

## General Provisions

St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge is one of over 500 national wildlife refuges. The primary objective of the refuge is to provide habitat for conservation and protection of all species of wildlife. The harvest of surplus animals is one tool used to maintain wildlife populations at a level compatible with habitat.

The regulations listed below supplement the general regulations which govern hunting on wildlife refuges as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. Hunting will be in accordance with applicable state regulations. For all hunts except small game, weapon restrictions are in accordance with State regulations.

## Specific Hunting Regulations

All game must be checked out at designated check stations.

Public hunting is permitted on approximately 32,000 acres as shown on this map.

All hunters must possess identification, a Florida hunting license, and a valid refuge hunt permit for the hunt in which they are participating. State Management Area stamps are not required. A state archery stamp will be required for all archery hunts. A turkey stamp is required to hunt turkey. State and Federal waterfowl stamps are required to hunt waterfowl. State deer permit required for all refuge deer hunters.

Foot/vehicle access into the refuge hunt area will be through designated access points (see map). No parking along portions of public roads (see map). Vehicular access shown on map may vary according to weather and ground conditions. Vehicles are restricted to established roads. Boat access not permitted except to Piney Island for waterfowl hunting.

Pre-hunt scouting (with permit) on foot is allowed anytime during daylight hours. The hunt area will be open to vehicles, weather permitting, two days before each quota hunt. Portions of the hunt area may be temporarily closed due to wildlife management practices such as prescribed burns.

All hunters participating in the small game/hog hunt and December quota gun hunts and other users in the hunt area, must wear a minimum of 500 square inches of fluorescent orange-colored material above the waistline. All other hunters are encouraged to wear orange for their safety.

