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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 Camp Blanding Wildlife Management Area. To make it easier to learn about regulation changes on this area, regulations that are new or differ substantially from last year are shown in bold print. Area users still should familiarize themselves with all regulations for the area. For the exact wording of the wildlife laws and regulations, see Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission's wildlife code on file with the Secretary of State and state libraries. This brochure and the quota hunt application forms should provide the information necessary for you to plan your hunting activities.

For information pertaining to hunting on private lands and trapping, consult the current Florida Hunting Handbook. This publication is available from any Commission office as well as county tax collectors and their subagents.

PERMIT, STAMP AND LICENSE INFORMATION

Persons utilizing the wildlife management areas are required to have appropriate licenses, stamps and permits for hunting and/or fishing. Florida residents who are 65 years of age or older, and residents certified totally and permanently disabled, may obtain exemption certificates for most licenses, stamps and permits from the county tax collector. Hunters under age 16 and Florida residents in the U.S. Armed Forces, not stationed in Florida and home on leave with orders in possession, are exempt from most stamp and license requirements on this area.

Hunting License, Trapping License, Fishing License and Archery, Muzzleloading Gun, Wildlife Management Area, Wild Turkey and State Waterfowl permits may be purchased from county tax collectors, their subagents, Internet or by telephone.

Unless exempted, all hunters on this wildlife management area must have the following in their possession and display them upon request of any Commission employee.

1. Hunting License: Information on the categories and costs of hunting licenses is available in the Florida Hunting Handbook.

2. Wildlife Management Area Permit: This \$25.00 permit is required to hunt on this area.

3. Quota Hunt Permit: A no-cost regular quota hunt permit is required to hunt this area during the first nine days of the general gun season. There are 400 regular quota hunt permits each, available for the still hunt area and in the dog hunt area.

There are 350 special quota hunt permits available for the archery season north of S.R. 16 and C.R. 215 and east of C.R. 225 only.

There are 200 special quota hunt permits available for the muzzleloading gun season north of S.R. 16 and C.R. 215 and east of C.R. 225 only.

There are 65 quota permits available for each of the spring turkey hunts.

There are 40 quota hunt permits available for each of the supervised youth hunts in the area south of S.R 16 known as the Cantonment Area. Applications for youth permits are available from the Lake City regional office and the Tallahassee office of the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission on or about June 30.

Regular and special quota hunt permit applications are available from county tax collectors or their subagents on or about June 1. Spring turkey quota hunt permit applications will be available at regional offices on or about December 29. To apply for a quota permit, obtain a regular, special or turkey quota hunt permit application and follow the printed instructions.

Hunters entering walk-in area No. 2, from S.R. 21, must obtain a daily hunt permit from check station No. 1 or 3 prior to entering the area.

There are 150 daily hunt permits available on a first-come, first-served basis at check station No. 2 for the archery area (November 8 through January 4).

After the first nine days of the general gun season, a daily quota of hunters will be allowed access to the following areas on a first-come, first-served basis:

a. 400 for the area north of S.R. 16 and C.R. 215 and east of C.R. 225 (still hunt area).

b. 250 for the area south of S.R. 16 and north of Tank Trail (north dog area).

c. 150 for the area south of Impact Road (south dog area).

Transfer of Permits: Quota hunt and antlerless deer permits are transferable, except that any exempt permit is only transferable to another exempt person. The sale or purchase of any quota hunt permit or antlerless deer permit is prohibited.

4. Archery Permit: This \$5.00 permit is required when hunting during the archery hunt. 5. Muzzleloading Gun Permit: This \$5.00 permit is required when hunting during the muzzleloading gun hunt.

6. Wild Turkey Permit: This \$5.00 permit is required if hunting turkeys.

7. State Waterfowl Permit: This \$3.00 permit is required while hunting ducks.

8. Federal Duck Stamp: Any hunter 16 years of age or older must possess a federal duck stamp while hunting ducks. This \$15.00 stamp is available at post offices.

9. Antlerless Deer Permits: See No. I under General Information.

BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS

1. Deer-Daily limit 2, possession limit 4 (all hunts combined) except during the supervised youth hunt when only 1 deer may be taken.

