

Quail Enhancement Area

2011-
2012
Hunting
Season

Apalachicola Wildlife Management Area

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



A cooperative public wildlife and recreational area

U.S. Forest Service



Florida Fish and Wildlife
Conservation Commission

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This brochure is designed to provide the public with information and a summary of regulations pertaining to bird dog training and quail hunting only on the Quail Enhancement Area of the Apalachicola Wildlife Management Area. For information regarding other hunting and recreational opportunities on this area, see the Apalachicola Wildlife Management Area brochure. **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 the quail quota permit worksheet 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, 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:

Quail - A maximum of 2 quota permits may be available for up to 8 Saturdays in January and February combined, no exemptions. These are no-cost, quota permits (up to 2 hunters per permit; no exemptions). The permits issued will be based on a fall quail population survey. It is possible that no permits will be issued.

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.

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 (not including special-opportunity) 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 (including special-opportunity).

Transfer of permits: Quail 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. 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 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.
2. **Motor vehicles are restricted to designated roads as identified on the Forest Service Motor Vehicle Use Map, obtained at Forest Service offices or at www.fs.fed.us/r8/florida/apalachicola.**
3. Parked vehicles may not obstruct a road, gate or firelane.
4. No motor vehicle shall be operated on any part of any wildlife management area that has been designated as closed to vehicular traffic.
5. Several marked trails traverse the area. These trails are open for recreational use throughout the year.

HUNTERS AND CHECK STATIONS:

Quail hunting is prohibited on the Quail Enhancement Area except during the quail season by persons possessing a quail quota permit. For information regarding other hunting and recreational opportunities on this area, see the Apalachicola Wildlife Management Area brochure.

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. Quail may be hunted only during the quota hunts and 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. For hunting quail, only shotguns, rimfire rifles, pistols, bows, crossbows or falconry may be used.

DOGS:

1. Bird dogs are only allowed for hunting 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 at established National Forest campsites only during the general gun season (refer to

the Apalachicola WMA brochure for specific dates). Outside this specified time frame, camping is allowed throughout the forest, but is limited to a 14-day stay. For additional information on camping in the Apalachicola National Forest, contact the U.S. Forest Service at 850-926-3561 or 850-643-2282.

BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS:

Quail - Daily limit 6 per quota permit.

BIRD DOG TRAINING SEASON:

November 1 through December 31.

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

Legal to Hunt - Killing quail is prohibited.

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

1. Only blank-firing pistols may be used while training bird dogs.
2. The release of quail is prohibited.

QUAIL SEASON:

January through February (Saturdays only; maximum of 8 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. One permit allows up to two persons to hunt.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Information for persons with disabilities can be found at MyFWC.com/ADA.
2. If you have any questions about this material, please call the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at 850-265-3676 (TDD 800-955-8771).

U.S. FOREST SERVICE RULES AND INFORMATION:

1. Discharging a firearm across or on a Forest Development Road is prohibited (CFR Title 36261.10[d]).
 2. Constructing, placing or maintaining any kind of structure or other improvement is prohibited without a written permit from the district ranger. The permit must be posted on the structure at all times.
 3. The use of permanent-type tree stands is prohibited. Portable-type tree stands are encouraged but must be removed at season's end.
 4. Removing firewood from the forest without a permit from the district ranger is prohibited.
 5. Fenced areas are open to hunting unless posted as closed.
- CLOSE ALL GATES.

6. **Cross-country travel by motorized vehicles is prohibited on National Forest lands.** Cross-country travel is travel across land where no road, trail or travel way exists.
7. Be aware that hikers, horse, mountain bike, ATV, and motorcycle riders use trails throughout the year.
8. For information on camping or for additional information on Forest Service regulations in the Apalachicola National Forest contact the U.S. Forest Service at 850-926-3561 or 850-643-2282. Violations may result in fines or imprisonment.

