

NATIONAL FORESTS IN ALABAMA



10 HUNTING TIPS

1. “Know Before You Drive” – Check to see if a national forest road is open to motor vehicles by picking up a free motor vehicle use map from a local Forest Service office or view online at www.fs.usda.gov/goto/alabama/kbyd. Remember off- road vehicles (ORV) are prohibited unless on designated ORV trails.
2. Avoid hunting and discharging a firearm within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsites, developed recreation sites, occupied areas and trails.
3. Prepare for your hunting trip. Check weather forecasts, always wear hunter orange, dress properly with layered clothing, check equipment before and after each outing, tell someone about trip details, carry a cell phone and avoid hunting alone.
4. Check state regulations regarding the use of dogs for deer hunting.
5. Be aware that the national forest boundaries are marked with red paint on trees, or yellow signs with black printing.
6. No permanent deer stands are allowed in the national forest and the use of baiting or salt blocks is prohibited.
7. Be careful climbing in and out of deer stands. Falling can cause serious injuries. Alabama regulations now require all hunters using tree stands in wildlife management areas to wear a full body harness.
8. Anyone born on or after August 1, 1977 must complete a hunter-education course before purchasing their first hunting license. Contact the Alabama Department of Conservation.
9. Obtain hunting rules and regulations by contacting the Alabama Department of Conservation at 334-242-3486 or visiting their website at <http://www.eregulations.com/alabama/>
10. Contact the following USDA Forest Service offices for information about maps, hunter camps and camping permits: Supervisor’s Office in Montgomery at (334) 832-4470; Bankhead District in Double Springs - (205) 489-5111; Conecuh District in Andalusia - (334) 222-2555; Shoal Creek District in Heflin - (256) 463-2272; Talladega District in Talladega - (256) 362-2909; Oakmulgee District in Centreville - (205) 926-9765, and the Tuskegee District in Tuskegee - (334) 727-2652. On-line maps are for sale at www.fs.usda.gov/alabama.



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