

2011-  
2012  
Hunting  
Season

# Triple N Ranch

## Wildlife Management Area

Regulations Summary and Area Map  
July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012



A cooperative public wildlife and recreational area

St. Johns River Water  
Management District



Florida Fish and Wildlife  
Conservation Commission

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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 Triple N Ranch 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 worksheets 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](http://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 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, for one year.

Licenses and permits may be purchased from county tax collectors, license agents, at [MyFWC.com/license](http://MyFWC.com/license) 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; available where hunting licenses are sold, at most post offices or at [duckstamp.com](http://duckstamp.com).

#### QUOTA PERMIT INFORMATION:

Special-opportunity Deer - 15, \$175, special-opportunity permits (no exemptions) for each of 2 hunts.

Wild Hog-still - 50, no-cost, quota permits (no exemptions) for each of 4 hunts.

Special-opportunity Spring Turkey - 10, \$175, special-opportunity spring turkey permits (no exemptions) for each of 3 hunts.

Permit applications: Hunters must submit electronic applications for quota and special-opportunity permits through the Commission's Total Licensing System (TLS). Worksheets listing hunts, application periods, deadlines and instructions are available at county tax collector's offices, FWC offices or [MyFWC.com](http://MyFWC.com). Quota application periods occur throughout the year beginning April 1; please refer to the hunting handbook or [MyFWC.com](http://MyFWC.com) for specific dates. Worksheets will be available about 2 weeks prior to each application period.

Guest hunters: For each non-transferable archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun, wild hog, spring turkey and mobility-impaired quota permit issued through the Commission's TLS, only one guest permit may be obtained. Guest permits are not issued for special-opportunity permits. The following persons may be a guest hunter, but are not required to obtain a guest permit: a youth under 16 years of age, a youth supervisor, a mentor license holder or a mentor license supervisor. A quota permit holder (host) may only bring 1 guest hunter at a time. The following persons are not considered to be guest hunters: other quota permit holders, non-hunters and exempt hunters (on areas and during seasons that allow exemptions). The host must share the bag limit with the guest and the host is responsible for violations that exceed the bag limit. The guest and host must enter and exit the area together and must share a street-legal vehicle while hunting on the area. The guest may only hunt while the host is on the area. A person is only eligible for one guest permit per hunt. Guest permits may only be obtained from license agents or county tax collector's offices. Guest permits may be obtained up to and during the last day of the hunt. Refer to the quota hunt worksheets for additional information.

Youth and mentor license holders: 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. If the supervisor is hunting during any hunt (not including special-opportunity) for which quota permits are issued, at least one person in the party must be in possession of a quota permit. During a hunt that allows exemptions, a non-exempt supervisor of a youth must have a quota permit to hunt. A non-hunting supervisor is allowed to accompany a youth or mentor license holder during any hunt (including special-opportunity).

Transfer of permits: Special-opportunity permits are transferable, except permits issued to persons exempt from paying permits fees are only transferable to another person exempt from paying permit fees. Antlerless deer permits are also transferable. Quota and guest permits are

not transferable. Except for youth under 16 years of age, a positive form of identification is required when using a non-transferable permit. The sale or purchase of any quota permit or guest permit is prohibited.

#### **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 roasted turkey is prohibited. Species legal to hunt are listed under each season.
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 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 for each season).
12. The release of any animal is prohibited, without the written authorization of 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. Littering is prohibited.
17. It is unlawful to set fire to any forest, grass or woodlands.
18. A Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Law Enforcement Officer may search any camp, vehicle or boat in accordance with law.
19. Falconers may hunt during the statewide falconry season anytime a management area is open for public access. Falconers are not exempt from quota or special-opportunity permits during hunts requiring them.

