

2011-
2012
Hunting
Season

PotashCorp- White Springs Wildlife Management Area

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



A cooperative public wildlife and recreational area

PotashCorp - White Springs



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 PotashCorp-White Springs 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 and the Florida Hunting Regulations handbook 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:

A free daily permit (unlimited number) will be issued at the check station.

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. The release of any animal is prohibited, without written authorization of the landowner or primary land manager.
10. The planting or introduction of any non-native plant is prohibited, without written authorization of the landowner or primary land manager.
11. Littering is prohibited.
12. It is unlawful to set fire to any forest, grass or woodlands.
13. A Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Law Enforcement Officer may search any camp, vehicle or boat, in accordance with law.
14. Falconers may hunt during the statewide falconry season anytime the management area is open for public access.

PUBLIC ACCESS AND VEHICLES:

1. Public access is allowed for persons participating in the hunt to scout during daylight hours the 2 days prior to all phases of the waterfowl season, and on hunt days. Access at other times is by written permission of the landowner only.
2. The use of any boat motor, except electric motors, is prohibited.
3. Wading and the use of tube boats are prohibited (see General Information).
4. Vehicles may only be operated on designated portions of roads (see map) and may only be parked at designated parking areas.
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. ATVs and motorcycles may only be operated on roads open to other motor vehicles.

HUNTERS AND CHECK STATIONS:

1. Hunters shall check in and out at the check station when entering and exiting the area and shall check all game taken. A free daily permit will be issued.
2. Hunters may enter the area on hunt days beginning at 5 a.m. and shall exit by 1 p.m. Scouting is allowed during daylight hours on the 2 days before each phase of the waterfowl 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. Discharge of firearms from dikes is prohibited.
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. For hunting migratory game, only 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.
8. 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 waterfowl retrievers may be used.
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: Prohibited.

BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS:

Duck, geese and coot - See Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet.

MIGRATORY BIRD SEASONS:

Duck, geese and coot may be hunted from ½ hour before sunrise until noon on Wednesdays and Saturdays during open seasons established by the Commission for these species (see Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations), except for the first phase of the Canada Goose season.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Daily permit, hunting license, management area permit, migratory bird permit, and state waterfowl permit and federal duck stamp.

Legal to Hunt - Duck, geese and coots (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. Possession of lead shot while in a boat or blind is prohibited.

FISHING AND FROGGING:

Prohibited during periods open to hunting; allowed during periods closed to hunting if in possession of written permission from the landowner.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - 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 General Freshwater Fishing Regulations shall apply.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. WARNING - Deep and soft clay lies beneath the surface of the water. It is extremely hazardous for a person to attempt to wade or swim in the area!
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).

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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by Phone...**

Use Your Credit Card and Call

**1-888-HUNT-FLORIDA (486-8356) OR
1-888-FISH-FLORIDA (347-4356)**

(There is a vendor fee of \$3.95 per license.)

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Call 1-800-327-BAND

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