This brochure is designed to provide the public with information and a summary of regulations pertaining to hunting and other recreational use on the A-1 FEB Impoundment 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.

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 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.

Licenses and permits may be purchased from county tax collectors, license agents, at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com 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.

Quota Permit Information:
Waterfowl – 100, no-cost, quota permits (no exemptions, non-transferable) for each of 35 hunts.

Each permit holder may bring up to two hunt guests. The host permit holder and their hunt guests must enter and exit the area together and share a street-legal vehicle while hunting on the area. Guest hunters may hunt only while the host is on the area. As this area is open to public access during waterfowl hunts, non-hunters as well as mentor and youth supervisors are not considered guest hunters.

Hunters must submit electronic applications for A-1 FEB Waterfowl Permits at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com. Application periods, deadlines, worksheets and instructions are available at MyFWC.com, FWC offices or county tax collector’s offices.

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. 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. The wanton and willful waste of wildlife is prohibited.
3. Public access is prohibited on any portion of the area posted as “Closed” or “Restricted.”
4. 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.
5. The release of any animal is prohibited, without written authorization of the landowner or primary land manager.
6. It is unlawful for any person to leave any garbage or refuse, or in any way litter in the area.
7. It is unlawful to set fire to any forest, grass or woodlands.
8. A Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Law Enforcement Officer may search any camp, vehicle or boat, in accordance with law.
9. Littering is prohibited. All materials used for temporary blinds and spent shell casings must be removed after each hunt. Construction or use of permanent blinds or structures is prohibited.
10. Tampering with or destruction of equipment, improvements, and water control structures is prohibited.
11. Cutting or damaging fences is prohibited.
12. Fires are prohibited.

Public Access and Vehicles:
1. This area is open to public access year round Friday through Sunday only.
2. Persons must enter and exit at the designated entrance.
3. **Licensed and registered motor vehicles may be operated year round (Friday-Sunday only) but only on designated levee roads (see map).**
4. Motor vehicles may not be operated on any portion of levee road posted as closed to vehicular traffic.
5. Airboats, vessels having an internal combustion engine, tracked vehicles, unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, and swamp buggies are prohibited. Vessels with electric motors are allowed.
6. Trailers, including boat trailers, are prohibited.
7. All vessels must be equipped with required boating safety equipment.
8. Parked vehicles may not obstruct any road, levee, gate, or boat launch.

Hunters:
1. All levees, roads, boat launches, parking areas, water control structures, and earthen berms are closed to hunting. Hunting is prohibited in any portion of the area posted as closed to hunting, or in any portion of the area designated as closed to hunting in the brochure map.

Guns:
1. The discharge of a firearm outside of periods open to hunting or in areas closed to hunting is prohibited per s. 790.15 FS.
2. Hunting with firearms other than shotguns is prohibited.
3. Hunting with shotguns capable of holding more than 3 shells is prohibited.
4. Shooting hours are from $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before sunrise until sunset.
5. Use of non-toxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is required.
6. Children under the age of 16 hunting with a firearm must be in the presence of a supervising adult.
7. No person shall discharge a firearm or have a loaded firearm in hand while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

**Dogs:**
1. Dogs are prohibited, except waterfowl retrievers may be used for hunting duck, light geese, and coot during waterfowl seasons.
2. Waterfowl retrievers must be kept under physical restraint when not hunting.

**Camping:** Camping is prohibited.

**Bag and Possession Limits:**
1. Duck, light geese, and coot – Daily bag limit for ducks during wood duck and teal, teal only, duck, light geese, coot, and youth waterfowl hunt seasons is 6 ducks with species specific restrictions. Additionally, during duck, light geese, coot, and youth waterfowl hunt seasons the daily bag limit for geese and coot is 15 each, and the daily bag for merganser is 5 (only 2 of which may be a hooded merganser). See Florida Hunting Regulations pamphlet for more details and species specific bag limits.
2. Non-native reptiles - no size or bag limit.

**Waterfowl Hunt Dates:**
- **Wood Duck and Teal** – September 21 and 22.
- **Teal only** – September 27, 28 and 29
- **Youth Waterfowl Hunt - November 16.**
- Ducks, Light Geese, and Coot – November 23, 24, 29 and 30, December 1, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, and January 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, and 26.

**Youth Waterfowl Hunt - February 8.**

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Hunting license, management area permit, migratory bird permit, state waterfowl permit and federal duck stamp.