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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**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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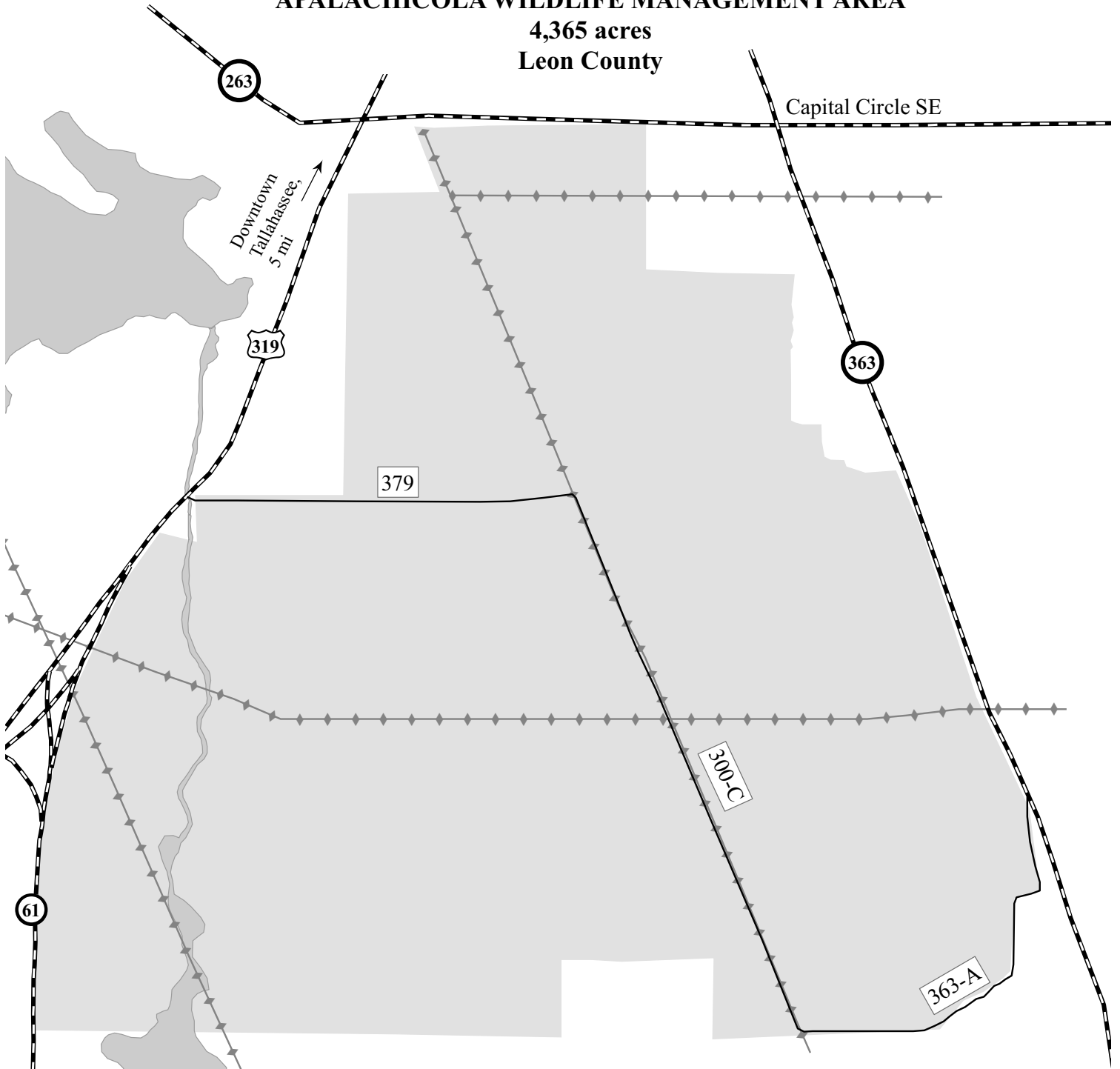
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QUAIL ENHANCEMENT AREA

APALACHICOLA WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

4,365 acres
Leon County



Downtown
Tallahassee,
5 mi

Capital Circle SE

263

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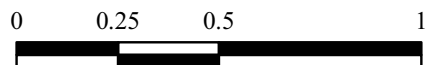
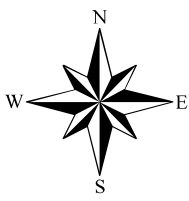
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Legend

- Quail Enhancement Area
- Water
- Paved Road
- Open Road
- Utilities Rights-of-Way