

**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 begins on the Saturday after Thanksgiving Day through January 1. Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken with archery equipment beginning the Saturday on or nearest September 10 through the day immediately preceding the Blackpowder Firearms Season described in this Rule. Antlered or antlerless deer may be taken with blackpowder firearms beginning two Saturdays preceding the first day of the open season for Deer With Visible Antlers described in this Rule through the second Friday thereafter.
- (2) Antlered or antlerless deer 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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