

Lake Talquin
State Forest

2009-
2010
Hunting
Season

Joe Budd

Wildlife Management Area

Regulations Summary and Area Map
July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010



A cooperative public wildlife and recreational area

Division of Forestry

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

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 [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 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.

Hunting, trapping and fishing licenses, and management area, archery, muzzleloading gun, wild turkey and state waterfowl 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. Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility information is available at MyFWC.com/ADA.

QUOTA PERMIT INFORMATION:

Archery - 35, no-cost, quota permits for each of 5 hunts.

Archery - 140, no-cost, zone tags are available for each of 5 hunts to hunters without a quota permit by random drawing of those persons present at the check station at 2 p.m. on Thursday prior to each hunt.

Archery/Muzzleloading Gun - 35, no-cost, quota permits for each of 5 hunts.

Archery/Muzzleloading Gun - 140, no-cost, zone tags are available for each of 5 hunts to hunters without a quota permit by random drawing of those persons present at the check station at 2 p.m. on Thursday prior to each hunt.

Small Game - 110, no-cost, daily quota permits are available each day of the season, first-come, first-served, at the check station.

Spring Turkey - 20, no-cost, daily quota permits are available each day of the season, first-come, first-served, at the check station.

Zone Tags - Zone tags are required for each person to hunt on the area except during small game season. During the archery and the archery/muzzleloading gun seasons, the area is divided into 7 zones with Zones A, B, C and D limited to 22 hunters each, Zone E limited to 8 hunters, Zone F limited to 36 hunters and Zone G limited to 8 hunters. During spring turkey season, the area is divided into 7 zones with Zones A, B, C, D, F and G limited to 3 hunters each and Zone E limited to 2 hunters. Zone tags will be issued to hunters without quota hunt permits by random drawing at the check station at 2 p.m. on the Thursday prior to each 3-day hunt period. One person may reserve two zone tags with the appropriate number of licenses and permits. Holders of quota hunt permits are not required to attend the drawing on Thursdays and will be issued a special zone tag, good for all zones, at the check station. Any unissued zone tags will be available on hunt days after morning stand hours (approximately 8:30 a.m.). Zone tags may not be transferred from one hunter to another. If available, one zone tag may be exchanged for another at the check station during each hunt.

Permit applications: Hunters must submit electronic applications for quota and special-opportunity permits through the Commission's Total Licensing System (TLS) at a license agent, county tax collector's office or MyFWC.com. Worksheets listing hunts, application periods, deadlines and instructions are available at county tax collector's offices, FWC offices or MyFWC.com. The first quota application period begins June 1 and worksheets will be available about two weeks prior.

Additional hunters: A quota permit holder (host) may bring only one additional hunter. This additional hunter must be a youth under 16 years of age, a youth supervisor (if quota permit holder is a youth), a mentor license holder, mentor license supervisor (if applicable) or guest permit holder. The additional hunter does not receive a separate bag limit. The host must share a 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.

Guest permits: One guest permit may be issued for each archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, wild hog, spring turkey and mobility impaired quota permit issued through the Commission's TLS. A guest permit is not issued to a youth under 16, a youth supervisor, a mentor license holder or a mentor license supervisor. A person is only eligible for one guest permit per hunt. Guest permits may only be obtained from

license agents or county tax collector's offices. Guest permits may be obtained up to and during the last day of the hunt. Refer to the quota hunt worksheets for additional information.

Youth and mentor license holders: A youth hunter (less than 16 years of age) must be supervised by a person at least 18 years of age. A mentor license holder must be supervised by a licensed hunter at least 21 years of age. Unless exempt, only those supervisors with proper licenses and permits may hunt. If the supervisor is hunting during any hunt (not including special-opportunity) for which quota permits are issued, at least one person in the party must be in possession of a quota permit. During a hunt that allows exemptions, a non-exempt supervisor of a youth must have a quota permit to hunt. A non-hunting supervisor is allowed to accompany a youth or mentor license holder during any hunt (including special-opportunity).

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

GENERAL AREA REGULATIONS:

All general laws and regulations relating to wild animal life or freshwater aquatic life 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. This is not required during an archery-only season.
2. Taking of spotted fawn, swimming deer or roasted turkey is prohibited. Species legal to take 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.
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 one-half hour before sunrise until one-half 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. It is unlawful for any person to leave any garbage or refuse or in any way litter in the area.
17. It is unlawful to set fire to any forest, grass or woodlands.
18. A Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Law Enforcement Officer may search any camp, vehicle or boat, in accordance with law.
19. Fishing and other recreational uses are allowed throughout the area (except on Joe Budd Pond) during daylight hours only when hunting is not allowed.

