All commercial activities including guiding or baiting of animals are prohibited. The head and evidence of gender may not be removed from harvested animals. The use of organized drives for taking or attempting to take game is prohibited. Possession or use of alcoholic beverages is prohibited. The placing of, or hunting with the aid of bait, salt, oil or carrion is prohibited. Collecting or harvesting any articles of antiquity, plants, fungi, wildlife, fish, waterfowl or any other natural objects is prohibited. Camping, fires, littering, and horses are prohibited. The taking of game in the water or on water is prohibited. All motorized land vehicles are restricted to designated trails and roads, open to public vehicle travel, is prohibited. Tree stands may also be used during Small Game season, but must be disposed of according to Federal Regulation. Tree stands which have appropriate State and Federal waterfowl stamps. 

Permit Requirements
All hunters must purchase and possess a Refuge hunting permit and a State of Florida Fishing License, unless otherwise exempt. Hunting permits can only be purchased through the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) on their website, county tax office, or other outlet that sell State licenses. A general hunting permit will be required to hunt during all refuge hunts. Youth hunters 15 and under are not required to have a general hunting permit. Refuge property, including all areas owned or controlled, are subject to inspection by Federal or State officers. 

Hunters using the Refuge are subject to inspection of licenses, permits, hunting equipment, bag limits, colors and patterns of clothing, and possession of shells containing non-toxic shot only. Hunters are required to have appropriate archery, muzzleloader, deer, and turkey stamps/permits. 

Successful hunters are required to report their bag by completing a Bag Report Form provided at each check station, by calling the Refuge at 352/493-0238 on the day of the harvest. Bag report forms must include the legible name of the person that harvested the game as well as the FWC Customer ID number. These reports allow us to better determine population health, numbers, and stability.

General Hunting Regulations
Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife Refuges must comply with all provisions of Federal and State hunting laws and regulations. It may only use discharge firearms in accordance with refuge regulations. 

A state issued ID must be in possession at all times while on Refuge property.

The head and evidence of gender may not be removed from harvested animals. The use of organized drives for taking or attempting to take game is prohibited. Possession or use of alcoholic beverages is prohibited. The placing of, or hunting with the aid of bait, salt, oil or carrion is prohibited. Collecting or harvesting any articles of antiquity, plants, fungi, wildlife, fish, waterfowl or any other natural objects is prohibited. 

Hunters must not remain on Refuge property, including all areas owned or controlled, until the end of the scheduled deer season. Each clothing type pin must contain both the name and hunting license number of the hunter.

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Target practice or any non-hunting discharge of a weapon is prohibited. 

The use of organized drives for taking or attempting to take game is prohibited. 

Marking trees, or any other Refuge feature with carving, flagging, paint, litter, paint or bleach is prohibited.

Possession or use of alcoholic beverages is prohibited while hunting.

Camping, fires, littering, and horses are prohibited.

Collecting or harvesting any articles of antiquity, plants, animals or parts thereof is prohibited unless specifically authorized by this permit.

Cutting trees, removing wood or other plant material from the Refuge is prohibited.

Hunting or shooting from within 150 feet of Refuge roads, open to public vehicle travel, is prohibited.

Hunting from a tree in which a metal object has been inserted is prohibited.

Field dressing or discarding an animal carcass or parts thereof within 1000 feet of any developed public recreation area, game check station, gate, or within 100 feet of a posted tree stand is prohibited. Dumping of game carcasses is prohibited.

The head and evidence of gender may not be removed from the carcasses of any deer or turkey until it has been properly checked at one of the Refuge check stations and transported from Refuge. 

Construction of permanent blinds or stands is prohibited. 

The placing of, or hunting with the aid of, bait, salt, or carrion is prohibited. 

The Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) regulations apply to the Refuge. More detailed Refuge Unit 130 bag limits apply during the family hunt.

Wild Hog Hunt 
Youth - December 9, 2018. Legal to take hogs only (no bag limit). An annual Florida hunting license and Refuge hunt permit is required to hunt hogs.

Small Game 
February 2 - 17, 2019; legal to take wild hog (no bag or size limit), gray squirrel, cotton, small game, rabbits and raccoons. Tree stands are to be taken down by 1 (one) companion of any age that may also hunt. All motorized land vehicles are restricted to designated trails and roads, open to public vehicle travel, is prohibited. A state issued photo ID must be in possession at all times.

State waterfowl season; ducks and geese only. Decoys and boats must be removed daily. Hunters must use and be in possession of shells containing non-toxic shot only. 

Legal Deer - Antlered deer – Deer must have at least 2 points 1 inch or more on the main beam or on any branch beam on one side. Lower: Deer must have at least 1 point 1 inch or more on the main beam or on any branch beam on one side. 

Youth Spring Gobbler Hunt 
February 2 - 17, 2019; legal to take wild hog (no bag or size limit). An annual Florida hunting license and Refuge hunt permit is required to hunt hogs.

Raccoon/Opossum 
February 2 - 17, 2019; night hunting only, from sunset until sunrise. State regulations, weapons, and ammunition requirements apply. Limit 2 raccoons per night.

Youth Spring Gobbler Hunt (Only) under 16 years of age during the Youth Spring Gobbler Hunt may participate in the presence of an adult not younger than 18 years of age. The youth hunter must possess a required license and permits for taking wild turkey may participate in the presence of a youth, but may not harvest a wild turkey.

March 9 - 10, 2019. Shooting hours from 1/2 hour before sunset until 1 pm. Shotguns with shot no larger than size 2 shot, and 12 gauge only.

Turkey (Season opening) 
March 16 through April 7, 2019. Birded out of the Rut only. Shooting hours from 1/2 hour before sunset until 1 pm. Shotguns with shot no larger than size 2 shot, and 12 gauge only.