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Hunting
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Camp Blanding

Wildlife Management Area

Regulations Summary and Area Map
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This brochure is designed to provide the public with information and a summary of regulations pertaining to hunting and other recreational use on the Camp Blanding Wildlife Management Area. **Regulations that are new or differ substantially from last year are shown in bold print.** Area users should familiarize themselves with all regulations. For exact wording of the wildlife laws and regulations, see the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) wildlife code, on file with the Secretary of State and state libraries. This brochure, the Florida Hunting Regulations handbook, and quota permit worksheets should provide the information necessary for you to plan your hunting activities. These publications are available from any Commission office, county tax collector and at MyFWC.com.

Persons using wildlife management areas are required to have appropriate licenses, permits and stamps. The following persons are exempt from all license and permit requirements (except for quota permits when listed as "no exemptions", recreational use permits, antlerless deer permits and the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp [federal duck stamp]): Florida residents who are 65 years of age or older; residents who possess a Florida Resident Disabled Person Hunting and Fishing Certificate; residents in the U.S. Armed Forces, not stationed in Florida, while home on leave for 30 days or less, upon submission of orders; and children under 16 years of age. Children under 16 years of age are exempt from the federal duck stamp. Anyone born on or after June 1, 1975 and 16 years of age or older must have passed a Commission-approved hunter-safety course prior to being issued a hunting license, except the Hunter Safety Mentoring exemption allows anyone to purchase a hunting license and hunt under the supervision of a licensed hunter, 21 years of age or older, for one year.

Licenses and permits may be purchased from county tax collectors, license agents, at MyFWC.com/license or by telephone at 1-888-486-8356. A no-cost Migratory Bird Permit is available when purchasing a hunting license. Any waterfowl hunter 16 years of age or older must possess a federal duck stamp; available where hunting licenses are sold, at most post offices or at duckstamp.com.

QUOTA PERMIT INFORMATION:

Archery-only Area - 150, no-cost, daily quota permits, available first-come, first-served at the check station, each day of the season.

Muzzleloading Gun - 200, no-cost, quota permits for each of 2 hunts.

Supervised Youth - 40, no-cost, youth hunt quota permits (no exemptions) for each of 2 hunts.

General Gun Still Area One (first 9 days) - 200, no-cost, quota permits for each of 2 hunts.

General Gun Still Area Two (first 9 days) - 200, no-cost, quota permits for each of 2 hunts.

General Gun Still Area One (after first 9 days) - 200, no-cost, daily quota permits, available first-come, first-served each day, at the check station.

General Gun Still Area Two (after first 9 days) - 200, no-cost, daily quota permits, available first-come, first-served each day, at the check station.

General Gun Dog - 320, no cost quota permits for each of 2 hunts.

Youth Turkey - 35, no-cost, quota permits (no exemptions).

Spring Turkey - 35, no-cost, quota permits for each of 2 hunts.

Permit applications: Hunters must submit electronic applications for quota and special-opportunity permits through the Commission's Total Licensing System (TLS). Worksheets listing hunts, application periods, deadlines and instructions are available at county tax collector's offices, FWC offices or MyFWC.com. Quota application periods occur throughout the year beginning April 1; please refer to the hunting handbook or MyFWC.com for specific dates. Worksheets will be available about 2 weeks prior to each application period.

Guest hunters: For each non-transferable archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, wild hog, spring turkey and mobility-impaired quota permit issued through the Commission's TLS, only one guest permit may be obtained. Guest permits are not issued for supervised youth and youth turkey quota permits. The following persons may be a guest hunter, but are not required to obtain a guest permit: a youth under 16 years of age, a youth supervisor, a mentor license holder or a mentor license supervisor. A quota permit holder (host) may only bring 1 guest hunter at a time. The following persons are not considered to be guest hunters: other quota permit holders, non-hunters and exempt hunters (on areas and during seasons that allow exemptions). The host must share the bag limit with the guest and the host is responsible for violations that exceed the bag limit. The guest and host must enter and exit the area together and must share a street-legal vehicle while hunting on the area. The guest may only hunt while the host is on the area and must hunt in the same zone to which the host is assigned. A person is only eligible for one guest permit per hunt. Guest permits may only be obtained from license agents or county tax collector's offices. Guest permits may be obtained up to and during the last day of the hunt. Refer to the quota hunt worksheets for additional information.

Youth and mentor license holders: A youth hunter (less than 16 years of age) must be supervised by a person at least 18 years of age. A mentor license holder must be supervised by a licensed hunter at least 21 years of age. Unless exempt, only those supervisors with proper licenses and permits may hunt. If the supervisor is hunting during any hunt for which quota permits are issued, at least one person in the party must be in possession of a quota permit. During a hunt that allows exemptions, a non-exempt supervisor of a youth must have a quota permit to hunt. A non-hunting supervisor is allowed to accompany a youth or mentor license holder during any hunt.

