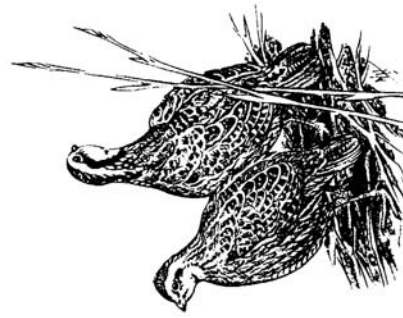


# BLUE SPRINGS UNIT

TWIN RIVERS  
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT  
AREA AND STATE FOREST

## 2004-2005

REGULATIONS SUMMARY  
AND AREA MAP



A COOPERATIVE PUBLIC WILDLIFE  
AND RECREATIONAL AREA  
DIVISION OF FORESTRY  
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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 Blue Springs Unit of the Twin Rivers 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.** For the exact wording of 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 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. Bird Dog Training Permit: A free bird dog training permit is required for each group participating in the activity (no exemptions) on each day. A group shall not exceed 4 persons and 6 dogs. There are **24** bird dog training permits (3 group permits/day) available on a first-come, first-served basis at the Olustee Field Office. To obtain a permit, contact the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at (386) 758-0525.

### 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. It is unlawful to set fire to any forest, grass or woodlands or for any individual or group of individuals to build a warming fire or campfire and leave same unextinguished (Chapter 590, Florida Statutes).
4. Fires are prohibited.
5. The wanton or willful waste of wildlife is prohibited.
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 release of any animal is prohibited, without written authorization from the Executive Director.**
8. It is illegal to hunt over bait or place any bait or other food for wildlife on this wildlife management area.
9. Taking or attempting to take any game with the aid of live decoys, traps, recorded game calls or sounds, set guns, artificial light, net, trap, snare, drug, or poison is prohibited.
10. Hunting is prohibited in areas posted as "CLOSED."

### GUNS AND DOGS:

11. Hunting with dogs other than bird dogs is prohibited.
12. The possession of firearms other than blank-firing pistols is prohibited during the bird dog training season.
13. Hunting with gun and light is prohibited.
14. Guns are allowed only during periods and in areas in which their use for dog training is allowed.
15. No person shall have a gun in manual possession while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
16. Children under the age of 16 may not be in possession of a firearm unless in the presence of a supervising adult.
17. No person shall allow any dog to pursue or molest wildlife during any period in which dog training is prohibited.
18. **For purposes other than hunting, dogs are allowed but must be kept under physical restraint at all times.**

### PUBLIC ACCESS AND VEHICLES:

19. Open for public access and use year-around.
20. Hiking, bicycling, and horseback riding is permitted.
21. Persons participating in bird dog training shall enter and exit only at designated entrances.
22. Vehicles may be operated only on designated roads and parking areas (see map).

23. Vehicles shall not be parked in such a manner as to obstruct roads, gates or firelanes.

24. No vehicle shall be operated on any part of the wildlife management area designated as "CLOSED" or "CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS".

25. Public access is prohibited in areas posted as "CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS".

**CAMPING:**

26. Camping is prohibited during bird dog training but is allowed by landowner permit during other periods. Contact the Division of Forestry at (386) 208-1461.

**CHECK STATIONS:**

27. Dog trainers are requested to check in at the designated check station when entering or exiting the area (see map).

**SEARCH:**

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

**BIRD DOG TRAINING:**

Tuesdays and Thursdays in October.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Hunting license, wildlife management area permit and bird dog training permit.

Legal to Take—The taking of wildlife during this period is prohibited.

Regulations Unique to Bird Dog Training—In addition to these regulations, all General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply, and one bird dog training permit entitles one group of up to 4 persons and 6 dogs to participate in one dog training day from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

**TRAPPING:**

Trapping is prohibited.

**FISHING:**

Fishing is prohibited.

**WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS AND STATE FORESTS 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 Recreation Lands (CARL) program. The purpose of CARL is to conserve and protect unique and irreplaceable lands, and restore areas to their original condition as much as possible, and allow controlled multiple recreational and educational uses consistent with this purpose.

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

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

4. Local camping facilities - Gibson Park; Hamilton County, County Road 751 on the Suwannee River; R.V. or tent, water, cold showers, picnic shelters, handicap facilities; no fee, no hookups, and no electricity.

5. Division of Forestry management plans include prescribed burning most months of the year. For personal safety reasons, area users should contact the Division of Forestry for information and location of burn areas, (386) 208-1461.

