Juniper Creek
Wildlife Management Area

Regulations Summary and Area Map
July 01, 2019 – June 30, 2020

This brochure is designed to provide the public with information and a summary of regulations pertaining to hunting and other recreational use on the Juniper Creek Wildlife Management 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 at MyFWC.com.

Persons using wildlife management 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 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.

Licenses and permits may be purchased from county tax collectors, license agents, by telephone at 888-486-8356 or at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com. 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: Quota permits are not required for this area; however, a zone tag issued by the U.S. Forest Service is required to participate in each hunt. Five zone tags will be available for each family hunt and 3 zone tags will be available for each youth turkey hunt by random drawing on October 18. Applications are available online at www.fs.usda.gov/apalachicola or you may apply in person at the Apalachicola Ranger District Office, 11152 NW State Route 20, Bristol, Florida (850-643-2282) or at the Wakulla Ranger District Office, 57 Taff Drive, Crawfordville, Florida (850-926-3561).

General Area Regulations:
All general laws and regulations relating to wildlife and fish 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. 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.
2. Taking of spotted fawn, swimming deer or roosted turkey is prohibited.
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. Recorded calls and sounds can be used to hunt wild hog.
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 ½ hour before sunrise until ½ hour after sunset (see exceptions for each season).
12. The release of any animal is prohibited, except by permit from FWC or written authorization from 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. A hunting license is not required to hunt wild hog.
17. Littering is prohibited.
18. Fires are prohibited.
19. An FWC Law Enforcement Officer may search any camp, vehicle or boat, in accordance with law.
20. Falconers may hunt during the statewide falconry season anytime a management area is open for public access. Falconers are not exempt from zone tag requirements.

Public Access and Vehicles:
1. Open to public access year round, except that during periods open to hunting, access is allowed only by individuals participating in the hunt.
2. During periods open to hunting and 1 day prior to each hunt, only individuals participating in the hunt may operate vehicles on the area, and only on named or numbered roads. During all other times, public access other than by foot is prohibited.
3. Parked vehicles may not obstruct a road, gate or firelane.
4. The use of airboats, all-terrain vehicles, tracked vehicles or unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles is prohibited.
5. No motor vehicle shall be operated in areas designated as closed to vehicular traffic.
Hunters and Harvest Reporting:
1. 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. 1 day after the end of the season.
2. Each hunter shall obtain a zone tag prior to the hunt and keep it in his or her possession while hunting on the area. No person shall hunt in any zone other than that for which he or she has a zone tag.
3. **All deer harvested must be reported to the harvest reporting system within 24 hours of harvest.** See Florida Hunting Regulations handbook for deer harvest reporting instructions.

Guns:
1. Hunting at night with a gun is prohibited.
2. **Muzzleloading guns used for taking deer must be .30 caliber or larger, if firing a single bullet, or be 20 gauge or larger if firing 2 or more balls.**
3. Hunting deer with rimfire or non-expanding, full metal jacket (military ball) ammunition is prohibited.
4. Hunting wildlife (other than migratory birds) with air guns is allowed. See Florida Hunting Regulations handbook for details.
5. Hunting deer with air guns is prohibited, except pre-charged pneumatic (PCP) air guns propelling a bolt, arrow or bullet .30 caliber or larger are allowed.
6. Hunting turkey with air guns is prohibited, except PCP air guns propelling a bolt or arrow are allowed.
7. Children under the age of 16 hunting with a firearm must be in the presence of a supervising adult.
8. No person shall discharge a firearm or have a loaded firearm in hand while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
9. For hunting non-migratory game, only shotguns, rifles, pistols, air guns, bows, crossbows or falconry may be used.
10. Hunting with full 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.
11. 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.
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 used for trailing wounded game, dogs are allowed, but must be kept under physical restraint at all times.

Camping: Prohibited.
Bag and Possession Limits:
1. **Deer** - No person shall exceed statewide bag limits.
   A. **Area limits** -
      Family Hunt - 1 antlered or 1 antlerless deer per person per hunt.
   B. **Statewide limits - Annual limit 5 deer (only 2 of which may be antlerless)**, daily limit 2, possession limit 4.
   C. **As part of the statewide annual deer limit, youth less than 16 years of age may harvest 1 deer annually not meeting antler point requirements but having at least 1 antler 5 inches or more in length.**
2. **Wild hog and armadillo** - No size or bag limit.
3. **Turkey** - No person shall exceed statewide bag limits.
   A. **Area limits** -
      Youth turkey - 1 per youth hunter per hunt.
   B. **Statewide limits** - All fall seasons combined limit 2, spring season limit 2, daily limit 2, possession limit 2.

**Family Hunt:**
November 22-24, December 24-26, December 31 through January 2, January 17-19 and January 31 through February 2.
Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Zone tag, hunting license, management area permit and deer permit (if hunting deer).
Legal to Hunt - Deer with at least 1 antler having 2 or more points (each point 1-inch or more in length) and having at least 1 antler 5-inches or more in length, antlerless deer (which includes does and bucks with antlers less than 5 inches in length, but not spotted fawn), wild hog and armadillo.
Regulations Unique to Family Hunt -
1. Up to 2 youths (under 16 years of age but not younger than 8 years of age) per zone tag may hunt under the direct supervision of an adult (at least 18 years of age), but the zone tag holder must be present for any youth to hunt.
2. The zone tag holder may hunt, but only in the presence of at least 1 youth.

**Youth Turkey Hunt:**
March 14-15, 28-29 and April 11-12.
Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Zone tag, hunting license, management area permit and wild turkey permit.
Legal to Hunt - Bearded turkey or gobbler.
Regulations Unique to Youth Turkey Hunt -
1. **Legal shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise until sunset.**
2. Hunting other animals is prohibited.
3. Only bows, crossbows, PCP air guns propelling a bolt or arrow and shotguns using a #2 or smaller shot size may be used for hunting.
4. Only 1 youth under 16 years of age may hunt per zone tag and must be under the supervision and in the presence of an adult not younger than 18 years of age. An adult with required licenses and permits for taking wild turkeys may participate when in the presence of a youth, but may not harvest a wild turkey.
**Trapping:** Prohibited

**Fishing and Frogging:** Prohibited.

**Other Recreational Uses:** Allowed year round, except during the family and youth turkey hunts when access to the area is restricted to individuals authorized to participate in the hunt.

**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.

**U.S. Forest Service Rules and Information:**
1. Removing firewood from the forest without a permit from the district ranger is prohibited.
2. Trespassing on any posted-closed historical or archaeological area is prohibited.
3. The possession or use of a metal detector is prohibited.
4. For additional information on Forest Service regulations, call 850-643-2282. Violations may result in fines or imprisonment.

**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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