

# **Outdoor Recreation, Hunting, and Freshwater Fishing Regulations**



**Eglin Air Force Base, Florida**

**VALID FROM 1 OCTOBER 2022 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2023**







# Commander's Message

Welcome to Eglin Air Force Base, the largest forested military reservation in the world. For 87 years Eglin has served as a one-of-a-kind test and training complex supporting a variety of disciplines across multiple branches of our military. At Eglin we work hard to develop technologies to ensure our military's ability to defend America and its allies. However, we also enjoy our time off, and with nearly 255,000 acres open to conditional public recreation, the Eglin Reservation is an amazing place to escape from the stress of everyday life.

The Eglin Natural Resources Office, known as Jackson Guard, takes great pride in the conservation and sustainable management of Eglin's unique habitats and wildlife populations. It further manages the multitude of recreational opportunities open to both civilians and military personnel, all while ensuring compatibility with Eglin's primary military mission. Understanding and following the rules and regulations outlined in this Handbook is essential to ensuring continued recreational access now and into the future.

I encourage you to familiarize yourself with this Handbook and the opportunities detailed within. Thank you for taking time to visit the Eglin Reservation and please *BE SAFE*.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey T. Geraghty". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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Closed: Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal Holidays



## Important Phone Numbers

Emergency	911 (specify you are on the Eglin Reservation)
Eglin Fire Department	(850) 882-5856
Eglin AFB Security Forces	(850) 882-2000
FL Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission	(888) 404-3922 (FWC Wildlife Alert Hotline)
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS Tip Line)	(844) FWS-TIPS

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# Acronyms

7SFG(A)	7th Special Forces Group (Airborne)
A.M.	Antemeridian (Before Midday)
AF	Air Force
AFB	Air Force Base
AFI	Air Force Instruction
AFMAN	Air Force Manual
APR	Antler Point Restriction
ATV	All-Terrain Vehicles
Aux	Auxiliary
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
DoD	Department of Defense
F.A.C.	Florida Administrative Code
EOD	Explosive Ordnance Disposal
FL	Florida
FNST	Florida National Scenic Trail
FPCON	Force Protection Condition
FS	Florida Statute
FWC	Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation
FWO	Federal Wildlife Officer
GPS	Global Positioning System
Hwy	Highway
ID	Identification
LZ	Landing Zone
LSV	Low Speed Vehicle
MBA	Mountain Bike Area
MU	Management Unit
NOVAA	Notice of Violation and Administrative Action
NRO	Natural Resources Office
P.M.	Post Meridiem (After midday)
PAM	Public Access Map
PCP	Pre-Charged Pneumatic
RR	Range Road
sUAS	Small Unmanned Aerial System (Drones)
SR	State Road
TTA	Tactical Training Area
USAF	United States Air Force
USC	United States Code
USFS	United States Forest Service
USFWS	United States Fish & Wildlife Service
UTV	Utility Terrain Vehicle
WMA	Wildlife Management Area
YOA	Years of Age



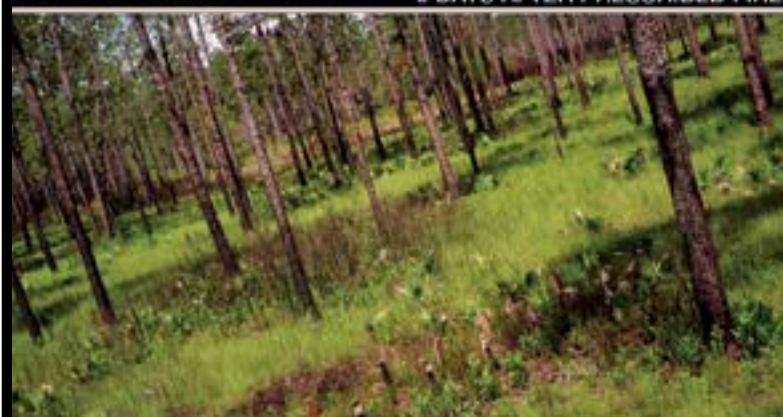
BEFORE PRESCRIBED FIRE



DURING PRESCRIBED FIRE



3 DAYS AFTER PRESCRIBED FIRE



2 MONTHS AFTER PRESCRIBED FIRE

# Section 1. Wildlife Alert Reward Program

Report fishing, boating, or hunting law violations by calling toll-free (888) 404-FWCC. On cell phones, dial \*FWC or #FWC depending on service carrier or text [TIP@MYFWC.com](mailto:TIP@MYFWC.com) (standard usage fees may apply); or report violations at <https://myfwc.com/contact/wildlife-alert>.

Violations can also be reported to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service TIP Line at (844) FWS-TIPS. Callers are also encouraged to report suspicious activity, supply information such as the physical description of violators, vehicles, license plate numbers, locations, etc. Violations should be reported as soon as possible.



## Section 2. What's New This Year

**\*\*NOTE: Regulations that either differ substantially from last year, or need additional emphasis, are underlined throughout this publication.\*\***

### A. Regulation Changes & New Opportunities.

1. NOTICE TO HUNTERS: Trespass of dogs into closed areas (temporary or permanent) is a violation of the "Hunter Responsibility Rule" (68A-12.007, F.A.C.) and will result in Eglin recreation permit suspension and State/Federal citation(s) for the dog owner(s). Entering a closed area to retrieve dogs is also prohibited.
2. Electric bicycles of all types and classifications are prohibited on all Eglin beaches, the Brier Creek MUs, and portions of MUs designated as "motorized vehicles prohibited". See Section 11 for more information.
3. The Sikes Unit will be open during portions of the Early Archery Season this year (see Section 18). A Sikes Deer Dog Stamp is required to hunt the Sikes MU during this season.
4. An additional 3-day special opportunity spring hog dog hunt has been established this year from 03 – 05 March 2023 (see Section 19).
5. To continue to provide quality outdoor recreation opportunities, effective 1 October 2022 the NRO will be increasing the annual Sportsman's Permit from \$55 to \$75 and the annual Fishing/Recreation permit from \$20 to \$30.

### B. Important Reminders.

1. Eglin recreation permits are required for DoD-affiliated individuals as well as non-DoD civilians. A military I.D. and/or Common Access Card (CAC) alone does not permit recreational access on the Reservation.
2. All individuals are required to provide a photo ID and either printed or electronic copy of current Eglin recreation permit when requested by law enforcement personnel. Failure to provide such may result in Eglin recreation permit suspension.
3. All individuals (including non-hunting recreationists) must check in/out at the Jackson and Brier Creek Check Stations, when manned. A printed copy of permit(s) is required to check in/out of these MUs.
4. Eglin recreation permits are not required for most outdoor recreation activities on Main Base (except hunting on portions of Main Base does require an Eglin permit, as well as applicable state licenses/stamps). More information on outdoor recreation opportunities on Main Base can be found at <https://www.eglinlife.com/outdoor-rec/index.html>.

### **\*\*ATTENTION ALL EGLIN HUNTERS \*\***

Two separate hunting accidents occurred on Eglin during the 2021–22 Hunting Season. Post-incident investigations identified failure to follow the basic tenets of hunter safety. In anticipation of the 2022–23 Hunting Season, all hunters are reminded to review the 4 basic tenets of hunter safety listed below. Hunters are also reminded of the importance (and legal requirement) of wearing at least 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange as an outer garment above the waist, and to replace any such garment that has faded significantly in brightness or visibility. More information on hunter safety can be found at <https://myfwc.com/hunting/safety-education/>.

1. Treat every firearm as if it is loaded.
2. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.
3. Be sure of your target and what is beyond.
4. Keep finger off trigger until ready to shoot.





## Section 3. Where to Obtain a Permit

Permits are available for purchase at the Natural Resources Office (NRO) during business hours or through the web-based iSportsman permit sales system, which is available year-round 24 hours a day at <https://eglin.isportsman.net>. This user-friendly interface allows the recreationist to purchase permits and download applications, maps, and Eglin's *Outdoor Recreation, Hunting, and Freshwater Fishing Regulations Handbook* from anywhere an internet connection is available.

## Section 4. How to Obtain a Permit Online

1. Go to <https://eglin.isportsman.net>.
2. Click on the "Log In/Register" tab.
3. Click on the "Register" tab.
4. Enter the required information.
5. Watch the required video(s) and pass a short quiz.
6. Acquire the permit you need.

All iSportsman account information must match that on the individual's current Driver's License. Falsified account information may result

in suspension of Eglin recreation privileges. Please verify your account information is correct when setting up your account or renewing your permit. A valid email is required and is the only way to recover a forgotten username or password online; a forgotten username or password can also be recovered by calling the NRO office during business hours. Please DO NOT create a duplicate account if you are having trouble accessing your account; contact the NRO office for assistance. Creation of duplicate accounts may result in suspension of recreation privileges.



### By Receipt of a Permit, the Permit Holder:

1. Agrees to read and abide by the regulations and restrictions contained in the Eglin AFB *Outdoor Recreation, Hunting, and Freshwater Fishing Regulations Handbook*, and any regulations issued under the authority of Air Force Manual (AFMAN) 32-7003 and/or the Installation Commander.
2. Understands that the Eglin Reservation is an armament test range and, as such, users could encounter unexploded ordnance (UXO) and assumes the risk associated with engaging in outdoor recreation on the Eglin Reservation.
3. Agrees that engaging in outdoor recreation on the Eglin Reservation is at their own risk, and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the United States of America against any and all claims for loss, damage, or injury, whether caused by negligence or otherwise, sustained to their person or property or to the person or property of any minors under their care or control.
4. Recognizes that open portions of the Reservation are subject to short-term or temporary closures in support of military test and training missions, and that viewing the PAM and/or calling the Eglin Information Line at (850) 882-0007 prior to entering the Reservation is mandatory (see Section 8).

## Section 5. Eglin Permits

All individuals (16 YOA and older) entering the Eglin Reservation (including all MUs, recreation areas, and publicly accessible beaches) must have in their possession a valid Eglin permit (printed or electronic copy) and current photo ID with matching information. DoD-affiliated individuals are NOT EXEMPT from Eglin permit requirements. Youth (under 16 YOA) are not required to purchase most Eglin permits, but must be with a valid Eglin permit holder (see exception for Youth Weekend and Daily Dove Hunt permits). Hunting, fishing, trapping, and recreational use of the Eglin Reservation will be in accordance with Florida Statutes (FS), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), applicable federal laws, Eglin-specific regulations outlined in this Handbook, and supplemental orders issued by the Installation Commander. Possession of a valid Eglin permit certifies that the individual named on the permit has watched the range safety brief and read (or had read to them) and fully understands and agrees to follow the current Eglin AFB *Outdoor Recreation, Hunting, and Freshwater Fishing Regulations Handbook*.

### Eglin Permits/Stamps:

1. Are required for all DoD-affiliated individuals and non-DoD civilians 16 YOA and older.
2. Are required for all recreational use on all portions of the Reservation outside of Main Base.
3. Are not required for most outdoor recreation activities on Main Base (except hunting on portions of Main Base does require an Eglin permit, as well as applicable state licenses/stamps). More information on outdoor recreation opportunities on Main Base can be found at <https://www.eglinlife.com/outdoorrec/index.html>.
4. Must be purchased from the account of the individual whose name will appear on the permit. The web-based iSportsman system will not allow you to purchase a permit for someone else through your account.
5. Are non-transferable, and may not be shared.
6. Are available to residents and non-residents at the same cost and are valid for one year from the date of purchase, unless otherwise noted.

Upon request by Law Enforcement or Natural Resources Personnel, any person on the Eglin Reservation shall furnish a photo ID and either a printed or electronic copy of current Eglin permit(s). They further will exhibit or make readily available to such personnel the required federal, state, and/or Eglin permit or license authorizing their presence or activity in the area, all guns and ammunition, and all fish and/or game taken.

### A. Eglin Hunting Permits.

All individuals (16 YOA and older) hunting on the Eglin Reservation are responsible for obtaining the proper Eglin, state, and federal permits, licenses, and/or stamps. Exception: Youth participating in the Youth Hunt Weekend and Phase 1 dove field hunts are required to purchase a Youth Hunt Weekend Permit or Timberlake Daily Dove Field Permit, respectively. The NRO does not sell or issue State of Florida hunting or fishing licenses and/or stamps.

#### 1. Sportsman's Permit

**Cost: \$75.00**

Authorizes individuals to engage in hunting, fishing, trapping and general outdoor recreation activities, and includes the same allowances covered by the Hurlburt Skeet Range Permit. This permit does not include access to Eglin Public Beaches on Santa Rosa Island, Phase 1 dove hunting on Timberlake Dove Fields, camping, deer dog training, furbearer hunting during the established season, or hunting deer and wild hogs with the aid of dogs.

#### a. Sportsman's Permit Stamp Options:

##### 1) Sikes Deer Dog Stamp

**Cost: \$55.00**

Authorizes participation in the Deer Dog Training Season, Early Archery Season, and deer and wild hog hunting (with or without dogs) during the General Gun Season in the Sikes MU. This stamp is not required to participate in the Small Game and Spring Turkey Seasons in the Sikes MU. During the Youth Hunt Weekend, non-hunting supervisors in the Sikes MU must have a Sikes Deer Dog stamp.

#### 2) Choctaw Deer Dog Stamp

**Cost: \$5.00**

Authorizes participation in the Deer Dog Training Season and deer and wild hog hunting with dogs during the General Gun Season in the Choctaw MUs. This stamp is not required for participating in any other Choctaw MU hunting seasons. During the Youth Hunt Weekend, non-hunting supervisors in the Choctaw MUs must have a Choctaw Deer Dog stamp if youth are using dogs to hunt deer or wild hog.

#### 3) Furbearer Stamp

**Cost: \$40.00**

Authorizes hunting furbearers during the established Eglin Furbearer Season in the Choctaw West MU and the portion of Choctaw North MU north of Bob Sikes Road (RR213).

#### b. Sportsman's Permit Discount Options:

##### 1) Military Sportsman

**Cost: \$20.00**

Available for active duty or retired members of the U.S. Armed Forces, Armed Forces Reserve, National Guard, Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve. Individuals seeking this permit will need to provide photo identification and proof of their military service. This permit has the same privileges and restrictions as the Sportsman's Permit.



## 2) Senior Citizen Sportsman **Cost: \$10.00**

Available for senior citizens (65 YOA or older). Individuals seeking this permit will need to provide photo identification and proof of age. This permit has the same privileges and restrictions as the Sportsman's Permit.

## 3) Disabled Sportsman **Cost: \$1.00**

Available for any 100% disabled individual or Purple Heart recipient. Individuals seeking this permit must possess either a Florida Totally and Permanently Disabled Person Hunting and Fishing Certificate, a Veterans Administration letter (stating 100% disability), or be a Purple Heart recipient (DD214). This permit has the same privileges and restrictions as the Sportsman's Permit.

## 4) 7-Day Sportsman **Cost: \$25.00**

Authorizes an individual for a period of seven consecutive days. This permit has the same privileges and restrictions as the Sportsman's Permit.

## 2. Youth Hunt Weekend Permit **Cost: \$10.00**

Authorizes youth hunters (6-15 YOA) to participate in the Youth Hunt Weekend held in the open portions of the Eglin Reservation. The Youth Hunt Weekend Permit must be purchased in person at the NRO. Proof of age required at time of purchase.

- One antlerless deer tag per permit will be issued at time of Youth Hunt Weekend Permit purchase.
- Youth hunters must be under the direct supervision of a non-hunting adult (21 YOA or older).
- Supervising adult(s) are not required to have an Eglin hunting permit; however, they must possess a valid Eglin permit that authorizes their access to the Eglin Reservation, and must abide by deer dog stamp requirements as outlined above, if applicable.

## 3. Timberlake Daily Dove Permit **Cost: \$10.00**

Required to hunt Timberlake Dove Fields during Phase 1 Dove Season dates. A Timberlake Daily Dove or Sportsman's Permit is required to hunt dove during Phase 2 and 3 Dove Season dates. See Section 18 for Migratory Bird Season details.

*Note: On the Wednesday prior to the opening of Phase 1 dates, hunters are allowed an initial purchase of one permit; hunters may purchase additional permits only after all hunters present have had an opportunity to purchase a single permit.*

Timberlake Daily Dove Permits:

- Are only available at the NRO.
- Are only valid for the specified day and dove field indicated on the permit.
- Do not authorize any other recreational activities.

## B. Eglin Outdoor Recreation Permits.

### 1. Recreation/Fishing Permit

**Daily **Cost: \$5.00****  
**Annual **Cost: \$30.00****

Authorizes general recreation activities to include fishing, pleasure driving, hiking, horseback riding, boating, bicycling, berry picking (ex-

cept for palmetto berries), swimming, picnicking, bird watching, and disc golf. This permit also includes the same allowances covered by the Hurlburt Skeet Range Permit. This permit does not replace recreational freshwater and/or saltwater fishing licenses required by the FWC.

## 2. Camping Permit **Cost: \$5.00 (per night)**

Authorizes camping, general recreational activities, and fishing (state license(s) also required) at the designated camping area for the date(s) designated on the permit.

- Must be purchased in person at the NRO.
- Individuals seeking this permit must be 18 YOA or older.
- May be purchased for a period of 1 to 14 consecutive days.
- Authorizes up to 10 individuals and four tents and/or one camping trailer/RV per campsite.

## 3. Florida Trail Thru-Hiker Permit **Cost: Free**

- Authorizes access to the Florida National Scenic Trail (FNST) and associated primitive campsites.
- Valid for seven consecutive days as specified on the permit.
- May be obtained by establishing an iSportsman account, then contacting the NRO at (850) 882-4165 or 4166 and requesting a Thru-Hiker Permit.
- See Section 13 for Thru-Hiker Permit mileage requirements.

## 4. Eglin Public Beach Permit **Cost: Free**

- Authorizes access to Eglin public (open) beaches on Santa Rosa Island only (does not authorize access to White Point Recreation Area).
- All individuals must view a short environmental awareness video either online at <https://eglin.isportsman.net> or in-person at the NRO.
- This permit does not allow commercial or fund-raising activities without authorization from the Installation Commander.

## 5. Hurlburt Trap/Skeet & Paintball Complex Permit **Cost: Free**

- Authorizes transportation of unloaded and encased shotguns and ammunition, and Airsoft or paintball equipment on RR236 between Lewis Turner Blvd. and the Hurlburt Skeet Range entrance only.
- This permit has no expiration date, and Sportsman's or Recreation/Fishing Permit holders do not need to possess this permit.
- Actual use of the Hurlburt Skeet Range requires membership dues as administered by the Hurlburt Field Force Support Squadron. For additional information contact (850) 884-6939 or visit [www.myhurlburt.com/pages/skeetrage/html](http://www.myhurlburt.com/pages/skeetrage/html).

## 6. Special Use Permit **Cost: Case-specific**

- Available to civic, school, church, and similar non-profit groups.
- Applicable only for the date(s) and area(s) specified on the permit.
- Must be applied for in person at the NRO.
- Do not include reservation of specific areas or infrastructure (e.g., picnic tables, pavilions, etc.). Use of such is on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Section 6. Forest Product Permits

Any individual or group collecting or removing forest products from the Eglin Reservation must have in their possession a valid permit for the product they are collecting and a copy of this Handbook. Personal Forest Product Permits are valid for three consecutive days from the date specified on the permit. Forest products may be collected in any open area. Permits authorize access and participation for one vehicle and up to six individuals. Call the NRO at (850) 882-4165 or 4166 for additional information.

### PERMISSIBLE TO CUT IN ALL OPEN AREAS:



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POST OAK



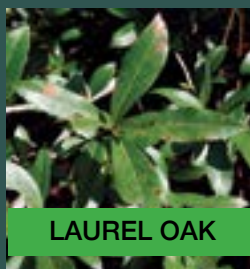
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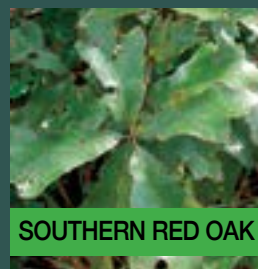
LIVE OAK



WATER OAK



LAUREL OAK



SOUTHERN RED OAK

### A. Personal Forest Product Permits.

#### 1. Personal Firewood Permits      Cost: \$5.00 (per load)

- Cutting firewood within 200 feet of white-banded trees is prohibited.
- Firewood may be collected in any open area year-round. Exception: Collection in Archery Areas on Eglin Main Base are restricted to DoD-affiliated personnel only.
- A maximum of five Personal Firewood Permits may be issued per household, per year.
- Authorizes the removal of one load up to  $\frac{1}{4}$  cord of firewood (a one-half ton, long-wheelbase truck will hold approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  cord).
- Individuals have three consecutive days from the date specified on the permit to remove their load of firewood.
- Trees shall be cut such that remaining stumps are no more than six inches above ground level. Roads and ditches may not be blocked by discarded limbs or debris.
- Bluejack, Laurel, Post, Southern Red, Turkey, and Water Oaks (live or dead) of any size may be cut and collected. Live Oaks (live or dead) may be cut and collected only when the diameter at ground level is less than 10 inches. See reference photos above.
- This permit also authorizes the collection of dead and down light-ered wood.
- This permit does not authorize the cutting and collection of standing live or dead pine trees of any species, except sand pine. It is the responsibility of the permittee to accurately identify all tree species cut/collected.

#### 2. Personal Christmas Tree Permit

(Sand Pine Only)

Cost: \$1.00 (per tree)

#### 3. Personal Pine Straw Permit      Cost: \$1.00 (per load)

#### 4. Personal Palmetto Fronds Permit      Cost: \$1.00 (per load)

#### 5. Personal Deer Moss Permit      Cost: \$1.00 (per load)

Note: The maximum load for Pine Straw, Palmetto Fronds, and Deer Moss is one standard pickup truck bed full per permit.

