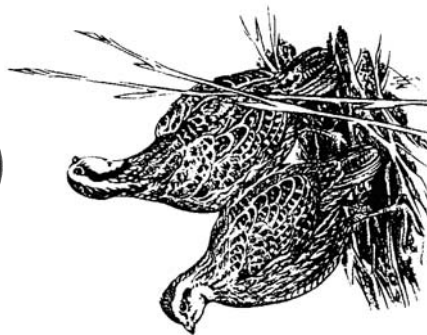


# HUTTON UNIT BLACKWATER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA AND STATE FOREST

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### REGULATIONS SUMMARY AND AREA MAP



A COOPERATIVE PUBLIC WILDLIFE  
AND RECREATIONAL AREA  
BLACKWATER RIVER STATE FOREST  
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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 Hutton 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 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 Permits: All hunters are required to have a quota hunt permit; there are no exemptions for this area. A no-cost special quota hunt permit is required to hunt on this area during the archery and muzzleloading gun hunts. There are 30 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 30 regular quota hunt permits available by application for each general gun hunt. Quota hunt permit 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 quail quota hunt permit is required to hunt on this area during the quail hunts. There are 2 group permits (up to 3 hunters per group) available by application for each quail hunt. Applications are available at regional offices of the Commission on or about July 2. 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 from July 14 through July 30. 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 special mobility-impaired quota hunt permit is required to hunt during the mobility-impaired general gun season. One additional person per permit holder may participate in the hunt. Only one quota hunt permit may be utilized per individual per hunt. Only mobility-impaired hunters may take antlerless deer. There are 30 special mobility-impaired quota hunt permits available by application for each hunt. Special mobility-impaired quota hunt permit applications are available at regional offices of the Commission on or about July 2. Permits will be issued by a random drawing from applications received July 14 through 30.**

A no-cost spring turkey quota permit is required to hunt on this area during the spring turkey hunts. There are 10 spring turkey quota hunt permits available by application for each spring turkey hunt. Spring turkey quota hunt applications are available 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 through 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 service.

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. 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. The \$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 or 2 deer per mobility impaired quota hunt permit.

2. Wild hogs—No size or bag limit.
3. Turkey—1 turkey per quota hunt permit during spring turkey season. During the archery season, daily limit 1, season limit 2, possession limit 2.
4. Gray squirrel and rabbit—Daily limit 12, possession limit 24 for each game species.
5. Quail—Daily limit 12 per hunting group.
6. Raccoon, opossum, skunk, coyote, beaver, nutria, and armadillo—No bag limit.
7. Bobcat and otter—Possession limit 1 unless in possession of a Trapping License.
8. 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 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.
3. It is unlawful for any person to leave any garbage or refuse or in any way litter in the management area.
4. The wanton or willful waste of wildlife is prohibited.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. The release of any animal is prohibited, without written authorization from the Executive Director.
8. It is illegal to hunt over bait or place any bait or other food for wildlife on this wildlife management area.
9. Killing fox is prohibited.
10. Taking fox squirrel is prohibited.
11. Killing swimming deer is prohibited.
12. Taking any turkey while it is on the roost 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. Public access is prohibited in areas posted as “CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS”.

16. 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.

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.

#### 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 (general gun season only), or birds of prey may be used.
20. 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.
21. Guns are allowed only during periods in which their use for hunting is allowed.
22. No person shall have a gun in manual possession while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
23. Children under the age of 16 may not be in possession of a firearm unless in the presence of a supervising adult.
24. 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.
25. Guns or dogs are prohibited on areas posted as “CLOSED” or

“CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS”.

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

**27. Bird dogs may be trained Monday through Friday in October (except during archery season).**

28. 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.

29. The possession or use of firearms other than shotguns is prohibited during the quail season.

30. Hunting with dogs, other than bird dogs or retrievers, 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. During hunting seasons, vehicular access is permitted only by individuals possessing quota hunt permits.

34. The possession or use of all terrain vehicles (ATVs) is prohibited, **except that mobility-impaired hunters may use ATVs only on established roads, trails, and firebreaks during the mobility-impaired general gun season.**

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

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

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

38. Vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads, **except during the mobility-impaired hunts**, and shall enter and exit only at the designated entrance (see map).

#### CAMPING:

39. Camping is permitted only at designated campsites.

#### CHECK STATIONS:

40. Hunters shall check in and out at the check station when entering and exiting the area and shall check all game taken. Check station hours are 5 a.m. through one hour after sunset.

#### SEARCH:

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

#### ARCHERY:

October **16-19** and **20-24**.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, archery permit, special quota hunt permit, wild turkey permit (if hunting turkeys), 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, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, skunk, beaver, coyote, nutria and migratory game 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 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).

#### MUZZLELOADING GUN:

November **19-21**.

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

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) by antlerless permit only, wild hogs, gray squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, skunk, beaver, coyote, nutria and migratory birds in season.

Regulations Unique to the Muzzleloading Gun Hunt—In addition to these regula-

tions, all General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply and only muzzle-loading guns are allowed, except that centerfire shotguns are permitted on the area for hunting migratory game birds when one or more of these species are legal to take (see Migratory Bird section and the current Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet).

#### **QUAIL:**

November 13-14, 24-25, December 4-5, 13-14, 18-19, 27-28, and January 1-2.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, and quail quota hunt permit.

Legal to Take—Quail.

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

1. The possession or use of firearms other than shotguns is prohibited.
2. Hunting quail after 3 p.m. Central Standard Time is prohibited.

#### **GENERAL GUN:**

January 15-18 and 19-23.

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

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) by antlerless permit only, wild hogs, gray squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, skunk, beaver, coyote, nutria and migratory birds in season, bobcat and otter.

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

#### **MOBILITY-IMPAIRED GENERAL GUN:**

January 28-30 and February 4-6.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, mobility-impaired quota hunt permit (unless accompanying a person possessing a mobility-impaired quota hunt permit), migratory bird permit (if hunting migratory birds), and state waterfowl permit and federal duck stamp (if hunting ducks).

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) may be taken by mobility-impaired hunters only, wild hogs, gray squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, skunk, beaver, coyote, nutria, migratory birds in season, bobcat and otter.

Regulations Unique to the Mobility Impaired General Gun Hunt—In addition to these regulations, all General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply.

1. During the mobility-impaired hunt vehicular access is restricted to only those persons with a mobility-impaired quota hunt permit (and their partner).

#### **SPRING TURKEY:**

March 19-21, April 1-3 and 15-17.

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

#### **MIGRATORY BIRDS:**

Rails, common moorhens, mourning doves, white-winged doves, snipe, duck, coots, woodcock and crows may be hunted during open seasons established for these species which coincide with the archery, muzzleloading gun or general gun hunts on the 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), and quota hunt permit (if hunting during the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun or mobility-impaired hunts).

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 shall apply and the use of lead shot for taking ducks and coots is prohibited.

#### **TRAPPING:**

Trapping 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—All General Wildlife Management Area Regulations and statewide fishing regulations shall apply and during hunting seasons on the area, vehicular access is permitted only by individuals possessing quota hunt permits.

#### **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. Any hunter desiring to take antlerless deer must submit a quota hunt application by the end of the period designated for the 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. 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, (850) 957-6140.

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

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 at (850) 2653676 {(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.*

**PLEASE DO NOT LITTER. TAKE TRASH OUT 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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BLACKWATER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA  
(5,243 Acres)  
Santa Rosa County

