

2011-  
2012  
Hunting  
Season

**Fred C. Babcock/  
Cecil M. Webb**  
Wildlife Management Area

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



A public wildlife and recreational area



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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 Fred C. Babcock / Cecil M. Webb Wildlife Management 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](http://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, 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:**

Archery - 500, no-cost, quota permits.

General Gun - 500, no-cost, quota permits.

Daily Quail - quota to be determined, no-cost, daily quail permits (no exemptions and non-transferable) are available first-come, first-served at the check station until all permits are issued.

Field Trial Quail - 25, no-cost, quota permits (no exemptions).

Daily Quail Permit Information: Daily quail permits will be issued on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays only from November 16

until the season quota is attained or through December 25. Details regarding the process for issuing quail permits will be posted at the check station.

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](http://MyFWC.com). Quota application periods occur throughout the year beginning April 1; please refer to the hunting handbook or [MyFWC.com](http://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. Guest permits are not issued for field trial quail quota permits. 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 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.

**DAILY-USE PERMIT INFORMATION:**

Persons engaged in recreational activities other than hunting must possess a daily-use permit or a management area permit. Permits may be purchased at designated entry points of the management area. A daily-use permit is \$3 per person, \$6 per non-commercial vehicle, \$75 per group of 25 to 100 people and \$150 for groups of 101 people or more. Cash and personal checks are acceptable methods of payment. Members of a management area permit holder's immediate family (spouse and dependent children) while traveling in the same vehicle or in the company of a permit holder, and persons exempt from the management area permit requirement, are exempt from this permit requirement for recreational uses other than hunting.

**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 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 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. Wild hog may not be transported alive.
16. Littering is prohibited.
17. It is unlawful to set fire to any forest, grass or woodlands.
18. A Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Law Enforcement Officer may search any camp, vehicle or boat, in accordance with law.
19. 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.
20. During the small game season, quail may be taken only by persons in possession of a daily quail permit and only within the assigned zone. During the field trial season, quail may be taken only by persons in possession of a field trial area quota permit and only within the field trial area. Quail may not be taken during any other season.
21. Additional dove and hog management hunts may be conducted on this area. Refer to Punta Gorda Water Treatment Facility Public Small Game Hunting Area brochure for additional information.

**PUBLIC ACCESS AND VEHICLES:**

1. Open to public access year round from 1½ hours before sunrise until 1½ hours after sunset, except access to the campground is allowed anytime camping is allowed.
2. All persons shall enter and exit the area at a designated entrance.

3. During non-hunting periods, vehicles may be operated for access to the shooting range and within the recreational area on named or numbered roads only.
4. During hunting periods, vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads, except during the general gun and small game seasons, or when training bird dogs in the recreation area during the bird dog training season.
5. Vehicular access for scouting shall be allowed one week prior to the archery season on named and numbered roads.
6. Parked vehicles may not obstruct a road, gate or firelane.
7. No motor vehicle shall be operated on any part of any wildlife management area that has been designated as closed to vehicular traffic.
8. The use of airboats, all-terrain vehicles or unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles is prohibited.

**HUNTERS AND CHECK STATIONS:**

1. Hunting equipment may be taken onto the WMA beginning one week before the opening of archery season or after 8 a.m. the day before the opening of other seasons. All equipment shall be removed by 6 p.m. one day after the end of each season. Vehicle access is not permitted outside the recreational area before or after any season, except archery season.
2. Hunters shall enter and exit the area at the designated entrance.
3. Hunters may enter the area no earlier than 1½ hours before sunrise and shall exit no later than 1½ hours after sunset.
4. Hunters shall check in or out at the check station when entering or exiting the area, and check all game taken.
5. Check station hours are 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. except during the archery season when hours are 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**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, except at the shooting range.
3. During the small game season, shotguns shall be plugged to a three-shell capacity with a one-piece filler that cannot be removed without disassembling the gun.
4. Hunting with a gun and light is prohibited.
5. 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.
6. Children under the age of 16 may not be in possession of a firearm unless in the presence of a supervising adult.
7. No person shall have a gun under control while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
8. For hunting non-migratory game, only shotguns, rifles, pistols, bows, crossbows or falconry may be used.
9. For hunting migratory game, only shotguns, bows, crossbows 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.
10. Firearms using rimfire or non-expanding, full metal jacket (military ball) ammunition are prohibited for taking deer.
11. 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 during the archery and general gun seasons is prohibited.
2. Bird dogs may be trained during the bird dog training season in the recreational area September 17 through February 12. Guns are not a legal method of take during this season (see #1 in GUNS).
3. During the small game season, bird dogs may be trained in zones A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H on those days when daily quail permits are not issued and the day that the season quota for daily quail permits is attained.
4. 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.
5. Dogs on leashes may be used for trailing wounded game.
6. 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 campgrounds.
2. Camping is allowed continuously after 8 a.m. October 28 until 9 p.m. January 15.
3. During the remainder of the year, camping is allowed each weekend from 5 p.m. Friday until 9 p.m. Sunday, and on Memorial Day, Independence Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Labor Day.
4. Camping equipment is allowed on the area only when camping is allowed.
5. The name, address and telephone number of the person responsible for each campsite shall be visibly affixed to camping shelters.
6. Draining or dumping refuse or waste from any camping equipment, including trailers or other vehicles, is prohibited.

**BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS:** During quota hunts, host hunters and guests must share all bag and possession limits.

1. Deer - Daily limit 2, possession limit 4.
2. Wild hog - Daily limit 1 per quota permit or 1 per exempt hunter, possession limit 2. Wild hog may be harvested during archery season and first day of general gun season only.
3. Turkey - Prohibited.
4. Gray squirrel and rabbit - Daily limit 12, possession limit 24 for each.
5. Quail - Daily limit 6, possession limit 24 (by daily quail or Field Trial permit only).
6. Raccoon, opossum, armadillo, beaver, coyote, skunk and nutria - No bag limits.
7. Bobcat and otter - Possession limit 1 unless in possession of a Trapping License.
8. Migratory birds - See Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet.

## **ARCHERY SEASON:**

**September 17-18.**

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Quota permit, hunting license, management area permit, archery 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 - Any deer (except spotted fawn), wild hog with shoulder height of 15 inches or more, gray squirrel, 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 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).
2. Walking hunters are allowed in the Field Trial and Boy Scout areas.

## **GENERAL GUN SEASON:**

**November 5-13.**

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Quota permit, hunting license, management area 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 with a shoulder height of 15 inches or more (**November 5** only), gray squirrel, 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 with dogs is prohibited.
2. Walking hunters are allowed in the Field Trial and Boy Scout areas.

## **SMALL GAME SEASON:**

**November 14-27 and Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays only November 30 through January 15.**

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Daily quail permit (if hunting quail), 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 (by permit only), rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, beaver, coyote, skunk, nutria and migratory birds in season. Bobcat and otter beginning December 1.

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

1. Daily quail permits will be issued on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays only from November 16 until the season quota is attained or through December 25.
2. Bird dogs may be trained in zones A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H on days that daily quail permits are not issued.
3. Quail may be taken only within the zone designated on the daily quail permit.
4. Shotguns shall be plugged to a three-shell capacity with a one-piece filler that cannot be removed without disassembling the gun.
5. Hunting with centerfire rifles is prohibited.
6. Walking hunters are allowed in the Field Trial and Boy Scout areas on Wednesdays and Thursdays only; hunting quail is prohibited.

## **FIELD TRIAL AREA QUAIL SEASON:**

**January 28-29.**

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

Legal to Hunt - Quail.

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

1. Quail may be hunted within the Field Trial area only.
2. Shotguns shall be plugged to a three-shell capacity with a one-piece filler that cannot be removed without disassembling the gun.

**TRAPPING:** Prohibited.

## **MIGRATORY BIRD SEASONS:**

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

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Quota permit (if hunting during any 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.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Daily-use permit or management area permit, and 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](http://MyFWC.com/ADA).
2. If you have any questions about this material, please call the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at 863-648-3200 (TDD 800-955-8771).

