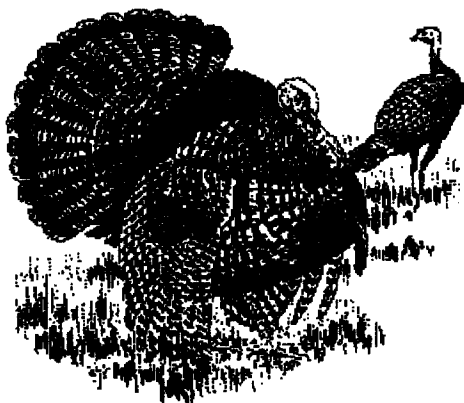


# **GREEN SWAMP**

**WILDLIFE  
MANAGEMENT AREA**

**2001-2002  
REGULATIONS SUMMARY  
AND AREA MAP**



**A COOPERATIVE PUBLIC WILDLIFE  
AND RECREATIONAL AREA  
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA 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 Green Swamp Wildlife Management Area. **To make it easier to learn about regulation changes on this area, regulations that are new or differ substantially from last year are shown in bold print.** Area users still should familiarize themselves with all regulations for the area. For the exact wording of the wildlife laws and regulations, see Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's wildlife code on file with the Secretary of State and state libraries. This brochure and the quota hunt application form should provide the information necessary for you to plan your hunting activities.

For information pertaining to hunting on private lands and trapping, consult the current Florida Hunting Handbook. This publication is available from any Commission office as well as county tax collectors and their subagents.

### **PERMIT, STAMP AND LICENSE INFORMATION:**

Persons utilizing the wildlife management areas are required to have appropriate licenses, stamps and permits. Florida residents who are 65 years of age or older, and residents who have obtained a no-cost license through a certification of total and permanent disability by the Armed Forces or Veterans Administration or a certification of total disability by the Social Security Administration, may be exempt from most permit, stamp and license requirements on this area. Hunters under age 16 and Florida residents in the U.S. Armed Forces, not stationed in Florida and home on leave with orders in possession, are exempt from most permit, stamp and license requirements on this area.

Hunting License, Trapping License, Fishing License and Archery, Muzzleloading Gun, Wildlife Management Area, Wild Turkey and State Waterfowl permits may be purchased from county tax collectors, their subagents, Internet or by telephone.

Unless exempted, all hunters on this wildlife management area must have the following in their possession and display them upon request of any Commission employee:

1. Hunting License: Information on the categories and costs of hunting licenses is available in the Florida Hunting Handbook.
2. Wildlife Management Area Permit: This \$25 permit is required to hunt on this area.
3. Quota Hunt Permit: A no-cost regular quota hunt permit is required to hunt on the this area from November 10 through 13 and November 14 through 18 of the general gun season. There are 750 regular quota hunt permits available by application for each hunt. Regular quota hunt applications are available from county tax collectors, their subagents or regional offices of the Commission. These applications are available on or about June 1. To apply for a permit, obtain a regular quota hunt application and follow the printed instructions.

A daily hunt permit is required to hunt during the archery, small game, spring turkey seasons and that portion of the general gun season after the first nine days. Daily hunt permits are available on a first-come, first-served basis at the check stations each day. There are 750 daily hunt permits available for the archery season and 750 for the general gun season after the first nine days. There are 150 daily hunt permits available for the small game season and 200 daily hunt permits available for the spring turkey season.

**Transfer of Permits:** Quota hunt and antlerless deer permits are transferable, except that any exempt permit is transferable only to another exempt person. The sale or purchase of any quota hunt permit or antlerless deer permit is prohibited.

4. Archery Permit: This \$5 permit is required when hunting during the archery hunt.
5. Wild Turkey Permit: This \$5 permit is required if hunting turkeys.
6. State Waterfowl Permit: This \$3 permit is required while hunting ducks.
7. Federal Duck Stamp: Any hunter 16 years of age or older must possess a federal duck stamp while hunting ducks. This \$15 stamp is available at post offices. Visit [www.duckstamp.com](http://www.duckstamp.com) for additional information regarding alternate methods and locations for purchasing of duck stamps.
8. Fishing License (if fishing on the area): Information on the categories and costs of fishing licenses is available in the Florida Freshwater Fishing Regulations Summary pamphlet.
9. Off-road Vehicle Registration: Any vehicle used on the area must have a current license plate or off-road vehicle registration decal and validation sticker. Applications for an off-road vehicle registration decal are available at regional offices of the Commission. The registration decal costs \$10 and must be renewed annually.
10. Antlerless Deer Permits: See No. 1 under General Information.
11. Migratory Bird Permit: This permit is required when hunting migratory game birds.

