

# TROY SPRINGS

WILDLIFE  
MANAGEMENT AREA

2004-05

REGULATIONS SUMMARY  
AND AREA MAP



A COOPERATIVE PUBLIC WILDLIFE  
AND RECREATIONAL AREA  
SUWANNEE RIVER WATER  
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
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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 Troy Springs 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 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 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.

## BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS:

1. Wild hogs—No size, bag or possession limit.
2. 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. 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. Wild hogs may not be transported alive.
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 release of any animal is prohibited, without written authorization from the Executive Director.**
8. Public access, guns and dogs are prohibited in areas posted as "CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS".
9. Fires are prohibited except in designated camping area.
10. It is illegal to hunt over bait or place any bait or other food for wildlife on this wildlife management area.
11. Public access is permitted only through designated access points.
12. It is unlawful for any person 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).
13. Taking fox or fox squirrel is prohibited.
14. Taking gopher tortoise is prohibited.
15. 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.
16. Hunting, fishing or trapping is prohibited on any portion of the area posted as "CLOSED" to hunting, fishing or trapping.
17. Digging in or disturbance of archaeological sites, or removal of artifacts from the area is prohibited.

## GUNS OR DOGS:

18. Hunting with dogs is prohibited, but dogs on leashes may be used for trailing wounded game.
19. No person shall have a gun in manual possession while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
20. Children under the age of 16 may not be in possession of a firearm unless in the presence of a supervising adult.
21. For taking non-migratory game, only shotguns, rimfire rifles, pistols, longbows (including compound and recurve bows), crossbows or birds of prey may be used.
22. Hunting with gun and light is prohibited.

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

24. No person shall allow any dog to pursue or molest any wildlife during any period in which the taking of such wildlife with dogs is 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, or setguns are prohibited.

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

**PUBLIC ACCESS AND VEHICLES:**

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

28. Vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads.

29. The use of all terrain vehicles (ATVs) is prohibited.

30. Vehicles shall not be parked in such a manner as to obstruct roads, gates, trails or fire lanes.

31. 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:**

32. Camping is permitted by landowner permit only. Please call the Suwannee River Water Management District for details, (386) 362-1001. Camping is permitted year-around on the Ruth Springs and Walker tracts and is restricted to periods closed to hunting on the Adams tract.

**SEARCH:**

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

**SMALL GAME:**

November 13 through January 9, except on Sundays, and only in that portion of the area known as the Adams tract located northeast of U.S. 27, east and south of County Road 251, and southwest of the Suwannee River.

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

Legal to Take—Wild hogs, gray squirrel and rabbit.

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

**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—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 the SOR program 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. Florida Statute 267.13 prohibits digging in or otherwise defacing Indian mounds, collecting artifacts, or disturbing archeological and historic sites on state-owned lands.

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)} or the Suwannee River Water Management District (386) 362-1001.

**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.*

*All persons hunting wild hogs or small game are requested to wear blaze-orange headgear and/or vests.*

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

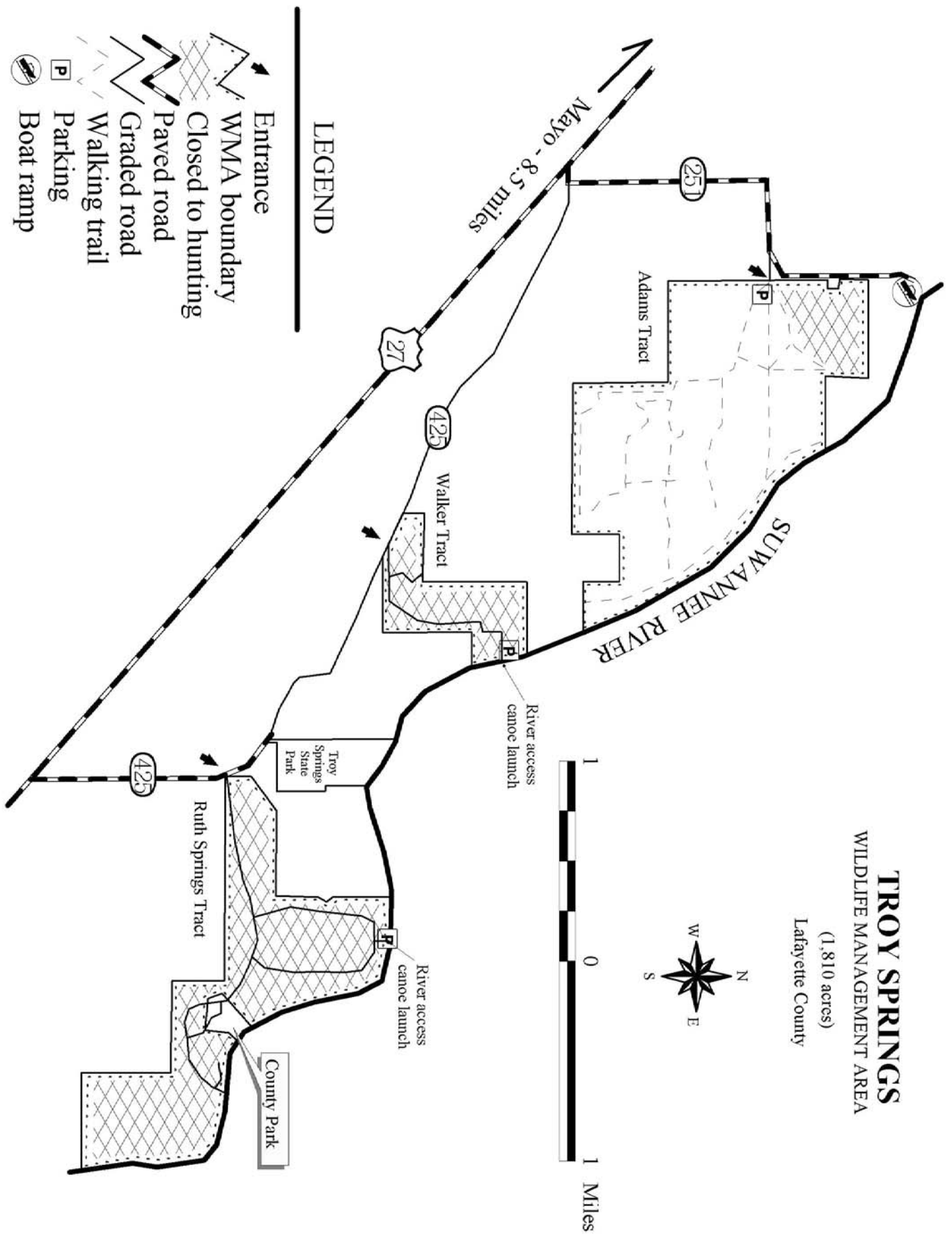
*In recent years, unauthorized and uncontrolled fires have caused severe damage to area wildlife and wildlife habitats. Controlled fires are beneficial only when they are of the proper size and location, and when area conditions are suitable. UNCONTROLLED FIRES DO NOT BENEFIT WILDLIFE. Please use caution with 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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# TROY SPRINGS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(1,810 acres)  
Lafayette County



## LEGEND

- Entrance
- WMA boundary
- Closed to hunting
- Paved road
- Graded road
- Walking trail
- Parking
- Boat ramp