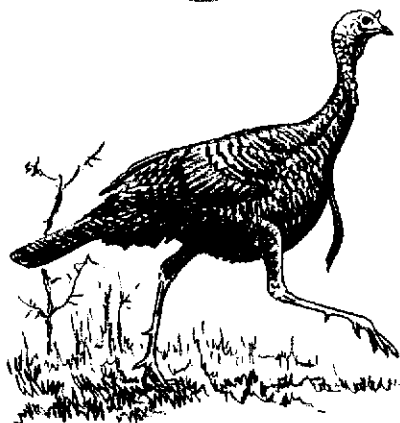


# JUMPER CREEK

WILDLIFE  
MANAGEMENT AREA  
AND STATE FOREST

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REGULATIONS SUMMARY  
AND AREA MAP



A COOPERATIVE PUBLIC WILDLIFE  
AND RECREATIONAL AREA  
WITH LACOOCHEE STATE FOREST  
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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 Juniper Creek 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.** 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 quota hunt application forms 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 Permits: A no-cost special quota hunt permit is required to hunt on this area during the muzzleloading gun hunt and a regular quota hunt permit is required to hunt on this area during the first nine days of the general gun season. There are 100 special quota hunt permits available by application for the muzzleloading gun hunt and 100 regular quota hunt permits available for the first nine days of the general gun season. Special and regular quota hunt permit applications are available from county tax collectors or

their subagents on or about June 1 and must be received by June 11. To apply for a permit, obtain a special or regular quota hunt application and follow the printed instructions.

Transfer of Permits: Quota hunt permits are transferable. No other permits may be transferred. The sale or purchase of any quota hunt permit is prohibited.

4. Archery Permit: This \$5 permit is required when hunting during the archery hunt.
5. Muzzleloading Gun Permit: This \$5 permit is required when hunting during the muzzleloading gun hunt.
6. Wild Turkey Permit: This \$5 permit is required if hunting turkeys.
7. State Waterfowl Permit: This \$3 permit is required while hunting ducks.
8. 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.
9. Migratory Bird Permit: This free permit is required when hunting migratory game birds.

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

1. Deer--Daily limit 2, possession limit 4.
2. Wild hog--No size or bag limit.
3. Gray squirrel, quail, rabbit--Daily limit 12, possession limit 24 for each game species.
4. Raccoon, opossum, armadillo, beaver, coyote, skunk and nutria--No bag limits.
5. Turkey--Daily limit 1, season limit 2, possession limit 2.
6. Bobcat 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 that 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. 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).
2. No person shall cut or destroy any tree 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.

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

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

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

6. Non-migratory game may be hunted from one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset. During spring turkey season, shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until 1 p.m.

7. 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.

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

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

10. Killing swimming deer is prohibited.

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

12. Taking fox is prohibited.

13. Taking fox squirrel is prohibited.

14. Taking gopher tortoise is prohibited.

15. Taking or attempting to take game with the aid of live decoys, traps, snares, nets, drugs, lights or recorded game calls is prohibited.

16. Hunting, trapping or the possession of dogs is prohibited in areas posted as "CLOSED."

17. Public access is prohibited in areas posted as "RESTRICTED" for protection of threatened or endangered species or environmentally sensitive areas.

18. 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.

19. 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 OR DOGS:**

20. Hunting with gun and light is prohibited.

21. 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 and setguns are prohibited.

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

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

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

25. 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.

26. Hunting with dogs is prohibited except that waterfowl retrievers are permitted during the small game season and early duck season, and bird dogs may be used during the small game season.

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

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

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

30. Dogs are prohibited in areas posted as "CLOSED TO PETS."

#### **VEHICLES:**

31. Vehicles may be operated only on named or numbered roads. All other roads are closed to vehicular traffic.

32. Vehicles may be parked at designated parking areas only (see map).

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

34. Airboats, tracked vehicles and motorcycles are prohibited.

35. Florida traffic laws relating to vehicles and vehicle operators apply on this area. The operation of an unregistered and unlicensed vehicle is prohibited. Commission off-road vehicle permits are not valid on this area.

36. 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:**

37. Camping is permitted year-round only at Shell Island primitive campsite.

#### **CHECK STATIONS:**

38. Hunters are requested to register at designated entrances upon entering and to record all game harvested before leaving.

#### **SEARCH:**

39. A Fish and Wildlife Commission Law Enforcement Officer may search any camp, vehicle or boat when he or she reasonably believes a violation has been committed.

