

# BRADWELL UNIT APALACHICOLA 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 Bradwell Unit of Apalachicola 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 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.

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: All hunters, hunting during the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, and spring turkey hunts, are required to have a quota hunt permit; there are no exemptions for this area. A special quota hunt permit is required to hunt on this area during the archery and muzzleloading gun hunts. There are 10 special quota hunt permits available by application for each archery and muzzleloading gun hunt. A no-cost regular quota hunt permit is required to hunt on this area during the general gun season. There are 10 regular quota hunt permits available by application for each general gun hunt. Quota hunt applications are available from county tax collectors or their subagents on or about June 1. To apply for a permit, obtain a quota hunt 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 no-cost spring turkey quota hunt permit is required to hunt on this area during the spring turkey hunts. There are 5 spring turkey quota hunt permits available by application for each hunt during the spring turkey season. Spring turkey quota hunt applications are available from county tax collectors and at regional offices of the Commission on or about October **25**. Permits will be issued by a random drawing from applications received from November **1-10**. 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: 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 season.
5. Muzzleloading Gun Permit: This \$5 permit is required when hunting during the muzzleloading gun season.
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](http://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 birds.
10. Antlerless Deer Permit: See No. 1 of General Information.

#### BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS:

1. Deer—1 antlered deer per quota hunt permit.
2. Wild hogs—No size or bag limit.
3. Turkey—1 turkey per quota hunt permit during the spring turkey season. During the archery season, daily limit 1, season limit 2.
4. Gray squirrel, quail and rabbit—Daily limit 12, possession limit 24 for each game species.
5. Raccoon, opossum, armadillo, beaver, coyote, skunk and nutria—No bag limits.
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 that follow, all general laws and regulations relating to wild animal life or freshwater aquatic life shall apply unless specifically exempted 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 (see exception under spring turkey).
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 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. Killing swimming deer is prohibited.
11. Killing fox is prohibited.
12. Taking fox squirrel is prohibited.
13. 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.
14. Taking or possessing gopher tortoises is prohibited.
15. 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.
16. Public access is prohibited in areas posted as "CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS".
17. 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:**

18. Hunting with gun and light is prohibited.
19. 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.
20. 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.
21. Hunting deer with full-jacketed bullets or any rimfire cartridge is prohibited.
22. 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.
23. Guns are allowed only during periods in which their use for hunting is allowed.
24. No person shall have a gun in manual possession while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
25. Children under the age of 16 may not be in possession of a firearm unless in the presence of a supervising adult.
26. Guns or dogs are prohibited on areas posted as "CLOSED" or "CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS".
27. No person shall allow any dog to pursue or molest wildlife during any period in which hunting with dogs is prohibited.
28. Hunting with dogs, other than bird dogs or retrievers, is prohibited.
29. 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.
30. 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 S.R. 20 is prohibited.
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, trails or firelanes.
34. No motor vehicle shall be operated on any part of the wildlife management area designated and posted as "CLOSED" or "CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS".
35. Vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads and shall be parked at designated parking areas only.

#### **CAMPING**

36. Camping is prohibited.

#### **SEARCH:**

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

#### **ARCHERY:**

October **16-22** and October **23-31**.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, special quota hunt permit, archery permit, wild turkey permit (if hunting turkeys) 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 permit only, wild hogs, turkeys of either sex, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, skunk, beaver, coyote, 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, special quota hunt permit, muzzleloading gun permit 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 permit only, wild hogs, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, skunk, beaver, coyote, 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 and only muzzleloading guns are allowed, except that 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:**

November **25-28** and December **11-15**.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, regular quota permit, migratory bird permit (if hunting migratory birds), 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 permit only, wild hogs, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, skunk, beaver, coyote, nutria and migratory birds in season. Bobcat and otter may be taken after November 30.

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

#### **SMALL GAME:**

November **13-18** and **22-24**.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Hunting license, wildlife management area permit and migratory bird permit (if hunting migratory birds).

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

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

### **SPRING TURKEY:**

March 19-20 and April 1-3.

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 Hunts—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, mourning doves, white-winged doves, snipe, ducks, coots, woodcock and crows may be hunted during seasons established for these species by the Commission which coincide with the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun and small game hunts on this area.

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

Legal to Take—See Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet.

Regulations Unique to Migratory Birds—In addition to these regulations, all General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply.

1. Hunting is permitted during the special September duck season.
2. The use of lead shot is prohibited for taking ducks.

### **FISHING AND FROGGING:**

Permitted throughout the year.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Fishing license (not required when frogging).

Regulations Unique to Fishing and Frogging—All General Wildlife Management Area Regulations and statewide fishing regulations shall apply and the possession of guns is permitted only during periods when hunting is allowed.

