

2009-
2010
Hunting
Season

John G. and Susan H. Dupuis, Jr. Wildlife and Environmental Area

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



A cooperative public wildlife and recreational area

South Florida Water
Management District

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 John G. and Susan H. Dupuis, Jr. Wildlife and Environmental 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 and environmental 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.

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 - 75, no-cost, quota permits (no exemptions) for each of 3 hunts.

Muzzleloading Gun - 75, no-cost, quota permits (no exemptions) for each of 3 hunts.

General Gun - 75, no-cost, quota permits (no exemptions) for each of 2 hunts.

General Gun Mobility-impaired - 25, no-cost, quota permits (no exemptions).

Spring Turkey - 35, no-cost, quota permits (no exemptions) for each of 3 hunts.

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.

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).

Assistant for mobility-impaired hunters: Mobility-impaired hunters may be accompanied by a hunting guest, as specified above, and one non-hunting assistant that may participate in the hunt (no license required), but the assistant may not harvest wildlife with a gun.

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 regulation:

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 under 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. Fires are prohibited except at designated areas.
18. A Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Law Enforcement Officer may search any camp, vehicle or boat, in accordance with law.
19. The possession or consumption of intoxicating beverages is prohibited.
20. Planting of trees, shrubs or other vegetation is prohibited without written authorization from the landowner or the Commission.

PUBLIC ACCESS AND VEHICLES:

1. **Open to public access year-round, except during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, general gun mobility-impaired, general gun hog and spring turkey seasons when public access is restricted to individuals participating in the hunt.**
2. During periods open to hunting, except small game season, all hunters shall enter and exit through Gate 3.
3. During non-hunting periods and small game season, vehicles shall enter through Gate 1, hiking access is through Gate 2 by foot only and through-hikers on the Florida Trail may enter and exit through the Florida Trail.
4. Vehicles may be operated only on named roads and designated parking areas (including power pads along Powerline Grade), except during the general gun mobility-impaired season when all-terrain vehicles may be used off of roads. All other roads are closed to vehicular traffic.
5. Parked vehicles may not obstruct a road, gate or firelane.
6. No motor vehicle shall be operated on any part of any wildlife and environmental area that has been designated as closed to vehicular traffic.
7. The use of airboats, all-terrain vehicles, swamp buggies, tracked vehicles and **unlicensed and unregistered** motorcycles is prohibited, except all-terrain vehicles may be used during the general gun mobility-impaired season.
8. Horses are prohibited during archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, general gun mobility-impaired, spring turkey and general gun hog seasons.
9. Horses may be used only on designated horse trails and named or numbered roads. Persons horseback riding shall enter and exit only at Gate 3.
10. A marked footpath called the Florida Trail traverses the area. This trail is open to hikers throughout the year.

HUNTERS AND CHECK STATIONS:

1. Hunting equipment and dogs may be taken onto the WEA 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.
2. During archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, general gun mobility-impaired, spring turkey and general gun hog seasons, hunters shall check in and out at the check station at Gate 3 and check all game taken.

3. During small game season, hunters shall enter and exit through Gate 1 and record all game taken at the self-service check station located at Gate 1.
4. No deer, wild hog or turkey shall be dismembered until checked at a check station.
5. Check station hours are 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. during Daylight Saving Time, 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. during Eastern Standard Time and 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. during spring turkey season.

GUNS:

1. Discharge of firearms within 1/4 mile of hiking trail campsites is prohibited.
2. 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.
3. Target practice 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 general gun, small game and spring turkey seasons 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 semi-automatic rifles having a magazine capable of holding more than five rounds, explosive or drug-injecting devices and setguns are prohibited.

DOGS:

1. Dogs are prohibited, except bird dogs or retrievers may be used during small game season. Hunting deer and wild hog with dogs is prohibited.
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.

CAMPING:

1. **During archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, general gun hog, general gun mobility-impaired and spring turkey seasons camping is allowed only by individuals participating in the hunt.** Camping is allowed only at the campsite adjacent to Gate 3 during these seasons.
2. Camping equipment may be taken onto the area after 8 a.m. one day before each archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, general gun hog, general gun mobility-impaired and spring turkey hunt and shall be removed before 5 p.m. one day after each of these hunts.
3. During the remainder of the year, camping is allowed only at designated primitive sites on hiking trails, the drive-in campsite on Jim Lake Grade (Family Campground) and the designated equestrian staging area at Gate 3 (Equestrian Campground). Persons hunting during small game season shall camp at the Family Campground or primitive sites on hiking trails.
4. No persons shall bring building materials onto the area or erect permanent or semi-permanent structures.
5. Only tents, trailers or self-propelled camping vehicles may be used for camping.

