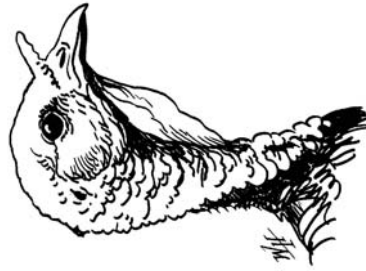


BUCK LAKE

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 Buck Lake 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 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 quota hunt permit is required to hunt on this area during each archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun **and general gun hog** hunt (no exemptions). There are 40 special quota hunt permits available by application for each hunt during the archery and muzzleloading gun season. There are 40 regular quota hunt permits available by application for each general gun hunt **and general gun hog hunt**. Special and regular quota hunt permit applications are available from county tax collectors or their subagents on or about June 1. To apply for a quota hunt permit, obtain a quota hunt permit application and follow the printed instructions.

There are 20 spring turkey quota hunt permits available by application for each hunt during the spring turkey season. Spring turkey quota hunt applications

are available at regional offices of the Commission on or about October 25.

There are 40 daily hunt permits available each day on a first-come, first-served basis at the check station during small game hunt (no exemptions).

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 hunt.
5. Muzzleloading Gun Permit: This \$5 permit is required when hunting during the muzzleloading gun hunt.
6. Wild Turkey Permit: This \$5 permit is required if hunting turkey.
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. 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.
9. Migratory Bird Permit: This free permit is required when hunting migratory game birds.

BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS:

1. Deer—1 antlered and 1 antlerless deer per person per hunt.
2. Wild hogs—No size or bag limit.
3. Turkey—1 per quota hunt permit.
4. Gray squirrel, quail, rabbit—Daily limit 12, possession limit 24 for each game species.
5. Raccoon, opossum, armadillo, coyote, skunk, beaver, and nutria—No bag limits.
6. 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. Public access is prohibited in areas posted as **"CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS."**
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. Driving a metal object into any tree or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven is prohibited.
4. It is unlawful for any person to leave any garbage or refuse or in any way litter in the wildlife 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. During spring turkey season, shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until 1 p.m.
7. 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).
8. **The release of any animal on this management area 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. Taking or attempting to take any game with the aid of live decoys, recorded game calls or sounds, set guns, artificial light, nets, traps, snares, drugs, or poison is prohibited.
11. Hunting, trapping or the possession of dogs is prohibited in areas posted as “CLOSED” or “CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS.”
12. All hunters shall enter or exit the area only at designated entrances.
13. Taking fox or fox squirrels is prohibited.
14. Taking any turkey while it is on the roost is prohibited.
15. The head and evidence of sex may not be removed from the carcass of any deer, hog or turkey on the area.
16. Authorized hunting equipment may be taken onto the area after 8 a.m. one day before the opening of each season and shall be removed from the area before 6 p.m. one day after each season.
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. This is not required when hunting during an archery-only season.
18. 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.

GUNS OR DOGS:

19. Hunting with gun and light is prohibited.
20. Fully automatic firearms, silencer-equipped firearms, and explosive devices are prohibited.
21. Guns are allowed only during periods in which their use for hunting is allowed.
22. No person shall have a gun in manual possession while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
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 except that bird dogs may be used during the small game season.
25. Hunting wildlife or the display or use of a gun in a manner capable of taking wildlife on or from rights-of-way of all paved roads is prohibited.
26. Dogs on leashes may be used for trailing wounded game.
27. For hunting deer, muzzleloading guns firing a single bullet must be at least .40 caliber, and those firing two or more balls must be 20 gauge or larger.
28. **For purposes other than hunting, dogs are allowed but must be kept under physical restraint at all times.**

VEHICLES:

29. Vehicles may be operated only on named and numbered roads.
30. During periods closed to hunting, public access is by foot, horseback or bicycle only.
31. Airboats, tracked vehicles, motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles are prohibited. Horses are prohibited during periods open to hunting. Horses may be ridden only on named and numbered roads or designated trails during periods closed to hunting.
32. No motor vehicle shall be operated on any part of the wildlife management area designated and posted as “CLOSED” or “CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS.”
33. Vehicles shall be parked in designated parking areas or within 25 feet of a named or numbered road. Vehicles shall not be parked in such a manner as to obstruct roads, gates or firelanes.
34. **Vehicular access is restricted to hunters who possess a valid quota hunt permit.**

CAMPING:

35. Camping is prohibited during periods open to hunting. During periods closed to hunting, camping is regulated by the St. Johns River Water Management District (see No. 5 under General Information).

CHECK STATIONS:

36. Hunters shall check in and out at the check station when entering or exiting the area and check all game taken.
37. Check station hours are 5 a.m. through 9 p.m. during Daylight Savings Time and 5 a.m. through 8 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, except during spring gobbler season, when hours are 5 a.m. to 2 p.m., and small game season, when hours are 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.
38. No deer, wild hog or turkey shall be dismembered until checked at the check station.

SEARCH:

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

ARCHERY:

September 25 through October 3 and October 4 through 10..

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

Legal to Take—Any deer (except spotted fawn), wild hogs, turkey of either sex, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, coyote, skunk, beaver, 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 on the area for hunting migratory birds when one or more of these species is designated legal to take on this area (see Migratory Birds section and current Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet).

MUZZLELOADING GUN:

October 29 through 31.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, muzzleloading gun permit, special 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 deer permit only, wild hogs, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, coyote, skunk, beaver, 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 on the area for hunting migratory birds when one or more of these species is designated legal to take on this area (see Migratory Birds section and current Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet).

GENERAL GUN:

November 13 through 16 and 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 deer permit only, wild hogs, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, coyote, skunk, beaver, nutria and migratory birds in season.

Regulations Unique to the General Gun Hunt—All General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply.

SMALL GAME:

December 4 through 19.

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

Legal to Take—Gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, coyote, skunk, beaver, nutria and migratory birds in season.

Regulations Unique to the Small Game Hunt—All General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply and the possession of centerfire 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 no turkey may be dismembered until checked at check station.

GENERAL GUN HOG:

January 6 through 9 and January 20 through 23.

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

Legal to Take: Wild hogs only

Regulations Unique to the General Gun Hunt—All General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply.

TRAPPING:

Trapping is prohibited.

MIGRATORY BIRDS:

Rails, common moorhens, mourning doves, white-winged doves, snipe, ducks, coots, woodcock and crows may be hunted during seasons established by the Commission for these species, which coincide with the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun and small game seasons.

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

Legal to Take—See Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet.

Regulations Unique to Migratory Birds—All General Wildlife Management Area Regulations and Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations shall apply and the use of lead shot for taking ducks and coots 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—In addition to these regulations all general wildlife management area regulations and statewide fishing regulations shall apply.

1. The possession of guns is permitted only during periods when hunting is allowed.

2. Access to the area during non-hunting periods for fishing or frogging is regulated by the St. Johns River Management District (see No. 5 under General Information).

GENERAL INFORMATION:

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

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. If you have any questions about this material, please call the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at (352) 732-1225 {(800) 955-8771 (TDD)}.

5. For information regarding recreational use other than hunting please call the St. Johns River Water Management District (386) 329-4500.

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.

Since 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.

Your conduct on this area may determine your future use of the area.

PLEASE DO NOT LITTER. TAKE TRASH OUT WITH YOU.

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 (9,291 acres)

Brevard and Volusia Counties

LEGEND

-  Management Area Boundary
-  Designated Entrance
-  Check Station
-  Paved Road
-  Unimproved Road
-  Interstate
-  State Road
-  Area Road
-  Lake
-  Observation Tower

