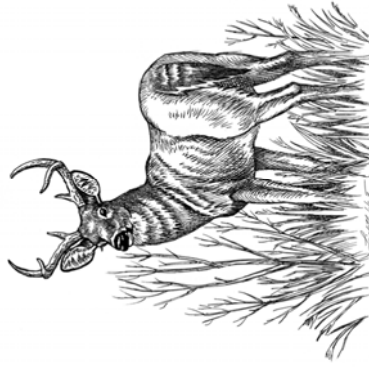


2011-
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Hunting
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Holton Creek

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 Holton Creek 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 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:

General Gun Mobility-impaired - 40, no-cost, quota permits (no exemptions) for each of 4 hunts.

Spring Turkey Mobility-impaired - 10, 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. Worksheets will be available about 2 weeks prior to each application period.

Guest hunters: Guest permits are not issued for Holton Creek WMA mobility-impaired quota permits.

Youth and mentor license exemptions: One youth hunter (less than 16 years of age) hunting during seasons listed as "no exemptions" or one mentor license holder and their respective supervisor may access the area and participate in any quota hunt (except special-opportunity), provided at least one hunter holds a valid quota permit and both hunters share a single bag limit of game. A supervisor for a youth must be 18 years of age or older. A supervisor for a mentor license holder must be a licensed hunter, 21 years of age or older. Only those supervisors with proper licenses and permits may hunt.

Assistant for mobility-impaired hunters: Mobility-impaired hunters may be accompanied by one non-hunting assistant that may participate in the hunt (no license required), but the assistant may not harvest wildlife with archery equipment or a firearm.

Transfer of permits: Holton Creek mobility-impaired quota permits are transferable. However, only one quota permit may be used per individual, per hunt. Quota permits issued to exempt hunters are transferable only to another person with the same type of exemption, except permits marked "exempt senior" may be

transferred to a youth younger than 16 years of age. The sale or purchase of any quota hunt 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. 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.
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 any bait or 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 can be used to hunt wild hog.
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 exceptions 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 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. It is unlawful to set fire to any forest, grass or woodlands.
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 from 1½ hours before sunrise until 1½ hours after sunset, except during hunting seasons when access is restricted to individuals participating in the hunt and hikers using the Florida Trail.
2. All persons must enter and exit the area from Road 1, the Florida Trail or via the Suwannee River.
3. Vehicles may be operated only on numbered roads.

4. Airboats, ATVs, tracked vehicles, unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles are prohibited, except that ATVs may be used by certified mobility-impaired hunters during all hunts.
5. Horses are allowed only during periods closed to hunting, only during daylight hours, and only on designated roads.
6. Parked vehicles may not obstruct a road, gate or firelane.
7. No motor vehicle shall be operated on any part of any wildlife management area that has been designated as closed to vehicular traffic.
8. A marked footpath called the Florida Trail traverses the area. This trail is open to hikers throughout the year.

HUNTERS AND CHECK STATIONS:

1. Hunters shall check in an out at the designated check station and report all game taken.
2. All mobility-impaired hunters must attend a pre-hunt orientation meeting (see each season for dates and location).
3. Hunting equipment may be taken onto the WMA after 8 a.m. the day before the opening of a season and shall be removed by 6 p.m. one day after the end of the season.

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. Firearms using rimfire or non-expanding, full metal jacket (military ball) ammunition are prohibited for taking deer.
9. 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.

BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS:

1. Deer - 1 per quota permit. Only 1 permit may be used per hunt.
2. Wild hog - No size or bag limit.
3. Turkey - 1 per quota permit. Only 1 permit may be used per hunt.
4. Gray squirrel and rabbit - Daily limit 12, possession limit 24 for each.

GENERAL GUN MOBILITY-IMPAIRED SEASON:

October 14-16, 28-30, November 4-6 and December 16-18.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Quota permit, hunting license, management area permit, deer permit (if hunting deer) and wild turkey permit (if hunting wild turkey).

Legal to Hunt - Any deer (except spotted fawn), wild hog, bearded turkey or gobbler, gray squirrel and rabbit.

