

2009-  
2010  
Hunting  
Season

# Blue Springs Unit Twin Rivers State Forest and 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  
Conservation Commission

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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 Blue Springs Unit of the Twin Rivers 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 special-opportunity worksheet should provide the information necessary for you to plan your hunting activities. These publications are available from any Commission office, county tax collector and at [MyFWC.com](http://MyFWC.com).

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

supervision of a licensed hunter, 21 year 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](http://MyFWC.com/license) or by telephone at 1-888-486-8356. A no-cost Migratory Bird Permit is available when purchasing a hunting license. Any waterfowl hunter 16 years of age or older must possess a federal duck stamp; available where hunting licenses are sold, at most post offices or at [duckstamp.com](http://duckstamp.com). Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility information is available at [MyFWC.com/ADA](http://MyFWC.com/ADA).

#### QUOTA PERMIT INFORMATION:

**Bird Dog Training** - 14, no-cost quota permits (4 persons per permit) are available for the November-December time frame (no exemptions); however, only one permit will be issued for each day. Permits must be obtained first-come, first-served by calling the Fish and Wildlife Commission's Lake City office at 386-758-0525, beginning 10 a.m. October 6.

**Special-opportunity quail** - Up to 10, \$100 special-opportunity quail permits (up to 2 hunters per permit). The number of special-opportunity permits issued will be based on an October population survey. It is possible that no permits will be issued. A maximum of 2 permits may be available for each of 5 consecutive Saturdays, beginning with the first Saturday in January (no exemptions).

Permit applications (all application dates are for **2009**): Hunters must submit electronic applications for special-opportunity quail permits at a license agent, county tax collector's office or at [MyFWC.com](http://MyFWC.com). Most special-

opportunity permits are issued during a random drawing, which includes all applications submitted during the times and dates listed below.

A worksheet listing available Special-Opportunity permits may be obtained on or about November 19 from the Lake City office or at [MyFWC.com/hunting](http://MyFWC.com/hunting). Application for random drawing begins 10 a.m. eastern time on the first day of the application period and ends midnight eastern time on the last day. Special-opportunity quail permit applications may be submitted from 10 a.m. November **20** until midnight December **2**.

**Mentor exemptions:** One mentor license holder and their respective supervisor may access the area and participate in any quota hunt (except special-opportunity), provided at least one hunter holds a valid quota permit and both hunters share a single bag limit of game. A supervisor for a mentor license holder must be a licensed hunter and 21 years of age or older. Only those supervisors with proper licenses and permits may hunt.

**Transfer of permits:** Quota and special-opportunity permits are transferable. Quota permits issued to exempt hunters are transferable only to another person with the same type of exemption, except permits marked "exempt senior" may be transferred to a youth younger than 16 years of age. The sale or purchase of any quota 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. It is illegal to hunt over bait or place any bait or other food for wildlife on this area.
2. Driving a metal object into any tree, or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven, is prohibited.
3. No person shall cut, damage or remove any natural, man-made or cultural resource without written authorization of the landowner or primary land manager.
4. 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.
5. The wanton and willful waste of wildlife is prohibited.
6. Hunting, fishing or trapping is prohibited on any portion of the area posted as "CLOSED" to those activities.
7. People, dogs, vehicles and other recreational equipment are prohibited in areas posted as "Closed to Public Access" by FWC administrative action.
8. 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.

9. The release of any animal is prohibited, without written authorization of the landowner or primary land manager.
10. The planting or introduction of any non-native plant is prohibited, without written authorization of the landowner or primary land manager.
11. It is unlawful for any person to leave any garbage or refuse or in any way litter in the area.
12. Fires are prohibited.
13. A Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Law Enforcement Officer may search any camp, vehicle or boat, in accordance with law.