#### **PUBLIC ACCESS AND VEHICLES:**

1. Open to public access year round, except during special-opportunity hunts when only individuals in possession of a valid special-opportunity permit are allowed on the area (see #5 under the HUNTERS AND CHECK STATIONS section for an exception to this rule). During special-opportunity hunts, only individuals in possession of a valid special-opportunity permit are allowed vehicle access and only from sunrise until sunset on the Saturday and Sunday preceding the hunt and during the hunt.
2. When it is not special-opportunity deer, small game, wild hog-still or special-opportunity spring turkey seasons, public access other than on foot, horseback or bicycle is prohibited, except that vehicular access is allowed to the parking area at the check station on road 1 and the parking area at the south end of Crabgrass Road.

3. Access to the area is only allowed from 1½ hours before sunrise until 1½ hours after sunset, unless camping at designated camping areas during hunts.
4. Persons entering the area for purposes other than hunting shall register upon entering and exiting the area.
5. Vehicles or horses may be used only on named and numbered roads except that horses are not restricted to roads during the small game season.
6. Horses are prohibited during special-opportunity deer, small game, wild hog-still and special-opportunity spring turkey seasons, except that hunters may hunt from horseback during the small game season.
7. Parked vehicles may not obstruct a road, gate or firelane.
8. Use of airboats, all-terrain vehicles, tracked vehicles or unlicensed and unregistered motorcycles is prohibited.
9. No motor vehicle shall be operated on any part of any wildlife management area that has been designated as closed to vehicular traffic.

#### **HUNTERS AND CHECK STATIONS:**

1. Hunting equipment and dogs may be taken onto the WMA after 8 a.m. the day before the opening of small game and wild hog-still seasons and shall be removed by 6 p.m. one day after the end of each season.
2. Only individuals in possession of a special-opportunity permit may have vehicle access to the area on the Saturday and Sunday preceding the hunt and only from sunrise to sunset. Authorized hunting equipment may be taken onto the area at this time.
3. Hunters shall enter and exit the area at the designated entrance off of U.S. 192 and register at the check station.
4. Deer, wild hog and turkey must be checked at the check station prior to being dismembered and taken from the area.
5. During the special-opportunity hunts, an individual may accompany a special-opportunity permittee provided that while scouting or hunting the individual shall not occupy a vehicle separate from the permittee, shall not possess a gun and shall be in the immediate vicinity (25 feet or less) of the permittee. All other persons must possess a special-opportunity permit during special-opportunity hunts.
6. Check station hours are 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. during Daylight Savings Time, 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. during Eastern Standard Time and 4:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. during special-opportunity spring turkey season.

#### **GUNS:**

1. All firearms shall be securely encased and in a vehicle, vessel, camper or tent, during periods when they are not a legal method of take. Persons in possession of a valid Concealed Weapon or Firearm License may carry concealed handguns.
2. Target practice is prohibited.
3. Hunting with a gun and light is prohibited.
4. 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 two or more balls.
5. Children under the age of 16 may not be in possession of a firearm unless in the presence of a supervising adult.
6. No person shall have a gun under control while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
7. For hunting non-migratory game, only shotguns, rifles, pistols, bows, crossbows or falconry may be used. **Hunting during the special-opportunity spring turkey season with firearms other than shotguns or using a shot size larger than #2 is prohibited.**
8. 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 three shells in the magazine and chamber combined.
9. Firearms using rimfire or non-expanding, full metal jacket (military ball) ammunition are prohibited for taking deer.
10. Fully automatic or silencer-equipped firearms, centerfire semi-automatic rifles having a magazine capable of holding more than five rounds, explosive or drug-injecting devices and set guns are prohibited.

## **DOGS:**

1. Hunting deer or wild hog with dogs is prohibited.
2. Hunting with dogs is prohibited, except bird dogs and dogs with a shoulder height of 15 inches or less may be used during the small game season.
3. 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.
4. Dogs on leashes may be used for trailing wounded game.
5. For purposes other than hunting, dogs are allowed, but must be kept under physical restraint at all times.

