

2011-
2012
Hunting
Season

Andrews

Wildlife Management Area

Regulations Summary and Area Map
July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012



A cooperative public wildlife and recreational area

Suwannee River Water
Management District

Florida Fish and Wildlife
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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 Andrews Wildlife Management Area. **Regulations that are new or differ substantially from last year are shown in bold print.** Area users should still familiarize themselves with all regulations. For exact wording of the wildlife laws and regulations, see the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's wildlife code, on file with the Secretary of State and state libraries. This brochure, the Florida Hunting Regulations handbook, and quota permit worksheets should provide the information necessary for you to plan your hunting activities. These publications are available from any Commission office, county tax collector and at MyFWC.com.

Persons using wildlife management areas are required to have appropriate licenses, permits and stamps. The following persons are exempt from all license and permit requirements (except for quota permits listed as "no exemptions", recreational use permits, antlerless deer permits and the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp [federal duck stamp]): Florida residents who are 65 years of age or older; residents who possess a Florida Resident Disabled Person Hunting and Fishing Certificate; residents in the U.S. Armed Forces, not stationed in Florida, while home on leave for 30 days or less, upon submission of orders; and children under 16 years of age. Children under 16 years of age are exempt from the federal duck stamp. Anyone born on or after June 1, 1975 and 16 years of age or older must have passed a Commission-approved hunter-safety course prior to being issued a hunting license, except the Hunter Safety Mentoring exemption allows anyone to purchase a hunting license and hunt under the supervision of a licensed hunter, 21 years of age or older, for one year.

Licenses and permits may be purchased from county tax collectors, license agents, at MyFWC.com/license or by telephone at 1-888-486-8356. A no-cost Migratory Bird Permit is available when purchasing a hunting license. Any waterfowl hunter 16 years of age or older must possess a federal duck stamp; available where hunting licenses are sold, at most post offices or duckstamp.com.

QUOTA PERMIT INFORMATION:

Archery - 45, no-cost, quota permits (no exemptions) for each of 2 hunts.

Supervised Youth Hunt - 40, no-cost, quota permits (no exemptions) for each of 2 hunts.

Muzzleloading Gun - 30, no-cost, quota permits (no exemptions) for each of 2 hunts.

General Gun - 30, no-cost, quota permits (no exemptions).

Small Game - 40, no-cost, daily quota permits (no exemptions) issued first-come, first-served at the check station each day.

Family Hunt - 20, no-cost, quota permits (no exemptions) for each of 2 hunts.

Youth Turkey - 20, no-cost, quota permits (no exemptions).

Spring Turkey - 25, no-cost, quota permits (no exemptions) for each of 2 hunts.

Permit applications: Hunters must submit electronic applications for quota and special-opportunity permits through the Commission's Total Licensing System (TLS). Worksheets listing hunts, application periods, deadlines and instructions are available at county tax collector's offices, FWC offices or MyFWC.com.

Quota application periods occur throughout the year beginning April 1; please refer to the hunting handbook or MyFWC.com for specific dates.

Guest hunters: For each non-transferable archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, wild hog, spring turkey and mobility-impaired quota permit issued through the Commission's TLS, only one guest permit may be obtained. Guest permits are not issued for the following quota permits: supervised youth, family and youth turkey. The following persons may be a guest hunter, but are not required to obtain a guest permit: a youth under 16 years of age, a youth supervisor, a mentor license holder or a mentor license supervisor. A quota permit holder (host) may only bring 1 guest hunter at a time. The following persons are not considered to be guest hunters: other quota permit holders, non-hunters and exempt hunters (on areas and during seasons that allow exemptions). The host must share the bag limit with the guest and the host is responsible for violations that exceed the bag limit. The guest and host must enter and exit the area together and must share a street-legal vehicle while hunting on the area. The guest may only hunt while the host is on the area and must hunt in the same zone to which the host is assigned. A person is only eligible for one guest permit per hunt. Guest permits may only be obtained from license agents or county tax collector's offices. Guest permits may be obtained up to and during the last day of the hunt. Refer to the quota hunt worksheets for additional information.

Youth and mentor license holders: A youth hunter (less than 16 years of age) must be supervised by a person at least 18 years of age. A mentor license holder must be supervised by a licensed hunter at least 21 years of age. Unless exempt, only those supervisors with proper licenses and permits may hunt. If the supervisor is hunting during any hunt for which quota permits are issued, at least one person in the party must be in possession of a quota permit. During a hunt that allows exemptions, a non-exempt supervisor of a youth must have a quota permit to hunt. A non-hunting supervisor is allowed to accompany a youth or mentor license holder during any hunt.

