HUNTING REGULATIONS

Valid from July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

Deer Changes!

- Annual bag limit of 5 deer, 2 of which can be antlerless
- Hunters now required to log/report deer harvest
- New youth deer hunt weekend

Please visit MyFWC.com/Hunting for the most current regulations

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Visit our Facebook page at Facebook.com/WildlifeAlert.
Buy your license online!
Visit GoOutdoorsFlorida.com to buy and print your licenses and permits. The FWC also has a Hunt|Fish mobile app that lets you buy and store licenses and permits, get sunrise/sunset and feeding times, access regulations and more!
Licenses also available by phone at 888-HUNT-FLORIDA (486-8356) or at a tax collector's office or license agent.
Hunter safety course
To find hunter safety courses in your area, visit our website at MyFWC.com/HunterSafety or contact your nearest FWC regional office (see page 5).
On the cover
St. Johns River Water Management District’s Jeremy Olson photographed these three bucks in velvet during the summer on a central Florida wildlife management area.
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A message from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission about new deer hunting rules

New deer hunting rules taking effect in 2019-2020 will help support the goals and objectives in the Commission-approved strategic plan for deer management. Our thanks for this progress goes to stakeholders for their willingness to collaborate with FWC staff throughout the rulemaking process to achieve regulations based on hunter preference and sound science to ensure sustainability.

One of the new rules establishes an annual statewide bag limit. Beginning this season, the annual statewide bag limit is five deer per hunter, of which no more than two can be antlerless (any deer, except a spotted fawn, without antlers or whose antlers are less than five inches in length). Antlerless deer may still only be harvested during seasons when they are legal to take, such as during archery season and on antlerless deer days. This adaptive approach to deer management is intended to improve hunting opportunities by encouraging harvest among more hunters as well as greater selectivity, while helping maintain a healthy and reasonably balanced deer herd. Before this limit was established, Florida was the only state in the Southeast without a specified annual bag limit.

New rules also require all hunters - including youth under 16 years of age, resident hunters 65 years and older, those with a disability license, military personnel, and those hunting on their homestead in their county of residence - to report deer they harvest. A harvest reporting system is expected to foster bag limit compliance and give the FWC another source of deer harvest data.

Another rule change established a new youth deer hunt weekend for youth 15-years-old and younger who are supervised by an adult (18 years or older). This Saturday-Sunday youth deer hunt coincides with the muzzleloading gun season in all four hunting zones. Youth can harvest one antlered or antlerless deer (except spotted fawn), and the deer counts toward their annual bag limit. Youth are allowed to use any method of take legal for deer hunting.

The new youth deer hunt weekend is not available on wildlife management areas, which have hosted youth and family deer hunts for years. This newly established youth deer hunt weekend is a way to encourage youth deer hunting on other lands. It supports the FWC’s commitment to igniting interest in hunting and creating the next generation of conservation stewards.

For more information about the new hunting rule changes, visit MyFWC.com/Deer and click on “New Hunting Rules.”

Major regulation and rule changes for this season are listed below. There are many other changes not listed here. Hunters are responsible for learning requirements and regulations pertaining to the types of hunting they pursue.

- The new annual statewide bag limit is 5 deer per hunter of which no more than 2 deer can be antlerless. See deer bag limits on page 20.
- All deer hunters now must log and report their deer harvest. See page 18 for details.
- A youth deer hunt weekend has been established in all four hunting zones. Youth 15-years-old and younger can harvest 1 antlered or antlerless deer (except spotted fawn). Youth must be supervised by an adult. See page 20 for season dates and details.
- Youth 15-years-old and younger are now limited to 1 antlered deer annually that does not meet DMU antler point regulations. See pages 22–25 for details.
- The Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days have been modified to occur the Saturday before the start of the regular waterfowl season and the second Saturday after the season ends. See page 26 for dates and details.
- Shooting hours during spring turkey season on most WMAs has been extended until sunset.
This publication is provided as a guide to Florida hunting laws and regulations; however, the Wildlife Code of the State of Florida is the final authority on hunting laws. The Florida Wildlife Code, Division Number 68A of the Florida Administrative Code, can be obtained at www.flrules.org. The FWC strives to ensure the information in this publication is accurate but assumes no liability for substantive or typographical differences between this publication and the Florida Administrative Code. If you have questions regarding hunting laws and regulations, contact an FWC regional office (see below). This publication is valid from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Definitions
■ Game—resident game birds, game mammals and migratory game birds
■ Resident game birds—quail and wild turkeys
■ Game mammals—deer, gray squirrels, rabbits and black bears
■ Migratory game birds—ducks, geese, common moorhens, coots, snipe, rails, woodcocks, mourning doves and white-winged doves
■ Non-migratory game—resident game birds and game mammals
■ Furbearers—bobcats, otters, raccoons, opossums, coyotes, beavers, skunks and nutrias
■ Fox squirrels, Key deer and Florida panthers cannot be taken or pursued

Information regarding bear management is not contained in this handbook. Please visit MyFWC.com/Bear for information.
Partners for public hunting

Florida has one of the largest wildlife management area (WMA) systems in the country at nearly 6 million acres. WMAs are managed for conservation and recreation, and offer diverse and exciting public hunting opportunities. The FWC is lead manager or landowner on about 1.4 million acres of these public lands. The remaining 4.5 million acres is open for public hunting thanks to partners and cooperators including:

- Florida Forest Service
- Northwest Florida Water Management District
- Suwannee River Water Management District
- St. Johns River Water Management District
- Southwest Florida Water Management District
- South Florida Water Management District
- Florida Army Board
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Florida Department of Corrections
- U.S. Forest Service
- U.S. Department of Defense
- National Park Service
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- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Hancock Timber Resource Group
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- City of Jacksonville
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DID YOU KNOW?
- Escaped yard debris burning is one of the leading causes of wildfires in Florida.
- The Florida Forest Service administers Florida’s outdoor burning and forest fire laws.
- Some types of burning require an authorization from the Florida Forest Service.

WHAT IS YARD WASTE?
Yard waste is any vegetative debris such as grass clippings, brush, leaves, tree limbs and palm fronds that are a result of yard maintenance.

CAN YOU BURN YARD WASTE WITHOUT AN AUTHORIZATION?
- Burning yard waste does not require an authorization as long as you meet the required set-backs and no local, city or county ordinances prohibit burning.
- Yard waste must be generated on your property and fit into an 8-foot diameter pile or non-combustible container.
- The fire must be ignited after 8:00 a.m. central time or 9:00 a.m. eastern time and extinguished one hour before sunset.
- Piles greater than 8-feet in diameter require an authorization from the Florida Forest Service, suppression equipment and additional set-backs.

WHAT IS ILLEGAL TO BURN?
It is illegal to burn household garbage, including paper products, treated lumber, plastics, rubber materials, tires, pesticides, paint and aerosol containers.

OUTDOOR BURNING TIPS
- Never burn on windy days.
- Clear an area down to bare soil around your pile to prevent the fire from spreading.
- Cover a non-combustible container with wire mesh to keep sparks from flying out and starting new fires.
- Keep a water hose and shovel nearby in case your fire escapes.
- Never leave a fire unattended.

QUESTIONS?
Contact your local Florida Forest Service office or visit FloridaForestService.com to learn more.

REMEMBER!
If your fire escapes, you may be liable for costs of suppression and damage to the property of others. FOREST FIRE LAWS & OPEN BURNING REGULATIONS DACS-P 00149
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- Youth and family hunts
- License and permit information
- Hunter safety training
- Season dates and regulations

Get started hunting!
Recreational license, permit information and requirements

Most recreational hunting and fishing licenses and permits, including reprints, are available at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com, tax collectors’ offices, license agents, or by calling toll-free 888-HUNT-FLORIDA (486-8356). For purposes of hunting in Florida, a resident is defined as any person who has declared Florida as his or her only state of residence as evidenced by a valid Florida driver license or identification card with both a Florida address and a Florida residency verified by the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (HSMV). A valid Florida driver license or ID Card is needed for resident license or permit purchases made online or by telephone. If a Florida driver license or ID card is not on record with HSMV, a Florida voter information card, declaration of domicile, or homestead exemption may be used as proof of residency.

Active duty military personnel stationed in Florida, including spouse and dependent children residing in the household, are considered residents. Except as noted under License and Permit Exemptions, the following licenses and permits are required:

**Hunting license**
Required when taking or attempting to take game or furbearing animals (by methods other than trapping).

**Deer permit**
Required, in addition to a hunting license, when taking or attempting to take deer.

**Turkey permit**
Required, in addition to a hunting license, when taking or attempting to take turkeys.

**Migratory bird permit**
Required, in addition to a hunting license, when taking or attempting to take ducks, geese, coots, common moorhens, gallinules, rails, snipes, woodcocks, mourning doves and white-winged doves.

**Florida waterfowl permit and Federal duck stamp**
Required, in addition to a hunting license and migratory bird permit, when taking or attempting to take ducks and geese.

**Archery season permit**
Required, in addition to a hunting license, when hunting during archery season.

**Crossbow season permit**
Required, in addition to a hunting license, when hunting during crossbow season.

**Muzzleloading gun season permit**
Required, in addition to a hunting license, when hunting during muzzleloading gun season.

**Management area permit**
Required, in addition to a hunting license, when taking or attempting to take wildlife on wildlife management areas. Permit may also be used on wildlife management areas where a daily-use fee is required.

**Limited entry/quota permit**
Required to hunt, or access for recreational purposes, some management areas during specified periods (see Limited Entry/Quota Permits on page 39).

NOTE: In addition to a hunting license, management area permit and any other related permits, additional permits or tags may be required for all or parts of a season when hunting on a wildlife management area. Requirements and exemptions vary by area. Please consult the specific brochure for the WMA you wish to hunt at MyFWC.com/WMAbrochures.
Furbearer trapping license
Required of anyone, except residents age 65 or older, when taking or attempting to take furbearing animals (raccoons, beavers, bobcats, otters, opossums, coyotes, skunks, nutrias) using live traps or snares and when selling furs to licensed fur dealers.

How to order
Hunting licenses and permits can be ordered online at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com or by calling 888-HUNT-FLORIDA (888-486-8356) 24 hours a day. Purchases can also be made in person at tax collector’s offices or license agent locations. Visit MyFWC.com/License for more information on handling fees. All license and permit sales are final.

