

PCS PHOSPHATE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

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REGULATIONS SUMMARY AND AREA MAP



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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 PCS Phosphate 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. State Waterfowl Permit: This \$3 permit is required while hunting ducks.
4. Federal Duck Stamp: Any hunter 16 years of age or older must possess a federal duck stamp while hunting ducks. This \$15 stamp is available at post offices. Visit www.duckstamp.com for additional information regarding alternate methods and locations for purchasing of duck stamps.
5. Migratory Bird Permit: This free permit is required when hunting migratory birds.

BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS:

Ducks and coots—See Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet for ducks and coots.

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. It is unlawful for any person to leave any garbage or refuse, or in any way litter in the management area.
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. The wanton or willful waste of wildlife is prohibited.
4. **The release of any animal is prohibited, without written authorization from the Executive Director.**
5. It is illegal to hunt over bait or place any bait or other food for wildlife on this wildlife management area.
6. 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.
7. Access to the area shall only be through the designated entrance point (see map). Hunters are prohibited from entering or exiting at any other access points.
8. It is unlawful to set fire to any forest, grass or woodlands or for any individual or groups of individuals to build a warming fire or campfire and leave same unextinguished (Chapter 590, Florida Statutes).
9. Public access is prohibited, except by those persons with written permission from the landowner or by hunters on days open to scouting and hunting.

GUNS OR DOGS:

10. Hunting with gun and light is prohibited.
11. Guns are allowed only during periods in which their use for hunting is allowed.
12. Rifles, pistols, explosive or drug-injecting devices or setguns are prohibited.
13. No person shall have a gun in manual possession while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
14. Children under the age of 16 may not be in possession of a firearm unless in the presence of a supervising adult.
15. No person shall allow any dog to pursue or molest wildlife during any period in which hunting with dogs is prohibited.
16. **For purposes other than hunting, dogs are allowed but must be kept under physical restraint at all times.**
17. Hunting with dogs is prohibited, except waterfowl retrievers may be used.
18. This area is a non-toxic shot zone. The use of lead shot is prohibited. The possession of lead shot while in a blind or boat is prohibited.

19. The discharge of firearms from dikes is prohibited.
20. Hunting is prohibited in areas posted as "CLOSED".
21. Migratory birds may be taken with shotguns not larger than 10 gauge plugged to a three-shell capacity with a filler that cannot be removed without disassembling the gun.

PUBLIC ACCESS, VEHICLES OR BOATS:

22. Public access is allowed for scouting during daylight hours, the two days prior to all phases of the waterfowl season, and on hunt days for licensed hunters. Other access is by permission of the landowner only.
23. Parking is permitted only in designated parking areas. Vehicles shall not be parked in such a manner as to obstruct roads, gates, trails or firelanes.
24. Vehicles may be operated only on designated portions of roads (see map).
25. Only electric outboard motors are permitted.
26. Wading and the use of tube boats are prohibited (see General Information).
27. No motor vehicle shall be operated on any part of the wildlife management area designated and posted as "CLOSED" or "CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS".

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

CAMPING:

29. Camping is prohibited.

CHECK STATION:

30. Hunters shall check in and out at the check station and check all game taken. Hunters may enter the area on days open to hunting starting at 5 a.m. and shall exit the area by 1 p.m. each hunt day. A daily permit will be issued at the check station when entering the area.

SEARCH:

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

MIGRATORY BIRDS:

Ducks and coots may be hunted until 12 noon on Wednesdays and Saturdays during open seasons established by the Commission for these species (See Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations).

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, state waterfowl permit and federal waterfowl stamp, and migratory bird permit.

Legal to take—Ducks and coots only.

Regulations Unique to Migratory Birds—See Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet. In addition to these regulations, all General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply and the use of lead shot for taking ducks and coots is prohibited.

TRAPPING:

Trapping is prohibited.

FISHING AND FROGGING:

Fishing and frogging are prohibited during periods open to hunting; allowed on other days if in possession of written permission from landowner.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. **WARNING** - Deep and soft clay lies beneath the surface of the water. It is extremely hazardous for a person to attempt to wade or swim in this area!
2. Defacing, molesting or destroying signs or other property on or about this area is punishable by law.
3. Public access is prohibited on the area during periods when the area is closed to scouting or hunting.
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. 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 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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WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
(3,992 ACRES)
HAMILTON COUNTY

