This brochure is designed to provide the public with information and a summary of regulations pertaining to hunting and other recreational use on the Goethe 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.

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, anthelminthic 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 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/licensing or by telephone at 1-888-466-6236. 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 post offices or at duckstamp.com.

**QUOTA PERMIT INFORMATION**

General Gun - 250, no-cost, quota permits.

General Gun Still - 300, no-cost, quota permits for each of 2 hunts.

General Flamethrower - 125, no-cost, quota permits for each of 2 hunts.

Muzzleloading Gun - 250, no-cost, quota permits.

General Gun Dog - 300, no-cost, quota permits for each of 2 hunts.

General Gun Still - 300, no-cost, quota permits for each of 2 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. Quota application periods occur throughout the year beginning April 1st; please refer to the hunting handbook or 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. 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 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.

Transfer of permits: 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 300 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 fawns, swimming deer or roosted 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 motor vehicle into any tree, or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven, is prohibited. Species legal to hunt are listed under each season.

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...
1. Only dogs are allowed for hunting in the “drive-only area”, which is that portion of the area south of County Road 326 and adjacent to the east side of County Road 337.

2. All firearms shall be securely encased and in a vehicle, vessel, camper or tent, posted as closed to vehicular traffic or gated.

3. Use of airboats, all-terrain vehicles and tracked vehicles is prohibited.

4. Vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads that are not posted as closed to vehicular traffic or gated.

5. Parking vehicles may not obstruct a road, gate or fire lane.

6. Hunting with dogs is prohibited during the archery, muzzleloading gun and general gun still seasons.

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. Hunting with dogs other than bird dogs is prohibited during the small game season.

9. 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.

10. Dogs on leashes may be used. Shotguns shall not be larger than 10 gauge and shall be incapable of firing a single bullet, or be 20 gauge or larger if firing two or more balls.

11. Fully automatic or silenced-equipped firearms, centerfire semi-automatic rifles having a magazine capable of holding more than five rounds, explosive or drug-injecting devices and sets guns are prohibited.

12. Only dogs are allowed for hunting in the “drive-only area”, which is that portion of the area south of County Road 326 and adjacent to the east side of County Road 337.

13. Hunting with dogs is prohibited during the archery, muzzleloading gun and general gun still seasons.

14. 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.

15. Dogs on leashes may be used. Shotguns shall not be larger than 10 gauge and shall be incapable of firing a single bullet, or be 20 gauge or larger if firing two or more balls.

16. Hunting with dogs other than bird dogs is prohibited during the small game season.

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20. 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.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Hunting license, management area permit, archery permit, deer permit (if hunting deer), wild turkey permit (if hunting wild turkey), migratory bird permit (if hunting migratory birds), and state waterfowl permit and federal duck stamp (if hunting waterfowl).
**GENERAL GUN DOG SEASON:**

- November 14-17
- Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Quota permit, hunting license, management area permit, deer permit (if hunting deer) and migratory bird permit (if hunting migratory birds).
- Legal to Hunt - Deer with at least one antler 5 inches or more in length, wild hog, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, beaver, coyote, skunk, nutria and migratory birds in season.

**Regulations Unique to General Gun Dog Season** - In addition to these regulations, all General Area Regulations shall apply. Only dogs with a shoulder height of 17 inches or less may be used for hunting.

**MIGRATORY BIRD SEASONS:**

- Spring Turkey Season:
  - March 17-23 and March 24 through April 4
  - Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Quota permit, hunting license, management area permit and wild turkey permit.
  - Legal to Hunt - Bearded turkey or goose.
  - Regulations Unique to 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 with centerfire rifles is prohibited.
  - 3. Hunting with firearms other than shotguns or using a shot size larger than #2 is prohibited.

- Fall Waterfowl seasons:
  - November 11-13 and 14-17.
  - Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Quota permit, hunting license, management area permit, migratory bird permit, and state waterfowl permit and federal duck stamp (if hunting waterfowl).
  - Legal to Hunt - Wild hog, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, beaver, coyote, skunk, nutria, bobcat, otter and migratory birds in season.
  - Regulations Unique to Fall Waterfowl Season - In addition to these regulations, all General Area Regulations shall apply.
  - 1. Hunting with centerfire rifles is prohibited.
  - 2. Only dove may be taken in the Dove-only Area and during all statewide open dove season dates.
  - 3. See the "Migratory Bird Regulations for dove, snipe, woodcock, red, moorhen, crow and early waterfowl seasons" brochure for dates.

**TRAPPING:** Prohibited.

**SPRING TURKEY SEASON:**

- March 17-23 and March 24 through April 4
- Permit, Stamp and License Requirements - Hunting license, management area permit and wild turkey permit.
- Legal to Hunt - Bearded turkey or goose.
- Regulations Unique to 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 with centerfire rifles is prohibited.
  - 3. Hunting with firearms other than shotguns or using a shot size larger than #2 is prohibited.

**MIGRATORY BIRD SEASONS:**

- In the Dove-only Area, hunting of dove, white-winged dove, wild hog, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, beaver, coyote, skunk, nutria, bobcat, otter and migratory birds in season.

- In all other areas, hunting of one or more migratory birds in season.

- Hunting with centerfire rifles is prohibited.

**FISHING and FROGGING:**

- All淡水 sea species are legal to take during this season.

- Fishing license (not required when frogging).

- Legal to Take - See Florida Freshwater Fishing Regulations Summary.

- Fishing regulations apply.

**ORDER YOUR HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSE**

- Use Your Credit Card and Call 1-888-HUNT-FLORIDA (486-8356) or 1-888-FISH-FLORIDA (347-4356)

- (There is a vendor fee of $3.95 per license.)

- You may qualify for a cash reward from the Wildlife Alert Reward Association.