

Recreational Use License Bid Instructions

1. Please pay close attention to the differences between Recreation including Gun and Bow, Bow Only, and Recreation Only (NO HUNTING). There are also classifications of Access: Access Ok, Limited Access, and Access Issues. If further explanation is needed, please contact University Forester, Ben Pinkleton at (205) 348-0270.
2. Use the recreational property list and map to aid in determining the total number of acres in the tract and other tract information.
3. Use the published Bid Form to submit a bid on each tract. If you wish to bid on multiple tracts, please use separate Bid Forms for each tract.
4. Official Bid opening at 1:00 pm (CDT) on June 24, 2025, at the Office of University Lands and Real Estate Services, 1115 14th Street, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401 (NOT THE MAILING ADDRESS). All bids must be received in the Office of University Lands and Real Estate Services prior to the bid opening time, to be considered. If a bid is mailed, the bid should be posted in sufficient time to ensure its receipt prior to the bid submission deadline of 1:00 pm (CDT), June 24, 2025. **The mailing address for bid submission is, The University of Alabama, Attn: Office of Land Management & Real Estate Services, Box 870176, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0176.** Mailed bids should be marked "Recreational Bid 06-24-2025 - _____ (County and Tract)" in the lower left-hand corner of the envelope for bid security. **Account for several extra days for our mail system. It will take longer than residential mail.** Bid forms can be emailed to the following email address: bmfox@ua.edu but must be received by the deadline of 1:00 pm (CDT), June 24, 2025. **Please call (205) 348-3510 to confirm receipt of your bid.**
5. All winning bids must be approved by The University of Alabama Board of Trustees. Once approved, all License Agreements will be sent for execution immediately following the Board meeting. Please anticipate providing your signed agreement, payment, and proof of insurance no later than September 30, 2025.
6. **Winning bidder must notify University Lands, acceptance/rejection within 48 hours of bid opening. A 20% bid deposit is due from accepting parties within 5 days of acceptance.**
7. **Minimum bid for all recreational tracts is \$5.00 per acre.**
8. If you have questions or problems, please contact the Office of University Lands and Real Estate Services at (205) 348-3510 or (205) 348-0270.

Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Can I inspect the property prior to bidding? **You may inspect the property during daylight hours, until the date of the bid. AFTER THE BID DATE, NO ONE IS ALLOWED ON THE PROPERTY. Take into consideration that most of these properties have a license that is still in effect. Do not take anything onto or off the property.**
2. How much should I bid for "This" tract? **With this being a bid process, the price per acre ranges greatly. Our minimum bid is \$5.00 per acre. Please look at the property and submit your best bid, based on your situation. Take into consideration, your Base Bid per acre rate escalates 2.5%, annually.**
3. What does "Access Issues" or "Limited Access" mean? **Defined as either all the tract or portions of the tract are challenging to access. Most of the time, it will be up to the licensee to determine the access across private landowners.**
4. How do I find where a tract is located? **Click on the link that contains the map. There is a GPS function within the Map. Location Services must be enabled on your phone for the GPS to work.**
5. When can I access the tract if I am the High Bidder? **NO ONE IS ALLOWED ON THE PROPERTY BEFORE THE EXECUTION OF THE AGREEMENT AND THE APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE. Once the bid process is complete and the winning bidder has accepted, all the tracts identified for bid June 2025 must be approved by the Board of Trustees. The meeting to approve or reject the June 2025 Recreational Bid will be held in late August or Early September. Once approved by the Board of Trustees, the Recreational License Agreement may be executed. New Licensees will also need to provide our office with a copy of the approved insurance at execution of the agreement.**

6. How long are the terms of the Agreement? **The terms of the agreement will be for one (1) year and with the University's consent, renewable for nine (9) renewal terms of one (1) year each. The annual fee for each renewal term will be increased by 2.5 % over the prior year's annual fee.**
7. Where can I find the required insurance? **Alabama Forest Owners Association(AFOA) and Alabama Forestry Association(AFA) provide insurance acceptable for the Recreational License Agreement. The insurance policy must contain all language spelled out in the Executed License Agreement and List The University of Alabama as additionally insured.**

Websites:

<https://www.afoa.org/>

<https://www.alaforestry.org/>

Click on the link to the property map to browse available property. - Best if Opened on a Computer.

[Click Here for Map!!](#)

Map Functions