License and permit exemptions
Exemptions from hunting license and permit (including Florida waterfowl, migratory bird, deer, turkey, management area, and archery, crossbow and muzzleloading gun season) requirements are:
■ Persons hunting in their county of residence on their homestead or homestead of their spouse or minor child; or minor child hunting on the homestead of their parents.
■ Florida residents age 65 or older possessing proof of age and residency (a valid Florida Driver License or Florida ID Card meets this requirement) or a Florida Resident 65+ Hunting and Fishing License. Also exempt from furbearer trapping license. Residents age 65 or older may obtain these complimentary hunting and fishing licenses at county tax collectors’ offices and at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com.
■ Florida residents possessing a Florida Resident Persons with Disabilities Hunting and Fishing License. Information for this license is available at MyFWC.com/ADA, and applications can be submitted at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com.
■ Florida residents in the U.S. Armed Services not stationed in Florida, while home on leave with orders for 30 days or less.
■ Children under age 16 (also exempt from federal duck stamps).
## Resident Hunting Licenses

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<td>Youth Gold Sportsman’s License</td>
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<td>Military Gold Sportsman’s License</td>
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<td>Includes the same licenses and permits as the Gold Sportsman’s License. Available online at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com or at county tax collectors’ offices for Florida residents with valid military credentials who are active duty or retired military members of the U.S. Armed Forces, Armed Forces Reserve, Florida National Guard, Coast Guard or Coast Guard Reserve.</td>
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## Hunting Permits and Related Licenses (Resident and Nonresident)

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<td>Furbearer Trapping License</td>
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## Lifetime Licenses

Lifetime Licenses are available to Florida residents only but remain valid even if you move out of state. Funds generated from sales of these licenses are invested in an endowment to support long-term conservation of Florida’s fish and wildlife resources. Lifetime license holders may be exempt from any licenses or permits that are created in the future, or be exempt from the permit fees.

### Lifetime Sportsman’s License

Includes Hunting, Saltwater Fishing and Freshwater Fishing licenses; and Deer, Management Area, Archery Season, Muzzleloading Gun Season, Crossbow Season, Turkey, Florida Waterfowl, Snook and Lobster permits.

- 4 years or younger: $401.50
- 5–12 years: $701.50
- 13 years and older: $1,001.50

### Lifetime Hunting License

Includes Hunting license; and Deer, Management Area, Archery Season, Muzzleloading Gun Season, Crossbow Season, Turkey and Florida Waterfowl permits.

- 4 years or younger: $201.50
- 5–12 years: $351.50
- 13 years and older: $501.50

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**ALL SALES ARE FINAL**
**Hunter safety requirement**

Anyone born on or after June 1, 1975 must complete a hunter safety course before purchasing a hunting license enabling them to hunt without supervision. Children under age 16 may hunt with adult supervision without having to take a hunter safety course. Persons 16 and older who have not completed a hunter safety course can request a deferral from the hunter safety certification requirement when purchasing their hunting license. This enables them to purchase a license and hunt within the supervision of a mentoring adult who is at least 21 years old. Persons needing proof of course completion can print a duplicate certification card at [MyFWC.com/HunterSafety](http://MyFWC.com/HunterSafety).

**Hunter safety course**

Everyone born on or after June 1, 1975 must pass an approved hunter safety course before purchasing a Florida hunting license that enables you to hunt without adult supervision. Hunter safety courses are conducted at various locations throughout the state. To learn more about these and other programs, visit us at [MyFWC.com/HunterSafety](http://MyFWC.com/HunterSafety).

**Hunter safety deferral**

Anyone 16 years or older and born after May 31, 1975 can purchase a hunting license and hunt under the supervision of a qualified hunter without having to complete the state's hunter safety certification. When purchasing your hunting license, check the box requesting a deferral from the hunter safety certification requirement. Hunters requesting this deferral need to be supervised by an adult, 21 years old or older, who has a valid hunting license and has met the hunter safety requirement.

New and experienced hunters are encouraged to take a hunter safety course to learn more about conservation and safe, responsible hunting. In addition, successfully completing a hunter safety course is required before anyone 16 years old and older is allowed to hunt without being under the supervision of an adult 21 years old or older.

**Minors Under 16 — Florida law**

Anyone under 16 years of age can hunt with an air gun (air or gas-operated) or firearm only when supervised by a parent or an adult who is acting with consent of the minor’s parent or guardian. See Section 790.22, Florida Statutes for additional info.

**Legal methods of taking game mammals and resident game birds**

**Definition of take**

The term shall include taking, attempting to take, pursuing, molesting, capturing, or killing any wildlife or freshwater fish, or their nests or eggs by any means whether or not such actions result in obtaining possession of such wildlife or freshwater fish or their nests or eggs.

**Resident game birds and game mammals**

Rifles, shotguns, pistols, air guns, longbows, compound bows, recurve bows, crossbows and birds of prey (falcons, hawks and great horned owls) may be used. Longbows, compound bows, recurve bows must have minimum draw...
weights of 35 pounds. Hand-held releases may be used. Arrows or bolts used to take deer or turkeys must be equipped with broadheads having at least two sharpened edges with minimum widths of 7/8 inch. Only pre-charged pneumatic (PCP) air guns firing single bullets or bolts/arrows of at least .30-caliber and at least .20-caliber may be used to take deer and turkey, respectively. PCP air guns are commercially-manufactured air guns that are charged from an external high compression source, such as an air compressor, air tank or external hand pump and are specifically designed to propel a bolt, arrow or other projectile commonly used for hunting.

Hunting deer with a muzzleloader
Muzzleloading guns firing single bullets must be at least .30-caliber or larger. Muzzleloading guns firing two or more balls must be 20-gauge or larger.

Prohibited methods and equipment for taking game mammals and resident game birds
This document doesn’t address or advise persons as to local ordinances prohibiting the discharge of firearms or as to the validity of such ordinances.

- Centerfire semi-automatic rifles having magazine capacities of more than five rounds
- Nonexpanding full metal case (military ball) ammunition for taking deer
- Firearms using rimfire cartridges for taking deer
- Fully automatic firearms
- Air guns that are not pre-charged pneumatic (PCP) air guns when taking deer or turkey
- PCP air guns firing single bullets that are less than .30-caliber and less than .20-caliber when taking deer and turkey, respectively
- Explosive or drug-injecting arrows
- Taking or attempting to take with live decoys, recorded game calls or sounds, set guns, artificial lights, nets, traps, snares, drugs or poisons
- Shooting from vehicles, powerboats or sailboats moving under power. Motors must be shut off or sails furled, and progress must cease from such motor or sail before taking game.
- Herding or driving game with vehicles, boats or aircraft
- Hunting turkeys with dogs
- Taking turkeys while they are on the roost
- Taking turkeys when the hunter is within 100 yards of a game-feeding station when feed is present
- Taking spotted fawn deer or swimming deer
- Hunting game using bows with draw weights less than 35 pounds
Areas closed to hunting
- Taking or attempting to take wildlife is illegal on, upon or from rights-of-way of federal, state or county-maintained roads, whether paved or otherwise, except reptiles and amphibians may be taken without the use of firearms and raptors may be taken per Rule 68A-9.005, F.A.C. Casting dogs from rights-of-way is considered attempting to take wildlife and constitutes violation of this regulation.
- Taking deer is prohibited by any method in the Florida Keys.
- Taking deer is illegal in that portion of Collier County lying south of S.R. 84 (I-75), west of S.R. 29, north of U.S. 41 and east of the western boundary of Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve.
- Hunting is prohibited on most sanctuaries and parks.

Trespassing
The possession of a hunting license does not authorize a person to trespass onto private land. Obtain landowner’s permission before entering private land. Trespassing while possessing a firearm or other dangerous weapon is a felony punishable by imprisonment up to five years and/or a fine of up to $5,000.

Florida’s CWD Watch
866-CWD-WATCH (293-9282)
Chronic wasting disease (CWD) is a contagious disease of the brain and central nervous system that causes deer to die. CWD has not been detected in Florida. You can help guard against CWD by reporting sick or abnormally thin deer or deer dead of unknown causes to the CWD hotline at 866-CWD-WATCH (866-293-9282).
Learn more at MyFWC.com/CWD.

Wildlife Alert Reward Program
Report fishing, boating or hunting law violations by calling toll-free 888-404-FWCC (3922); on cell phones, dial *FWC or #FWC depending on service carrier or text TIP@MyFWC.com (standard usage fees may apply); or report violations at MyFWC.com/WildlifeAlert.
Visit our Facebook page at Facebook.com/WildlifeAlert.
We all can help protect Florida’s fish and wildlife from poaching and wildlife and environmental violations and to help protect each other from boaters who are operating boats under the influence of drugs or alcohol. It’s called “Wildlife Alert” — a reward-based program for apprehending those who violate Florida’s fish and wildlife laws. Through the program, alert residents become the eyes and ears of fish and wildlife law enforcement officers and are rewarded for their efforts.
Callers can report any suspicious activity, supplying information such as the physical descriptions of violators, vehicles, license tag numbers, locations, etc. They should report it as soon as possible, but they should not put themselves in any dangerous situation. To make an anonymous phone call to report fish and wildlife violations, call toll-free 888-404-3922 or visit MyFWC.com/WildlifeAlert.

Use of firearms by felons
It is illegal in Florida for convicted felons to possess firearms, including muzzleloading guns, unless the convicted felon has had his/her civil rights restored by the state’s Clemency Board or the firearm qualifies as an antique firearm under Florida Statute 790.001(1). Properly licensed convicted felons may hunt with bows, crossbows or antique firearms per Florida Statute 790 during hunting seasons when such devices are legal for taking game. The 2015 Florida Statutes Title XLVI, Section, 790.001(1) states “Antique firearm means any firearm manufactured in or before 1918 (including any matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap or similar early type of ignition system) or replica thereof, whether actually manufactured before or after the year 1918, and also any firearm using fixed ammunition manufactured in or before 1918, for which ammunition is no longer readily available in the ordinary channels of commercial trade.” Convicted felons should be aware that being in a location where a firearm is present may constitute constructive possession of that firearm. Constructive possession occurs when the person knows about the firearm and is in a position to exert control over that firearm or where they have concealed the firearm. Possession may also be joint, that is, two or more persons may jointly possess a firearm, exercising control over it, each person is considered to be in possession.

Antlerless Deer Permit Program
Persons who own, lease or otherwise have written permission to take deer on properties of at least 640 contiguous acres, not less than 150 contiguous acres if adjoining land with a current permit, may apply for antlerless deer permits and tags to authorize the harvest of a specific number of antlerless deer on the enrolled property during the established deer hunting season. A group with adjoining lands may apply together, provided the total combined acreage meets the acreage requirements. For more information, visit MyFWC.com/Deer.

Wild hogs
On private property with landowner permission, wild hogs may be hunted year-round day or night without restriction (i.e., by all lawful methods with no bag/possession limits, no size limits and no licenses/permits required). They also may be trapped but cannot be transported alive without a Feral Swine Dealer Permit from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services by calling 850-410-0900. Wild hogs can only be taken on WMAs during specified seasons, where permit, method of take and bag limit requirements may apply. For more information about hunting wild hogs on WMAs, consult the specific WMA brochure for the area you want to hunt.
Florida Wild Turkey Registry

The Florida Wild Turkey Registry recognizes quality wild turkeys taken in Florida.

• To qualify for an “Outstanding Gobbler Certificate,” the beard must be 11 inches or longer and both spurs must be 1¼ inches or longer.

• A “First Gobbler Certificate” also is awarded to hunters under age 16 for harvesting their first gobbler, regardless of beard and spur measurements.

Applications are available at MyFWC.com/Turkey.

Florida Buck Registry

The Florida Buck Registry recognizes hunters for taking quality deer in Florida. A minimum Boone and Crockett score of 100 for typical antlers and 125 for nontypical antlers is required for entry into the registry. To get your antlers officially scored, contact an FWC regional office (see page 5).

