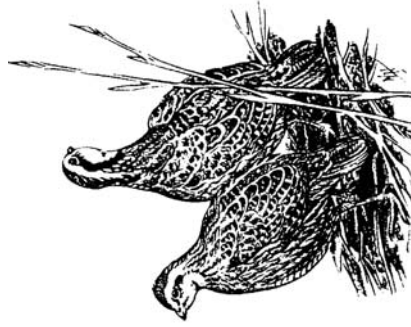


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WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

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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 Apalachee 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 still 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 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.
3. Quota Hunt Permits: A no-cost regular quota hunt permit is required to hunt November **25-28** and December **11-19** in Zone A. There are 200 regular quota hunt permits available by application. Regular quota hunt applications are available from county tax collectors or their subagents on or about June 1. To apply for a permit, obtain a regular quota hunt permit application and follow the printed instructions. Permits will be issued by a random drawing from applications received by June 11. 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.

A daily quail hunt permit is required when hunting quail during the quail season in Zone A; no exemptions for this area. There are 10 daily hunt permits

available on a first-come, first served basis at the check station each day.

A no-cost spring turkey quota hunt permit is required to hunt on this area during the spring turkey season (zones B and C only); there are no exemptions. There are 5 spring turkey quota hunt permits available by application for each spring turkey hunt. Spring turkey quota hunt applications are available from county tax collectors and regional offices of the Commission on or about October 25 and accepted from November 1-10. To apply for this permit, obtain a spring turkey quota hunt application and follow the printed instructions.

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. Zone Tags: The area is divided into three zones (see map). Two hundred zone tags will be issued for Zone A. A zone tag is not required for Zones B or C. Zone tags will be issued at the check station on a first-come, first-served basis. Zone tags may not be transferred from one hunter to another.

5. Archery Permit: This \$5 permit is required when hunting during the archery season.

6. Muzzleloading Gun Permit: This \$5 permit is required when hunting during the muzzleloading gun season.

7. Wild Turkey Permit: This \$5 permit is required if hunting turkeys.

8. State Waterfowl Permit: This \$3 permit is required while hunting ducks.

9. 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.

10. Migratory Bird Permit: This free permit is required when hunting migratory birds.

11. Antlerless Deer Permits: See No. 1 of General Information.

BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS:

1. Deer—Daily limit 2, possession limit 4.
2. Wild hogs—No size or bag limit.
3. Turkey—Daily limit 1, season limit 2, possession limit 2.
4. Gray squirrel, quail and rabbit—Daily limit 12, possession limit 24 for each game species.
5. Raccoon, opossum, skunk, coyote, beaver, nutria and armadillo—No bag limit.
6. Bobcat and otter—Possession limit 1 unless in possession of a Trapping License.
7. Migratory birds—See Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet.

GENERAL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA REGULATIONS:

In addition to the regulations which 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. It is unlawful for any person to leave any garbage or refuse or in any way litter in the management area.

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

3. Non-migratory game, except quail, 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.**

4. 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.

5. The release of any animal is prohibited, without written authorization from the Executive Director.

6. It is illegal to hunt over bait or place any bait or other food for wildlife on this wildlife management area.

7. Killing swimming deer is prohibited.

8. Killing fox is prohibited.

9. Taking fox squirrel is prohibited.

10. 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.

11. 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.

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

13. 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.

14. It is unlawful to set fire to any forest, grass or woodlands or for any individual or groups of individuals to build a warming fire or campfire and leave same unextinguished (Chapter 590.11, Florida Statutes).

15. Driving a metal object into any tree or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven is prohibited.

16. Deer 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. Public access is prohibited in areas posted as "CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS".

GUNS OR DOGS:

18. Hunting with gun and light is prohibited.

19. For taking non-migratory game, only shotguns, pistols, longbows (including compound and recurve bows), crossbows (during the general gun hunt only) or birds of prey may be used.

20. The use or possession of rifles is prohibited, except muzzleloading rifles during the muzzleloading gun season.

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 deer with full-jacketed bullets or any rimfire cartridge is prohibited.

23. Fully automatic firearms, silencer-equipped firearms, explosive or drug-injecting devices, or setguns are prohibited.

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

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

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

27. The possession of any firearm containing shells or cartridges, or any capped or primed muzzleloading gun is prohibited on any check station area. The discharge of any firearm is prohibited on, from or across any check station area.

28. Hunting wildlife or the display or use of a gun in a manner capable of taking wildlife on or from the rights-of-way of C.R. 271 is prohibited.

