

Note: Brochure has changed from printed version. Muzzleloading gun dates have been corrected, camp N is designated for long term camping, and rules related to small game season have been updated.

2017-
2018
Hunting
Season

J.W. Corbett

Wildlife Management Area

Regulations Summary and Area Map
July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018



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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 J.W. Corbett 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, the Florida Hunting Regulations handbook and quota permit worksheet should provide the information necessary for you to plan your hunting activities. These publications are available from any Commission office and 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, **released quail 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 federal 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 through the Commission's Recreational License Issuance Services (RLIS). 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. **Released quail permits may only be obtained online through RLIS.**

Quota Permit Information:

Quota permits are not required for this area.

Daily-Use Permit Information:

Persons engaged in recreational activities other than hunting must possess a daily-use permit or a management area permit. Daily-use permits may be purchased at designated entry points of the management area. A daily-use permit is \$3 per person, \$6 per non-commercial vehicle, \$75 per group of 25 to 100 people and \$150 for groups of 101 people or more. Cash and personal checks are acceptable methods of payment. Members of a management area permit holder's immediate family (spouse and dependent children) while traveling in the same vehicle or in the company of a permit holder, persons through-hiking on the Florida Trail and persons exempt from the management area permit requirement, are exempt from this permit requirement for recreational uses other than hunting.

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. These provisions are not required when hunting with a bow and arrow during archery season.
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. Florida Statutes prohibit digging in or otherwise defacing, destroying or altering Indian mounds.
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 furbearers, wild hog and crows.
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 under 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 native or 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. An FWC Law Enforcement Officer may search any camp, vehicle or boat, in accordance with law.
19. The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited except they may be transported in sealed containers only on the North, South and Stumper's grades, and may only be consumed at designated campsites other than camp O.
20. No person shall remove plants, rocks, minerals, animal life, other natural resources or parts thereof (including possession or removal of saw palmetto

- berries) without written authorization from the Executive Director of the FWC.
21. It is unlawful to set fire to any forest, grass or woodlands. Fires other than campfires are prohibited. It is unlawful to build a fire and leave it unattended.
22. Falconers may hunt during the statewide falconry season anytime a management area is open for public access.

Public Access and Vehicles:

1. Public access is allowed year round except from 12 a.m. August **12** until 8 a.m. on August **25** when the area shall be closed. However, starting 5 p.m. on August **23**, vehicles will be allowed to park on that portion of North Grade between north entrance and B camp gate. Vehicles parked on North Grade during the closure period may not be left unattended by a driver. Hiking on the Florida Trail and use of the Hungryland Boardwalk is allowed year-round.
2. Vehicles may only be operated on roads (Stumpers, Tomato Field, North and South Grades) and trail 6. Hunters are allowed additional vehicle access when participating in hunting activities as described in #3 and #4 below.
3. During archery and spring turkey seasons, hunters may also operate vehicles on numbered trails beginning 8 a.m. 1 day before each season opens until 6 p.m. the day after each season closes.
4. During muzzleloading gun, general gun and small game seasons, hunters may operate vehicles throughout the area beginning 8 a.m. 1 day before each season opens until 6 p.m. the day after each season closes.
5. Persons must enter and exit the area only at a designated entrance. During periods when check stations are staffed, all persons must check in at a check station upon entering and check out upon leaving the area, except for through-hikers on the Florida Trail (see Daily-Use Permit Information section above).
6. People through-hiking on the Florida Trail may enter or exit the area on the Florida Trail. Florida Trail through-hikers are exempt from the day-use fee.
7. Within the Roy R. Burnsed still hunt area and the Bruce Bowman archery/still hunt area, vehicles may be operated only on named roads and numbered trails.
8. The use or possession of airboats, all-terrain vehicles, tracked vehicles or unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles is prohibited year-round and use or possession of unlicensed and unregistered motor vehicles is prohibited the day following the close of spring turkey season until 5 p.m. three days prior to archery season.
9. Parked vehicles may not obstruct a road, gate or firelane.
10. No motor vehicle shall be operated in areas designated as closed to vehicular traffic.

