This brochure is designed to provide the public with information and a summary of regulations pertaining to hunting and other recreational use on the Apalachee Public Small Game Hunting Area (PSGHA). 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 at MyFWC.com.

**Permit, Stamp And License Information:**
Persons using Apalachee PSGHA must possess a wildlife management area permit (a hunting license is not required to hunt wild hog). The following persons are exempt from all license and permit requirements: 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. Licenses and permits may be purchased from county tax collectors, license agents, by telephone at 888-486-8356, or at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com.

**Quota Permit Information:** Quota permits are not required for this area.

Youth and mentor license holders: A supervisor is required to accompany a youth or mentor license holder during any hunt. 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.

**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. 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 wild hog with the aid of live decoys, set guns, artificial light (see exception for wild hog-dog season), net, trap, snare, drug or poison is prohibited. Recorded calls and sounds may be used to hunt wild hog.
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, except by permit from FWC or written authorization from the landowner or primary land manager.
10. The planting or introduction of any plant is prohibited, without written authorization of the landowner or primary land manager.
11. Wild hog may not be transported alive.
12. A hunting license is not required for the take of wild hog.
13. Littering is prohibited.
14. Fires are prohibited.
15. 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. Open to public access year round. During periods when the area is closed to hunting, public access other than by foot, bicycle or horse is prohibited, except as provided below.
2. Vehicle access is only allowed: during periods open to hunting and year round on Rock Pond Road.
3. Vehicles (including ATVs) may be operated only on named or numbered roads. Tracked vehicles, unregistered and unlicensed motorcycles, and swamp buggies are prohibited.
4. No motor vehicle shall be operated in areas designated as closed to vehicular traffic.
5. Parked vehicles may not obstruct a road, gate or firelane.

Hunters:
Hunting equipment may not be taken onto the WMA until 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 on or from the rights-of-way of C.R. 271 is prohibited.
2. Only shotguns, rifles, pistols, air guns, bows or crossbows may be used for hunting.
3. Children under the age of 16 hunting with a firearm or air gun 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. Hunting with fully automatic firearms, centerfire semi-automatic rifles having a magazine capable of holding more than 5 rounds, explosive or drug-injecting devices and set guns is prohibited.
6. 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. Wild hog may be hunted with dogs of any size or breed.
2. No person shall allow any dog to pursue or molest any wildlife during any period in which the hunting 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.

**Bag and Possession Limits:** Wild hog - No size or bag limit.

**Wild hog-dog Season:**
May 3-5 and 17-19, June 7-9 and 21-23, July 5-7 and 19-21, and August 2-4 and 16-18, 2019.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Management area permit.

Legal to Hunt - Wild hog.

Regulations Unique to Wild Hog-Dog Season -
1. Hunts begin at 12:01 a.m. Friday morning and end at midnight Sunday evening.
2. Wild hog may be taken during the day or at night by the aid of a light with dogs and a firearm, provided that no wild hog shall be shot during the period from ½ hour after sunset until ½ hour before sunrise until bayed by dogs. Hunting wild hog by display or use of a light from a moving vehicle, boat or animal is prohibited.

**Fishing and Frogging:**
Allowed year round.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Fishing license (if fishing) or management area permit (if frogging).

Legal to Take - See Florida Freshwater Fishing Regulations Summary.

Regulations Unique to Fishing and Frogging - All General Area Regulations and General Freshwater Fishing Regulations shall apply. Shooting frogs is allowed only during the listed open hunting seasons and only with the legal methods of take during each particular season.

**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

**Cooperation Requested:**
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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