Legal to Take - See Florida Hunting Regulations handbook.

Regulations Unique to Waterfowl Hunting Seasons - In addition to these regulations, all migratory game bird regulations pertaining to waterfowl hunting shall apply.
1. Hunting ducks, geese and coot with lead shot is prohibited.
2. Shooting hours for ducks, light geese and coot is ½ hour before sunrise until sunset.
3. All levees, roads, boat launches, parking areas, water control structures, and earthen berms are closed to hunting. Hunting is prohibited in any portion of the area posted as closed to hunting, or in any portion of the area designated as closed to hunting in the brochure map.

**Fishing and Frogging:**
Permitted only on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays year-round.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Freshwater fishing license.

Legal to Take - See Florida Freshwater Fishing Regulations Summary.

Regulations Unique to Fishing and Frogging - In addition to these regulations, all freshwater fishing regulations shall apply.
1. Fishing from or in water control structures posted as closed to public access or no trespassing is prohibited.
2. Take of frogs using firearms is prohibited.
Non-Native Reptiles:
Non-native reptiles may be taken any time the A-1 FEB is open to public access. Permit and License Requirements - A hunting license or management area permit is not required for taking non-native reptiles.
Legal to take - All non-native reptiles, including Burmese python. Visit www.MyFWC.com/wildlifehabitats/nonnatives/ for more details.
Regulations Unique to Take of Non-Native Reptiles – In addition to these regulations, all A-1 FEB Public Small Game Hunting Area regulations shall apply.
1. Use of firearms for taking non-native reptiles is prohibited, except properly permitted waterfowl hunters may use shotguns for taking non-native reptiles during established waterfowl hunts.
2. Unless you have a Python Removal Permit, live pythons may not be removed from this area.
3. Please report sightings or take of Burmese Pythons and other non-native reptiles at 888-IVE-GOT1 (888-483-4681), IveGot1.org, or via ExoticReports@myfwc.com

About the A-1 Flow Equalization Basin:
Located in southern Palm Beach County, west of U.S. Highway 27, the A-1 Flow Equalization Basin (FEB) assists in optimizing the performance of two nearby Stormwater Treatment Areas (STAs) in removing phosphorus. It can hold up to 60,000 acre-feet of water up to 4 feet deep, and then deliver water in a controlled manner to the treatment areas. It is surrounded by 21 miles of levees with 15 associated water control structures. The A-1 FEB is the largest of three FEBs in the State of Florida’s Restoration Strategies plan to improve water quality in the Everglades.
A FEB is a constructed storage feature used to capture and temporarily store peak stormwater flows. Water managers can move water from FEBs to STAs at steady rates to optimize STA performance and help achieve water quality improvement targets. STAs are constructed wetlands that serve as the water-cleaning workhorses of Everglades restoration, using both emergent and submerged aquatic vegetation to naturally remove nutrients from the water that eventually flows to the Everglades.
Completed in 2015, the A-1 FEB is a shallow impoundment that captures, stores and delivers stormwater runoff to STAs 2 and 3/4 to improve their treatment performance. As a shallow FEB, the A-1 also contains emergent vegetation to help reduce phosphorus concentrations before moving water to the STAs. It was built upon significant earthwork previously completed at the site. Onsite excavated material was used to build new levees and existing canals were incorporated into the FEB design.
The A-1 FEB is open for recreation on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and closed all other days. Please take care when enjoying hiking, biking and hunting at this facility so that recreation can be enjoyed by others today and in the future.

Danger, this site contains abrupt drop-offs and deep trenches - drowning hazard.

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A-1 FLOW EQUALIZATION BASIN
PUBLIC SMALL GAME HUNTING AREA
16,908 acres
Palm Beach County

NOTE: Access has changed. Vehicle access is allowed year round (Fri.-Sun. only) on levee roads shown on this map. Gate will be closed Mon.-Thurs.

Legend
- A-1 FEB
- Closed to Hunting
- STA
- Levee Road
- Highway
- Canal
- Designated Entrance
- Gate
- Boat Ramp
- Parking Area

South Bay - 13.5 Miles
Entrance is located at Mile Marker 60
Palm Beach / Broward County Line -12.5 Miles

STA 2 Public Small Game Hunting Area
STA 3/4 Public Small Game Hunting Area