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WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

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REGULATIONS SUMMARY AND AREA MAP



A COOPERATIVE PUBLIC WILDLIFE
AND RECREATIONAL AREA
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
STATE OF FLORIDA
FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE
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This brochure is designed to provide the public with information and a summary of regulations pertaining to hunting and other recreational use on the Andrews Wildlife Management Area. **To make it easier to learn about regulation changes on this area, regulations that are new or differ substantially from last year are shown in bold print.** Area users still should familiarize themselves with all regulations for the area. For the exact wording of the wildlife laws and regulations, see Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's wildlife code on file with the Secretary of State and state libraries. This brochure and the quota hunt application forms should provide the information necessary for you to plan your hunting activities.

For information pertaining to hunting on private lands, and trapping, consult the current Florida Hunting Handbook. This publication is available from any Commission office as well as county tax collectors and their subagents.

PERMIT, STAMP AND LICENSE INFORMATION:

Persons utilizing the wildlife management areas are required to have appropriate licenses, stamps and permits. Florida residents who are 65 years of age or older, and residents who have obtained a no-cost license through a certification of total and permanent disability by the Armed Forces or Veterans Administration, or a certification of total disability by the Social Security Administration, may be exempt from most permit, stamp and license requirements on this area. Hunters under age 16 and Florida residents in the U.S. Armed Forces, not stationed in Florida and home on leave with orders in possession, are exempt from most permit, stamp and license requirements on this area.

Hunting License, Trapping License, Fishing License and Archery, Muzzleloading Gun, Wildlife Management Area, Wild Turkey and State Waterfowl permits may be purchased from county tax collectors, their subagents, Internet or by telephone.

Unless exempted, all hunters on this wildlife management area must have the following in their possession and display them upon request of any Commission employee:

1. Hunting License: Information on the categories and costs of hunting licenses is available in the Florida Hunting Handbook.
2. Wildlife Management Area Permit: This \$26.50 permit is required to hunt on this area.
3. Daily-Use Permit: Persons engaged in recreational activities other than hunting must possess a daily-use permit or wildlife management area permit. Permits may be purchased at the designated entry point of the wildlife management area. Daily-use permit is \$3 per person, \$6 per non-commercial vehicle, \$75 per groups of 25 to 100 people and \$150 for groups of 101 people or more. Cash and personal checks are acceptable methods of payment. Persons hiking through on the Florida Trail are not required to have a daily-use permit.
4. Quota Hunt Permit: A no-cost special or regular quota hunt permit is required to hunt this area (no exemptions) for all hunts except the small game season. There are 60 special quota hunt permits available for each archery hunt, 40 special quota hunt permits available for each muzzleloading gun hunt, 40

regular quota hunt permits available for the general gun hunt and 40 quota hunt permits for each supervised youth hunt. Quota hunt applications are available from county tax collectors or their subagents on or about June 1. Quota hunt applications for the supervised youth hunts are available **July 2** from Commission offices only, and accepted from July 14 through 30. To apply for a permit obtain a quota hunt permit application and follow the printed instructions.

Daily hunt permits are required to hunt on this area during the small game season (no exemptions). There are 40 daily hunt permits available on a first-come, first-served basis at the check station for each hunt period during the small game season.

A spring turkey quota hunt permit is required to hunt on this area (no exemptions) for each spring turkey hunt. There are 30 spring turkey quota hunt permits available by application for each three-day period. Spring turkey quota hunt applications are available at regional offices of the Commission on or about October **25**, and accepted from November 1 through 10. To apply for this permit, obtain a spring turkey quota hunt application and follow the printed instructions.

Transfer of Permits: Quota hunt and antlerless deer permits are transferable, except that any exempt permit is only transferable to another exempt person. The sale or purchase of any quota hunt permit or antlerless deer permit is prohibited.

5. Zone Tags: Zone tags will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis at the check station. Zone tags may not be transferred from one hunter to another. If available, one zone tag may be exchanged for another at the check station during any hunt day. No hunter shall hunt in any zone other than that for which he has obtained a zone tag. Zone tags shall be returned to the check station before exiting the area. Zone tags may be reserved for the next day. All hunters must wear zone tags visibly. The designated hunter quota is divided among zones (see map): archery—A4, B10, C12, D12, E6 and F16; muzzleloading gun, small game, supervised youth and general gun—A3, B7, C7, D9, E4 and F10; spring turkey—A2, B5, C5, D7, E3 and F8.

