

Airboat Inspection List

Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge

Summary: Once you have completed the Airboat Operator Course and you have been chosen in the lottery to get an airboat permit, you must bring your airboat to the refuge for a vessel inspection by Federal Wildlife Officers. Airboat inspections will take place on Thursdays and Fridays. Permits will only be issued to airboats that pass inspection. Permits may be suspended or revoked if inspection requirements are not maintained.

Directions: Make sure your airboat meets the criteria listed below, then call 561-735-6033 or email William_Calvert@fws.gov to make an appointment for an airboat inspection.

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- Hull length is 16 feet maximum excluding grass rake
- Width is 8 feet maximum
- Current State Registration Decal
- Hull Identification Number
- Minimum of 3 inches, FL #'s displayed on each side of the bow, or a minimum of 6 inch FL #'s displayed on both sides of rudders
- Personal Flotation Device (PFD)
- Fire Extinguisher
- Must have an automotive-style factory muffler per Florida Statute 327.391
- Port and starboard lights (Coast Guard Requirement)
- Working white aft light to be seen 360'
- Orange Safety Flag 10" x 12" or larger, flown at a minimum of 10 feet above the waterline.