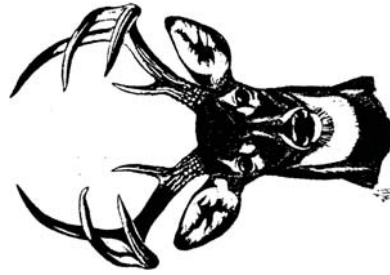


SANTA FE SWAMP

WILDLIFE AND
ENVIRONMENTAL AREA

2004-05

REGULATIONS SUMMARY
AND AREA MAP



A COOPERATIVE PUBLIC
ENVIRONMENTAL
AND RECREATIONAL AREA
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
DIVISION OF FORESTRY
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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 Santa Fe Swamp Wildlife and Environmental 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 fish and wildlife laws and regulations, see the 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 to plan your hunting activities.

For information pertaining to hunting on private lands, and trapping, consult the 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 and environmental 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 the age of 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 all 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 and environmental 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. Archery Permit: This \$5 permit is required when hunting during the archery season.
4. Muzzleloading Gun Permit: This \$5 permit is required when hunting during the muzzleloading gun season.
5. Wild Turkey Permit: This \$5 permit is required if hunting turkeys.
6. Fishing License: Information on the categories and costs of fishing licenses is available in the Florida Freshwater Fishing Regulations Summary.

OPEN SEASONS:

1. Archery — September **25** through October **24**.
2. Muzzleloading Gun — October **29** through **31**.

3. Archery/Muzzleloading Gun — November **13** through January **9**.
4. Spring Turkey — March **19** through April **24**.
5. Fishing—Permitted throughout the year.
6. Trapping — Prohibited.

LEGAL TO TAKE:

Only those species listed below are legal to take.

1. White-tailed Deer — Deer with one or more antlers at least five inches in length visible above the hairline. Deer of either sex (except spotted fawns) may be taken during the archery season.
2. Turkeys — Turkeys of either sex may be taken during the archery season. Turkeys may not be taken during the muzzleloading gun and archery/muzzleloading gun seasons. Bearded turkeys or gobblers only may be taken during the spring turkey season.
3. Wild Hogs — Wild hogs may be taken during the archery season, muzzleloading gun season and archery/muzzleloading gun season.
4. Gray squirrel and rabbit — Gray squirrel and rabbit may be taken during the archery, muzzleloading gun and archery/muzzleloading gun seasons.

BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS:

1. Deer — Daily limit 2, possession limit 4.
2. Wild hog — No size or bag limit.
3. Turkey — Daily limit 1, season limit 2, possession limit 2.
4. Gray squirrel and rabbit — Daily limit 12, possession limit 24 for each game species.
5. Freshwater fish — See Florida Freshwater Fishing Regulations Summary.

GENERAL 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 and environmental 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 area.
2. Public access into the area is allowed on Cow Pen Road and Little Santa Fe Lake only.
3. Non-migratory game may be hunted from one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset. Turkey may be hunted in the spring turkey season from one-half hour before sunrise until 1 p.m.
4. **The release of any animal is prohibited, without written authorization from the Executive Director.**
5. Taking any turkey while it is on the roost is prohibited.
6. Killing swimming deer is prohibited.
7. Killing fox is prohibited.

8. Fires are prohibited.
9. Driving a metal object into any tree, or hunting from a tree in which a metal object has been driven, is prohibited.
10. Hunting is prohibited in areas posted as "CLOSED".
11. Public access, guns or dogs are prohibited in areas posted as "CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS".
12. No person shall cut or destroy any tree, or remove any tree, shrub, or protected plant (F.S. 581.185) from this area unless authorized by landowner or the Commission.
13. The disturbance or removal of any man-made or cultural materials, or natural materials or features, is prohibited.
14. It is illegal to hunt over bait or place, expose or distribute any grain or other food for wildlife on this area.
15. 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.
16. 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.
17. Wild hogs may not be transported alive.
18. Taking or attempting to take any game with the aid of live decoys, recorded game calls or sound, set guns, artificial light, net, trap, snare, drug, or poison is prohibited.

GUNS OR DOGS:

19. No person shall have any gun under their control while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
20. The possession or use of guns is prohibited except during periods when hunting is allowed.
21. Centerfire and rimfire rifles or pistols, centerfire shotguns and crossbows are prohibited.
22. **For purposes other than hunting, dogs are allowed but must be kept under physical restraint at all times.**
23. Children under the age of 16 may not be in possession of a firearm unless in the presence of a supervising adult.
24. Hunting with dogs is prohibited.
25. No person shall knowingly or negligently allow any dog to pursue or molest any wildlife during any period in which taking of such wildlife by the use of dogs is prohibited.
26. No motor vehicle shall be operated on any part of the wildlife and environmental area designated and posted as "CLOSED" or "CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS".

PUBLIC ACCESS AND VEHICLES:

27. Open for public use and access year-around.
28. Vehicles shall not be parked in such a manner as to obstruct roads, gates, trails or firelanes.
29. Vehicles are prohibited except in the designated parking area.