### B. Commercial Forest Product Permits.

#### 1. Commercial Firewood Permit      Cost: \$300.00

Permit holders must follow the same guidelines outlined above for Personal Forest Product Permits, except that there is no harvest limit associated with the Commercial Permit. Contact the NRO at (850) 883-1127 prior to beginning a commercial firewood harvest.

#### 2. Commercial Palmetto Berry Permit

For additional information concerning Palmetto Berry harvest, contact the NRO at (850) 883-1127.



## Section 7. UXO Warning

Unexploded Ordnance (UXO). The Eglin Reservation has been supporting military testing and training since 1939. Persons accessing the Reservation may encounter unexploded ordnances (e.g., bullets, bombs, rockets, flares, etc.) in the areas that are open for public recreation. UXOs may be on the surface, or partially or completely buried. Recreationists should report the location and description of all UXOs encountered to one of the following: Eglin Security Forces (850) 882-2000, or the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Operations Desk (850) 882-3225.

**\*\*ALL FORMS OF DIGGING OR GROUND DISTURBING ACTIVITIES ARE PROHIBITED\*\***

**\*\*MAGNET FISHING, OR USING MAGNETS TO RETRIEVE METAL OBJECTS FROM ANY EGLIN WATER BODY, IS PROHIBITED\*\***

**\*\*IF IT LOOKS MAN MADE, AVOID IT! IF YOU DIDN'T DROP IT, DON'T PICK IT UP\*\***



# Section 8. Accessing the Eglin Reservation

Recreational access to the Eglin Reservation is subject to safety, military security, threatened and endangered species conservation needs and protection requirements, and the capacity of Eglin’s natural resources to support such use. Taking such into consideration and ensuring no impairment to the military mission, access is granted as determined by the Installation Commander.

REMEMBER, ACCESSING THE EGLIN RESERVATION IS A PRIVILEGE AND COMES SECONDARY TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF EGLIN’S MILITARY MISSION.

## A. Eglin Reservation Areas.

The Eglin Reservation covers approximately 465,393 over-land acres. Military missions result in the permanent closure of about 210,505 acres to recreational use. The remaining 254,888 acres are conditionally open to recreational use.

- 1. **Open Areas** are designated by the Installation Commander as available to outdoor recreation activities, but may be subject to short term or daily closures, due to military mission activity. Temporary closures will be depicted on the PAM in red; see subsection B, *Public Access Map (PAM)*.
- 2. **Closed Areas** are designated by the Installation Commander as closed to ALL forms of entry without special permission. Areas closed year-round are depicted on the PAM in pink and boundaries are posted with permanent 8.5” x 11” plastic signs. Temporary or daily closures are depicted on the PAM in red.
- 3. **Limited Access Areas** are marked with a boundary of metal t-posts or trees marked with purple bands and are closed to all public access. Exception: If a numbered or established road or the FNST passes through one of these boundaries, it may be used to transit through these areas.

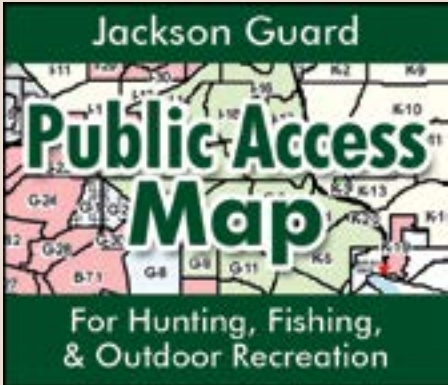


## B. Public Access Map (PAM).

With the increased scope and complexity of military training/testing operations, all or portions of the Eglin Reservation are subject to more frequent closures. To provide a visual representation of daily public access restrictions of otherwise open recreation areas, the Eglin NRO developed the PAM. The PAM is available at <https://eglin.isportsman.net> and all individuals must review the PAM prior to entry onto the Eglin Reservation. The 24-hour Eglin Information Line, (850) 882-0007, relays temporary closure information in the event the PAM is inoperable.

The PAM is intended for recreational access planning, is automatically updated daily at regular intervals to reflect the current and three-day forecasted closures, and is subject to change without notice. Recreationists should therefore check the PAM in advance of planned activities, in addition to the morning of such activities to confirm access status. Tem-

porary closures may or may not be physically blocked by gates, barricades, and/or range personnel. All recreationists are expected to obey temporary closure signage, barricades, and/or range personnel instructions, regardless of the PAM closure status. Individuals found to be in violation of the PAM guidance are subject to Eglin outdoor recreation privilege suspension.



## C. Force Protection Condition (FPCON).

During periods of heightened FPCON or national security alert, all or portions of the Eglin Reservation may be closed to public use. In the event FPCON Delta is declared, the PAM will reflect closure of the entire Reservation to all public access. The current status can also be obtained by calling the 24-hour Eglin Information Line at (850) 882-0007.

ALPHA and BRAVO General map and regulations apply.	CHARLIE Firearms prohibited, archery hunting only. General map and regulations apply.	DELTA Eglin AFB is CLOSED to all public access/ recreation.
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## D. Reservation Access Times.

Access to the Eglin Reservation is allowed two hours before sunrise until two hours after sunset. The Eglin Reservation is closed at all other times. Access time restrictions apply to hunters as well, regardless of check station check-in/ out requirements. Exception: Campers with a valid camping permit accessing their designated campsite(s) may do so any time of day or night.



## E. Avenza Maps App.

The Avenza Maps App is available for download on Apple and Android devices and allows users to navigate the Eglin Reservation using a PDF version of the Eglin Outdoor Recreation Map. This App shows your geo-referenced position on the Eglin Outdoor Recreation Map, allows you to manage waypoints, record tracks/trails, find coordinates, and plot photos. The NRO strongly encourages use of this App while recreating on the Eglin Reservation.

To obtain the Avenza Maps App and Eglin Outdoor Recreation Map:

1. Go to [www.avenzamaps.com](http://www.avenzamaps.com) or use your smart device's app store to search for and download the Avenza Maps App.
2. Once downloaded, open the App and go to the "Store" (represented by a shopping cart icon).
3. Search for "FY23 Eglin AFB: Outdoor Recreation, Hunting and Fishing Map (2022-2023)" or search "find maps around me" and download the appropriate map.
4. Once downloaded, the map will remain immediately accessible in your "My Maps" list within the Avenza Maps App.



## Section 9. Regulation Violations

The rules and regulations contained in this Handbook are Eglin AFB policy as established by the Installation Commander in accordance with AFMAN 32-7003 and are enforceable pursuant to 18 United States Code-Statute 1382, 10 United States Code-Statute 2671, 16 United States Code, 50 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), and Florida Statutes (FS). Violation of these regulations are very serious. In addition to penalties that may be levied under applicable state and federal laws and regulations, the Installation Commander has inherent administrative authority to suspend or revoke outdoor recreation privileges for any user. Such suspension of outdoor recreation privileges is administered via Eglin's Notice of Violation and Administrative Action (NOVAA) policy, and is independent of any judicial or punitive actions levied by state or federal entities. Suspension periods for all NOVAA's issued are subject to administrative review and suspension lengths may be increased for repeat offenders. Only the NOVAA Committee can reduce or rescind NOVAA's.

All persons hunting, fishing, or engaging in outdoor recreational activities on the Eglin Reservation are required to comply with all applicable Eglin, state, and federal laws and regulations.

Before entering the Eglin Reservation, ALL INDIVIDUALS are responsible for:

1. Acquiring the appropriate permit(s) to authorize recreation as intended.
2. Reading and understanding Eglin-specific regulations as outlined in this Handbook.
3. Checking the PAM daily for access restrictions.

After entering the Eglin Reservation, ALL INDIVIDUALS are responsible for:

1. Knowing your location at all times while on the Eglin Reservation.
2. Following all instructions by on-the-ground signage and range personnel.
3. Abiding by temporary and permanent area closures.

Chargeable violations and associated suspension lengths can be found in the NOVAA Charge Booklet available at <https://eglin.isportsman.net> under the "Rules/Regulations" tab by clicking "Violations/Penalties".



All commercial enterprise and fundraising activities are prohibited on Eglin property without specific authorization from the Installation Commander.

# Section 10. Vehicle Regulations

## A. Accident Reporting.

All hunting and motor vehicle accidents on the Eglin Reservation must be reported as soon as possible to Eglin Security Forces at (850) 882-2000. Motor vehicles involved in accidents should not be moved until the investigating officer arrives, unless the vehicle is creating a safety hazard.

## B. Prohibited Vehicles/Equipment.

While on the Eglin Reservation it is prohibited to possess or use:

- ATVs and UTVs
- Low speed vehicles (LSVs)
- Off-road vehicles (ORVs)
- Golf carts
- Non-street-legal vehicles
- Vehicles without a muffler
- sUAS (small Unmanned Aerial Systems or “drones”)

## C. Speed Limits.

The maximum allowable speed for any motor vehicle on the Eglin Reservation is 45 mph on paved roads and 35 mph on unpaved roads, unless otherwise posted. Regardless of posted speed limit, vehicles shall not be driven at a speed greater than that which is reasonable and prudent under existing road, weather, vehicle, and traffic conditions (as determined by law enforcement personnel). The maximum speed limit when passing personnel training/working on or near roadways is 10 mph, regardless of the location.



## D. Vehicle Operation.

Motor vehicle operation on the Eglin Reservation must comply with state traffic laws, safe driving practices, and licensing requirements.

1. Improper, careless, reckless, and/or destructive driving behavior is prohibited; both the operator and passenger(s) are subject to punitive action and/or Eglin outdoor recreation privilege suspension/revocation.
2. Vehicles are restricted to numbered or well-established roads (as determined by law enforcement personnel). Numbered roads are posted at intersections on three-foot high posts with three-inch aluminum numbers and amber reflectors.
3. Driving on unestablished roads or roads posted as “Closed to Motor Vehicle Access” is prohibited. The use of a vehicle in an “off-road” manner is prohibited.
4. The following are examples of areas that are closed to vehicles: MUs closed to vehicular traffic (as indicated by the PAM and area signage), closed roads, wildlife food plots, active or inactive clay/sand borrow pits, reforestation areas, wetlands, erosion control sites, trails, dams, firebreaks, and waterbodies. Stream Crossing Exceptions:

Stream/creek crossing is allowable only at low water crossings on RR454, RR354, RR356, and RR433. The low water crossing on RR632 at Lightwood Knot Creek is CLOSED to motorized vehicles.

5. Driving around gates, cables, or any other barricade is prohibited.
6. In MUs with entry/exit restrictions, vehicles may only enter/exit the MUs at locations designated on the current Outdoor Recreation, Hunting, and Freshwater Fishing Regulations Map. Entering or exiting through any other location is prohibited.
7. All motorcycle riders must wear an appropriate helmet, eye protection, long sleeves, long pants or chaps, over-the-ankle foot protection, reflective gear, and gloves in accordance with AFI 91-207.
8. Parked vehicles shall not disrupt military training or impede the passage of vehicles on any road or trail, or block any bridge, boat ramp, firebreak, or gate (regardless of gate condition).

## E. Travel Corridors.

Travel corridors are open to individuals with a valid Eglin recreation permit. Exception: All travel corridors are CLOSED to through traffic if signage, barricades, or range personnel preclude access.

1. **Open Area Travel Corridors.** The following range roads (RR) are open travel corridors when adjacent TTAs are closed:
  - RR211 (west of SR 85 to SR 87)
  - RR236 (from Lewis Turner Blvd. to RR211)
2. **Closed Area Travel Corridors.** The following roads are open travel corridors through permanently closed areas. Stopping or detouring along these routes is prohibited except for emergencies:
  - RR213 (from RR257 southwest to RR747). All weapons must be unloaded (if modern firearm, chamber and magazine must be empty; if muzzleloader, breach plug nipple must be uncapped) and fully encased when traveling through the closed area travel corridor on RR213.
  - RR487 (during General Gun Season dates only)
  - RR208 (from RR205 north to RR370)
3. **Seasonal Travel Corridors.** The following roads are open travel corridors ONLY during specific seasons as outlined below:
  - RR499 (during General Gun Season dates only)
  - Portions of RR600E (during General Gun and Deer Dog Training Season dates only)
  - RR685 south of RR234 (during established hunting seasons only).



# Section 11. Outdoor Recreation Regulations

All state and federal laws and regulations apply to the Eglin Reservation, unless specifically addressed otherwise within this Handbook. The following regulations apply to all recreational activities conducted on the Eglin Reservation.

## A. Air Guns, Airsoft, & Paintball.

1. Spring-operated or air-powered guns that DO NOT utilize a pre-charged pneumatic (PCP) delivery system and are chambered in .177 caliber only may be used year-round for target practice. Youth (15 YOA and under) must be under direct adult (21 YOA or older) supervision.
2. Use of Airsoft and paintball guns is prohibited, except as allowed at the Hurlburt Skeet Range. See Section 5 for additional information regarding utilization of the Hurlburt Skeet Range.

## B. Alcohol & Controlled Substances.

1. Intoxicated persons are not authorized to enter or remain on the Eglin Reservation.
2. Possession of controlled substances (including prescribed medicinal marijuana) and/or drug paraphernalia is prohibited.
3. No one shall be in possession or under the influence of alcohol and/or controlled substances while in actual possession of a gun or bow on Eglin AFB.
4. Certain areas on the Eglin Reservation are alcohol free year-round and are clearly designated with signage. Alcohol-free areas include the following locations:

- Turkey Hen Flats, south of the Shoal River on SR 85
- White Point Recreation Area
- RR211 at Boiling Creek Bridge
- RR233 at Turkey Creek Bridge (Hippie Hole)
- RR234 at Live Oak and Turtle Creek bridges



## C. Bicycling on the Eglin Reservation.

1. Safety helmets are required at all times while cycling.
2. Cyclists shall not ride more than two abreast on trails or roadways.
3. Bicycles are restricted to named, numbered and well-established roads and firebreaks (as determined by law enforcement personnel). Off-road bike riding is restricted to established trails within the Timberlake Mountain Bike Area (MBA) or Rocky Creek MBA only.
4. Development or construction of new trails is prohibited without specific approval from the NRO.
5. For maps of the Timberlake MBA or Rocky Creek MBA visit <https://eglin.isportsman.net>.
6. Electric Bicycles.
  - a. Per 316.003 F.S., electric bicycles are defined as “a bicycle or

tricycle equipped with fully operable pedals, a seat or saddle for the use of the rider, and an electric motor of less than 750 watts which meets the requirements of one of the following three classifications”:

- Class 1 - “an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the electric bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.”
  - Class 2 - “an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the electric bicycle and that ceases to provide assistance when the electric bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.”
  - Class 3 - “an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the electric bicycle reaches the speed of 28 miles per hour.”
- b. Electric bicycles of all types and classifications are prohibited:
    1. On all Eglin beaches.
    2. In the Brier Creek MUs.
    3. In any portion of a MU designated as “motorized vehicles prohibited”.
  - c. Class 1 electric bicycles may be used on named, numbered, and well-established roads and firebreaks. They may also be used on established mountain bike trails within the Timberlake and Rocky Creek MBAs.
  - d. Class 2 and 3, and unclassified electric bicycles may only be operated on established named or numbered roads that allow motor vehicle use.
  - e. Per 316.20655 F. S., “a person may not tamper with or modify an electric bicycle so as to change the motor-powered speed capability or engagement of an electric bicycle, unless the label indicating the classification number required in subsection (3) is replaced after such modification.” Further, “an electric bicycle must operate in a manner so that the electric motor is disengaged or ceases to function when the rider stops pedaling or when the brakes are applied.”

## D. Cultural Sites & Artifacts.

Searching for or removing artifacts from the Eglin Reservation, without special authority, is prohibited under the Archaeological Resource Protection Act, 16 USC § 470ee-47off. Call Eglin Cultural Resources at (850) 882-8459 for additional information.

## E. Disorderly Conduct/Noise.

Disturbance of the peace or other disorderly conduct on the Eglin Reservation is prohibited. Noise-producing devices (e.g., generators, audio devices including radios, televisions, and musical instruments) shall not be operated in a manner that disturbs other persons.

## F. Diving Restriction.

Diving from any bank, stump, platform, bridge, culvert, or swinging rope into any waterbody (stream, creek, river, or pond) on the Eglin Reservation is prohibited.

## G. Structures.

Construction of any type of structure on the Eglin Reservation is prohibited without specific approval from the NRO.

## H. Dumping, Littering, & Polluting.

Private or commercial littering, dumping, or disposing of any kind of material on Eglin Reservation land or in waterbodies is prohibited.

## I. Fireworks.

Use or possession of fireworks on any portion of the Eglin Reservation is prohibited.

## J. Geocaching.

Geocaches and related activities are permitted in areas open to public access. Established geocaches must:

1. Be above ground. Disturbing soil to bury items or containers is prohibited.
2. Contain the owner's contact information or current Eglin Reservation permit number.
3. Not result in defacement of property (whether natural or man-made) in order to provide a hiding place for a clue or logging method.
4. Not result in driving nails or other metal objects into trees.
5. Be removed if not actively maintained at least once annually.



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## K. Government Property.

The disturbance, defacement, destruction, or removal of any government property on the Eglin Reservation is prohibited.

## L. Horseback Riding.

When bringing horses onto the Eglin Reservation, the following must be observed:

1. All youth under 16 YOA must wear a helmet (Nicole's Law).
2. All horseback riders must carry proof of current negative Coggins Test result for all horses brought onto the Eglin Reservation.
3. Horseback riding is permitted on named, numbered, or well-established roads only. Riding off-road, cross-country, or on any unestablished road (as determined by Law Enforcement personnel) is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the NRO.

## M. Choctaw Bowmen Archery Range.

The Choctaw Bowmen Archery Range is currently closed. Please check <https://eglin.isportsman.net> periodically for status updates.

## N. Interference with Eglin Reservation Activities.

It is prohibited to interfere or disturb:

- Any individual(s) engaged in official business or authorized activity.
- Military personnel engaged in testing or training activities.
- Any individual engaged in a permitted recreational activity, including hunting or fishing. Harassment of any kind will not be tolerated.

## O. Boating, Canoeing, Kayaking, & Paddleboarding.

Boating, canoeing, kayaking, and paddleboarding are allowed on all Eglin waterbodies with a valid Recreation/Fishing permit, unless posted as closed to such activity. Recreationists should inspect all vessels and trailers prior to use to limit introduction of invasive aquatic plants (e.g., water hyacinth, hydrilla, etc.) into Eglin waterbodies. Electric trolling motors are allowed. Information and maps for popular paddling trails can be found at <https://eglin.isportsman.net>. State of Florida boating regulations apply to all Eglin Reservation waterbodies, in addition to the following Eglin-specific restrictions:

1. Use of internal combustion engines and all Jet Ski type watercraft is prohibited on all Eglin Reservation freshwater waterbodies. However, vessels with outboard motors may still be used provided motors are secured out of the water and remain unstarted.
2. Launching vessels by trailer is allowed at established boat launches only (see Section 21). *Note: Most boat ramps are primitive and may not be able to accommodate large vessels.*

## P. Metal Detectors & Fishing Magnets.

The use or possession of metal detectors is prohibited on all portions of the Eglin Reservation. Magnet fishing, or using magnets to retrieve metal objects from any Eglin water body, is also prohibited.

## Q. Plant & Tree Protection.

The removal, destruction, injury, or killing of any plant/tree on the Eglin Reservation is prohibited, except as specifically authorized. Berry picking (except for palmetto berries) is allowed with a current recreation permit.

Red-cockaded woodpecker cavity trees are designated with a white painted ring or white metal band. Climbing or disturbing the area within 50 feet of these trees (including use of ground blinds and deer stands) is prohibited.



## R. Wildlife Protection.

Except as specifically authorized by permit or license the feeding, removal, capture, destruction, harassment, injury, or killing of any wildlife or freshwater fish (including their nests or eggs) on the Eglin Reservation is prohibited. This includes ALL species of snakes, as well as the following:

1. The gopher tortoise is a protected species in the State of Florida. No person shall take, attempt to take, pursue, hunt, harass, capture, possess, sell or transport any gopher tortoise (live or dead) or parts thereof or their eggs, or molest, damage, or destroy their burrows (Ch. 68A-27, F.A.C.).
2. Fox squirrels are protected species in the State of Florida. The taking or possession of a live or dead fox squirrel is prohibited (Ch. 68A-27, F.A.C.).



## Section 12. Camping Regulations

Any person or group camping on the Eglin Reservation is required to have a valid Eglin Camping Permit. All campsites on the Eglin Reservation provide primitive camping opportunities only.

### A. Camping Permit.

1. Camping on the Eglin Reservation for longer than 14 consecutive days is prohibited. Individual(s) camping 14 consecutive days must wait an additional 14 days before reapplying for a new Camping Permit. This regulation includes all members of the camping party; swapping names to secure a new permit for additional days is prohibited.
2. Campsites must be vacated no later than 11:00 A.M. on the date the camping permit expires.

### B. Camping Areas & Access.

Camping is permitted at designated campsites only. Campers with a valid camping permit may access their campsites outside of designated Eglin Reservation entry/exit times.

### C. Campfires, Warming Fires, & Grills.

1. Campfires or warming fires are only authorized in designated camping areas with a valid Camping Permit.
2. All fires must be contained in stoves, grills, fireplaces, or fire rings.
3. Only combustible materials may be burned (no plastics, glass, metal, or wood containing metal).
4. Individuals with a valid Camping Permit are authorized to collect down and dead firewood within the immediate vicinity of their campsite without having to purchase a Firewood Permit.
5. Campfires shall not be left unattended and all fires must be completely extinguished prior to leaving campsites.
6. During periods of drought or high wildfire risk the NRO may temporarily ban the use of campfires. Customers will be made aware of such restrictions when purchasing Camping Permits.

### D. Quiet Period.

A "quiet period" will be maintained at all campsite locations from 10:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M. Disorderly conduct/noise regulations outlined in Section 11 apply to all campsites.