### **BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS:**

1. Deer--Daily limit 2, possession limit 4.
2. Wild hogs--No size or bag limit.
3. Turkey--Daily limit 1, season limit 2, possession limit 2.
4. Gray squirrel, quail, rabbit--Daily limit 12, possession limit 24 for each game species.
5. Raccoon, opossum, coyote, skunk, armadillo--No bag limit.
6. Bobcat, mink and otter--Possession limit 1 unless in possession of a Trapping License.
7. Migratory game birds--See Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet.

### **GENERAL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA REGULATIONS:**

In addition to the regulations which follow, all general laws and regulations relating to wild animal life or freshwater aquatic life shall apply unless specifically excepted for this wildlife management area. Hunting or the taking of wildlife or fish on this area shall be allowed only during the open seasons and in the manner set forth herein.

1. Non-migratory game may be hunted from one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset (see exception under spring turkey).
2. Hunting, trapping or the possession of dogs is prohibited in areas posted as "CLOSED."
3. Public access is prohibited in areas posted as "RESTRICTED" for protection of endangered species or environmentally sensitive areas.

4. It is illegal to hunt over bait or place any bait or other food for wildlife on this wildlife management area.

5. Taking or herding wildlife from any motorized vehicle, aircraft or boat while under power is prohibited.

6. Taking any turkey while it is on the roost is prohibited.

7. Killing swimming deer is prohibited.

8. Taking fox squirrel is prohibited.

9. The use of live decoys, traps, snares, nets or recorded game calls is prohibited.

10. The wanton or willful waste of wildlife is prohibited.

11. No person shall release any wildlife on this wildlife management area.

12. The head and evidence of sex may not be removed from the carcass of any deer or turkey on the area. Portions of the carcass may be removed immediately prior to cooking.

13. Wild hogs may not be transported alive.

14. No person shall cut or destroy any tree on or remove any tree, shrub or protected plant (as listed in F.S. 581.185) from any wildlife management area without written permission from the landowner or primary land manager.

15. Driving a metal object into any tree or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven is prohibited.

16. Removal of any wood, other than for campfires, is prohibited.

17. Cutting or damaging fences is prohibited.

18. It is unlawful for any person to leave any garbage or refuse or in any way litter in the management area.

19. It is unlawful to set fire to any forest, grass or woodlands or for any individual or group of individuals to build a warming fire or campfire and leave same unextinguished (Chapter 590, Florida Statutes).

20. Any person hunting deer or accompanying another person hunting deer shall wear at least 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent-orange material above the waistline as an outer garment. This is not required when hunting during an archery-only season.

21. Deer and turkey may be dismembered in the field or camp, 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 AND DOGS:**

22. Hunting with gun and light is prohibited.

23. Hunting deer with full-jacketed bullets or any rimfire cartridge is prohibited.

24. Fully automatic firearms, silencer-equipped firearms, centerfire semi-automatic rifles having a magazine capable of holding more than five rounds, explosive or drug-injecting devices, or setguns are prohibited.

25. Guns are allowed only during periods in which their use for hunting is allowed.

26. No person shall have a gun in manual possession while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

27. Children under the age of 16 may not be in possession of a firearm unless in the presence of a supervising adult.

28. For taking non-migratory game, only shotguns, rifles, pistols, longbows (including compound and recurved bows), crossbows (during the general gun hunt only) or birds of prey may be used.

29. For hunting deer, muzzleloading guns firing a single bullet must be at least .40 caliber; those firing two or more balls must be 20 gauge or larger.

30. The possession of any firearm containing shells or cartridges, or any capped or primed muzzleloading gun, is prohibited on any public campsite or check station area. The discharge of firearms is prohibited on, from or across any campsite or check station area.

