

2011-
2012
Hunting
Season

Juniper Creek

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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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 Juniper Creek Wildlife Management Area. 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 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: Quota permits are not required for this area; however, a zone tag issued by the U.S. Forest Service is required to participate in each hunt. Five zone tags will be available for each family hunt and three zone tags will be available for the youth turkey hunt. Applications for zone tags are available at: nationalforestsinfloida.com/. For more information, contact either the Apalachicola Ranger District Office, 11152 NW State Route 20, Bristol, Florida (850-643-2282) or the Wakulla Ranger District Office, 57 Taff Drive, Crawfordville, Florida (850-926-3561).

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 non-native plant is prohibited, without written authorization of the landowner or primary land manager.
15. Littering is prohibited.
16. Fires are prohibited.
17. A Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Law Enforcement Officer may search any camp, vehicle or boat, in accordance with law.
18. Falconers may hunt during the statewide falconry season anytime a management area is open for public access. Falconers are not exempt from zone tag requirements.

PUBLIC ACCESS AND VEHICLES:

1. Open to public access year round, except that during periods open to hunting, access is allowed only by individuals participating in the hunt.
2. During periods open to hunting and 1 day immediately prior to each hunt, only individuals participating in the hunt may operate vehicles on the area, and only on named or numbered roads. During all other times, public access other than by foot is prohibited.

3. Parked vehicles may not obstruct a road, gate or firelane.
4. The use of airboats, all-terrain vehicles, tracked vehicles or unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles is prohibited.
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. 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.
2. Each hunter shall obtain a zone tag prior to the hunt and keep it in his or her possession while hunting on the area. No person shall hunt in any zone other than that for which he or she has a zone tag.

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.

CAMPING: Prohibited.

BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS:

1. Deer - 1 antlered or 1 antlerless deer per person per hunt.
2. Wild hog - No size or bag limit.
3. Turkey - 1 gobbler or bearded turkey per youth.

FAMILY HUNT:

November 25-27, December 24-26, December 31 through January 2, January 20-22 and February 3-5.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Zone tag, hunting license, management area permit, and deer permit.

Legal to Hunt - Any deer (except spotted fawn) and wild hog.

Regulations Unique to Family Hunt - In addition to these regulations, all General Area Regulations shall apply.

1. One or two youths (under 16 years of age but not younger than 8 years of age), per zone tag, may hunt under the direct supervision of an adult (at least 18 years of age) but the zone tag holder must be present for any youth to hunt.
2. The zone tag holder may hunt, but only in the presence of at least one youth.

YOUTH TURKEY HUNT:

March 10-11.

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

Legal to Hunt - Bearded turkey or gobbler.

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

1. Legal shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise until 1 p.m.
2. Hunting other animals is prohibited.
3. Hunting with firearms other than shotguns or using a shot size larger than #2 is prohibited.
4. Only 1 youth under 16 years of age may hunt per zone tag and must be under the supervision and in the presence of an adult not younger than 18 years of age. An adult with required licenses and permits for taking wild turkeys may participate when in the presence of a youth, but may not harvest a wild turkey.

TRAPPING: Prohibited

FISHING AND FROGGING: Prohibited.

