

2011-
2012
Hunting
Season

CREW

Wildlife and Environmental Area

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



A cooperative public wildlife and recreational area

South Florida Water
Management District

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 hunting and other recreational use on the CREW Wildlife and Environmental 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 and environmental 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:

Archery - 25 (Corkscrew Marsh Unit), 30 (Flint Pen Strand/western Bird Rookery Swamp Units), no-cost, quota permits (no exemptions).

Muzzleloading Gun - 25 (Corkscrew Marsh Unit), 30 (Flint Pen Strand/western Bird Rookery Swamp Units), no-cost, quota permits (no exemptions).

General Gun - 25 (Corkscrew Marsh Unit), 30 (Flint Pen Strand/western Bird Rookery Swamp Units), no-cost, quota permits (no exemptions).

Spring Turkey - 5 (Corkscrew Marsh Unit), 5 (Flint Pen Strand/western Bird Rookery Swamp Units), 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: For each non-transferable archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, wild hog, spring turkey and mobility-impaired quota permit issued through the Commission's TLS, only one guest permit may be obtained. The following persons may be a guest hunter, but are not required to obtain a guest permit: a youth under 16 years of age, a youth supervisor, a mentor license holder or a mentor license supervisor. A quota permit holder (host) may only bring 1 guest hunter at a time. The following persons are not considered to be guest hunters: other quota permit holders, non-hunters and exempt hunters (on areas and during seasons that allow exemptions). The host must share the bag limit with the guest and the host is responsible for violations that exceed the bag limit. The guest and host must enter and exit the area together and must share a street-legal vehicle while hunting on the area. The guest may only hunt while the host is on the area. A person is only eligible for one guest permit per hunt. Guest permits may only be obtained from license agents or county tax collector's offices. Guest permits may be obtained up to and during the last day of the hunt. Refer to the quota hunt worksheets for additional information.

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: Quota and guest 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 or guest 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. These provisions are not required when hunting with a bow and arrow during archery season.
2. Taking of spotted fawn, swimming deer or roosted 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 furbearers, wild hog and crows.
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 under 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. Wild hog may not be transported alive.
16. Littering is prohibited.
17. Fires other than campfires at approved campsites are prohibited
18. A Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Law Enforcement Officer may search any camp, vehicle or boat, in accordance with law.
19. Planting of trees, shrubs or other vegetation is prohibited without written authorization from the landowner or the Commission.

PUBLIC ACCESS AND VEHICLES:

1. Open to public access year round from 2 hours before sunrise until 2 hours after sunset, unless camping at a designated campsite.
2. All persons shall enter and exit the area at a designated entrance.
3. The use of ATVs, swamp buggies, tracked vehicles, vessels (except canoes or kayaks) or unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles is prohibited, except swamp buggies may only be operated by individuals participating in the hunt.
4. Vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads designated for vehicles.
5. During archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun and spring turkey seasons and beginning at 8 a.m. the day prior to the opening of each season, vehicles may also be operated on named or numbered trails, but only by individuals participating in the hunt.
6. Parked vehicles may not obstruct a road, gate or firelane.
7. No motor vehicle shall be operated on any part of any wildlife and environmental area that has been designated as closed to vehicular traffic.
8. The use or possession of horses is prohibited, except by special-use permit from the South Florida Water Management District. Permits shall not be issued for periods in which the area is open to hunting.

HUNTERS AND CHECK STATIONS:

1. Hunting equipment and dogs may be taken onto the WEA 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. Hunters shall enter and exit the area at a designated entrance and hunters entering or exiting the Corkscrew Marsh Unit shall use Gates 5 or 6.
3. Hunters shall check in and out at a designated check station when entering and exiting the area and check all game taken.
4. No deer or turkey shall be dismembered until checked at a check station.

GUNS:

1. Hunting east of or within ¼-mile of the western North/South Tram Road and south of Bonita Beach Road in the Bird Rookery Swamp Unit is prohibited.
2. Hunting with centerfire or rimfire rifles is prohibited.
3. 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.
4. Target practice is prohibited.
5. Hunting with a gun and light is prohibited.
6. 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.
7. Children under the age of 16 may not be in possession of a firearm unless in the presence of a supervising adult.
8. No person shall have a gun under control while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
9. For hunting non-migratory game, only shotguns, pistols, bows, crossbows, muzzleloading guns or falconry may be used. **Hunting during the spring turkey season with firearms other than shotguns or using a shotsize larger than #2 is prohibited.**
10. For hunting migratory game, only shotguns, bow 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.
11. Firearms using rimfire or non-expanding, full metal jacket (military ball) ammunition are prohibited for taking deer.
12. 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 bird dogs or retrievers may be used during general gun and small game seasons.
2. Dogs on leashes may be used for trailing wounded game.
3. For purposes other than hunting, dogs are allowed, but must be kept under physical restraint at all times.