### **FOREST SERVICE REGULATIONS:**

1. Leaving debris or garbage, except in containers provided, is prohibited.
2. Removing firewood from the forest without a permit from the district ranger is prohibited.
3. To possess or use a motorized vehicle is prohibited with the exception of Forest Development Road 198.
4. To possess or use ATVs or other non-licensed off road vehicles is prohibited.
5. To enter area during any of the specified hunting seasons unless in possession of quota hunt permit, hunting license, or other required documentation is prohibited.
6. To go into or be upon any posted closed historical or archaeological area is prohibited.
7. To possess or use a metal detector is prohibited.

More information on Forest Service regulations is available at the District Ranger Station. Violations may result in fines or imprisonment.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

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

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) 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.*

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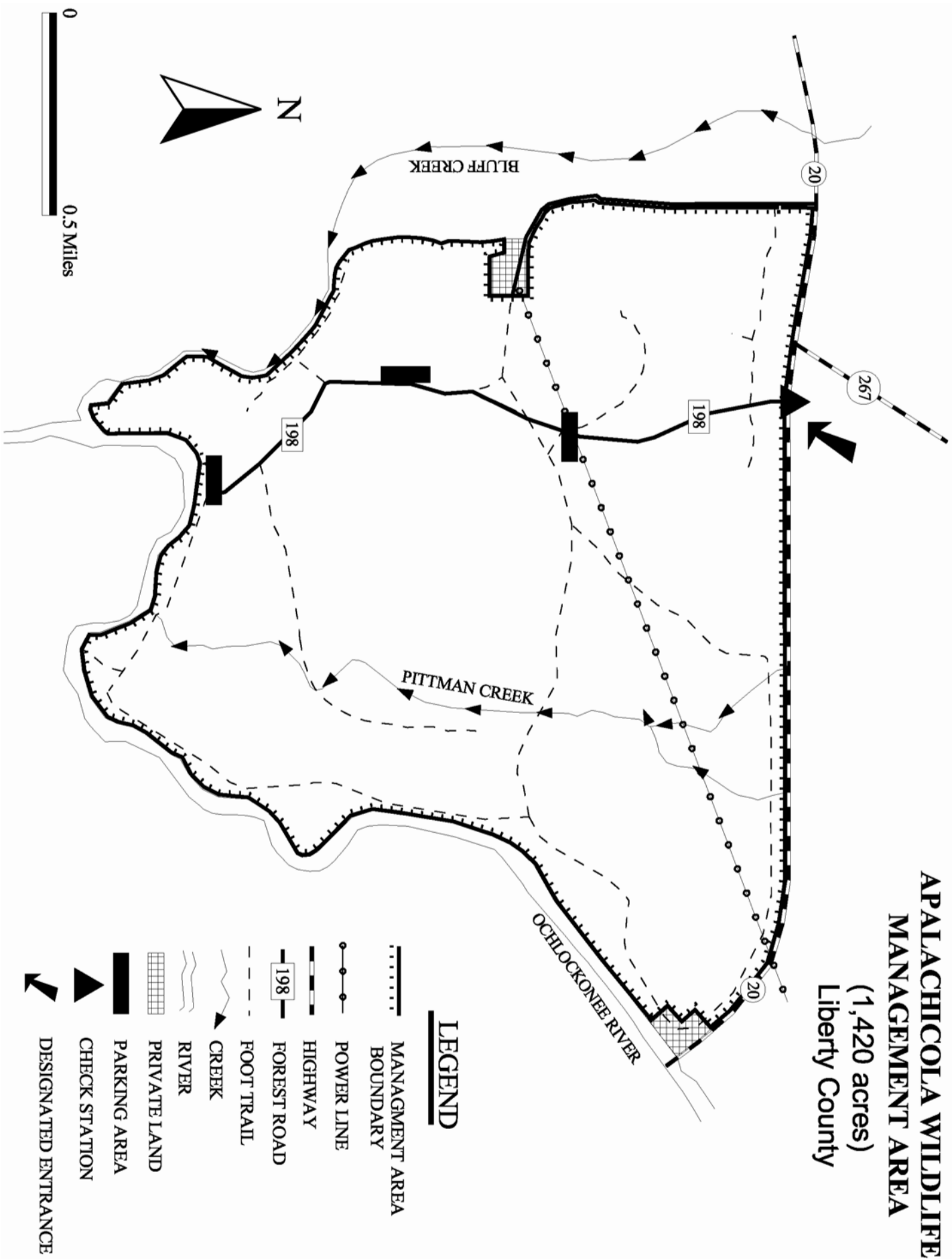
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# BRADWELL UNIT

## APALACHICOLA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

(1,420 acres)  
Liberty County



### LEGEND

- MANAGEMENT AREA BOUNDARY
- POWER LINE
- HIGHWAY
- FOREST ROAD
- FOOT TRAIL
- CREEK
- RIVER
- PRIVATE LAND
- PARKING AREA
- CHECK STATION
- DESIGNATED ENTRANCE