Transfer of permits: Quota and guest permits are not transferable; antlerless deer permits are transferable. Except for youth under 16 years of age, a positive form of identification is required when using a non-transferable permit. The sale or purchase of any quota permit, guest permit or antlerless deer permit is prohibited.

GENERAL AREA REGULATIONS:

All general laws and regulations relating to wildlife and fish shall apply unless specifically exempted for this area. Hunting or the taking of wildlife or fish on this area shall be allowed only during the open seasons and in accordance with the following regulations.

1. Any person hunting deer or accompanying another person hunting deer shall wear at least 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent-orange material as an

- outer garment, above the waistline. These provisions are not required when hunting with a bow and arrow during archery season.
2. Taking of spotted fawn, swimming deer or roosted turkey is prohibited. Species legal to hunt are listed under each season.
 3. It is illegal to hunt over bait or place any bait or other food for wildlife on this area.
 4. Driving a metal object into any tree, or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven, is prohibited.
 5. No person shall cut, damage or remove any natural, man-made or cultural resource without written authorization of the landowner or primary land manager.
 6. Taking or attempting to take any game with the aid of live decoys, recorded game calls or sounds, set guns, artificial light, net, trap, snare, drug or poison is prohibited. Recorded calls and sounds can be used to hunt furbearers, wild hog and crows.
 7. The wanton and willful waste of wildlife is prohibited.
 8. Hunting, fishing or trapping is prohibited on any portion of the area posted as closed to those activities.
 9. People, dogs, vehicles and other recreational equipment are prohibited in areas posted as "Closed to Public Access" by FWC administrative action.
 10. Taking or herding wildlife from any motorized vehicle, aircraft or boat, which is under power is prohibited until power, and movement from that power, has ceased.
 11. Most game may be hunted from ½ hour before sunrise until ½ hour after sunset (see exceptions for each season).
 12. The release of any animal is prohibited, without written authorization of the landowner or primary land manager.
 13. The head and evidence of sex may not be removed from the carcass of any deer or turkey on the area.
 14. The planting or introduction of any non-native plant is prohibited, without written authorization of the landowner or primary land manager.
 15. Wild hog may not be transported alive.
 16. Littering is prohibited.
 17. Fires are prohibited.
 18. A Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Law Enforcement Officer may search any camp, vehicle or boat, in accordance with law.
 19. Possession or consumption of intoxicating beverages or drugs is prohibited.
 20. Falconers may hunt during the statewide falconry season anytime a management area is open for public access. Falconers are not exempt from quota permits during periods requiring them.

PUBLIC ACCESS AND VEHICLES:

1. Public access is allowed only during periods open to hunting and only by persons participating in the hunt, except that fishing is allowed on Magnolia and Lowery lakes per fish management area regulations. Scouting is prohibited prior to open hunting seasons.
2. Hunters may access still hunt areas 1 and 2 and the dog hunt area only through FWC check stations 1, 2 or 3.
3. Vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads and only during periods open for hunting.
4. Public access is prohibited in the artillery impact area and areas not open for hunting.
5. The use of all-terrain vehicles is prohibited.
6. Parked vehicles may not obstruct a road, gate or firelane.
7. No motor vehicle shall be operated on any part of any wildlife management area that has been designated as closed to vehicular traffic.
8. A marked footpath called the Florida Trail traverses the area but access is allowed only by persons who have called Camp Blanding Range Control (904-682-3121) and received permission.

HUNTERS AND CHECK STATIONS:

1. All persons shall check in and out at a check station when entering and exiting the area and shall check all game taken.
2. Check station hours are one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset during all seasons except spring turkey, when the hours will be 5 a.m. until 1 p.m.
3. Hunting equipment and dogs may be taken into the area one hour before sunrise and shall be removed each day of the hunting season by one hour after sunset.
4. Hunting on or within 100 feet of Dade, Treat and Impact Roads is prohibited.

GUNS:

1. Possession of archery equipment or a firearm is allowed only during periods when hunting is allowed.
2. Hunting with a gun and light is prohibited.
3. Muzzleloading guns used for taking deer must be .40 caliber or larger, if firing a single bullet, or be 20 gauge or larger if firing two or more balls.