### E. Refuse Dumping, Littering, & Human Waste.

Dumping or draining of refuse or waste from campers, trailers, or any other type of vehicle is prohibited. Recreationists are responsible for providing their own portable latrines and disposing of human waste properly. All campers are expected to remove all garbage/waste generated (i.e., practice Leave No Trace protocol).

### F. Pets. See Section 16.

### G. Storing Game.

Individuals storing harvested game and/or fish at their campsite must comply with the possession limit and carcass labeling regulations outlined in FWC's current Florida Hunting, Freshwater Fishing, and Saltwater Fishing Regulations Handbooks.

### H. Weapons in Camping Areas.

During established hunting seasons ONLY, individuals with valid camping and hunting permits are authorized to possess unloaded and encased hunting weapons.

1. Hunters camping on the Eglin Reservation may enter with legal hunting weapons on the day preceding the opening day of any season in which guns or bows are permitted (provided those weapons remain unloaded and fully encased until the following day).
2. All weapons must be removed from the Eglin Reservation within one day following the closing day of the season.

## Section 13. Florida National Scenic Trail (FNST)

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) is the official administrator of the FNST. The trail meanders approximately 1,500 miles across the State of Florida. Eglin AFB is proud to host a 70-mile section of the trail. The Eglin Reservation portion of the trail is not continuous, but broken into sections.



### A. Florida Trail Association (FTA).

The FTA, in coordination with the NRO, maintains the Eglin portions of the FNST. Information and supplemental maps are available at <https://eglin.isportsman.net> under the “Outdoor Recreation” tab by clicking on “Hiking” or at Eglin trailhead kiosks. For FTA information call (352) 378-8823 or visit <https://www.floridatrail.org>.

### B. Public Access Map (PAM).

All hikers are responsible for checking the PAM before entering the Eglin Reservation. Mission closures (depicted as RED) may prevent hiker access to the FNST. The two sections below are exempt from the PAM closures, provided they are not blocked by signage, range personnel, or barriers.

1. The FNST on the east side of the Eglin Reservation (Walton County) traveling through the Brier Creek East MU is an open travel corridor.
2. The FNST traveling through the portion of the Choctaw West MU west of SR 87 (Santa Rosa County) is an open travel corridor.

### C. FNST Thru-Hikers.

Hikers whose journey begins or ends 50+ miles from the Eglin Reservation boundary are eligible for a free Thru-Hiker Permit. See Section 5 for more information.

### D. FNST Day Users.

Hikers whose journey begins or ends less than 50 miles from the Eglin Reservation boundary must have a valid Eglin permit to use the trail.

### E. Camping on the FNST.

Camping along the trail is permitted only at designated campsites. Day users staying overnight along the trail must hold a valid Camping Permit, acquired from the NRO. Thru-Hikers staying overnight along the trail have their camping permit included in the Thru-Hiker permit.

### F. FNST Dog Use.

Dogs are permitted on the FNST corridor but must be kept under physical restraint at all times.

### G. Trail Prohibitions.

Motorized vehicles, bicycles (of any kind), and horses are prohibited on the FNST.

### H. Hunting Seasons.

Hikers are strongly encouraged to wear a daylight fluorescent orange vest or similar highly visible outer garment during established hunting seasons. Hikers should be aware that during hunting seasons hunters may be encountered on or near the FNST and hunting dogs may be encountered in the Choctaw MUs during certain seasons.





## Section 14. Eglin Public Beach Access

Eglin manages four miles of beach on Santa Rosa Island available for public use from sunrise to sunset. See Section 5 for permit requirements.

### A. Beach Access Points.

Beach access on the south side of Hwy 98 is limited to foot travel only from designated entry points (Princess Beach, Matterhorn, and Airman's Beach). DoD-affiliated personnel and their guests may also access the beach at the Eglin Beach Park (south side of Hwy 98 across from the Coast Guard Station). For additional information about the Eglin Beach Park, call the Eglin Outdoor Recreation Center at (850) 882-5058.

### B. Beach Prohibitions.

The following are prohibited on ALL Eglin beaches:

- Entering areas posted as closed
- Camping
- Fires
- Glass containers
- Electric bikes (all types and classifications)
- Fireworks
- Pets (in accordance with Okaloosa County Ordinance No. 77-19, Section 6)
- Walking on sand dunes or vegetation
- Picking vegetation of any type

### C. Injured Wildlife.

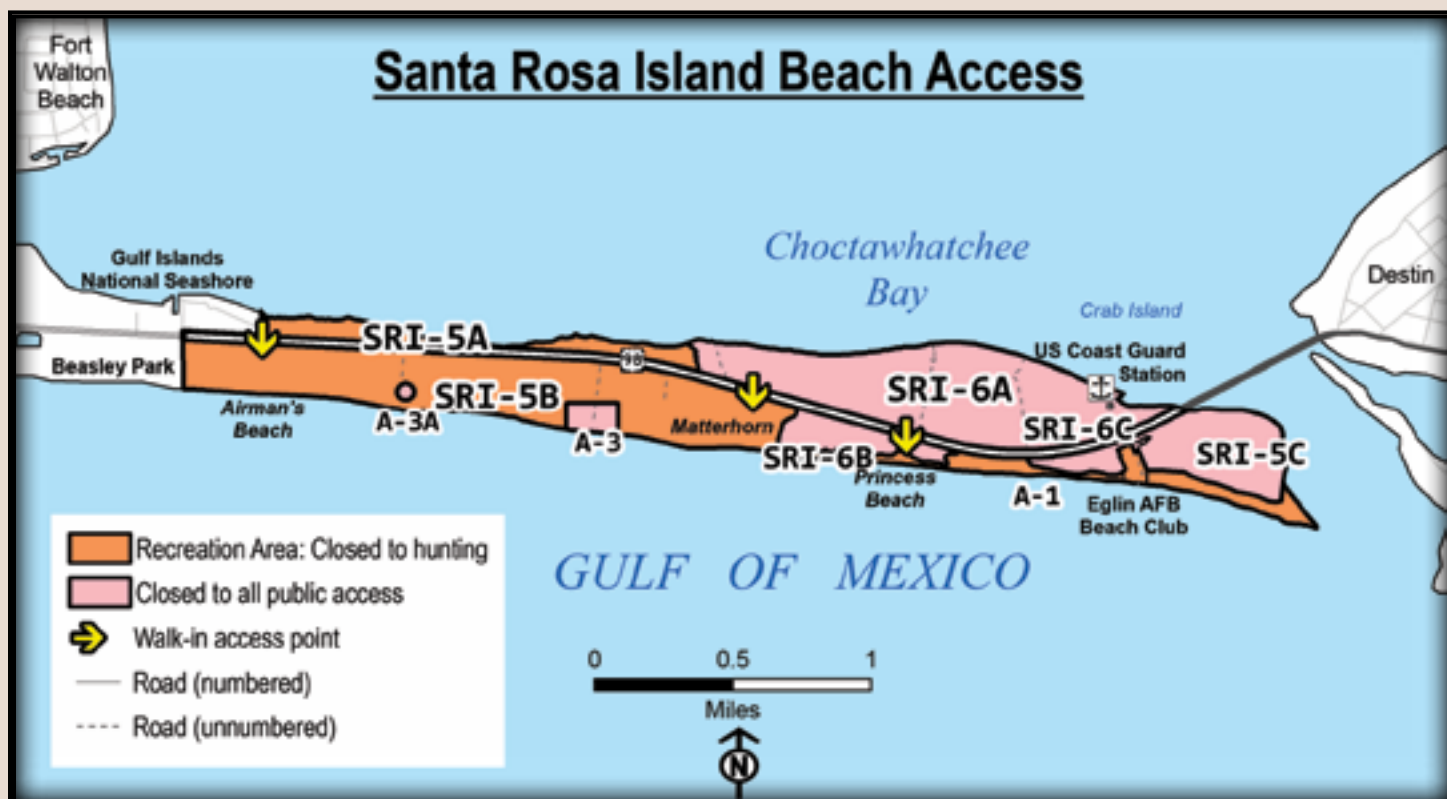
Please report all injured or dead wildlife to the NRO at (850) 882-4165 or 4166.

### D. Leave No Trace Protocol.

All beach users are expected to take personal belongings and any garbage with them when they leave the beach. Failure to do so may result in citation and/or recreation privilege suspension in accordance with the littering prohibition outlined in Section 11. All personal possessions left on the beach from sunset until sunrise are subject to removal and disposal.

### E. Sea Turtles and Shorebirds.

All sea turtles and shorebirds are protected by the Endangered Species Act, State of Florida, and/or the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Beach users should be aware of posted sea turtle and shorebird nesting areas and NEVER enter or disturb these areas; doing so is prohibited and carries stiff penalties. If you encounter adult or hatchling sea turtles, please call the NRO at (850) 882-4165 or 4166.



# Section 15. Fishing Regulations

All individuals (16 YOA or older) using or possessing fishing gear on the Eglin Reservation must have a valid Eglin permit that allows fishing (not required when fishing on Eglin Main Base and Hurlburt Field waterbodies), as well as applicable state fishing license(s). All State of Florida regulations governing freshwater and saltwater fishing apply to the Eglin Reservation unless specifically addressed otherwise within this Handbook. Refer to FWC's Freshwater and Saltwater Fishing Regulations Handbooks for resident and non-resident license requirements and exemptions.

## A. Pond Access & Catch-and-Release Areas.

All waterbodies within open areas are available to fishing unless posted otherwise. Specific regulations may be posted at certain ponds and shall be adhered to along with regulations outlined in this Handbook. Table 15.1 outlines pond location and size, and specifies ponds restricted to catch-and-release only and those open to DoD-affiliated personnel and their escorted guests only.

## B. Creel Limits.

Daily creel limits are in accordance with state regulations except that channel catfish are limited to five of any size per angler. Table 15.2 outlines special daily creel limits for Duck and Indigo Ponds (all creel limits are per angler).

## C. Gigging.

In accordance with state regulations, frogs and non-game fish may be gigged year-round in all Eglin Reservation waterbodies that are open to fishing during authorized entry/exit hours.

## D. Trotlines, Bush Hooks, & Allowable Methods of Fishing.

All State of Florida regulations governing allowable methods of take for saltwater and freshwater fish apply to Eglin AFB waterbodies except that trotlines and bush hooks are prohibited on all Eglin Reservation waterbodies regardless of the target species.

Table 15.1. Eglin Lakes and Ponds

Pond Name	TTA Location	Acreage	Pond Name	TTA Location	Acreage
Anderson Pond	K-22	3	Jr. Walton Pond	J-8	4
College Pond	K-21	28	Lower Memorial Lake <sup>2</sup>	Eglin Main	40
Crain Pond	I-25	3	Upper Memorial Lake <sup>1,2</sup>	Eglin Main	23
Duck Pond <sup>3</sup>	I-7	30	Speck Pond	J-20	7
Hurlburt Lake <sup>1,2,4</sup>	Hurlburt Main	22	Roberts Pond	H-6	8
Indigo Pond <sup>3</sup>	J-25	6	Timberlake Pond	G-32	10
Jacks Lake <sup>1,2</sup>	Eglin Main	21	Weekly Pond <sup>1,2</sup>	Eglin Main	6

<sup>1</sup> Catch-and-release only

<sup>2</sup> Restricted to DOD-affiliated personnel and their escorted guests

<sup>3</sup> Special creel limits apply

<sup>4</sup> Bank fishing prohibited

Table 15.2. Special Duck and Indigo Ponds Creel Limits

Species	Limit	Minimum Length
Panfish*	10	8 Inches
Largemouth Bass	1	24 Inches

\*Includes: bluegill, redbreast sunfish, redear sunfish, spotted sunfish, warmouth, and flier.





# Section 16. Dog Possession & Use

## A. General Dog Regulations.

All general dog regulations apply to non-hunting and hunting dogs alike.

- Dog Tag/Collar Requirements.** Air Force regulations require that all dogs on the Eglin Reservation have proof of current rabies vaccination and an identification tag (bearing name and address of owner) attached to the collar.
- Authorized Pet Areas & Pet Supervision.** Pets are allowed in specific recreation areas as outlined in Table 16.1. Non-hunting dogs are allowed in most MUs (seasonal restrictions may apply), but must be kept under physical restraint at all times. See Section 20 for MU-specific regulations.
- Pet Waste.** Dog owners are responsible for removal of their pet's waste.
- Designated Swimming Areas.** Pets are prohibited at designated swimming areas and adjacent shorelines (see Section 21).
- Florida National Scenic Trail.** Dogs are permitted on the FNST corridor but must be kept under physical restraint at all times.
- Hunting Dog Awareness.** Recreationists may encounter free-running hunting dogs during designated hunting seasons.
- Wildlife Protection.** No person shall allow any dog to pursue or molest wildlife during any period or in any area in which hunting with dogs is prohibited.



## B. Hunting Dog Regulations.

### **\*\*NOTICE TO HUNTERS\*\***

Trespass of dogs into closed areas is a violation of the "Hunter Responsibility Rule" (68A-12.007, F.A.C.) and will result in Eglin recreation permit suspension and State/Federal citation(s) for the dog owner(s). Entering any closed area to retrieve dogs is also prohibited.

See MU-specific regulations for hunting dog use. A Deer Dog Stamp is required to participate in deer dog training, or when hunting deer or hogs with the aid of dogs during the General Gun Season (see Section 5). The taking or pursuing of deer, wild hog, fox, and coyote with dogs is prohibited unless each dog is equipped and monitored with devices that allow remote tracking and behavior control. Remote tracking includes Global Positioning System (GPS) or telemetry-based tracking collars. Tracking and behavior control collars are only required for dogs that are actively pursuing legal game (i.e., not required for non-hunting dogs stored in vehicles or dog boxes). Hunters are reminded that collar, handheld unit, and/or battery failure are not acceptable excuses for illegal dog behavior and may result in recreation permit suspension.

- Retrieving Hunting Dogs.** Retrieval of lost hunting dog(s) must occur within standard Reservation access hours as outlined in Section 8. Possession of a gun and/or dog(s) while attempting to retrieve dog(s) in Stalk or Archery Areas is prohibited. Retrieval of unauthorized dogs from the Jackson and Brier Creek MUs must be coordinated with check station attendant prior to entry/exit.
- Training Bird Dogs.** Bird dogs may be trained year-round with the aid of a blank pistol using blank cartridges and pigeons as training aids at the Sikes Unit Bird Dog Training Area (adjacent to Field 4) and Timberlake Dove Fields only. Training dogs at the Cobbs Overrun Bird Dog Training Area is allowed, but possession or use of blank pistols and pigeons is prohibited in this area.
- Transporting Hunting Dogs.** Hunting dogs may be transported through stalk hunting areas without stopping or detouring on the following:
  - RR211 (east of SR 85) to the intersection of RR207 (access to private land)
  - RR211 (west of SR 85) to the intersection of RR725
  - RR236 from RR600E north to RR211
  - RR213 (west of RR236) to the intersection of RR747
  - RR208 (north of RR205 to first powerline south of RR203)
- Downed Game.**
  - Hunters may return to any MU with a single dog on a leash to track/retrieve wounded game. A dog may not be brought into stalk areas in anticipation of use. Persons in possession of a dog for the purposes of tracking downed game may be required to show proof of a wounded animal.
  - Hunters may possess a weapon (as authorized by season type) while tracking the wounded animal (during legal shooting hours only).
  - The pursuit of a downed animal must be terminated in time to exit the Eglin Reservation by the established exit time.

**Table 16.1. Pet Allowance by Recreation Area**

Recreation Area	Pets Allowed?
1. Anderson Pond	YES
2. Basin Bayou East	YES
3. Bay Flats	NO
4. Blue Springs	NO
5. Boiling Creek	NO
6. Carr Landing	YES
7. College Pond	YES
8. Duck Pond	YES
9. Eglin Beach Park	NO
10. Goodin Bridge	NO
11. Hippie Hole	NO
12. Hurlburt Skeet Range	NO
13. Indigo Pond	YES
14. Jacks Lake	YES
15. Jr. Walton Pond	YES
16. Kepner Primitive Campsite	YES
17. Little Gin Hole	NO
18. Live Oak Creek	NO
19. Mason Landing	YES
20. Metts Bluff	NO
21. Roberts Pond	NO
22. Rocky Creek	NO
23. Rocky Creek MBA	YES
24. Santa Rosa Beach Access	NO
25. Speck Pond	YES
26. Timberlake MBA	YES
27. Timberlake Pond	YES
28. Turkey Hen Flats	NO
29. Upper & Lower Memorial	YES
30. Weaver River	YES
31. White Point	NO

# Section 17. Hunting Regulations

All State of Florida and federal regulations relating to hunting on a Wildlife Management Area (WMA) shall apply to the Eglin Reservation unless specifically addressed otherwise within this Handbook.

1. All individuals 16 YOA or older utilizing the Eglin Reservation while in possession of a hunting device must have the proper Eglin, state, and federal permits, stamps, and/or licenses.
2. Youth under 16 YOA are not required to purchase most Eglin permits, but must hunt under the supervision of an adult (21 YOA or older) who holds a valid Eglin hunting permit. *Exception: Youth (6-15 YOA) participating in the Youth Hunt Weekend and Phase 1 dove field hunts are required to purchase a Youth Hunt Weekend Permit or Timberlake Daily Dove Field Permit, respectively.*

In addition to the specific regulations listed below, all hunters are expected to carefully review the current Florida Hunting Regulations Handbook available at <https://myfwc.com/hunting/regulations/>.

## A. Antler Point Restriction (APR).

**EGLIN APR & DEFINITIONS: CHOCTAW, EAST RIVER, EGLIN MAIN, METTS, ROBERTS POND, SIKES, AND TOMS CREEK MUs**  
**Antlered** deer must have at least 3 points (1 inch or more in length) on one side OR have a main beam length of 10 inches or more.  
**Antlerless** deer (except spotted fawn) have no antlers or have antlers less than 5 inches in length.

**EGLIN APR & DEFINITIONS: BRIER CREEK AND JACKSON MUs**  
**Antlered** deer must have at least 4 points (1 inch or more in length) on one side OR have a main beam length of 14 inches or more.  
**Antlerless** deer (except spotted fawn) have no antlers or have antlers less than 5 inches in length.

## B. Deer & Turkey Harvest.

1. All individuals harvesting deer or wild turkey (including those exempt from State of Florida hunting license requirements) must (Step 1) **LOG** their harvested deer or wild turkey prior to moving it from the point of harvest, and (Step 2) **REPORT** the harvested deer or wild turkey within 24 hours following harvest (see Appendix 1).
2. Hunters must report harvested deer and wild turkey: (1) within 24 hours of harvest, (2) prior to final processing, (3) prior to the deer or wild turkey or any parts thereof being transferred to a meat processor or taxidermist, or (4) prior to the deer or wild turkey leaving the state, whichever occurs first.
3. All deer and wild turkey harvested on the Eglin Reservation count towards a hunter's annual statewide bag limit and must be reported in accordance with FWC guidelines (see Appendix 1).
4. The annual FWC statewide bag limit for white-tailed deer is five deer per hunter, of which no more than two may be antlerless (see table in Section 18). The daily limit for deer is two per hunter; the possession limit for deer is four per hunter. Youth hunters (under 16 YOA) may harvest one antlered deer annually that does not meet the Eglin APR as part of their five deer annual limit.
5. The annual FWC statewide spring season bag limit for wild turkey is two per hunter. The daily limit for wild turkey is one per hunter; possession limit is two per hunter. There is no Fall Turkey Season on Eglin AFB.

## C. Wild Hogs.

Wild hogs can carry a number of diseases (e.g., Brucellosis, Tularemia, etc.), some of which can be transmitted to humans and dogs. However, when handled and prepared properly the potential for human infection is

extremely low. Hog hunters are reminded to use caution when handling and processing wild hogs:

1. Avoid direct contact unless actively processing harvested hogs.
2. Wear rubber gloves and eye protection when processing/butchering.
3. Do not process hogs that appear sickly.
4. Wash hands thoroughly and disinfect tools after processing.
5. Cook meat thoroughly (160°F minimum internal temperature).

For additional information visit [https://vet.uga.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/diseases\\_of\\_feral\\_swine\\_brochure.pdf](https://vet.uga.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/diseases_of_feral_swine_brochure.pdf).

## D. Age Requirement for Weapon Possession.

Individuals under 16 YOA may not be in possession of a weapon unless under the direct supervision of an adult (21 YOA or older).

## E. Hunter Safety Course.

1. Anyone born on or after 1 June 1975 must complete a hunter safety course before purchasing a hunting license, which enables him or her to hunt independent of adult supervision.
2. Youth (under 16 YOA) may hunt without having completed a hunter safety course, but only under the direct supervision of an adult (21 YOA or older) who has a valid hunting license and has taken a hunter safety course.
3. Individuals 16 YOA or older who have not completed a hunter safety course can use a mentoring exemption enabling them to purchase a state license and hunt under the supervision of a mentoring adult (21 YOA or older).
4. Individuals needing proof of hunter safety course completion can print a duplicate certification card at <https://public.myfwc.com/hgm/huntersafety/student.aspx>.



## F. Bait Restriction.

No one shall possess, place, expose, or distribute any bait intended to attract wildlife. Bait is considered corn, wheat, grain, or other food substance including salt and mineral licks. Scents (e.g., doe urine) are not considered bait.

