off stub with number matching daily permit must be filled out and deposited in slot of self-service box. The Observation/Harvest Report portion of the permit is to be retained in possession of hunter until the end of the day. The Observation/Harvest Report portion of the permit is to be filled out and deposited in return slot of the self-service box no later than 1 ½ hours after legal sunset on Days 1-3 of hunt period. On Day 4 the Observation/Harvest Report portion of the permit must be deposited in self-service box by 6:30 PM. The bottom portion of the daily permit should be torn off and placed on your dashboard. A new permit is required for each day hunted.

State Park Special Opportunity Areas (SPSOAs) hunts are a management tool used to reduce the deer population within the park boundaries. The reduction of the deer herd is important in maintaining a balanced and healthy natural community for all flora and fauna. This new SPSOA public hunting opportunity has been created as a partnership between the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries and the Alabama State Parks divisions of the ADCNR. Hunters will be allowed to take up to three deer per day, only one of which may be an antlered buck. One antlered buck deer per hunter per permit duration. All deer must be accounted for and data submitted.

Deer hunters are required to record data of harvest date, sex, lactation presence, weight, and antler measurements on provided Observation/Harvest report forms at a SPSOA kiosk. Deer hunters are also required to extract the jawbone and leave it at SPSOA kiosk.

Hunters are required to email pictures of their harvest to the State Park Natural Resource Section.

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DEER:

(Archery) Stalk Hunting Hunter's Choice:

Nov. 2 -5, Nov. 9-12, Nov. 16-19, Nov. 23-26

Nov. 30 – Dec. 3, Dec. 7-10, Dec. 14-17, Dec. 28-31

Jan. 4-7, Jan. 11-14, Jan. 21-24, Jan. 28-31, Feb. 1-4.

3 antlerless deer per hunter per day only one of which may be an antlered buck. State harvest rules apply. By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter permit holder. The permit holder may have one properly licensed hunting guest 16 years old or older on that specified hunt date and in specified unit.