#### **PUBLIC ACCESS AND VEHICLES:**

1. Public access is allowed year-round by persons on foot, bicycle or horse.
2. The operation of motor vehicles is prohibited except by hunters with current quota permits.
3. Bird-dog trainers and special-opportunity quail hunters will be given the combination (in the permit they will be mailed) to unlock the gate for vehicle access, which they may use only on the day their permit is valid.
4. Parked vehicles may not obstruct a road, gate or firelane.
5. No motor vehicle shall be operated on any part of any wildlife management area that has been designated as closed to vehicular traffic.
6. Motorized vehicles are prohibited, except on named or numbered roads.

#### **HUNTERS AND CHECK STATIONS:**

1. Bird dog trainers and special-opportunity quail hunters must enter and exit at the entrance designated on the hunt brochure.
2. Dog trainers and special-opportunity quail hunters are requested to check in and out at the entrance kiosk when entering or exiting the area.

#### **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. Quail may be hunted with shotguns only during the Special-Opportunity hunts and bird dog trainers may use blank-firing pistols.
4. Hunting with a gun and light is prohibited.
5. Children under the age of 16 may not be in possession of a firearm unless in the presence of a supervising adult.
6. No person shall have a gun under control while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

#### **DOGS:**

1. Hunting with dogs is prohibited, except that bird dogs are allowed during the bird dog training and special-opportunity quail seasons.

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. For purposes other than hunting, dogs are allowed, but must be kept under physical restraint at all times.

**CAMPING:**

Camping is allowed only during non-hunting periods by permit from the Division of Forestry (386-208-1461).

**BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS:**

Quail - Daily limit 12 per special-opportunity quail permit (not per person).

**BIRD DOG TRAINING SEASON:**

November through December (maximum of 14 days).

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Bird dog training permit (call 386-758-0525 after 10 a.m. October 6), hunting license and management area permit.

Legal to Take - The shooting of wildlife during this period is prohibited.

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

1. Only one bird dog training permit will be issued for a given date. A caller may select any date in November-December. If a permit has not been issued for that date the caller will be issued a permit, until a total of 14 permits have been issued.
2. A bird dog training permit allows one group of up to 4 persons and 6 dogs to participate in training on the date shown on the permit.
3. Blank-firing pistols may be used while training bird dogs.
4. The release of quail is prohibited.

**SPECIAL-OPPORTUNITY QUAIL SEASON:**

January through February (Saturdays only; maximum of five days).

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Special-opportunity quail permit and hunting license.

Legal to Take - Quail.

Regulations Unique to Special-opportunity Quail Season - In addition to these regulations, all General Area Regulations shall apply. One permit allows two persons to hunt.

**TRAPPING:** Prohibited.

**FISHING AND FROGGING:** Prohibited.

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

1. This land was acquired under the Conservation and Recreation Lands (CARL) program. The purpose of CARL is to conserve and protect unique and irreplaceable lands, and restore areas to their original

condition as much as possible, and allow controlled multiple recreational and educational uses consistent with this purpose.

2. Local camping facilities: Gibson Park in Hamilton County, CR 751 on the north side of the Suwannee River with RV, tent, water, cold water showers, picnic shelters and handicap facilities.
3. If you have any questions about this material, please call the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at 386-758-0525 (TDD 800-955-8771).

**DIVISION OF FORESTRY INFORMATION:**

1. The 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 (386-208-1461).
2. For information regarding access, camping and general recreational use of this area, please call the Division of Forestry (386-208-1461).

**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.*

*The U.S. Department of the Interior prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, sex or handicap. If you believe that you have been discriminated against in any program, activity or facility as described above, or if you desire further information, please write to: The Office for Human Resources, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240. The project described in this publication is part of a program funded by federal dollars under the Wildlife Restoration Act. Federal funds pay 20 percent of the cost of the program.*