4. Children under the age of 16 may not be in possession of a firearm unless in the presence of a supervising adult.
5. No person shall have a gun under control while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
6. For hunting non-migratory game, only shotguns, rifles, pistols, bows, crossbows or falconry may be used. Hunting during the spring turkey season with bows, crossbows and firearms other than shotguns **or using a shot size larger than #2** is prohibited.
7. For hunting migratory game, only shotguns, bows, crossbows or falconry may be used. Shotguns shall not be larger than 10 gauge and shall be incapable of holding more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined.
8. Firearms using rimfire or non-expanding, full metal jacket (military ball) ammunition are prohibited for taking deer.
9. Fully automatic or silencer-equipped firearms, centerfire semi-automatic rifles having a magazine capable of holding more than five rounds, explosive or drug-injecting devices and set guns are prohibited.

DOGS:

1. Hunting deer or wild hog with dogs is allowed only in the dog hunt area.
2. Bird dogs are allowed in still hunt areas 1 and 2 beginning December 7.
3. No person shall allow any dog to pursue or molest any wildlife during any period in which the taking of wildlife by the use of dogs is prohibited.
4. Dogs on leashes may be used for trailing wounded game.

CAMPING: Prohibited.

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

1. Deer - Daily limit 2, possession limit 4, except during the supervised youth season when only one deer may be taken (either antlered or antlerless) per youth. During archery season, the limit may include any combination of antlered and antlerless deer.
2. Wild hog - No size or bag limit.
3. Turkey - Daily limit 1, all fall seasons combined limit 2, spring season limit 2, possession limit 2.
4. Gray squirrel, quail and rabbit - Daily limit 12, possession limit 24 for each.
5. Raccoon, opossum, armadillo, beaver, coyote, skunk and nutria - No bag limits.
6. Bobcat and otter - Possession limit 1 unless in possession of a Trapping License.
7. Migratory birds - See Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet.

SUPERVISED YOUTH SEASON:

The following hunt dates were selected this year to accommodate military training:

September 24-25 and November 19-20 (specific location to be announced).

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Quota hunt permit (no exemptions).

Legal to Hunt - Any deer (except spotted fawn) and wild hog.

Regulations Unique to Supervised Youth Hunts - In addition to these regulations, all General Area Regulations shall apply.

1. Only persons younger than 16 years of age, but not younger than 8, may hunt.
2. Each hunter must be under the supervision and in the presence of an adult not younger than 18 years of age.

ARCHERY SEASON:

September 27-29 and October 4-6 and November 21 through January 15 (only in the archery-only areas).

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Daily quota permit (**if hunting Nov. 21 - Jan. 15**), hunting license, management area permit, archery permit, deer permit (if hunting deer), wild turkey permit (if hunting wild turkeys), migratory bird permit (if hunting migratory birds), and state waterfowl permit and federal duck stamp (if hunting waterfowl).

Legal to Hunt - Deer with at least one antler having 3 or more points (each point 1-inch or more in length), antlerless deer (which includes does and bucks with antlers less than 5 inches in length, but not spotted fawn), wild hog, turkey of either sex, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, beaver, coyote, skunk, nutria and migratory birds in season. Bobcat and otter beginning December 1.

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

1. Hunting with firearms or crossbows (except by disabled crossbow permit) is prohibited.
2. Hunters shall check in at check station 3 before entering the area and check out when leaving.
3. Hunters should use the walk-through gate openings when entering the hunt area.
4. Archery-only areas will be closed on dates scheduled for military exercises.

5. **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Archery hunts normally conducted in the still hunt areas (Sept. 27-29 and Oct. 4-6) have been moved to the archery-only areas to accommodate military training. If military training is cancelled, those hunts will be conducted in the still hunt areas and #2 and #3 above will not apply. Call the Camp Blanding hotline (904-214-7533) for information.

MUZZLELOADING GUN SEASON:

Cancelled for the 2011-12 season only due to military training.

GENERAL GUN STILL SEASON:

November **21-24, 25-29** and November **30** through January **15** (in still hunt areas only).

From November 30 through January 15, access may be irregular due to military training. Call the Camp Blanding hotline (904-214-7533) for information.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Quota permit (if hunting during the first 2 hunts) or daily quota permit (if hunting after the first 9 days), hunting license, management area permit, deer permit (if hunting deer), wild turkey permit (if hunting wild turkey), migratory bird permit (if hunting migratory birds), and state waterfowl permit and federal duck stamp (if hunting waterfowl).

Legal to Hunt - Deer with at least one antler having 3 or more points (each point 1-inch or more in length), antlerless deer by antlerless deer permit only (each antlerless deer permit allows the take of only one doe or one buck with antlers less than 5 inches in length, but not spotted fawn), wild hog, turkey of either sex (November **23-24, 28-29** and November **30** through December **1** only), gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, beaver, coyote, skunk, nutria and migratory birds in season. Bobcat and otter beginning December 1.

