

CRACKERNECK

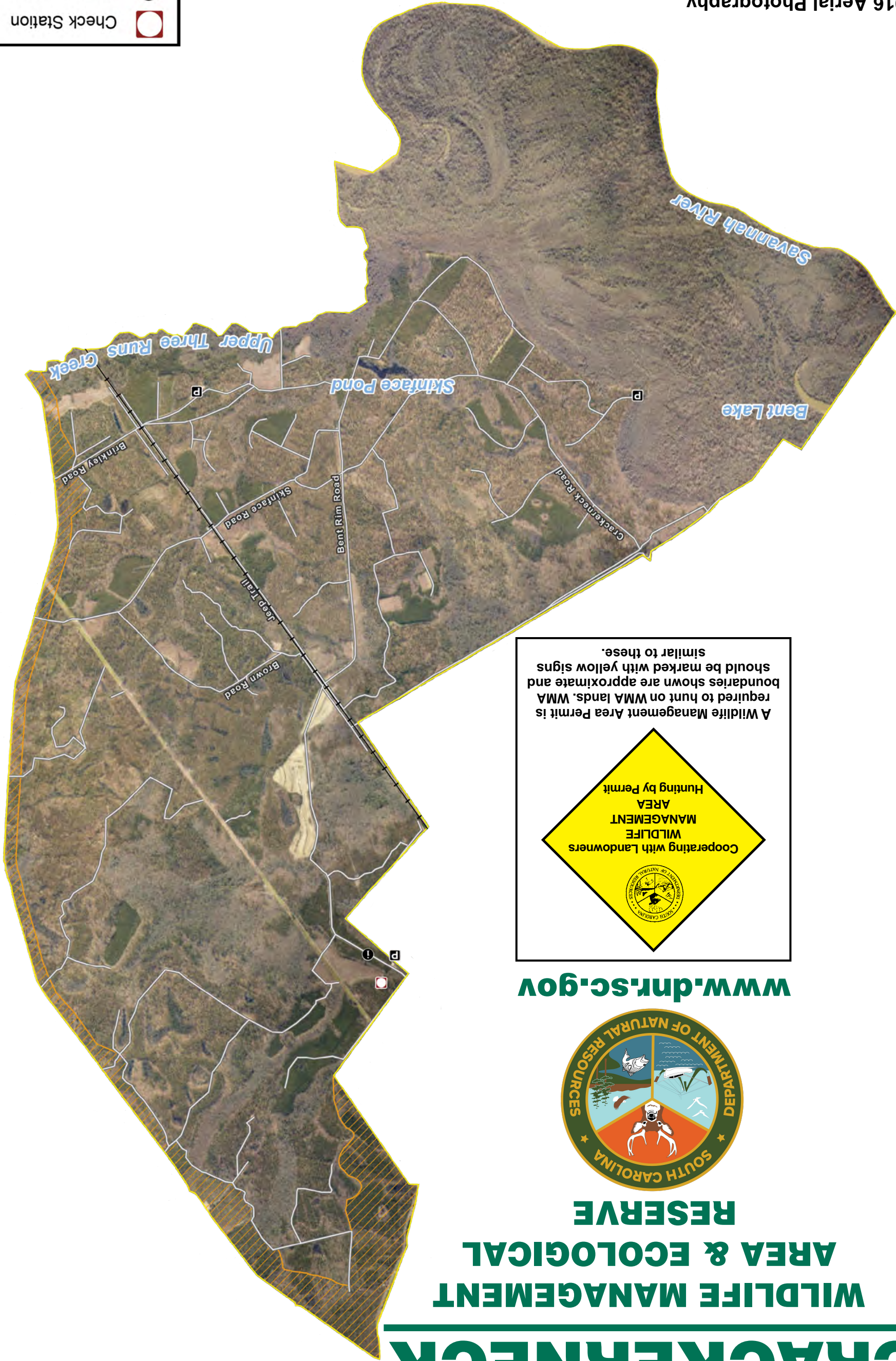
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA & ECOLOGICAL RESERVE