CAMPING:

1. Camping is allowed only at designated sites special-use permit from the South Florida Water Management District (239-657-2253) or by individuals participating in the hunt.
2. Camping equipment may be taken onto the area 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.
3. No persons shall bring building materials onto the area or erect permanent or semi-permanent structures.

BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS: During quota hunts, host hunter and guest must share all bag and possession limits.

1. Deer - Flint Pen Strand / western Bird Rookery Swamp units: 1 per quota permit. The take of deer is prohibited in the Corkscrew Marsh unit.
2. Wild hog - No size or bag limit.
3. Turkey - 1 per spring turkey quota permit. Daily limit 1, season limit 2.
4. Gray squirrel, quail and rabbit - Daily limit 12, possession limit 24 for each.
5. Raccoon, opossum, armadillo, beaver, coyote, skunk and nutria - No bag limits.
6. Bobcat and otter - Prohibited.
7. Migratory birds - See Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet.

ARCHERY SEASON:

August 6-14.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Quota permit, hunting license, management area permit, archery permit, deer permit (if hunting deer) and migratory bird permit (if hunting migratory birds).

Legal to Hunt - Deer with at least one antler 5 inches or more in length, wild hog, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, beaver, coyote, skunk, nutria and migratory birds in season.

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

1. Hunting deer is prohibited in the Corkscrew Marsh Unit.
2. Hunting with firearms or crossbows (except by disabled crossbow permit) is prohibited, except that centerfire shotguns are allowed for hunting migratory birds when one or more species are legal to hunt (see Migratory Bird section and the current Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet).

MUZZLELOADING GUN SEASON:

September 3-5.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Quota permit, hunting license, management area permit, muzzleloading gun permit, deer permit (if hunting deer) and migratory bird permit (if hunting migratory birds).

Legal to Hunt - Deer with at least one antler 5 inches or more in length, wild hog, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, beaver, coyote, skunk, nutria and migratory birds in season.

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

1. Hunting deer is prohibited in the Corkscrew Marsh Unit.
2. Hunting with archery equipment or firearms, other than muzzleloading guns, is prohibited, except that centerfire shotguns are allowed for hunting migratory birds when one or more species are legal to hunt (see Migratory Bird section and the current Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet).

GENERAL GUN SEASON:

November 19-27.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Quota permit, hunting license, management area permit, deer permit (if hunting deer) migratory bird permit (if hunting migratory birds), and state waterfowl permit and federal duck stamp (if hunting waterfowl)

Legal to Hunt - Deer with at least one antler 5 inches or more in length, wild hog, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, beaver, coyote, skunk, nutria and migratory birds in season.

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

1. Hunting deer is prohibited in the Corkscrew Marsh Unit.
2. Hunting with bird dogs and retrievers is allowed.
3. Hunting with centerfire or rimfire rifles is prohibited.

SMALL GAME SEASON:

December 3 through January 1.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Hunting license, management area permit, migratory bird permit (if hunting migratory birds), and state waterfowl permit and federal duck stamp (if hunting waterfowl).

Legal to Hunt - Gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, beaver, coyote, skunk, nutria and migratory birds in season.

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

1. Hunting with bird dogs and retrievers is allowed.
2. Hunting with centerfire and rimfire rifles is prohibited.

TRAPPING: Prohibited.

SPRING TURKEY SEASON:

March 3-6 and 7-11.

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 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.**

MIGRATORY BIRD SEASONS:

Rail, common moorhen, mourning dove, white-winged dove, snipe, duck, geese, coot, woodcock and crow may be hunted during seasons established by the Commission for these species that coincide with the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun or small game seasons.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Quota permit (if hunting during a quota period), hunting license, management area permit, migratory bird permit, and state waterfowl permit and federal duck stamp (if hunting waterfowl).

Legal to Hunt - 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. Centerfire shotguns are allowed for hunting during established area seasons when one or more migratory birds are legal to hunt.

FISHING AND FROGGING:

Allowed year round 2 hours before sunrise until 2 hours after sunset.

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. Shooting frogs is allowed only during the listed open hunting seasons and only with the legal methods of take during each particular season.

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 561-625-5122 (TDD 800-955-8771).

SOUTH FLORIDA WMD INFORMATION:

This land was acquired under the Save Our Rivers (SOR) Program. The purpose of SOR is to conserve and protect unique and irreplaceable lands, restore areas to their original condition as much as possible and allow controlled multiple recreational and educational uses consistent with this purpose.

