



Lake Talquin State Forest

2012-2013
Hunting Season

Joe Budd

Public Small Game Hunting Area
(Wild Hog Management Hunts)

Regulations Summary and Area Map
May 1, 2012 - April 30, 2013



A cooperative public small game hunting area



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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 Public Small Game Hunting 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.

PERMIT, STAMP AND LICENSE INFORMATION:

Persons using public small game hunting 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"): 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. 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 888-486-8356.

QUOTA PERMIT INFORMATION:

Wild Hog-still - 50, no-cost, quota permits (no exemptions).

Wild Hog-dog - 5, no-cost, group quota permits (no exemptions) for each of 5 hunts.

Permit applications: Hunters must submit electronic applications for quota 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 for wild hog hunts begin April 1; worksheets will be available about 2 weeks prior to the application period.

These permits are nontransferable and eligible for one guest permit. The guest and host must enter and exit the area together and must share a vehicle while hunting on the area.

PUBLIC SMALL GAME HUNTING 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. 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.
2. It is illegal to hunt over bait or place any bait or other food for wildlife on this area.
3. Driving a metal object into any tree, or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven, is prohibited.
4. No person shall cut, damage or remove any natural, man-made or cultural resource without written authorization of the landowner or primary land manager.
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. Wild hog may not be transported alive.
11. Littering is prohibited.
12. It is unlawful to set fire to any forest, grass or woodlands.
13. A Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Law Enforcement Officer may search any camp, vehicle or boat, in accordance with law.
14. Fishing and other recreational uses are allowed throughout the area during daylight hours, but only when hunting is not allowed.

PUBLIC ACCESS AND VEHICLES:

1. Open to public access from 1½ hours before sunrise until 1½ hours after sunset, except that during the wild hog-dog hunts, individuals authorized to participate in the hunt may access the area at any time.
2. All persons shall enter and exit the area at a designated entrance.
3. Vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads, except that during wild hog-dog hunts, individuals authorized to participate in the hunt may operate vehicles on established roads otherwise closed to the general public.
4. Parked vehicles may not obstruct a road, gate or firelane.
5. 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: Hunting equipment 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.

GUNS:

1. Hunting at night with a gun is prohibited (see exception for wild hog-dog hunts).
2. Taking wildlife with centerfire rifles is prohibited during wild hog hunts.
3. Children under the age of 16 hunting with a firearm must be in the presence of a supervising adult.
4. No person shall discharge a firearm or have a loaded firearm in hand while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
5. The discharge of a firearm outside of periods open to hunting or in areas closed to hunting is prohibited per s. 790.15 FS.

DOGS:

1. Hunting with dogs is prohibited, except during the wild hog-dog hunts.
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: Prohibited in this area. Camping is allowed at the Lake Talquin State Forest High Bluff campground by permit from the Division of Forestry. For additional information, call 850-488-1871.

BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS: Wild hog - No size or bag limit.

WILD HOG-STILL SEASON:

May 4-6, 2012.

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

Legal to Take - Wild hog.

Regulations Unique to the Wild Hog-still Season - In addition to these regulations, all General Regulations shall apply. Legal shooting hours are from ½ hour before sunrise until ½ hour after sunset.

WILD HOG-DOG SEASON:

May 17-20, June 14-17, July 19-22, August 16-19 and September 20-23, 2012.

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

Legal to Take - Wild hog.

Regulations Unique to the Wild Hog-dog Season - In addition to these regulations, all General Regulations shall apply.

1. Each quota permit allows a hunting group of 2 persons and a guest (3 total) to participate in the hunt.
2. Hunting with more than 3 free-running dogs per hunting group is prohibited.
3. Legal hunting hours are sunset until sunrise. Hunts begin at sunset on Thursday and end at sunrise on Sunday.
4. Wild hogs may be taken at night by the aid of a light with dogs and a firearm provided that no wild hog shall be shot until bayed by dogs. The hunting of hogs under this provision by display or use of a light from a moving vehicle, boat or animal 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 Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at 850-265-3676 (TDD 800-955-8771).
3. The FWC is not responsible for protection of personal property and will not be liable for theft of or damage to personal property.
4. Please report the location of any sick or extremely skinny deer to the Chronic Wasting Disease hotline, toll free at 866-293-9282.

FLORIDA FOREST SERVICE RULES AND INFORMATION:

1. No person shall consume alcoholic beverages on managed lands where designated or posted by the Florida Forest Service (FFS).
2. No person shall operate any vehicle on managed lands controlled by the FFS at a speed greater than 30 mph, unless otherwise posted.
3. Construction of permanent or semi-permanent structures on state forests is prohibited.
4. Florida Forest Service 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.

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

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