

# CEDAR KEY SCRUB

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT  
AREA AND STATE RESERVE

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REGULATIONS SUMMARY  
AND AREA MAP



A COOPERATIVE PUBLIC WILDLIFE  
AND RECREATIONAL AREA  
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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 Cedar Key Scrub 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 Permit: A no-cost regular quota hunt permit or a daily hunt permit is required to hunt on this area during the general gun season. There are 25 regular quota hunt permits available by application. Regular quota hunt applications are available from county tax collectors or their subagents on or about June 1, and will be accepted from June 1 to June 11. To apply for a permit, obtain a regular quota hunt permit application and follow the printed instructions.

Daily Hunt Permits: There are an additional 25 daily hunt permits available on a first-come, first-served basis at the check station for the general gun season.

Transfer of Permits: Quota hunt permits are transferable, except that any exempt permit is transferable only 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 during the archery hunt.

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

## BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS:

1. Deer—Daily limit 2, possession limit 4.
2. Wild hogs—No size or bag limit.
3. Gray squirrel—Daily limit 12, possession limit 24.

## 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. 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. Fires are prohibited.
4. It is unlawful for any person to leave any garbage or refuse or in any way litter in the management area.
5. The wanton or willful waste of wildlife is prohibited.
6. Non-migratory game may be hunted from one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset.
7. The head and evidence of sex may not be removed from the carcass of any deer on the area. Portions of the carcass may be removed immediately prior to cooking.
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. Killing swimming deer is prohibited.
11. Taking fox squirrel is prohibited.
12. 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.
13. 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.

14. Deer 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:**

15. For taking non-migratory game, only shotguns, rifles, longbows (including compound and recurve bows), crossbows (during the general gun hunt only) or birds of prey may be used.

16. Handguns are prohibited.

17. Hunting with gun and light is prohibited.

18. 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.

19. Hunting deer with full-jacketed bullets or any rimfire cartridge is prohibited.

20. 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.

21. Guns are allowed only during periods in which their use for hunting is allowed.

22. No person shall have a gun in manual possession while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

23. Children under the age of 16 may not be in possession of a firearm unless in the presence of a supervising adult.

24. No person shall allow any dog to pursue or molest wildlife during any period in which hunting with dogs is prohibited.

**25. For purposes other than hunting, dogs are allowed but must be kept under physical restraint at all times.**

26. Hunting with dogs is prohibited.

27. Hunting wildlife or the display or use of a gun in a manner capable of taking wildlife on or from the rights-of-way of S.R. 24 or C.R. 347 is prohibited.

28. Dogs on leashes may be used for trailing wounded game.

29. Guns or dogs are prohibited on areas posted as "CLOSED" or "CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS".

#### **PUBLIC ACCESS AND VEHICLES:**

30. Open for public access and use year-around.

31. Vehicles are prohibited on the area, except at designated parking areas.

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

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

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

#### **CAMPING:**

35. Camping is prohibited.

#### **CHECK STATIONS:**

36. Hunters shall check in at the designated self-service check station when entering and exiting the area and shall record 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:**

September **25** through October **10**.

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

Legal to Take—Any deer (except spotted fawn), wild hogs and gray squirrels.

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

#### **MUZZLELOADING GUN:**

October **29** through **31**.

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

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

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

#### **GENERAL GUN:**

November **13** through **21**.

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

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

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

#### **TRAPPING:**

Trapping is prohibited.

#### **FISHING AND FROGGING:**

The Department of Environmental Protection regulates access to the area for fishing or frogging.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

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

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

3. 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 violators or suspicious activities, contact your nearest Commission regional office or call 1-888-404-FWCC. You may qualify for a cash award 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.*