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by Phone...**

**Use Your Credit Card and Call**

**1-888-HUNT-FLORIDA (486-8356) OR  
1-888-FISH-FLORIDA (347-4356)**

**(There is a vendor fee of \$3.95 per license.)**

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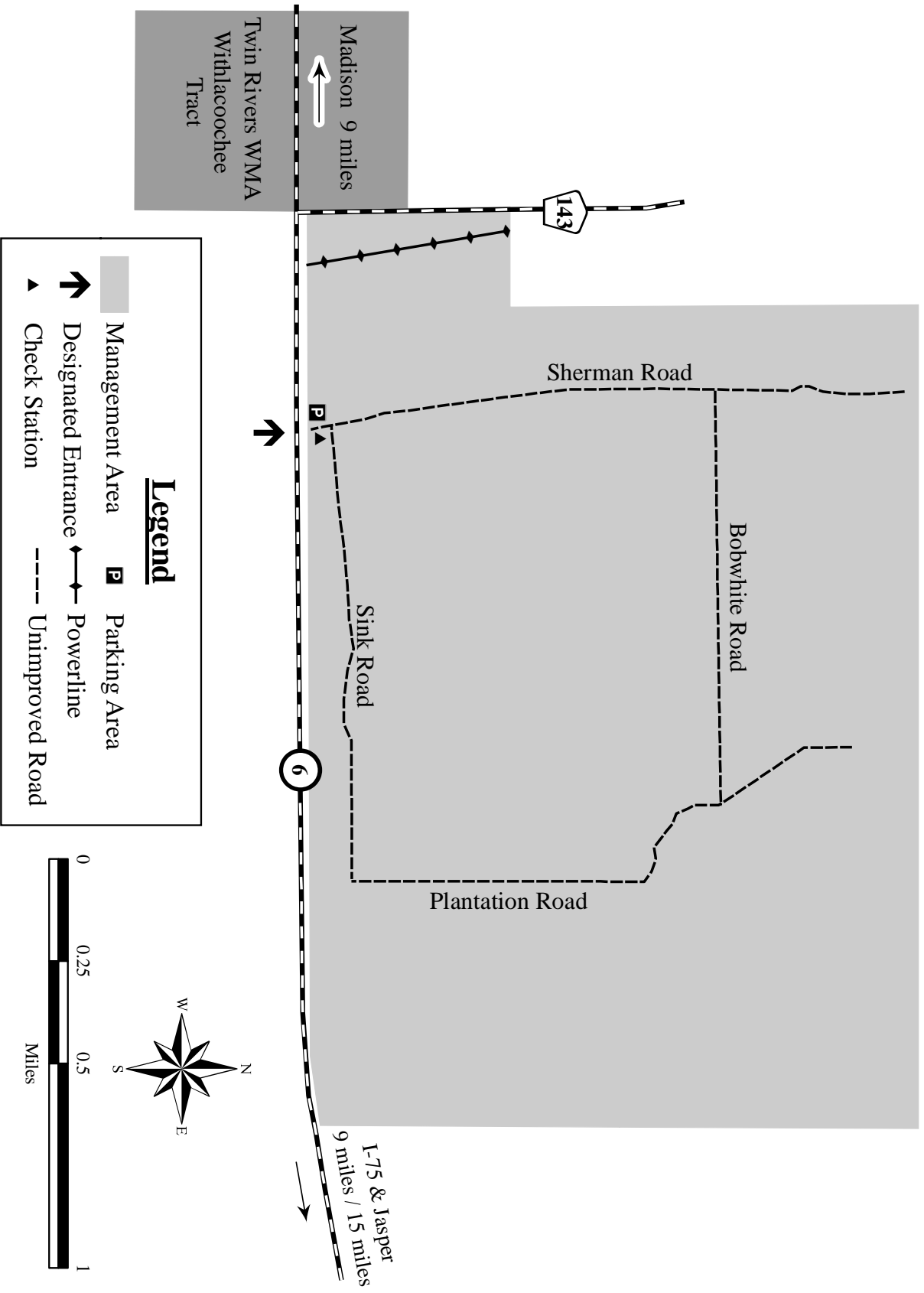
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# BLUE SPRINGS UNIT

## TWIN RIVERS WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

1,975 acres  
Hamilton County



**Legend**

- Management Area
- Parking Area
- Designated Entrance
- Powerline
- Check Station
- Unimproved Road