## G. Check Station Requirements.

All individuals (including non-hunting recreationists) entering the Jackson and Brier Creek MUs must check in/out at the check station (when manned) and present printed copies of Egin permits/stamps. Hunters must also present printed copies of all applicable state and federal hunting licenses/stamps and check all harvested game. All individuals must be checked out and off Egin property by the established Reservation exit time for that day. Check Station hours are two hours before sunrise until two hours after sunset. *Exception: During the Youth and Spring Turkey seasons check stations close at 2:00 P.M.*

## H. Daylight Fluorescent Orange.

All hunters (and accompanying non-hunters) hunting any resident game species during the Early Muzzleloading, General Gun, Youth Hunt, Small Game, and Late Primitive Weapon Seasons must wear a minimum of 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material as an outer garment (coat or vest) above the waistline. Part of these 500 square inches can include head covering, but head covering alone is insufficient. *Exception: This requirement does not apply when hunting in an Archery Area, during Early Archery or Spring Turkey Seasons (in any MU), or when hunting migratory birds.*

## I. Florida National Scenic Trail (FNST).

Hunters should be aware the FNST crosses through portions of the Egin Reservation. This is a very active trail and hikers are encouraged, but not required, to wear daylight florescent orange (or similar brightly colored) outer garments during hunting seasons. All hunters are responsible for identifying their target and background prior to shooting.

## J. Weapon Possession.

1. Concealed carry (even with a valid CCW permit) on the Egin Reservation is prohibited.
2. **Non-hunting Season.** Possession of any type of hunting weapon outside of Egin-specific hunting seasons is prohibited. *Exception: Individuals accessing the Hurlburt Skeet Range and Choctaw Bowmen Archery Range (see Section 5).*
3. **Hunting Seasons.** Possession of legal hunting weapons are permitted only during designated Egin hunting seasons.
  - a. **Archery Areas.** Possession or use of any firearm or air gun in an Egin Archery Area or during the Early Archery Season is prohibited. *Exception: Designated Archery Areas allow shotguns and PCP air guns propelling a bolt or arrow during Spring Turkey Season.*
  - b. **Closed Areas.** Possession or use of any hunting device in an Egin Closed Area is prohibited.
  - c. **Hours Restriction.**
    - Possession of a loaded weapon on the Egin Reservation

before/after legal shooting hours is prohibited.

- Possession of a weapon (cased or uncased) on the Egin Reservation two hours after sunset until two hours before sunrise is prohibited, except in designated camping areas during established hunting seasons with valid Egin Camping Permit.

## K. Weapon Use.

1. Weapons shall not be exhibited in a careless manner.
2. **Discharging of Weapons.**
  - a. The discharge of guns at anything other than legal game (i.e. target practice) is prohibited, except as allowed for non-PCP .177 caliber air rifles (see Section 11). Target practice and the random discharge of firearms have become increasing threats to the quality of the hunting experience and safety of other hunters and recreationists on the Egin Reservation.
  - b. Discharging of weapons or attempting to take game is prohibited:
    - Across, down, or within 50 yards of any numbered RR in stalk hunting areas.
    - Across, down, or within 50 yards of all paved or posted roads including RR200, RR213, RR234, and RR204 (south of RR314).
    - Within 200 yards of any structure, equipment, check station, campsite, or individuals engaged in official business.

## L. Collecting/Releasing Wildlife.

Collection, possession, transport, or releasing of any live wildlife on the Egin Reservation is prohibited without authorization from the Installation Commander, except for the following:

- Pigeons and pen-raised northern bobwhite may be transported and released for use in accordance with specific MU regulations.
- Pen-raised northern bobwhite may be released and taken by shotgun during the Small Game Season in the Sikes and Choctaw MUs only, provided each individual or hunting party possesses a Daily Released Quail Permit and proof (including the name and address of the vendor and date of purchase) that quail were purchased within the past 90 days from a game farm licensed by the FWC or another state. Daily Released Quail Permits are available free of charge from the FWC at <https://gooutdoorsflorida.com>.

## M. Abandoning Domestic Animals.

No domesticated animal may be transported onto the Reservation and intentionally abandoned.

## N. Game Sex Evidence.

The head and evidence of sex may not be removed from the carcass of any deer or turkey while on the Egin Reservation. Deer or turkey may be dismembered in the field or camp if tags are attached to each portion identifying the date, location of harvest, name, address, and hunting license number of the person who harvested the animal(s). These tags must be readily traceable to the portion of the animal having sex identification.

## O. Methods of Take Guidance.

1. Hunting with full automatic firearms, centerfire semi-automatic rifles having a magazine capable of holding more than 5 rounds, explosive or drug-injecting devices and set guns is prohibited.
2. Hunting deer with rimfire or non-expanding, full metal jacket (military ball) ammunition is prohibited.
3. Hunting deer with air guns is prohibited, except pre-charged pneumatic (PCP) air guns propelling a bolt, arrow or bullet .30 caliber or larger are allowed.
4. Arrows or bolts used for taking deer or turkey must utilize broadheads with minimum width of 7/8-inches.
5. Hunting turkey with air guns is prohibited, except PCP air guns propelling a bolt or arrow are allowed.
6. For hunting non-migratory game, only shotguns, rifles, pistols, air guns, bows, crossbows or falconry may be used.
7. For hunting migratory game, only shotguns, bows, crossbows or falconry may be used. Shotguns shall not be larger than 10 gauge and shall be incapable of holding more than 3 shells in the magazine and chamber combined. No person shall take ducks, geese or coots while possessing shot (either shotshells or loose shot for muzzleloading) other than approved non-toxic shot. Taking crows with crossbows is prohibited.
8. Muzzleloading guns used for taking deer must be .30 caliber or larger if firing a single bullet, or be 20 gauge or larger if firing 2 or more balls.
9. Taking of spotted fawn, swimming deer or roasted turkey is prohibited.
10. Taking or attempting to take any game with the aid of live decoys, recorded game calls or sounds, set guns, artificial light, net, trap, snare, drug or poison is prohibited. Recorded calls and sounds may be used to hunt furbearers, wild hog and crows during established seasons.
11. Taking or herding wildlife from any motorized vehicle, aircraft or boat, which is under power is prohibited until power, and movement from that power, has ceased.
12. Possession or use of buckshot and or slugs is prohibited during the Small Game Season.
13. "Archery equipment" includes compound bows, long bows, recurve bows, and crossbows. Crossbows may NOT be used during Early Archery and Late Primitive Weapons Seasons, or in Archery Areas without a Persons with Disabilities Crossbow Permit from the FWC.
14. Archery Areas are restricted to use of archery equipment only during all seasons. Exception: Shotguns and PCP air guns propelling a bolt or arrow may be used during Spring Turkey Seasons.
15. During Spring Turkey Season, shot size must be #2 or smaller.
16. Wild hog may only be taken using the methods of take allowable for game species during the season in which they are being hunted. The 5-round magazine capacity maximum for semi-automatic centerfire rifles applies when hunting wild hogs during the General Gun Season.
17. Hunting at night is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the NRO.

18. Use or possession of all foothold (including dog-proof raccoon traps) and body-gripping traps is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the NRO.

## P. Hunting Equipment.

1. The term "gun" in this document refers to all shotguns, rifles, pistols, revolvers, air guns, gas guns, blow guns, bows, crossbows, or any other device mechanically propelling an arrow, spear, or other projectile.
2. Eglin AFB is not responsible for hunting equipment that is left unattended on the Reservation. Such equipment includes, but is not limited to, tree stands, ground blinds, and game cameras.
3. To prevent possible loss or damage, such equipment should be removed daily or when not in regular use.
4. Driving a metal object into any tree or knowingly hunting from a tree in which a metal object has been driven is prohibited. However, temporary threaded or screw-in style tree stand steps are allowed but must be removed at the completion of the hunting season.





## Section 18. Season Dates & Bag Limits

The following seasons may not apply to all MUs. See Section 20 for MU-specific season charts and hunting opportunities.

### A. Pre-Season Scouting (07 Days)

Dates: 15–21 Oct.

Scouting Hours: Two hours before sunrise until two hours after sunset.

Weapons: Prohibited.

Legal to Take: Prohibited for all species.

### B. Early Archery Season (33 days)

Dates: 22 Oct.–23 Nov. (all MUs except the Sikes Unit)

09–23 Nov. (Sikes Unit)

Hunting Hours: ½ hour before sunrise until ½ hour after sunset.

Weapons: Archery equipment only (long, recurve, compound bows, and crossbows [see crossbow permit requirement in the *Restrictions* below]).

Legal to Take: Antlered and antlerless deer, wild hog, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, opossum, raccoon, beaver, coyote, armadillo, and skunk.

Restrictions: The use or possession of firearms, air guns, and dogs is prohibited. Use of crossbows requires a Persons with Disabilities Crossbow Permit from the FWC. For more information visit <https://myfwc.com/license/accessibility/ada-for-hunters/crossbow/>.

### C. Deer Dog Training Season (07 days)

Dates: Phase 1: 29–31 Oct.

Phase 2: 05–08 Nov.

Training Hours: ½ hour before sunrise until ½ hour after sunset.

Weapons: .22 caliber rimfire pistol only (for dispatch of wild hog when bayed by dogs).

Legal to Take: Wild hog.

### D. General Gun Season (30 days)

Dates: Phase 1: 24–27 Nov.

Phase 2: 17 Dec.–02 Jan.

Phase 3: 21–29 Jan.

Hunting Hours: ½ hour before sunrise until ½ hour after sunset.

Weapons: Air guns, shotguns, centerfire and rimfire rifles and pistols, muzzleloading guns, and archery equipment.

Legal to Take: Antlered deer, wild hog, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, opossum, raccoon, beaver, coyote, bobcat (Phases 2 and 3 only), armadillo, skunk, and migratory birds in season.

Restrictions: See Section 17.

### E. Early Muzzleloading Gun Season (07 days)

Dates: 03–09 Dec.

Hunting Hours: ½ hour before sunrise until ½ hour after sunset.

Weapons: Muzzleloading guns only.

Legal to Take: Antlered deer, wild hog, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, opossum, raccoon, beaver, coyote, armadillo and skunk.

Restrictions: Use of archery equipment is prohibited. See also Section 17.

### F. Trapping Seasons (26 days)

Dates: Phase 1: 17 Dec.–02 Jan.

Phase 2: 21–29 Jan.

Hunting Hours: ½ hour before sunrise until ½ hour after sunset.

Weapons: .22 caliber rimfire pistol authorized. Live traps and snares are permitted.

Legal to Take: Otter, bobcat, opossum, raccoon, beaver, coyote, armadillo, and skunk.

Restrictions: Traps must be checked at least once every 24 hours. Use or possession of all foothold (including dog-proof raccoon traps) and body-gripping traps is prohibited. Fox, mink, and weasels may not be trapped or possessed.

### G. Youth Weekend Hunt (02 days)

Dates: 07–08 Jan.

Age Requirement: 6–15 YOA (at time of hunt).

Hunting Hours: ½ hour before sunrise until ½ hour after sunset.

Weapons: Air guns, shotguns, centerfire and rimfire rifles and pistols, muzzleloading guns, and archery equipment.

Legal to Take: Antlered or antlerless deer, wild hog, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, opossum, raccoon, beaver, coyote, bobcat, armadillo, skunk, and migratory birds in season.

Restrictions: Only one antlerless deer may be taken per youth utilizing the provided antlerless deer tag. Antlerless deer tags are only valid during Youth Weekend Hunt dates.

### H. Small Game Season (32 days)

Dates: Phase 1: 03–16 Jan.

Phase 2: 30 Jan.–10 Feb.

Phase 3: 21–26 Feb.

Hunting Hours: ½ hour before sunrise until ½ hour after sunset.

Weapons: Air guns, shotguns, pistols, rimfire and muzzleloading guns, and archery equipment.

Legal to Take: Rabbit, gray squirrel, quail, raccoon, opossum, coyote, beaver, skunk, armadillo, and migratory birds in season.

Restrictions: Hunting wild hog is prohibited. Use or possession of center-fire rifles, buckshot, and/or slugs is prohibited.

## I. Late Primitive Weapon Season (10 days)

Dates: 11–20 Feb.

Hunting Hours: ½ hour before sunrise until ½ hour after sunset.

Weapons: Muzzleloading guns and archery equipment only (see restrictions below).

Legal to Take: Antlered deer, wild hog, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, opossum, raccoon, beaver, coyote, armadillo, and skunk.

Restrictions: Use of crossbows requires a Persons with Disabilities Crossbow Permit from the FWC. For more information visit <https://my-fwc.com/license/accessibility/ada-for-hunters/crossbow/>.

## J. Youth Spring Turkey Season (02 days)

Dates: 11–12 Mar.

Hunting Hours: ½ hour before sunrise until 1:00 P.M.

Weapons: Centerfire and muzzleloading shotguns, archery equipment, and PCP air guns (propelling an arrow or bolt only).

Legal to Take: Gobblers and bearded turkey only.

Restrictions: Youth hunters must be between 6–15 YOA. Shot size must be #2 or smaller.

## K. Spring Turkey Season (37 days)

Dates: 18 Mar.–23 Apr.

Hunting Hours: ½ hour before sunrise until 1:00 P.M.

Weapons: Centerfire and muzzleloading shotguns, archery equipment, and PCP air guns (propelling an arrow or bolt only).

Legal to Take: Gobblers and bearded turkey only.

Restrictions: Shot size must be #2 or smaller.

## L. Migratory Bird Season

Dates: As outlined in the current Florida Hunting Regulations Handbook.

Note that not all MUs allow the hunting of migratory birds or vehicular access during the full suite of statewide dates. See MU-specific details in Section 20. *Exception: During Phase 1 Dove Season dates, Timberlake Dove Fields are open to hunting on Saturdays and Wednesdays only.*

Hunting Hours: ½ hour before sunrise until sunset. *Exception: During Phase 1 Dove Season, shooting hours are from noon until sunset.*

Weapons: Only shotguns, bows, crossbows or falconry may be used. Shotguns shall not be larger than 10 gauge and shall be incapable of holding more than 3 shells in the magazine and chamber combined. No person shall take ducks, geese or coots while possessing shot (either shotshells or loose shot for muzzleloading) other than approved non-toxic shot.

Legal to Take: Refer to the current Florida Hunting Regulations Handbook for bag and possession limits.

Restrictions: The use of shotguns in all Archery Only areas is prohibited. On Timberlake Dove Fields, only shotguns may be used. Taking crows with crossbows is prohibited.

## M. Furbearer Season (32 days)

Dates: 15 May–15 Jun.

Hunting Hours: ½ hour before sunrise until ½ hour after sunset.

Weapons: .22 caliber rimfire pistol only.

Legal to Take: Raccoon, opossum, beaver, skunk, and coyote.

Restrictions: Bobcat and fox may be chased but not taken or possessed. Chasing of deer is prohibited.

Table 18. 2022–23 Daily, Possession, and Season Bag Limits

Species	Daily Limit	Season Limit	Possession Limit
Beaver, Raccoon, Skunk, Opossum, Coyote, Wild Hog, Nutria, and Armadillo	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
Deer <sup>1</sup>	2	5 *	4
Dove	15	No Limit	45
Gray Squirrel	12	No Limit	24
Quail <sup>2</sup>	12	No Limit	24
Rabbit	12	No Limit	24
Spring Turkey <sup>1</sup>	1	2	2
<sup>1</sup> All deer and wild turkey harvested must be reported in accordance with FWC guidelines (see Section 17 or Appendix 1).			
<sup>2</sup> Bag limit applies to wild quail only. There is no bag/possession limit on harvest of released pen-raised quail.			
* Only two of five deer annual limit may be antlerless.			



## Section 19. Special Opportunity Hunts

**Table 19. 2022 – 23 Special Opportunity Hunt Schedule**

Special Opportunity Event	Cost	Application Period	Hunt Dates	Participants
7SFG(A) Area Archery Hunt*	\$50.00	01 – 30 Sept.	11 – 14 Nov.	32
			13 – 16 Jan.	32
			03 – 06 Feb.	32
			17 – 20 Feb.	32
Mobility Impaired Hunt*	\$25.00	01 Sept. – 31 Dec.	04 – 05 Feb.	50
Youth Lottery Hunt*	\$40.00	01 Sept. – 31 Dec.	11 – 12 Feb.	50
Turkey Hunt*	\$40.00	01 Sept. – 15 Feb.	25 – 26 Mar.	Up to 22
			08 – 09 Apr.	Up to 22
Youth Fishing Rodeo	Free	RSVP beginning 1 April 2023	22 Apr.	150
			23 Apr.	150
Wild Hog Dog Hunt (Spring)	\$25.00	Authorization Form available at iSportsman or NRO	03 – 05 Mar. 28 – 30 Apr. 12 – 14 May	N/A

\*Participants selected by lottery drawing.

Additional information and applications available at <https://eglin.isportsman.net> and the NRO.

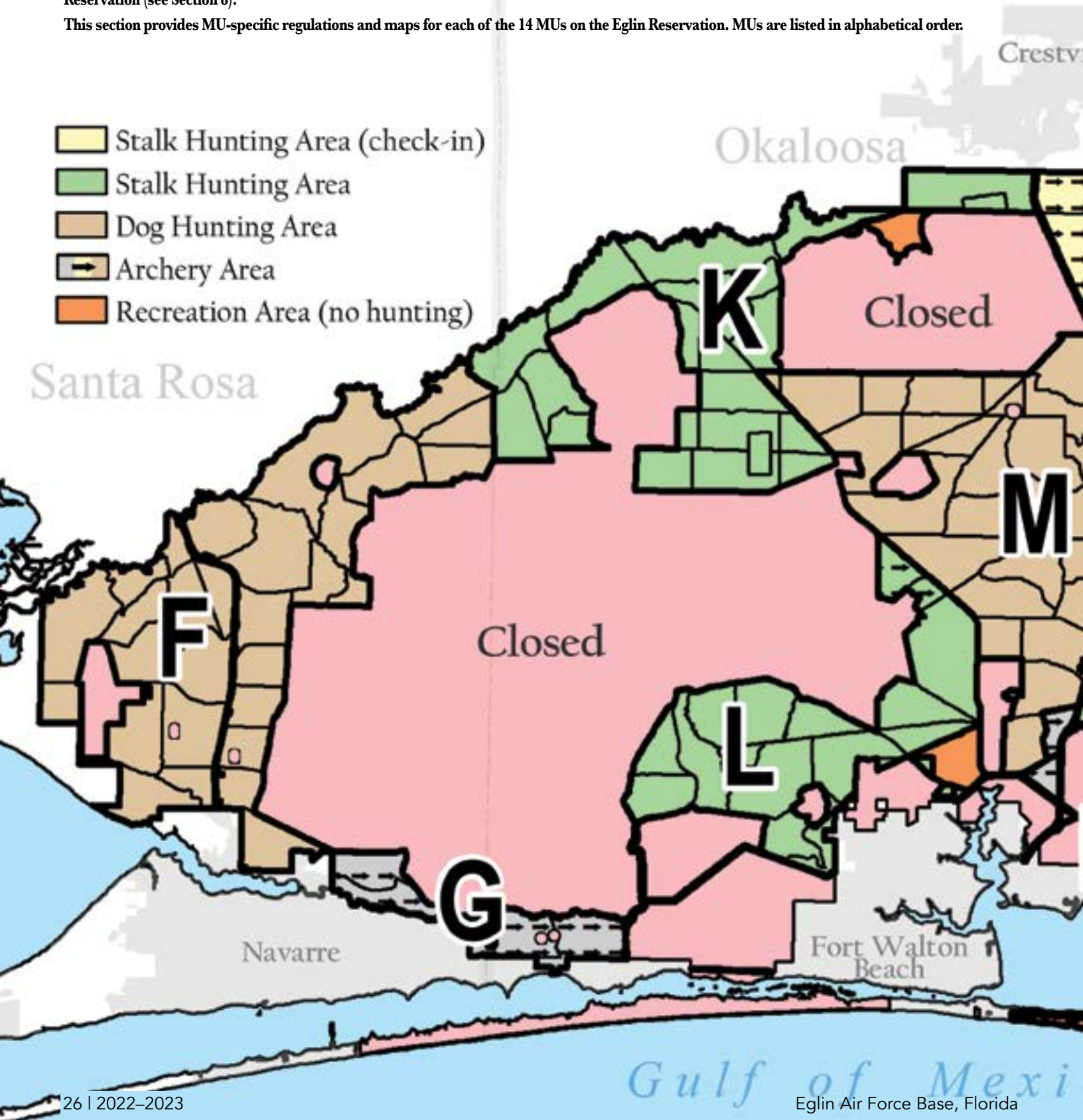
Note: Applications submitted by individuals with past or current NOVAAs will be reviewed for eligibility.



## Section 20. Management Unit (MU) Regulations & Maps

Maps in this Handbook are provided as guides. Boundaries are subject to change throughout the year and all boundaries and roads may not be depicted completely on the map. Signs are posted to help further identify boundaries. If a closed area boundary changes mid-season it will be reflected on the PAM and a notice will be posted at <https://eglin.isportsman.net>. In the event temporary or permanent signage and the PAM are in conflict, recreationists should always comply with the most restrictive condition. The NRO recommends downloading the Avenza Maps App to orient oneself while on the Reservation (see Section 8).

This section provides MU-specific regulations and maps for each of the 14 MUs on the Eglin Reservation. MUs are listed in alphabetical order.