31. Hunting with dogs, other than bird dogs is prohibited.

32. No person shall allow any dog to pursue or molest wildlife during any period in which hunting with dogs is prohibited.

33. No person shall possess any dog during any period in which hunting with dogs is prohibited, unless the dog is a non-hunting breed and kept restrained.

34. Dogs on leashes may be used for trailing wounded game.

#### **VEHICLES:**

35. No person shall operate a motorized vehicle except during established open seasons or by written permission of the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

36. Motorized vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads. All other roads are closed to motor vehicle traffic.

37. Bicycles may be operated only on named or numbered roads and designated bicycle trails.

38. Vehicles shall not be parked in such a manner as to obstruct roads, gates or firelanes.

39. The use of tracked vehicles, airboats, motorcycles or all-terrain vehicles is prohibited.

40. Horses are permitted with written permission of the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

41. No motor vehicle shall be operated on any part of the wildlife management area designated and posted as "CLOSED" because of inclement weather, poor road conditions, construction, management activities or wildlife surveys.

#### **CAMPING:**

42. Camping is permitted only at designated campsites during archery, general gun, small game, spring turkey and fishing and frogging seasons.

43. Camping is permitted only at Rock Ridge Road Campsite during the designated fishing and frogging season, and S.R. 471 campsite during the designated small game season.

44. Camping along the Green Swamp Hiking Trail (Florida Trail) is prohibited except by written permission from the Southwest Florida Water Management District.

45. Only tents, trailers or self-propelled camping vehicles may be used for camping.

46. The area will be open beginning at 8 a.m. one day prior to the archery, general gun, small game and spring turkey seasons. Camping equipment must be removed by 9 p.m. on October 21 and by 8 p.m. on January 6, February 10, April 21 and June 16.

#### **CHECK STATION:**

47. Hunters shall enter through designated access points and check in and out at a designated check station when entering or exiting the area and shall check all game taken.

48. No deer or wild hog shall be quartered or otherwise dismembered until checked and tagged at a check station.

49. Check station hours are one and one-half hours before sunrise until one and one-half hours after sunset during the archery and general gun seasons. During small game, turkey and fishing and frogging seasons, the check station will close one hour after sunset.

#### **SEARCH:**

50. A wildlife officer may search any camp, vehicle or boat when he or she reasonably believes a violation has been committed.

#### **ARCHERY:**

September 22 through October 21, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements--Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, archery permit, daily hunt permit, state waterfowl permit and federal waterfowl stamp (if hunting ducks), wild turkey permit (if hunting turkeys), migratory bird permit (if hunting migratory game birds).

Legal to Take--Any deer (except spotted fawn), wild hogs, turkeys, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, skunk, armadillo and migratory game birds in season.

Regulations Unique to the Archery Hunt--In addition to these regulations, all General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply.

1. Possession of firearms or crossbows is prohibited.

2. The area will be open for scouting at 8 a.m. the day before each archery hunt.

#### **GENERAL GUN:**

November 10 through January 6.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements--Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, regular quota hunt permit (if hunting during the first 9 days), daily hunt permit (if hunting after the first 9 days), state waterfowl permit and federal waterfowl stamp (if hunting ducks), migratory bird permit (if hunting migratory game birds).

Legal to Take--Deer with one or more antlers at least five inches in length visible above the hairline, antlerless deer (except spotted fawn) by antlerless deer permit only, wild hogs, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, coyote, skunk, armadillo and migratory game birds in season. Bobcat, mink and otter after November 30.

Regulations Unique to the General Gun Hunt--All General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply.

### SMALL GAME:

January 12 through February 10, Saturdays and Sundays only.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements--Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, daily hunt permit, state waterfowl permit and federal waterfowl stamp (if hunting ducks), migratory bird permit (if hunting migratory game birds).

Legal to Take--Gray squirrel, rabbit, quail, opossum, raccoon, coyote, armadillo, skunk, migratory game birds in season, bobcat, otter and mink.

Regulations Unique to the Small Game Season--In addition to these regulations, all General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply.

