

BULL CREEK

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 Bull 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, except during special-opportunity dove hunt.
3. Quota Hunt Permit: A no-cost regular quota hunt permit is required to hunt on this area November **13** through **14**, **15** through **17**, and **18** through **21**. There are 300 regular quota hunt permits available by application for each hunt. A no-cost special quota hunt permit is required to hunt on this area September **25** through **26** and October **29** through **31**. There are 300 special quota hunt permits available by application for each hunt. Regular and special 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.

Three hundred daily hunt permits are available each day on a first-come, first-served basis at the check station for the remaining hunting periods not

requiring a regular or special quota hunt permit.

Transfer of Permits: Quota hunt and antlerless deer permits are transferable, except that any exempt permit is transferable only 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 turkeys.
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. Fishing License: Information on the categories and costs of fishing licenses is available in the Florida Freshwater Fishing Regulations pamphlet.
10. Any person hunting on the Crabgrass portion of the area must have a daily permit issued from the check station in his possession and must enter and exit at the designated entrance point at Crabgrass Road.
11. Migratory Bird Permit: This free permit is required when hunting migratory birds.

BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS:

1. Deer—Daily limit 2, possession limit 4.
2. Wild hogs—No size or bag limit.
3. Gray squirrel, quail, rabbit—Daily limit 12, possession limit 24 for each game species.
4. Raccoon, opossum, armadillo, coyote, skunk, beaver, and nutria—No bag limits.
5. Turkey—Daily limit 1, 2 per season, possession limit 2.
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. 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 this wildlife management area without written permission from the landowner or primary land manager.
3. It is unlawful for any person to leave any garbage or refuse or in any

way litter in the management area. This includes dumping or draining refuse or wastes from any trailer or vehicle.

4. The wanton or willful waste of wildlife is prohibited.

5. 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.

6. 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 the same unextinguished (Chapter 590, Florida Statutes).

7. The head and evidence of sex may not be removed from the carcass of any deer or turkey on the area. Portions of the carcass may be removed immediately prior to cooking.

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 fox is prohibited.

11. Taking fox squirrel is prohibited.

12. Wild hogs may not be transported alive.

13. Killing swimming deer is prohibited.

14. 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.

15. Hunting, trapping or the possession of dogs is prohibited in areas posted as "CLOSED" or "CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS."

16. Authorized hunting equipment may be taken onto the area after 8 a.m. one day before the opening of the season and shall be removed from the area before 6 p.m. one day following the close of the 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 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. For taking non-migratory game, only shotguns, rifles, pistols, longbows (including compound and recurve bows), crossbows (during the general gun hunt only) or birds of prey may be used.

21. 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.

22. 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.

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, and explosive devices are prohibited.

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

26. The possession of centerfire rifles is prohibited during the small game or spring turkey season.

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

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

29. Loaded, capped or primed guns are prohibited at campsites or check station area. The discharge of guns is prohibited on, from or across any campsite or check station area.

30. No person shall allow any dog to pursue or molest wildlife during any period in which hunting with dogs is prohibited.

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

32. Hunting with dogs is prohibited except that bird dogs may be used for hunting game birds during the general gun and small game seasons.

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

VEHICLES:

34. Vehicles or horses may be used only on named or numbered roads.

During the archery, muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons, vehicles may not be operated on Cemetery Road beyond the cemetery. Vehicles may be operated off-road during small game season.

35. Motorcycles, airboats and tracked vehicles are prohibited.

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

37. 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:

38. Camping is permitted at the designated campground only during periods when hunting is allowed and throughout the year at designated campsites on the Florida National Scenic Trail, provided that access to area is via the trail.

39. Only tents, trailers or self-propelled camping vehicles may be used for camping.

40. Camping equipment may be taken onto the area after 8 a.m. seven days prior to the opening of archery season and shall be removed from the area before 6 p.m. seven days following the end of the spring turkey season. Camping shall be allowed from 8 a.m. one day prior to each season through 6 p.m. one day following each season.

41. The name, address and telephone number of the person responsible for each campsite shall be visibly affixed to camping shelters.

CHECK STATIONS:

42. Hunters shall check in and out at a check station when entering or exiting the area and check all game taken.

43. Persons engaging in recreational activities other than hunting shall register at the check station upon entering or exiting the area.

44. No deer, wild hog, or turkey shall be dismembered until checked at the check station.. in the hunt area.

45. Check station hours are 5 a.m. through 9 p.m. during Eastern Daylight Savings Time and 5 a.m. through 8 p.m. during Eastern Standard Time. The hours during spring turkey season are 4 a.m. to 2 p.m. EST and 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. EDT.

SEARCH:

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

ARCHERY:

September **25** through October **24**.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, archery permit, special quota hunt permit (if hunting September **25** through **26**), daily hunt permit after September **26**, wild turkey permit (if hunting turkeys), state waterfowl permit and federal waterfowl stamp (if hunting ducks), and migratory bird permit (if hunting migratory birds).

Legal to Take—Any deer (except spotted fawn), turkeys of either sex, wild hogs, 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 Bird section and the current Migratory Bird Regulation 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 Bird section and the current Migratory Bird Regulation pamphlet).

GENERAL GUN:

November 13 through January 9.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, regular quota hunt permit (if hunting before November 22), daily hunt permit after November 21, 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:

January 10 through March 6

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

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

Regulations Unique to the Small Game Hunt—In addition to these regulations, all General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply.

1. Possession of centerfire rifles is prohibited.
2. Vehicles are not restricted to named or numbered roads.

SPRING TURKEY:

March 19 through April 24.

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

Legal to Take—Bearded turkeys or gobblers.

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

1. The possession of centerfire rifles is prohibited.
2. Hunting with dogs is prohibited.

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 hunts.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, state waterfowl permit and federal waterfowl stamp (if hunting ducks), special quota hunt permit (if hunting during the first two days of archery season and muzzleloading gun season), regular quota hunt permit (if hunting during the first nine days of general gun season), 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, statewide fishing regulations shall apply and the possession of guns is permitted only during periods when hunting is allowed.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Water in wells is not certified for human consumption.
2. Any hunter desiring to take an antlerless deer must submit a quota hunt application by June 11 with the appropriate box checked in order to be included in the random drawing of antlerless deer permits. Antlerless deer permits will be issued from the Tallahassee office and will be valid only on the area and for the dates indicated on the permit.
3. A marked footpath called the Florida Trail traverses the area. This trail is open to hikers throughout the year.

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 (352) 732-1225 {(800) 955-8771 (TDD)}.

COOPERATION REQUESTED:

Please bring deer to the check station in an ungutted condition for biological examination during the first two days of archery, general gun season and all the days of the muzzleloading gun season.

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 discard or dump animal entrails or carcasses in bodies of water or along the roadside.

PLEASE DO NOT LITTER. TAKE TRASH OUT WITH YOU.

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.

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

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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(23,646 acres)
Osceola County