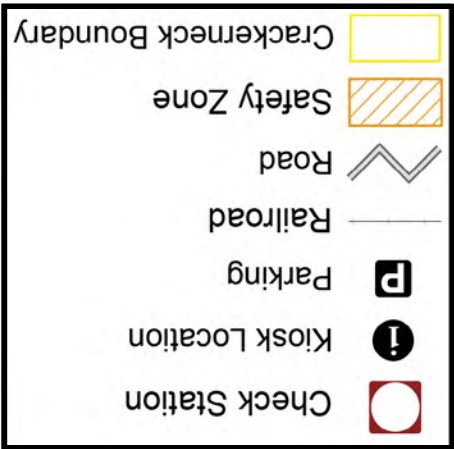
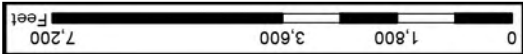
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A Wildlife Management Area Permit is required to hunt on WMA lands. WMA boundaries shown are approximate and should be marked with yellow signs similar to these.



* 2016 Aerial Photography





CRACKERNECK WMA & ER: SPECIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS 2024-2025

Visitor Registration: All individuals utilizing Crackerneck are required to sign in prior to entering the area and sign out upon leaving. Anyone not following this procedure will be considered trespassing. SCDNR will be present to register visitors on most occasions, but in their absence, visitors are required to register themselves. PLEASE PRINT neatly and provide accurate information.

Emergency Evacuation Procedures:
In the event of an emergency, Security personnel will use patrol cars/helicopters to travel the internal Crackerneck road system sounding hi-lo sirens. Upon hearing these sirens, all individuals inside the gate should immediately return to the check station for further evacuation instructions. Individuals who have entered by the Savannah River should not return to the Crackerneck sign-in station after hearing warning sirens. Instead, after exiting the river individuals should telephone the Savannah River Operations Center at 803-725-1911 and inform the call taker that you have evacuated Crackerneck by Savannah River access. Explain you have evacuated as directed by the hi-lo siren of security vehicles. Tune to any of the following radio or television stations for emergency instructions: WBBQ FM 104.3 – WKXC FM 99. 5 – WDOG FM 93.5 – WBBQ AM 1340 – WBRO AM 1310 - WJBF TV Ch 6 – WRDW TV Ch 12 – WAGT TV Ch 26.

PUBLIC ACCESS IS PERMITTED ONLY DURING DATES AND TIMES LISTED IN THIS BROCHURE.

MAXIMUM RECOMMENDED SAFE SPEED ON ALL ROADS IS 25 MPH. USE CAUTION AT ALL INTERSECTIONS.
NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR ILLEGAL DRUGS ARE ALLOWED.

SCOUTING & NON-HUNTING DATES

Sept., March, and May; SATURDAYS ONLY.
Sept: 7, 14, 21, 28 (Saturdays Only)
March: 1, 8, 15, 22 (Saturdays Only)
May: 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 (Saturdays Only)
Gate hours: 6:00am to 6:00pm.
Approved uses are scouting, fishing, and non-consumptive activities (birding, hiking, nature photography, sightseeing, mountain biking, horseback riding, and canoeing). NO WEAPONS

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LITTERING WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. PLEASE HELP KEEP THE AREA CLEAN.



Ecological and forest research projects are being conducted in the area. DO NOT DISTURB. Signs designate these areas as "SREL RESEARCH AREAS" and/or "SRI" or "US FOREST SERVICE-SAVANNAH RIVER RESEARCH AREA". These areas may contain rain gauges, nets, poles, "drift" fences constructed of aluminum flashing, traps of various kinds, duck nest boxes, and other equipment. Trees may be marked in various ways such as with flagging, metal bands or tags. Please, DO NOT DISTURB.
All reptiles, amphibians, fox squirrels, bobcats, foxes, and others are protected and may not be harvested. DO NOT capture, harass, remove, or kill these animals.

area. The buffer zone will be marked at 100 ft. intervals with "Safety Zone, No Shooting" and "U.S. Government Property, No Trespassing" signs. It is illegal to shoot into or trespass within these buffer zones. No access is allowed from S.C. 125 or Brown Road. The only access is at the check station on Bent Rim Rd., or by the Savannah River. Hunters entering from the river still have to sign in and out at the gate.