1. Hunting during the small game season shall be permitted only in the Cumpresso Unit (see map) west of Levee Road.
2. Bird dogs are permitted.
3. Possession of centerfire rifles is prohibited.
4. Access is limited to the designated entrance off of S.R. 471.

### SPRING TURKEY:

March 16 through April 21.

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

Legal to Take--Bearded turkeys or gobblers.

Regulations Unique to the Spring Turkey Hunt--All General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply and shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until 1:00 p.m.

### MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS:

Mourning doves, white-winged doves, snipe, ducks, coots, woodcock and crows may be hunted during open seasons established by the Commission for these species which coincide with the archery, general gun and small game seasons.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements--Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, state waterfowl permit and federal waterfowl stamp (if hunting ducks) migratory bird permit, regular quota hunt permit (if hunting during the first nine days of general gun season), daily hunt permit (if hunting during the archery season, small game season or after the first nine days of general gun season).

Legal to Take--See Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet.

Regulations Unique to Migratory Game Birds--See Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet. In addition to these regulations, all wildlife management area regulations contained in this pamphlet shall apply, and the use of lead shot for taking ducks and coots is prohibited.

### FISHING AND FROGGING:

Permitted year-round.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements--Fishing license (not required for frogging).

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

Regulations Unique to Fishing and Frogging--In addition to these regulations, all General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply.

1. Use or possession of any gun is only permitted when hunting is allowed.
2. During the fishing and frogging season, vehicular access will be limited to the Rock Ridge gate only.
3. Access for fishing and frogging is restricted to foot traffic only, except during periods open to hunting, and during May 4 through June 16 Saturdays and Sundays only. Designated unimproved roads will be open to vehicular traffic during the May-June fishing season. Tanic Grade, Powder Grade and Levee Road north of Main Grade will be closed during this period.

### GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Any hunter desiring to take an antlerless deer must submit a quota hunt application during the application period for random drawing and have checked the box provided for the drawing of antlerless permits. Antlerless deer permits will be issued from the Tallahassee office and will be valid only on the area and for the dates indicated on the permit.
2. Anyone born on or after June 1, 1975 must have passed a Commission-approved hunter safety course prior to being issued a hunting license.
3. A marked footpath called the Florida Trail traverses the area.
4. If you have any questions about this material, please call the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at (863) 648-3203 ((800) 955-8771 (TDD)).

### COOPERATION REQUESTED:

All persons using the area should become familiar with the status of control burning areas on a daily basis. These areas will be posted at the check station. Please do not park vehicles or leave any equipment in or adjacent to these areas.

Please do not discharge firearms at anything other than legal game while in a wildlife management area. Target practice and random discharge of firearms have become increasing threats to the quality of the hunting experience.

All persons hunting small game during the general gun hunt are requested to wear blaze-orange headgear and/or vests.

Water in wells is not certified for human consumption.

Disorientation is a common problem among persons walking in the swamp. Individuals are encouraged to be familiar with the area they plan to travel and possess minimal survival equipment, i.e., compass, flashlight, matches, etc.

**PLEASE DO NOT LITTER. TAKE TRASH OUT WITH YOU.**

Please respect fencing and keep cattle gates closed.

In recent years, unauthorized and uncontrolled fires have caused severe damage to area wildlife and wildlife habitats. Controlled fires are beneficial only when they are of the proper size and location and when area conditions are suitable. **UNCONTROLLED FIRES DO NOT BENEFIT WILDLIFE.** Please use caution with campfires, smoking materials and vehicles to prevent damage to wildlife habitats. In the event of high fire danger conditions, campfires may be prohibited.

Hunters are requested to report wildfires to Commission personnel.

Hunters are requested to bring deer to the check station in an ungutted condition. If deer are gutted in the field, entrails should be brought to the check station with the carcass. Important biological data are obtained from various organs.