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.

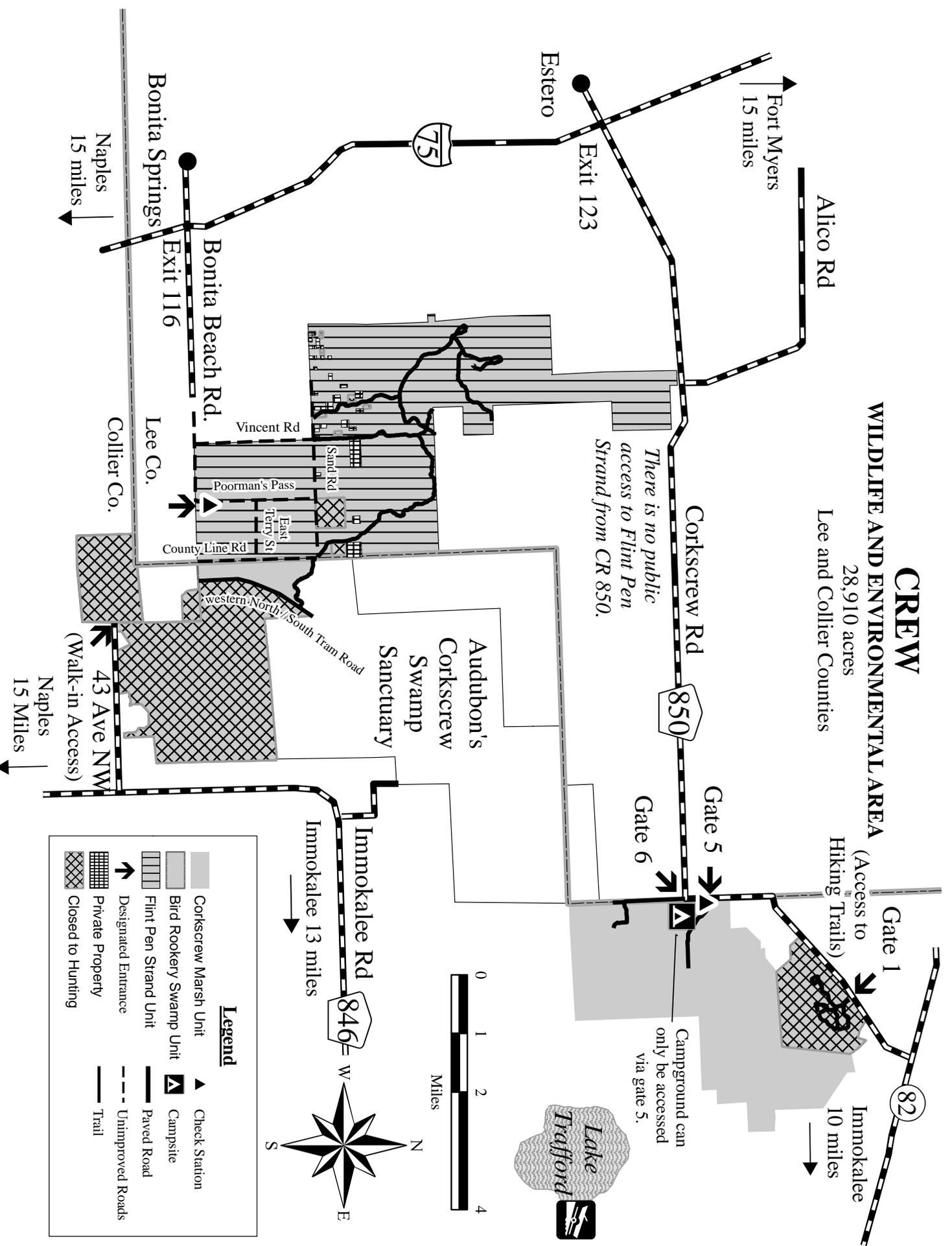
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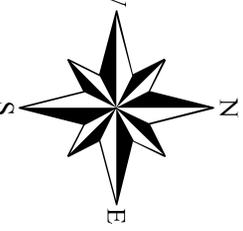
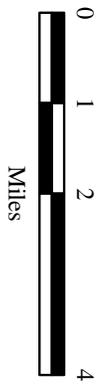
28,910 acres

Lee and Collier Counties



There is no public access to Flint Pen Strand from CR 850.

Campground can only be accessed via gate 5.



Legend	
	Corkscrew Marsh Unit
	Bird Rookery Swamp Unit
	Flint Pen Strand Unit
	Designated Entrance
	Private Property
	Closed to Hunting
	Check Station
	Campsite
	Paved Road
	Unimproved Roads
	Trail