Shooting hours for resident game birds, crows and game mammals

One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset except when hunting turkeys during spring turkey season. Shooting hours during spring turkey season on private lands and most WMAs are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. On some WMAs, spring turkey shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to 1 p.m.

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**Hunter orange requirement**

It is unlawful to hunt deer or to accompany another person hunting deer on public lands unless each person is wearing a minimum of 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material as an outer garment. Such clothing must be worn above the waistline and can include a head covering. This rule does not apply during an archery-only season, or when hunting on private lands at any time.

**Hunting dogs**

Dogs may be used as an aid in taking game mammals and birds, wild hogs and furbearers, unless otherwise prohibited. Persons owning or using dogs shall not knowingly or negligently permit such dogs to trail, pursue or otherwise molest wildlife during closed seasons. When using archery equipment and muzzleloaders during their respective archery, crossbow and muzzleloading gun seasons, the taking of deer by the use or aid of dogs is prohibited. Dogs on leases may be used to trail wounded game mammals during all seasons. Taking turkeys by aid of dogs at any time is prohibited. Hunters, who use dogs for hunting, including bird dogs or retrievers, are required to have their dogs wear collars that identify their owner’s name and address. This regulation also requires dog hunters to possess landowners’ written permission before using their dogs to pursue game, wild hogs or furbearers on private property. On private land rabbit, raccoon, opossum, skunk, nutria, beaver, coyote, wild hog, fox and bobcat may be chased throughout the year with free running dogs. For more information, contact an FWC regional office (see page 5).

**Deer dogs:** Deer dogs can be trained during closed seasons when dogs are constantly attached to leashes or ropes in the hands of their trainers for training purposes. Deer dogs are permitted to run free for training purposes only during deer-dog training seasons (see page 19). Taking deer or any other wildlife with a gun is prohibited while training deer dogs.

**Statewide deer-dog registration:** Deer hunters using dogs on private properties in Florida must obtain a no-cost registration from the FWC. Registration requirements apply to the deer-dog training season and during any open deer hunting season when it is legal to take deer with dogs. Applications must be submitted no later than 30 days prior to the final day of general gun season in the hunting zone where the property is situated. To comply with the registration rule, deer-dog hunters on private lands must have registration numbers on their dogs’ collars; possess copies of the registration; and keep their dogs on registered properties. For more information and to apply go to MyFWC.com/Deer.

**Bird dogs:** On private lands during closed seasons, bird dogs may be trained with pistols firing blanks or balls or by taking pen-raised quail (with shotguns only), when birds have been banded with owners’ names prior to releasing them.

**Fox dogs:** Foxes cannot be killed, but may be chased year-round with dogs (see Furbearer regulations on page 28).

**Feeding game**

Taking game on lands or waters upon which corn, wheat, grain, food or other substances have been deposited by means other than normal agricultural harvesting or planting is prohibited, except as noted below.

- Non-migratory game may be hunted in proximity of year-round game-feeding stations on private lands, provided the feeding station has been maintained with feed for at least six months prior to taking game.
- Wild turkey may not be taken if the hunter is less than 100 yards from a game feeding station when feed is present.
- Placing, offering or allowing the placement of feed or garbage that is likely to create or causes a public nuisance by attracting bears is prohibited after receiving written notification from the FWC. The intentional feeding of bears is prohibited.

**Buying or selling game**

Selling or purchasing game is prohibited except for game produced on licensed game farms that is lawfully identified and handled. When lawfully taken, the feathers or skins of resident game birds or the skins of deer, squirrels, or rabbits may be sold.

**Deer harvest reporting requirement**

After harvesting a deer and prior to moving it from the point of harvest, all hunters must record the harvest in their harvest log and report it to the FWC’s harvest reporting system within 24 hours of harvest and prior to final processing of the deer, any parts of it being transferred to a meat processor or taxidermist, or the deer leaving the state. Before the start of the deer season, hunters can access harvest logs online at MyFWC.com/Deer. Hunters should keep their harvest log nearby when hunting deer. More information about this new requirement can be found at MyFWC.com/Hunting.

**Dividing deer and turkey in the field**

Deer and turkeys may be dismembered in field or camp, however tags must be attached to each portion identifying names, addresses, FWC issued customer number of the persons who harvested them with date and location at which they were taken. These tags must be readily traceable to the portion of the animal bearing sex identification, head and, if applicable, beard.

**Sex evidence**

Positive evidence of sex identification, including the head with any antler or antlers, shall remain on deer taken or killed within the state and on all turkeys taken during any gobbler season when taking of turkey hens is prohibited, so long as such deer or turkey is kept in the field or camp or is in route to the domicile of its possessor or until such deer or turkey has been cooked or stored at the domicile of its possessor.

**Transport of game**

- A person may transport the possession limit of lawfully taken game.
- A person may at any time possess mounted specimens of lawfully taken game, including the heads, antlers, hides/skins, feathers or feet.
- Lawfully taken game may be shipped by the person who took such game provided that each package shall be marked on the outside to show the names and addresses of both the shipper and the addressee, and the numbers and kinds of game contained therein.

**What is legal to bring back when hunting out of state for deer, elk or moose**

It is illegal for persons to bring into the state or possess carcasses of any species of the family Cervidae (deer, elk and moose) from 26 states and three Canadian provinces where CWD has been detected. These areas are: Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Utah, Virginia and Wyoming and Alberta, Saskatchewan and Quebec, Canada. Visit www.cwd-info.org or MyFWC.com/CWD for a list of CWD positive states and provinces and further information. When hunting out of state, check that state’s current status for CWD. Hunters can bring back de-boned meat from any CWD-affected region, as well as finished taxidermy mounts, hides, skulls, antlers and teeth as long as all soft tissue has been removed.

**Motor vehicles**

All-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and off-highway motorcycles (OHMs) purchased after July 1, 2002, must be titled with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. ATVs and OHMs must be titled when used for recreational purposes on lands within the state that are available for public use and that are owned, operated or managed by federal, state, county or municipal governmental entities. Applications for title may be made at county tax collectors’ offices.
2019–2020 Florida Resident Game and Furbearer Hunting Season Dates and Bag Limits

Seasons, dates and bag limits do not apply to wildlife management areas

Deer

**Antlered deer** – deer with at least one antler 5 inches or more in length (see DMU pages 22–25 for additional antler regulations)

**Zone A**
- Archery season: Aug. 3 – Sept. 1
- Crossbow season: Aug. 3 – Sept. 6
- Muzzleloading gun season: Sept. 7–20
- Youth deer hunt weekend: Sept. 14–15
- General gun season: Sept. 21 – Oct. 20, Nov. 23 – Jan. 5

**Zone B**
- Archery season: Oct. 19 – Nov. 17
- Crossbow season: Oct. 19 – Nov. 22
- Muzzleloading gun season: Nov. 23 – Dec. 6
- Youth deer hunt weekend: Nov. 30 – Dec. 1
- General gun season: Dec. 7 – Feb. 23

**Antlerless deer** – deer (except spotted fawn) without antlers or antlers less than 5 inches

**Zone A**
- Youth deer hunt weekend: DMU A2 and DMU A3: Sept. 14–15
- General gun season: DMU A2: Nov. 23–24, DMU A3: Nov. 23–26

**Zone B**
- Archery season: Oct. 19 – Nov. 17
- Crossbow season: Oct. 19 – Nov. 17
- Youth deer hunt weekend: Nov. 30 – Dec. 1
- General gun season: Dec. 27–29

**Zone C**
- Muzzleloading gun season: DMU C5: Oct. 19–20
- Youth deer hunt weekend: Oct. 26–27
- General gun season:
  - DMU C1: Nov. 22–25
  - DMU C2: Nov. 22–24
  - DMU C3: Nov. 22–24
  - DMU C4: Nov. 22–25
  - DMU C5: Nov. 2–3, Nov. 16–17
  - DMU C6: Nov. 22–25

**Zone D**
- Archery season: Oct. 26 – Nov. 27
- Crossbow season: Oct. 26 – Nov. 27, Dec. 2–6
- General gun season: Nov. 28 – Dec. 1, Dec. 14 – Feb. 23
- Youth deer hunt weekend: Dec. 7–8
- Muzzleloading gun season: Dec. 7–13, Feb. 24 – March 1

- Deer-dog training season
  - Zone A: Aug. 17 – Sept. 5
  - Zone B: Nov. 2–21
  - Zone C: Sept. 28 – Oct. 17
  - Zone D: Oct. 26 – Nov. 14

Daily bag limit: 2 deer
- During those portions of archery and crossbow seasons when antlerless deer can be taken, either deer may be antlered or antlerless.
- During antlerless deer seasons (see DMU pages 22–25), only 1 deer may be antlerless.
- During all other seasons, only antlered deer may be taken. Antlerless deer can only be taken by antlerless deer permit/tag.

Possession limit: 4 deer

Annual bag limit: 5 deer of which only 2 can be antlerless.

*Deer taken under the Deer Depredation Permit Program, Private Lands Deer Management Permit Program and Antlerless Deer Permit Program (antlerless deer only), and on licensed game farms and hunting preserves are excluded from bag (daily and annual) and possession limits.*

A new harvest reporting system is now required for all deer hunters. See “Deer harvest reporting requirement” on page 18.
Turkey (gobblers and bearded turkeys only)

Fall seasons

Zone A
- Archery season: Aug. 3 – Sept. 1
- Crossbow season: Aug. 3 – Sept. 6
- Muzzleloading gun season: Sept. 7–20
- Fall turkey season: Oct. 7–20, Nov. 23 – Jan. 5

Zone B
- Archery season: Oct. 19 – Nov. 17
- Crossbow season: Oct. 19 – Nov. 22
- Muzzleloading gun season: Nov. 23 – Dec. 6
- Fall turkey season: Dec. 7 – Feb. 2

Zone C
- Crossbow season: Sept. 14 – Oct. 18
- Muzzleloading gun season: Oct. 19 – Nov. 1
- Fall turkey season: Nov. 2 – Dec. 29

Zone D (except in Holmes County, where there is no fall harvest of turkeys allowed)
- Archery season: Oct. 26 – Nov. 27
- Crossbow season: Oct. 26 – Nov. 27, Dec. 2–6
- Muzzleloading gun season: Dec. 7–13

Daily bag limit: 2 turkeys
Season and possession limit: 2 for all fall seasons combined

Spring seasons

North of State Road 70
- Youth turkey hunt weekend: March 14–15
- Spring turkey season: March 21 – April 26

South of State Road 70
- Youth turkey hunt weekend: Feb. 29 – March 1
- Spring turkey season: March 7 – April 12

Daily bag limit: 2 turkeys
Season and possession limit: 2 for all spring seasons

In Holmes County, the daily bag and season limit is 1.

Archery season — Only bows may be used.
Crossbow season — Only crossbows and bows may be used.
Muzzleloading gun season — Only muzzleloaders fired by wheel lock, flintlock, percussion cap or centerfire primer (including 209 primers) and crossbows and bows may be used. Firearms that can be loaded from the breech are not legal during muzzleloading gun season.

General gun season — Centerfire rifles, shotguns, centerfire pistols, muzzleloaders, pre-charged pneumatic air guns, crossbows and bows may be used.

