

2009-2010 Hunting Restrictions on Trail Use
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State Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) have hunting periods (or controlled hunts) that are generally much shorter than the general statewide hunting season. WMAs may restrict, or prevent, use of their designated trails and roads for equestrians and mountain bikers during these controlled hunt periods. Refer to the official Georgia 2009 – 2010 Hunting Seasons & Regulations or go to www.gadnr.org for other WMA restrictions or information on other WMAs not listed below, or for directions to a WMA.

General Deer Seasons in Northern Georgia are:

Archery: Statewide Sep 12 – Oct 9; Archery Only Counties Sep 12-Jan 1; Extended Archery Jan 2 – Jan 31

Primitive Weapons: Oct 10 – Oct 16

Firearms (Northern Zone) Oct 17 – Jan 1 (There are further restrictions in several counties)

Turkey Season statewide is Mar 20 – May 15

WMA	Game Species	Controlled Hunt Dates	Trail Restrictions
Allatoona	Deer & Bear Firearms	Oct 17 – Dec 6 Dec 26 – Jan 1	Closed all day Oct 17-18, closed before 10:00 a.m. other days
	Archery Deer & Bear	Sep 12 – Oct 15	Closed before 10:00 a.m.
	Turkey	Mar 20 – May 15	Closed before 10:00 a.m.
Blue Ridge (Jake/Bull Mountains) * Some of the trail system is on National Forest land outside the WMA, and thus has general seasons.	Deer & Bear Firearms	Oct 8 – 10 Nov 25 – 28 Dec 16 – 19	Closed all day (unsure of this as not stated, usually not closed in National Forest)
	Archery Deer & Bear	Sep 12 – Oct 6	Closed before 10:00 a.m.
	Turkey	Mar 20 – May 15	Closed before 10:00 a.m.
Clybel (Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center)	Deer Firearms	Oct 9 – 11 Oct 28 – 31 Nov 18 – 21 Dec 10 – 12 Dec 18 – 20	Closed all day
	Archery Deer	Sep 12 – Oct 2 Nov 23 – 29	Closed before 10:00 a.m.
	Turkey	Mar 20 – 28 Apr 3 – 11 Apr 17 – 23 May 1 – 7 May 10 – 15	Closed before 10:00 a.m.
Cohutta	Deer & Bear Firearms	Oct 8 – 11 Dec 2 – 6	No restrictions
	Archery Deer & Bear	Sep 12 – Oct 6 Oct 12 – 16	No restrictions
	Turkey	Mar 20 – May 15	No restrictions
Crockford-Pigeon Mountain	Deer & Bear Firearms	Oct 16 – 18 Nov 11 – 14 Dec 9 – 12	Closed all day
	Archery Deer & Bear	Sep 12 – Oct 14 Oct 19 – Nov 9	Closed before 10:00 a.m.
	Turkey	Mar 22 – May 15	Closed before 10:00 a.m.

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Dawson Forest	Deer & Bear Firearms	Oct 9 – 10 Oct 29 – 31 Nov 11 – 14 Dec 2 – 5	Closed all day
	Archery Deer & Bear	Sep 12 – Oct 7 Oct 11 – 16 Dec 6 – 13	Closed before 10:00 a.m.
	Turkey	Mar 20 – May 15	Closed before 10:00 a.m.
John's Mountain	Deer & Bear Firearms	Oct 30 – Nov 1 Nov 24 – 28	No restrictions
	Archery Deer & Bear	Sep 12 – Oct 16	No restrictions
	Turkey	Mar 20 – May 15	No restrictions
Lake Russell	Deer & Bear Firearms	Oct 10 – 12 Nov 6 – 8 Nov 25 – 28 Dec 31 – Jan 2	No restrictions
	Archery Deer & Bear	Sep 12 – Oct 8 Oct 13 – 16	No restrictions
	Turkey	Mar 20 – May 15	No restrictions
Oconee	Deer Firearms	Oct 10 – Nov 15	No restrictions
	Archery Deer	Sep 12 – Oct 9 Nov 16 – Jan 1	No restrictions
	Turkey	Mar 20 – May 15	No restrictions
Pine Log Mountain	Deer & Bear Firearms	Nov 18 – 21 Dec 10 – 13	Closed all day
	Archery Deer & Bear	Sep 12 – Oct 16	Closed before 10:00 a.m.
	Turkey	Mar 20 – May 15	Closed before 10:00 a.m.
Warwoman	Deer & Bear Firearms	Dec 10 – 13 Jan 7 – 10	No restrictions
	Archery Deer & Bear	Sep 12 – Oct 16	No restrictions
	Special Bear Only (Unsure if archery or firearm)	Oct 21 – 25	No restrictions
	Turkey	Mar 20 – May 15	No restrictions
Following are not WMAs but are popular equestrian riding areas			
Cobb County 1,400-acre park on Corps of Engineers land	Archery Deer	All of Sep, Oct, and Jan	Closed before 10:00 a.m.
		All of Nov and Dec	Closed all day
F. D. Roosevelt State Park	Deer Firearms	Dec 8 – 9	Closed all day
Hard Labor Creek State Park	Deer Firearms	Nov 3 – 4	Closed all day