

Special-opportunity
Dove Field

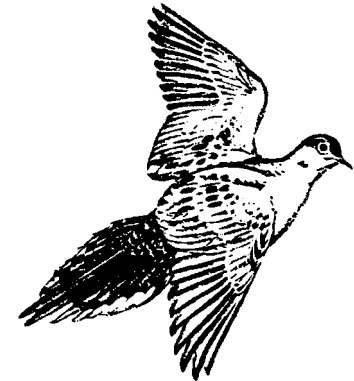
**2011-
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Hunting
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Koon Farm

Public Small Game Hunting Area

Regulations Summary and Area Map
July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012

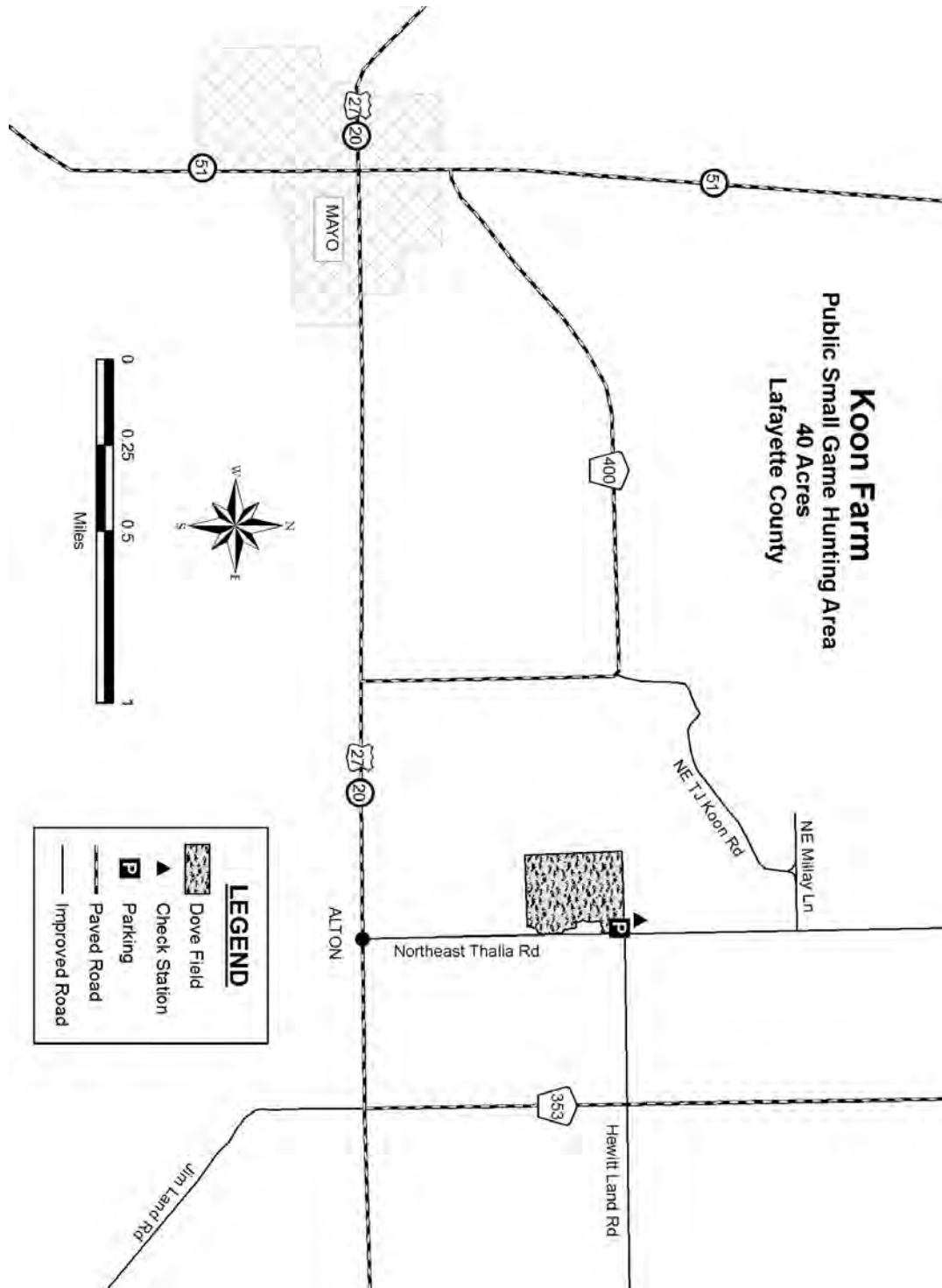


A public small game hunting area



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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 Koon Farm 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 and the Florida Hunting Regulations handbook 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", 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.