Youth deer hunt weekend — Youth 15-years-old and younger can harvest any deer except spotted fawn, but youth must be supervised by an adult, 18 years or older. Youth may use any legal method of take (including dogs) for deer, with a limit of 1 deer for the weekend that counts towards the youth’s annual statewide bag limit. This weekend does not apply to wildlife management areas.

Fall and spring turkey seasons — Shotguns, rifles, pre-charged pneumatic air guns, pistols, muzzleloaders, crossbows or bows may be used.
Youth turkey hunt weekend — Youth 15-years-old and younger can harvest turkey, but youth must be supervised by an adult, 18 years or older. However, adult supervisors with a hunting license and turkey permit can “call in” the turkey and otherwise participate in the hunt, but they cannot shoot or shoot at turkey.
DEER MANAGEMENT UNITS (DMUs)

DMU-D2
**Antler regulations and antlerless deer season**
All antlered deer must have an antler with at least 3 points (1 inch or more in length) OR have a main beam length of 10 inches or more to be legal to take. Hunters 16 years of age and older may not take during any season or by any method an antlered deer not meeting this criteria. As part of their annual statewide antlered deer bag limit, youth 15-years-old and younger may harvest 1 deer annually not meeting antler criteria but having at least 1 antler 5 inches or more in length.

Antlerless deer are deer that do not have antlers or have antlers less than 5 inches in length. It is illegal to take spotted fawns.


DMU-D1
**Antler regulations and antlerless deer season**
All antlered deer must have an antler with at least 2 points (1 inch or more in length) to be legal to take. Hunters 16 years of age and older may not take during any season or by any method an antlered deer not meeting this criteria. As part of their annual statewide antlered deer bag limit, youth 15-years-old and younger may harvest 1 deer annually not meeting antler criteria but having at least 1 antler 5 inches or more in length.

Antlerless deer are deer that do not have antlers or have antlers less than 5 inches in length. It is illegal to take spotted fawns.

Antlerless deer season on private lands only is Nov. 30–Dec. 1 and Dec. 28–29.

DMU-B1
**Antler regulations and antlerless deer season**
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Antlerless deer season on private lands only is Dec. 27–29.
DMU-C3
Antler regulations and antlerless deer season
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Antlerless deer are deer that do not have antlers or have antlers less than 5 inches in length. It is illegal to take spotted fawns.
Antlerless deer season on private lands only is Nov. 22–24.

DMU-C4, C5, C6
Antler regulations and antlerless deer season
All antlered deer must have an antler with at least 3 points (1 inch or more in length) OR have a main beam length of 10 inches or more to be legal to take. Hunters 16 years of age and older may not take during any season or by any method an antlered deer not meeting this criteria. As part of their annual statewide antlered deer bag limit, youth 15-years-old and younger may harvest 1 deer annually not meeting antler criteria but having at least 1 antler 5 inches or more in length.
Antlerless deer are deer that do not have antlers or have antlers less than 5 inches in length. It is illegal to take spotted fawns.
Antlerless deer season on private lands only is Nov. 22–24.

DMU-C4
Antlerless deer season on private lands only is Nov. 22–25.

DMU-C5
Antlerless deer season on private lands only: During muzzleloading gun season Oct. 19–20, and during general gun season Nov. 2–3 and 16–17.

DMU-C6
Antlerless deer season on private lands only is Nov. 22–25.
DMU-A3
Antler regulations and antlerless deer season
All antlered deer must have an antler with at least 3 points (1 inch or more in length) OR have a main beam length of 10 inches or more to be legal to take. Hunters 16 years of age and older may not take during any season or by any method an antlered deer not meeting this criteria. As part of their annual statewide antlered deer bag limit, youth 15-years-old and younger may harvest 1 deer annually not meeting antler criteria but having at least 1 antler 5 inches or more in length.
Antlerless deer are deer that do not have antlers or have antlers less than 5 inches in length. It is illegal to take spotted fawns.

DMU-C1
Antler less deer season on private lands only is Nov. 22–25.

DMU-C2
Antler less deer season on private lands only is Nov. 22–24.

DMU-A1, A2
Antler regulations and antlerless deer season
All antlered deer must have an antler with at least 2 points (1 inch or more in length) to be legal to take. Hunters 16 years of age and older may not take during any season or by any method an antlered deer not meeting this criteria. As part of their annual statewide antlered deer bag limit, youth 15-years-old and younger may harvest 1 deer annually not meeting antler criteria but having at least 1 antler 5 inches or more in length.
Antlerless deer are deer that do not have antlers or have antlers less than 5 inches in length. It is illegal to take spotted fawns.

DMU-A1
Antlerless deer may not be taken.
Note: Taking deer is prohibited in the Florida Keys.

DMU-A2
Antlerless deer season on private lands only is Nov. 23–24.
No antlerless deer may be taken in Collier County south of I-75 during these dates.
Note: Taking ANY deer is illegal in that portion of Collier County lying south of S.R. 84 (I-75), west of S.R. 29, north of U.S. 41 and east of the western boundary of Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve.

Antler Examples

- **5 inches**
  - **Antlerless deer**
  - Without antlers or antlers less than 5 inches

- **2 points-on-a-side antlered deer**
  - At least one antler with 2 points, each point 1 inch or more in length

- **3 points-on-a-side antlered deer**
  - At least one antler with 3 points, each point 1 inch or more in length

- **Length of main beam at least 10 inches long**
  - **10-inch main beam antlered deer**
  - At least one main beam 10 inches or more in length

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Must have migratory bird permit (no cost) as well as hunting license to hunt all above listed species, except crow.

**Shooting hours**: One-half hour before sunrise until sunset, unless otherwise noted.

Taking or attempting to take harlequin ducks, brant and purple gallinule is prohibited.

W Must have $5 Florida waterfowl permit and $27.50 Federal duck stamp in addition to hunting license and migratory bird permit when hunting waterfowl.

* Shooting hours is one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset. No hunting license or permit is required.

** Only youth 15-years-old and younger are allowed to hunt ducks, light geese, Canada geese, mergansers, coots and common moorhens, while supervised by a non-hunting adult 18-years-old or older. Bag and possession limits for each species are listed in the above table.

**Limited hunting days:**

In Leon County and on Lake Miccosukee, waterfowl hunting is permitted only on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays during the Regular Duck Season (Nov. 23 – Dec. 1 and Dec. 7 – Jan. 26) and on Nov. 28 and 29, Dec. 4, 26, 28 and 31, and Jan. 2 and 20. However, Lake Talquin and the Ochlockonee River are open to hunting every day during the Regular Duck Season. During open seasons, hunting ducks, geese and coots is permitted only on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays in the state waters of the Gulf of Mexico in Hernando County north of Raccoon Point and east of Saddle Key as designated by posted signs.

**Special regulations for Leon County and Lake Miccosukee:**

*Boat motor restrictions* - During Regular Duck Season (Nov. 23 – Dec. 1 and Dec. 7 – Jan. 26), the use of internal combustion engines is prohibited on Lake Iamonia (except as authorized by permit from the Executive Director) and Carr Lake. The use of internal combustion engines of more than 10 horsepower on Lake Miccosukee is also prohibited during these dates. However, internal combustion motors and airboats may be used on these lakes during the September Duck Season and during Youth Waterfowl Days.

*Duck blinds* - It is illegal to hunt from or within 30 yards of a permanent duck blind on Lake Miccosukee, and lakes Iamonia, Jackson and Carr. The use of temporary duck blinds, including those made with vegetation, that are removed at the end of each hunt is allowed.
2019–2020 Migratory bird hunting regulations

**Daily bag limit:** The maximum number of migratory game birds of a single species or combination (aggregate) of species permitted to be taken by one person in any one day during the open season in any one specified geographic area for which a daily bag limit is prescribed.

**Possession limit:** The maximum number of migratory game birds of a single species or a combination of species permitted to be possessed by any one person when lawfully taken in the United States in any one specified geographic area for which a possession limit is prescribed.

**Dressing:** No person shall completely field dress any migratory game birds (except doves) and transport them from the field. The head or one fully feathered wing must remain attached to all such birds while being transported from the field to one’s home or processing facility.

**Personal abode:** One’s principal or ordinary home or dwelling place, as distinguished from one’s temporary or transient place of abode or dwelling such as a hunting club, or any club house, cabin, tent or trailer house used as a hunting club, or any hotel, motel or rooming house used during a hunting, pleasure or business trip.

**Tagging requirement:** No person shall put or leave any migratory game birds at any place (other than at a personal abode), or in the custody of another person for picking, cleaning, processing, shipping, transportation, or storage (including temporary storage), or for the purpose of having taxidermy services performed, unless such birds have a tag attached, signed by the hunter, stating his or her address, the total number and species of birds, and the date such birds were harvested. Migratory game birds being transported in any vehicle as the personal baggage of the possessor shall not be considered as being in storage or temporary storage.

**Custody of birds of another:** No person shall receive or have in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are properly tagged.

**Transportation of birds of another:** No person shall transport migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are properly tagged.

**Wanton waste of migratory game birds:** No person shall kill or cripple any migratory game bird without making a reasonable effort to retrieve the bird, and retain it in his or her actual custody, at the place where taken or between that place and either (a) an automobile or principal means of land transportation; or (b) a personal abode or temporary or transient place of lodging; or (c) a migratory bird preservation facility; or (d) a post office; or (e) a common carrier facility.

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Unlawful means and methods
No persons shall take migratory game birds:
■ With a trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10 gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fish hook, poison, drug, explosive, or stupefying substance
■ With a shotgun of any description capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler, incapable of removal without disassembling the gun, so its total capacity does not exceed three shells
■ From or by means, aid, or use of a sinkbox or any other type of low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water
■ From or by means, aid, or use of any motor vehicle, motor-driven land conveyance, or aircraft of any kind, except that paraplegics and persons missing one or both legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance
■ From or by means of any motorboat or other craft having a motor attached, or any sailboat, unless the motor has been completely shut off and/or the sails furled, and its progress there from has ceased
■ By the use or aid of live birds as decoys; although not limited to, it shall be a violation of this paragraph for any person to take migratory waterfowl on an area where tame or captive live ducks or geese are present unless such birds are and have been for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to such taking, confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such birds from the sight of wild migratory waterfowl
■ By the use or aid of recorded or electrically amplified bird calls or sounds, or recorded or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds. This restriction does not apply during dates States have selected under the Conservation Order for light geese (i.e. greater and lesser snow and Ross’s geese) or those selected for the control of resident Canada geese. Taking or attempting to take any game species in Florida with recorded game calls or sounds is prohibited (68A-12.002).
■ By means or aid of any motor driven land, water, or air conveyance, or any sailboat used for the purpose of or resulting in the concentrating, driving, rallying, or stirring up of any migratory bird
■ By the aid of baiting, or on or over any baited area, where a person knows or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited

Nontoxic shot
No person may take ducks, geese or coots while possessing shot (either shellshots or as loose shot for muzzleloading) other than approved non-toxic shot. For a list of approved non-toxic shot, see www.fws.gov/birds/bird-enthusiasts/hunting/nontoxic.php.