#### **ARCHERY:**

September 21 through October 20.

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

Legal to Take--Deer with one or more antlers at least five inches in length visible above the hairline, turkeys of either sex, wild hogs, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, skunk, beaver, coyote, nutria 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, and the possession of firearms or crossbows is prohibited, except centerfire shotguns are permitted for hunting migratory game birds during the archery season when one or more migratory game birds are legal to take (See Migratory Game Bird section and the current Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulations Pamphlets).

#### **MUZZLELOADING GUN:**

October 25 through 27.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements--Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, muzzleloading gun permit, special quota hunt permit, 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, wild hogs, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, skunk, beaver, coyote, nutria and migratory game birds in season.

Regulations Unique to the Muzzleloading Gun Hunt--All General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply and only muzzleloading guns are allowed, except centerfire shotguns are permitted for hunting migratory game birds during the muzzleloading gun season when one or more migratory game birds are legal to take (See Migratory Game Birds section and the current Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulations Pamphlets).

#### **GENERAL GUN:**

November 9 through January 5.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements--Hunting license, wildlife management area permit, regular quota hunt permit (if hunting during 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, wild hogs, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, raccoon, opossum, armadillo, skunk, beaver, coyote, nutria and migratory game birds

in season. Bobcat and otter after November 30.

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

#### **SMALL GAME:**

January 6 through 26.

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

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

Regulations Unique to the Small Game Hunt--All General Wildlife Management Area Regulations shall apply and the possession of centerfire rifles is prohibited.

#### **SPRING TURKEY:**

March 15 through April 20.

Permit, Stamp and License Requirements--Hunting license, wildlife management area permit and a 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 the possession of centerfire rifles is prohibited.

#### **TRAPPING:**

Trapping is prohibited.

#### **MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS:**

Ducks may be hunted during the early duck season established by the Commission. Rails, common moorhens, mourning doves, white-winged doves, snipe, ducks, coots, woodcock and crows may be hunted during seasons established by the Commission for those species which coincide with the archery, muzzleloading gun, general gun and small game seasons on this area.

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

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

Regulations Unique to Migratory Game Birds--In addition to these regulations, all General Wildlife Management Area Regulations and Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulations shall apply.

1. During the early duck season, duck hunting is permitted only on Jumper Creek (waterway) with access from the Withlacoochee River only.
2. The possession or use of rifles or pistols is prohibited during the early duck season.
3. The use of lead shot for taking ducks and coots is prohibited.

#### **FISHING AND FROGGING:**

Permitted throughout the year.

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

Regulations Unique to Fishing and Frogging--All General Wildlife Management Area and statewide fishing regulations shall apply, and the possession of guns is permitted only when hunting is allowed.

#### **DIVISION OF FORESTRY REGULATIONS:**

1. A valid fuel wood permit from the Division of Forestry is required before firewood may be removed from the area.
2. Construction of permanent or semipermanent structures on state forests is prohibited.

#### **WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS AND STATE FORESTS ARE NOT JUST FOR HUNTING AND FISHING!**

They have been purchased for preservation to benefit all of Florida's residents and you don't have to hunt or fish to enjoy them! The same habitat management practices that provide hunting and fishing opportunities also

create opportunities for wildlife viewing. These areas provide a range of opportunities, from scenic driving routes to rugged hiking adventures. See the natural Florida that we have protected through acquisition and careful management.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

1. Florida Statute 267.13 prohibits digging in or otherwise defacing Indian mounds.
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. If you have any questions about this material, please call the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at (386) 758-0525 or (800) 955-8771 (TDD);
4. Division of Forestry management plans include burning most months of the year. For personal safety reasons, area users should contact the Division of Forestry for information and location of burn areas, (352) 754-6896.

