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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 Joe Budd 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 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 \$26.50 permit is required to hunt on this area.

3. Quota Hunt Permit: A special quota hunt permit or zone tag permit is required to hunt on this area during each three-day archery hunt and archery/muzzleloading gun hunt. There are 50 special quota hunt permits available by application for each hunt. Special quota hunt applications are available from county tax collectors or their subagents on or about June 1. To apply for this permit, obtain a special 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.

4. Zone Tag Permits: There are 140 zone tag permits available to hunters without special quota permits for each three-day period by random drawing of those per-

sons present at the check station at 2 p.m. on Thursday prior to each hunt (see No. 6.)

5. Daily Hunt Permits: A total of 20 daily hunt permits are available during the spring turkey hunt, and 110 daily hunt permits are available during the small game hunt. Spring turkey and small game daily hunt permits are available on a first-come, first-served basis at the check station. During the spring turkey season, the area is divided into seven zones. Zones A, B, C, D, F and G are limited to 3 hunters each and Zone E is limited to two hunters.

6. Zone Tags: Zone tags are required for each person to hunt on the area. During the archery and the archery/muzzleloading gun season, the area is divided into seven zones with Zones A, B, C and D limited to 22 hunters each, Zone E limited to 8 hunters, Zone F limited to 36 hunters and Zone G limited to 8 hunters. Zone tags will be issued to hunters without special quota hunt permits by random drawing at the check station at 2 p.m. on the Thursday prior to each three-day hunt period. Holders of special quota hunt permits are not required to attend the drawing on Thursdays and will be issued a special zone tag, good for all zones, at the check station. Any unissued zone tags will be available on hunt days after morning stand hours (approximately 8:30 a.m.). One person may pick up two zone tags with the appropriate number of licenses and permits. Zone tags may not be transferred from one hunter to another. If available, one zone tag may be exchanged for another at the check station during each hunt.

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.

7. Archery Permit: This \$5 permit is required when hunting with a bow and arrow during any season which hunting with a firearm is not allowed.

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

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

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

11. 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.

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

BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS:

1. Deer—Daily limit 2, possession limit 4.
2. Wild hog—No size or bag limit.
3. Turkey—Daily limit 1, season limit 2, possession limit 2.
4. Gray squirrel, quail, 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 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 remove plants, rocks, minerals, animal life, other natural resources or parts thereof without written authorization.
3. 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.
4. The removal or possession of saw palmetto berries is prohibited.
5. 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).
6. Wild hogs may not be transported alive.
7. It is unlawful for any person to leave any garbage or refuse or in any way litter in the management area.
8. The wanton or willful waste of wildlife is prohibited.
9. Non-migratory game 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.
10. 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.
11. The release of any animal is prohibited, without written authorization from the Executive Director.
12. **The planting or introduction of any non-native plant is prohibited, without written permission from the Executive Director.**
13. It is illegal to hunt over bait or place any bait or other food for wildlife on this wildlife management area.
14. Killing swimming deer is prohibited.
15. Killing fox is prohibited.
16. Taking fox squirrel is prohibited.
17. 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.
18. Hunting, trapping or the possession of guns and dogs is prohibited in areas posted as "CLOSED" or "CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS".
19. No person shall hunt in any zone other than that for which he has obtained a zone tag. All hunters shall wear zone tags visibly.
20. 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.
21. 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.
22. Public access is prohibited in areas posted as "CLOSED TO PUBLIC ACCESS".

GUNS OR DOGS:

23. Hunting with gun and light is prohibited.
24. For taking non-migratory game, only shotguns, rifles, pistols, long-bows (including compound and recurve bows) or birds of prey may be used.
25. 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.
26. Fully automatic firearms, silencer-equipped firearms, centerfire rifles, explosive or drug-injecting devices, or setguns are prohibited.
27. No person shall have a gun in manual possession while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
28. Children under the age of 16 may not be in possession of a firearm unless in the presence of a supervising adult.
29. Hunting with dogs is prohibited, except bird dogs and retrievers may be used during the small game season.
30. Dogs on leashes may be used for trailing wounded game.
31. No person shall allow any dog to pursue or molest wildlife during any period in which hunting with dogs is prohibited.

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

33. 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 High Bluff Road or County Road 268 is prohibited.

34. 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.