Hunters and Check Stations:

1. Hunters must enter and exit the area only at a designated entrance. During periods when check stations are staffed, all hunters must check in at a check station upon entering and check out upon leaving the area and check all game harvested.
2. Check station hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., except during general gun season (when hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.) and spring turkey season (when hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.). Check stations are not staffed during small game season.
3. 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.
4. Hunting on or from the nature trail, boardwalk, entrance road or parking area in the Bruce Bowman archery still hunt area is prohibited.
5. During periods when check stations are staffed, no deer or wild hog shall be quartered, dismembered or removed from the area until checked at a check station.
6. Deer and turkey may be dismembered in the field or camp, after being checked at a check station, 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:

1. Hunting with centerfire rifles is prohibited south and east of Stumper's Grade.
2. Hunting with rifles is prohibited within the Pratt-Whitney buffer zone and within ¼ mile of the Seaboard Coastline Railroad and Mecca Farms.
3. Hunting with firearms or crossbows is prohibited in the Bruce Bowman archery still hunt area.
4. Archery equipment may be used for hunting during muzzleloading gun season in the Bruce Bowman archery still hunt area provided all legal to take regulations for the muzzleloading gun season shall apply.
5. Hunting at night with a gun is prohibited (see exceptions for small game season).
6. Muzzleloading guns used for taking deer must be .40 caliber or larger, if firing a single bullet, or be 20 gauge or larger if firing 2 or more balls.
7. Hunting deer with rimfire or non-expanding, full metal jacket (military ball) ammunition is prohibited.

8. Hunting wildlife (other than deer, turkey, quail or migratory birds) with air guns is allowed. Hunting with air guns is prohibited during archery and muzzleloading gun seasons.
9. Children under the age of 16 hunting with a firearm or air gun must be in the presence of a supervising adult.
10. No person shall discharge a firearm or have a loaded firearm in hand while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
11. For hunting non-migratory game, only shotguns, rifles, pistols, bows, crossbows or falconry may be used.
12. For hunting migratory game, only shotguns, bows, crossbows or falconry may be used. Shotguns shall not be larger than 10 gauge and shall be incapable of holding more than 3 shells in the magazine and chamber combined.
13. 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.
14. 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, except during general gun, small game and dog training seasons. **During small game season dogs may only be used for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds) and raccoons.**
2. Dogs used for hunting may be taken onto the WMA 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.
3. Hunting deer and wild hog with dogs is allowed during general gun season.
4. Deer dogs and bird dogs may only be trained October **21-30** and only in the area south and east of the Stumper's Grade. During the dog training season, no wildlife shall be harvested, but dogs are allowed to pursue wildlife. Permit and license requirements: Wildlife management area permit and hunting license.
5. Deer dogs may be trained only from ½ hour before sunrise until ½ hour after sunset.
6. Dogs are prohibited in the still hunt areas, except bird dogs are allowed in the Roy R. Burnsed still hunt area during the small game season.
7. 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.
8. Dogs on leashes may be used for trailing wounded game.
9. For purposes other than hunting, dogs are allowed, but must be kept under physical restraint at all times.

Camping:

1. Camping is allowed continuously starting 8 a.m. the day prior to archery season through general gun season, only on designated campsites. For the remainder of the year when the area is open to public access, camping is allowed only at designated campsites and only on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, but campsites may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours.
2. Campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
3. Each camper shall ensure that their campsite is clean at all times.
4. Campsites L (and half of B during archery season only) shall be designated for short-term camping, with camping limited to no longer than 3 days.
5. Camps may be set up and occupied no earlier than 8 a.m. the day prior to the opening of archery season. Vehicles, campers, tents, other camping equipment (including trailers and accessories) and litter shall be removed no later than 24 hours after the close of the general gun season.
6. The alteration, defacing, moving or tampering in any way with official markings of campsites is prohibited.
7. Only tents, trailers or self-propelled camping vehicles may be used for camping.
8. Kitchen stoves, refrigerators and freezers, unless contained in mobile campers and lumber, sheet metal or other building materials are prohibited.
9. No person shall dump raw human waste from any motor vehicle or vessel upon public or private lands or in waters of the state.