ATV'S, AND MOUNTAIN BICYCLES MAY ONLY TRAVEL ON EXISTING, CONVENTIONAL VEHICLE ROADS. NO OFF ROAD USES.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES
Camping, dirt bikes, and all other uses not previously specified are prohibited.

Recreational 4X4 off-road driving is prohibited.



THE USE AND/OR POSSESSION OF BUCKSHOT IS NOT PERMITTED AT ANY TIME.

ALL HARVESTED GAME AND FISH MUST BE CHECKED IN AT THE GATE PRIOR TO REMOVAL FROM THE AREA

DEER HUNTING SEASON GATE HOURS
Oct. 4 - Oct. 26: 4:30AM - 8:30PM (Fri. & Sat ONLY)
Nov. 1 - Dec. 28: 4:30AM - 7:30PM (Fri. & Sat. ONLY) Closed Christmas



SCDNR will no longer tag deer, hunters will be required to use personnel tags and state WMA limits will apply, no limit on hogs.

Quality Deer Management Area, antlered deer must have 4 points on one side or 12-inch inside spread.

Oct. 4 & 5: Archery Only
Oct. 11 & 12: Primitive Weapons
Oct. 18- Dec. 28 (Fri. & Sat. ONLY): Still Gun Hunts, Closed Christmas

HOG HUNTING-NO DOGS

Any open season, but weapon restrictions apply. No size/bag limit. No hogs removed alive.

SAFETY-BUFFER ZONE

A 100-yard area west of S.C. 125 and a large section south of Jackson have been established as safety buffer zones and are excluded from the hunt



Fishing is permitted ONLY during the following days (Sept. Mar. & May: Sat. only; Oct. – Feb. and Apr.: Fri. & Sat.). Skintace Pond limit: 2 bass/day, 14" minimum; 5 catfish/day. State creel limits apply to other species in the Pond, and to all fishing in the swamp lakes.
NO Fishing or Public Use of Upper Three Runs Creek. Boat access from the Savannah River up Three Runs Creek, or from Box Landing off Brinkley Road is PROHIBITED.

FISHING DAYS

March 29: Special Youth Hunt: 5:30am – 1:00pm.
April 4 – 26: 5:30am - 1:00pm (Fridays and Saturdays ONLY).

Limit: 1 gobbler per day, 2 per season.

TURKEY HUNTING DATES



RACCOON HUNTING DATES

Raccoon dogs allowed only during the following hunts. Hunters must retrieve dogs & exit gate by the times listed below for the end of each raccoon hunt. 3 raccoons per party, per night. No limit on opossums.



These hunts start 1 hour after official sunset.
Oct. 26 - Dec. 28: SAT. NIGHTS ONLY
Jan. 3 - Feb. 22: FRI. & SAT. NIGHTS ONLY

Night hunts end at midnight, & all hunters must exit the gate by 1:00AM.

SMALL GAME SEASON

Oct. 18 - Feb. 22; FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS

State and federal seasons and bag limits apply. Quail, dove, duck, & squirrel dogs are allowed in season. Rabbit dogs are allowed only during the Jan.-Feb. portion of small game season.



GATE HOURS FOR SMALL GAME SEASON

Oct. 18 – Oct. 26: 4:30AM – 8:30PM
Nov. 1 – Dec. 28: 4:30AM – 7:30PM
Jan. 3 – Feb. 22: 5:30AM – 7:00PM

COYOTES & ARMADILLOS MAY BE HARVESTED ANYTIME THE AREA IS OPEN TO HUNTING. WEAPONS RESTRICTIONS APPLY.

Tracking collars suggested for all dogs.