

CARR UNIT

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT
AREA AND STATE FOREST

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REGULATIONS SUMMARY
AND AREA MAP



A COOPERATIVE PUBLIC WILDLIFE
AND RECREATIONAL AREA
BLACKWATER RIVER STATE FOREST
DIVISION OF FORESTRY
FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSER-
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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 Carr Unit of Blackwater 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 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 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 most permit, stamp and license requirements on this area. Persons using the Commission-authorized shooting range are exempt from license requirements on this area.

Hunting Licenses 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: A wildlife management area permit is not required for hunting on this area during special-opportunity hunts.
3. Special-Opportunity Permit: A \$100 special-opportunity, released quail permit is required for each group to hunt or release quail on this area; there are no exemptions for this area. There is one group permit (up to 4 hunters per group) available by application for each released-quail hunt. Special-Opportunity permit applications are available on the Commission's Web site and at regional offices of the Commission on or about May 1. To apply, obtain a special-opportunity permit application and follow the printed instructions. Permits will be issued by a random drawing from applications received by June 16. Any unissued permits remaining after the random drawing will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis as applications are received from a postal delivery service.

Transfer of Permits: Special-opportunity permits are transferable, except that any exempt permit is transferable only to another exempt person. The sale or

purchase of any special-opportunity permit is prohibited.

BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS:

Quail—Daily limit 12, possession limit 24.

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. Each group may release pen-raised quail within the designated boundaries, as indicated on the hunt map. Release of quail is prohibited, except during each day of the hunt and the day before the first day of each hunt.
2. Released quail shall be purchased from a licensed game farm. All quail shall have affixed to the carton in which they are being transported the name, address, and license number of the game farm from which they were produced and the name and address of the person who transports the quail.
3. No person shall cut or destroy any tree on 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.
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. Quail may be hunted from one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset.
7. It is illegal to hunt over bait or place any bait or other food for wildlife on this wildlife management area.
8. 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.
9. Public access is prohibited in areas posted as "CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS".
10. Fires are prohibited.

GUNS OR DOGS:

11. Hunting with gun and light is prohibited.
12. For taking quail, only shotguns, longbows (including compound and recurve bows), crossbows, or birds of prey may be used.
13. Fully automatic firearms, silencer-equipped firearms, centerfire rifles, explosive or drug-injecting devices, or setguns are prohibited.
14. Guns are allowed only during periods in which their use for hunting is allowed.
15. No person shall have a gun in manual possession while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
16. Children under the age of 16 may not be in possession of a

firearm unless in the presence of a supervising adult.

17. Guns or dogs are prohibited on areas posted as “CLOSED” or “CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS”.

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

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

20. Authorized hunting equipment or dogs may be taken onto the area after 8 a.m. one day before the opening of the hunt and shall be removed from the area before 6 p.m. one day after the hunt.

21. The possession or use of firearms other than shotguns is prohibited.

22. Hunting with dogs, other than bird dogs or retrievers, is prohibited.

VEHICLES:

23. The possession or use of all terrain vehicles (ATVs) is prohibited.

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

25. No motor vehicle shall be operated on any part of the wildlife management area designated and posted as “CLOSED” or “CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS”.

26. Florida traffic laws relating to vehicles and vehicle operators apply on this area. The operation of an unregistered or unlicensed vehicle is prohibited.

27. Vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads and shall enter and exit only at the designated entrance (see map).

CAMPING:

28. Camping is prohibited.

CHECK STATIONS:

29. Hunters shall sign in and out when entering and exiting the area and shall record all game taken.

SEARCH:

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

SPECIAL-OPPORTUNITY RELEASED-QUAIL:

November **13-16, 18-21, 25-28**, December **2-5, 9-12 16-19, 23-26**,

December **30** through January **2**, January **6-9, 13-16, 20-23, 27-30**, February **3-6, 10-13, 17-20**, and **24-27**.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Hunting license and special-opportunity released-quail permit.

Legal to Take—Quail.

Regulations Unique to the Special-Opportunity Released-Quail Hunt—In addition to these regulations, all General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply.

TRAPPING:

Trapping is prohibited.

FISHING AND FROGGING:

Fishing and frogging are prohibited.

DIVISION OF FORESTRY REGULATIONS:

1. No person shall operate any vehicle on managed lands controlled by the Department at a speed greater than 30 mph, unless otherwise posted.

2. No person shall operate any vehicle on managed lands except on designated roads, parking areas, or other areas established and specifically identified by the Department.

3. No person shall consume alcoholic beverages on managed lands where designated or posted by the Department.

4. Garbage and trash generated from activities on managed lands shall be placed in designated containers. If such containers are not available, persons responsible for the generation of garbage or trash shall remove it from managed lands.

5. Construction of permanent or semipermanent structures on state forests is prohibited.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS AND STATE FORESTS ARE NOT JUST FOR HUNTING AND FISHING!

They have been purchased for preservation to benefit all of Florida’s residents and you don’t have to hunt or fish to enjoy them! The same habitat management

practices that provide hunting and fishing opportunities also create opportunities for wildlife viewing. These areas provide a range of opportunities, from scenic driving routes to rugged hiking adventures. See the natural Florida that we have protected through acquisition and careful management.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. For information on other recreational uses, contact the Division of Forestry at (850) 957-6140.

2. Division of Forestry management plans include prescribed burning most months of the year. For personal safety reasons, area users should contact the Division of Forestry for information and location of burn areas.

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 (850) 2653676 {(800) 955-8771 (TDD)}.

COOPERATION REQUESTED:

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.

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.

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.

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