

FLYING EAGLE

WILDLIFE
MANAGEMENT AREA

2004-05

REGULATIONS SUMMARY
AND AREA MAP



A COOPERATIVE PUBLIC WILDLIFE
AND RECREATIONAL AREA
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
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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 Flying Eagle 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 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: Special quota hunt permits are required to hunt on this area during the archery and muzzleloading gun hunts. Regular quota hunt permits are required to hunt on this area during the general gun hunts. There are 75 hunt permits available by application for each archery, muzzleloading gun and general gun hunt. Quota hunt 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 a permit, obtain a quota hunt application and follow the printed instructions.

A spring turkey quota permit is required to hunt on this area during the spring turkey hunts. There are 30 spring turkey quota hunt permits available by application for each of these hunts. Spring turkey quota hunt applications are

available at regional offices of the Commission and county tax collectors on or about October **25** and must be received between November **1** and November **10**.

A daily quota hunt permit is required to hunt during the early duck and small game seasons. There are 75 daily quota hunt permits available on a first-come, first-served basis at the check station each day.

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.

4. Archery Permit: This \$5 permit is required when hunting during the archery season.
5. Muzzleloading Gun Permit: This \$5 permit is required when hunting during the muzzleloading gun season.
6. Wild Turkey Permit: This \$5 permit is required if hunting turkeys.
7. State Waterfowl Permit: This \$3 permit is required while hunting ducks.
8. Federal Duck Stamp: Any hunter 16 years of age or older must possess a federal duck stamp while hunting ducks. The \$15 stamp is available at post offices. Visit www.duckstamp.com for additional information regarding alternate methods and locations for purchasing of duck stamps.
9. Migratory Bird Permit: This free permit is required when hunting migratory birds.

BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS:

1. Deer—Daily limit 2, possession limit 4.
2. Turkey—Daily limit 1, season limit 2, possession limit 2.
3. Wild hogs—No size or bag limit.
4. Gray squirrel, quail and 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—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. During periods when the area is closed to hunting, public access other than on foot, bicycle or horseback is prohibited; **however, vehicle access is allowed the day before each hunt, except the small game hunts, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.**
2. **Public access is prohibited in areas posted as "CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS".**

3. Wild hogs may not be transported alive.
4. 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.
5. Driving a metal object into any tree or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven is prohibited.
6. It is unlawful for any person to leave any garbage or refuse or in any way litter in the management area.
7. The wanton or willful waste of wildlife is prohibited.
8. Non-migratory game may be hunted from one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset. During spring turkey season, shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until 1 p.m.
9. 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.
10. The head and evidence of sex may not be removed from the carcass of any deer or turkey on the area.
- 11. The release of any animal is prohibited, without written authorization from the Executive Director.**
12. It is illegal to hunt over bait or place any bait or other food for wildlife on this wildlife management area.
13. Killing swimming deer is prohibited.
14. Taking any turkey while it is on the roost is prohibited.
15. Taking fox is prohibited.
16. Taking fox squirrel is prohibited.
17. 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.
18. Authorized hunting equipment may be taken onto the area after 8 a.m. one day before the opening of each hunt and shall be removed from the area before 6 p.m. one day following the close of each season.
19. 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.
20. Deer and turkey may be dismembered in the field or camp (after being checked), 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:

21. Hunting with dogs is prohibited, except that waterfowl retrievers and bird dogs are allowed during small game and early duck seasons.
22. Dogs on leash may be used for trailing wounded game.
23. Hunting with gun and light is prohibited.
24. For taking non-migratory game, only shotguns, longbows (including compound and recurve bows) and muzzleloading guns may be used (centerfire and rimfire rifles are prohibited).
25. 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.
26. Guns are allowed only during periods in which their use for hunting is allowed.
27. No person shall have a gun in manual possession while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
28. Children under the age of 16 may not be in possession of a firearm unless in the presence of a supervising adult.
29. 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.
30. **For purposes other than hunting, dogs are allowed but must be kept under physical restraint at all times.**
31. Guns or dogs are prohibited on areas posted as "CLOSED" or "CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS".

PUBLIC ACCESS AND VEHICLES:

32. Open for public access and use year-around.
33. Vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads.
34. Vehicles shall be parked within 25 feet of a named or numbered road and shall not be parked in such a manner as to obstruct roads, gates or firelanes.
35. The use of tracked vehicles, motorcycles or all-terrain vehicles is prohibited.
36. The use of horses is prohibited during periods when hunting is allowed.