Transfer of permits: Quota and guest permits are not transferable; antlerless deer permits are transferable. A positive form of identification is required when using a non-transferable permit (not required for youth less than 16 years of age). The sale or purchase of any quota permit, guest permit or antlerless deer permit is prohibited.

Zone tags - Zone tags will be issued to hunters on a first-come, first-served basis at the check station and kept in the hunter's possession while on the area. 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 any hunt day. No hunter shall hunt in any zone other than that for which he or she has obtained a zone tag. Zone tags shall be returned to the check station before exiting the area. Zone tags may be reserved for the next day. The hunter quota is divided among zones (see map): archery - A-3, B-8, C-9, D-9, E-4 and F-12; muzzleloading gun and general gun - A-2, B-5, C-5, D-7, E-3 and F-8; small game and supervised youth - A-3, B-7, C-7, D-9, E-4 and F-10; family hunt - A-2, B-4, C-4, D-4, E-2 and F-4; youth turkey hunt - A-2, B-4, C-4, D-4, E-2 and F-4; and spring turkey hunt - A-2, B-5, C-4, D-6, E-2 and F-6.

DAILY-USE PERMIT INFORMATION:

Persons engaged in recreational activities other than hunting must possess a daily-use permit or a management area permit. Permits may be purchased at designated entry points of the management area. A daily-use permit is \$3 per person, \$6 per non-commercial vehicle, \$75 per group of 25 to 100 people and \$150 for groups of 101 people or more. Cash and personal checks are acceptable methods of payment. Members of a management area permit holder's immediate family (spouse and dependent children) while traveling in the same vehicle or in the company of a permit holder and persons exempt from the management area permit requirement, are exempt from this permit requirement for recreational uses other than hunting.

GENERAL AREA REGULATIONS:

All general laws and regulations relating to wildlife and fish shall apply unless specifically exempted for this area. Hunting or the taking of wildlife or fish on this area shall be allowed only during the open seasons and in accordance with the following regulations:

1. Any person hunting deer or accompanying another person hunting deer shall wear at least 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent-orange material as an outer garment, above the waistline. These provisions are not required when hunting with a bow and arrow during archery season.
2. Taking of spotted fawn, swimming deer or roasted turkey is prohibited. Species legal to hunt are listed under each season.
3. It is illegal to hunt over bait or place bait or any other food for wildlife on this area.
4. Driving a metal object into any tree, or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven, is prohibited.
5. No person shall cut, damage or remove any natural, man-made or cultural resource without written authorization of the landowner or primary land manager.
6. 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. Recorded calls and sounds may be used to hunt furbearers, wild hog and crows.
7. The wanton and willful waste of wildlife is prohibited.
8. Hunting, fishing or trapping is prohibited on any portion of the area posted as closed to those activities.
9. People, dogs, vehicles and other recreational equipment are prohibited in areas posted as "Closed to Public Access" by FWC administrative action.
10. Taking or herding wildlife from any motorized vehicle, aircraft or boat, which is under power is prohibited until power, and movement from that power has ceased.
11. Most game may be hunted from ½ hour before sunrise until ½ hour after sunset (see exception for each season).
12. The release of any animal is prohibited, without written authorization of the landowner or primary land manager.
13. The head and evidence of sex may not be removed from the carcass of any deer or turkey on the area.
14. The planting or introduction of any non-native plant is prohibited, without written authorization of the landowner or primary land manager.
15. Wild hog may not be transported alive.
16. Littering is prohibited.
17. Fires are prohibited.
18. A Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Law Enforcement Officer may search any camp, vehicle or boat, in accordance with law.
19. Falconers may hunt during the statewide falconry season anytime a management area is open for public access. Falconers are not exempt from quota permits during hunts requiring them.

PUBLIC ACCESS AND VEHICLES:

1. Open to public access year round, except during periods open to hunting, when only persons participating in the hunts are allowed. During non-hunting periods, a daily-use permit or management area permit is required to access the area.
2. During non-hunting periods, persons may enter the area no earlier than ½ hour before sunrise and shall exit no later than ½ hour after sunset.
3. Vehicles may be operated only on improved portions of named or numbered roads.
4. All-terrain vehicles and horses are prohibited.
5. Parked vehicles may not obstruct a road, gate or firelane.
6. No motor vehicle shall be operated on any part of any wildlife management area that has been designated as closed to vehicular traffic.