If you have any questions about migratory bird regulations, call the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at 850-488-5878.

For information on federal hunting regulations or violations, contact U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service special agents: Groveland 352-429-1037; Ft. Myers 239-561-8144; Miami 305-526-2610; Vero Beach 772-562-3909 or Tallahassee 850-402-0573.
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**FURBEARER REGULATIONS**

Seasons, dates and bag limits do not apply to wildlife management areas.

### Furbearer regulations
- Bobcat and otter may be trapped statewide Dec. 1 – March 1. No bag limits.
- Raccoon, opossum, coyote, beaver, skunk and nutria may be trapped statewide year round. No bag limits.
- Minks, Everglades minks, weasels and round-tailed muskrats cannot be taken or possessed.

### License requirements
A furbearer trapping license ($26.50) is required:
- When taking or attempting to take furbearing animals using traps or snares.
- To sell the pelts or meat of furbearing animals to licensed fur dealers, whether taken by trap, snare or gun.

### Methods of take
Furbearers may be taken with guns (including air guns), live traps, snares (including power snares) and recorded game calls. Live traps and snares must be checked every 24 hours. Hunting raccoons or opossums at night is allowed, but only .22-caliber rimfire firearms (other than .22-magnums) or single-shot .410-gauge shotguns (using shot not larger than size 6) may be used.

### Prohibited
The use of steel leg-hold traps, dog-proof raccoon traps and body-grip (conibear) traps is prohibited, except when permitted by FWC. It is illegal to transport wild-trapped live raccoons within, into or from the state, except by FWC permit or authorization. Hunting raccoons or opossums by displaying or using lights from moving vehicles, vessels or animals is prohibited.

### Feeding
The intentional placement of feed or garbage in a manner that is likely to create or creates a public nuisance by attracting foxes, coyotes or raccoons is prohibited.

### Closed season on fox
Trapping or shooting foxes is prohibited, but foxes may be chased with dogs year round.

### Commercial furbearer requirements
One must possess a fur dealer’s license ($100.00) to buy or sell meat or fur from furbearing mammals for commercial purposes, or to solicit business by mail or advertising.

### CITES tag requirements
Bobcat and otter pelts taken for commercial purposes must be tagged with a CITES tag. Licensed fur dealers and their agents must tag otter and bobcat pelts immediately upon receipt. CITES tags are also required when transporting pelts of bobcat or otter across state lines. The possession of pelts of bobcat and otter is prohibited during the period of April 1 to Nov. 30 unless pelts have been tagged.

### Falconry
Wildlife management area regulations can differ.

### 2019–2020 Season Dates & Bag/Possession Limit

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* The daily bag limit for all migratory game bird species is three, singly or in the aggregate

** Youth only (15 and under)

For more information on falconry regulations, contact the FWC’s Waterfowl and Small Game Program at 850-488-5878.
General prohibitions
No wildlife or their nests, eggs, young, homes or dens shall be taken, transported, stored, served, bought, sold or possessed in any manner at any time, except as specifically permitted by Title 68A, F.A.C. No one shall take, poison, store, buy, sell, possess or wantonly or willfully waste wildlife, unless specifically permitted or authorized to do so.
- The use of gasoline or any other chemical or gaseous substances to drive wildlife from their retreats is prohibited.
- It is prohibited to place food or garbage, allow the placement of food or garbage, or offer food or garbage in such a manner that it attracts black bears, foxes or raccoons and in a manner that is likely to create or creates a public nuisance.
- Intentional feeding of sandhill cranes is prohibited.
- Intentional feeding or the placement of food that attracts pelicans and modifies the natural behavior of the pelican so as to be detrimental to the survival or health of a local population is prohibited.
- It is prohibited to take or assist in taking wildlife by the remote control aiming and discharge of a gun when that person is not physically present with that gun.

Birds
State and federal laws protect birds. Birds (or their parts, nests or eggs) may not be taken, possessed, imported, exported, transported, sold, purchased, bartered, or offered for sale, purchase or barter, except as permitted by State and Federal regulations. See title 68A, F.A.C. at www.flrules.org and 50 C.F.R at ecf.gov for more information.

Non-protected birds and mammals
House (English) sparrows, European starlings, armadillos, Norway and black rats, and house mice may be taken throughout the year. See Rule 68A-4.001 at www.flrules.org for more information.

Frogs
Frogs, except Pine Barrens tree-frogs, gopher frogs and Florida bog frogs, may be taken throughout the year by gigs, clubs, air guns, blowguns, hook and line or manually; or by shooting with a .22 caliber or smaller firearm during daylight hours. Frog species classified as threatened or endangered may not be possessed or taken. See Rule 68A-26.002, F.A.C. at www.flrules.org for more information.

Turtles
Freshwater turtles taken from the wild may not be sold. Take, transport or possession of alligator snapping turtles and Barbour’s map turtles is prohibited. The following species have a possession limit of two: loggerhead musk turtles, box turtles, Escambia map turtles and diamondback terrapins. Taking Escambia map turtles, cooters, striped mud turtles (from the Lower Keys only) and snapping turtles from the wild is prohibited. For all other freshwater turtles, take is limited to one turtle per person per day (midnight to midnight) from the wild. Freshwater turtles may only be taken by hand, dip net, minnow seine or baited hook. Many freshwater turtle species may be taken year round, but softshell turtles may not be taken from the wild from May 1 to July 31. In addition, collecting of any freshwater turtle eggs is prohibited. See Rule 68A-25.002 and 68A-27.003, F.A.C. at www.flrules.org for more information. It is illegal to take, attempt to take, pursue, hunt, harass, capture, possess, sell or transport gopher tortoises, parts thereof, or their eggs without a permit. It is illegal to molest, damage or destroy gopher tortoise burrows. For information about gopher tortoises and permits, please visit MyFWC.com/GopherTortoise.

Snakes
Florida pine snakes may not be sold, bought or possessed for sale, nor shall any person possess more than one Florida pine snake, unless the snake is amelanistic or albino. Short-tailed snakes, Key ringneck snakes, and rim rock crowned snakes may not be taken. Red rat snakes, Peninsula ribbon snakes, and Florida brown snakes (from the Lower Keys only) may not be taken. For more information, please visit MyFWC.com/GopherTortoise.
**Public Hunting Areas**

**Wildlife management areas (WMAs)**

Only general wildlife management area (WMA) regulations are covered in this booklet. For specific information on WMA regulations, permit requirements and exemptions, obtain individual WMA brochures for each area you wish to hunt. These brochures are available only at [MyFWC.com](https://www.MyFWC.com).

**Northwest Region**

1. **Apalachee**: 7,952 acres in Jackson County
   - Quota permit required during general gun and spring turkey; recreational access allowed.

2. **Apalacheola**: 581,290 acres in Franklin, Leon, Liberty and Wakulla counties
   - Quota permits are not required for this area; recreational access allowed.

3. **Apalacheola—Bradwell Unit**: 1,420 acres in Liberty County
   - Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, family, youth turkey and spring turkey; recreational access allowed.

4. **Apalacheola River WEA**: 83,192 acres in Franklin and Gulf counties
   - Quota permits are not required for this area; camping in designated campgrounds allowed only by FWC permit; recreational access allowed.

5. **Aucilla**: 50,549 acres in Jefferson and Taylor counties
   - Quota permit required during general gun, archery, muzzleloading gun and family; recreational access allowed.

6. **Beaverdam Creek**: 1,317 acres in Liberty County
   - Quota permit required during muzzleloading gun, family and spring turkey; recreational access allowed.

7. **Blackwater**: 192,449 acres in Santa Rosa and Okaloosa counties
   - Quota permit required during general gun, family, quail and archery/muzzleloading gun; recreational access allowed.

8. **Blackwater—Carr Unit**: 590 acres in Santa Rosa County
   - Released quail permit required.

9. **Blackwater—Hutton Unit**: 7,629 acres in Santa Rosa County
   - Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, mobility-impaired, general gun, youth turkey and spring turkey; recreational access allowed only during nonhunting periods.

10. **Box-R**: 12,260 acres in Franklin County
    - Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, wild hog-dog and spring turkey; recreational access allowed.

11. **Chipola River**: 9,094 acres in Jackson and Calhoun counties
    - Quota permits are required during archery, muzzleloading gun, family, youth turkey and spring turkey; camping allowed only at designated campgrounds by landowner permit; recreational access allowed.

12. **Choctawhatchee River**: 57,998 acres in Bay, Holmes, Walton and Washington counties
    - Quota permits are not required for this area; recreational access allowed.

13. **Choctawhatchee River WEA**: 1,420 acres in Liberty County
    - Quota permit required during general gun and spring turkey; recreational access allowed.

14. **Econofina Creek**: 41,433 acres in Bay, Jackson and Washington counties
    - Quota permits required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, youth turkey and spring turkey; camping allowed only at designated campgrounds by landowner permit; recreational access allowed.

15. **Econofina Creek—Fitzhugh Carter Tract**: 2,174 acres in Washington County
    - Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, youth turkey and spring turkey; recreational access allowed.

16. **Eglin AFB**: 250,000 acres in Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, and Walton counties
    - Landowner permit required for all hunting seasons and activities.

17. **Escambia River**: 35,413 acres in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties
    - Quota permits are not required for this area; camping allowed throughout the area, but camping in designated campgrounds only allowed by landowner permit; recreational access allowed.

18. **Escambia River WEA**: 83,192 acres in Franklin and Gulf counties
    - Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, wild hog-dog and spring turkey; camping allowed only in designated campgrounds by FWC permit; recreational access allowed.

19. **Escribano Point**: 4,087 acres in Santa Rosa County
    - Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, archery/muzzleloading gun and spring turkey; camping allowed only in designated campgrounds by FWC permit; recreational access allowed.
18 Flint Rock: 7,939 acres in Jefferson and Wakulla counties
Legend
season
Archery
gun season
Muzzleloading gun season
Archery/muzzleloading gun season
General gun season
Small-game season
Spring turkey hunts
Family allowed
Camping allowed
Released quail
Hunting season
Hog hunting
Hog dogs hunting
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Fishing
Mobility-impaired hunts
Youth turkey season

Quota permit required during archery season; recreational access allowed only during hunting periods.

19 Joe Budd: 11,173 acres in Gadsden County

Quota permit required during archery, archery/muzzleloading gun and spring turkey; camping allowed only at High Bluff Campground with permit from Florida Forest Service; fishing and recreational access allowed only during nonhunting periods.

20 Juniper Creek: 914 acres in Calhoun County

Family and youth turkey hunts only; landowner zone tag required for all hunts; recreational access allowed only during nonhunting periods.

21 L. Kirk Edwards WEA: 1,782 acres in Leon County

Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, family and spring turkey; fishing and recreational access allowed only during nonhunting periods.

22 Lafayette Creek: 3,160 acres in Walton County

Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun season, general gun season, muzzleloading gun season; fishing and recreational access allowed.

23 Ochlockonee River: 2,790 acres in Leon County

Quota permit required during archery/muzzleloading gun season and youth turkey season; fishing and recreational access allowed.

24 Perdido River: 6,261 acres in Escambia County

Quota permit required during archery/muzzleloading gun season, general gun season, muzzleloading gun season, family season, youth turkey season, and spring turkey season; horseback riding allowed on designated trails; recreational access allowed.