2. Turkey--Daily limit 1, season limit 2, possession limit 2.

3. Wild hogs--Daily limit 1, possession limit 2.

4. Gray squirrel, quail, rabbit-Daily limit 12, possession limit 24 for each game species.

5. Raccoon, possum, armadillo, beaver, coyote, skunk and nutria—No bag limits.

6. Bobcat, mink and otter-Possession limit 1 unless in possession of a Trapping License.

7. Migratory game birds--See Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet.

GENERAL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA REGULATIONS

In addition to the regulations which follow, all general laws and regulations relating to wild animal life or freshwater aquatic life shall apply unless specifically excepted for this wildlife management area. Hunting or the taking of wildlife or fish on this area shall be allowed only during the open seasons and in the manner set forth herein.

1 . Driving a metal object into any tree or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven is prohibited.

2. No person shall cut or destroy any tree or remove any tree, shrub or protected plant (as listed in F.S. 581.185) from any wildlife management area without written permission from the landowner or primary land manager.

3. Wild hogs may not be transported alive.

4. It is unlawful for any person to leave any garbage or refuse or in any way litter in the management area.

5. The wanton or willful waste of wildlife is prohibited.

6. Non-migratory game may be hunted from one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset.

7. The head and evidence of sex may not be removed from the carcass of any deer on the area. Portions of the carcass may be removed immediately prior to cooking.

8. No person shall release any wildlife on this wildlife management area.

9. It is illegal to hunt over bait or place any bait or other food for wildlife on this wildlife management area.

10. Taking of any turkey while it is on the roost is prohibited.

11. Killing swimming deer is prohibited.

12. Taking fox is prohibited.

13. Taking fox squirrel is prohibited.

14. Taking or attempting to take game with the aid of live decoys, nets, drugs, lights or recorded game calls is prohibited.

15. Hunting, trapping or the possession of dogs is prohibited in areas posted as "CLOSED."

16. For taking non-migratory game, only shotguns, rifles, pistols, longbows (including compound and recurved bows), crossbows (during the general gun hunt only) or birds of prey may be used.

17. Hunters may enter the area at 6 a.m. each day of the general gun and small game seasons; hunters may enter at 5:30 a.m. each day of the archery and muzzleloading gun hunts; hunters must leave the area by one hour after sunset. During spring turkey season hunters may enter the area at 5:00 a.m. each hunt day and must leave the area by 1:00 p.m. each day.

18. Hunters possessing quota permits shall hunt only in the areas specified on the permit during the first nine days of the general gun hunt.

19. Public access is prohibited in the Dud Area (see map).

20. The possession or consumption of intoxicating beverages or substances is prohibited.

21. Fires are prohibited.

22. Any person hunting deer or accompanying another person hunting deer shall wear at least 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent-orange material above the waistline as an outer garment. This is not required when hunting during an archeryonly season.

23. Deer and turkey may be dismembered in the field or camp, but each portion shall have a tag affixed to it identifying the name, address and hunting license number of the person who killed it; the date and location at which it was taken; and shall be readily traceable to the portion of the animal bearing the sex identification.

GUNS OR DOGS

24. Hunting with gun and light is prohibited.

25. For hunting deer, muzzleloading guns firing a single bullet must be at least .40 caliber; those firing two or more balls must be 20 gauge or larger.

26. Hunting deer with full-jacketed bullets or any rimfire cartridge is prohibited.

27. Fully automatic firearms, silencer-equipped firearms, centerfire semi-automatic rifles having a magazine capable of holding more than five rounds; explosive or drug injecting devices, or setguns are prohibited.

28. Guns are allowed only during periods in which their use for hunting is allowed.

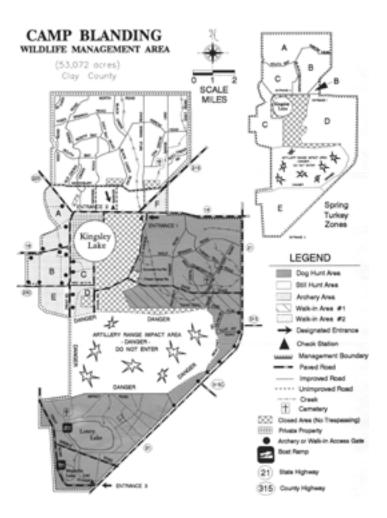
29. No person shall have a gun in manual possession while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

30. Children under the age of 16 may not be in possession of a firearm unless in the presence of a supervising adult.

31. Hunting turkeys with dogs is prohibited.

32. Guns or dogs are prohibited on areas posted as "CLOSED."

33. No person shall allow any dog to pursue or molest wildlife during any period in which hunting with dogs is prohibited.



34. No person shall possess any dog during any period in which hunting with dogs is prohibited, unless the dog is a non-hunting breed and kept restrained.