PUBLIC ACCESS AND VEHICLES:

1. Open to public access year-round from 1.5 hours before sunrise until 1.5 hours after sunset, except no person shall enter the area during any period in which the entry gate is closed

2. During archery and archery/muzzleloading gun seasons, entry into the management area is prohibited from one-half hour before sunrise until one hour after sunrise and from one hour before sunset to one-half hour after sunset. During spring turkey season, entry into the area is prohibited from one-half hour before sunrise until one hour after sunrise.
3. All persons entering or exiting this area may do so only at a designated entrance as indicated on the hunt map.
4. Vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads (see map) unless posted as closed.
5. Parked vehicles may not obstruct a road, gate or firelane.
6. No motor vehicle shall be operated on any part of any wildlife management area that has been designated as closed to vehicular traffic.
7. Florida traffic laws relating to vehicles and vehicle operators apply on this area. The use of an unregistered or unlicensed vehicle is prohibited.

HUNTERS AND CHECK STATIONS:

1. No person shall hunt in any zone other than that for which he has obtained a zone tag. All hunters shall wear zone tags visibly.
2. Hunting equipment and dogs may be taken onto the WMA after 8 a.m. the day before the opening of a season and shall be removed by 6 p.m. one day after the end of the season.
3. Hunters shall check in and out at a check station when entering or exiting the area and shall check all game taken.
4. Check station hours are 1.5 hours before sunrise to 1 hour after sunset during the archery and archery/muzzleloading gun season, 1.5 hours before sunrise to 2 p.m. during the spring turkey season and 1 hour before sunrise to 1 hour after sunset during the small game season.

GUNS:

1. All firearms shall be securely encased and in a vehicle, vessel, camper or tent, during periods when they are not a legal method of take. Persons in possession of a valid Concealed Weapon or Firearm License may carry concealed handguns.
2. Target practice is prohibited.
3. Hunting on or from the rights-of-way of High Bluff Road or Hwy 268 is prohibited.
4. Hunting with a gun and light is prohibited.
5. Muzzleloading guns used for taking deer must be .40 caliber or larger if firing a single bullet, or be 20 gauge or larger if firing two or more balls.
6. Children under the age of 16 may not be in possession of a firearm unless in the presence of a supervising adult.
7. No person shall have a gun under control while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
8. For hunting non-migratory game, only shotguns, rifles, pistols, longbows (including compound and recurve bows), crossbows (during the small game season or by permit) or falconry may be used.
9. For hunting migratory game, only shotguns, bow and arrow (not crossbows), and falconry may be used. Shotguns shall not be larger than 10 gauge and shall be incapable of holding more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined.
10. Firearms using rimfire or non-expanding, full metal jacket (military ball) ammunition are prohibited for taking deer.
11. Fully automatic or silencer-equipped firearms, centerfire rifles, explosive or drug-injecting devices and setguns are prohibited.

DOGS:

1. Hunting with dogs is prohibited, except bird dogs or retrievers may be used during the small game season.
2. 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.
3. Dogs on leashes may be used for trailing wounded game.
4. For purposes other than hunting, dogs are allowed, but must be kept under physical restraint at all times.

CAMPING:

Camping is allowed only at the High Bluff campground by permit from the Florida Division of Forestry. Permits are available at a self-service pay station located at the campground. Fee: \$5.00 per night per site (maximum of 14 nights in a 30-day period). Sites are available on a first-come, first-served basis. For additional information, call (850) 488-1871.

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

1. Deer - Daily limit 2, possession limit 4.
2. Wild hog - 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 game species.
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.

SMALL GAME SEASON:

October 3 through December 6 (Saturdays and Sundays only).

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

Legal to Take - Wild hog, dove, 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 Small Game Season - In addition to these regulations, all General Area Regulations shall apply.

1. Hunting with centerfire rifles is prohibited.
2. Dove may be hunted on Saturdays only during seasons established by the Commission for these species.