6. Archery Permit: This \$5 permit is required when hunting during the archery hunt.

7. Muzzleloading Gun Permit: This \$5 permit is required when hunting during the muzzleloading gun hunt.

8. Wild Turkey Permit: This \$5 permit is required if hunting turkeys.

9. State Waterfowl Permit: This \$3 permit is required while hunting ducks.

10. Federal Duck Stamp: Any hunter 16 years of age or older must possess a federal duck stamp while hunting ducks. This \$15 stamp is available at post offices. Visit www.duckstamp.com for additional information regarding alternate methods and locations for purchasing of duck stamps.

11. Migratory Bird Permit: This free permit is required when hunting migratory birds.

12. Antlerless Deer Permit: See No. 2 under General Information.

BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS:

1. Deer—One per quota hunt permit.
2. Turkey—Daily limit 1, season limit 2, possession limit 2.
3. Wild hogs—No size, bag or possession limit.

4. Gray squirrel, quail, rabbit—Daily limit 12, possession limit 24 for each game species.
5. Raccoon, opossum, armadillo, beaver, coyote, skunk and nutria—No bag limits.
6. Bobcat and otter—Possession limit 1 unless in possession of a Trapping License.
7. Migratory birds—See Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet.

GENERAL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA REGULATIONS:

In addition to the regulations that follow, all general laws and regulations relating to wild animal life or freshwater aquatic life shall apply unless specifically excepted for this wildlife management area. Hunting or the taking of wildlife or fish on this area shall be allowed only during the open seasons and in the manner set forth herein.

1. Driving a metal object into any tree or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven is prohibited.
2. It is unlawful for any person to leave any garbage or refuse or in any way litter in the management area.
3. The wanton or willful waste of wildlife is prohibited.
4. Non-migratory game may be hunted from one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset (see exceptions under spring turkey).
5. The head and evidence of sex may not be removed from the carcass of any deer or turkey while on the area.
6. No person shall cut or destroy any tree, or remove any tree, shrub or protected plant (as listed in F.S. 581.185), from any wildlife management area without written permission from the landowner or primary land manager.
7. The removal or possession of saw palmetto berries is prohibited.
8. **The release of any animal is prohibited, without written authorization from the Executive Director.**
9. It is illegal to hunt over bait or place any bait or other food for wildlife on this wildlife management area.
10. Fires are prohibited.
11. Taking any turkey while it is on the roost is prohibited.
12. Killing swimming deer is prohibited.
13. Killing fox is prohibited.
14. Taking fox squirrel is prohibited.
15. Taking or attempting to take game with the aid of live decoys, recorded game calls or sounds, set gun, artificial light, net, trap, snare, drug, or poison is prohibited.
16. Hunting is prohibited in areas posted as “CLOSED.”
17. During open hunting seasons, access to the area is restricted to individuals with valid quota hunt permits for the area.
18. During periods when the area is closed to hunting, persons may enter the area no earlier than one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise and shall exit no later than one-half (1/2) hour after sunset.
19. During periods open to hunting, entry to, or exit from the area, at locations other than the check station via NW 160th Street (County Road 211) is prohibited.
20. Any person hunting deer or accompanying another person hunting deer shall wear at least 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent-orange material above the waistline as an outer garment. This is not required when hunting during an archery-only season.
21. Deer and turkey may be dismembered in the field or camp, but each portion shall have a tag affixed to it identifying the name, address and hunting license number of the person who killed it; the date and location at which it was taken; and shall be readily traceable to the portion of the animal bearing the sex identification.
22. No person shall remove plants, rocks, minerals, animal life, other natural resources or parts thereof without written authorization from the Commission.
23. **The planting or introduction of any non-native plant is prohibited, without written authorization from the Executive Director.**

GUNS OR DOGS:

24. Hunting with dogs is prohibited, but dogs on leashes may be used for trailing wounded game.
25. For taking non-migratory game, only shotguns, rifles, pistols, longbows (including compound and recurve bows), crossbows (during the general gun hunt only) or birds of prey may be used.
26. Hunting with gun and light is prohibited.
27. For hunting deer, muzzleloading guns firing a single bullet must be at least .40 caliber; those firing two or more balls must be 20 gauge or larger.
28. Hunting deer with full-jacketed bullets or any rimfire cartridge is prohibited.
29. Fully automatic firearms, silencer-equipped firearms, centerfire semi-

automatic rifles having a magazine capable of holding more than five rounds, explosive or drug-injecting devices and setguns are prohibited.