25 Pine Log: 7,091 acres in Bay and Washington counties

Quota permit required during muzzleloading gun season, general gun season, and youth turkey season; camping allowed only at designated sites by landowner permit; horseback riding allowed on trails; recreational access allowed.

26 Plank Road: 8,096 acres in Jefferson and Leon counties

Quota permit required during archery/muzzleloading gun season, general gun season, and youth turkey season; camping allowed only at designated sites by landowner permit; horseback riding allowed on designated trails; recreational access allowed.

27 Point Washington: 15,355 acres in Walton County

Quota permit required during general gun season; camping allowed only at designated sites by landowner permit; recreational access allowed.

28 St. Marks NWR: 32,000 acres in Wakulla, Jefferson and Taylor counties

Landowner permit required for all hunting seasons; recreational access allowed.

29 St. Vincent NWR: 11,400 acres in Franklin County

Landowner permit required for all hunting seasons and camping; recreational access allowed.

30 Talquin: 3,053 acres in Leon County

Quota permit required during general gun and youth turkey season; recreational access allowed 1.5 hours before sunrise until 1.5 hours after sunset.

31 Tate’s Hell: 185,044 acres in Franklin and Liberty counties

Quota permit required during general gun and spring turkey season; camping allowed with landowner permit; recreational access allowed.

32 Tate’s Hell—Womack Creek Unit: 13,754 acres in Franklin and Liberty counties

Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun season, general gun season, and youth turkey season; camping allowed only at designated sites by landowner permit; recreational access allowed.

33 Tyndall AFB: 14,400 acres in Bay County

Landowner permit required for all hunting seasons and activities.

34 Wakulla: 4,045 acres in Wakulla County

Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun season, general gun season, and youth turkey season; camping allowed only at designated sites by landowner permit; recreational access allowed.

35 Yellow River: 27,208 acres in Okaloosa and Santa Rosa counties

Quota permits are not required for this area; recreational access allowed.
North Central Region

46 Alligator Lake Public Small-Game Hunting Area: 484 acres in Columbia County
Waterfowl, fishing and frogging area only.

57 Andrew: 3,501 acres in Levy County
Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, youth, youth turkey and spring turkey; recreational access allowed.

38 Bayard: 9,702 acres in Clay County
Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, wild hog-still, youth turkey and spring turkey; tent camping only; recreational access allowed.

39 Belmore: 8,737 acres in Clay County
Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, family, youth turkey and spring turkey; recreational access allowed.

40 Big Bend—Hickory Mound Unit: 14,427 acres in Taylor County
Quota permit required during general gun; recreational access allowed.

41 Big Bend—Jena Unit: 11,651 acres in Dixie County
Quota permit required during general gun; recreational access allowed.

42 Big Bend—Snipe Island Unit: 11,687 acres in Taylor County
Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, and spring turkey; horseback riding allowed; recreational access allowed.

43 Big Bend—Spring Creek Unit: 14,600 acres in Taylor County
Quota permit required during muzzleloading gun and general gun; recreational access allowed.

44 Big Bend—Tide Swamp Unit: 19,538 acres in Taylor County
Quota permits are not required for this area; recreational access allowed.

45 Big Shoals: 2,140 acres in Hamilton County
Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, youth turkey and spring turkey; recreational access allowed.

46 Camp Blanding: 56,197 acres in Clay County
Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, youth, youth turkey and spring turkey.

47 Cary: 11,644 acres in Duval and Nassau counties
Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, family, wild hog-still and spring turkey; camping allowed only at designated sites by landowner permit; recreational access allowed.

48 Cedar Key Scrub: 6,480 acres in Levy County
Quota permit required during general gun; recreational access allowed.

49 Citrus: 49,317 acres in Citrus and Hernando counties
Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, youth turkey and spring turkey; recreational access allowed.

50 Cypress Creek: 1,328 acres in Hamilton County
Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, youth turkey and spring turkey; recreational access allowed.

51 Devil’s Hammock: 7,600 acres in Levy County
Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, family, youth turkey and spring turkey; camping allowed only during nonhunting periods at designated sites by permit from Levy County Commission; recreational access allowed.

52 Flying Eagle: 10,563 acres in Citrus County
Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun and spring turkey; camping allowed only during nonhunting periods; recreational access allowed.

53 Fort White WEA: 1,610 acres in Gilchrist County
Quota permit required during archery, youth turkey and spring turkey; recreational access allowed.

54 Four Creeks: 13,060 acres in Nassau County
Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, and spring turkey; camping allowed only at designated sites by landowner permit; recreational access allowed.

55 Goethe: 45,745 acres in Levy County
Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, family, wild hog-still, youth turkey and spring turkey; recreational access allowed.

56 Grove Park: 16,437 acres in Alachua County
Recreational use permit required for all hunts and activities except on designated trails; horseback riding allowed only during nonhunting periods, except on designated trails where it is allowed year-round.

57 Gulf Hammock: 23,991 acres in Levy County
Recreational use permit required for all hunts and activities; horseback riding and fishing allowed only during hunting periods.

58 Hatchet Creek: 2,760 acres in Alachua County
Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, family, youth turkey and spring turkey; camping allowed only by landowner permit; recreational access allowed.

59 Holton Creek: 2,531 acres in Hamilton County
Mobility-impaired quota permit required during general gun and spring turkey; fishing, horseback riding and recreational access allowed only during nonhunting periods.

60 Homosassa: 5,675 acres in Citrus County
Special-opportunity permit required during spring turkey; quota permit required during archery; recreational access allowed, except during spring turkey.
Jennings Forest: 23,269 acres in Clay and Duval counties
Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, family, quail, wild hog-still, youth turkey and spring turkey; primitive camping allowed at designated sites by landowner permit; recreational access allowed.

Lafayette Forest WEA: 2,148 acres in Lafayette County
Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, wild-hog-still, family, youth turkey and spring turkey; recreational access allowed, except during hunting periods when only hunters are allowed on the area.

Little River: 2,203 acres in Suwannee County
Quota permit required during archery, family, muzzleloading gun, youth turkey and spring turkey; recreational access allowed.

Lochloosa: 11,149 acres in Alachua County
Quota permit required during general gun; horseback riding allowed except during general gun season; recreational access allowed.

Log Landing: 5,015 acres in Dixie, Gilchrist and Lafayette counties
Quota permits are not required for this area; recreational access allowed.

Lower Econfina River: 3,007 acres in Taylor County
Quota permits are not required for this area; horseback riding allowed only during nonhunting periods; recreational access allowed.

Lower Suwannee NWR: 50,000 acres in Dixie and Levy counties
National Wildlife Refuge permit required for all hunting seasons; recreational access allowed.

Mallory Swamp: 31,225 acres in Lafayette County
Quota permit required during muzzleloading gun and general gun; recreational access allowed.

Middle Aucllina: 2,245 acres in Jefferson, Madison and Taylor counties
Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun and spring turkey; recreational access allowed.

Osceola: 266,270 acres in Baker and Columbia counties
Quota permit required if hunting in the dog hunt area during general gun; recreational access allowed.

PotashCorp-White Springs: 2,400 acres in Hamilton County
Waterfowl area only.

Potts: 4,155 acres in Citrus County
Quota permit required during wild hog-dog and spring turkey; camping allowed only during hunting periods or with landowner permit; horseback riding allowed except during wild hog-dog hunts; recreational access allowed.

Rafford: 9,814 acres in Bradford and Union counties
Quota permit required during muzzleloading gun, archery/muzzleloading gun, youth turkey and spring turkey; fishing allowed only during hunting periods.

Ralph E. Simmons: 3,630 acres in Nassau County
Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, family, general gun mobility-impaired, general gun, youth turkey and spring turkey; horseback riding and recreational access allowed only during nonhunting periods and during small-game season.

Santa Fe Swamp WEA: 7,326 acres in Alachua and Bradford counties
Quota permits are not required for this area; recreational access allowed.

Steinhatchee Springs: 24,422 acres in Lafayette, Dixie and Taylor counties
Quota permit required during muzzleloading gun, wild hog-dog, general gun and spring turkey; recreational access allowed.

Suwannee Ridge WEA: 1,425 acres in Hamilton County
Mobility-impaired quota permit required during general gun and spring turkey; recreational access allowed only during nonhunting periods.

Thomas Creek Kings Road Unit: 2,429 acres in Duval County
Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, family, youth turkey and spring turkey; recreational access allowed.

Troy Springs: 1,750 acres in Lafayette County
Quota permits are not required for this area; recreational access allowed.

Twin Rivers: 9,289 acres in Madison, Hamilton and Suwannee counties
Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, family, youth turkey and spring turkey; camping allowed only by authorization of Florida Forest Service; recreational access allowed.

Twin Rivers—Blue Springs Unit: 2,086 acres in Hamilton County
Permit required for bird-dog training; quota permit required for quail hunting; camping allowed only during nonhunting periods by landowner permit; recreational access allowed.
PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS

82 Watermelon Pond WEA: 4,687 acres in Alachua and Levy counties

Quota permit required during youth turkey; recreational access allowed.

Northeast Region

83 Buck Lake: 9,391 acres in Brevard and Volusia counties

Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun and spring turkey; camping allowed only during nonhunting periods; horseback riding allowed only during small-game season and nonhunting periods; recreational access allowed.

84 Caravelle Ranch: 27,251 acres in Putnam and Marion counties

Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, youth turkey and spring turkey; recreational access allowed.

85 Charles H. Bronson: 11,672 acres in Orange and Seminole counties

Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, youth turkey and spring turkey; recreational access allowed.

86 Dunns Creek: 3,184 acres in Putnam County

Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, wild hog-still and spring turkey; horseback riding and recreational access allowed only during nonhunting periods.

87 Emerald Marsh Public Small-Game Hunting Area: 6,476 acres in Lake County

Waterfowl, snipe, fishing and frogging area only; recreational access allowed.

88 Etoniah Creek: 7,185 acres in Putnam County

Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun and spring turkey; camping allowed with landowner permit; recreational access allowed.

89 Fellsmere Area 1 Public Small-Game Hunting Area: 4,189 acres in Indian River County

Waterfowl, snipe, fishing and frogging area only; recreational access allowed.

90 Fort Drum: 20,858 acres in Indian River County

Special-opportunity permit required for deer and spring turkey; quota permit required during wild hog-still; horseback riding allowed only during small-game season and nonhunting periods; recreational access allowed except during special-opportunity hunts.

91 Gores Landing: 4,357 acres in Marion County

Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, youth turkey and spring turkey; recreational access allowed.

92 Guana River: 9,815 acres in St. Johns County

Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, wild hog-still and spring turkey; horseback riding allowed only during small-game season and nonhunting periods; recreational access allowed.

93 Guana River—Lake Ponte Vedra Public Small-Game Hunting Area: 2,342 acres in St. Johns County

Waterfowl, snipe and fishing area only; quota permit required for all hunts.

94 Half Moon: 9,554 acres in Sumter County

Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, wild hog-still, youth turkey and spring turkey; horseback riding only allowed during small-game season and nonhunting periods; recreational access allowed.

