

**15A NCAC 10D .0276 SOUTH MOUNTAINS GAME LAND IN BURKE, CLEVELAND, MCDOWELL,
AND RUTHERFORD COUNTIES**

South Mountains game land is a Seven Days per Week Area, in which the following applies:

- (1) The Deer With Visible Antlers season for deer consists of the open hunting days from the Monday before Thanksgiving Day through the third Saturday after Thanksgiving. Deer of either sex may be taken with archery equipment on open days beginning the Saturday on or nearest September 10 through the Sunday immediately preceding the Blackpowder Firearms Season described in this rule and the Sunday immediately following the closing of Blackpowder Firearms Season described in this rule through the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day. Deer with visible antlers may be taken with archery equipment the Sunday immediately following the closing of the Deer With Visible Antlers Season, as described in this Part, through January 1. Deer of either sex may be taken with blackpowder firearms on open days beginning the Monday on or nearest October 1 through the Saturday of the second week thereafter.
- (2) Deer of either sex may be taken the first open Saturday of the applicable Deer With Visible Antlers Season.
- (3) Horseback riding is prohibited except on designated trails during the following dates:
 - (a) January 2 through March 31;
 - (b) May 16 through August 31;
 - (c) Sundays only - April 1 through May 15; and
 - (d) Sundays only - September 1 through January 1.
- (4) Target shooting is prohibited.
- (5) Camping is restricted to September 1 through the last day of February and March 31 through May 14 in areas both designated and posted as camping areas.
- (6) The maximum period of consecutive overnight camping at any posted and designated camping area is 14 days within any 30-day period.

*History Note: Authority G.S. 113-134; 113-264; 113-291.2; 113-291.5; 113-296; 113-305;
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