

# MYAKKA STATE FOREST

PUBLIC SMALL GAME HUNTING AREA

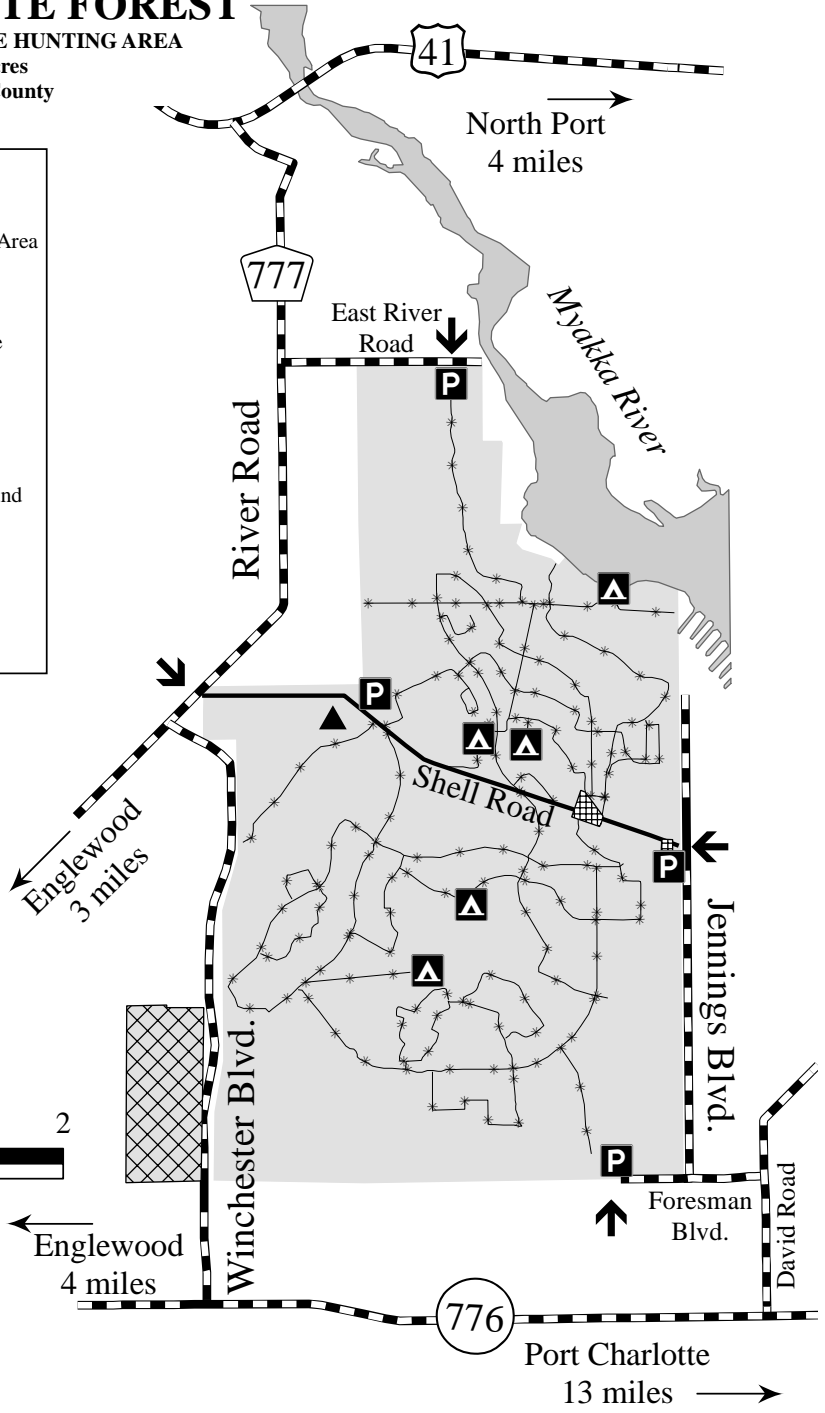
7,295 acres  
Sarasota County

**2011-  
2012**  
Hunting  
Season

**Legend**

- Public Small Game Area
- Check Station
- Designated Entrance
- Private Property
- Closed to Hunting
- Primitive Campground
- Hiking Trails
- Paved Roads
- Improved Roads

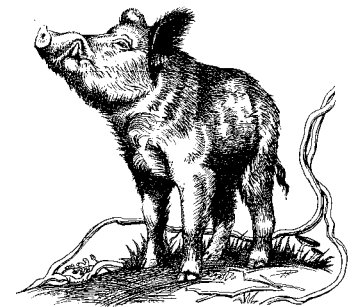
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State Forest and  
Public Small Game Hunting Area

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



A cooperative public small game hunting area

Southwest Florida Water  
Management District



Florida Fish and Wildlife  
Conservation Commission

MyFWC.com



Florida Division of Forestry

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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 Myakka State Forest Public Small Game Hunting 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](http://MyFWC.com).