Bag and Possession Limits:

1. Deer - Daily limit 1, annual limit 2 (all seasons combined).
2. Wild hog - Daily limit 1, annual limit 2 (all seasons combined).
3. Turkey - Daily limit 1, season limit 2, possession limit 2.
4. Gray squirrel and rabbit - Daily limit 12 per person, possession limit 24 for each.
5. Quail - Daily limit 12, possession limit 24 (**No bag limit for released quail**).
6. Raccoon, opossum, armadillo, beaver, coyote, skunk and nutria - No bag limits.
7. Bobcat and otter - Possession limit 1, unless in possession of a Trapping License.
8. Migratory birds - See Florida Hunting Regulations handbook.

Archery Season:

August **26** through September **17**.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Hunting license, management area permit, archery permit, deer permit (if hunting deer) and migratory bird permit (if hunting migratory birds).

Legal to Hunt - Deer with at least 1 antler having 3 or more points (each point 1-inch or more in length) OR a main beam length of 10 inches or more, antlerless deer September **9-17** only (which includes does and bucks with antler less than 5 inches in length, but not spotted fawn), wild hog with a shoulder height of 20 inches or more, gray squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, beaver, coyote, skunk, nutria and migratory birds in season.

Regulations Unique to Archery Season -

1. Youth less than 16 years of age may harvest antlered deer with at least 1 antler 5 inches or more in length.
2. Hunting with dogs is prohibited.
3. Hunting with guns or crossbows (except by disabled crossbow permit) is prohibited, except that centerfire shotguns are allowed (except in the Bruce Bowman archery still hunt area) for hunting migratory birds.
4. During archery season, hunters may operate vehicles on numbered trails beginning 8 a.m. 1 day before the season opens until 6 p.m. the day after the season closes.

Muzzleloading Gun Season:

September **30** through October **15**.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Hunting license, management area permit, muzzleloading gun permit, deer permit (if hunting deer) and migratory bird permit (if hunting migratory birds).

Legal to Hunt - Deer with at least 1 antler having 3 or more points (each point 1-inch or more in length) OR a main beam length of 10 inches or more, wild hog with a shoulder height of 20 inches or more, gray squirrel, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, beaver, coyote, skunk, nutria and migratory birds in season.

Regulations Unique to Muzzleloading Gun Season -

1. Youth less than 16 years of age may harvest antlered deer with at least 1 antler 5 inches or more in length.
2. Hunting with dogs is prohibited.
3. Archery equipment may be used in the Bruce Bowman archery still hunt area, provided all regulations for the muzzleloading gun season shall apply, except that an archery permit is required instead of a muzzleloading gun permit.
4. Hunting with archery equipment or guns, other than muzzleloading guns, is prohibited, except that centerfire shotguns are allowed (except in the Bruce Bowman archery still hunt area) for hunting migratory birds.
5. During muzzleloading gun season, hunters may operate vehicles throughout the area beginning 8 a.m. 1 day before the season opens until 6 p.m. the day after the season closes.

General Gun Season:

November **4** through January **1**.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Hunting license, management area permit, deer permit (if hunting deer), migratory bird permit (if hunting migratory birds), and state waterfowl permit and federal duck stamp (if hunting waterfowl).

Legal to Hunt - Deer with at least 1 antler having 3 or more points (each point 1-inch or more in length) OR a main beam length of 10 inches or more, wild hog with a shoulder height of 20 inches or more, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, beaver, coyote, skunk, nutria and migratory birds in season. Bobcat and otter beginning December 1.