OTHER RECREATIONAL USES: Allowed year round, except during the family and youth turkey hunts when access to the area is restricted to individuals authorized to participate in the 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. Removing firewood from the forest without a permit from the district ranger is prohibited.
2. Trespassing on any posted-closed historical or archaeological area is prohibited.
3. The possession or use of a metal detector is prohibited.
4. For additional information on Forest Service regulations, call 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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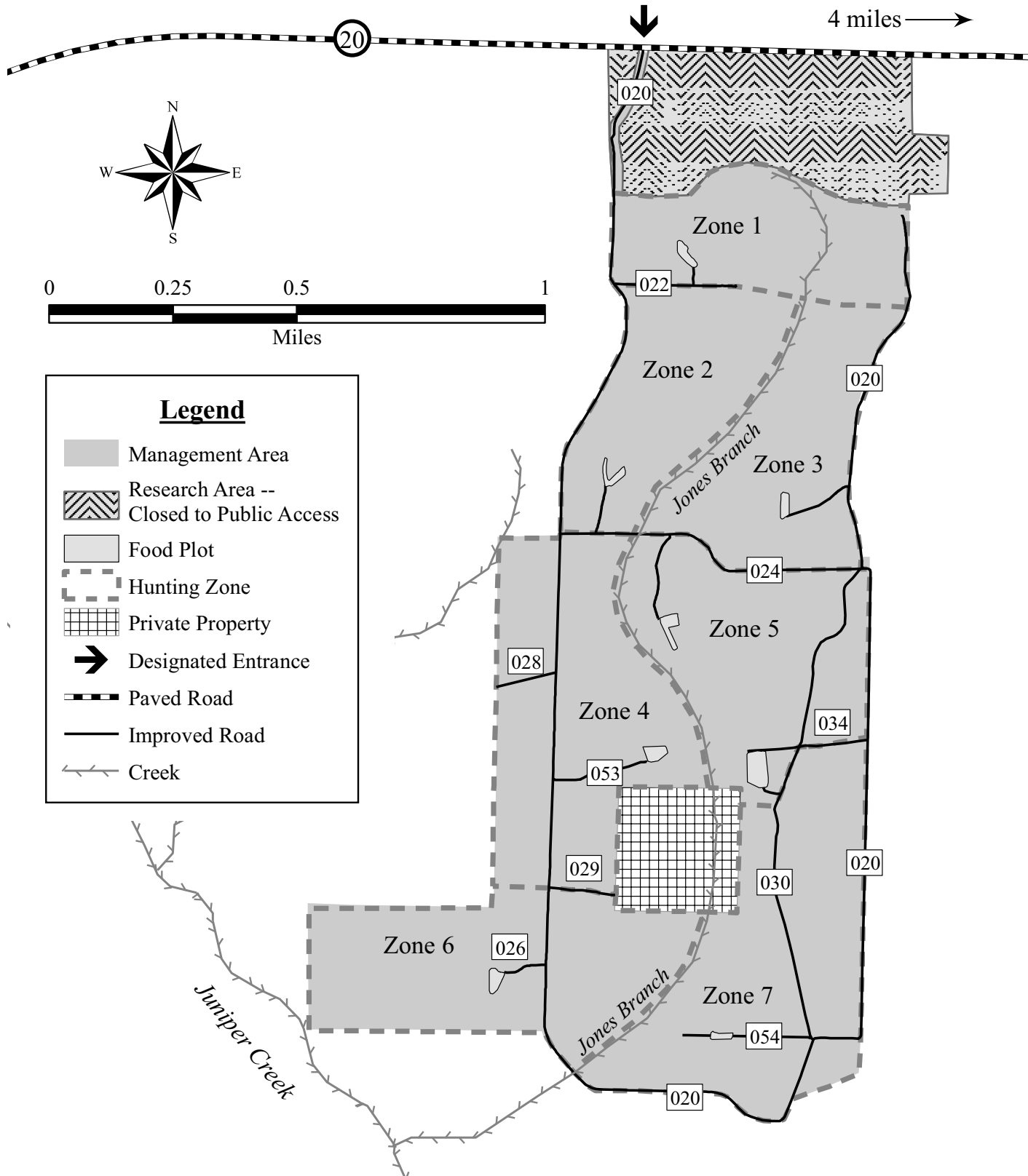
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JUNIPER CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

914 acres
Calhoun County

Clarksville
4 miles →



Legend

- Management Area
- Research Area -- Closed to Public Access
- Food Plot
- Hunting Zone
- Private Property
- Designated Entrance
- Paved Road
- Improved Road
- Creek