

2011-
2012
Hunting
Season

Southern Glades

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 Southern Glades 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 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 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:

Quota permits are not required for this area.

GENERAL 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 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 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 are prohibited.
18. A Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Law Enforcement Officer may search any camp, vehicle or boat, in accordance with law.
19. No persons shall bring building materials onto the area or erect permanent or semi-permanent structures.
20. 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.
2. Vehicles may only be operated on named or numbered roads and only during daylight hours.
3. Parked vehicles may not obstruct a road, gate, firelane or trail.
4. No motor vehicle shall be operated on any part of any wildlife and environmental area that has been designated as closed to vehicular traffic.
5. The use of airboats, ATVs, swamp buggies, tracked vehicles and unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles is prohibited, except airboats may be used in Units 1 and 4 from **November 28** through March 1.
6. Outboard motor boats may be used in canals.

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. Deer may be dismembered in the field or camp but each portion shall have a tag affixed to it identifying the name, address and hunting license number of the person who killed it; the date and location at which it was taken; and shall be readily traceable to the portion of the animal bearing the sex identification.

GUNS:

1. Hunting or discharge of any firearm east of the C-109 road, within 500 yards of the Dade Work Camp or any building or structure is prohibited.
2. The possession of any firearm containing shells or cartridges or capped or primed muzzleloading guns is prohibited on levees, improved roads and at check stations.
3. The discharge of firearms or archery equipment is prohibited on, from or across any check station, levee or improved road.
4. 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.
5. Target practice is prohibited.
6. Hunting with a gun and light is prohibited.
7. 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.

8. Children under the age of 16 may not be in possession of a firearm unless in the presence of a supervising adult.
9. No person shall have a gun under control while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
10. For hunting non-migratory game, only shotguns, rifles, pistols, bows, crossbows or falconry may be used.
11. For hunting migratory game, only shotguns, bow, crossbow 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.
12. Firearms using rimfire or non-expanding, full metal jacket (military ball) ammunition are prohibited for taking deer.
13. 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 deer with dogs is prohibited.
2. Dogs are prohibited, except waterfowl retrievers may be used during waterfowl, coot and snipe seasons.
3. No person shall knowingly or negligently 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.

CAMPING: Prohibited.

BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS:

1. Deer - Daily limit 2, possession limit 4.
2. Wild hog – No size or bag limit.
3. Gray squirrel, quail and rabbit - Daily limit 12, possession limit 24 for each.
4. Raccoon, opossum, armadillo, beaver, coyote, skunk and nutria – No bag limits.
5. Bobcat and otter- Prohibited.
6. Migratory birds - See Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet.

ARCHERY SEASON:

July 30 through August 28.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - 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. 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 are legal to hunt (see Migratory Bird section and the current Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet).

MUZZLELOADING GUN SEASON:

September 9-11.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - 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. 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 are legal to hunt (see Migratory Bird section and the current Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet).

GENERAL GUN SEASON:

September 17 through October 16 and November 21-27.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - 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. Dogs are prohibited, except waterfowl retrievers may be used during waterfowl, coot and snipe seasons.

SMALL GAME SEASON:

November 12 through March 4.

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 - **Wild hog**, 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. Dogs are prohibited, except waterfowl retrievers may be used during waterfowl, coot and snipe seasons.
2. Hunting with centerfire rifles is prohibited.

TRAPPING: Prohibited.

MIGRATORY BIRD SEASONS:

Rail, common moorhen, mourning dove, white-winged dove, 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. Duck, geese, coot and snipe may be hunted during seasons established by the Commission for these species.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - 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 with retrievers is allowed during waterfowl, coot and snipe seasons.

2. Hunting duck, geese and coot with lead shot is prohibited.
3. Centerfire shotguns are allowed for hunting during established area seasons when one or more migratory birds are legal to hunt.

FISHING AND FROGGING:

Fishing - Allowed year round.

Frogging – November 28 through March 1.

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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

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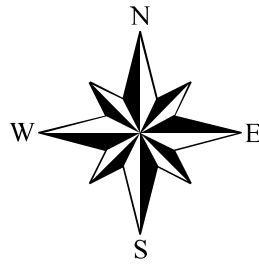
SOUTHERN GLADES

WILDLIFE AND ENVIRONMENTAL AREA

30,080 acres
Miami-Dade County

Legend

-  Locked Gate
-  Boat Ramp (Primitive)
-  Fishing Platform
-  Paved Road
-  Unimproved Road
-  Closed to Public Access
-  Canal
-  Management Area



9336 Electronic gate opens 1 hour before sunrise and closes 1 hour after sunset.