95 Herky Huffman/Bull Creek: 23,646 acres in Osceola County

Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun and general gun; camping allowed only during hunting periods; recreational access allowed.

96 Jumper Creek: 10,552 acres in Sumter County

Quota permit required during muzzleloading gun and general gun; camping allowed but accessible by boat only; recreational access allowed.

97 Kissimmee Chain of Lakes Area: 21,028 acres in Osceola and Polk counties

Quota permits are not required for this area; hog hunting allowed year round; offers crossbow season; camping allowed first-come, first-served at designated campsites by landowner permit; recreational access allowed.

98 Kissimmee Chain of Lakes Rolling Meadows Unit: 1,873 acres in Polk County

Quota permits are not required for this area; hog hunting allowed year round; offers crossbow season; recreational access allowed.

99 Lake George: 39,642 acres in Putnam and Volusia counties

Quota permit required during muzzleloading gun, general gun, youth turkey and spring turkey; camping allowed with landowner permit, but camping is prohibited during general gun; recreational access allowed.
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PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS

121 T. M. Goodwin: 6,482 acres in Brevard County
Waterfowl, snipe and fishing area only. Quota permit required for all hunts.

122 Three Lakes: 54,611 acres in Osceola County
Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun and general gun; camping allowed only during hunting periods; recreational activities allowed with management area permit or daily-use permit, unless exempt.

123 Three Lakes—Prairie Lakes Unit: 8,859 acres in Osceola County
Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading, general gun, wild hog-still, youth turkey and spring turkey; camping allowed with FWC permit; recreational activities allowed with management area permit or daily-use permit, unless exempt.

124 Tiger Bay: 19,644 acres in Volusia County
Quota permit required during general gun, youth turkey and spring turkey; recreational access allowed.

125 Tiger Bay—Rima Ridge Unit: 11,548 acres in Volusia County
Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, youth turkey and spring turkey; camping allowed with landowner permit; recreational access allowed.

126 Tosohatchee: 30,701 acres in Orange County
Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, wild hog-dog (on weekends) and spring turkey; camping allowed with landowner permit; recreational access allowed.

127 Triple N Ranch: 16,295 acres in Osceola County
Special-opportunity permit required for deer and spring turkey; quota permit required during wild hog-still; camping allowed only during hunting periods; horseback riding allowed only during nonhunting periods, except hunters may hunt from horseback during small-game season; recreational access allowed, except during special-opportunity hunts.

128 Upper St. Johns River Marsh: 120,386 acres in Brevard and Indian River counties
Quota permits are not required for this area; only tent camping is allowed at designated campsites during the hunting season or with landowner authorization; recreational access allowed.

Southwest Region

129 Arbuckle: 13,925 acres in Polk County
Quota permit required during weekend archery and muzzleloading gun, and spring turkey; camping allowed with landowner permit; horseback riding allowed only during nonhunting periods; recreational access allowed.

130 Avon Park AFR: 80,000 acres in Polk and Highlands counties
Landowner permit required for all hunts and activities.

131 Babcock Ranch Preserve: 16,612 acres in Charlotte County
Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, mobility impaired, family and spring turkey.

132 Babcock/Webb: 64,874 acres in Charlotte County
Quota permit required during archery, general gun and field trial quail; camping allowed with FWC permit; horseback riding, fishing and recreational access allowed with management area permit or daily-use fee, unless exempt.

133 Babcock/Webb—Punta Gorda Water Treatment Facility: 884 acres in Charlotte County
Quota permit required when hog or dove hunting.

134 Babcock/Webb—Yucca Pens Unit: 15,230 acres in Charlotte and Lee counties
Quota permit required during muzzleloading gun and general gun; horseback riding, fishing and recreational access allowed with management area permit or daily-use fee, unless exempt.

135 Chassahowitzka: 34,597 acres in Hernando County
Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, wild hog-dog, youth turkey and spring turkey; horseback riding, hiking, fishing and recreational access allowed with management area permit or daily-use fee, unless exempt.

136 Croom: 20,595 acres in Hernando and Sumter counties
Quota permit required during muzzleloading gun, general gun and spring turkey; camping allowed with landowner permit; recreational access allowed.

137 Everglades Headwaters Hatchineha Unit: 1,460 acres in Polk County
Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, family hunt, general gun, youth turkey and spring turkey; recreational access allowed except during periods open to hunting.
138 **Green Swamp**: 50,692 acres in Polk, Sumter, and Lake counties

Quota permit required during general gun and spring turkey; camping allowed only during hunting periods by permit from FWC; recreational access allowed.

139 **Green Swamp—West Unit**: 34,335 acres Pasco County

Special-opportunity permit required during archery, general gun and spring turkey; quota permit required during wild hog hunts; camping allowed only during hunting periods or with landowner permit; horseback riding allowed only during nonhunting periods and during small-game and wild hog-still hunts; recreational access allowed except during special-opportunity archery, general gun and spring turkey.

140 **Hickory Hammock**: 3,791 acres in Highlands County

Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, mobility-impaired, wild hog-still and spring turkey; camping and vehicle access allowed with landowner permit; recreational access allowed.

141 **Hilochee**: 9,369 acres in Lake and Polk counties

Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, family, wild hog hunts, youth turkey and spring turkey; horseback riding not allowed during wild hog-dog hunts; recreational access allowed.

142 **Hilochee—Osprey Unit**: 6,093 acres in Polk County

Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, family, wild hog hunts, youth turkey and spring turkey; horseback riding allowed only during wild hog-dog hunts; recreational access allowed.

143 **KICCO**: 6,647 acres in Polk and Osceola counties

Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, wild hog-still, youth turkey and spring turkey; horseback riding, camping and vehicle access allowed with landowner permit; recreational access allowed.

144 **Kissimmee River PUA**: 27,215 acres in Glades, Highlands, Okeechobee, Osceola and Polk counties

Quota permits are not required for this area; offers crossbow season; camping and horseback riding allowed with landowner permit; recreational access allowed.

145 **Lake Marion Creek**: 8,028 acres in Polk and Osceola counties

Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, wild hog-still, youth turkey and spring turkey; vehicle access allowed with landowner permit; recreational access allowed.

146 **Lake Wales Ridge WEA—Royce Unit**: 2,641 acres in Highlands County

Quota permit required during archery, general gun, youth turkey and spring turkey; horseback riding allowed only during nonhunting periods; recreational access allowed.

147 **Lower Hillsborough**: 2,774 acres in Hillsborough County

Quota permit required during family and youth turkey; camping allowed with landowner permit; recreational access allowed.

148 **Myakka State Forest Public Small-Game Hunting Area**: 7,295 acres in Sarasota County

Quota permits are not required for this area; during archery and muzzleloading gun, only wild hogs can be taken; recreational access allowed.

149 **Upper Hillsborough**: 5,178 acres in Polk and Pasco counties

Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun and wild hog-dog; horseback riding allowed only during nonhunting periods with landowner permit; recreational access allowed.

150 **Walk-in-the-Water**: 6,034 acres in Polk County

Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun and spring turkey; camping allowed with landowner permit; horseback riding allowed only during nonhunting periods and during small game and spring turkey; recreational access allowed.

151 **Weekiwachee**: 2,845 acres in Hernando County

Quota permit required during archery; recreational access allowed.

**South Region**

152 **A-1 FEB Impoundment Public Small-Game Hunting Area**: 16,908 acres in Palm Beach County

Waterfowl and alligator hunting only. Quota permit required.

153 **A.R.M. Loxahatchee NWR**: 147,368 acres in Palm Beach County

Waterfowl and alligator hunting only.

154 **Allapattah Flats**: 20,945 acres in Martin County

Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, family and spring turkey; camping allowed with landowner permit; recreational access allowed.
### PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS

**155 Big Cypress**: 728,274 acres in Collier, Miami-Dade and Monroe counties
- Quota permit required in some units during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun and spring turkey; recreational access allowed.

**156 C-23/24 Reservoir Public Small-Game Hunting Area**: 1,149 acres in St. Lucie County
- Recreational access allowed.

**157 CREW WEA**: 28,910 acres in Lee and Collier counties
- Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun and spring turkey; horseback riding and camping allowed with landowner permit; recreational access allowed.

**158 Dinner Island Ranch**: 21,714 acres in Hendry County
- Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, family, youth turkey and spring turkey; horseback riding allowed only during nonhunting periods, except during dove season; camping allowed with FWC permit; recreational access allowed.

**159 Dupuis WEA**: 21,935 acres in Martin and Palm Beach counties
- Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, mobility-impaired, general gun and spring turkey.

**160 Everglades & Francis S. Taylor**: 671,831 acres in Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties
- Airboat or track vehicle quota permit required during general gun-vehicle; recreational access allowed.

**161 Fisheating Creek**: 18,272 acres in Glades County
- Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, youth turkey and spring turkey west of US Hwy 27; special-opportunity permit required during spring turkey east of US Hwy 27; recreational access allowed.

**162 Holey Land**: 35,350 acres in Palm Beach and Broward counties
- Track vehicle quota permit required during general gun-vehicle; recreational access allowed.

**163 J.W. Corbett**: 60,348 acres in Palm Beach County
- Quota permits are not required for this area; camping, horseback riding, hiking, fishing and recreational access allowed with management area permit or daily-use fee, unless exempt.

**164 Jones/Hungryland WEA**: 16,645 acres in Martin and Palm Beach counties
- Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun and general gun; camping allowed with FWC permit; recreational access allowed.

**165 Okaloacoochee Slough**: 34,722 acres in Hendry and Collier counties
- Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, family and spring turkey; recreational access allowed.

**166 Picayune Strand**: 76,317 acres in Collier County
- Quota permit required during muzzleloading gun, general gun and spring turkey; camping allowed with landowner permit; recreational access allowed.

### Rocky Glades Public Small-Game Hunting Area**: 5,143 acres in Miami-Dade County
- Recreational access allowed.

**167 Rotenberger**: 29,297 acres in Palm Beach and Broward counties
- Track vehicle quota permit required during general gun-vehicle; recreational access allowed.

**168 Southern Glades WEA**: 30,080 acres in Miami-Dade County
- Quota permits are not required for this area; recreational access allowed.

**169 Spirit-of-the-Wild**: 7,487 acres in Hendry County
- Quota permit required during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, youth turkey and spring turkey; horseback riding allowed only during nonhunting periods; recreational access allowed.

**170 STA 1 West Public Small-Game Hunting Area**: 6,670 acres in Palm Beach County
- Waterfowl and alligator hunting only. Quota permit required.

**171 STA 2 Public Small-Game Hunting Area**: 9,195 acres in Palm Beach County
- Waterfowl and alligator hunting only. Quota permit required.

**172 STA 3/4 Public Small-Game Hunting Area**: 16,772 acres in Palm Beach County
- Waterfowl and alligator hunting only. Quota permit required.

**173 STA 3/4 Public Small-Game Hunting Area**: 16,772 acres in Palm Beach County
- Waterfowl and alligator hunting only. Quota permit required.

**174 STA 5/6 Public Small-Game Hunting Area**: 16,508 acres in Hendry County
- Waterfowl and alligator hunting only. Quota permit required.