30. Guns are allowed only during periods in which their use for hunting is allowed.
31. No person shall have a gun in manual possession while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
32. Children under the age of 16 may not be in possession of a firearm unless in the presence of a supervising adult.
33. No person shall allow any dog to pursue or molest wildlife during any period in which hunting with dogs is prohibited.
34. **For purposes other than hunting, dogs are allowed but must be kept under physical restraint at all times.**
35. Guns or dogs are prohibited on areas posted as “CLOSED” or “CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS”.

PUBLIC ACCESS AND VEHICLES:

36. Open for public access and use year-around, EXCEPT during hunting seasons, when only persons with a quota hunt permit are allowed. During non-hunting periods an entry fee is required (\$3 per person, or \$6 per non-commercial vehicle). A wildlife management area stamp, sportsman’s license, lifetime license, or 5-year license can be used in place of the entry fee. Persons 65 or older, or under 16 are exempt.
37. Vehicles may be operated only on designated portions of named or numbered roads (see map). Horses and ATVs are prohibited on the area.
38. Vehicles shall not be parked in such a manner as to obstruct roads, gates or firelanes.
39. No motor vehicle shall be operated on any part of the wildlife management area designated and posted as “CLOSED” or “CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS”.
40. **Public access is prohibited in areas posted as “CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS”.**

CAMPING:

41. Camping is prohibited.

CHECK STATIONS:

42. Hunters shall check in and out at the check station when entering or exiting the area and shall check all game taken.
43. Hunters shall not enter the area prior to one hour before legal shooting hours or exit the area after one hour past legal shooting hours.

SEARCH:

44. A Fish and Wildlife Commission Law Enforcement Officer may search any camp, vehicle or boat; in accordance with law.

ARCHERY:

October 1 through 3 and October 8 through 10.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, archery permit, special quota hunt permit, zone tag, wild turkey permit (if hunting turkeys), and migratory bird permit (if hunting migratory birds).

Legal to Take—Any deer (except spotted fawns), wild hogs, turkeys of either sex, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, opossum, raccoon, beaver, coyote, armadillo, skunk, nutria and migratory birds in season.

Regulations Unique to the Archery Hunt—In addition to these regulations, all General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply and the possession of firearms or crossbows is prohibited, except centerfire shotguns are permitted for hunting migratory birds during the archery season when one or more migratory birds are legal to take (See Migratory Bird section and the current Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlets).

SUPERVISED YOUTH HUNT:

October 16 through 17 and October 23 through 24.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Quota hunt permit and zone tag.

Legal to Take—Deer with one or more antlers at least five inches in length visible above the hairline, antlerless deer (except spotted fawn) by antlerless deer permit only and wild hogs.

Regulations Unique to the Supervised Youth Hunt—In addition to these regulations, all General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply.

1. Only persons 8 years of age through 15 years of age may hunt.
2. Each hunter must be under the supervision, and in the presence of an adult not younger than 18 years of age, as provided in Ch. 790.22, Florida Statutes.

MUZZLELOADING GUN:

October 29 through 31 and November 5 through 7.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, muzzleloading gun permit, special quota hunt permit, migratory bird permit (if hunting migratory birds), and zone tag.

Legal to Take—Deer with one or more antlers at least five inches in length visible above the hairline, antlerless deer (except spotted fawn) by antlerless deer permit only, wild hogs, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, opossum, raccoon, beaver, coyote, armadillo, skunk, nutria and migratory birds in season.

Regulations Unique to the Muzzleloading Gun Hunt—In addition to these regulations, all General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply and only muzzleloading guns are allowed, except centerfire shotguns are permitted for hunting migratory birds during the muzzleloading gun season when one or more migratory birds are legal to take (See Migratory Birds section and the current Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlets).

GENERAL GUN:

November 19 through 21.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, regular quota hunt permit, zone tag, state waterfowl permit and federal waterfowl stamp (if hunting ducks), and migratory bird permit (if hunting migratory birds).

Legal to Take—Deer with one or more antlers at least five inches in length visible above the hairline, antlerless deer (except spotted fawn) by antlerless deer permit only, wild hogs, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, opossum, raccoon, beaver, coyote, armadillo, skunk, nutria and migratory birds in season.

Regulations Unique to the General Gun Hunt—All General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply.