During periods closed to hunting, horses are restricted to designated roads and marked trails.

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

CAMPING:

38. Camping is prohibited during periods open for hunting.
39. A camping permit from Southwest Florida Water Management District, 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, Florida 34604-6899, (352) 796-7211, is required to camp during non-hunting periods.

CHECK STATIONS:

40. Hunters shall check in and out at a check station when entering and exiting the area and check all game taken.
41. Check station hours are 5 a.m. through 9 p.m. during Eastern Daylight Savings Time and 5 a.m. through 8 p.m. during Eastern Standard Time. During the early duck season, check station hours are 5 a.m. to 1 p.m. During the spring turkey season, check station hours are 4:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. During the small game season, check station hours are 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.
42. No deer, wild hog or turkey shall be dismembered until checked at the check station.

SEARCH:

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

ARCHERY:

- October 2 through 5, and October 6 through 10.
- Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, archery permit, special quota hunt permit, wild turkey permit (if hunting turkeys), state waterfowl permit and federal waterfowl stamp (if hunting ducks), and migratory bird permit (if hunting migratory birds).
- Legal to Take—Any deer (except spotted fawn), turkeys of either sex, wild hogs, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, skunk, beaver, coyote, nutria and migratory birds in season.
- Regulations Unique to the Archery Hunt—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).

MUZZLELOADING GUN:

- October 29 through 31.
- Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, muzzleloading gun permit, special quota hunt permit, 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 permit only, wild hogs, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, skunk, beaver, coyote, nutria and migratory birds in season.
- Regulations Unique to the Muzzleloading Gun Hunt—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 13 through 16 and November 17 through 21.
- Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, regular quota hunt permit, 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 permit only, wild hogs, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, skunk, beaver, coyote, nutria and migratory birds in season.
- Regulations Unique to the General Gun Hunt—All General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply and the possession of centerfire and rimfire rifles is prohibited.

SMALL GAME:

November 26 through 28 and December 17 through 19.

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

Legal to Take—Gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, skunk, beaver, coyote, nutria, migratory birds in season and bobcat (after November 30).

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

SPRING TURKEY:

March 19 through 22 and March 23 through 27.

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

Legal to Take—Bearded turkeys or gobblers.

Regulations Unique to the Spring Turkey Hunt—All General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply and the possession of centerfire and rimfire rifles is prohibited.

TRAPPING:

Trapping is prohibited.

MIGRATORY BIRDS:

Rails, common moorhens, mourning doves, white-winged doves, snipe, ducks, coots, woodcock and crows may be hunted during open seasons established for these species which coincide with hunt dates and regulations established for this area.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, state waterfowl permit and federal waterfowl stamp (if hunting ducks), special quota hunt permit (if hunting during the archery and muzzleloading gun hunts), regular quota hunt permit (if hunting during general gun hunts), daily quota hunt permit (if hunting during the early duck and small game hunts), and migratory bird permit.

Legal to Take—See Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet.

Regulations Unique to Migratory Birds—In addition to these regulations, all General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply.

1. Hunting is permitted during the early duck season.
2. During the early duck season, shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise until 12 noon each day.
3. The use of lead shot is prohibited for taking ducks and coots.
4. The possession of rifles is prohibited.

FISHING AND FROGGING:

Permitted throughout the year.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Fishing license (not required when frogging).

Regulations Unique to Fishing and Frogging—All General Wildlife Management Area Regulations and statewide fishing regulations shall apply and the possession of guns is permitted only during periods when hunting is allowed.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. 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.

2. Florida Statute 267.13 prohibits digging in or otherwise defacing Indian mounds, collecting artifacts or disturbing archaeological and historic sites on state-owned lands.

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. The status (opened or closed) of roads beyond designated wet-weather barriers will be posted at the check station. Persons are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the status (opened or closed) of roads beyond wet-weather barriers on a daily basis.

6. 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.

If you have the privilege to use this wildlife management area, go the extra mile to exercise great caution and care while hunting, fishing, sightseeing or using the area in any way—leave the area better than you found it. Hunters, wildlife, the environment and conservation in general can only benefit.

PLEASE DO NOT LITTER. TAKE TRASH OUT WITH YOU.

