

STATE WMA · GAME ZONE 2 · NEWBERRY / FAIRFIELD COUNTIES

BROAD RIVER WMA

Field Guide & Season Reference · 18,422 Acres

Newberry & Fairfield Counties, SC · ~1 Hour South of Spartanburg

Feral Hog

Whitetail Deer

Turkey

Waterfowl

Dove

Small Game

1. OVERVIEW

Acreage	18,422 acres	Game Zone	Zone 2
Counties	Newberry & Fairfield	Type	State WMA
Distance	~1 hr south of Spartanburg	Agency	SCDNR

Broad River WMA covers the floodplain and upland terrain along the Broad River corridor in Newberry and Fairfield Counties. Known for its feral hog population — one of the most accessible year-round hunting opportunities in the region. Deer and turkey hunting are productive in hardwood bottoms and planted pines. The WMA also includes managed waterfowl impoundments established as mitigation for the Parr Dam project.

2. SPECIES & SEASONS — GAME ZONE 2 WMA (2025–2026)

Whitetail Deer

Season / Method	Dates	Limit
Archery Only	Sept. 15 – Sept. 30, 2025	Statewide WMA limits
Primitive Weapons	Oct. 1 – Oct. 10, 2025	Statewide WMA limits
Still Gun Hunt	Oct. 11, 2025 – Jan. 1, 2026	Statewide WMA limits
Youth Hunt Day	Jan. 3, 2026	2 deer, no tags req.
Daily / Season	2 per day	5 per season, max 2 bucks

■ Broad River Waterfowl MA (impoundments): Archery only, Sept. 15 – Oct. 31. Impoundments closed Nov. 1 – Feb. 8. WMA permit required.

Wild Turkey

Season / Method	Dates	Limit
Spring Gobbler	Apr. 3 – May 3, 2025	1 per day
Season Limit	Statewide	2 gobblers per season
Before Apr. 10	Max 1 gobbler	restriction applies

■ No Jake harvest. Turkey tags required (Big Game Permit). No fall turkey season.

Feral Hog

Season / Method	Dates	Limit
WMA Still Hunt	During any open game season	No limit
Dog Hunts	Jan. 2–10 & Mar. 20–27	No limit
Weapons	Limited to current deer season weapon	—

■ No night hunting on WMA. No dog hog hunting outside special scheduled hunts. Coyotes also no limit during open seasons.

Waterfowl (Ducks, Geese, Teal)

Season / Method	Dates	Limit
Early Teal	Sept. 20 – 28, 2025	6 teal/day
Ducks / Coots	Nov. 22–29 & Dec. 12, 2025 – Jan. 31, 2026	6 ducks/day (sub-limits)
Canada Geese	Sept. 1–30 (early) + late season	see current regs
Impoundment Access	Category I — draw permit only	Apply via Go Outdoors SC

■ Category I Designated Waterfowl Area — hunts by annual computer drawing (~Saturdays during duck season). Non-toxic shot required. Limit 25 shells per hunt.

Mourning Dove

Season / Method	Dates	Limit
Segment 1	Sept. 1 – Oct. 4, 2025	15/day
Segment 2	Nov. 15 – 29, 2025	15/day
Segment 3	Dec. 22, 2025 – Jan. 31, 2026	15/day
Hunting Hours	Afternoon only (after noon)	50 shells/day max

■ HIP registration + Migratory Bird Permit required. Dove on public WMA fields on designated days only.

Small Game (Squirrel, Rabbit, Quail)

Season / Method	Dates	Limit
Squirrel	Oct. 1, 2025 – Feb. 28, 2026 (guns & dogs)	10/day
Rabbit	Nov. 27, 2025 – Feb. 28, 2026 (guns & dogs)	5/day
Quail	Nov. 24, 2025 – Feb. 28, 2026 (guns & dogs)	12/day
WMA Window	No hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1	—

■ No fox squirrel hunting on WMA lands. Raccoon and opossum available per WMA seasons chart.

3. ACCESS & DIRECTIONS

- 1 From Spartanburg, take I-26 West toward Columbia. Exit at Newberry (~45 min).
- 2 Head east on SC-34 toward Blair, SC. The WMA straddles the Broad River between Newberry and Fairfield Counties.

- 3** Broad River Waterfowl MA: From Newberry, take SC-34 east. After crossing the Broad River Bridge, take the first dirt road right. Proceed to the river.
- 4** Additional access via county roads off SC-34. Multiple parking areas along river corridor. Check SCDNR WMA map for tract boundaries.

Road Type	Paved (SC-34) + dirt county roads to interior
Parking	Multiple pull-offs along SC-34 and county roads
Road Conditions	Bottomland portions flood seasonally — check before hunting low ground
Nearest Town	Newberry, SC (fuel, supplies, lodging)
Cell Service	Spotty in river bottoms — download offline maps before leaving
SCDNR WMA Map	dnr.sc.gov/wma/maps/wmamap2.pdf (Map #2)

4. TERRAIN & HABITAT

River Bottomlands	Hardwood bottoms along the Broad River — oak flats, sweet gum, river birch. Prime deer habitat during rut. Feral hog sign and tracks.
Upland Pine Stands	Planted loblolly pine ridges transition to hardwood drainages. Good turkey territory in spring. Deer use pine edges near creek heads.
Waterfowl Impoundments	Five managed impoundments (~130 acres total) including a greentree reservoir. Fields planted in corn or millet. Hispaniolan quail and waterfowl.
Creek Drainages	Numerous creek feeders run into the Broad. Hog wallows and rooting sign concentrate along these drainages year-round.