35. Hunting with or possession of dogs other than bird dogs is prohibited in that portion of the area east of S.R. 225 and north of S.R. 16. Hunting with or possession of dogs is prohibited in those portions of the area open only to archery hunting (see map). 36. The hunting or taking of hogs by the use of dogs is prohibited.

37. Dogs on leashes may be used for trailing wounded game.

38. Only licensed hunters with appropriate permits may enter the area, and only on hunting days.

VEHICLES

39. Vehicles shall not be parked in such a manner as to obstruct roads, gates, trails or firelanes.

40. Vehicles are prohibited between Dade Road and the Impact Road (see map).

41. Vehicles may be operated only on graded or paved roads in that portion of the area lying east of C.R. 225 and north of S.R. 16.

42. No motor vehicle shall be operated on any pan of the wildlife management area designated and posted as "CLOSED" because of inclement weather, poor road conditions, construction, management activities or wildlife surveys.

CAMPING

43. Camping is prohibited.

CHECKSTATIONS

44. Hunters shall check in at a check station when entering or exiting the area and check all game taken.

45. Check station hours are 6 a.m. to one hour after sunset during the general gun hunt and 5 :30 a.m. to one hour after sunset during the archery and muzzleloading gun hunts and 5 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the spring turkey season.

Search

46. A wildlife officer may search any camp, vehicle or boat when he or she reasonably believes a violation has been committed.

ARCHERY

September 24 through 26 and October 1 through 3 north of S.R. 16 and C.R. 215 and east of C.R. 225 only.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements--Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, archery permit, special quota hunt permit and wild turkey permit (if hunting turkeys).

Legal to Take--Any deer (except spotted fawns), wild hogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or more, turkeys of either sex, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, opossum, raccoon, beaver, coyote, armadillo, skunk, nutria and migratory game birds in season.

Regulations Unique to the Archery Hunt-In addition to these regulations, all General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply.

1. Possession of firearms or crossbows is prohibited.

2. Hunting deer, wild hogs or turkeys with dogs is prohibited.

MUZZLELOADING GUN

October 8 through 10 and 15 through 17 north of S.R. 16 and C.R. 215 and east of C.R. 225 only.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements--Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, muzzleloading gun permit, special quota hunt permit and wild turkey permit (if hunting turkeys).

Legal to Take – Deer with one or more antler at least five inches in length visible above the hairline, wild hogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or more, turkey of either sex, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, opossum, raccoon, beaver, coyote, armadillo, skunk, nutria and migratory game buds in season.

Regulations Unique to the Muzzleloading Gun Hunt--In addition to these regulations, all General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply.

1. Only muzzleloading guns are allowed.

2. Hunting deer, wild hogs or turkeys with dogs is prohibited.

SUPERVISED YOUTH

October 11 through 12 and October 25 through 26 (specific location to be announced). Permit, Stamp and License Requirements-Quota hunt permit.

Legal to Take - Any deer (except spotted fawn).

Bag Limit – 1 deer per hunter.

Regulations Unique to the Supervised Youth Hunt--In addition to these regulations, all General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply.

1. Only persons 8 through 15 years of age may hunt.

2. Each hunter must be under the supervision of an adult not younger than 18 years of age.

3. Only shotguns are allowed.

4. Hunt location will be assigned on a random drawing basis.

5. Hunters and supervisors will be transported to and from the hunt location.

6. All hunters and supervisors shall enter at check station No. 1 ("D" Avenue) and proceed directly to the parking area.

GENERAL GUN

November 8 through January 4.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements--Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, regular quota permit (if hunting during the first nine days), state waterfowl permit and federal waterfowl stamp (if hunting ducks) and wild turkey permit (if hunting turkeys).

Legal to Take – Deer with one or more antlers at least five inches in length visible above the hairline, antlerless deer (except spotted fawn) by antlerless permit only, wild hogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or more, turkeys of either sex November 17 through 19 only, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, opossum, raccoon, beaver, coyote, armadillo, skunk, nutria and migratory game birds in season. Bobcat, mink and otter after November 30.

Regulations Unique to the General Gun Hunt--All General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply.

DESIGNATED ARCHERY AREA

November 8 through January 4 in designated archery area only (see map).

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements--Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, daily hunt permit, state waterfowl permit and federal waterfowl stamp (if hunting ducks) and wild turkey permit (if hunting turkeys).