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**Outdoors-Woman**

**Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) Program**

*This weekend retreat is for beginners who want to learn outdoors skills in a fun, safe and supportive environment!*

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman workshops provide hands-on-learning with expert instructors. Anyone 18 years or older can attend to learn or improve outdoor skills such as:

- Wilderness survival
- Archery
- Outdoor cooking
- Target shooting
- Fishing
- Boating
- Hunting
- Canoeing/kayaking
- Nature photography
- And more!

Visit [MyFWC.com/BOW](http://MyFWC.com/BOW) for more information.

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*Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission*
Wildlife management area permit requirements

- To hunt on wildlife management areas (WMAs), you must possess a management area permit and a hunting license, unless exempt (see License and permit exemptions on page 12). A management area permit is not required to hunt on Eglin, Avon Park and Tyndall military bases, Apalachicola River Wildlife and Environmental Area and Kissimmee River Public Use Area and Kissimmee Chain of Lakes Area.
- Limited entry/quota permits are required on WMAs during certain time periods (see Limited entry/quota permits on this same page).
- Permits for ADA accommodations are available under certain conditions for some WMAs. Visit MyFWC.com/ADA for more information.

Wildlife management area regulation changes

- Hunters should obtain WMA brochures for the area in which they intend to hunt. The latest rule changes are noted by bold print in these brochures. WMA brochures are available only at MyFWC.com/WMAbrochures.

Public small-game hunting areas

These small-game public hunting areas offer the opportunity to hunt wild hogs, doves, waterfowl and small game. WMA brochures are available only at MyFWC.com/WMAbrochures.

Hunting Florida’s national wildlife refuges (NWR)

Eight national wildlife refuges in Florida are open to public hunting. These refuges are operated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Hunting permits for some of these areas are issued by the FWC (see National Wildlife Refuge hunts on this same page).
- Chassahowitzka NWR, 1502 Southeast Kings Bay Dr., Crystal River, FL 34429; 352-563-2088.
- Ten Thousand Islands NWR, 12085 State Road 29 South, Immokalee FL 34142; 239-657-8001.
- A.R.M. Loxahatchee NWR, 10216 Lee Road, Boynton Beach, FL 33437; 561-732-3684. Waterfowl only.
- Lower Suwannee NWR, 16450 NW 31st Place, Chiefland, FL 32626; 352-493-0238.
- Lake Woodruff NWR, 2045 Mud Lake Road, DeLeon Springs, FL 32130; 386-985-4673.
- St. Marks NWR, 1255 Lighthouse Road, St. Marks, FL 32355; 850-925-6121.
- St. Vincent NWR, 3100 County Road 30A, Apalachicola, FL 32329; 850-659-8808.

Limited entry/quota permits

Reference individual WMA brochures to determine if or when a limited entry permit is required. Applications for limited entry/quota permits can be submitted at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com or by completing a worksheet and having a license agent submit it for you. You may find information and worksheets at MyFWC.com/License under “Limited Entry/Quota Hunts” for a complete list of details for each of these quota permit types:
- Airboat
- Archery*
- Dove*
- General gun*
- Family hunt
- Mobility impaired hunt*
- Muzzleloading gun*
- Quail hunt
- Spring turkey*
- Track vehicle
- Wild hog*
- Youth hunt
- Youth spring turkey

* Guest permits are available for these permit type. For more specific information and worksheets, go to MyFWC.com/License under “Limited Entry/Quota Hunts.”

Quota permits

Quota permits are a specific sub-type of limited entry permits that have their own unique set of rules and regulations on how to apply. Be sure to check the permit-specific information and application worksheets at MyFWC.com/License (under “Limited Entry/Quota Hunts”) for more specific information.

Recreational use permits

Recreational use permits are designed to provide revenue to private landowners in the Wildlife Management Area (WMA) System. These permits include a management area permit that may be used when hunting other public lands not in the recreational use program. Recreational use permits are only valid on the area designated on the permit and may not be used on other recreational use program areas.

The three recreational use areas and their annual permit fees are:

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Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Waterfowl and snipe hunt permits

Waterfowl permits are available for early, regular and youth seasons on the following areas:
- T.M. Goodwin and Broadmoor Marsh Unit
- Ocklawaha Prairie
- Guana River
- Stormwater Treatment Areas (STAs)
- A-1 Flow Equalization Basin (A-1 FEB)

Snipe permits also are available at Goodwin/Broadmoor Marsh and Ocklawaha Prairie.

Merritt Island NWR offers waterfowl permits for regular season hunts for $27.50.

Antlerless deer permits – wildlife management areas (WMAs)

Antlerless deer permits are available in limited numbers on special-opportunity hunts and firearms hunts on some WMAs. These permits are transferable and mailed in September. To be eligible for antlerless deer permits:
- Check “Yes” to the antlerless deer question on your phase I quota permit application.
- If awarded a quota permit during the phase I random drawing for an area that allows antlerless deer permits, you will be included in an additional drawing for antlerless deer permits.
- Special-opportunity and recreational use permit holders will automatically be included in the antlerless deer permit drawing (if permits are available for that area).

Special-opportunity permits

The FWC has a number of special-opportunity hunts for sportsmen. These provide excellent chances to bag turkeys and quality deer. Hunters can submit as many applications as they want but a $5 nonrefundable application fee must be submitted with each separate application. The cost of the permits ranges from $50 to $175. For more information, visit MyFWC.com/License and see details under “Limited Entry/Quota Hunts.”

Special-opportunity fall hunts
- Fort Drum WMA: One seven-day general gun deer/hog hunt - $50; 20 hunters on 20,858 acres.
- Green Swamp WMA West Unit: Two archery and three general gun deer/hog hunts. Each four-day hunt - $100; 54 hunters on 34,335 acres.

Special-opportunity spring turkey hunts
- Fisheating Creek WMA East: Two seven-day hunts. Each hunt - $175; 10 hunters on 18,272 acres.
- Fort Drum WMA: Three seven-day hunts. Each hunt - $50; five hunters on 20,858 acres.
- Green Swamp WMA West Unit: 34,335 acres divided into three units with eight hunters per unit. Five hunts per unit. Each four-day hunt - $100.
- Homosassa WMA: Two seven-day hunts. Each hunt - $175; five hunters on 5,675 acres.
- Lake George WMA Dexter/Mary Farm Unit: 14,377 acres divided into three zones with four hunters per zone. Three hunts per zone. Each seven-day hunt - $175.
- Lake Panasoffkee WMA: Eight archery deer/hog hunts. Each four-day hunt - $100; 20 hunters on 8,676 acres.
- Triple N Ranch WMA: Two seven-day general gun and one four-day muzzleloading gun hunt for deer/hogs - $175; 15 hunters on 16,295 acres.

Limited entry/quota permits – application periods

Application periods for Florida’s many limited entry/quota permit opportunities are available throughout the year. For up-to-date details, visit MyFWC.com/License and see information under “Limited Entry/Quota Hunts.”
The FWC offers several opportunities for adults to take youths (age 15 and under) hunting:

- The FWC offers two deer/hog hunts at Camp Blanding WMA and two deer/hog hunts at Andrews WMA. During these hunts, permitted youths and their nonhunting supervisors are the only persons allowed on the area.

- A youth waterfowl day is held Saturday, Nov. 16, a week before the start of the regular waterfowl season, and another is held on Saturday, Feb. 9, two weeks after the season ends. Only those 15 years old and under are allowed to hunt while supervised by an adult, 18 years or older.

- Youth waterfowl hunts are held on Ocklawaha Prairie, Guana River, the stormwater treatment areas, A-1 FEB Impoundment and on T.M. Goodwin and Broadmoor Marsh Unit.

- Youth small-game hunts are held at Caravelle Ranch, Ross Prairie and Jennings Forest WMAs. Quota permits are not required for these hunts. Additional information is provided in the specific WMA brochures.

- Family hunts are offered on many WMAs. These hunts provide opportunities for a permitted supervisor to hunt with up to two youths.

- Youth spring turkey hunts are held on many WMAs the weekend before the spring turkey season begins. Only those 15 years old and under are allowed to harvest a turkey while supervised by an adult, 18 years or older.

- New information for beginning hunters can be found at MyFWC.com/NewHunter.
The alligator hunting season runs Aug. 15 – Nov. 1 each year. Over 7,000 alligator harvest permits are available this season. Each permit allows the harvest of two alligators.

Random drawings are held to distribute all available alligator harvest permits. Visit MyFWC.com/Alligator for details on how to apply. Applications may be submitted at any county tax collector’s office, license agent (retail outlet that sells hunting and fishing licenses) or online at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com. There is no cost to apply, but credit card information must be submitted with each application, as applicants will be charged automatically if successful in the drawing. Those awarded a permit will be charged for an alligator trapping license and hide validation tags totaling $272 for residents and $1,022 for nonresidents. The cost for those with a Florida Resident Persons with Disabilities Hunting and Fishing License is $22. The fee for additional alligator harvest permits, if available, is $62 regardless of residency or disability.

All persons seeking a harvest permit must be at least 18 years of age by Aug. 15, 2019. Exemptions for senior citizens do not apply to alligator trapping licenses. All sales are final; no refunds will be provided for any reason. Alligator harvest permits are not transferable. No other hunting licenses or FWC-issued permits are required. Permits and tags will be mailed within six weeks of drawing results and charges.

An alligator trapping agent license also is available for $52 and allows a person to assist a permitted trapper with taking alligators. Those with a Florida Resident Persons with Disabilities Hunting and Fishing License are exempt from paying the fee but still need the license to hunt alligators. An alligator trapping agent license is not required for youth under 16 years of age. Exemptions for senior citizens do not apply to alligator trapping agent licenses.

To learn more about these exciting alligator hunts, visit MyFWC.com/Alligator and click on “Statewide Alligator Harvest Program.”

Florida is the alligator hunting capital of the world!
The target shooting and hunting community prides itself on being safe and responsible with firearms in all situations—from using them outdoors to storing them safely at home. Sometimes, however, unusual conditions such as extremely dry environments require an extra level of awareness and safety on the part of shooters.

Wildfires have many possible causes. The National Shooting Sports Foundation, the trade association for the firearms and ammunition industry, reminds all shooters that during dry and hot weather conditions their use of certain ammunition and targets could accidentally ignite a wildfire. NSSF reminds all target shooters and hunters, as well as other outdoor enthusiasts, to consider the potential consequences of their activities in fire-prone environments.

**Shooters & Hunters: Help Prevent Wildfires.**

- Make it a point to know the regulations and rules related to shooting in areas experiencing dry and hot conditions, whether on public or private land or at shooting ranges. Many national forests, for example, do not allow recreational shooting when fire restrictions are in effect.

- Consider the type of ammunition and targets you are using. Minimize the risk of fires by not using steel-jacketed ammunition, ammunition with steel-core components, tracer rounds or exploding targets in fire-prone areas.

- Remember that equipment, such as cars and ATVs, can have extremely hot exhaust systems that could ignite dry vegetation, so park only in designated areas.

- Extinguish and dispose of smoking materials safely.

- Follow guidelines to extinguish campfires.

- Warn others of potential dangers and behaviors for starting wildfires.

- Report any wildfire you see to authorities.

- Spread this message to other target shooters, hunters and outdoor enthusiasts.

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