

Tyger River Waterfowl Management Area

South Carolina Wildlife Management Area | 84 acres | Union County | Zone 2

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Managing Agency

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Game Species

waterfowl (ducks); small game (during appropriate seasons outside waterfowl hunts); deer (Game Zone 2 WMA seasons)

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_youth_hunt_day	January 3
turkey	April 1 – May 5 (statewide WMA season, if applicable to upland areas)
dove	Check current SCDNR Dove Field List for Spartanburg/Laurens County dove fields along Tyger River
bear	None
hog	Jan. 2–10, Mar. 20–27 (hog hunts with dogs per reg. 2.16)
small_game	Sept. 1 – Mar. 1 (Game Zone 2 WMA limits)
waterfowl	Category II Designated Waterfowl Area: open Saturdays AM only during federal duck season

Bag Limits

deer daily: 2 per day; **deer seasonal:** 5 total (no more than 2 antlered); **waterfowl shells:** 25 non-toxic shells per hunt; **dove:** 15 per day (where applicable)

Access Points

Tyger River WMA (Union County): Walk-in access, approximately 300 yards to the shallow hunting area. Located near the Tyger River in Union County, within Sumter National Forest Enoree Ranger District. Area is accessible from Enoree River and Tyger River corridors in Union County. Secondary roads in Sumter National Forest Enoree District (numbered forest roads) provide access. Rose Hill Plantation State Historic Site is a nearby landmark. For the broader Spartanburg/Laurens dove field corridor: Santee Cooper Pacolet field — intersection of US 176 & West Main St (~2.5 mi W of Pacolet), 0.1 mi east on West Main St, turn left on Goldmine Rd (Sec. Hwy 108) for 4.3 mi then right on Hatchet Dr; Laurens County – Cliff Pitts dove field and Gray Court Field (see Cliff Pitts entry).

Special Regulations

Category II Designated Waterfowl Area: open Saturdays AM only during federal duck season. Data cards required for hunter access; completed data cards must be returned daily. No entry before 5:00 AM on hunt days. WMA permit required. No Sunday hunting on WMA lands. No species other than waterfowl during scheduled waterfowl hunts. Dove fields (Spartanburg/Laurens area): afternoon only, no entry before noon, 50 shells per hunt, WMA permit + migratory bird permit required.

Field Tips

The 84-acre Tyger River Waterfowl Area is a moist-soil management area in Union County — walk-in only with ~300-yard hike to the shallow hunting area. Saturday-only waterfowl hunting during duck season with sign-in/out requirements. Good for wood duck, teal, and dabbling ducks in the shallow moist-soil impoundments. The broader Tyger River Basin spans Spartanburg, Laurens, and Union counties along the North, Middle, and South Tyger River tributaries. The Sumter National Forest Enoree Ranger District (roughly 170,000 acres in Chester, Fairfield, Laurens, Newberry, and Union counties) encompasses much of the Tyger River WMA network, with scattered unnamed WMA tracts throughout. For dove: the Spartanburg/Laurens corridor along the Tyger River has multiple managed dove fields — scout agricultural edges and power line clearings. Dove season opens September 1; best fields along Tyger River corridor include the Pacolet-area field (Spartanburg) and Laurens County fields.

Landmarks & Terrain

Tyger River (North, Middle, South forks), Enoree River, Rose Hill Plantation State Historic Site (Union County), Sumter National Forest Enoree Ranger District, Union County Airport, Whitmire (Newberry County), Pacolet (Spartanburg County) for Spartanburg dove fields.

Camping & Lodging

No designated camping at the 84-acre Tyger River WMA itself. Rose Hill Plantation State Historic Site nearby offers some access. Lake Blalock area (Spartanburg County) for camping nearby. Spartanburg (~45 min) for lodging. Broad River area campgrounds accessible. Union County has limited public camping.

Nearest Cities

Union (~15 mi from Tyger River WMA); Whitmire (~20 mi); Spartanburg (~45 mi, for Spartanburg dove fields); Laurens (~30 mi, for Laurens dove fields); Gaffney (~30 mi)

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Sources & References

- eRegulations SC WMA Waterfowl – Tyger River WMA: Category II, Sat AM only, Union County, sign in/out, no entry before 5 AM — <https://www.eregulations.com/southcarolina/hunting/wma-waterfowl-on-management-areas>
- SCDNR WMA Regulations – Tyger River listed as Category II Waterfowl Area (reg. 10.14/10.19), data cards required — <https://www.dnr.sc.gov/mlands/wmaregulations.html>
- SCDNR Tyger River Waterfowl Management Area map (April 2009) – location in Union/Enoree area — https://www.dnr.sc.gov/ml_images/boatlocation/location_44003.pdf
- Carolina Sportsman 2010-11 WMA Forecast – Tyger River WMA: 84 acres, Union County, Saturdays during duck season, walk-in 300 yards — <https://www.carolinasportsman.com/content/2010-11-wma-forecast/>
- eRegulations SC WMA Public Dove Fields – Spartanburg County (Santee Cooper Pacolet field) and Laurens County fields along Tyger River corridor — <https://www.eregulations.com/southcarolina/hunting/wma-public-dove-fields>
- SCDNR 2023-24 Hunting & Fishing Regulations – Tyger River WMA seasons and waterfowl regulations — https://www.dnr.sc.gov/regs/assets/2023-24_SCRulesandRegs.pdf