CAMPING:

30. Camping is prohibited.

SEARCH:

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

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. This land was acquired through a donation from Georgia Pacific Corporation to the Suwannee River Water Management District. The Santa Fe Swamp is critically important to maintenance of water quantity and quality of the Santa Fe lakes and river. Multiple recreational uses are allowed consistent with this purpose.
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)}.
4. The Suwannee River Water Management District prohibits the use and possession of alcoholic beverages on this property.

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 this area. Target practice and random discharge of firearms have become increasing threats to the quality of hunting and the general outdoor experience.

Please unload guns before entering vehicles or boats.

PLEASE DO NOT LITTER. TAKE TRASH OUT WITH YOU.

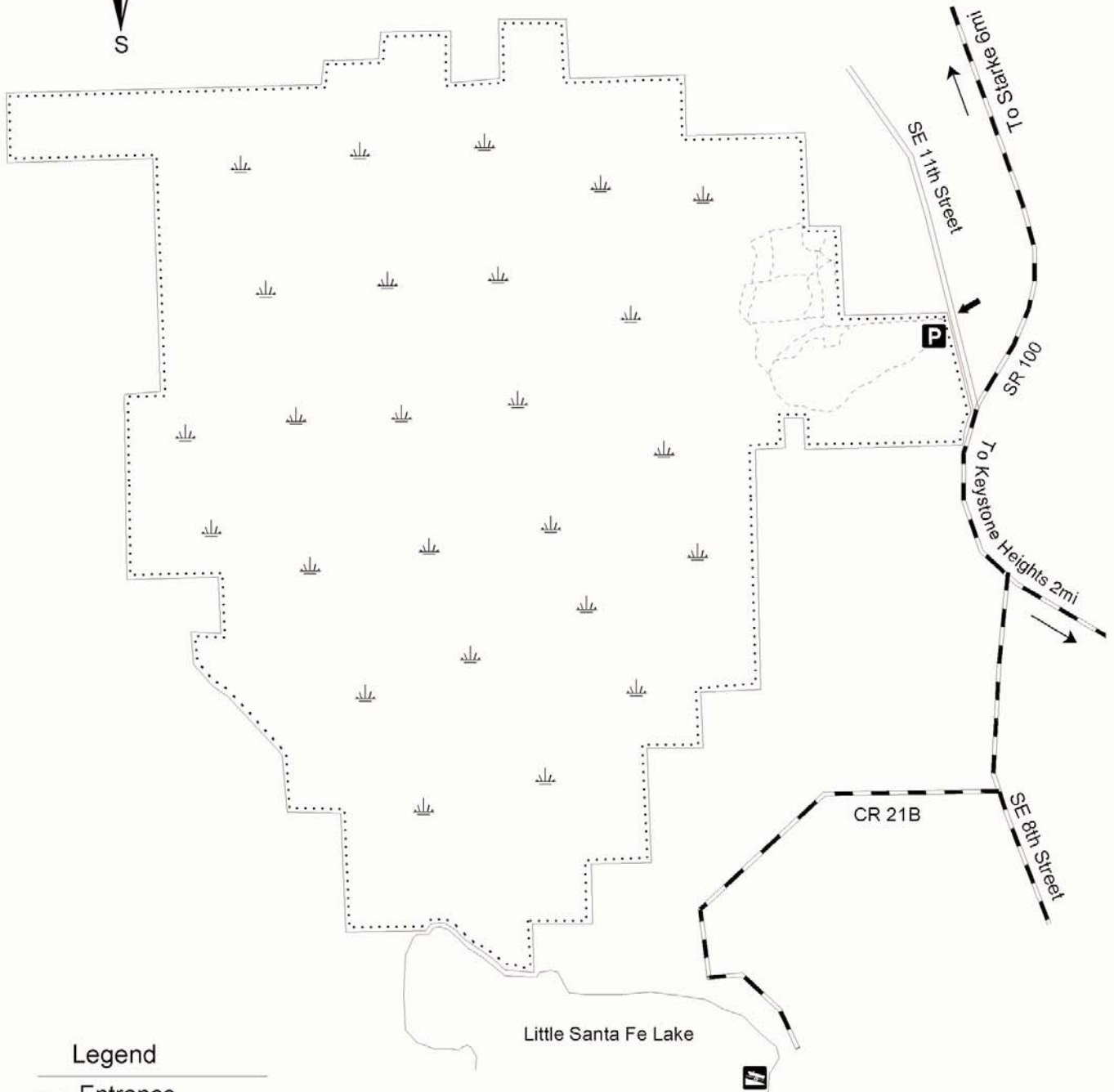
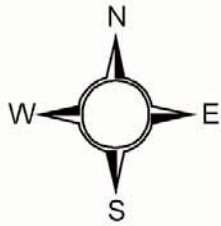
Since you have the privilege to use this wildlife and environmental area, go the extra mile to exercise great caution and care while fishing, hunting, sightseeing or using the area in any way — leave the area better than you found it. People, wildlife, the environment and conservation in general can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

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 AND ENVIRONMENTAL AREA
(5,627 acres)
Bradford County



Legend

- Entrance
- Parking
- Boat Ramp
- Swamp
- Service Roads (Closed to Public Vehicles)
- Improved Road
- Paved Road
- WMA Boundary