5. FIELD TIPS

Feral Hog	Concentrate near river bottoms and food plots year-round. Hunt creek crossings and fresh wallows — rooting sign and tracks.
Deer	Focus on hardwood drainages during the rut (late October through mid-November). Look for rubs and scrapes on edge of woods.
Flooding	Bottomland portions flood seasonally. Always check conditions before entering low ground, especially after rain. Four-wheel drive recommended.
Waterfowl	Hunting on impoundments is by draw permit only (Category I). Apply through SCDNR's Go Outdoors SC before the season opens.
Turkey	Work pine edges near creek heads in spring. Birds roost in tall pines and pitch down into open hardwood flats to strut. Scented feathers.
Navigation	Download SCDNR WMA Map #2 before your hunt. Cell service is unreliable in river bottoms. OnX or Gaia GPS with SC state geodata.
Timing	Arrive before legal shooting light — hike in from the trailhead. Hogs are most active at first and last light. Game Zone 2.

6. REGULATIONS & LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Licenses Required: SC Hunting License + WMA Permit (all hunting). Big Game Permit for deer, turkey, bear. HIP Registration + Migratory Bird Permit for dove/waterfowl. SC Waterfowl Permit + Federal Duck Stamp for waterfowl.

No Baiting	Baiting or hunting over a baited area prohibited on all WMA lands.
No Sunday Hunting	No Sunday hunting on WMA unless specifically authorized.
Orange Required	Solid international orange hat, coat, or vest required during gun/muzzleloader deer seasons. Archery, dove, turkey, and waterfowl.
Firearms	All firearms in vehicles must be unloaded and secured. No shooting from roads. No armor-piercing or full-metal bullet rounds.

Deer Tagging	Tag deer immediately at kill site before moving. Report harvest via SC Game Check by midnight day of harvest.
Hog Rules	No night hunting on WMA. No dog hog hunting outside special scheduled hunts. Weapons limited to current open season.
Impoundments	Waterfowl impoundments closed to all access Nov. 1 – Feb. 8 (except special hunts). Open Feb. 9 – Oct. 31 in design.
Man Drives	Deer man drives 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM only. Drivers may not carry weapons.
Antlerless Tags	Individual antlerless deer tags valid on Game Zone 2 WMA lands starting Sept. 15. Max 5 individual antlerless tags for

7. GEAR RECOMMENDATIONS

LICENSES & PERMITS

- SC Hunting License
- WMA Permit
- Big Game Permit + deer tags
- HIP Registration (dove/waterfowl)

CLOTHING

- Solid orange vest/jacket (gun season)
- Waterproof rubber boots (knee-high+)
- Rain gear / waders for flooded bottoms
- Camouflage (archery / turkey)

NAVIGATION & SAFETY

- GPS / OnX with SC WMA layer (offline)
- SCDNR WMA Map #2 (printed)
- Headlamp + extra batteries
- First aid kit
- PLB / satellite messenger

HUNTING EQUIPMENT

- Firearm / bow + ammo
- Tree stand / climbing sticks
- Turkey call (box/slate/diaphragm)
- Non-toxic shot (waterfowl)
- Game bags / cooler with ice
- Drag rope / deer cart

VEHICLE & FIELD

- 4WD vehicle (strongly recommended)
- Tow strap / recovery gear
- Water (2L+) and snacks
- Insect repellent (ticks / mosquitoes)

8. EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Emergency	911	SCDNR Law Enf.	1-800-922-7468
Newberry Co. Sheriff	(803) 321-3211	Fairfield Co. Sheriff	(803) 337-1000
Newberry County Memorial Hospital			
SCDNR Office (West Columbia)			

■ Cell service limited in river bottoms and interior tracts. Share your exact location and expected return time before heading in. Download offline maps on OnX or Gaia GPS.

Sources: SCDNR WMA Directions (<https://www.dnr.sc.gov/hunting/wmadirections.html>) · eRegulations SC Game Zone 2 WMAs (<https://www.eregulations.com/southcarolina/hunting/game-zone-2-wm-as-only>) · SC WMA General Regulations (<https://www.eregulations.com/southcarolina/hunting/wma-regulations>) · Berkeley Outdoors SC Hunting Seasons (<https://www.berkeleyoutdoors.com/blog/south-carolina-hunting-seasons-2025-2026--103085>) · SCDNR Managed Lands (<https://www.dnr.sc.gov/wma/>) · NRC SCDNR Broad River WMA Documentation (<https://www.nrc.gov/docs/ML0932/ML093280966.pdf>)