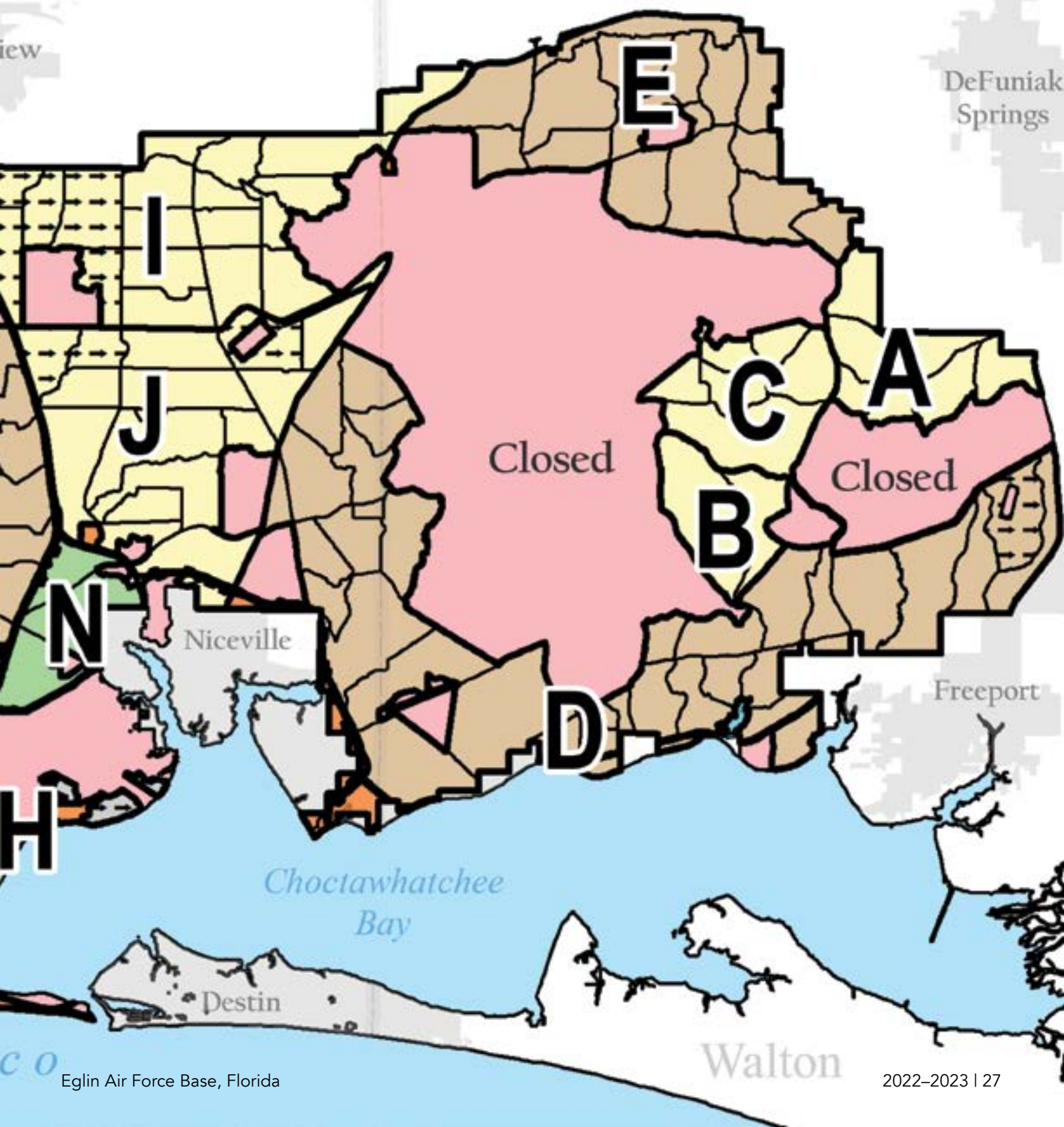


A. Brier Creek East  
B. Brier Creek South  
C. Brier Creek West


D. Choctaw East  
E. Choctaw North  
F. Choctaw West

G. East River  
H. Eglin Main  
I. Jackson North  
J. Jackson South

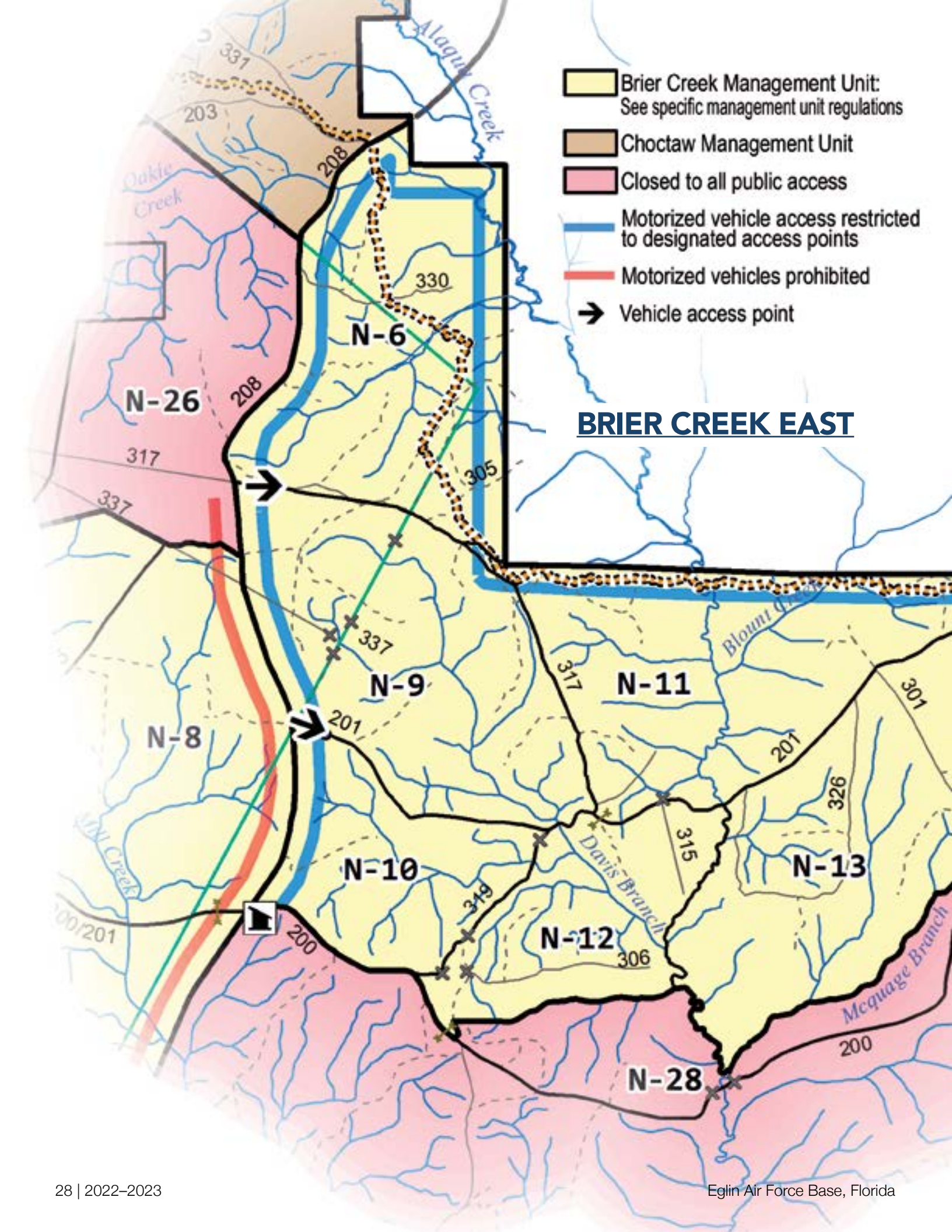
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N. Toms Creek





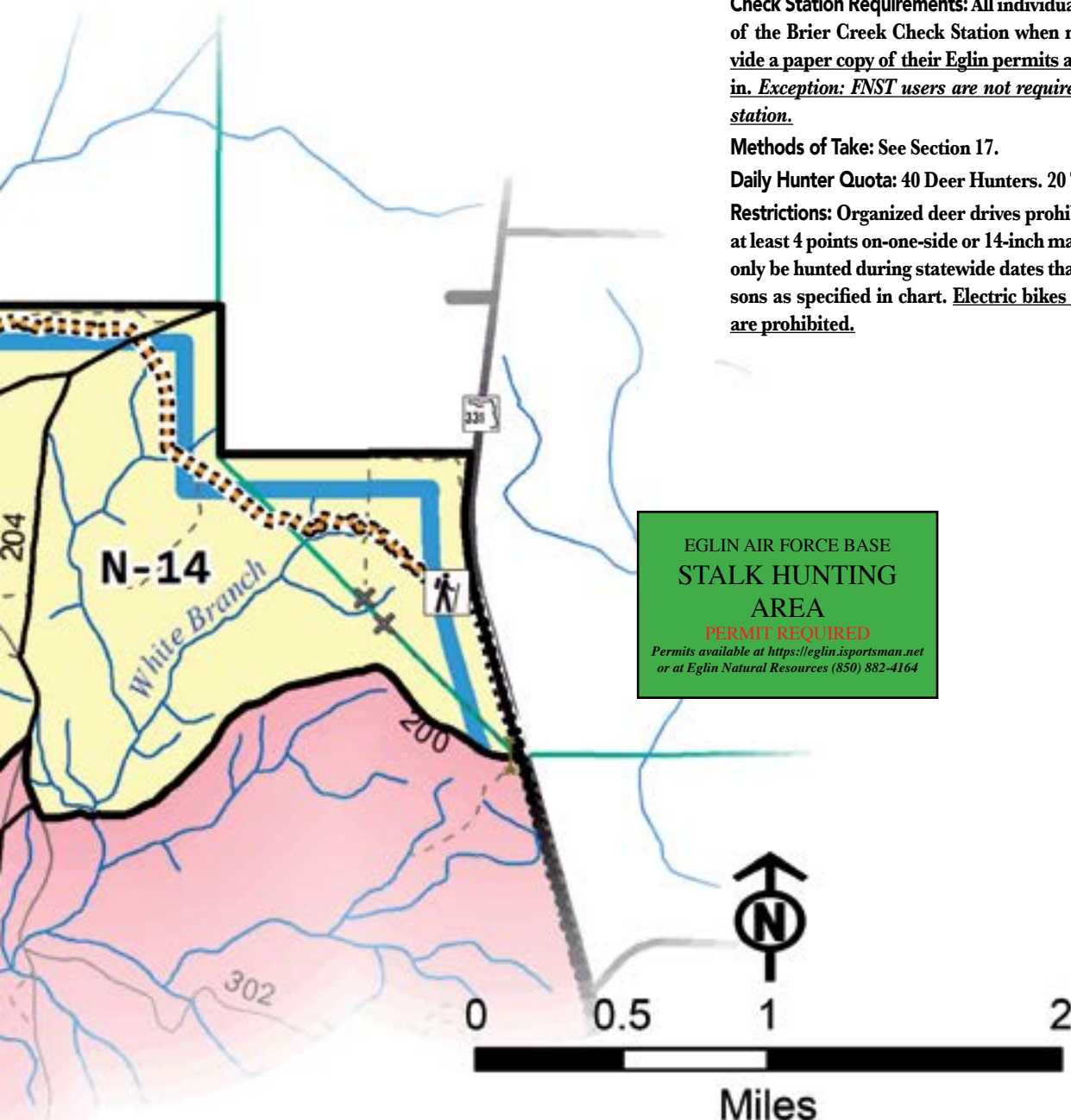
-  Brier Creek Management Unit:  
See specific management unit regulations
-  Choctaw Management Unit
-  Closed to all public access
-  Motorized vehicle access restricted  
to designated access points
-  Motorized vehicles prohibited
-  Vehicle access point

## **BRIER CREEK EAST**





- Road (numbered)
- - - Road (unnumbered)
- ✕ Closed Road
- ⚓ Range Gate
- Powerline
- Streams
- 🟦 Pond
- ⋯ FNST Corridor
- 🚶 FNST Trailhead
- 🚚 Game Check Station



## A. Brier Creek East Management Unit.

Unit Size: 7,492 Acres.

Stamp Requirements: None.

Public Access: Open only on weekends and Federal Holidays during designated hunting seasons specified in chart (see Section 18 for season dates). The FNST is open to foot traffic year-round.

Vehicle Restrictions: Motorized vehicles may only enter and exit at the designated access points on RR208 @ RR201 and RR208 @ RR317. All other access is restricted to foot or traditional bicycle traffic.

Preseason Scouting: Prohibited.

Recreational Dogs: Prohibited.

Hunting Dogs: Prohibited except when retrieving downed game (see Section 16).

Check Station Requirements: All individuals are required to check in/out of the Brier Creek Check Station when manned. All hunters must provide a paper copy of their Eglin permits and state license when checking in. Exception: FNST users are not required to check in/out at the check station.

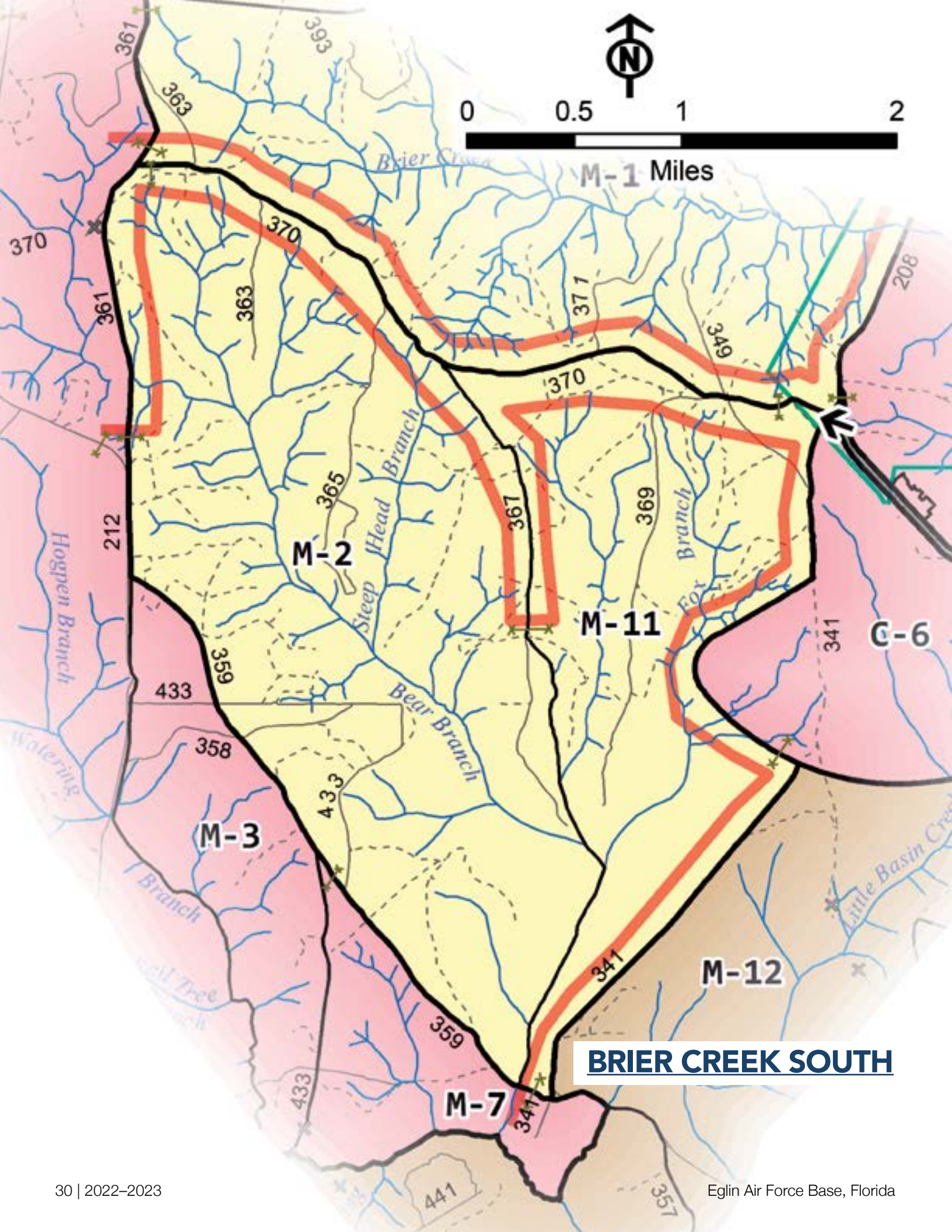
Methods of Take: See Section 17.

Daily Hunter Quota: 40 Deer Hunters. 20 Turkey Hunters.


Restrictions: Organized deer drives prohibited. Antlered deer must have at least 4 points on one side or 14-inch main beam. Migratory birds may only be hunted during statewide dates that coincide with other open seasons as specified in chart. Electric bikes of all types and classifications are prohibited.

Unit Seasons: Brier Creek East	
Preseason Scouting	NO
Early Archery	YES
Deer Dog Training	NO
General Gun (all phases)	YES
Early Muzzleloader	YES
Trapping	NO
Youth Hunt Weekend	YES
Small Game	NO
Late Primitive Weapons	YES
Youth Spring Turkey	YES
Spring Turkey	YES
Furbearer	NO
Migratory Birds	YES







**BRIER CREEK SOUTH**


 Brier Creek Management Unit:  
See specific management  
unit regulations


 Choctaw Management Unit

 Closed to all public access

 Motorized vehicles prohibited


 Road (numbered)

 Road (unnumbered)


 Closed Road

 Range Gate

 Powerline

 Streams

 Pond

 Vehicle access point

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE  
STALK HUNTING  
AREA

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## B. Brier Creek South Management Unit.

Unit Size: 5,251 Acres.

Stamp Requirements: None.

Public Access: Open only on weekends and Federal Holidays during designated hunting seasons specified in chart (see Section 18 for season dates).

Preseason Scouting: Prohibited.

Vehicle Restrictions: Motorized vehicles may only enter and exit at designated access point on RR370 @ RR208. All other access is restricted to foot or traditional bicycle traffic.

Recreational Dogs: Prohibited.

Hunting Dogs: Prohibited except when retrieving downed game (see Section 16).

Check Station Requirements: All individuals are required to check in/out of the Brier Creek Check Station when manned. All hunters must provide a paper copy of their Eglin permits and state license when checking in.

Methods of Take: See Section 17.

Daily Hunter Quota: 20 Deer Hunters. 10 Turkey Hunters.

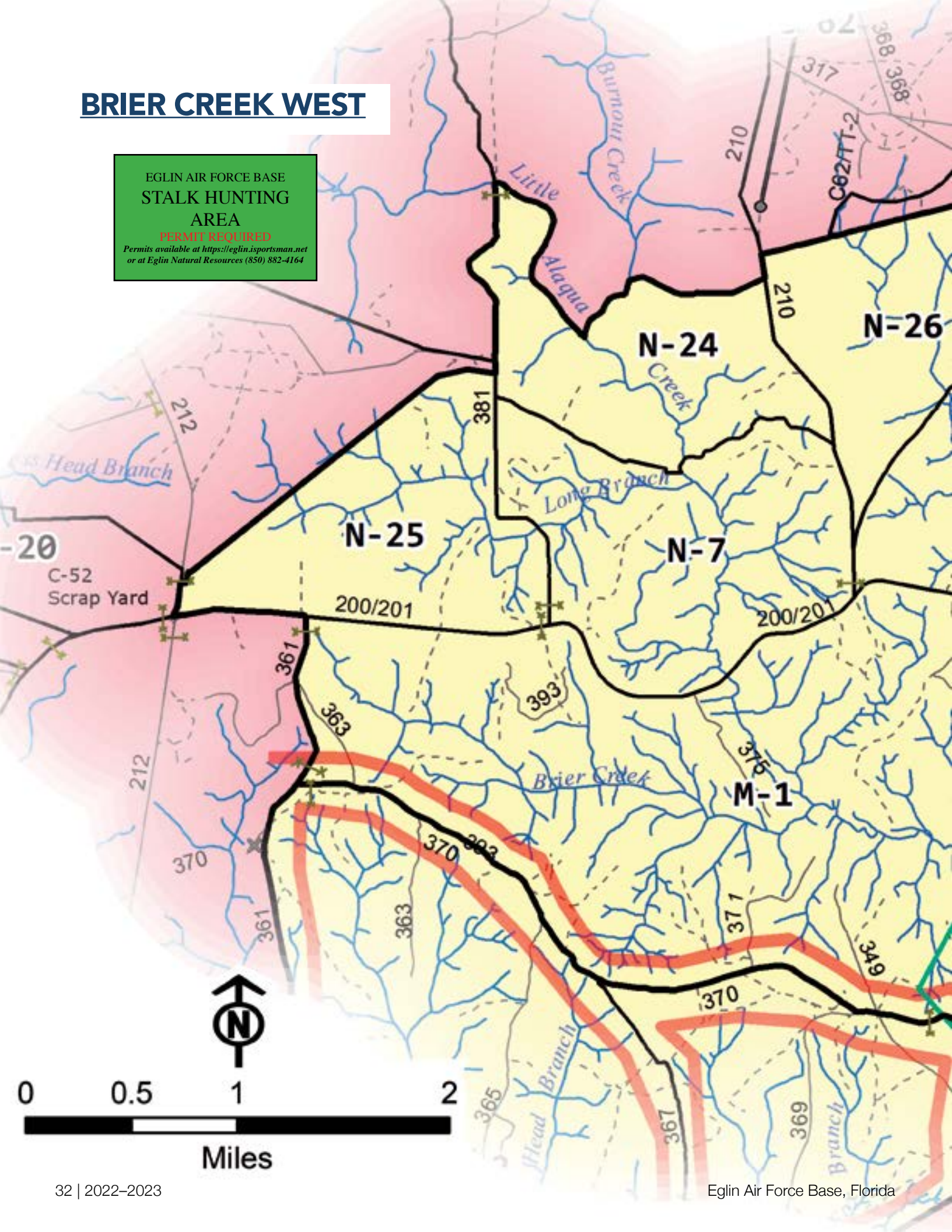
Restrictions: Organized deer drives prohibited. Antlered deer must have at least 4 points on-one-side or 14-inch main beam. Migratory birds may only be hunted during statewide dates that coincide with other open seasons as specified in chart. Electric bikes of all types and classifications are prohibited.