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

1. Deer – Archery season: One antlered deer or one antlerless deer per quota permit. Muzzleloading gun and general gun seasons: One antlered deer per quota permit. General-gun for mobility-impaired season: One antlered deer and one antlerless deer per quota permit.
2. Wild hog - No size or bag limit.
3. Turkey - One per spring turkey quota permit. Daily limit 1, season 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 - Possession limit 1 unless in possession of a Trapping License.
7. Otter - Prohibited.
8. Migratory birds - See Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet.

ARCHERY SEASON:

September 11-13, 18-20 and 25-27.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Quota permit, hunting license, management area permit, archery permit, 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 having 3 or more points (each point 1-inch or more in length), antlerless deer (which includes does, and buck with antlers less than five inches in length, but not spotted fawns), wild hog, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, beaver, coyote, skunk, nutria and migratory birds in season.

Regulations Unique to Archery Season - In addition to these regulations, all General Area Regulations shall apply. Hunting with firearms or crossbows is prohibited, except that centerfire shotguns are allowed for hunting migratory birds when one or more species are legal to take (see Migratory Bird section and the current Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet).

MUZZLELOADING GUN SEASON:

October 9-11, 16-18 and 23-25.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Quota permit, hunting license, management area permit, muzzleloading gun permit, 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 having 3 or more points (each point 1-inch or more in length), wild hog, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, beaver, coyote, skunk, nutria and migratory birds in season.

Regulations Unique to Muzzleloading Gun Season - In addition to these regulations, all General Area Regulations shall apply. Only muzzleloading guns are allowed for hunting, except that centerfire shotguns are allowed for hunting migratory birds when one or more species are legal to take (see Migratory Bird section and the current Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet).

GENERAL GUN MOBILITY-IMPAIRED SEASON:

October 31 through November 1.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - 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 - 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 buck with antlers less than five inches in length, but not spotted fawns), wild hog, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, beaver, coyote, skunk, nutria and migratory birds in season.

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

1. Each hunter participating in the general gun mobility-impaired season is required to attend a pre-hunt orientation meeting. A letter will be sent with the permit indicating the time, date and location of the meeting.
2. **Mobility-impaired hunters may be accompanied by a guest hunter and another person who may assist the hunter in a non-hunting capacity; the assistant is exempt from all license, permit and stamp requirements.**

GENERAL GUN SEASON:

November 6-8 and 13-15.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - 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 - Deer with at least one antler having 3 or more points (each point 1-inch or more in length), wild hog, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, beaver, coyote, skunk, nutria and migratory birds in season.

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

GENERAL GUN HOG SEASON:

November 17-19, 24-26; December 1-3 and 8-10.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - 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.

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

SMALL GAME SEASON:

December 12 through January 31.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - 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 - Gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, beaver, coyote, skunk, nutria, bobcat and migratory birds in season.

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

1. Hunting with bird dogs or retrievers is allowed.
2. Hunting with firearms other than shotguns is prohibited.

TRAPPING: Prohibited.

SPRING TURKEY SEASON:

March 9-11, 19-21 and 26-28.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Quota permit, 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. Legal shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until 1 p.m.
2. Hunting other animals is prohibited.

MIGRATORY BIRD SEASONS:

Rail, common moorhen, mourning dove, white-winged dove, snipe, duck, geese, coot, woodcock and crow may be hunted during seasons established by the Commission for these species that coincide with the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun mobility-impaired, general gun or small game seasons.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - 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. Centerfire shotguns are allowed for hunting during established area seasons when one or more migratory birds are legal to take.

FISHING:

Allowed year-round, when public access is allowed.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Fishing license.

Legal to Take - See Florida Freshwater Fishing Regulations Summary.

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

GENERAL INFORMATION:

If you have any questions about this material, please call the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at 561-625-5122 (**TDD 800-955-8771**).