HUNTERS AND CHECK STATIONS:

1. Hunters shall check in and out at a designated check station when entering or exiting the area and shall check all game taken.
2. During periods open to hunting, access is allowed only from 1½ hours before sunrise until 1½ hours after sunset; during spring turkey season hunters shall exit the area by 2 p.m.

3. During periods open to hunting, all persons must enter and exit at the designated entrance.

GUNS:

1. All firearms shall be securely encased and in a vehicle, vessel, camper or tent, during periods when they are not a legal method of take. Persons in possession of a valid Concealed Weapon or Firearm License may carry concealed handguns.
2. Target practice is prohibited.
3. Hunting with a gun and light is prohibited.
4. Muzzleloading guns used for taking deer must be .40 caliber or larger, if firing a single bullet, or be 20 gauge or larger if firing two or more balls.
5. Children under the age of 16 may not be in possession of a firearm unless in the presence of a supervising adult.
6. No person shall have a gun under control while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
7. For hunting non-migratory game, only shotguns, rifles, pistols, bows, crossbows or falconry may be used. **Hunting during the spring turkey season with firearms other than shotguns or using a shot size larger than #2 is prohibited.**
8. For hunting migratory game, shotguns, bows, crossbows or falconry may be used. Shotguns shall not be larger than 10 gauge and shall be incapable of holding more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined.
9. Firearms using rimfire or non-expanding, full metal jacket (military ball) ammunition are prohibited for taking deer.
10. Fully automatic or silencer-equipped firearms, centerfire semi-automatic rifles having a magazine capable of holding more than five rounds, explosive or drug-injecting devices and set guns are prohibited.

DOGS:

1. Hunting with dogs is prohibited.
2. No person shall allow any dog to pursue or molest any wildlife during any period in which the taking of wildlife by the use of dogs is prohibited.
3. Dogs on leashes may be used for trailing wounded game.
4. For purposes other than hunting, dogs are allowed, but must be kept under physical restraint at all times.

CAMPING: Prohibited.

BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS: During quota hunts, host hunters and guests must share all bag and possession limits.

1. Deer - One deer per quota permit. During archery season one antlered or one antlerless deer, during supervised youth season one antlered or one antlerless deer (by antlerless deer permit only) per quota permit, during other seasons only antlered deer may be taken.
2. Wild hog - No size or bag limit.
3. Turkey -
 - A. Archery season - Daily limit 1, season limit 2, possession limit 2.
 - B. Spring Turkey season - Daily limit 1, season limit 2, possession limit 2.
4. Gray squirrel, quail and rabbit - Daily limit 12, possession limit 24 for each.
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.

ARCHERY SEASON:**September 23-25 and September 30 through October 2.**

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Quota permit, zone tag, hunting license, management area permit, archery permit, deer permit (if hunting deer), wild turkey permit (if hunting wild turkey), migratory bird permit (if hunting migratory birds), and state waterfowl permit and federal duck stamp (if hunting waterfowl).

Legal to Hunt - Any deer (except spotted fawn), wild hog, turkey of either sex, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, beaver, coyote, skunk, nutria and migratory birds in season.

Regulations Unique to Archery Season - In addition to these regulations, all General Area Regulations shall apply. Hunting with firearms or crossbows (except by disabled crossbow permit) is prohibited, except that centerfire shotguns are allowed for hunting migratory birds when one or more species are legal to hunt (see Migratory Bird section and the current Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet).

SUPERVISED YOUTH SEASON:

October 22-23 and 29-30.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Quota permit and zone tag.

Legal to Hunt - Deer with at least one antler 5 inches or more in length, antlerless deer (which includes does and bucks with antlers less than 5 inches in length, but not spotted fawn) by antlerless deer permit only and wild hog.

Regulations Unique to Supervised Youth Season - In addition to these regulations, all General Area Regulations shall apply.

1. Only persons at least 8 years old, but younger than 16 years old, may hunt.
2. Each hunter must be in the presence and under the direct supervision of an adult not younger than 18.

MUZZLELOADING GUN SEASON:

November 4-6 and 11-13.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Quota permit, zone tag, hunting license, management area permit, muzzleloading gun permit, deer permit (if hunting deer) and migratory bird permit (if hunting migratory birds).

Legal to Hunt - Deer with at least one antler 5 inches or more in length, wild hog, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, beaver, coyote, skunk, nutria and migratory birds in season.

Regulations Unique to Muzzleloading Gun Season - In addition to these regulations, all General Area Regulations shall apply. Hunting with archery equipment or firearms, other than muzzleloading guns, is prohibited, except that centerfire shotguns are allowed for hunting migratory birds when one or more species are legal to hunt (see Migratory Bird section and the current Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet).