SMALL GAME:

January 7 through 9 and January 14 through 16.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, daily hunt permit, state waterfowl permit and federal waterfowl stamp (if hunting ducks), and migratory bird permit (if hunting migratory birds).

Legal to Take—Gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, opossum, raccoon, beaver, coyote, armadillo, skunk, nutria, migratory birds in season, bobcat and otter.

Regulations Unique to the Small Game Hunt—All General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply, and the possession of centerfire rifles is prohibited.

SPRING TURKEY:

March 25 through 27 and April 15 through 17.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, spring turkey quota hunt permit, zone tag, and wild turkey permit.

Legal to Take—Bearded turkeys or gobblers only.

Regulations Unique to the Spring Turkey Hunt—All General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply and legal shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until 1 p.m.

MIGRATORY BIRDS:

Rails, common Moorhens, mourning doves, white-winged doves, snipe, ducks, coots, woodcock and crows may be hunted during seasons established by the Commission for these species, which coincide with the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun and small game seasons.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, state waterfowl permit and federal waterfowl stamp (if hunting ducks), and migratory bird permit.

Legal to Take—See Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet.

Regulations Unique to Migratory Birds—See Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet. In addition to these regulations, all General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply and the use of lead shot for taking ducks and coots is prohibited.

TRAPPING:

Trapping is prohibited.

FISHING AND FROGGING:

Permitted throughout the year.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Fishing license (not required when frogging) and daily-use or wildlife management area permit.

Legal to Take—see Florida Freshwater Fishing Regulations Summary.

Regulations Unique to Fishing and Frogging—In addition to these regulations, all General Wildlife Management Area and Freshwater Fishing Regulations shall apply.

1. During open hunting seasons, access to the area shall be restricted to individuals with a valid quota hunt permit for the area.

2. During non-hunting periods, use of the area is restricted to one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS ARE NOT JUST FOR HUNTING AND FISHING!

They have been purchased for preservation to benefit all of Florida's residents and you don't have to hunt or fish to enjoy them! The same habitat management practices that provide hunting and fishing opportunities also create opportunities for wildlife viewing. These areas provide a range of opportunities, from scenic driving routes to rugged hiking adventures. See the natural Florida that we have protected through acquisition and careful management.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. This land was acquired under the Conservation and Recreational Lands (CARL) and Save Our Rivers (SOR) programs. The purpose of these programs is to conserve and protect unique and irreplaceable lands and water resources, restore areas to their original condition as much as possible, and allow controlled multiple recreational and educational uses consistent with this purpose.

2. Any hunter desiring to take an antlerless deer must submit a quota hunt application during the application period for random drawing and have checked the box provided for the random drawing of antlerless permits. Antlerless deer permits will be issued from the Tallahassee office and will be valid only on the area and for the dates indicated on the permit.

3. Defacing, molesting or destroying signs or other property on or about this management area is punishable by law.

4. Anyone born on or after June 1, 1975 must have passed a Commission-approved hunter safety course prior to being issued a hunting license.

5. If you have any questions about this material, please call the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at (386) 7580525 {(800) 955-8771 (TDD)}.

COOPERATION REQUESTED:

When you spot law violators or suspicious activities, contact your nearest Commission regional office or call 1-888-404-FWCC. You may qualify for a cash reward from the Wildlife Alert Reward Association.

Youth hunt participants are encouraged to successfully complete a Commission-approved hunter education safety course.

Please do not discharge firearms at anything other than legal game while in a wildlife management area. Target practice and random discharge of firearms have become increasing threats to the quality of the hunting experience. All persons hunting small game are requested to wear blaze-orange headgear and/or vests.

PLEASE DO NOT LITTER. TAKE TRASH OUT WITH YOU.

In recent years, unauthorized and uncontrolled fires have caused severe damage to area wildlife and wildlife habitats. Controlled fires are beneficial only when they are of the proper size and location, and when area conditions are suitable. UNCONTROLLED FIRES DO NOT BENEFIT WILDLIFE. Please use caution with campfires, smoking materials and vehicles to prevent damage to wildlife habitats.

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WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(3,501 acres)

Levy County



LEGEND

- DESIGNATED ENTRY AND EXIT
- CHECK STATION
- MANAGEMENT AREA BOUNDARY
- IMPROVED ROAD
- UNIMPROVED ROAD (VEHICLES PROHIBITED)
- U.S. HIGHWAY
- STATE ROAD
- CLOSED AREA
- OBSERVATION TOWER
- DAY-USE PAVILION
- FISHING