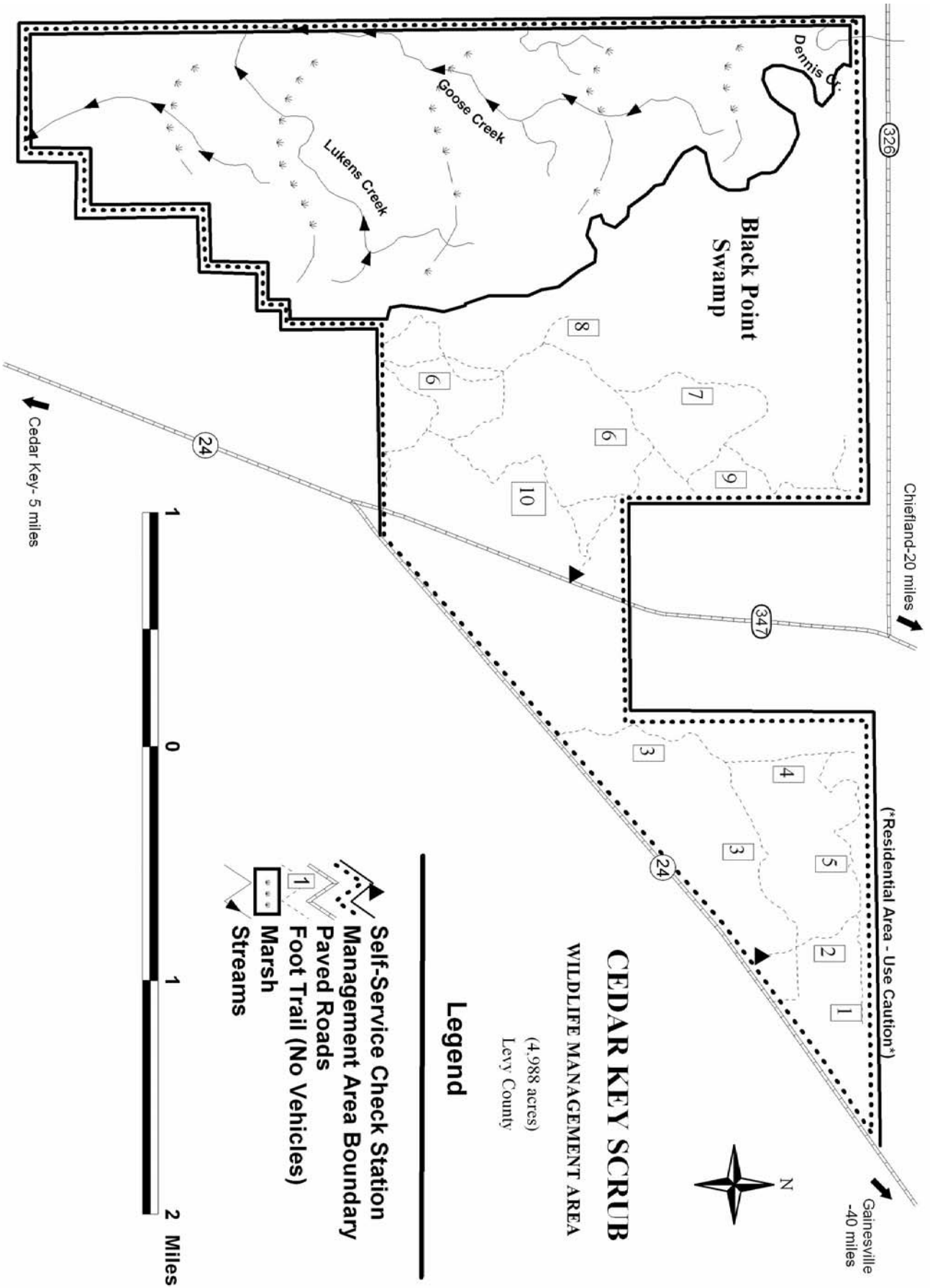
**PLEASE DO NOT LITTER. TAKE TRASH OUT WITH YOU.**

*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 any fires, smoking materials and vehicles to prevent damage to wildlife habitats.*

*Please remove all flagging, bright-eyes, reflective tape and other marking materials when you leave the area.*

*The U.S. Department of the 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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**CEDAR KEY SCRUB**  
 WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA  
 (4,988 acres)  
 Levy County

**Legend**

- Self-Service Check Station
- Management Area Boundary
- Paved Roads
- Foot Trail (No Vehicles)
- Marsh
- Streams



← Cedar Key - 5 miles

Chiefland - 20 miles →

↘ Gainesville - 40 miles

(\*Residential Area - Use Caution\*)