#### **COOPERATION REQUESTED:**

*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.*

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

*This land was acquired under the Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) program. The purpose of EEL is to conserve and protect unique and irreplaceable lands, restore areas to their original condition as much as possible, and allow controlled multiple recreational and educational uses consistent with this purpose.*

*If you have the privilege to use this wildlife management area, go the extra mile to exercise great caution and care while fishing, hunting, sightseeing or using the area in any way -- leave the area better than you found it. Hunters, wildlife, the environment and conservation in general can only benefit.*

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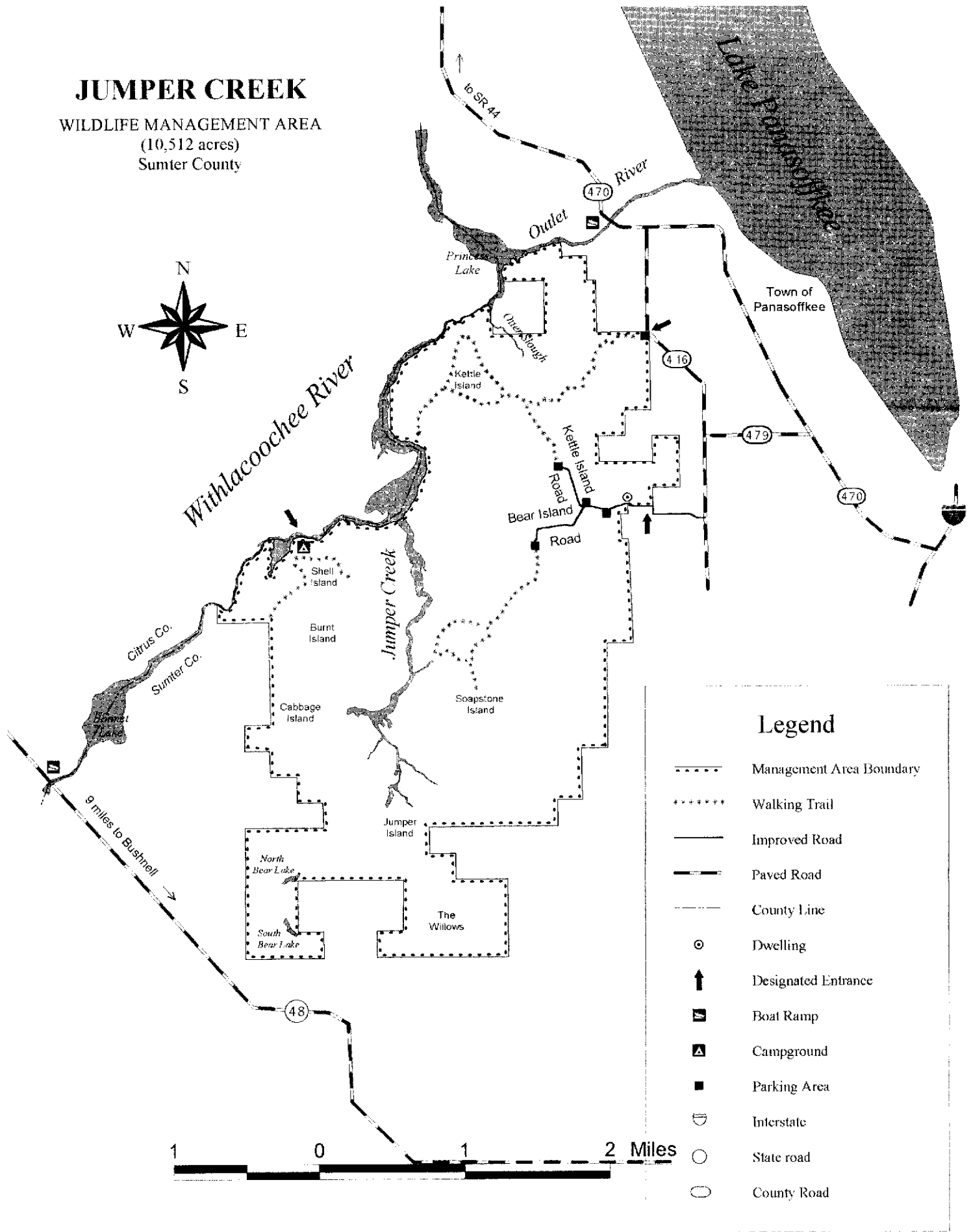
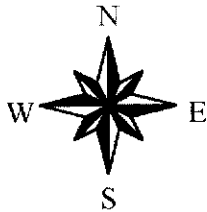
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**(NOTE: There is a vendor fee of \$3.95 per license.)**

# JUMPER CREEK

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA  
 (10,512 acres)  
 Sumter County



## Legend

- Management Area Boundary
- Walking Trail
- Improved Road
- Paved Road
- County Line
- Dwelling
- Designated Entrance
- Boat Ramp
- Campground
- Parking Area
- Interstate
- State road
- County Road