## **CAMPING:**

1. Camping is allowed only at designated campsites and only during periods open to hunting.
2. Only tents, trailers or self-propelled camping vehicles may be used for camping.
3. Camping equipment 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. one day after the end of the season.

## **BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS:**

1. Deer - 1 antlered deer per special-opportunity permit and one antlerless deer per antlerless deer permit. Daily limit 2, possession limit 4.
2. Wild hog - No size or bag limit.
3. Turkey - 1 gobbler or bearded turkey per special-opportunity spring turkey permit. Daily limit 1, season limit 2, possession limit 2.
4. Gray squirrel, quail and rabbit - Daily limit 12, possession limit 24 for each.
5. Raccoon, opossum, armadillo, beaver, coyote, skunk and nutria - No bag limits.
6. Bobcat and otter - Possession limit 1 unless in possession of a Trapping License.
7. Migratory birds - See Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet.

## **SPECIAL-OPPORTUNITY DEER SEASON:**

### **October 15-21 and October 29 through November 4.**

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Special-opportunity permit, deer permit (if hunting deer) and hunting license.

Legal to Hunt - Deer with at least one antler having 4 or more points (each point 1-inch or more in length), antlerless deer by antlerless deer permit only (each antlerless deer permit allows the take of only one doe or one buck with antlers less than 5 inches in length, but not spotted fawn) and wild hog.

Regulations Unique to Special-opportunity Deer Season - In addition to these regulations, all General Area Regulations shall apply.

## **SMALL GAME SEASON:**

### **November 26 through January 22.**

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Hunting license, management area permit, 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 and migratory birds in season. Bobcat and otter beginning December 1.

Regulations Unique to Small Game Season - In addition to these regulations, all General Area Regulations shall apply. Hunting with centerfire rifles is prohibited.

## **WILD HOG-STILL SEASON:**

### **January 27-29, February 3-5, 10-12 and 17-19.**

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Quota permit, hunting license and management area permit.

Legal to Hunt - Wild hog.

Regulations Unique to Wild Hog-still Season - In addition to these regulations, all General Area Regulations shall apply.

## **SPECIAL-OPPORTUNITY SPRING TURKEY SEASON:**

### **March 17-23, March 31 through April 6 and April 14-20.**

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Special-opportunity spring turkey permit, hunting license and wild turkey permit.

Legal to Hunt - Bearded turkey or gobbler.

Regulations Unique to Special-opportunity Spring Turkey Season - In addition to these regulations, all General Area Regulations shall apply.

1. Legal shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise until 1 p.m.
2. Hunting other animals is prohibited.
3. **Hunting with firearms other than shotguns or using a shot size larger than #2 is prohibited.**

**TRAPPING:** Prohibited.

## **MIGRATORY BIRD SEASONS:**

Rails, common moorhen, mourning dove, white-winged dove, snipe, duck, geese, coot, woodcock and crows may be hunted during seasons established by the Commission for these species that coincide with the small game season.

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 Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet.

Regulations Unique to Migratory Bird Seasons - In addition to these regulations, all General Area Regulations and Migratory Bird Regulations shall apply. Hunting duck, geese and coot with lead shot is prohibited.

## **FISHING AND FROGGING:**

Allowed year round.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Fishing license (not required when 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](http://MyFWC.com/ADA).
2. If you have any questions about this material, please call the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at (352) 732-1225 (TDD 800-955-8771).