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

GENERAL GUN DOG SEASON:

November **21-29** and December **24** through January **1** (in the dog hunt area only).

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Quota permit, hunting license, management area permit, deer permit (if hunting deer), wild turkey permit (if hunting wild turkey), migratory bird permit (if hunting migratory birds), and state waterfowl permit and federal duck stamp (if hunting waterfowl).

Legal to Hunt - Deer with at least one antler 5 inches or more in length, wild hog, turkey of either sex (November **27-29** and December **30** through January **1** only), gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, beaver, coyote, skunk, nutria and migratory birds in season. Bobcat and otter beginning December 24.

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

TRAPPING SEASON:

December **1** through January **8** (in still hunt areas only).

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Daily quota permit, trapping license and management area permit.

Legal to Trap - Raccoon, opossum, armadillo, beaver, coyote, skunk, nutria, otter and bobcat.

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

SPRING TURKEY SEASON:

Youth Turkey: March **17-18** (specific location to be announced).

Spring Turkey: March **19-25** and April **2-8** (specific location to be announced).

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

Legal to Hunt - Bearded turkey or gobbler.

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

1. At a minimum, turkey Zone 3 will be open during the first spring turkey hunt (depending on training, Zones 1, 2 and 4 might also be open); and at a minimum turkey Zone 1 will be open during the second spring turkey hunt (depending on training, Zones 2, 3 and 4 might also be open).
2. Hunters may not enter the area until 5 a.m. Legal shooting hours begin at ½ hour before sunrise. All hunters must exit the area by 1 p.m.
3. Only hunters participating in the hunt are allowed on the area.
4. Hunting with bows, crossbows and firearms other than shotguns **or using a shot size larger than #2** is prohibited (including in the archery-only area).
5. **During the youth turkey hunt, only youth under 16 years of age may hunt and must be under the supervision and in the presence of an adult not younger than 18 years of age. Adults with required licenses and permits for taking wild turkeys may participate when in the presence of a youth, but may not harvest a wild turkey.**
6. Hunting with dogs is prohibited.

7. Each hunter will select a zone when they enter the area. Selection and assignment of Zones 1 and 2 will be made at check station No. 3, Zone 3 at check station No. 1, and Zone 4 at check station No. 2. Any guest hunter must hunt in the same zone as the host.
8. A hunter may only enter the zone to which he or she has been assigned.
9. Hunting other animals is prohibited.

MIGRATORY BIRD SEASONS:

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

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Quota permit or daily quota permit (if hunting during any quota period), hunting license, management area permit, migratory bird permit, and state waterfowl permit and federal duck stamp (if hunting waterfowl).

Legal to Hunt - See Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet.

Regulations Unique to Migratory Bird Seasons - In addition to these regulations, all General Area Regulations and Migratory Bird Regulations shall apply.

1. Hunting duck, geese and coot with lead shot is prohibited.
2. Centerfire shotguns are prohibited during the archery and muzzleloading gun seasons.

FISHING:

Allowed only on Lowry and Magnolia Lakes.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Fishing license.

Legal to Take - See Florida Freshwater Fishing Regulations Summary.

Regulations Unique to Fishing - All General Area Regulations, General Freshwater Fishing Regulations and fish management area regulations shall apply.

1. Open on Sunday, Monday and all days that still hunt area 2 is open for hunting.
2. Frogging is prohibited.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Information for persons with disabilities can be found at MyFWC.com/ADA.
2. If you have any questions about this material, please call the FWC at 386-758-0525 (TDD 800-955-8771).

ARMORY BOARD RULES AND INFORMATION:

1. Following the first 9 days of the general gun season, portions of the area may be closed due to military training. Call the Camp Blanding hotline (904-214-7533) for information.
2. Camp Blanding National Guard regulations limit vehicular speed on the area to 40 MPH, unless posted otherwise.
3. The Impact Areas contain a high concentration of unexploded munitions that may detonate without warning, which could cause injury or death. Any unauthorized personnel found in the artillery range impact area will be prosecuted and, in addition, be barred from Camp Blanding Military Reservation for a period of not less than 10 years.
4. The use of any Camp Blanding rifle or pistol range for target practice is strictly prohibited. Violations may result in the expulsion of the violator from the Camp Blanding Military Reservation for a period of not less than 10 years.
5. Access to Magnolia and Lowry Lake for fishing shall be on Treat Road only, when allowed by Camp Blanding Range Control.
6. Fish management area lakes, or other portions of the area, may be closed during military training activities.

COOPERATION REQUESTED:

If you see law violators or suspicious activities, contact your nearest Commission regional office or call 1-888-404-FWCC. You may qualify for a cash reward from the Wildlife Alert Reward Association.

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