Unit Seasons: Brier Creek South	
Preseason Scouting	NO
Early Archery	YES
Deer Dog Training	NO
General Gun (all phases)	YES
Early Muzzleloader	YES
Trapping	NO
Youth Hunt Weekend	YES
Small Game	NO
Late Primitive Weapons	YES
Youth Spring Turkey	YES
Spring Turkey	YES
Furbearer	NO
Migratory Birds	YES

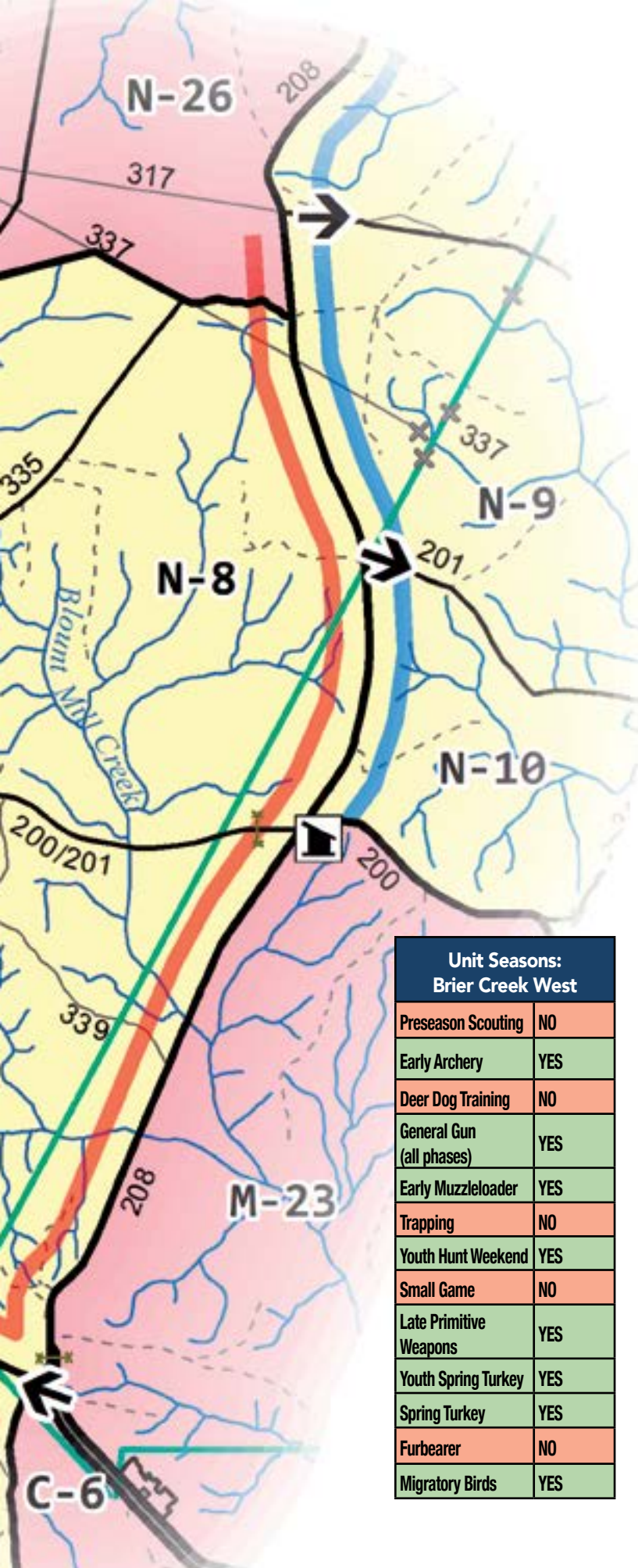


# BRIER CREEK WEST

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### C. Brier Creek West Management Unit.

Unit Size: 8,044 Acres.

Stamp Requirements: None.

Public Access: Open only on weekends and Federal Holidays during designated hunting seasons specified in chart (see Section 18 for season dates).

Preseason Scouting: Prohibited.

Vehicle Restrictions: Motorized vehicles may only enter and exit at designated access point on RR370 @ RR208. All other access is restricted to foot or traditional bicycle traffic.

Recreational Dogs: Prohibited.

Hunting Dogs: Prohibited except when retrieving downed game (see Section 16).

Check Station Requirements: All individuals are required to check in/out of the Brier Creek Check Station when manned. All hunters must provide a paper copy of their Eglin permits and state license when checking in.

Methods of Take: See Section 17.

Daily Hunter Quota: 40 Deer Hunters. 20 Turkey Hunters.

Restrictions: Organized deer drives prohibited. Antlered deer must have at least 4 points on-one-side or 14-inch main beam. Migratory birds may only be hunted during statewide dates that coincide with other open seasons as specified in chart. Electric bikes of all types and classifications are prohibited.

Unit Seasons: Brier Creek West	
Preseason Scouting	NO
Early Archery	YES
Deer Dog Training	NO
General Gun (all phases)	YES
Early Muzzleloader	YES
Trapping	NO
Youth Hunt Weekend	YES
Small Game	NO
Late Primitive Weapons	YES
Youth Spring Turkey	YES
Spring Turkey	YES
Furbearer	NO
Migratory Birds	YES

Brier Creek Management Unit: See specific management unit regulations

Closed to all public access

Motorized vehicle access restricted to designated access points

Motorized vehicles prohibited

Road (numbered)

Road (unnumbered)

Closed Road

Range Gate

Powerline

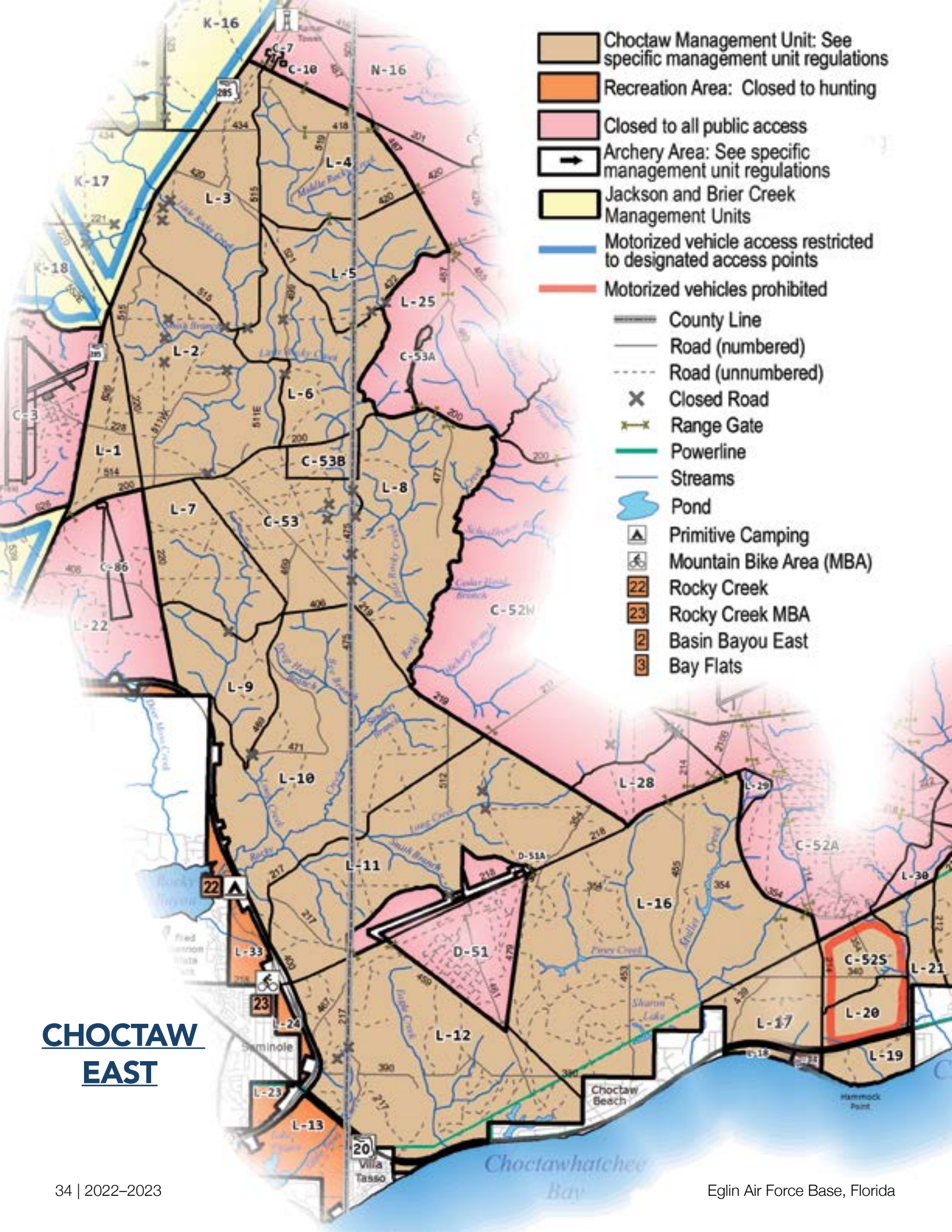
Streams

Pond

Game Check Station

Vehicle access point





- Choctaw Management Unit: See specific management unit regulations
- Recreation Area: Closed to hunting
- Closed to all public access
- Archery Area: See specific management unit regulations
- Jackson and Brier Creek Management Units
- Motorized vehicle access restricted to designated access points
- Motorized vehicles prohibited
- County Line
- Road (numbered)
- Road (unnumbered)
- Closed Road
- Range Gate
- Powerline
- Streams
- Pond
- Primitive Camping
- Mountain Bike Area (MBA)
- Rocky Creek
- Rocky Creek MBA
- Basin Bayou East
- Bay Flats

## CHOCTAW EAST



## D. Choctaw East Management Unit.

**Unit Size:** 46,531 Acres.

**Stamp Requirements:** Yes (see Section 5).

**Public Access:** Open year-round. See accompanying chart for open seasons and Section 18 for hunting season dates.

**Vehicle Restrictions:** Parking along SR 293 to access the MU is prohibited.

**Preseason Scouting:** Allowed year-round.

**Recreational Dogs:** Allowed as outlined in Section 16.

**Hunting Dogs:** Authorized during the Deer Dog Training, General Gun, Small Game, and Migratory Bird Seasons.

**Check Station Requirements:** None.

**Methods of Take:** See Section 17. Shotguns and PCP air guns propelling a bolt or arrow may be used in the Archery Area during Spring Turkey Seasons. During Deer Dog Training Season wild hogs caught or bayed by dogs may be taken with .22 caliber rimfire pistol only.

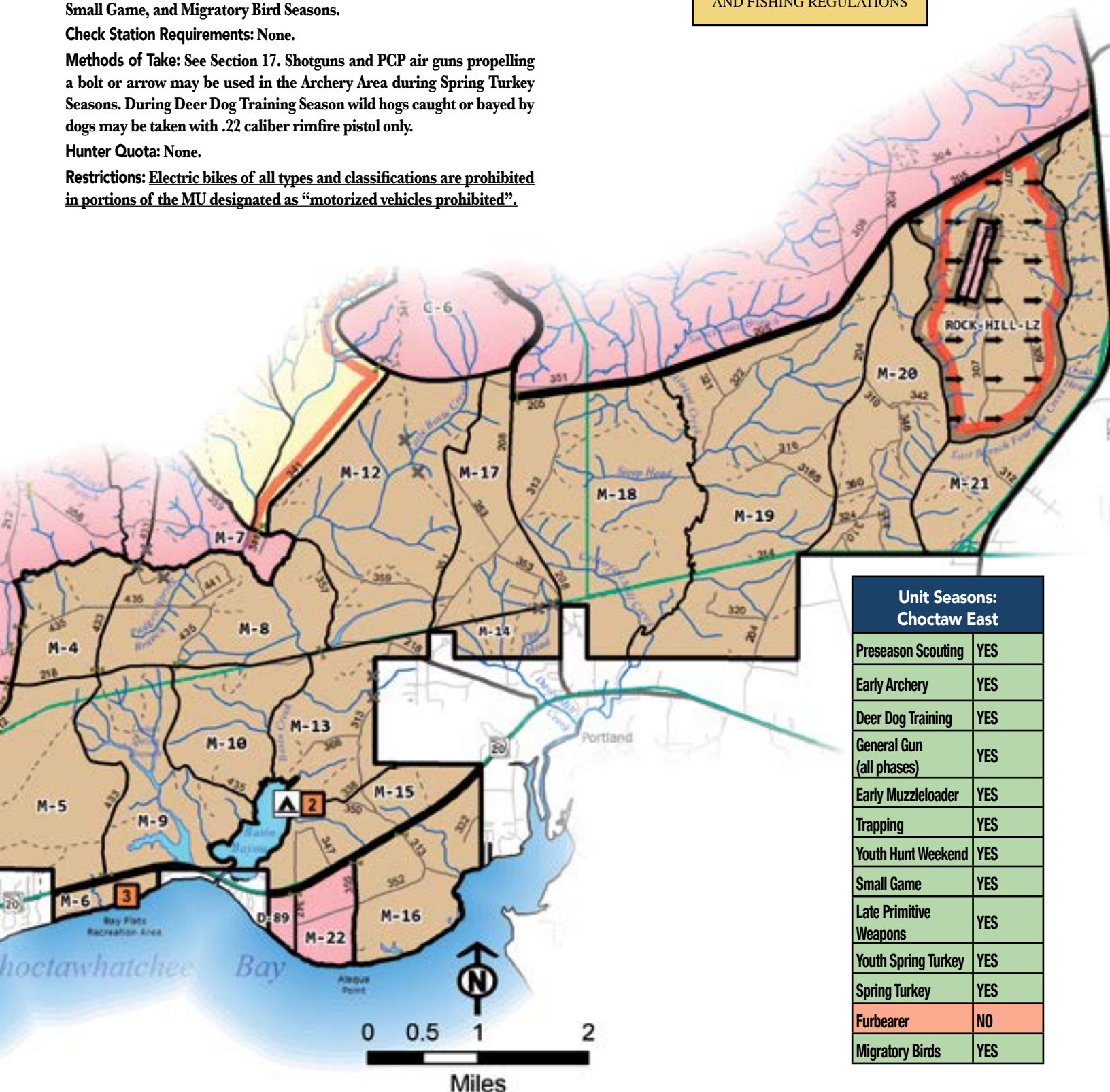
**Hunter Quota:** None.

**Restrictions:** Electric bikes of all types and classifications are prohibited in portions of the MU designated as “motorized vehicles prohibited”.

### EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE DOG HUNTING AREA

**PERMIT REQUIRED**

REFER TO CURRENT HUNTING  
AND FISHING REGULATIONS



#### Unit Seasons: Choctaw East

Preseason Scouting	YES
Early Archery	YES
Deer Dog Training	YES
General Gun (all phases)	YES
Early Muzzleloader	YES
Trapping	YES
Youth Hunt Weekend	YES
Small Game	YES
Late Primitive Weapons	YES
Youth Spring Turkey	YES
Spring Turkey	YES
Furbearer	NO
Migratory Birds	YES



## E. Choctaw North Management Unit.

Unit Size: 22,906 Acres.

Stamp Requirements: Yes (see Section 5).

Public Access: Open year-round. See accompanying chart for open seasons and Section 18 for hunting season dates.

Vehicle Restrictions: None.

Preseason Scouting: Allowed year-round.

Recreational Dogs: Allowed as outlined in Section 16.

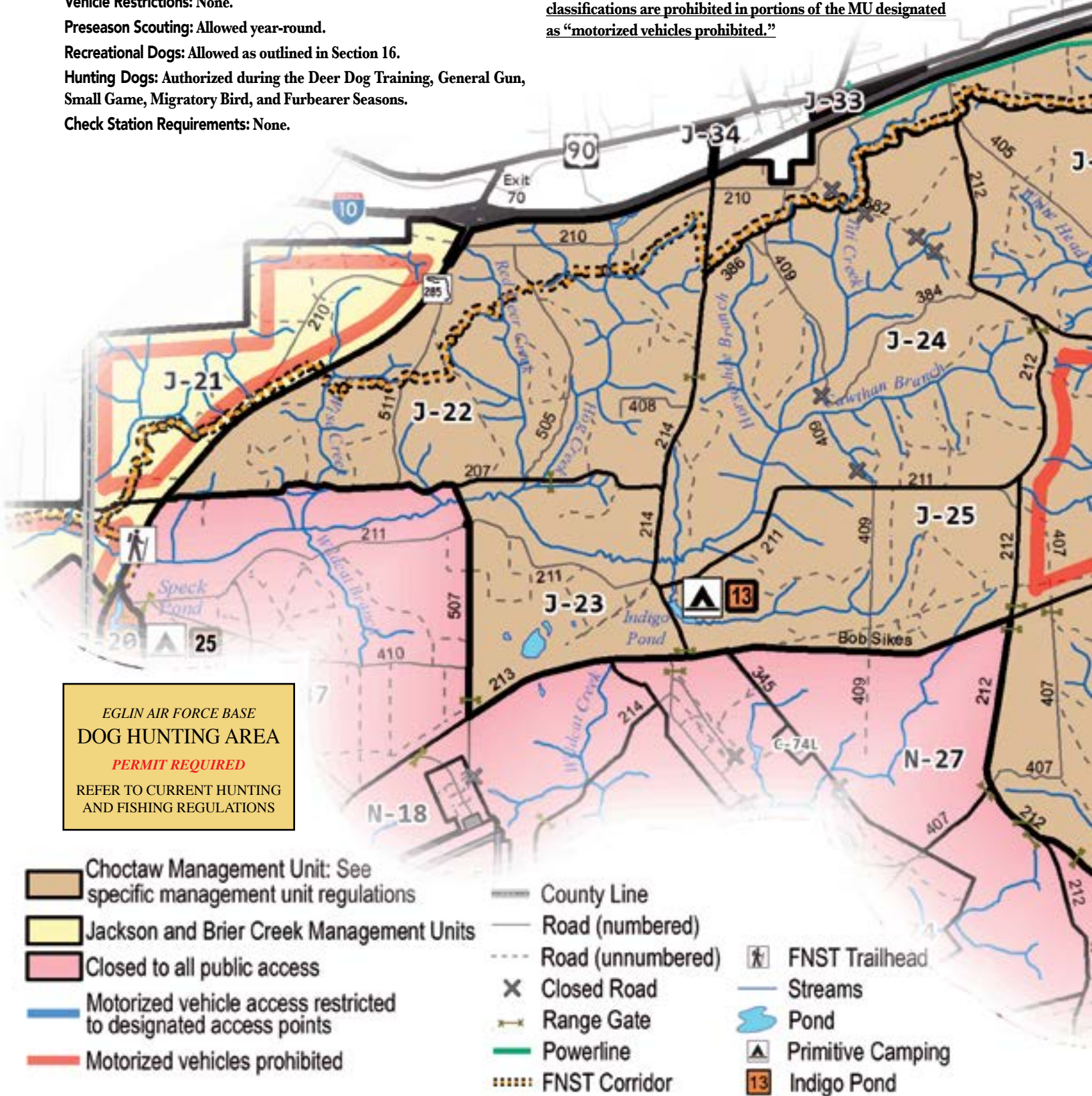
Hunting Dogs: Authorized during the Deer Dog Training, General Gun, Small Game, Migratory Bird, and Furbearer Seasons.

Check Station Requirements: None.

Methods of Take: See Section 17. During Deer Dog Training Season wild hogs caught or bayed by dogs may be taken with .22 caliber rimfire pistol only.

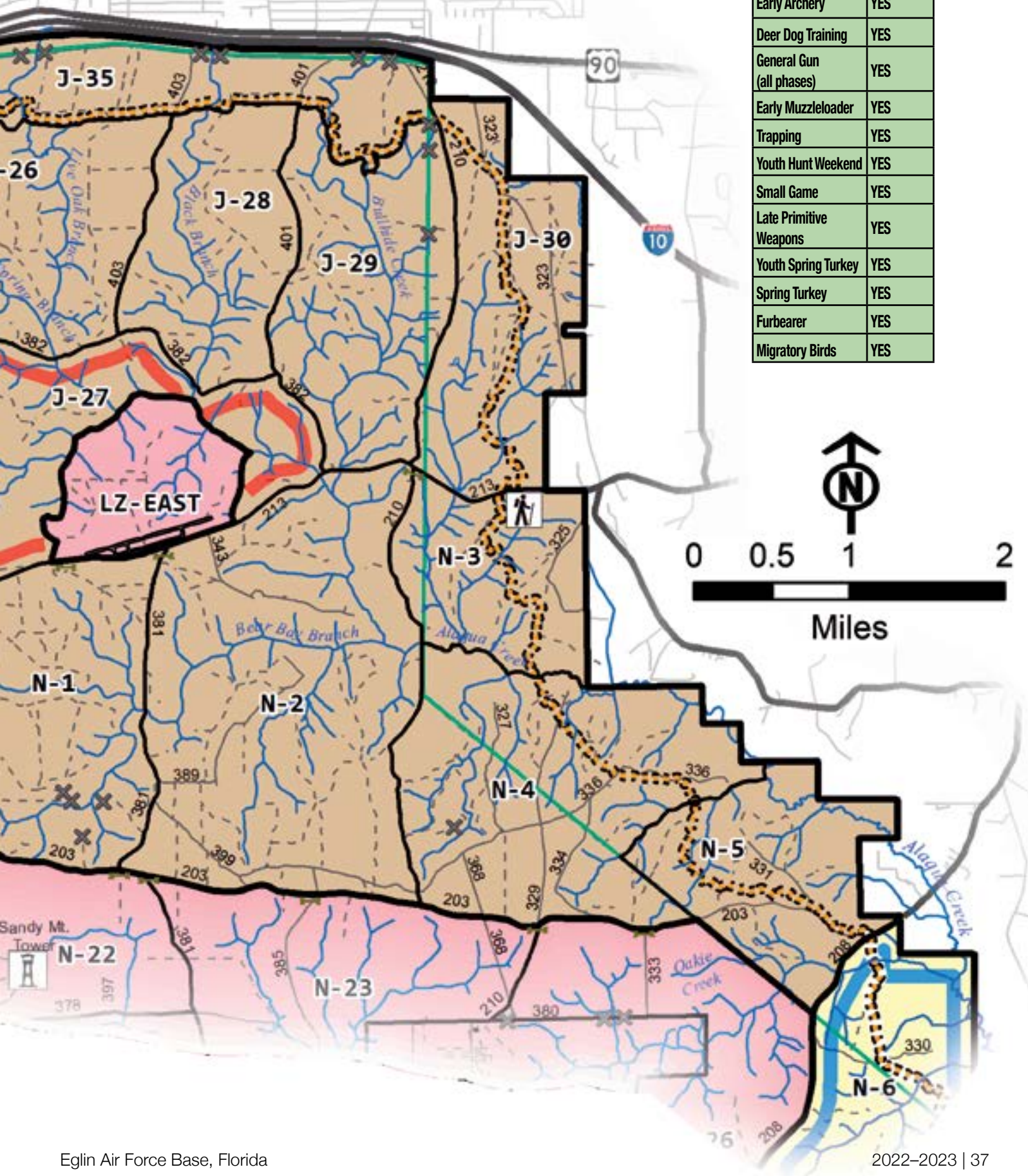
Hunter Quota: None.