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

1. All hunt participants are required to attend a pre-hunt orientation meeting at the Holton Creek check station, at 3 p.m. on October **13, 27**, November **3** and December **15**.
2. Hunters may be accompanied by an able-bodied person who will participate in a non-hunting capacity. Any person accompanying a hunter shall be exempt from all license, permit and stamp requirements.
3. Only one quota permit may be used per individual, per hunt.

SPRING TURKEY MOBILITY-IMPAIRED SEASON:

March 23-25 and April 13-15.

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

Legal to Hunt - Bearded turkey or gobbler.

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

1. All hunt participants are required to attend a pre-hunt orientation meeting at the Holton Creek check station, at 3 p.m. on March **22** and April **12**.
2. Hunters may be accompanied by an able-bodied person who will participate in a non-hunting capacity. Any person accompanying a hunter shall be exempt from all license, permit and stamp requirements.
3. Only one quota permit may be used per individual, per hunt.
4. Legal shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise until 1 p.m.
5. Hunting other animals is prohibited.
6. **Hunting with firearms other than shotguns or using a shot size larger than #2 is prohibited.**

FISHING:

Allowed year round.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Fishing license.

Legal to Take - See Florida Freshwater Fishing Regulations Summary.

Regulations Unique to Fishing - All General Area Regulations and General Freshwater Fishing Regulations shall apply. Frogging is prohibited.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. It is recommended that mobility-impaired hunters scout the area prior to the pre-hunt orientation to identify desired and alternate hunt locations. Hunt station assignments will not be made for the spring turkey hunts.
2. Information for persons with disabilities can be found at MyFWC.com/ADA.
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).

SUWANNEE RIVER WMD RULES AND INFORMATION:

1. These lands were acquired and are managed by the Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD) for the conservation and protection of water resources, public recreational use and the restoration of natural communities. The SRWMD lands may be used for recreational purposes that are compatible with these objectives.
2. Public use of SRWMD lands is regulated by Chapter 40B-9, Florida Administrative Code in addition to the FWC rules listed above. For detailed information regarding public use rules and recreational opportunities on SRWMD lands, please visit mysuwanneeriver.com or contact the Public Use Coordinator at 386-362-1001, 800-226-1066 (FL only) or recreation@srwmd.org.
3. The SRWMD management activities include prescribed burning and timber harvesting during most months of the year. For personal safety reasons, area users should contact the District for information and locations at 386-362-1001 or 800-226-1066 (FL only). Notices are posted at mysuwanneeriver.com.
4. The possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.

