



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

## Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge

### *2008/2009 Hunt Regulations: Cowhouse Unit*

**General Information:** Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge is one of over 540 National Wildlife Refuges – places that provide habitat for the conservation and protection of all species of wildlife. Carefully managed hunts maintain wildlife populations at a level compatible with the environment, provide recreational opportunities, and permit the use of a valuable renewable resource.

#### **Hunting Dates:**

##### Deer and Feral Hog

**Archery (Either Sex):** Sept. 13- Sept. 29, Oct. 5-16, Sign-In.

**Primitive Weapons (Either sex):** Oct. 1-4, Check-In.

**Firearms (Buck only):** Oct. 18-19, Oct. 25-28, Nov. 24-30, Sign-In.

**Firearms (Either Sex):** Nov. 6-8, Check-In. Dec. 6-9, Dec. 13-16; Sign-In.

##### Small Game (Quail, Rabbit, & Squirrel Only):

**Shotgun or Birdshot:** Aug. 15- Sept. 29, Oct. 5- Nov. 4, Nov. 9, 2008-Feb. 28, 2009. Pointing dogs allowed on quail hunts only. No furbearer season. Feral hog may be taken during small game dates after Oct. 31.

##### Turkey

**Shotgun:** Mar. 21- May 15, 2009. In accordance with Dixon Memorial WMA regulations.

#### **Hunting Regulations:**

##### **You are responsible for following all State, Federal, and Refuge regulations:**

- All hunters must possess a valid State Hunting License.
- Sign-In at Dixon Memorial WMA or at refuge Cowhouse kiosk if on refuge property **is mandatory**.
- Licenses, all hunting equipment, effects, and vehicles or other conveyances are subject to inspection by Federal or State Officers.
- You must have a valid Refuge entrance pass. Purchase passes at West Entrance (Stephen C. Foster State Park), the East Entrance (Suwannee Canal Recreation Area), or Okefenokee Sportsman. A current Duck Stamp is also valid for entry, which may be purchased at a U.S. Post Office.
- Hunters under 16 years old must have successfully passed a state-approved hunter education course and be accompanied by an adult.
- Park at designated points only.
- **Use of ATV's on the refuge is prohibited.** Walk into your hunt area from the paved road.
- Use of flagging, reflective tape, reflective beads or paint to mark scouted areas is strictly prohibited.



- Unload and case all weapons when transporting them in vehicles.
- Field dress deer or hogs out of public sight.
- Overnight camping, fires, possession and/or use of alcohol, and hunting with dogs are prohibited.
- Alligator and Bear hunting are prohibited.
- ***Areas outside the Cowhouse Unit and designated areas within Dixon Memorial State Forest are not included in the hunt area.*** See map for boundaries of the Cowhouse Unit.

