

USING FIREARMS SAFELY IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Pay Attention, or Pay the Price!



ALWAYS BE SAFE WITH YOUR FIREARM

IF YOU ARE NOT 100 PERCENT SURE OF YOUR TARGET AND WHAT'S BEYOND, DO NOT AIM! DO NOT SHOOT!

Your careless mistake can cause severe injuries or death.

THE BASIC RULES

- Treat every firearm as if it's loaded.
- Don't point the muzzle at anything you do not intend to shoot.
- Keep your finger off the trigger until you're on target and ready to shoot.
- Always be 100% sure of your target and what's beyond.



Always use a good pair of binoculars. Rifle scopes are for aiming only.

Youth hunting schedule is told

SUBMITTED SPECIAL TO THE CALL NEWS

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR), State Lands Division has announced the youth deer and duck hunt schedules for the M. Barnett Lawley Forever Wild Field Trial Area (FWFTA) in Hale County. The hunts will take place late November 2019 through January 2020. Registration opened Sept. 2 and will last through Oct. 13, 2019. Hunters will be selected via a computerized, random drawing after registration closes.

"I am thrilled that we will have an opportunity again this year to introduce youth to the great deer and duck hunting on this Forever Wild property," said Chris Blankenship, ADCNR Commissioner and Chairman of the Forever Wild Board of Trustees.

Heath Vines from Hayden, Ala., took his 14-year-old son, Will, on a FWFTA deer hunt in 2018. The time spent in the outdoors with family was a highlight of their experience.

"My son and I had a good time just hanging out together," Vines said. "The hunting was a bonus. The staff working the hunt were very helpful and polite. I bet the best part for them is seeing the kids harvest their first deer. We are thankful for all they do to make these hunts so enjoyable."

Registration for the FWFTA youth hunts is only available to parents or adults who are at least 21 years old and have a Conservation ID number. A hunting license is not required at the time of registration. However, if selected during the random draw, you must have a valid hunting license to accept the hunt permit. If selected for a hunt, you will receive an email requesting you validate/accept the permit. Once the permit is accepted, you will receive an email with the hunt details.

To register for a hunt, visit <https://publichunts.dcnr.alabama.gov/Public/AvailableHunts> during the registration period listed above.

Youth deer hunt dates:

- November 27, 30
- December 21, 28
- January 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 29

Youth duck hunt dates:

- November 30
- December 21, 28
- January 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 29

If you have questions about the hunt details or registration process, call Evan Lawrence with the ADCNR State Lands Division at (334) 353-7909, or email Evan.Lawrence@dcnr.alabama.gov.

To participate in the youth hunts, youth hunters must be age 15 or younger and accompanied by an adult at least 21 years old (or a parent). Adults must have a valid state hunting license and applicable duck stamp, if duck hunting.

Hunters must obtain their license and duck stamp (if duck hunting) before the hunt since they will not be available on-site. Licenses are available for purchase at various retailers throughout the state or online at www.outdooralabama.com.