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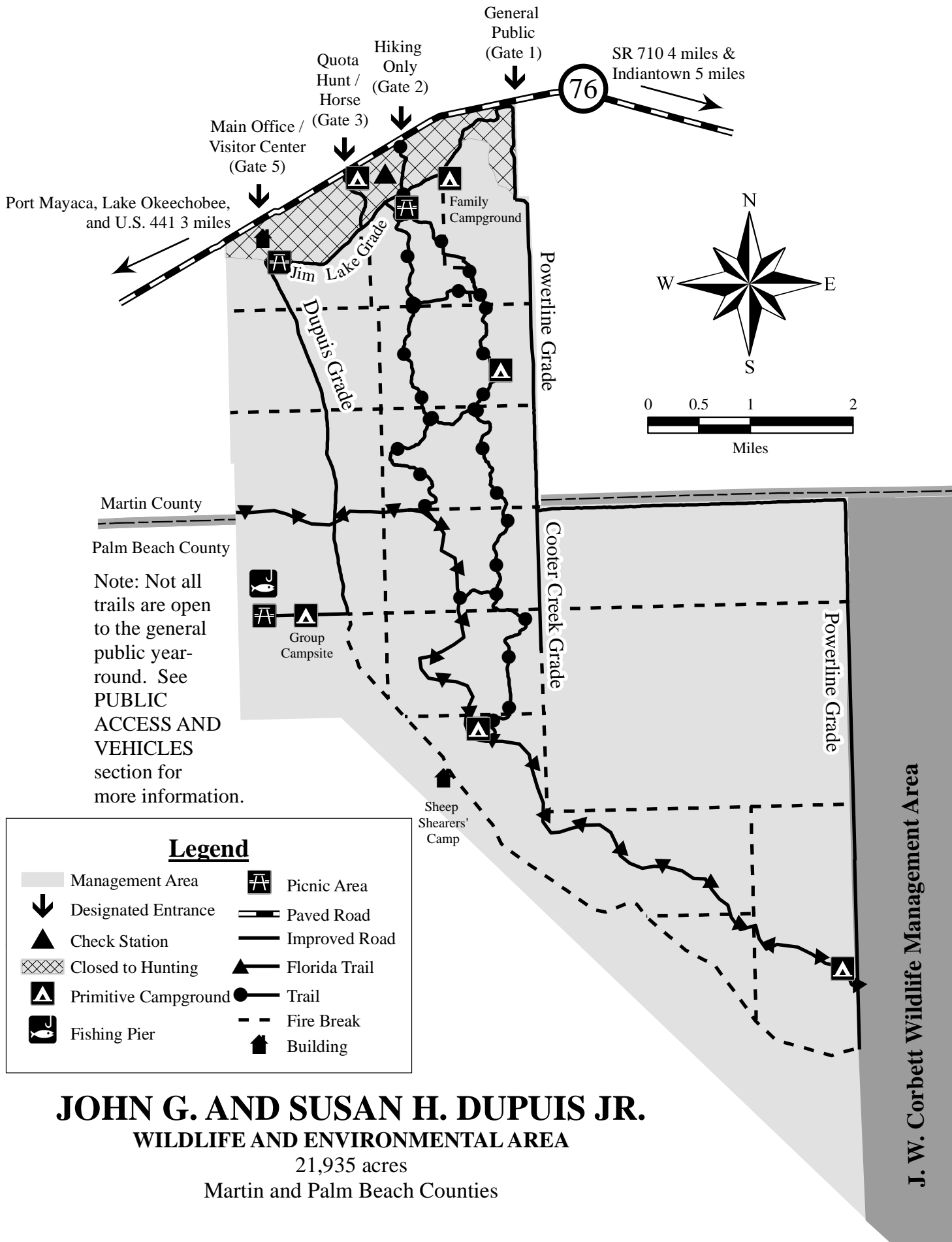
1. All persons are required to register when entering and using the area. Self-service registration stations are located at Gates 1, 2 and 3.
2. This land was acquired under the Save Our Rivers (SOR) Program. The purpose of SOR is to conserve and protect unique and irreplaceable lands, restore areas to their original condition as much as possible and allow controlled multiple recreational and educational uses consistent with this purpose.

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.

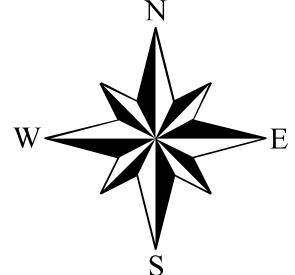
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During the mobility-impaired general gun season, hunters are requested not to drive vehicles from one-half hour before sunrise to 9 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to one-half hour after sunset.



Port Mayaca, Lake Okeechobee, and U.S. 441 3 miles

SR 710 4 miles & Indiantown 5 miles



Martin County
Palm Beach County

Note: Not all trails are open to the general public year-round. See PUBLIC ACCESS AND VEHICLES section for more information.

Legend

Management Area	Picnic Area
Designated Entrance	Paved Road
Check Station	Improved Road
Closed to Hunting	Florida Trail
Primitive Campground	Trail
Fishing Pier	Fire Break
	Building

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 21,935 acres
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