Restrictions: Furbearer Season is limited to that portion of the MU north of Bob Sikes Road. Electric bikes of all types and classifications are prohibited in portions of the MU designated as "motorized vehicles prohibited."





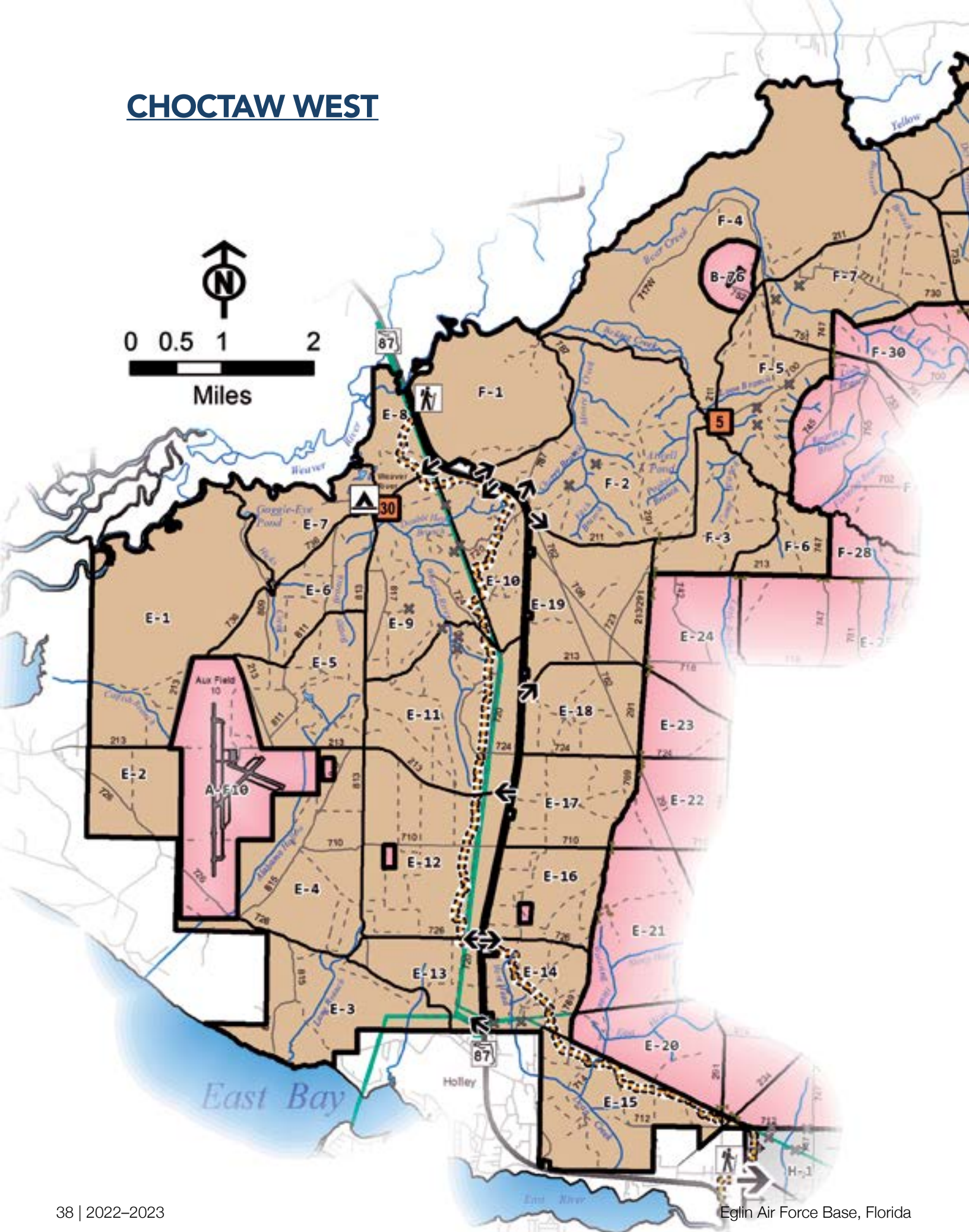
# CHOCTAW NORTH



Unit Seasons: Choctaw North	
Preseason Scouting	YES
Early Archery	YES
Deer Dog Training	YES
General Gun (all phases)	YES
Early Muzzleloader	YES
Trapping	YES
Youth Hunt Weekend	YES
Small Game	YES
Late Primitive Weapons	YES
Youth Spring Turkey	YES
Spring Turkey	YES
Furbearer	YES
Migratory Birds	YES



# CHOCTAW WEST





EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE  
**DOG HUNTING AREA**  
*PERMIT REQUIRED*  
 REFER TO CURRENT HUNTING  
 AND FISHING REGULATIONS

## F. Choctaw West Management Unit.

**Unit Size:** 33,202 Acres.

**Stamp Requirements:** Yes (see Section 5).

**Public Access:** Open year-round. See accompanying chart for open seasons and Section 18 for hunting season dates.

**Vehicle Restrictions:** None.

**Preseason Scouting:** Allowed year-round.

**Recreational Dogs:** Allowed as outlined in Section 16.

**Hunting Dogs:** Authorized during Deer Dog Training, General Gun, Small Game, Migratory Bird, and Furbearer Seasons.

**Check Station Requirements:** None.

**Methods of Take:** See Section 17. During Deer Dog Training Season wild hogs caught or bayed by dogs may be taken with .22 caliber rimfire pistol only.

**Hunter Quota:** None.

**Restrictions:** None.

-  Choctaw Management Unit: See specific management unit regulations
-  Metts Management Unit
-  Closed to all public access
-  Vehicle access point
-  County Line
-  Road (numbered)
-  Road (unnumbered)
-  Closed Road
-  Range Gate
-  FNST Corridor
-  FNST Trailhead
-  Powerline
-  Streams
-  Pond
-  Primitive Camping
-  Boiling Creek
-  Weaver River

Unit Seasons: Choctaw West	
Preseason Scouting	YES
Early Archery	YES
Deer Dog Training	YES
General Gun (all phases)	YES
Early Muzzleloader	YES
Trapping	YES
Youth Hunt Weekend	YES
Small Game	YES
Late Primitive Weapons	YES
Youth Spring Turkey	YES
Spring Turkey	YES
Furbearer	YES
Migratory Birds	YES





## G. East River Management Unit. (Archery Only)

**Unit Size:** 4,511 Acres.

**Stamp Requirements:** None.

**Public Access:** Open year-round. See accompanying chart for open seasons and Section 18 for hunting season dates.

**Vehicle Restrictions:** The majority of the East River MU is closed to vehicle access. The eastern portion of the MU cannot be accessed from RR259 @ Hwy 98.

**Preseason Scouting:** Allowed year-round.

**Recreational Dogs:** Allowed as outlined in Section 16 outside of established hunting season dates.

**Hunting Dogs:** Prohibited except when retrieving downed game (see Section 16).

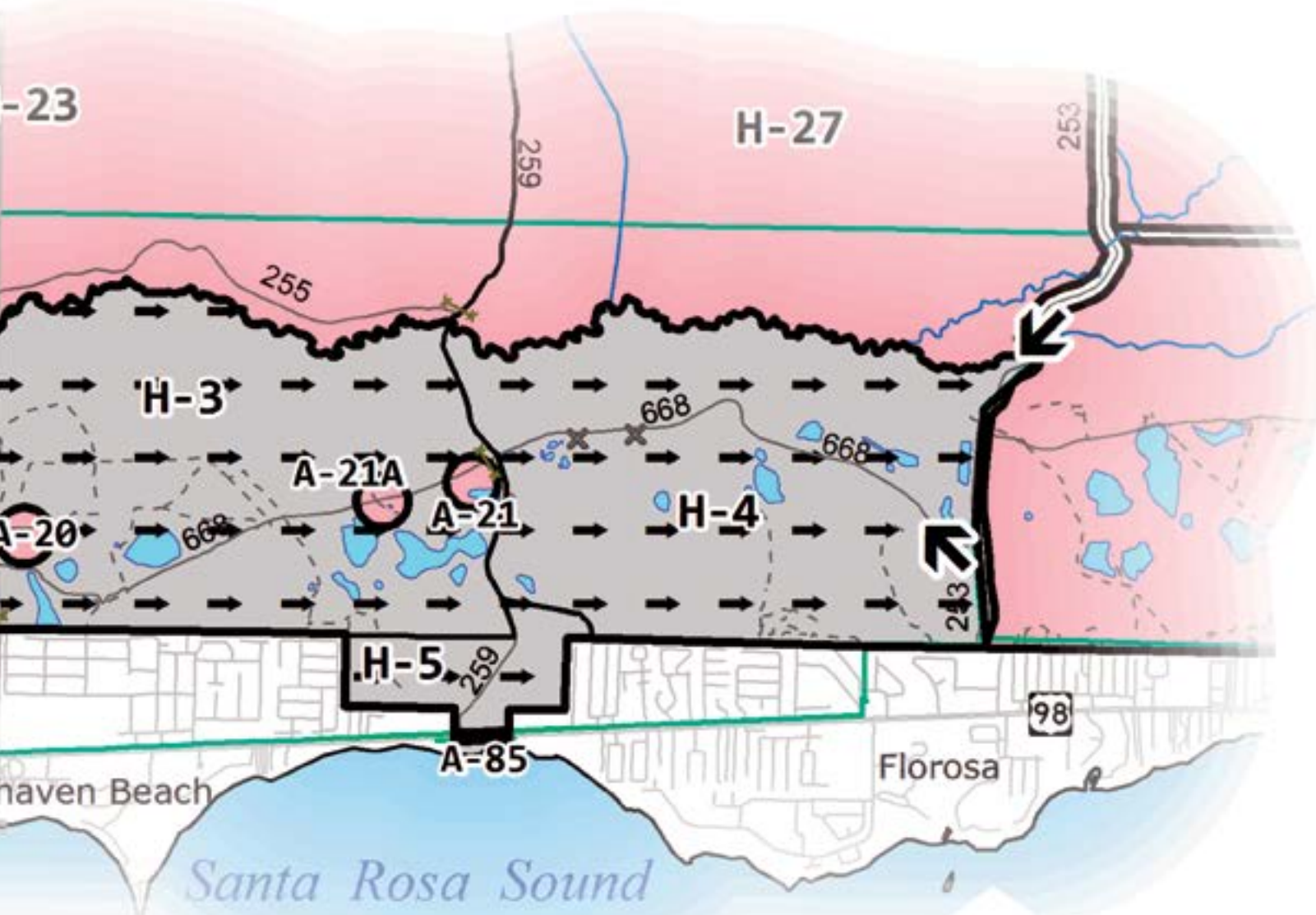
**Check Station Requirements:** None.

**Methods of Take:** Archery equipment only during all seasons except that shotguns and PCP air guns propelling a bolt or arrow may be used during Spring Turkey Seasons (see also Section 17).

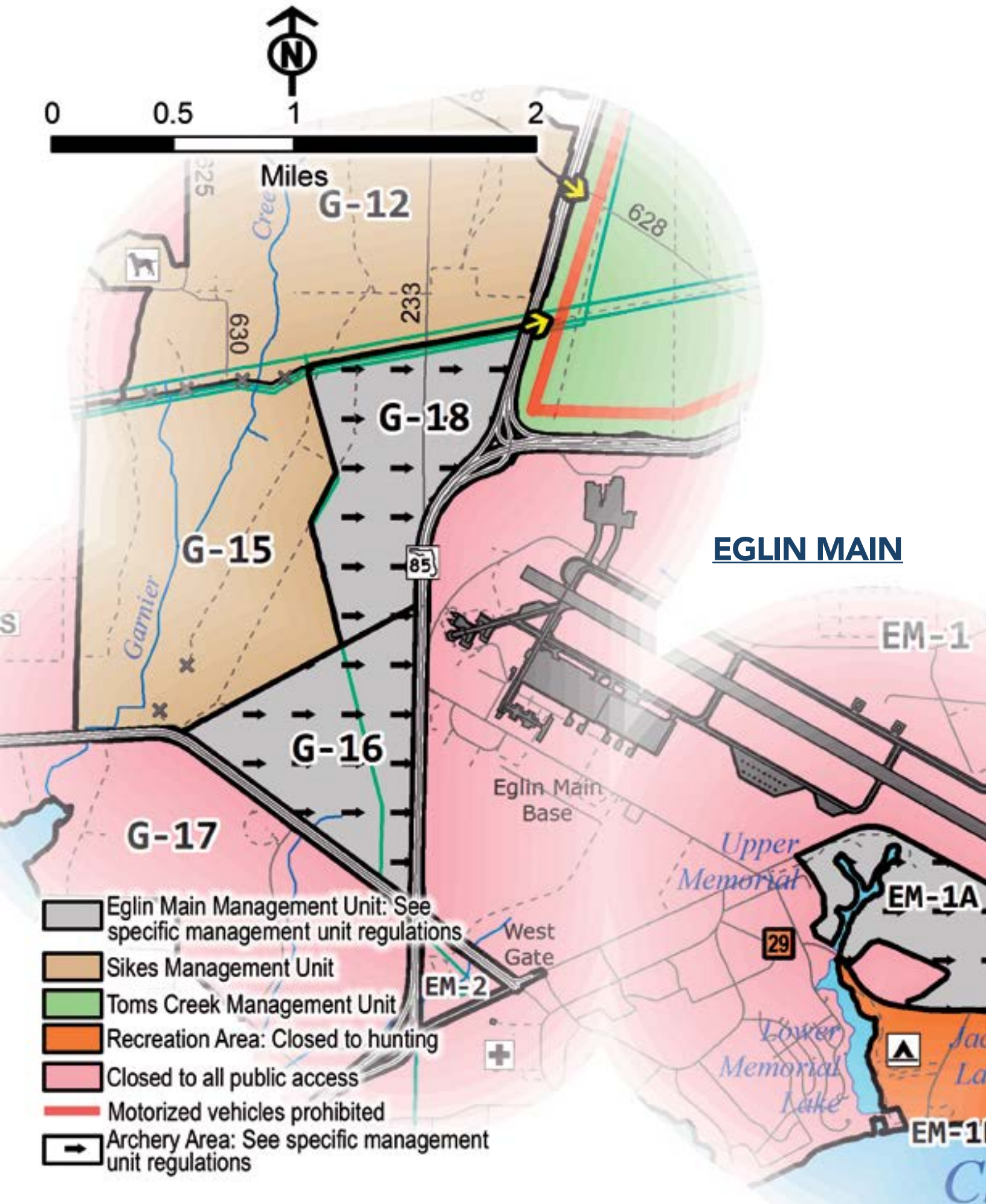
**Hunter Quota:** None.

**Restrictions:** None.

Unit Seasons: East River	
Preseason Scouting	YES
Early Archery	YES
Deer Dog Training	NO
General Gun (all phases)	YES
Early Muzzleloader	NO
Trapping	NO
Youth Hunt Weekend	YES
Small Game	NO
Late Primitive Weapons	YES
Youth Spring Turkey	YES
Spring Turkey	YES
Furbearer	NO
Migratory Birds	NO







## H. Eglin Main Management Unit. (Archery Only)

Unit Size: 1,654 Acres.

Stamp Requirements: None.

**Public Access:** Portions of the MU inside the fence are restricted to DoD-affiliated personnel and escorted guest(s). Portions of the MU outside the fence (TTAs G-16 and G-18) are not subject to DoD-affiliated restrictions. Access to TTA A-22 is restricted to weekends and Federal Holidays. See accompanying chart for open seasons and Section 18 for hunting season dates.

**Vehicle Restrictions:** None.

**Preseason Scouting:** Allowed year-round in accordance with Public Access restrictions noted above.

**Recreational Dogs:** Allowed as outlined in Section 16.

**Hunting Dogs:** Prohibited except when retrieving downed game (see Section 16). Dog training is restricted to designated bird dog training areas only, but use of blank pistols and pigeons as training aids is prohibited.

**Check Station Requirements:** None.

**Methods of Take:** Portions of the MU inside the fence are restricted to archery equipment only during all seasons. During Spring Turkey Seasons shotguns and PCP air guns propelling a bolt or arrow are authorized on portions of the MU outside the fence (TTAs G-16 and G-18).

**Hunter Quota:** None.

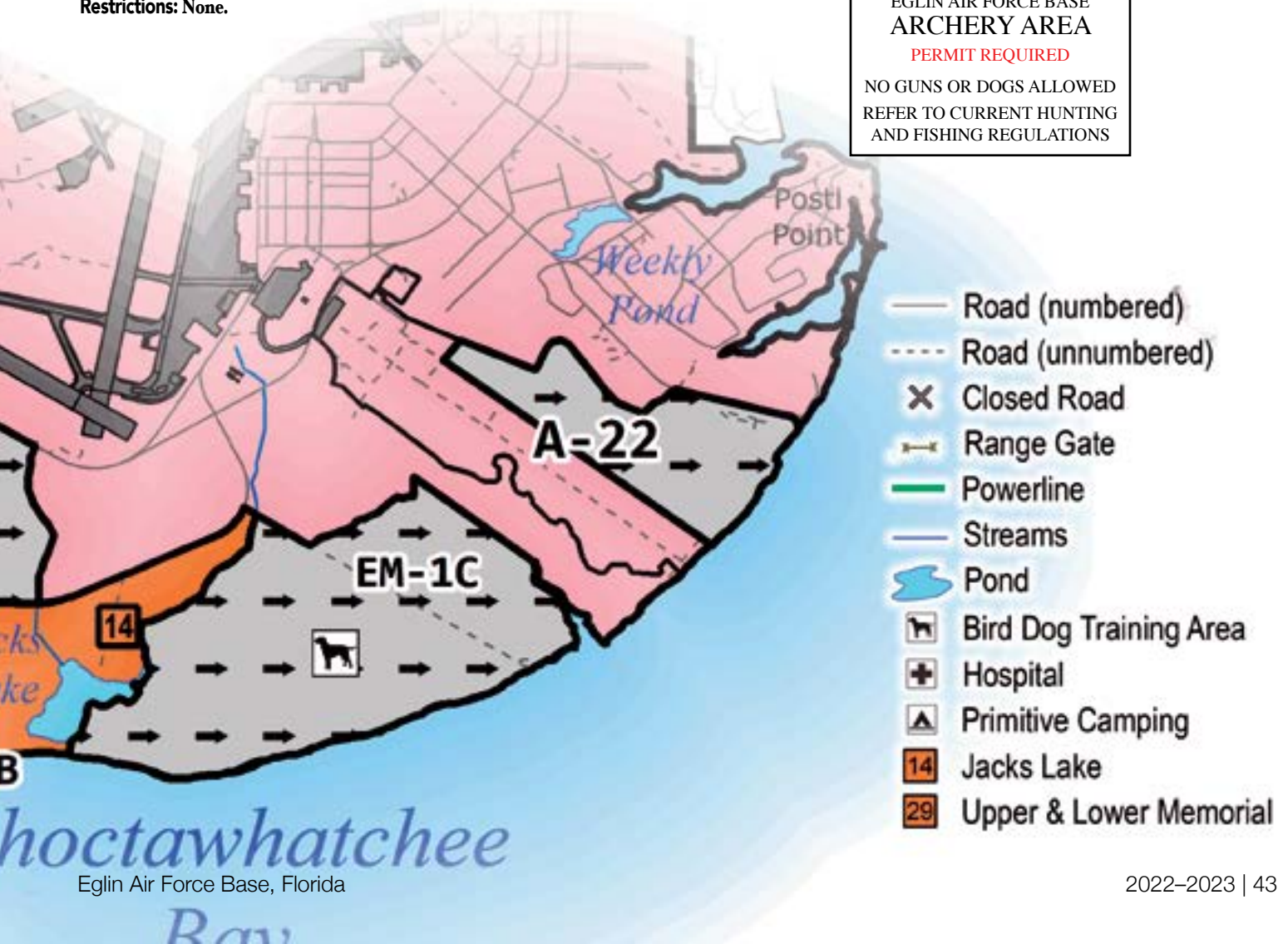
**Restrictions:** None.

