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# **Lake Woodruff**

National Wildlife Refuge Hunting Regulations 2008 - 2009

Lake Woodruff Nation	al Wildlife Refuge
2008-2009 Hunt Permit	

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(I have read and understand the Lake Woodruff NWR hunt regulations)

Signed

(This permit only valid when signed and accompanied by a \$16 Lake Woodruff Deer/Hog Permit )

#### **Hunting Regulations**

# **Lake Woodruff National Wildlife Refuge**

Lake Woodruff National Wildlife Refuge is located in western 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 <u>Harry's Creek Swamp</u> (all land between the St. John's River and Norris Dead River); <u>Dexter, Tick,</u> and <u>Jones Islands</u>, approximately 8,500 acres. Note: access to the Western Unit is by boat and participants must furnish their own transportation. There are a number of fish camps that rent boats, and boat launching ramps in the general area. The waters within the refuge are difficult to navigate at night.

Eastside Unit- includes refuge lands from gate to gate beginning with Gate #2 (numbered) south of Mud Lake Road running south to Gate #14; all west of CSX Railroad to east marsh approximately 1,000 acres. Note: Parking available in designated areas only.

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

# **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. For State regulations, refer to web: www.mvfwc.com.

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 or blinds while hunting unless game is shot. No stalking or movement through the hunt area is permitted during hunt hours.

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, motorized vehicles, fires, and dogs are prohibited on the refuge, unless leashed while tracking wounded game.

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

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

No person shall cut, blaze, or destroy any tree or remove any tree, shrub, or protected plant.

All hunters 16 years of age or older must purchase a \$16 Lake Woodruff Deer/Hog permit. All hunters under the age of 16 must be accompanied by permitted adult, (a person 18 years old or older).

See state regulations for complete hunter safety requirements.

Littering and digging in archeological areas are prohibited.

Only deer and hogs are legal to take.

#### **New Regulations**

Stands or blinds may be set-up one week prior to the hunt you are permitted for.

Any game taken during the hunts must be checked at self-check stations, located behind the Refuge headquarters on Mud Lake Road, the south end of the Volusia Tract off Shell Road, the south end of the Volusia Tract off Shell Road, or at the Ed Stone County Park off SR 44.

## **Archery Regulations**

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

State bag limits apply: daily bag limit is two deer, either sex.

Possession limit for deer is four: No size or bag limit for hogs.

There will be two Deer/Hog archery hunts, limited to 100 permits each. Permits are only valid for the specified hunt. Hunters may purchase a Deer/Hog permit for one archery hunt and one Deer/Hog permit for the primitive gun hunt.

Archery I: September 20-28, 2008

Archery II: October 4-12, 2008

# **Primitive Gun Regulations**

Primitive gun hunting is permitted only in the Western Unit by boat. Weapons permitted during primitive gun season are muzzleloading 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.

State bag limits apply; daily bag limit is two antlered deer.

Possession limit for deer is four. No size or bag limit for hogs.

There will be one Deer/Hog primitive gun hunt, limited to 100 permits. Hunters may purchase a Deer/Hog permit for one archery hunt and one Deer/Hog permit for the primitive gun hunt.

Primitive Gun: October 25- November 2, 2008

### **Deer/Hog Permits**

Deer/Hog permits for the archery and primitive gun hunts are issued through the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission's (FWC) Total Licensing System. The cost of the Deer/Hog permit is \$16.00 per hunt. The permit is non-transferable. You must be 16 years of age to apply. Permits that are lost or stolen may not be replaced.

To apply you will need to complete a Lake Woodruff Deer/Hog Permit Worksheet and present it to any tax collector's office, or you may apply online at www.wildlifelicense.com. Internet applicants will need to allow at least 10 days for delivery of the permit. Permits will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis, beginning 10:00a.m. (Eastern Time) on August 13, 2008. On the worksheet you may make your selection by going to the space marked "Hunt Choices" and indicate which hunts you would like to apply for. You may get one permit per transaction (you may apply for one archery hunt and the primitive gun hunt).

The number of refuge Deer/Hog Permits will be limited to 200 archery (100 per hunt) and 100 primitive gun.

If you have any problems with the issuance of your permit, please contact the FWC at (850) 488-3641 (M-F 8 a.m.-5 p.m.). Submitting false information or using another person's identity without their consent is considered identity theft and may result in felony charges and the loss of hunting privileges. Hunt availability may be checked at www.MyFWC.com Click on "Hunting" and under "Limited Entry Hunts" select "Check Permit Availability and Drawing Results".