



# LAUDERDALE AND FREEDOM HILLS WMA

The Lauderdale and Freedom Hills WMA Additions consist of 11 acquisitions (Nos. 20, 43, 45, 46, 58, 66, 77, 82, 83, 84, 86) covering 36,879 acres of pine and hardwood forest habitats in Lauderdale and Colbert Counties. These tracts serve as public land additions to the Freedom Hills WMA, Lauderdale WMA, which have been experiencing recent acreage declines due to loss of leased land. These acquisitions also created and expanded the Riverton Community Hunting Area (CHA).

Horseback riding trails are available on the Freedom Hills WMA outside of hunting season.

## Directions:

### **Freedom Hills WMA:**

From Florence, take US 72 West/ US 43 South across O'Neal Bridge and travel approximately 6 miles, turn right and follow US Hwy 72 West. Travel approximately miles 13.1 to Colbert Co. Rd. 33. Turn left on to Co. Rd. 33 and go approximately 3.9 miles to the parking lot.

**Coordinates for horseback riding parking lot:** N 34.681399, W -87.902402

### **Lauderdale WMA:**

From Florence, take AL-20 (Savannah Highway) West. Turn left onto Lauderdale Co. Rd. 14. Travel approximately 22 miles to Waterloo. Once you cross the bridge over Second Creek, the check-in station will be on your right.

**Coordinates for the check-in station:** N 34.915480, W -88.058613

### **Riverton CHA:**

From Florence, take US 72 West/ US 43 South across O'Neal Bridge and travel approximately 6 miles, turn right and follow US Hwy 72 West. Travel approximately miles 24 miles to Riverton Rose Trail/Colbert Co. Rd. 1. Turn right on Co. Rd. 1 and travel approximately 9.3 miles to the check-in station.

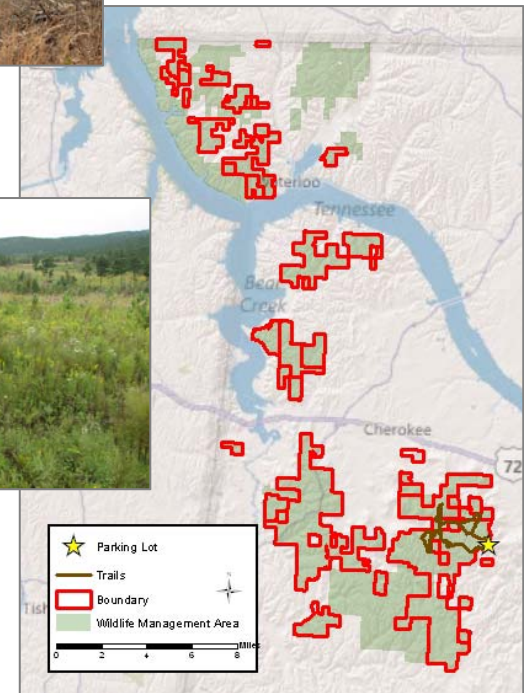
**Coordinates for the check-in station:** N 34.853560, W -88.082866



Marbled Orbweaver



Shortleaf Pine Restoration Area



Second only to loblolly pine in total acreage, shortleaf pine (*Pinus echinata*) has the widest natural range of any southeastern pine species. Restoration efforts to restore lost shortleaf pine forests are underway in Alabama and throughout the Southeast.