

# HOLTON CREEK

## WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

### 2004-05

## REGULATIONS SUMMARY AND AREA MAP



A COOPERATIVE PUBLIC WILDLIFE  
AND RECREATIONAL AREA  
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER  
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
STATE OF FLORIDA  
DIVISION OF FORESTRY  
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 Holton Creek 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 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. Quota Hunt Permit: A no-cost mobility-impaired quota hunt permit is required to hunt on this area (no exemptions) during the mobility-impaired general gun and spring turkey hunts. There are 40 mobility-impaired quota hunt permits available by application for each general gun hunt. Mobility-impaired quota hunt applications for the general gun hunts are available from regional offices of the Commission on or about **July 2**, and accepted **July 14** through **July 30**. There are 10 mobility-impaired quota hunt permits available by application for each spring turkey hunt. Mobility-impaired quota hunt applications for the spring turkey hunts are available from regional offices of the Commission on or about **October 25**, and accepted **November 1** through

**November 10**. To apply for a permit, obtain a mobility-impaired quota hunt permit application and follow the printed instructions. Quota hunt permits are not transferable except to persons who have been issued a mobility-impaired certificate by the Commission.

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

### BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS:

1. Deer—One per quota permit.
2. Wild hogs—No size, bag or possession limit.
3. Turkey—One gobbler or bearded turkey per quota permit.
4. Gray squirrel and rabbit—Daily limit 12, possession limit 24 for each game 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 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. The wanton or willful waste of wildlife is prohibited.

5. Non-migratory legal game may be hunted from one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset (See exception under Spring Turkey).

6. The head and evidence of sex may not be removed from the carcass of any deer or turkey while on the area.

7. 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.

**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 is prohibited.

12. Taking fox squirrel is prohibited.

13. Taking gopher tortoise is prohibited.

14. Taking or attempting to take game with the aid of live decoys, recorded game calls or sounds, set guns, artificial light, net, trap, snare, drug, or poison is prohibited.

15. Hunting is prohibited in areas posted as "CLOSED."

16. Entry and exit are permitted only on Road 1 and through designated access points along the Florida Trail (see map).

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.

18. 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:**

19. Hunting with dogs is prohibited.

20. For taking non-migratory game, only shotguns, rifles, pistols, longbows (including compound and recurve bows), crossbows or birds of prey may be used.

21. Hunting with gun and light is prohibited.

22. 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.

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

24. 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 or setguns are prohibited.

25. Guns are allowed only during periods and in areas in which their use for hunting is allowed.

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

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

28. No person shall allow any dog to pursue or molest wildlife.

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

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

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

31. Open for public access and use year-round during hunting periods, access to the area is permitted only through the designated access point and only by individuals with a valid quota hunt permit. Hikers may use the Florida Trail to traverse the area (see map).

32. Vehicles may only be operated on the area from one and one-half hour before sunrise until one and one-half hour after sunset and only on designated portions of named and numbered roads.

33. Track vehicles, airboats, motorcycles or all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) are prohibited on the area, except ATVs are permitted during mobility-impaired hunts.

34. Horses are permitted only during daylight hours on designated roads, and only during periods closed to hunting (see map for designated roads).

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

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

37. **Public access, guns or dogs are prohibited in areas posted as "CLOSED" or "CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS".**

#### **CAMPING:**

38. Camping is prohibited during periods open to hunting. Permits are required for camping during non-hunting periods. Camping permits are issued by the Suwannee River Water Management District (see General Information No.4).

#### **CHECK STATIONS:**

39. Hunters shall check in and out at the check station and shall check or report all game taken (see map).

#### **SEARCH:**

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

#### **MOBILITY-IMPAIRED GENERAL GUN HUNT:**

October 15 through 17, October 29 through 31, November 5 through 7, and December 17 through 19.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Hunting license, mobility-

impaired quota permit (no exemptions), wildlife management area permit, and turkey permit (if hunting turkeys).

Legal to Take—Any deer (except spotted fawns), wild hogs, bearded turkey, gray squirrel and rabbit.

Regulations Unique to the Mobility-Impaired General Gun Hunt—In addition to these regulations, all General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply.

1. All hunt participants are required to attend a pre-hunt orientation meeting at Gibson Park opposite the Agricultural Inspection Station at 3 p.m. on October 14, October 28, November 4, and December 16. A drawing for general gun hunt sites will be made at the meeting (see General Information No. 6).

2. Hunters may be accompanied by an able-bodied person who will participate in a non-hunting capacity. Any person accompanying a hunter shall be exempt from all license, permit and stamp requirements.

3. **Only one quota hunt permit may be utilized per individual per hunt.**

#### **MOBILITY-IMPAIRED SPRING TURKEY HUNT:**

March 25 through 27 and April 15 through 17.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Hunting license, mobility-impaired quota permit (no exemptions), wildlife management area permit, and turkey permit.

Legal to Take—Bearded turkeys or gobblers only.

Regulations Unique to the Mobility-Impaired Spring Turkey Hunt—In addition to these regulations, all General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply.

1. All hunt participants are required to attend a pre-hunt orientation meeting at Gibson Park opposite the Agricultural Inspection Station at 3 p.m. on March 24 or April 14.