6. For information regarding access, camping and general recreational use of this area, please call the Division of Forestry at (386) 208-1461.

7. If you have any questions about this material, please call the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at (386) 758-0525, (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.*

*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.*

**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.*

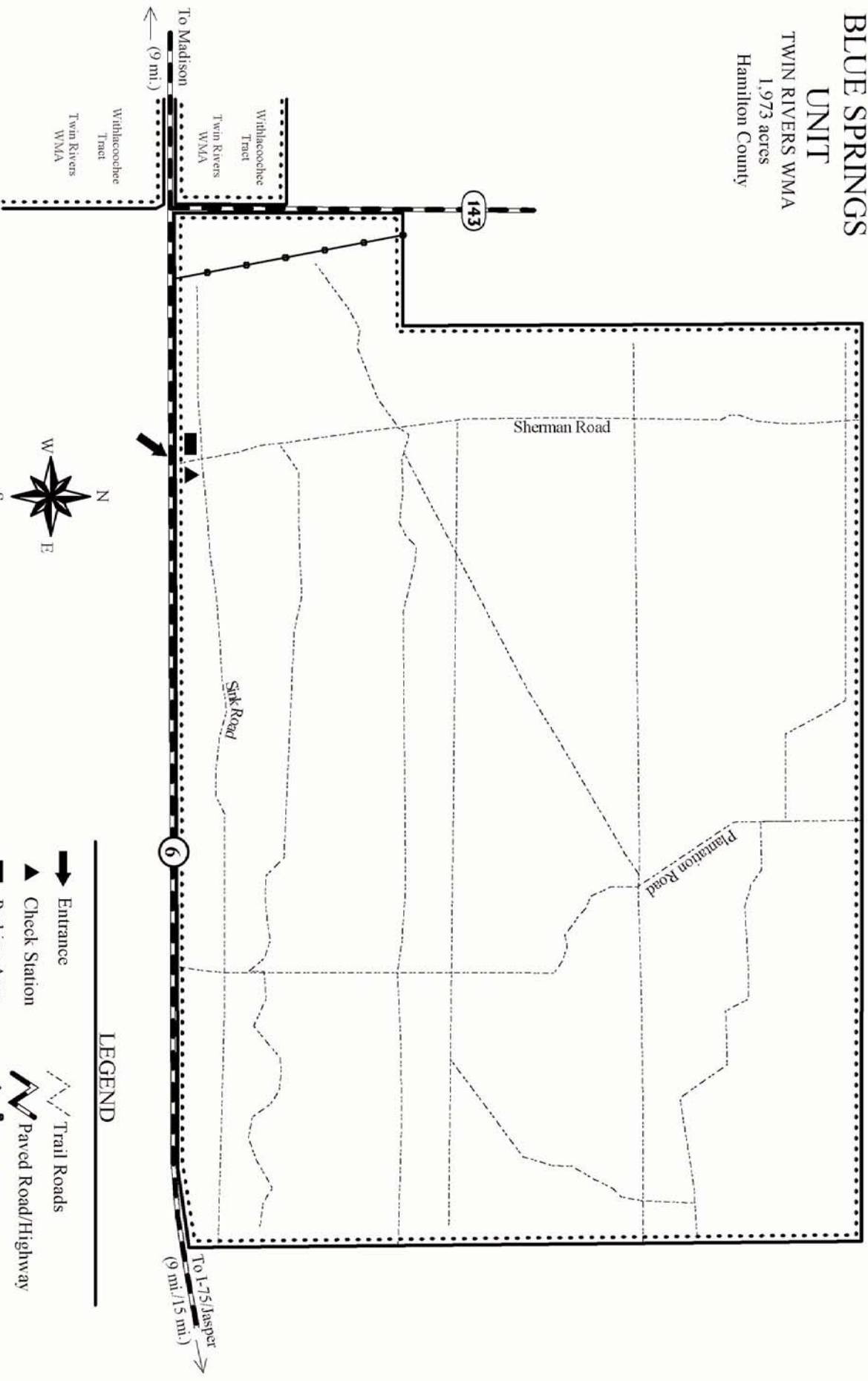
*The U.S. Department of Interior prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex or handicap. If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity or facility as described above, or if you desire further information, please write to: The Office for Human Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Washington D.C. 20240.*

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# BLUE SPRINGS UNIT

## TWIN RIVERS WMA

1,973 acres  
Hamilton County



### LEGEND

- Entrance
- Check Station
- Parking Area
- WMA Boundary
- Trail Roads
- Paved Road/Highway
- Power Line