

Cliff Pitts WMA

South Carolina Wildlife Management Area | 1,098 acres | Laurens County | Zone 2

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Managing Agency

SCDNR

Phone: (864) 427-5140

Address: 170 Armstrong Rd, Laurens, SC 29360 (approximate)

Game Species

whitetail deer; wild turkey; mourning dove; feral hog; small game (squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, opossum)

Seasons (2025-2026)

Species / Season	Dates
deer_archery	Sept. 15 – Sept. 30
deer_primitive_weapons	Oct. 1 – Oct. 10
deer_gun	Oct. 11 – Jan. 1
deer_either_sex_days	First three Saturdays in October, last three Saturdays in November, Saturday after Christmas
deer_youth_hunt_day	January 3 (2 deer total)
turkey	April 1 – May 5 (WMA statewide; spring gobbler season)
dove	Segment 1: Sept. 1 – Oct. 4 (Saturdays only, first season beginning Sept. 6); Segments 2 & 3
bear	None
hog	During any open game season (still hunt); hog hunts with dogs: Jan. 2–10, Mar. 20–27
small_game	Sept. 1 – Mar. 1 (no hunting before Sept. 1 or after Mar. 1 on WMAs; Game Zone 2 limits apply)
waterfowl	Regular migratory bird season (no Category I/II designation; standard WMA open)

Bag Limits

deer daily: 2 per day; **deer seasonal:** 5 total (no more than 2 antlered); **antlerless tags:** Up to 5 individual antlerless deer tags valid on Game Zone 2 WMAs (combined) starting Sept. 15; **dove:** 15 mourning doves per day; **turkey:** 3 gobblers per season, no more than 2 per day

Access Points

From Laurens, go west on Hwy 76 for 3.6 mi. Turn left on Hwy 252 and go 7 mi. Turn left on Hood Creek Rd. and go 0.9 mi. Parking lot on right. Also accessible via I-26 W to US-76 W from Spartanburg (~45 min drive). Dove field access at Hood Creek Rd entrance. Address approx. 170 Armstrong Rd, Laurens, SC 29360.

Special Regulations

Valid SC hunting license + WMA permit required. No Sunday hunting on WMA lands. No baiting on public lands. Dove hunting: afternoon only (no entry before noon); 50 shells per hunt limit; no shooting after 6:00 PM during first segment (Sept. 1–Oct. 4). Cliff Pitts includes a designated Public Bird Dog Training Area (a portion of the WMA) open Sept. 15–Mar. 15, Sundays excluded. All hunters younger than 16 must be accompanied by adult (21+). Hog

hunting: no dogs except during special designated hog-with-dogs seasons. International orange required during gun/muzzleloader deer, bear, and hog seasons.

Field Tips

Terrain features agricultural fields, pine stands, and hardwood creek bottoms. Dove fields are actively managed — scout before season opener since fields rotate annually. Best deer hunting near hardwood creek drainages where deer feed on mast and agricultural edge. Cliff Pitts is known for its managed public dove fields in Laurens County. The Reedy River Trust Fund has been used for WMA improvements. Low hunting pressure compared to larger WMAs. Public bird dog training area makes for early-season small game scouting. Proximity to Spartanburg (~45 min) and Greenville (~40 min) makes this accessible for upstate hunters.

Landmarks & Terrain

Reedy River watershed area, Laurens County. Near town of Laurens. Hood Creek Road is primary access corridor. Located within central Game Zone 2 Piedmont terrain.

Camping & Lodging

No designated camping on Cliff Pitts WMA. Nearest camping: Laurens County campgrounds, private campgrounds near Greenwood or Spartanburg. Greenwood area has state park options (Greenwood State Park ~30 min). Primitive camping not available on this WMA.

Nearest Cities

Laurens (15 mi); Spartanburg (45 mi); Greenville (40 mi); Greenwood (30 mi)

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Sources & References

- SCDNR Game Zone 2 – Cliff Pitts WMA listed as Regular Game Seasons WMA (Map ID 2-1) — <https://www.dnr.sc.gov/hunting/zones/zone2.html>
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- SCDNR 2025 Turkey Harvest Report by WMA – Cliff Pitts: 1,098 acres, Laurens County — <https://www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/turkey/pdf/2025/Table5.pdf>
- eRegulations SC WMA Public Dove Fields – Cliff Pitts dove field directions and dates — <https://www.eregulations.com/southcarolina/hunting/wma-public-dove-fields>
- eRegulations SC Game Zone 2 WMAs Only – season dates — <https://www.eregulations.com/southcarolina/hunting/game-zone-2-wm-as-only>
- SCDNR News – Cliff Pitts WMA Public Bird Dog Training Area (Laurens County) — https://www.dnr.sc.gov/news/2018/nov/nov9_birddogtraining.html
- SCDNR Board Minutes Sept 2015 – Cliff Pitts WMA acquisition of ~589 adjoining acres, Laurens County — <https://www.dnr.sc.gov/admin/boardmin/bmin092315.html>
- SCDNR WMA Regulations – general WMA rules applicable to Cliff Pitts — <https://www.dnr.sc.gov/mlands/wmaregulations.html>

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