## **COOPERATION REQUESTED:**

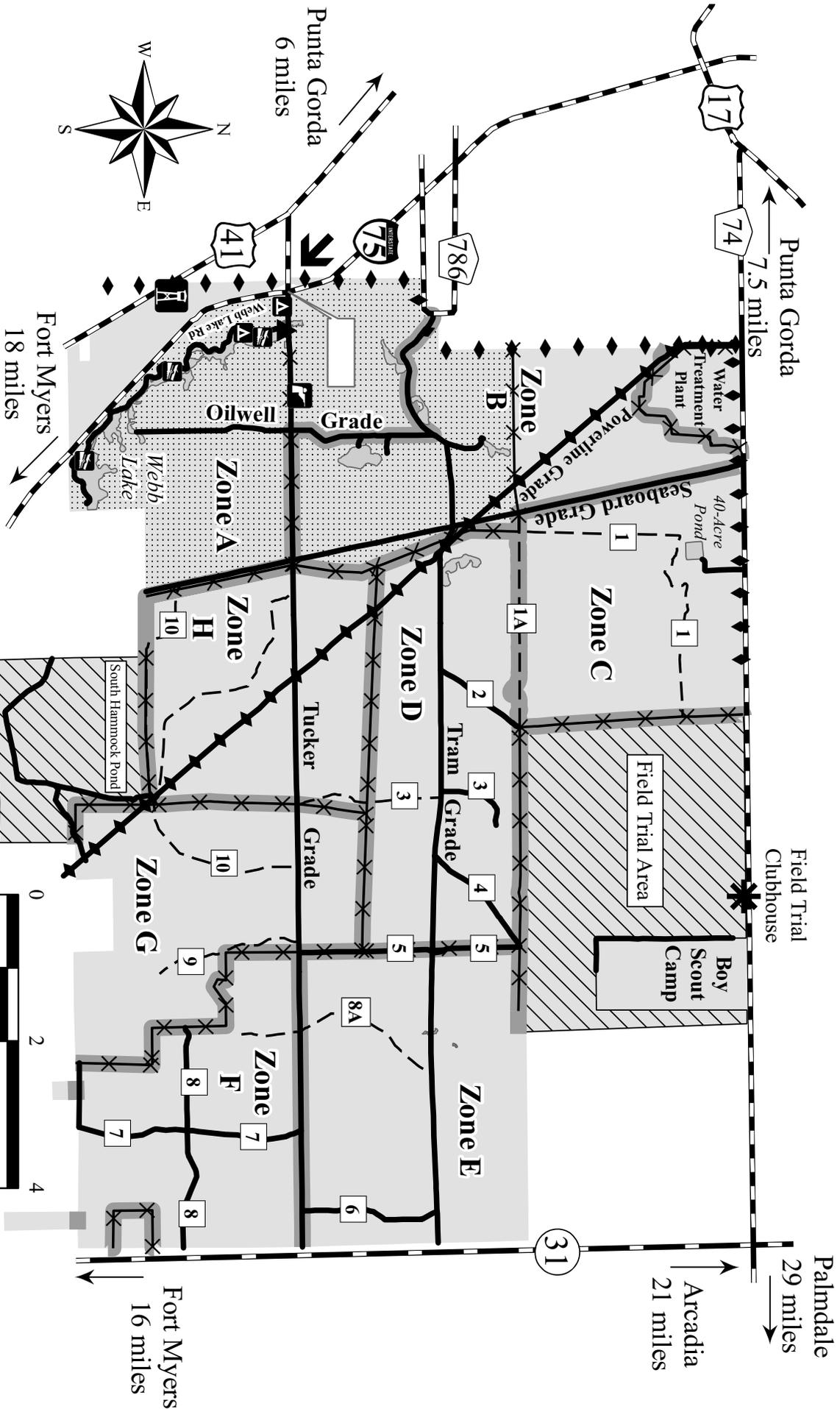
*It is critical for the FWC to conduct controlled burns during hunting seasons to maintain quality wildlife habitat. All persons using the area should become familiar with the status of potential burn areas on a daily basis. These areas will be posted at the check station. Please do not park vehicles or leave any equipment in or adjacent to these areas.*

*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.*

*Please do not discard or dump animal entrails or carcasses along the roadside.*

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WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA  
65,758 acres  
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Legend							
	Management Area		Walk-in Area		Primitive Campground		Boat Ramp
	Designated Entrance		Interior Fence		Fishing Area		Paved Road
	Check Station		Field Trial Quail Entrance		Fire Tower		Improved Road
	Recreation Area		Shooting Range		Powerline		Unimproved Road