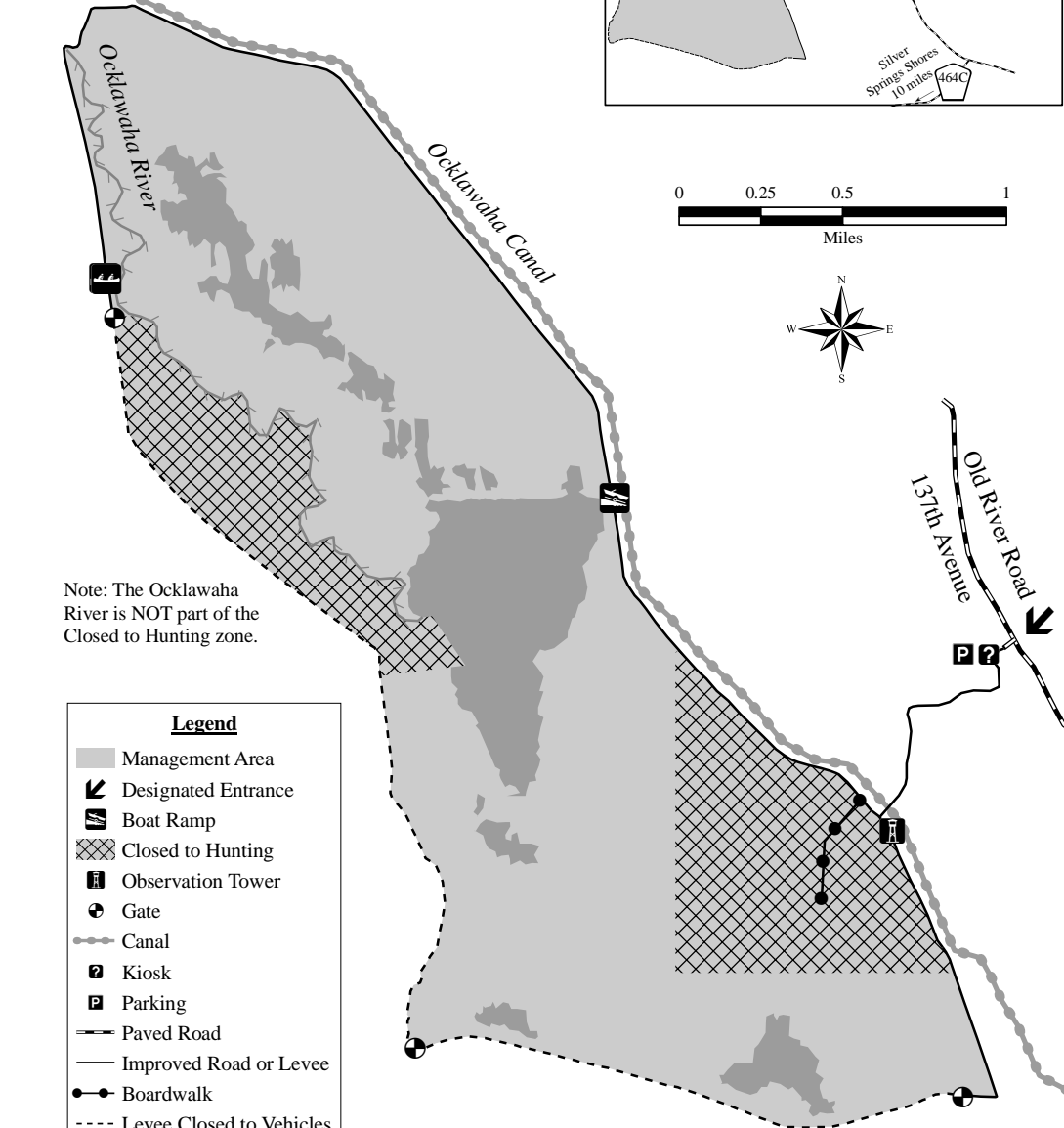
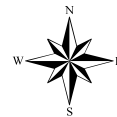
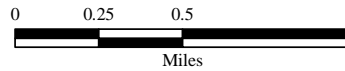
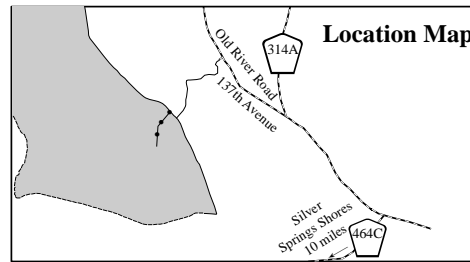


**OCKLAWAHA PRAIRIE**  
**PUBLIC SMALL GAME HUNTING AREA**  
 2,400 acres  
 Marion County



Note: The Ocklawaha River is NOT part of the Closed to Hunting zone.

**Legend**

- Management Area
- Designated Entrance
- Boat Ramp
- Closed to Hunting
- Observation Tower
- Gate
- Canal
- Kiosk
- Parking
- Paved Road
- Improved Road or Levee
- Boardwalk
- Levee Closed to Vehicles
- River
- Water

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



A cooperative public small game hunting area

St. Johns River Water Management District



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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 Ocklawaha Prairie Public Small Game Hunting Area (PSGHA). **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, quota application worksheets 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](http://MyFWC.com).

Persons using PSGHAs are required to have appropriate licenses, permits and stamps. The following persons are exempt from all license and permit requirements (except for the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp [federal duck stamp], Ocklawaha Prairie waterfowl quota permit or Ocklawaha Prairie snipe quota permit): 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](http://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](http://duckstamp.com).