Hunting, trapping and fishing licenses, and management area 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.

QUOTA PERMIT INFORMATION:

Dove - 25, special-opportunity permits (no exemptions) for each of 8 hunts.

Annual Dove Club permits, which allow the permit holder to hunt all scheduled hunts for a particular field, are \$150, and applications for the random drawing (Phase 1) must be submitted between 10 a.m. (Eastern Time) July 1, 2011 through 11:59 p.m. (Eastern Time) July 18, 2011 in order to be included in the random drawing. Any Dove Club permits that remain unissued after Phase 1 will be available during Phase 2 using the first come, first served method beginning 10 a.m. (Eastern Time) August 10, 2011 through 11:59 p.m. (Eastern Time) August 22, 2011. The cost of a Special-opportunity Daily Dove Hunt Permit is \$35.50 for regular permits and \$45.50 for an adult/youth combination permit. Applications for the random drawing (Phase 1) must be submitted between 10 a.m. (Eastern Time) August 23, 2011 through 11:59 p.m. (Eastern Time) September 6, 2011 in order to be included in the random

drawing. Any Special-opportunity Daily Dove permits that remain unissued after Phase 1 will be available during Phase 2 using the first come, first served method beginning 10 a.m. (Eastern Time) September 28, 2011 until all permits are sold. All Special-opportunity dove permits can be applied for or purchased anywhere licenses are sold.

REGULATIONS SPECIFIC TO SPECIAL-OPPORTUNITY DOVE FIELD:

1. Dove hunting is allowed only within the posted dove field.
2. **A Special-opportunity daily-use permit holder that has not entered the posted dove field may have their permit voided by the check station operator, and may request a refund by submitting the voided permit and a refund request certified by the check station operator to Office of Licensing and Permitting, 2590 Executive Center Circle, Suite 200, Tallahassee, FL 32301.**
3. Hunters must pick up all shotgun shells and other trash before leaving the dove field.

PUBLIC ACCESS AND VEHICLES:

1. Public access within the dove field is prohibited except by special-opportunity dove hunt permit holders and their guests, and only on their scheduled hunt dates and times. Access at any other time is prohibited.
2. Dove hunters may enter the area no earlier than 11 a.m. and exit the area no later than one hour after sunset.
3. All vehicles must be parked in the designated parking area(s).

HUNTERS AND CHECK STATIONS:

1. Dove hunters shall check in and out at the designated dove field check station when entering or exiting the area and check all game taken.
2. Each permitted hunter may be accompanied by one non-hunting guest. The non-hunting guest shall remain under the supervision and in the presence of the permitted hunter at all times during the hunt.

GUNS:

1. Hunting with firearms other than shotguns is prohibited.
2. Shotguns shall not be larger than 10 gauge and shall be incapable of holding more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined.
3. Children under the age of 16 may not be in possession of a firearm unless in the presence of a supervising adult.

DOGS:

Any waterfowl retriever or bird dog may be used to find lost birds. You also may use other breeds of dog with a shoulder height of 17 inches or less.

BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS: Aggregate of mourning and white-winged dove - Daily limit 15. Eurasian collared-dove and rock dove - no limit. Only one daily bag limit may be possessed while in the field or returning from the field. Hunters may leave his or her birds with another person if the birds are tagged with the hunter's signature and address, the total number of birds, by species, and the date birds were harvested.

DOVE HUNT:

October 1, 8 and 22, November 12 and 26, December 10, 24 and January 7.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Special-opportunity dove hunting permit, hunting license and migratory bird permit.

Legal to Take - Eurasian collared-dove, mourning dove, rock dove (common pigeon) and white-winged dove only.

Shooting hours - Noon until sunset.

DIRECTIONS TO THE HUNTING AREA:

The Koon Farm Special-opportunity dove field is located approximately 2 miles east of Mayo in Lafayette County (see map). From the intersection of US 27 and SR 51 in Mayo, travel east on US 27 for 2.2 miles until you come to Northeast Thalia Road. Turn left (north) on Northeast Thalia Road and travel 0.7 miles to the dove field on the left hand side (west) of Northeast Thalia Road.

DOVE HUNTERS HOTLINE:

Visit our web site at www.myfwc.com/dove to find out the latest information on FWC dove fields across the state of Florida. Most of the information will be updated every Thursday throughout the dove season.

When you spot 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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