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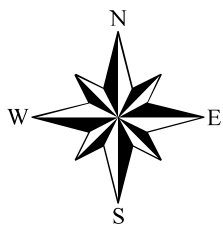
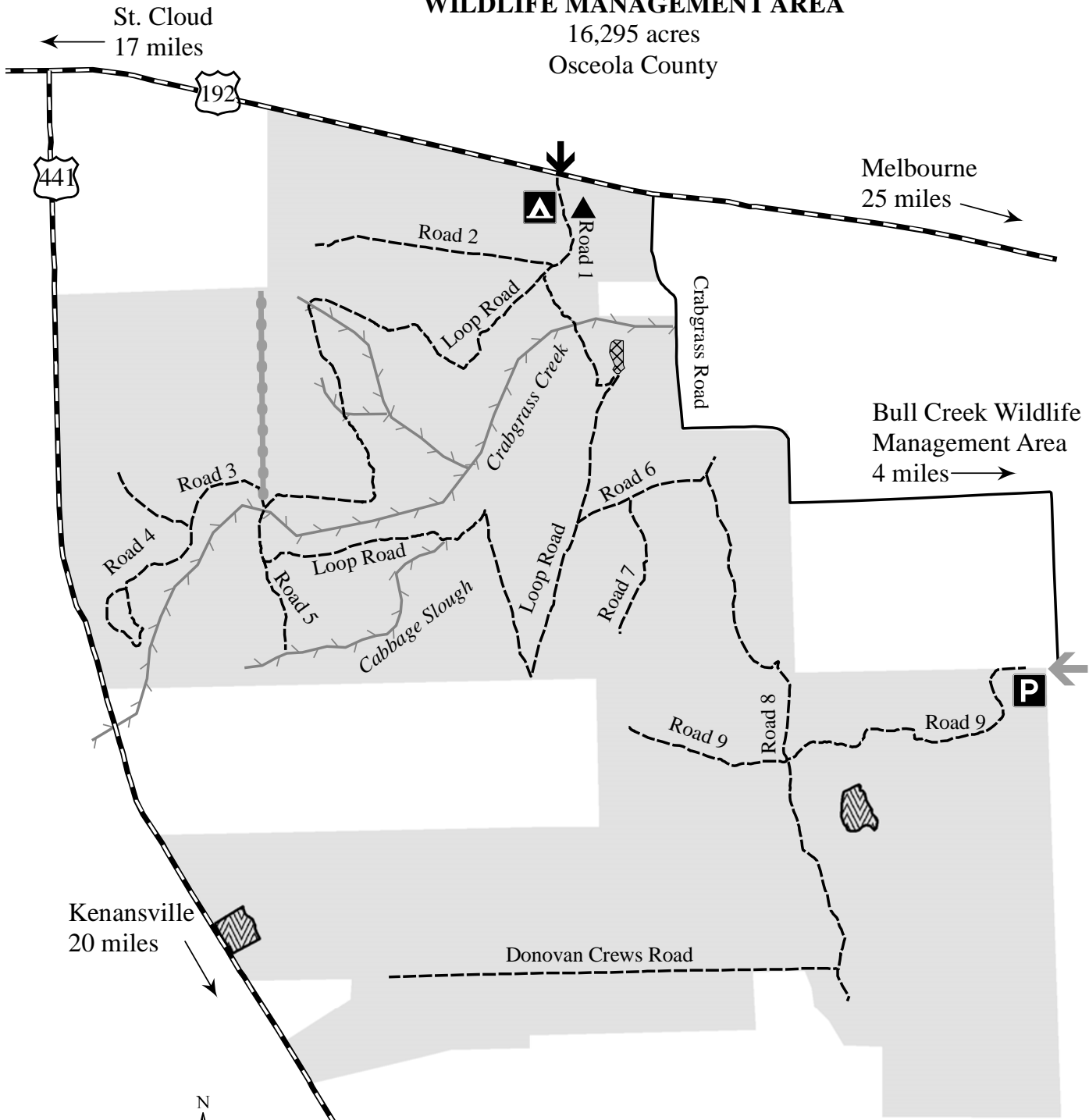
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# TRIPLE N RANCH WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

16,295 acres  
Osceola County



Legend	
Management Area	Campground
Designated Entrance	Parking
Designated Entrance (Walk-in Only)	Paved Road
Check Station	Improved Road
Closed to Hunting	Unimproved Road
Closed to Public Access	Canal