

CARY

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA AND STATE FOREST

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REGULATIONS SUMMARY AND AREA MAP CARY STATE FOREST



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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 Cary 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 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 form 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. Quota Hunt Permits: A no-cost special quota hunt permit is required to hunt on this area. There are 55 special quota hunt permits available by application for each designated hunt period during the archery and muzzleloading gun seasons. Special quota permit applications are available from county tax collectors or their subagents on or about June 1 and must be received by June 11. To apply for these permits, obtain an application and follow the printed instructions.

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

4. Archery Permit: This \$5 permit is required when hunting with a bow during any archery season outside of the Central Zone general gun hunting season.

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

BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS:

1. Deer—Daily limit 2, possession limit 4.
2. Wild hogs—No bag or size limit.
3. Turkey—Daily limit 1, season limit 2, possession limit 2.
4. Rabbit, quail and gray squirrel—Daily limit 12, possession limit 24 for each species.

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 or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven is prohibited.
2. 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.
3. Wild hogs may not be transported alive.

4. Fires are prohibited
5. It is unlawful for any person to leave any garbage or refuse or in any way litter in the management area.
6. The wanton or willful waste of wildlife is prohibited.
7. Non-migratory game may be hunted from one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset.
8. The head and evidence of sex may not be removed from the carcass of any deer or turkey while on the area. Portions of the carcass may be removed immediately prior to cooking.

9. The release of any animal is prohibited, without written authorization from the Executive Director.

10. It is illegal to hunt over bait or place any bait or other food for wildlife on this wildlife management area.
11. Killing swimming deer is prohibited.
12. Taking any turkey while it is on the roost is prohibited.
13. Taking fox is prohibited.
14. Taking fox squirrel is prohibited.
15. Taking gopher tortoises is prohibited.
16. Taking or attempting to take any game with the aid of live decoys, recorded game calls or sounds, set guns, artificial light, net, trap, snare, drug, or poison is prohibited.
17. 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.
18. 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.

GUNS OR DOGS:

19. Hunting with dogs is prohibited, except dogs on leashes may be used for trailing wounded game, and bird dogs are permitted during bird dog training season.
20. Guns or bows are allowed only during periods in which their use for hunting is allowed.
21. The possession or use of crossbows is prohibited.
22. The possession or use of shotguns, rifles or pistols other than muzzleloaders is prohibited.
23. No person shall have a gun or bow in manual possession while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
24. The possession of firearms other than blank-firing pistols is prohibited during bird dog training season.
- 25. For purposes other than hunting, dogs are allowed but must be kept under physical restraint at all times.**
26. Guns or dogs are prohibited on areas posted as “CLOSED” or “CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS”.

PUBLIC ACCESS AND VEHICLES:

27. Open for public use and access year-around.
28. Vehicles may be operated on designated roads only.
29. Florida traffic laws relating to vehicles and vehicle operators apply on this area. The operation of an unregistered and unlicensed vehicle is prohibited.
30. Vehicles shall not be parked in such a manner as to obstruct roads, gates, trails or firelanes.
31. Horses are allowed only on established roads in the hunt area during periods open to hunting.
32. No motor vehicle shall be operated on any part of the

wildlife management area designated and posted as “CLOSED” or CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS”.

33. Public access is prohibited in areas posted as “CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS”.

34. The use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) is prohibited.

CAMPING:

35. Camping is prohibited.

CHECK STATIONS:

36. Hunters shall check in at the designated check station when entering and exiting the area and shall check all game taken.

SEARCH:

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

ARCHERY:

October **16** through **17**, November **6** through **7** and **20** through **21**, December **11** through **12** and **25** through **26**.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, special quota hunt permit, archery permit (if hunting before November **13**) and wild turkey permit (if hunting turkeys).

Legal to Take—Any deer (except spotted fawn), wild hogs, turkeys of either sex, gray squirrel, quail and rabbit.

Regulations Unique to the Archery Hunt—All General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply and the possession of firearms or crossbows is prohibited.

MUZZLELOADING GUN:

January **1** through **2** and January **15** through **16**.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Hunting license, wildlife management area permit and special quota hunt permit.

Legal to Take—Deer with one or more antlers at least five inches in length visible above the hairline and wild hogs.

Regulations Unique to the Muzzleloading Gun Hunt—All General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply and only muzzleloading guns are allowed.

BIRD DOG TRAINING:

October through January, Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, except during scheduled hunting periods.

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

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

Regulations Unique to the Bird Dog Training — All General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply and the possession of firearms other than blank-firing pistols is prohibited.

TRAPPING:

- Trapping is prohibited.

FISHING AND FROGGING:

Access to the area for fishing and frogging is regulated by the Division of Forestry.

DIVISION OF FORESTRY REGULATIONS:

1. Construction of permanent or semipermanent structures on state forests is prohibited.

2. Alcoholic beverages shall not be consumed on managed lands where designated or posted by the Division of Forestry.

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. The area west of U.S. Highway 301 is closed to hunting.
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. Dogs are prohibited in areas posted as "CLOSED TO PETS."
5. For information regarding general recreational use of the area, please call the Division of Forestry at (904) 266-5021.
6. 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, (904) 266-5021.
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 shoot bows or muzzleloaders 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 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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1-888-HUNT-FLORIDA (486-8356)**

(NOTE: There is a vendor fee of \$3.95 per license.)

