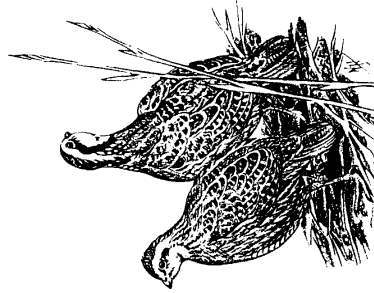


2011-
2012
Hunting
Season

Blue Springs Unit Twin Rivers State Forest and Wildlife Management Area

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



A cooperative public wildlife and recreational area



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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 Blue Springs Unit of the Twin Rivers Wildlife Management Area. **Regulations that are new or differ substantially from last year are shown in bold print.** Area users should familiarize themselves with all regulations. For exact wording of the wildlife laws and regulations, see the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) 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 when 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 at duckstamp.com.

QUOTA PERMIT INFORMATION:

Bird Dog Training - 14, no-cost quota permits (4 persons per permit) are available for the November-December time frame (no exemptions); however, only one permit will be issued for each day. Permits must be obtained by calling the FWC's North-Central Regional office at 386-758-0525, beginning 10 a.m. October 6. Permits will be issued first-come, first-served.

Quail - Up to 2, no-cost quail permits (no exemptions) for up to 8 hunts (up to 2 hunters per permit). The number of quota permits issued will be based on a fall population survey. It is possible that no permits will be issued.

Permit applications: Hunters must submit electronic applications for quota 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. Worksheets will be available about 2 weeks prior to each application period.

Transfer of permits: Quota permits are not transferable. Except for youth under 16 years of age, a positive form of identification is required when using a non-transferable permit. The sale or purchase of any quota permit is prohibited.

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. It is illegal to hunt over bait or place any bait or other food for wildlife on this area.
2. Driving a metal object into any tree, or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven, is prohibited.
3. No person shall cut, damage or remove any natural, man-made or cultural resource without written authorization of the landowner or primary land manager.
4. 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.
5. The wanton and willful waste of wildlife is prohibited.
6. Hunting, fishing or trapping is prohibited on any portion of the area posted as closed to those activities.
7. People, dogs, vehicles and other recreational equipment are prohibited in areas posted as "Closed to Public Access" by FWC administrative action.
8. 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.
9. Most game may be hunted from ½ hour before sunrise until ½ hour after sunset.
10. The release of any animal is prohibited, without written authorization of the landowner or primary land manager.
11. The planting or introduction of any non-native plant is prohibited, without written authorization of the landowner or primary land manager.
12. Littering is prohibited.
13. Fires are prohibited.
14. A Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Law Enforcement Officer may search any camp, vehicle or boat, in accordance with law.
15. 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. Public access is allowed year round by persons on foot, bicycle or horse.
2. Motorized vehicles are prohibited except by persons in possession of a valid quota permit, only on days the permit is valid and only on named roads.

3. Bird-dog trainers and quail hunters will be given the combination (in the permit they will be mailed) to unlock the gate for vehicle access, which they may use only on the day their permits are valid.
4. Parked vehicles may not obstruct a road, gate or firelane.
5. 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. Bird dog trainers and quail hunters must enter and exit at the entrance designated on the hunt brochure map.
2. Dog trainers and quail hunters are requested to check in and out at the entrance kiosk when entering or exiting the area.

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. During the quail hunts, quail may be hunted with shotguns only; bird dog trainers may only use blank-firing pistols.
4. Hunting with a gun and light is prohibited.
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. 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, except that bird dogs are allowed during the bird dog training and quail seasons.
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. For purposes other than hunting, dogs are allowed, but must be kept under physical restraint at all times.

CAMPING:

Camping is allowed only during non-hunting periods and only by permit from the Division of Forestry (386-208-1461).

BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS:

Quail - Daily limit 6 per quota permit.

BIRD DOG TRAINING SEASON:

November through December (maximum of 14 days).

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Bird dog training permit (call 386-758-0525 after 10 a.m. October 6), hunting license and management area permit.

Legal to Take - The shooting of wildlife during this period is prohibited.

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

1. Only one bird dog training permit will be issued for a given date. A caller may select any date in November-December. If a permit has not been issued for that date the caller will be issued a permit, until a total of 14 permits have been issued.
2. A bird dog training permit allows one group of up to 4 persons and 6 dogs to participate in training on the date printed on the permit.
3. Only blank-firing pistols may be used while training bird dogs.
4. The release of quail is prohibited.

QUAIL SEASON:

January through February (Saturdays only; maximum of eight days).

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

Legal to Hunt - Quail.

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

1. Each quail quota permit allows a hunting group of two persons to participate.
2. Hunting with archery equipment or firearms, other than shotguns, is prohibited.

TRAPPING: Prohibited.

FISHING AND FROGGING: Prohibited.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Information for persons with disabilities can be found at MyFWC.com/ADA.
2. This land was acquired under the Conservation and Recreation Lands (CARL) program. The purpose of CARL is to conserve and protect unique and irreplaceable lands, and restore areas to their original condition as much as possible, and allow controlled multiple recreational and educational uses consistent with this purpose.
3. Local camping facilities: Gibson Park in Hamilton County, CR 751 on the north side of the Suwannee River with RV, tent, water, cold water showers, picnic shelters and handicap facilities.
4. If you have any questions about this material, please call the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at 386-758-0525 (TDD 800-955-8771).

DIVISION OF FORESTRY INFORMATION:

1. The 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 (386-208-1461).
2. For information regarding access, camping and general recreational use of this area, please call the Division of Forestry (386-208-1461).

COOPERATION REQUESTED:

If you see 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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- Management Area
- Designated Entrance
- Check Station
- Parking Area
- Powerline
- Unimproved Road
- Paved Road

