

Lake Woodruff

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Hunting Regulations
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I have read and understand the refuge hunting regulations.

signature

This signed pamphlet, along with the appropriate quota hunt permit must be carried by the hunter while hunting.

Lake Woodruff National Wildlife Refuge is located in the western section of Volusia County, Florida, near DeLeon Springs. The designated hunt areas contain approximately 11,000 acres of woodlands and bordering marsh.

Designated Hunt Areas

Western Unit - includes Harry's Creek Swamp (all land between the St. John's River and Norris Dead River); Dexter, Tick, and Jones Islands, approximately 8,500 acres.

Eastside Unit - includes refuge lands between Mud Lake Road and Highland Park Road, west of the CSX Railroad, approximately 1,000 acres.

Volusia Tract - lies between Highland Park Road and Shell Road, west of the CSX Railroad, approximately 1,200 acres.

Access to the Western Unit is by boat, and participants must furnish their own transportation. There are a number of launching ramps and fishing camps which rent boats in the general area. The waters within the refuge are difficult to navigate at night.

General Hunting Regulations

The regulations listed below supplement the General Regulations which govern hunting on wildlife refuge areas as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 32. Hunting will be in accordance with applicable State regulations and the following special refuge regulations.

The refuge is open to public access year-round and hunters may scout the area at their convenience. Weapons are prohibited when scouting.

All hunters must be on stands while hunting unless game is shot. No stalking or movement through the hunt area is permitted during the hunt hours.

Hunters must wear a minimum of 500 square inches of fluorescent orange-colored material above the waistline while hunting.

New Regulations

Archery Regulations

No overnight use is permitted on the refuge. No one may enter the hunt area prior to two hours before sunrise, and all hunters must clear the area by two hours after sunset.

Target practice, airboats, fires, and dogs are prohibited on the refuge.

The use or possession of alcoholic beverages while hunting is prohibited.

It is unlawful to drive a nail, spike, or other metal object into any tree, or to hunt from any tree in which a metal object has been driven.

Littering, cutting or blazing live trees, or digging in Indian mounds is prohibited.

The use of flagging and/or reflective markers is prohibited.

All hunters must complete hunter activity cards, after each hunt day. Cards are available at drop boxes located throughout the hunt area. Any game taken during the hunts must be checked at a designated hunt station. During the archery hunts, game must be checked at one of two staffed refuge check stations, located at the Refuge headquarters on Mud Lake Road and at the south end of the Volusia Tract off N. Shell Road. During the primitive gun hunt, self-check stations will be located at Refuge headquarters and Ed Stone County Park off SR 44.

Archery hunting is permitted in the Western Unit, Eastside Unit, and Volusia Tract. Deer of either sex, except spotted fawns, and feral (wild) hog may be hunted during the archery hunts. Weapons permitted during archery season are bows in accordance with State regulations.

Hunters under the age of 16 must be supervised by an adult 21 years of age or older, and must remain in sight and normal voice contact with the adult.

State bag limits apply: daily bag limit is two deer, either sex. Possession limit is four. No bag limit for hogs.

Primitive Gun Regulations

Permits

There will be two quota archery hunts, limited to 100 permits each. Permits are only valid for the specified hunt. Hunters may purchase only one archery permit.

Archery I - Sept. 25th - Oct. 3rd, 2004

Archery II - Oct. 16th - Oct. 24rd, 2004

Primitive gun hunting is permitted only in the Western Unit. Weapons permitted during primitive gun season are muzzle-loading guns in accordance with State regulations.

Only bucks meeting State antler requirements (having at least one antler 5 inches in length visible above the hairline) and feral (wild) hogs may be taken during the Primitive gun hunt.

Hunters under the age of 16 must be supervised by an adult 21 years of age or older, and must remain in direct contact with the adult.

State bag limits apply; daily bag limit is two antlered deer. Possession limit is four. No bag limit for hogs.

There will be one quota primitive gun hunt, limited to 100 permits.

Primitive Gun - Oct. 30th - Nov. 7th, 2004

A refuge hunt permit and a signed copy of this brochure are required of all hunters while hunting. The number of permits will be limited to 200 archery (100 per hunt) and 100 primitive weapon. Permits are available on a first come-first serve basis and can be purchased for \$12.50 at refuge headquarters (Monday through Friday 8am - 4pm) or by mail, beginning on July 1st. To purchase a permit by mail, send a self-addressed stamped envelope along with your name, address, and desired hunt permit (Archery I, II, or primitive gun) to Lake Woodruff NWR, 2045 Mud Lake Road, DeLeon Springs, FL 32130. Only cashier's checks or money orders will be accepted for payment and should be made payable to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

A state hunting license and archery/muzzle-loader stamp are also required.

Take pride in your refuge. Report violations. Pick up litter. Be aware of manatee protection speed zones and operate motorized watercraft legally.

Signs and Boundaries

Signs are useful tools in regulating the use of a public area. The wording of the sign applies to the area behind the sign. Please respect these signs:



Refuge Boundary
Entry permitted in accordance with refuge regulations.



Closed Area
All entry prohibited.



No Hunting Zone
Hunting, weapons, or game retrieval prohibited.