Controlled burning will take place on the area throughout the year. Designated burning areas may be posted at the check station. For safety and protection of equipment, people should not use these areas when controlled burning is taking place.

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 of Human Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.

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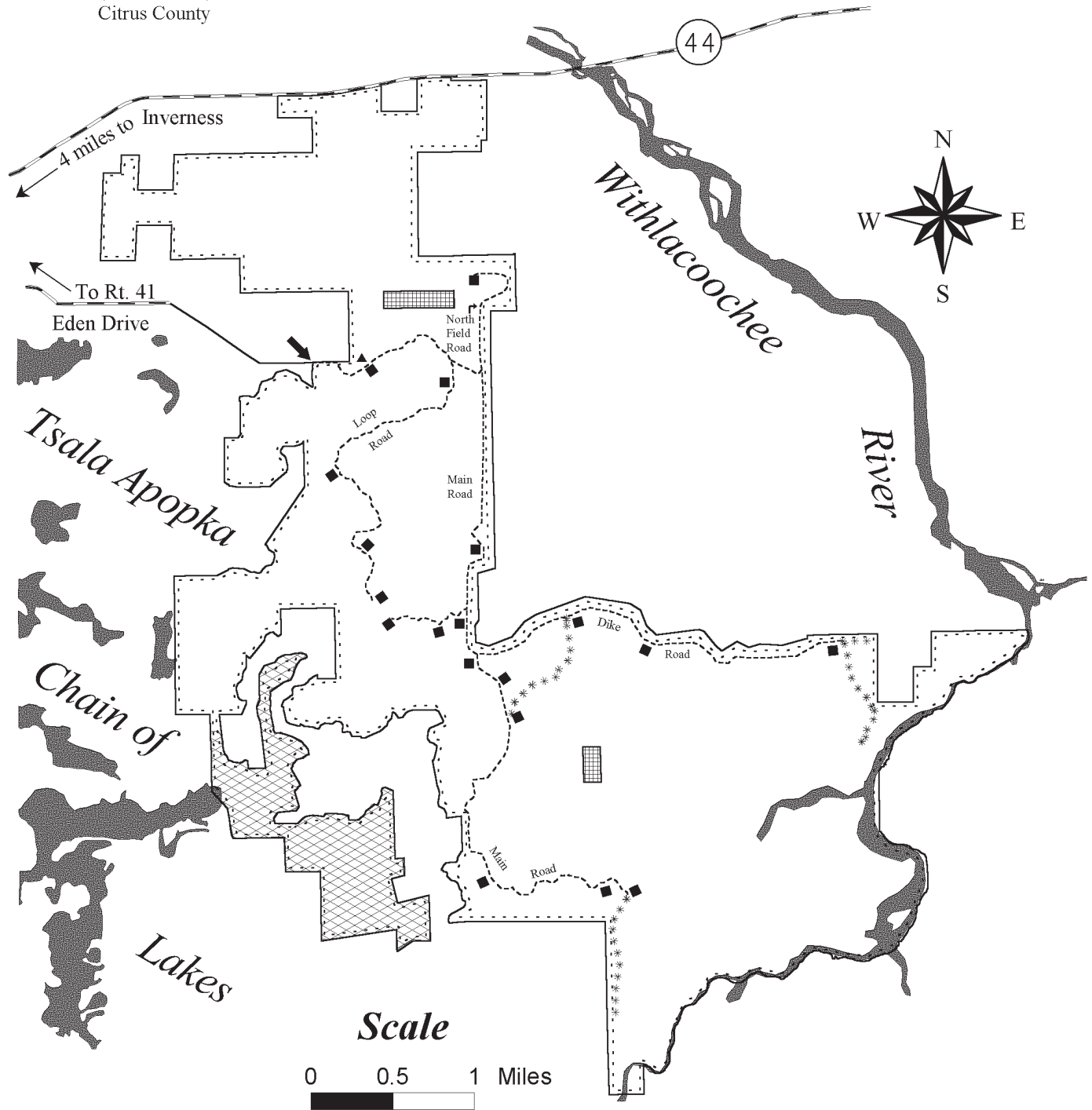
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





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WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(10,247 acres)
Citrus County



LEGEND

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|  | Closed Area |  | Improved Road |  | State Highway |  | Designated Entrance |
|  | Private Property |  | Unimproved Road |  | Check Station |  | Management Area Boundary |
|  | Paved Road |  | Trail |  | Parking Area | | |