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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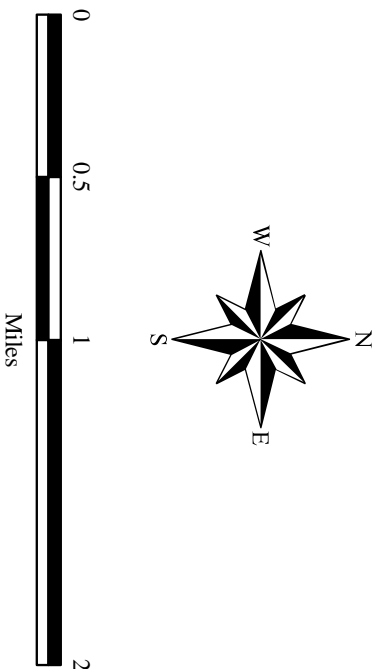
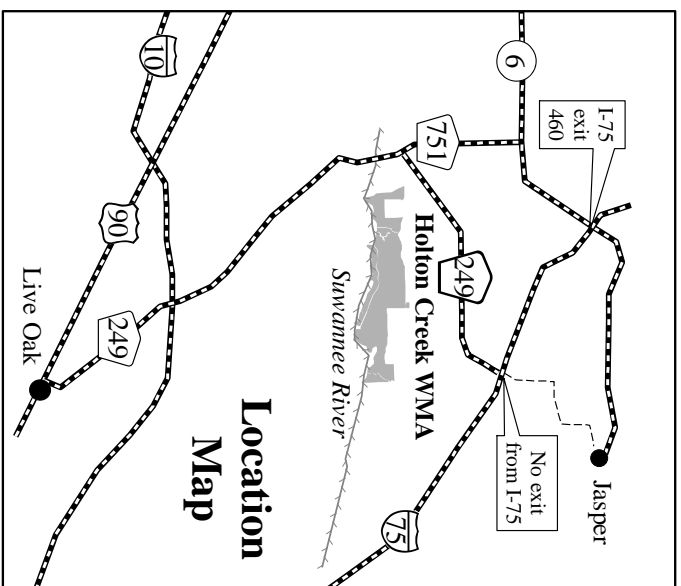
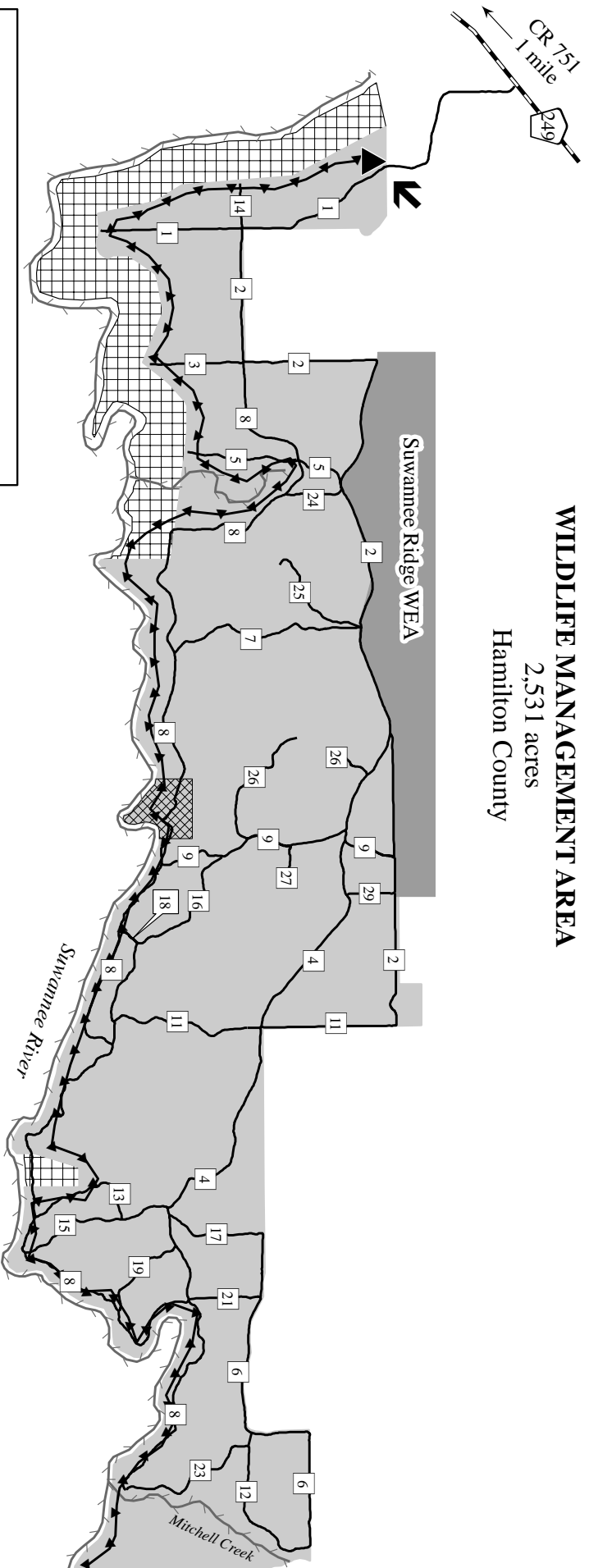
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2,531 acres
Hamilton County



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	Management Area
	Closed to Hunting
	Private Property
	Designated Entrance
	Check Station
	Rivers and Creeks
	Paved Road
	Improved Road
	Florida Trail