



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

## Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge

### *2008 Hunt Regulations: The Pocket Archery Hunt*

#### **General Information:**

#### **Hunt: September 13- October 10, 2008**

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 Regulations:**

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

- All hunters must possess a valid State Hunting License.
- 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 the 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.

#### **Parking and Transportation:**

- Enter, park, and exit the refuge only at designated points.
- Motor vehicles are allowed only on the paved roads shown on the attached map.
- Park vehicles on the shoulder of the road, but not in ditches. Do not block access roads.
- ***Use of ATV's on the refuge is prohibited.*** Walk into your hunt area from the paved road.

#### **Scouting:**

- Non-motorized scouting is allowed during daylight hours beginning seven days prior to the hunt (scouting can begin September 6).
- An entrance pass must be purchased in order to scout within the refuge.
- Use of flagging, reflective tape, reflective beads or paint to mark scouted areas is strictly prohibited.

#### **Hunting:**

- **Hunt dates:** Archery- September 13 – October 10, 2008
- **Mandatory:** Sign-in and out of the hunt area each day at the designated kiosk.
- ***The refuge gates will open at 5a.m. and close at 8:30pm daily. All hunters must leave the refuge by 8:30pm regardless of the situation.***



- Remove all deer stands daily. Use of nails or other metal devices to secure deer stands to trees is prohibited. Do not use metal spikes to climb trees.
- Unload and case all weapons when transporting them in vehicles.
- ***The Suwannee River Sill is not included in the hunt area.*** The hunt boundary to the north and south is the swamp/upland boundary.

**Field Dressing:**

- Field dress deer or hogs out of public sight.
- An area near the Refuge Office is available for skinning and processing game

**Prohibited Acts:**

- Overnight camping, fires, possession and/or use of alcohol, and hunting with dogs are prohibited.

**Camping at Stephen C. Foster State Park**

If you are camping at Stephen C. Foster State Park, inform them that you are hunting and they will make arrangements for access through their gate. You may not clean or hang deer at state park. Your weapon must be unloaded and stored in its case and remain in your vehicle.