2. Hunters may be accompanied by an able-bodied person who will participate in a non-hunting capacity. Any person accompanying a hunter shall be exempt from all license, permit and stamp requirements.

3. Legal shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until 1 p.m.

4. **Only one quota hunt permit may be utilized per individual per hunt.**

#### **TRAPPING:**

Trapping is prohibited.

#### **FISHING:**

Permitted throughout the year.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Fishing License.

Legal to Take—See Florida Freshwater Fishing Regulations Summary.

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

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

1. This land was acquired under the Save Our Rivers (SOR) program. The purpose of SOR 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. 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. For information regarding camping, horseback riding or general recreational use of the area, please call the Suwannee River Water Management District at (386) 362-1001.

5. A marked footpath called the Florida Trail traverses the area. This trail is open to hikers throughout the year. Hunters should pay particular attention and be alert to hikers.

6. It is recommended mobility-impaired hunters scout the area prior to the pre-hunt orientation to identify desired and alternate hunt locations. No hunt station assignment will be made for the spring turkey hunts.

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)}.

8. The Suwannee River Water Management District prohibits the use and possession of alcoholic beverages on this property.

**COOPERATION REQUESTED:**

*Please do not drive vehicles between sunrise and 9 a.m. and from 4 p.m. until sunset, during the mobility-impaired hunts.*

*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.*

*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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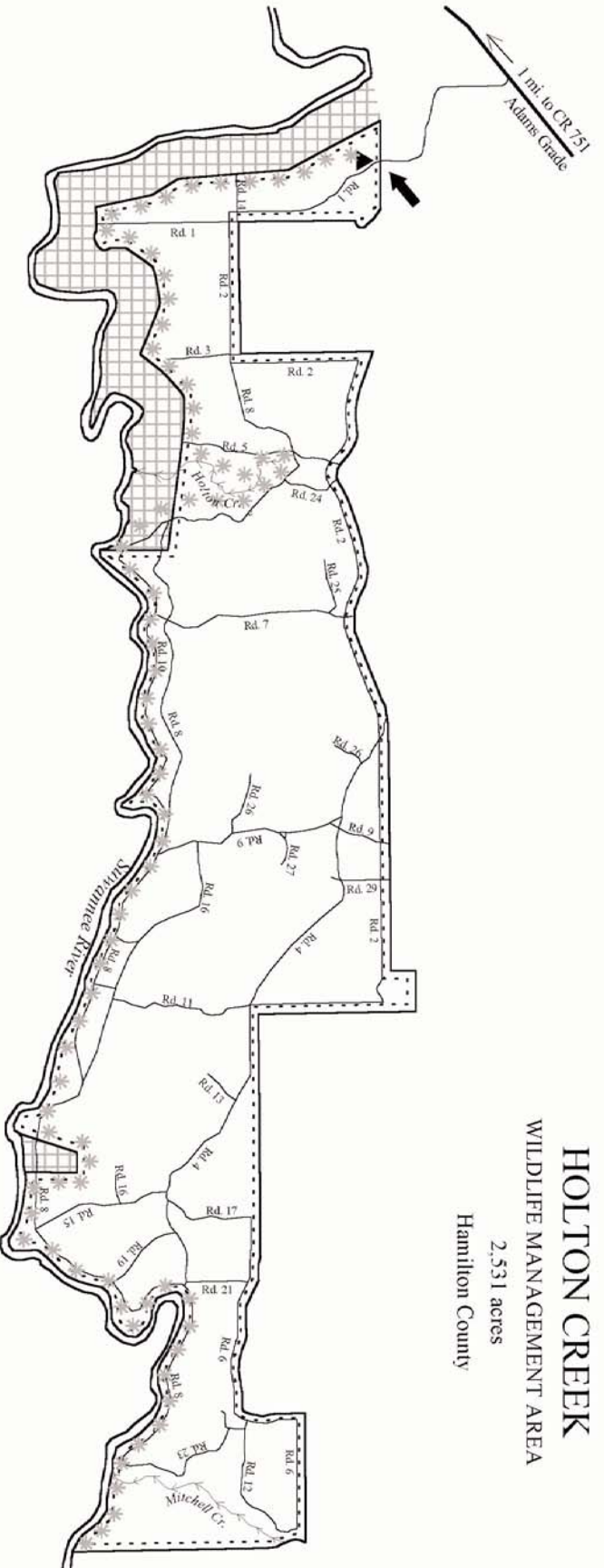
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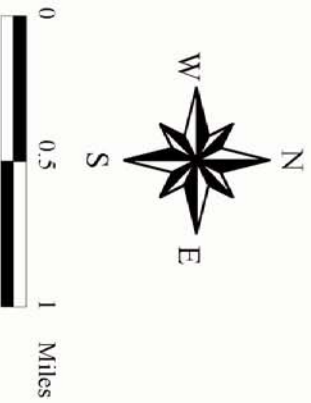
# HOLTON CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

2,531 acres  
Hamilton County



## LEGEND

- ▲ Check Station
- ➔ WMA Entrance
- ⋯ WMA Boundary
- ⋈ WMA Roads
- ⋈ Graded Road
- \*\*\* Florida Trail
- ⋈ Creeks
- ▤ Private Land



## LOCATION MAP