ARCHERY SEASON:

December 11 through January 10 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Quota permit and special zone tag or zone tag permit, hunting license, management area permit, archery permit, 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 Take - Deer with at least one antler with 3 or more points (each point 1-inch in length or more), antlerless deer (which includes does and bucks with antlers less than 1 inch in length, but not spotted fawn), wild hog, turkey of either sex, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, beaver, coyote, skunk, nutria bobcat, otter and migratory birds in season.

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

1. Hunting with firearms or crossbows is prohibited.
2. Hunting with dogs is prohibited.

ARCHERY/MUZZLELOADING GUN SEASON:

January 15-31 (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only).

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Quota permit and special zone tag or zone tag permit, hunting license, management area permit, archery permit (if hunting with archery equipment), muzzleloading gun permit (if hunting with a muzzleloading gun), 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 Take - Deer with at least one antler with 3 or more points (each point 1-inch in length or more), wild hog, turkey of either sex, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, beaver, coyote, skunk, nutria, bobcat, otter and migratory birds in season.

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

1. Only bows or muzzleloading guns are allowed for hunting.
2. Hunting with dogs is prohibited.

SPRING TURKEY SEASON:

March 20 through April 25 (Saturdays and Sundays only).

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Daily quota permit (zone tag), hunting license, management area permit and wild turkey permit.

Legal to Take - Bearded turkey or gobbler.

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

1. Only bows or muzzleloading guns are allowed for hunting.
2. Legal shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until 1 p.m.
3. Hunting other animals is prohibited.

TRAPPING: Prohibited.

MIGRATORY BIRD SEASONS:

Rails, common moorhen, snipe, duck, geese, coot, woodcock and crows may be hunted during seasons established by the Commission for these species that coincide with the small game, archery and archery/muzzleloading gun seasons.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Quota permit or zone tag permit, hunting license, management area permit, migratory bird permit and state waterfowl permit and federal duck stamp (if hunting waterfowl).

Legal to Take - See Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet.

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

1. Hunting duck, geese and coot with lead shot is prohibited.
2. See individual seasons for type of gun allowed for hunting.
3. Dove may be hunted on Saturdays only during seasons established by the Commission for these species.

FISHING AND FROGGING:

Allowed throughout the area (except Joe Budd Pond) when hunting is not allowed from 1.5 hours before sunrise until 1.5 hours after sunset.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Fishing license (not required when frogging).

Legal to Take - See Florida Freshwater Fishing Regulations Summary.

Regulations Unique to Fishing and Frogging - All General Area Regulations and General Freshwater Fishing Regulations shall apply.

1. Joe Budd Pond is open to fishing on Saturdays and Sundays only during daylight hours, beginning the first Saturday in July and ending the Sunday before Labor Day. In addition, fishing is allowed on Labor Day.
2. Shooting frogs is allowed only during the listed open hunting seasons and only with the legal methods of take during each particular season.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Wildlife Management Areas and State Forests are not just for hunting and fishing! They have been purchased for preservation to benefit all of Florida's residents and you don't have to hunt or fish to enjoy them! The same habitat management practices that provide hunting and fishing opportunities also create opportunities for wildlife viewing.
2. If you have any questions about this material, please call the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at 850-265-3676 (TDD 800-955-8771).

DIVISION OF FORESTRY RULES AND INFORMATION:

1. No person shall consume alcoholic beverages on managed lands where designated or posted by the Division.
2. No person shall operate any vehicle on managed lands controlled by the Division at a speed greater than 30 mph, unless otherwise posted.
3. Construction of permanent or semi-permanent structures on state forests is prohibited.
4. Division of Forestry management plans include prescribed burning most months of the year. For personal safety reasons, area users should contact the Division of Forestry for information and location of burn areas, 850-488-1871.

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.

All hunters during the archery and archery/muzzleloading gun seasons are encouraged to remain on their stands during the time in which entry into the area is prohibited in order to minimize disturbance to other hunters.

UNCONTROLLED FIRES DO NOT BENEFIT WILDLIFE. Please use caution with campfires, smoking materials and vehicles to prevent damage to wildlife habitats.

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JOE BUDD WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

11,039 acres
Gadsden County

Legend

	Management Area		Primitive Campsite
	Closed to hunting		Bridge
	Private Property		Boat Ramp
	Paved Roads		Gasline
	Improved Roads		Joe Budd Pond
	Designated Entrance		River or Creek
	Checkstation		Distance Interval
	Dwelling		Fishing Access Only