GENERAL GUN SEASON:

November 18-20.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Quota permit, zone tag, hunting license, management area permit, deer permit (if hunting deer), migratory bird permit (if hunting migratory birds) and state waterfowl and federal duck stamp (if hunting waterfowl).

Legal to Hunt - Deer with at least one antler 5 inches or more in length, wild hog, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, beaver, coyote, skunk, nutria and migratory birds in season.

Regulations Unique to General Gun Season - In addition to these regulations, all General Area Regulations shall apply.

FAMILY HUNT:

December 3-4 and 10-11.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Quota permit, zone tag, hunting license and management area permit.

Legal to Hunt - Wild hog.

Regulations Unique to Family Hunt - In addition to these regulations, all General Area regulations shall apply.

1. One or two youths (under 16 years of age but not younger than 8 years of age) per quota permit, may hunt under the direct supervision of an adult (at least 18 years of age) but the quota permit holder must be present for the youth to hunt.
2. The quota permit holder may hunt, but only in the presence of at least one youth.

SMALL GAME SEASON:

December 30 through January 1, January 6-8 and 13-15.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Daily quota permit, zone tag, hunting license, management area permit, migratory bird permit (if hunting migratory birds) and state waterfowl and federal duck stamp (if hunting waterfowl).

Legal to Hunt - Gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, beaver, coyote, skunk, nutria, bobcat, otter and migratory birds in season.

Regulations Unique to Small Game Season - In addition to these regulations, all General Area Regulations shall apply. Hunting with centerfire rifles is prohibited.

TRAPPING: Prohibited.

SPRING TURKEY SEASON:

Youth Turkey: March 10-11.

Spring Turkey: March 23-25 and April 13-15.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Quota permit, zone tag, hunting license, management area permit and wild turkey permit.

Legal to Hunt - Bearded turkey or gobbler.

Regulations Unique to Spring Turkey Season - In addition to these regulations, all General Area Regulations shall apply.

1. Legal shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise until 1 p.m. Hunters must exit the area by 2 p.m.
2. Hunting other animals is prohibited.
3. **Hunting with firearms other than shotguns or using a shot size larger than #2 is prohibited.**

4. **During the youth turkey hunt, only youth under 16 years of age may hunt and must be under the supervision and in the presence of an adult not younger than 18 years of age. Adults with required licenses and permits for taking wild turkeys may participate when in the presence of a youth, but may not harvest a wild turkey.**

MIGRATORY BIRD SEASONS:

Rails, common moorhen, mourning dove, white-winged dove, snipe, duck, geese, coot, woodcock and crows may be hunted during seasons established by the Commission for these species that coincide with the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun or small game seasons.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Quota permit, zone tag, hunting license, management area permit, migratory bird permit, and state waterfowl permit and federal duck stamp (if hunting ducks).

Legal to Hunt - See Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet.

Regulations Unique to Migratory Bird Seasons - In addition to these regulations, all General Area Regulations and Migratory Bird Regulations shall apply.

1. Hunting duck, geese and coot with lead shot is prohibited.
2. Centerfire shotguns are allowed for hunting during established areas seasons when one or more migratory birds are legal to hunt.

FISHING AND FROGGING:

Allowed year round

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Daily-use or management area permit and fishing license (not required when frogging).

Legal to Take - See Florida Freshwater Fishing Regulations Summary.

Regulations Unique to Fishing and Frogging - All General Area Regulations and Statewide fishing regulations shall apply.

1. During open hunting seasons, access to the area shall be limited to individuals participating in the hunt.
2. Shooting frogs is allowed only during the listed open hunting seasons and only with the legal methods of take during each particular season.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Information for persons with disabilities can be found at MyFWC.com/ADA.
2. This land was acquired under the Conservation and Recreational Lands (CARL) and Save Our Rivers (SOR) programs. The purpose of these programs is to conserve and protect unique and irreplaceable land and water resources, restore areas to their original condition as much as possible and allow controlled multiple recreational and educational uses consistent with this purpose.
3. If you have any questions about this material, please call the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at 386-758-0525 (TDD 800-955-8771).

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.

Youth hunt participants are encouraged to successfully complete a Commission-approved hunter education safety course.

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WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

3,582 acres
Levy County

Legend

-  Management Area
-  Closed to Hunting
-  Designated Entrance
-  Check Station
-  Picnic Area
-  Observation Tower
-  ADA-Accessible Viewing Blind
-  Town
-  River
-  Trail
-  Rails to Trails
-  Paved Road
-  Improved Road
-  Unimproved road - no motorized vehicles