35. Guns are prohibited when the area is closed to hunting, except at the designated campsite.

VEHICLES:

36. Vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads (see map). All other roads are closed to vehicular traffic.

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

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

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

CAMPING:

40. Camping is prohibited, except at the High Bluff campground by permit from the Florida Division of Forestry. Permits are available at a self-service pay station located at the campground. Fee: \$5.00 per night (maximum of 14 nights). Sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. For additional information, call (850) 488-1871.

CHECK STATIONS:

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

42. Check station hours are one and one-half hours before sunrise to one hour after sunset during the archery and archery/muzzleloading gun season, one and one-half hours before sunrise to 2 p.m. during the spring turkey season and one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset during the small game season.

43. No person shall enter the area during any period in which the entry gate is closed.

44. All persons entering or exiting this area may do so only at a designated entrance as indicated on the hunt map.

SEARCH:

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

ARCHERY:

December **10** through January **9** (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, archery permit (if hunting December **10**), special quota permit and special zone tag or zone tag permit, migratory bird permit (if hunting migratory birds), state waterfowl permit and federal duck stamp (if hunting ducks), and wild turkey permit (if hunting turkeys).

Legal to Take—Any deer (except spotted fawn), turkeys of either sex, wild hogs, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, opossum, raccoon, beaver, coyote, armadillo, skunk, nutria, bobcat and otter and migratory birds in season.

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

1. The possession of firearms or crossbows is prohibited.

2. Hunting with dogs is prohibited.

3. Entry into the management area is prohibited from one-half hour before sunrise until one hour after sunrise and from one hour before sunset to one-half hour after sunset.

ARCHERY/MUZZLELOADING GUN:

January **14-30** (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, special quota hunt permit and special zone tag or zone tag permit, migratory bird permit (if hunting migratory birds), state waterfowl permit and federal duck stamp (if hunting ducks) and wild turkey permit (if hunting turkeys).

Legal to Take—Deer with one or more antlers at least five inches in length visible above the hairline and antlerless deer (except spotted fawn) by antlerless

deer permit only, turkeys of either sex, wild hogs, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, opossum, raccoon, beaver, coyote, armadillo, skunk, nutria, bobcat, otter and migratory birds in season.

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

1. Only longbows (including compound and recurve bows) and muzzle-loading guns are allowed.
2. Hunting with dogs is prohibited.
3. Entry into the management area is prohibited from one-half hour before sunrise until one hour after sunrise and from one hour before sunset until one-half hour after sunset.

SMALL GAME:

October 2 through December 5 (Saturdays and Sundays only).

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

Legal to Take—Gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, wild hogs, opossum, raccoon, beaver, coyote, armadillo, skunk, nutria and migratory birds in season. Bobcat and otter may be taken after November 30.

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

1. The possession of centerfire rifles is prohibited (shotguns and rimfire rifles are permitted).
2. Doves may be hunted only during Saturdays that coincide with the statewide dove season set by the Commission.

SPRING TURKEY:

March 19 through April 24 (Saturdays and Sundays only).

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements—Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, daily hunt permit (zone tag) 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. Only longbows (including compound and recurve bows) and muzzle-loading guns are permitted.
2. Entry into the management area is prohibited from one-half hour before sunrise until one hour after sunrise.
3. Legal shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until 1 p.m.
4. 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 small game, archery and archery/muzzleloading gun hunts.

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

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. Check individual hunts for type of gun permitted.
3. Mourning doves and white-winged doves may be hunted during Saturdays only.

FISHING AND OTHER RECREATIONAL USES:

1. Fishing and other recreational uses are permitted throughout the area (except Joe Budd Pond) during daylight hours when hunting is not allowed.
2. Joe Budd Pond is open to fishing on Saturdays and Sundays only during daylight hours, beginning the first Saturday in July and ending the Sunday before Labor Day. In addition, fishing is permitted on Labor Day.

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 prime 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. Antlerless deer permits may be available for the last archery/muzzleloading gun hunt. Any hunter desiring to take antlerless deer must submit a quota hunt application during the application period for random drawing and have checked the box provided for the 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. Wild hogs are not game animals on this area, but are considered trespass livestock. They may be taken during small game, archery, and archery/muzzleloading gun hunts.
3. 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) 488-1871.
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:

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 hunters during the archery and archery/muzzleloading gun seasons are encouraged to remain on their stands during the time in which entry into the area is prohibited in order to minimize disturbance to other hunters.

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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