

FLINT ROCK

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 Flint Rock 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 recreational use application form 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 permit is not required to hunt on this area.
3. Recreational Use Permit: A \$206 recreational use permit is required to hunt on this area; there are no exemptions except that one dependent child, 16 years old or under, per permittee may hunt under the supervision of the permittee and is exempt from the permit fee. The number of available recreational use permits will be indicated on the recreational use permit application. Recreational use applications are available at regional offices of the Commission on or about June 15. Permits will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis. To apply for this permit, obtain a recreational use permit application and follow the printed instructions.

Recreational use permits on this area shall also authorize the permittee to engage in activities authorized for wildlife management area permits. This per-

mit is renewable for two consecutive years, provided that proper application and payment is received prior to June 1. Renewal notices will be mailed to eligible permittees on or about May 1.

Transfer of Permits: Recreational use permits are not transferable.

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 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.

BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS:

1. Deer—Daily limit 2, possession limit 4.
2. Turkey—Daily limit 1, season limit 2, possession limit 2.
3. Wild hog—**No size or bag limit.**
4. Gray squirrel, quail, 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 excepted for this wildlife management area. Hunting or 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, destroy 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 exceptions under individual seasons).

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

8. 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.

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

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

11. Fires are prohibited.

12. Killing swimming deer is prohibited.

13. Taking any turkey while it is on the roost is prohibited.

14. Killing fox is prohibited.

15. Taking fox squirrel is prohibited.

16. 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.

17. Taking bear is prohibited.

18. Hunting, fishing or trapping is prohibited on any portion of the area posted as "CLOSED" or "CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS".

19. 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.

20. Access is permitted only by individuals possessing a valid recreational user permit except that the spouse and dependent children of a permittee may engage in outdoor recreational activities other than hunting while in the company of the permittee.

21. Access is allowed only during periods open to hunting and 7 days before each open hunting season.

22. 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.

23. Digging in or disturbance of archaeological sites or removing artifacts from the area is prohibited.

GUNS OR DOGS:

24. 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.

25. Hunting with gun and light is prohibited.

26. 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.

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

28. Fully automatic firearms, silencer-equipped firearms, centerfire semiautomatic rifles having a magazine capable of holding more than five rounds, explosive or drug-injecting devices, or setguns are prohibited.

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

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

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

32. Hunting turkeys with dogs is prohibited.

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

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

35. 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 or across any check station area.

36. Taking wildlife by use of a gun on or from the right-of-way of S.R. 59 is prohibited.

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

38. Hunting with dogs other than waterfowl retrievers and bird dogs is prohibited.

VEHICLES:

39. Vehicles shall be operated only on designated roads, and vehicular access is restricted to designated entrances.

40. Vehicles shall not be parked in such a manner as to obstruct roads, gates, trails or fire lanes.

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

42. The use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) is prohibited.

CAMPING:

43. Camping is prohibited. See No. 2 under General Information for a list of nearby camping facilities.

CHECK STATION:

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

45. Check station hours are from 5 a.m. to one hour after sunset when manned. When unmanned, hunters shall use a self-service check station to report their daily harvest.

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, recreational use permit, archery permit, wild turkey permit (if hunting turkeys), state waterfowl permit and federal duck stamp (if hunting ducks), and migratory bird permit (if hunting migratory birds).

Legal to Take— **Deer with at least one antler with three or more points (each point one-inch in length or more)**, antlerless deer (which includes does, and bucks with antlers less than 5 inches in length, but NOT spotted fawns), turkeys of either sex, wild hogs, 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:

October **29-31**.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Hunting license, recreational use permit, muzzleloading gun permit, and migratory bird permit (if hunting migratory birds).

Legal to Take— **Deer with at least one antler with three or more points (each point one-inch in length or more)**, 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—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 **13** through January **9**.

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

Legal to Take— **Deer with at least one antler with three or more points (each point one-inch in length or more)**, wild hogs, gray squirrel, quail, 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.

SMALL GAME:

January 10 through March 6.

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

Legal to Take—Gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, opossum, raccoon, beaver, coyote, armadillo, skunk, nutria and migratory birds in season. Bobcat and otter may be taken through March 1.

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

1. Hunting is permitted during legal daylight shooting hours only.
2. Possession of centerfire rifles is prohibited.

SPRING TURKEY:

March 19 through April 24.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Hunting license, recreational use 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. Legal shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until 1 p.m.
2. Hunting with dogs is prohibited.

TRAPPING:

January 10 through March 1.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Hunting license, trapping license and recreational use permit.

Legal to Take—Bobcat, otter, raccoon, skunk, opossum, beaver, coyote and nutria.

Regulations Unique to Trapping—All General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply.

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, which coincide with the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun and small game seasons.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Hunting license, recreational use permit, state waterfowl permit and federal duck stamp (if hunting ducks), and migratory bird permit.

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 wildlife management area regulations contained in this pamphlet shall apply.

1. The use of lead shot for taking ducks and coots is prohibited.
2. Ducks may be hunted with shotguns during the special September duck season established by the Commission.
3. Ducks and coots may be hunted during the statewide duck and coot season established by the Commission.

FISHING AND FROGGING:

Permitted during periods when the area is open.

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

Legal to Take—See Florida Freshwater Fishing Regulations Summary.

Regulations Unique to Fishing and Frogging—All General Wildlife Management Area Regulations and Florida Freshwater Fishing Regulations shall apply and taking frogs with guns or bows is prohibited at night and during periods when hunting is not allowed.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Anyone born on or after June 1, 1975 must have passed a Commission-approved hunter safety course prior to being issued a hunting license.
2. Local camping facilities available:
 - a. Newport Recreation Area – Wakulla County Parks and Recreation U.S. 98, Newport; (850) 926-7227; 38 sites - R.V. or Tent, Bath House, Dump Station, Limited electricity and water hookups, Daily fee required, Limit 5 people per site.
 - b. Shell Island Fish Camp - Privately owned; P.O. Box 115, St. Marks; (850) 925-6226; Public restrooms with showers; 15 sites - Full hookup, No tents, No limit on number of people, Daily fee required.
 - c. Holiday Park and Campground - Privately owned; U.S. 98 at

Ochlockonee River; (850) 9845757; 74 sites - R.V., Full hookup, Bath House, Pool, Dock, Laundry, Daily fee required. (Five tent sites.)

d. Econfina On The Gulf - Privately owned; County Road 14 - Rt. 1, Box 256, Lamont, FL 32336; 75 sites - R.V. - Tent; (850) 5842135; Bath House, Boat Ramp, Store, Showers; Tent sites allowed at random, but one (1) camper unit per site; Daily fee required.

3. Defacing, molesting or destroying signs or other property on or about this management area is punishable by law.

4. Florida Statute 267.13 prohibits digging in or otherwise defacing Indian mounds, collecting artifacts, or disturbing archeological and historic sites on stateowned lands.

5. 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:

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 wild hogs or small game are requested to wear blaze-orange headgear and/or vests.

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 smoking materials and vehicles to prevent damage to wildlife habitats.

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 of Human Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.

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(25,450 acres)

Wakulla and Jefferson Counties