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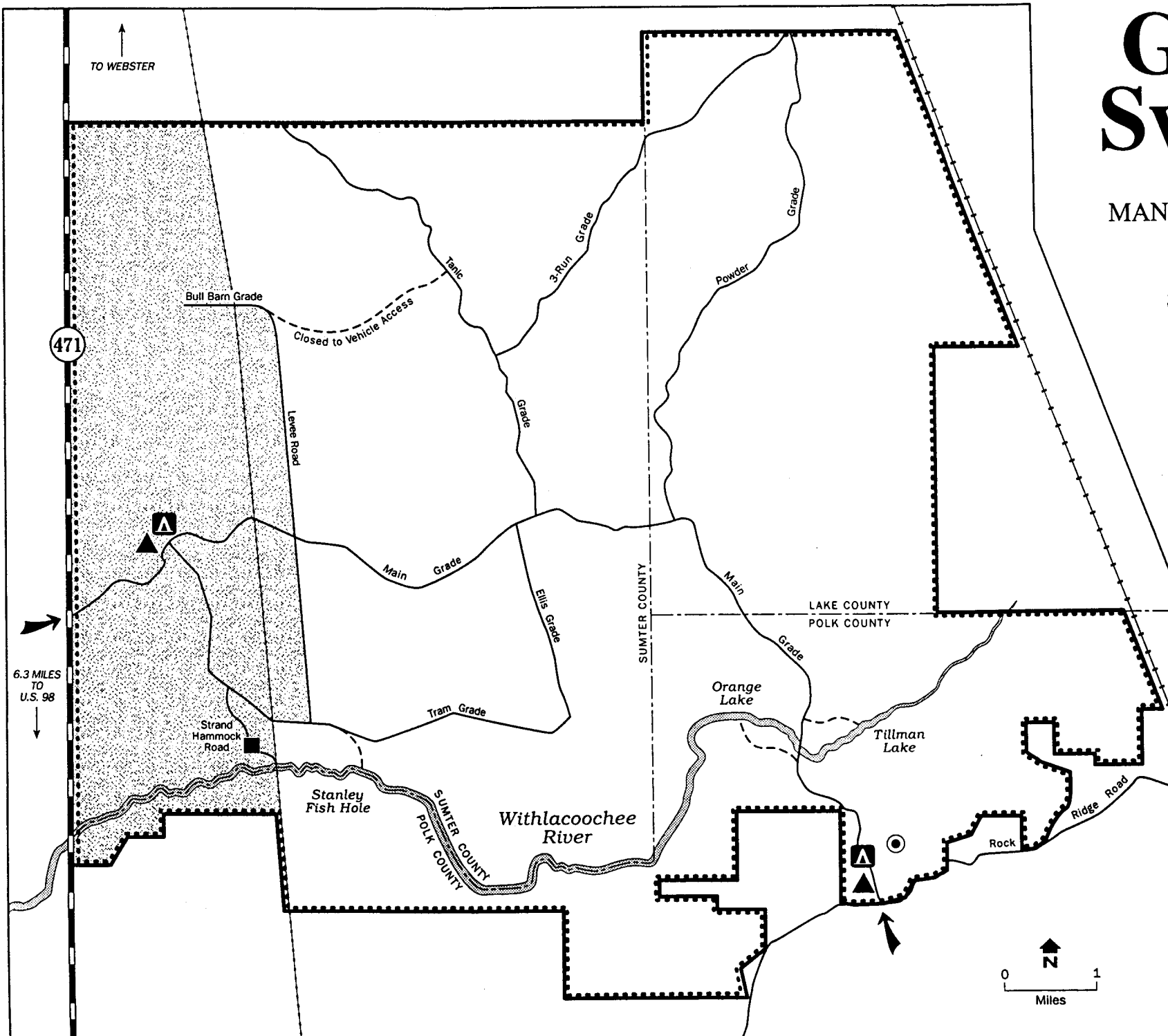
Call 1-888-FISH-FLORIDA (347-4356) OR  
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WILDLIFE  
MANAGEMENT AREA

(49,768 acres)  
Lake, Polk, and  
Sumter Counties



## LEGEND

- Management Area Boundary
- Designated Entrance
- Check Station
- Parking Area
- County Line
- Railroad
- Paved Road
- Improved Road (Graded)
- Unimproved Road (Open only during fishing and frogging season. Bull Barn east of Levee Road closed to vehicle access.)
- State Road
- Campground
- Dwelling Area
- Power Line
- Compressco Unit
- River

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