Regulations Unique to General Gun Season -

1. Youth less than 16 years of age may harvest antlered deer with at least 1 antler 5 inches or more in length.
2. Hunting with dogs is prohibited in the still hunt areas.
3. During general gun season, hunters may operate vehicles throughout the area beginning 8 a.m. 1 day before the season opens until 6 p.m. the day after the season closes.

Small Game Season:

January **2** through February **18**.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Hunting license, management area permit, **released quail permit (if releasing northern bobwhite)**, migratory bird permit (if hunting migratory birds), and state waterfowl permit and federal duck stamp (if hunting waterfowl).

Legal to Hunt - Gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, beaver, coyote, skunk, nutria, bobcat, otter and migratory birds in season.

Regulations Unique to Small Game Season -

1. **Dogs may only be used for hunting small game (quail, rabbit, squirrel and migratory birds)** and raccoons, except dogs are prohibited in the Bruce Bowman archery still hunt area and only bird dogs are allowed in the Roy R. Burned still hunt area.

2. Raccoon may be taken (except in still hunt areas) at night by aid of a light and dogs, with .22 rimfire firearms other than .22 magnum or with a single shot .410 gauge shotgun using shot no larger than No. 6. The hunting of raccoon by display or use of a light from a moving vehicle, boat or animal is prohibited.
3. Hunting with centerfire rifles is prohibited.
4. During small game season hunters may operate vehicles throughout the area.
5. **Northern bobwhite may be released and taken by shotgun provided each individual or group participating possesses a daily released quail permit and proof (including the name and address of the vendor and date of purchase) that the northern bobwhite were purchased within the past 90 days from a game farm licensed by the Commission or another state. See <http://www.myfwc.com/hunting/by-species/quail/released-quail/> for more information.**

Trapping: Prohibited.

Spring Turkey Season:

Youth Turkey: February **24-25**.

Spring Turkey: March **3** through April **8** (Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays only).

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Hunting license, management area permit and wild turkey permit.

Legal to Hunt - Bearded turkey or gobbler.

Regulations Unique to Spring Turkey Season -

1. Hunters may operate vehicles on numbered trails beginning 8 a.m. 1 day before the season opens until 6 p.m. the day after the season closes.
2. Only bows, crossbows and shotguns using #2 or smaller shot size may be used for hunting.
3. During the youth turkey hunt, only youth under 16 years of age may hunt and must be under the supervision and in the presence of an adult not younger than 18 years of age. Adults 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.
4. Legal shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise until sunset.
5. Hunting other animals is prohibited.

Migratory Bird Seasons:

Rail, common moorhen, mourning dove, white-winged dove, snipe, ducks, geese, coot, woodcock and crow may be hunted during statewide migratory bird seasons.

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

Legal to Hunt - See Florida Hunting Regulations handbook.

Regulations Unique to Migratory Bird Seasons - All Migratory Bird Regulations shall apply.

1. Hunting ducks, geese and coot with lead shot is prohibited.
2. Centerfire shotguns are allowed for hunting during established area seasons when migratory birds are legal to hunt.

Fishing and Frogging:

Allowed year round (except from 12 a.m. August **12** until 8 a.m. on August **25**).

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Fishing license (not required when frogging) and daily-use or management area permit.

Legal to Take - See Florida Freshwater Fishing Regulations Summary.

Regulations Unique to Fishing and Frogging - All General Freshwater Fishing Regulations shall apply. Shooting frogs is allowed only during the listed open 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 561-625-5122 (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.

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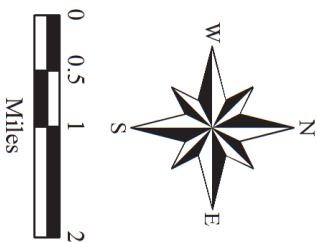
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| Designated Entrance | Trails | Florida Trail | Closed to Hunting | County Line |
| Check Station | Campsite | Bruce Bowman Archery | Pratt-Whitney Buffer Zone | Canal |
| Improved Road | Unimproved Road | Roy R. Burnsed | Still Hunt Area | Management Area |
| Paved Road | Powerline | | | |