#### **QUOTA PERMIT INFORMATION:**

Snipe – 20, no-cost, nontransferable quota permits (no exemptions) for each of 12 hunts.

Waterfowl – 20, no-cost, nontransferable quota permits (no exemptions) for each of 21 hunts.

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](http://MyFWC.com). Quota application periods occur throughout the year beginning April 1; please refer to the hunting handbook or [MyFWC.com](http://MyFWC.com) for specific dates. Worksheets will be available about 2 weeks prior to each application period. Hunters are limited to one permit per hunt. No more than 5 Ocklawaha Prairie waterfowl quota permits can be acquired per person for the 11-12 hunting season. Up to three hunters may hunt per permit. When acquiring a youth permit via the internet, it must be applied for through the non-resident menu. Permits are valid only for the date listed on the permit.

#### **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 any other food for wildlife on this area.
2. 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.
3. The wanton and willful waste of wildlife is prohibited.
4. Public access is prohibited on any portion of the area posted as "Closed" or "Restricted."

5. 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.
6. The release of any animal is prohibited, without written authorization of the landowner or primary land manager.
7. Littering is prohibited.
8. It is unlawful to set fire to any forest, grass or woodlands.
9. A Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Law Enforcement Officer may search any vehicle or boat, in accordance with law.
10. Construction or use of permanent blinds or structures is prohibited.
11. Tampering with or destruction of equipment (including signs), improvements, and water control structures is prohibited.
12. Fires are prohibited.
13. Frogging is prohibited.
14. No person shall cut or destroy any tree on, or remove any tree, shrub or protected plant from this area without written permission from St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD).

#### **PUBLIC ACCESS, VEHICLES AND VESSELS:**

1. Public access is allowed year round. On days open to hunting, public access for non-hunting purposes is allowed only in the Closed to Hunting area on the eastern side of the property (see map).
2. Vehicles may be operated only on levees and may be parked only in designated parking areas.
3. Vehicular access is allowed only on scheduled hunt days and days open for scouting. Days open for scouting: Sept. **23**, Nov. **18** and Feb. **3**.
4. Only one vehicle may be used per quota permit.
5. Airboats, outboard motors larger than 40 horsepower, tracked vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, swamp buggies and unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles are prohibited.
6. Parked vehicles may not obstruct a road, gate or boat ramp area.
7. Boats shall be launched and loaded from the designated boat ramps only.

### **HUNTERS AND CHECK STATIONS:**

1. Please report your leg bands to (800) 327-BAND or at [reportband.gov](http://reportband.gov).
2. Hunting is prohibited in areas posted as "Closed to Hunting."

### **GUNS:**

1. Taking wildlife from or across dikes, levees, campsites or bridges is prohibited, except that taking wildlife from levees shall be allowed while snipe hunting.
2. Taking wildlife with firearms other than shotguns is prohibited.
3. Shotguns used for taking wildlife shall not be larger than 10 gauge and shall be incapable of holding more than three shells in magazine and chamber combined.
4. Firearms may be possessed in accordance with Florida Statutes.
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.

### **DOGS:**

1. Only waterfowl retrievers, bird dogs, and dogs with a shoulder height of 17 inches or less may be used for hunting.
2. For purposes other than hunting, dogs are allowed but must be kept under physical restraint at all times.

**CAMPING:** Prohibited.

**TRAPPING:** Prohibited.

### **BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS:**

1. Waterfowl – Daily bag limit during special September duck season is 4 ducks with species restrictions. Daily bag limit during regular duck season is 6 ducks with species restrictions, 5 merganser (only 2 of which may be a hooded merganser), 15 light geese, 5 Canada geese and 15 coot. Consult Migratory Game Bird Regulations (including possession limits) for detailed information on special September duck season and duck, light goose and coot season.
2. Snipe – Daily bag limit 8, possession limit 16.

### **WATERFOWL SEASON:**

Special September duck season: Sept. **24, 28**. Duck, light goose and coot season: Nov. **19, 23, 26**; Dec. **10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28, 31**; January **4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28**. Youth hunt: February **4**.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements – Ocklawaha Prairie waterfowl quota permit, hunting license, management area permit, migratory bird permit, state waterfowl permit and federal duck stamp.

Legal to Take – Wood duck, teal and **Canada geese** during special September duck season; duck, geese and coot during duck, light goose and coot season and the youth hunt.

Regulations Unique to Waterfowl Season – In addition to these regulations, all General Area Regulations shall apply.

1. Hunting duck, geese and coot with lead shot is prohibited.
2. Shooting hours for ducks and coots are ½ hour before sunrise until noon.

### **SNIPE SEASON:**

Nov. **2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 30**; Dec. **3, 7**; Feb. **1, 8, 11, 15**.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements – Ocklawaha Prairie snipe quota permit, hunting license, management area permit and migratory bird permit.

Legal to Take – Snipe.

Regulations Unique to Snipe Season – In addition to these regulations, all General Area Regulations shall apply. Shooting hours for snipe are ½ hour before sunrise until noon.

### **FISHING:**

Allowed year round.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements – Fishing license.

Legal to Take – See Florida Freshwater Fishing Regulations Summary. The possession of cast nets or minnow lift nets is prohibited.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

1. Land surfaces underwater are irregular. Exercise caution while on foot or horseback.
2. For information regarding recreational use other than hunting, please call the St. Johns River Water Management District at 386-329-4404.
3. Report fires to the Florida Forest Service at 352-955-2010.
4. Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility information is available at [MyFWC.com/ADA](http://MyFWC.com/ADA).
5. If you have any questions about this material, please call the Fish and Wildlife Commission at 352-732-1225 (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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