29. Hunting with dogs in zone A and B is prohibited except that bird dogs and retrievers are permitted during the general gun, muzzleloading gun, early duck, duck and coot, dove, and quail seasons.

30. Authorized hunting equipment may be taken on 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.

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

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

VEHICLES:

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

34. Vehicles (including ATVs) may be operated only on named or numbered roads.

35. 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:

36. Camping is prohibited.

CHECK STATIONS:

37. Hunters shall check in and out at a check station when entering or exiting Zone A and shall check all game taken. Check station hours will be 5 a.m. through one hour after sunset. Hunters using Zones B or C are not required to check in and out.

38. Entrance gates will be open during daylight hours for scouting one week prior to the archery season and the day preceding the muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons. Walk-in access is permitted throughout the year when the area is not open for hunting.

SEARCH:

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

ARCHERY:

October **16** through November **14**.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, archery permit, wild turkey permit (if hunting turkeys), migratory bird permit (if hunting migratory birds) and zone tag (Zone A only). Legal to Take—Any deer (except spotted fawn), wild hogs, turkeys of either sex, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, opossum, raccoon, beaver, coyote, armadillo, skunk, nutria and migratory birds in season.

Regulations Unique to the Archery Hunt—In addition to these regulations, 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 are legal to take (see Migratory Bird section and the current Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet).

MUZZLELOADING GUN:

November **19-21**.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, muzzleloading gun permit, state waterfowl permit and federal duck stamp (if hunting ducks), migratory bird permit (if hunting migratory birds) and zone tag (Zone A only).

Legal to Take—Deer with one or more antlers at least five inches in length visible above the hairline, wild hogs, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, opossum, raccoon, beaver, coyote, armadillo, skunk, nutria and migratory birds in season.

Regulations Unique to the Muzzleloading Gun Hunt—In addition to these regulations, all general wildlife management area regulations shall apply, only muzzleloading guns are allowed, except centerfire shotguns are permitted on the area for hunting migratory birds when one or more of these species are legal to take (see Migratory Bird section and the current Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet).

GENERAL GUN:

(The use or possession of rifles is prohibited.)

November **25-28** and December **11** through February **13**, (Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays only in zones A and B).

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, regular quota permit (if hunting before December **20** in Zone A), migratory bird permit (if hunting migratory birds) and zone tag (Zone A only). State waterfowl permit and federal duck stamp (if hunting ducks). 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 (except in Zone A), rabbit, opossum, raccoon, beaver, coyote, armadillo, skunk, nutria and migratory birds in season. Bobcat and otter after November 30.

Regulations Unique to the General Gun Hunt—All General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply and the possession or use of rifles is prohibited.

QUAIL:

December 21 through January 9, (Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays only in Zone A).

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, daily quail hunt permit, and Zone tag (Zone A only).

Legal to Take—Quail.

Regulations Unique to the Quail Hunt—In addition to these regulations, all general wildlife management areas regulations shall apply and hunting quail after 3 p.m. Central Standard Time is prohibited.

SPRING TURKEY:

March 19 through April 24 (Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays only in zones B and C).

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.

1. Legal shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until 1 p.m.
2. Hunting with dogs is prohibited.

TRAPPING:

Trapping is prohibited.

MIGRATORY BIRDS:

Rails, common moorhens, snipe, woodcock, crows, ducks, coots and doves may be hunted on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays during statewide seasons established by the Commission.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, zone tag (zone A only), state waterfowl permit and federal duck stamp (if hunting ducks), migratory bird permit and regular quota hunt permit (if hunting during the quota period of the general gun season in Zone A).

Legal to Take—See Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet.

Regulations Unique to Migratory Birds—See Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet. In addition to these regulations, all General Wildlife Management Area Regulations contained in this pamphlet shall apply.

1. Shotguns are allowed during the rail and moorhen and early September duck seasons, and the first phase of the dove season.
2. The use of lead shot for taking ducks and coots is prohibited.

FISHING AND FROGGING:

Fishing and frogging are permitted throughout the year.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Any hunter desiring to take antlerless deer on the designated hunt must submit a quota hunt application during the application period for random drawing and must have checked the box provided for 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.

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 (850) 265-3676 {(800) 955-8771 (TDD)}.

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 small game are requested to wear blaze-orange headgear

and/or vests.

PLEASE DO NOT LITTER. TAKE OUT TRASH 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 campfires, smoking materials and vehicles to prevent damage to wildlife habitats.

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