



**Frank Jackson State Park
State Park Special Opportunity Area
Hunt Guidelines/Rules**

Successful applicants may be accompanied by a hunting guest(s) 16 years or older or bring a youth guest 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 with instructions on how to pay the SPSOA fee. After the “payment window” has passed all hunters who have paid the SPSOA fee will receive additional information covering specific SPSOA information and unit assignments.

Note:

- A State Hunting License and Wildlife Management Area (WMA) License are required by all archery deer hunt limited quota permit holders and guests.
- All Statewide season bag limit applies to Frank Jackson SPSOA, 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 Frank Jackson SPSOA 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 Frank Jackson State Park will result in that individual losing their eligibility for future SOA and SPSOA hunts.
- Hunters shall only hunt in their assigned unit.
- Hunters may scout on October 17th and 18th. (Day use fees apply).
- Must attend a mandatory hunters meeting. The mandatory meeting will be held on October 17, 2026, at 10:00 AM.

FRANK JACKSON STATE PARK – STATE PARK SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY HUNTING AREA

(Covington County)

Archery Only Deer Hunts:

It shall be unlawful to hunt on Frank Jackson 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.

All hunters will be required to check in/check out daily using the Outdoor Alabama App. Hunters will check in and check out under the Wildlife Management Area Check In tab. Please select Covington County and Frank Jackson SP as the correct location. Paper permits will be available at the park office self-service box for those not using the app. If you use a paper permit, 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. If using paper permits, 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 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 may take a doe daily per Statewide harvest limits and only 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 cleaning station.

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:

Hunting Schedule 2026-2027:
November 5 – November 8, 2026
November 12 - November 15, 2026
November 19 – November 22, 2026
December 3 – December 6, 2026
December 10- December 13, 2026
December 17, - December 20, 2026
December 31 – January 3, 2027

January 7 – January 10, 2027
January 14 – January 17, 2027
January 21 – January 24, 2027
January 28 – January 31, 2027
February 4 – February 7, 2027

State harvest rules apply. Hunters may take a doe daily per Statewide harvest limits and only one antlered buck deer per hunter per permit duration. By limited quota permit only for the properly licensed hunter permit holder. The permit holder (21 years or older) may bring a youth guest. Provided that that the permit holder is at least 21 years of age or the parent or guardian of the youth guest. Archery hunting only (including crossbows), no firearms may be possessed by permitted hunters.