#### **PERMIT, STAMP AND LICENSE INFORMATION:**

Persons using Public Small Game Hunting 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](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:** Not required for this area.

**DAILY USE PERMIT INFORMATION:** Persons engaged in hunting must obtain a Daily Hunt Report Card upon entry and retain it in their possession. Report Cards are available at the self-service check station located on Shell Road.

#### **GENERAL REGULATIONS:**

In addition to the regulations that follow, all general laws and regulations relating to wild animal life shall apply, unless specifically exempted for this area.

1. Shooting hours for legal game shall be one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset.
2. It is illegal to hunt over bait or place any bait or other food for wildlife on this area.
3. Driving a metal object into any tree, or hunting from a tree in which a metal object has been driven is prohibited.
4. Construction or use of permanent blinds or structures is prohibited.
5. Tampering with or destruction of equipment, improvements, and water control structures is prohibited.
6. Public access is prohibited in portions of public hunting areas that are posted as "Closed" or "Restricted."

7. The release of any animal is prohibited, without written authorization of the landowner or primary land manager.
8. 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 and crows.
9. The wanton and willful waste of wildlife is prohibited.
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. Wild hogs may not be transported alive.
12. It is unlawful for any person to leave any garbage or refuse, or in any way litter in the area.
13. It is unlawful to set fire to any forest, grass or woodlands.
14. A Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Law Enforcement Officer may search any camp, vehicle or boat, in accordance with law.

#### **PUBLIC ACCESS AND VEHICLES:**

1. Public access is allowed year-round from sunrise until sunset, unless camping at designated campsites.
2. During periods open for hunting, public access is allowed from 1.5 hours before sunrise until 1.5 hours after sunset.
3. Vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads.
4. Vehicles may be parked in designated parking areas only.
5. Airboats, tracked vehicles, all-terrain vehicles, and unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles are prohibited.

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

1. Hunters must enter at the designated entrance at the intersection of River Road and Shell Road and obtain a Daily Hunt Report Card at the self-service check station and retain it in their possession.
2. After obtaining a Report Card, hunters may enter the area at the designated entrances on East River Road, Foresman Boulevard and Jennings Boulevard.
3. Hunters must check out and report all game taken by depositing their Report Card at the check station before leaving the area at the end of the day.
4. Hunters may enter the area no earlier than 1.5 hours before sunrise and shall exit the area no later than 1.5 hours after sunset, unless camping at designated campsites.
5. Hunting is prohibited in that portion of the area located west of Winchester Boulevard.

#### **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 guns other than longbows (including compound and recurve bows) is prohibited during archery season.
4. Hunting with guns other than shotguns, crossbows and longbows (including compound and recurve bows) is prohibited during small game season.
5. Hunting with a gun and light is prohibited.
6. Children under the age of 16 may not be in possession of a firearm unless in the presence of a supervising adult.
7. Fully automatic or silencer-equipped firearms, center-fire 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 wild hog with dogs is prohibited.
2. Waterfowl retrievers, bird dogs, and other dogs with a shoulder height of 17 inches or less may be used for hunting.
3. For purposes other than hunting, dogs are allowed but must be kept under physical restraint at all times.

**CAMPING:** Camping is allowed at designated campsites with a State Forest Camping Use Permit from the Division of Forestry, (941) 460-1333.

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

1. Wild hog - No size or bag limit.
2. Gray squirrel, quail and rabbit - Daily limit 12, possession limit 24 for each game species.
3. Migratory birds - See Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet.

#### **ARCHERY HOG MANAGEMENT HUNT:**

**November 12-18.**

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Daily use permit, hunting license and management area permit.

Legal to Take - Wild hog.

Regulations Unique to the Archery Hog Management Hunt - In addition to these regulations, all General Regulations shall apply. Hunting with firearms or crossbows (except by disabled crossbow permit) is prohibited.

#### **SMALL GAME:**

**November 19 through December 18 and December 24 through January 15.**

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Daily use permit, 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 Take - Wild hog, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, and migratory birds in season.

Regulations Unique to the Small Game Season - In addition to these regulations, all General Regulations shall apply. Hunting with guns other than shotguns, crossbows and longbows (including compound and recurve bows) is prohibited.

#### **FISHING AND FROGGING:**

Allowed year-round.

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 Regulations and General Freshwater Fishing Regulations shall apply. Shooting frogs with any firearm is prohibited.

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