Legal to Take--Any deer (except spotted fawn), wild hogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or more, turkeys of either sex, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, opossum, raccoon, beaver, coyote, armadillo, skunk, nutria and migratory game birds in season. Bobcat, mink and otter after November 30.

Regulations Unique to the Designated Archery Area: In addition to these regulations, all General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply.

1. Hunters shall check in at check station No. 2 each day when entering and exiting the area.

2. Hunting deer, wild hogs or turkeys with dogs is prohibited.

3. Hunters should use the walk-through gate opening when entering the hunt area.

4. Archery area C will be closed on dates scheduled for military exercises.

SPRING TURKEY

March 16 through 20 and April 13 through April 17.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements-Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, spring turkey quota hunt permit and wild turkey permit.

Legal to Take--Bearded turkeys or gobblers.

Regulations Unique to the Spring Turkey Hunt-- In addition to these regulations, all General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply.

1. Hunting with dogs is prohibited.

2. Each hunter will select a zone (A, B, C, D, E) as they enter the area. Selection and assignment of Zones A, B and C will be made at Check Station No. 2 only. Hunters wishing to hunt in Zone D or E must obtain their respective assignment at Check Station No. 1 or No. 3, respectively.

3. Hunters may hunt only in the zone which they select. Persons assigned to Zone A must use only Barker and Black Creek roads to enter and exit Zone A.



TRAPPING

December 1 through January 4 only in that portion of the area lying north of S.R. 16 and C.R. 215 and east of C.R. 225.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements: Trapping license, wildlife management area permit.

Legal to Take-Bobcat, mink, otter, raccoon, skunk, opossum, beaver, coyote and nutria.

Regulations Unique to Trapping-All General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply.

MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

Rails, common moorhens, mourning doves, white-winged doves, snipe, ducks, coots, woodcock and crows may be hunted during seasons established for these species which coincide with the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun and small game hunts. Permit, Stamp and License Requirements--Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, state waterfowl permit and federal waterfowl stamp (if hunting ducks), special or regular quota permit or daily hunt permit (if hunting during the archery, muzzleloading gun or the first nine days of the general gun hunt).

Legal to Take--See Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet.

Regulations Unique to Migratory Game Birds-See Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet. In addition to these regulations, all wildlife management area regulations contained in this pamphlet shall apply and the use of lead shot for taking ducks and coots is prohibited.

FISHING

Fishing is permitted only on fish management areas.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements--Fishing license.

Legal to Take-See Florida Freshwater Fishing Regulations Summary.

Regulations Unique to Fishing--All General Wildlife Management Area Regulations and Florida freshwater fishing and fish management area regulations shall apply.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Any hunter desiring to take an antlerless deer must submit a quota hunt application during the application period for random drawing and have checked the box provided for the random drawing of antlerless permits. Antlerless deer permits will be issued from the Tallahassee office and will be valid only on the area and for the dates indicated on the permit.

2. Fish management area lakes, or other portions of the area, may be closed during military training activities.

3. The Dud Areas contain a high concentration of unexploded munitions that may detonate without warning, which could cause serious injury or death. Any unauthorized personnel found in the artillery range impact area will be prosecuted and, in addition, be barred from Camp Blanding Military Reservation for a period of not less than 10 years.

4. The use of any Camp Blanding rifle or pistol range for target practice is strictly prohibited. Violations may result in the expulsion of the violator from the Camp Blanding Military Reservation for a period of not fewer than 10 years.

5. Anyone born on or after June 1,1975 must have passed a Commission approved hunter safety course prior to being issued a hunting license.

6. If you have any questions about this material, please call the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission at (904) 758-0525 {(800) 955-8771 (TDD)}.

7. Access to Magnolia and Lowry Lake for fishing only, shall be on Treat Road only, when allowed by Camp Blanding Range Control.

COOPERATION REQUESTED

Please do not discharge firearms at anything other than legal game while in a wildlife management area. Target practice and random discharge firearms have become increasing threats to the quality of the hunting experience.

All persons hunting small game are requested to wear blazeorange headgear and/or vests.

PLEASE DO NOT LITTER. TAKE TRASH OUT WITH YOU.

Youth hunt participants are encouraged to successfully complete a Commission approve hunter education safety course.

In recent years, unauthorized and uncontrolled fires have caused severe damage to area wildlife and wildlife habitats. Controlled fires are beneficial only when they are of the proper size and location, and when area conditions are suitable.

UNCONTROLLED FIRES DO NOT BENEFIT WILD-LIFE. Please use caution with campfires, smoking and vehicles to prevent damage to wildlife habitats.

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