



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge

2009/2010 Hunt Regulations: The Cowhouse Unit

General Information: Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge is one of over 550 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. 12- Sept. 28, Oct. 4-15, Sign-In.

Primitive Weapons (Either sex): Sept. 30-Oct. 3, Check-In.

Firearms (Buck only): Oct. 17-18, Oct. 24-27, Nov. 23-29, Sign-In.

Firearms (Either Sex): Nov. 5-7, Check-In. Dec. 5-8, Dec. 12-15; Sign-In.

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

Shotgun or Birdshot: Aug. 15- Sept. 28, Oct. 4- Nov. 3, Nov. 8, 2009-Feb. 28, 2010. 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. 20- May 15, 2010. In accordance with Dixon Memorial WMA regulations. Sign-In at Dixon Memorial WMA.

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.