Unit Seasons: Eglin Main	
Preseason Scouting	YES
Early Archery	YES
Deer Dog Training	NO
General Gun (all phases)	YES
Early Muzzleloader	NO
Trapping	NO
Youth Hunt Weekend	YES
Small Game	NO
Late Primitive Weapons	YES
Youth Spring Turkey	YES
Spring Turkey	YES
Furbearer	NO
Migratory Birds	NO

### EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE ARCHERY AREA

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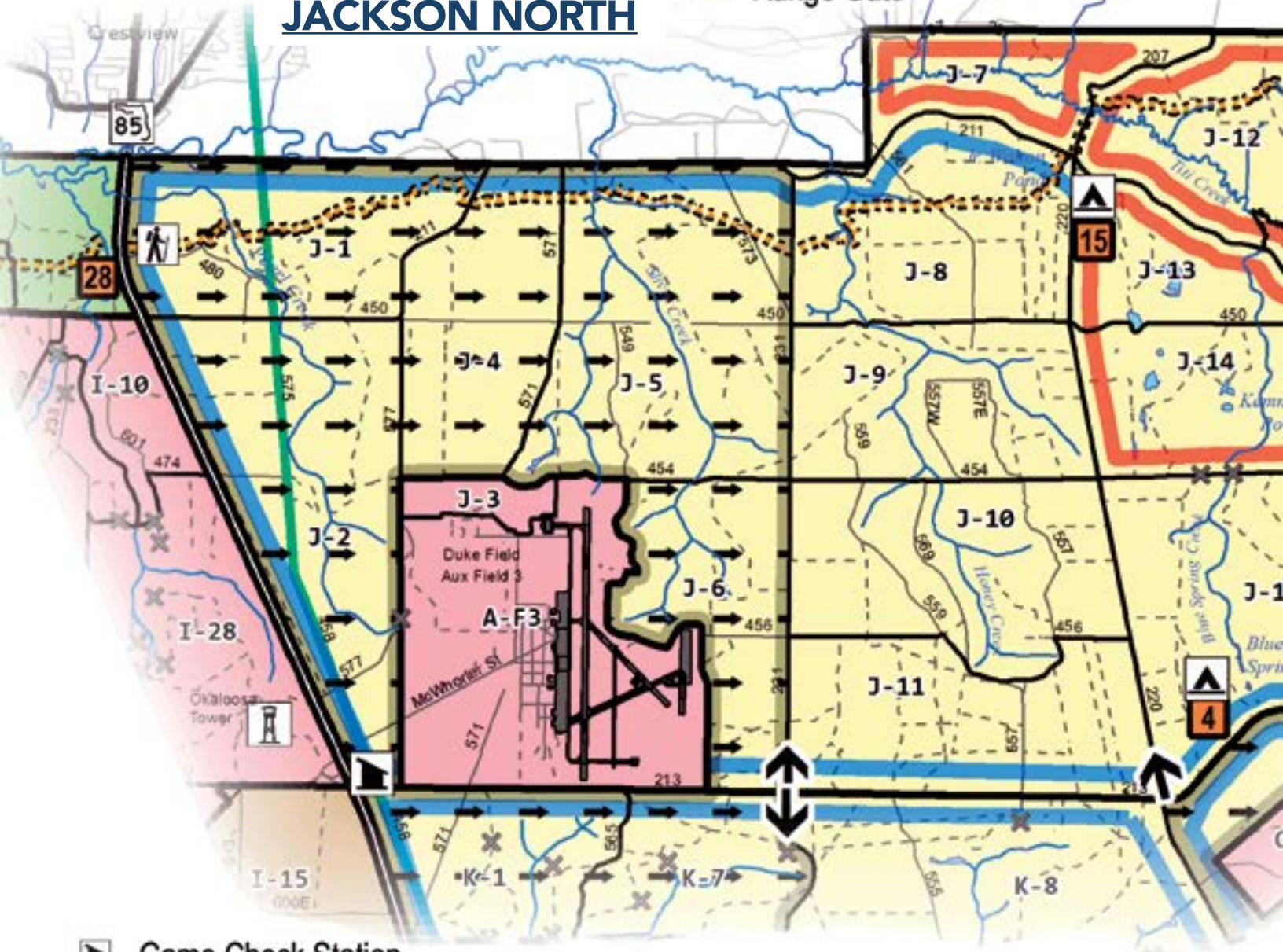
NO GUNS OR DOGS ALLOWED  
REFER TO CURRENT HUNTING  
AND FISHING REGULATIONS





-  Jackson Management Unit: See specific management unit regulations
-  Metts Management Unit
-  Choctaw and Sikes Management Units
-  Recreation Area: Closed to hunting
-  Closed to all public access
-  Archery Area: See specific management unit regulations
-  Motorized vehicle access restricted to designated access points
-  Motorized vehicles prohibited
-  Vehicle access point
-  County Line
-  Road (numbered)
-  Road (unnumbered)
-  Closed Road
-  Range Gate

## JACKSON NORTH



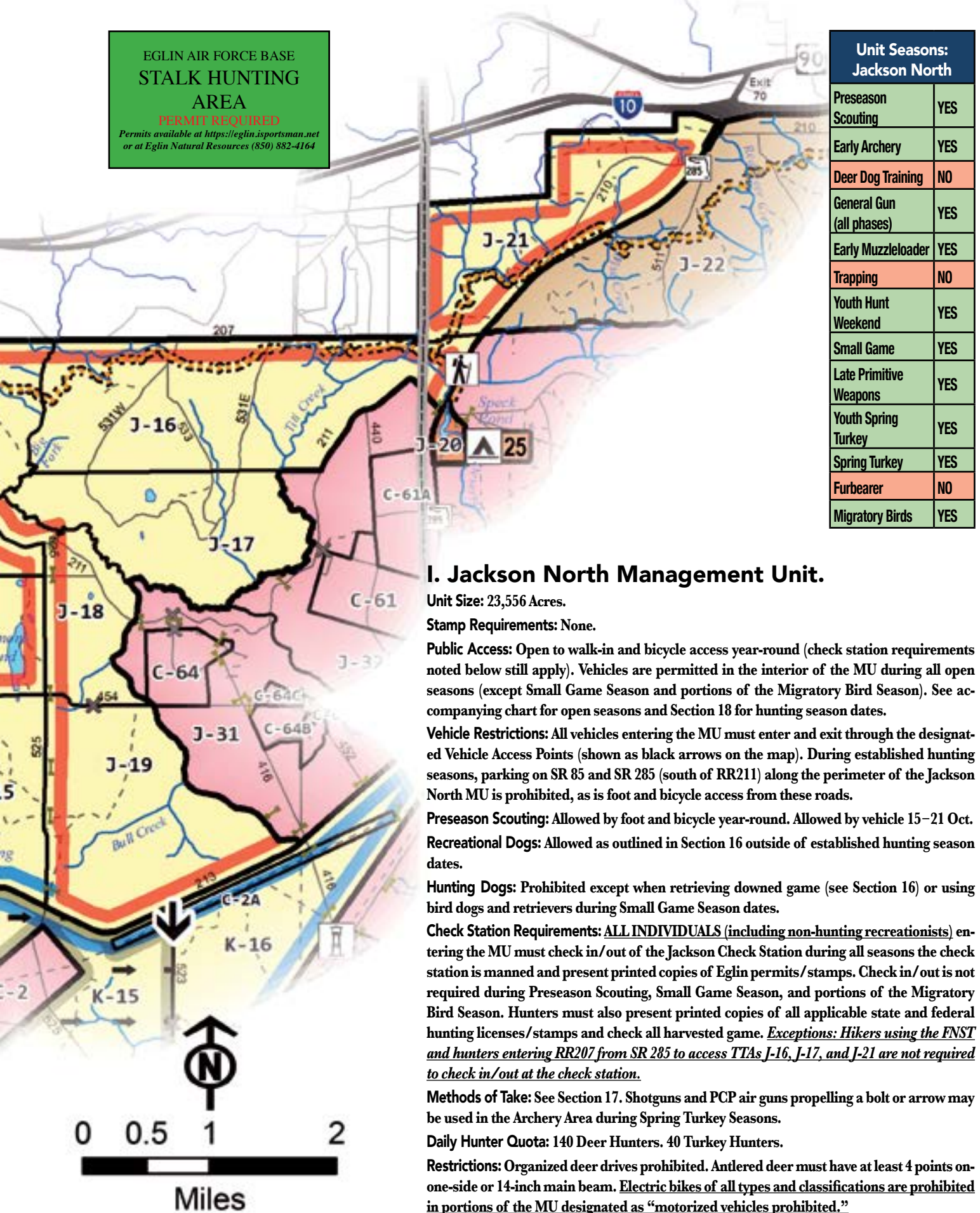
-  Game Check Station
-  Primitive Camping
-  Blue Springs
-  Jr. Walton Pond
-  Speck Pond
-  Turkey Hen Flats
-  Powerline
-  FNST Corridor
-  FNST Trailhead
-  Streams
-  Pond



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STALK HUNTING  
AREA

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Unit Seasons:  
Jackson North

Preseason Scouting	YES
Early Archery	YES
Deer Dog Training	NO
General Gun (all phases)	YES
Early Muzzleloader	YES
Trapping	NO
Youth Hunt Weekend	YES
Small Game	YES
Late Primitive Weapons	YES
Youth Spring Turkey	YES
Spring Turkey	YES
Furbearer	NO
Migratory Birds	YES

## I. Jackson North Management Unit.

Unit Size: 23,556 Acres.

Stamp Requirements: None.

**Public Access:** Open to walk-in and bicycle access year-round (check station requirements noted below still apply). Vehicles are permitted in the interior of the MU during all open seasons (except Small Game Season and portions of the Migratory Bird Season). See accompanying chart for open seasons and Section 18 for hunting season dates.

**Vehicle Restrictions:** All vehicles entering the MU must enter and exit through the designated Vehicle Access Points (shown as black arrows on the map). During established hunting seasons, parking on SR 85 and SR 285 (south of RR211) along the perimeter of the Jackson North MU is prohibited, as is foot and bicycle access from these roads.

**Preseason Scouting:** Allowed by foot and bicycle year-round. Allowed by vehicle 15–21 Oct.

**Recreational Dogs:** Allowed as outlined in Section 16 outside of established hunting season dates.

**Hunting Dogs:** Prohibited except when retrieving downed game (see Section 16) or using bird dogs and retrievers during Small Game Season dates.

**Check Station Requirements:** ALL INDIVIDUALS (including non-hunting recreationists) entering the MU must check in/out of the Jackson Check Station during all seasons the check station is manned and present printed copies of Eglin permits/stamps. Check in/out is not required during Preseason Scouting, Small Game Season, and portions of the Migratory Bird Season. Hunters must also present printed copies of all applicable state and federal hunting licenses/stamps and check all harvested game. Exceptions: Hikers using the FNST and hunters entering RR207 from SR 285 to access TTAs J-16, J-17, and J-21 are not required to check in/out at the check station.

**Methods of Take:** See Section 17. Shotguns and PCP air guns propelling a bolt or arrow may be used in the Archery Area during Spring Turkey Seasons.

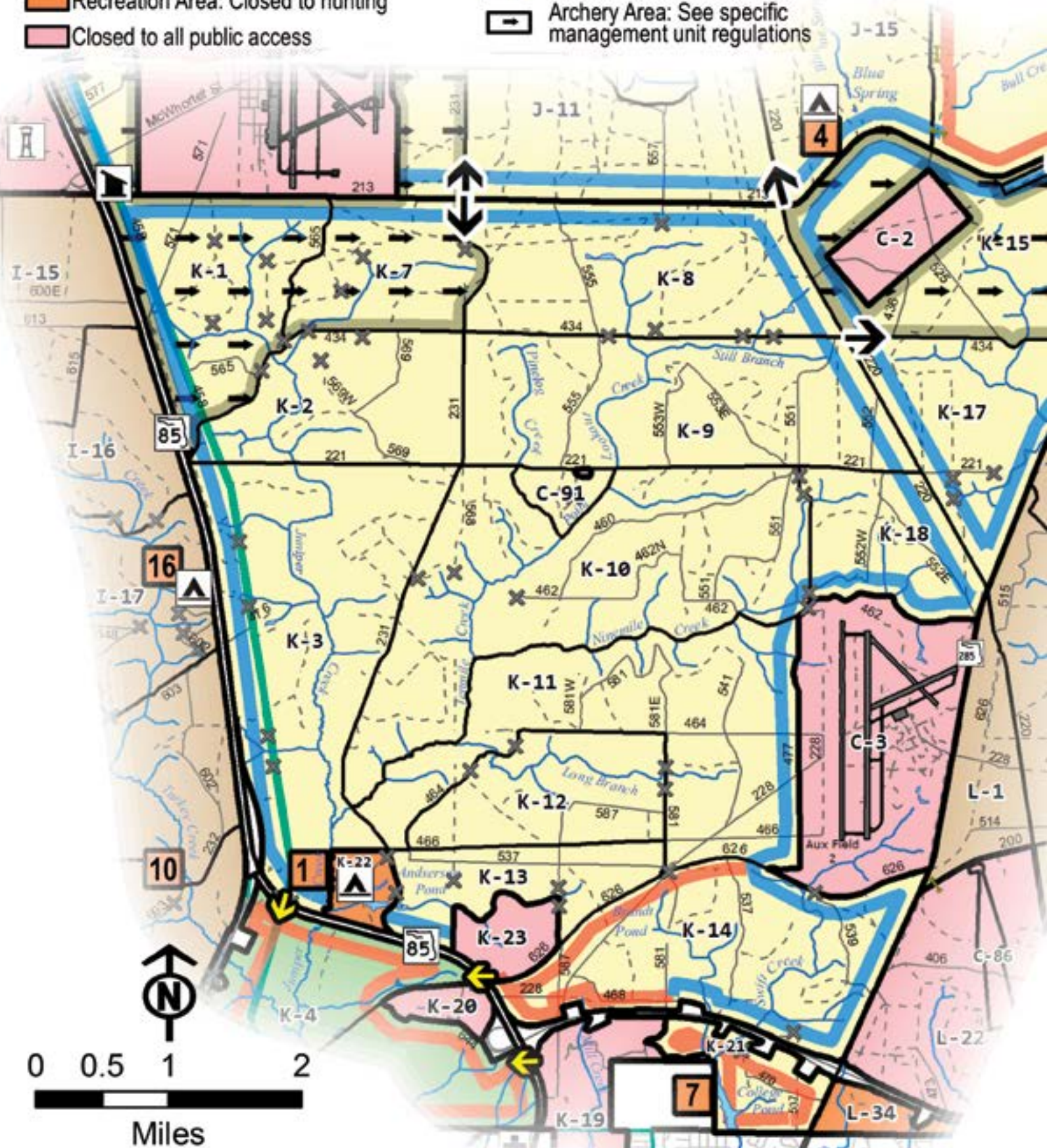
**Daily Hunter Quota:** 140 Deer Hunters. 40 Turkey Hunters.

**Restrictions:** Organized deer drives prohibited. Antlered deer must have at least 4 points on one-side or 14-inch main beam. Electric bikes of all types and classifications are prohibited in portions of the MU designated as “motorized vehicles prohibited.”



- Jackson Management Unit: See specific management unit regulations
- Toms Creek Management Unit
- Choctaw and Sikes Management Units
- Recreation Area: Closed to hunting
- Closed to all public access

- Motorized vehicle access restricted to designated access points
- Motorized vehicles prohibited
- Vehicle access point
- Walk-in access point
- Archery Area: See specific management unit regulations







## J. Jackson South Management Unit.

Unit Size: 22,425 Acres.

Stamp Requirements: None.

**Public Access:** Open to walk-in and bicycle access year-round (check station requirements noted below still apply). Vehicles are permitted in the interior of the MU during all open seasons (except Small Game Season and portions of the Migratory Bird Season). See accompanying chart for open seasons and Section 18 for hunting season dates.

**Vehicle Restrictions:** All vehicles entering the MU must enter and exit through the designated Vehicle Access Points (shown as black arrows on the map). During established hunting seasons, parking on SR 85 (south of RR211), SR 285 and SR 293 along the perimeter of the Jackson South MU is prohibited, as is foot and bicycle access from these roads. Exception: Hunters that have checked through the check station may park on College Blvd. and enter and exit the MU on foot or bicycle.

**Preseason Scouting:** Allowed by foot and bicycle year-round. Allowed by vehicle 15–21 Oct.

**Recreational Dogs:** Allowed as outlined in Section 16 outside of established hunting season dates.

**Hunting Dogs:** Prohibited except when retrieving downed game (see Section 16) or using bird dogs and retrievers during Small Game Season dates.

**Check Station Requirements:** ALL INDIVIDUALS (including non-hunting recreationists) entering the MU must check in/out of the Jackson Check Station during all seasons the check station is manned and present printed copies of Eglin permits/stamps. Check in/out is not required during Preseason Scouting, Small Game Season, and portions of the Migratory Bird Season. Hunters must also present printed copies of all applicable state and federal hunting licenses/stamps and check all harvested game.

**Methods of Take:** See Section 17. Shotguns and PCP air guns propelling a bolt or arrow may be used in the Archery Area during Spring Turkey Seasons.

**Daily Hunter Quota:** 200 Deer Hunters. 50 Turkey Hunters.

**Restrictions:** Organized deer drives prohibited. Antlered deer must have at least 4 points on-one-side or 14-inch main beam. Electric bikes of all types and classifications are prohibited in portions of the MU designated as “motorized vehicles prohibited.”

## JACKSON SOUTH

- County Line
- Road (numbered)
- Road (unnumbered)
- Closed Road
- Range Gate
- Powerline
- Streams
- Pond
- Game Check Station
- Primitive Camping
- Anderson Pond
- Blue Springs
- College Pond
- Goodin Bridge
- Kepner

### EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE STALK HUNTING AREA

#### PERMIT REQUIRED

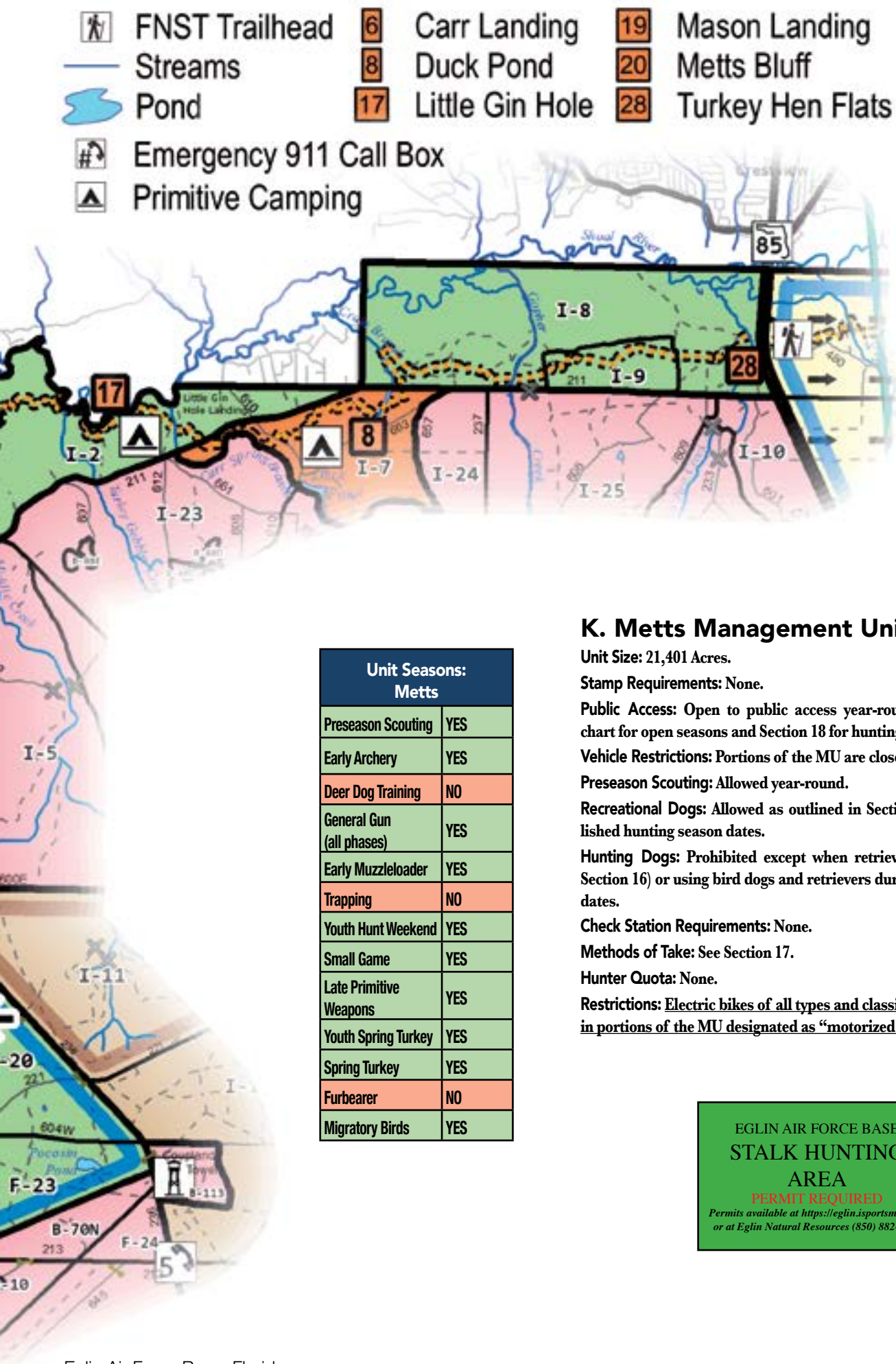
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Unit Seasons: Jackson South	
Preseason Scouting	YES
Early Archery	YES
Deer Dog Training	NO
General Gun (all phases)	YES
Early Muzzleloader	YES
Trapping	NO
Youth Hunt Weekend	YES
Small Game	YES
Late Primitive Weapons	YES
Youth Spring Turkey	YES
Spring Turkey	YES
Furbearer	NO
Migratory Birds	YES
























**K. Metts Management Unit.**

Unit Size: 21,401 Acres.  
Stamp Requirements: None.  
Public Access: Open to public access year-round. See accompanying chart for open seasons and Section 18 for hunting season dates.  
Vehicle Restrictions: Portions of the MU are closed to vehicle access.  
Preseason Scouting: Allowed year-round.  
Recreational Dogs: Allowed as outlined in Section 16 outside of established hunting season dates.  
Hunting Dogs: Prohibited except when retrieving downed game (see Section 16) or using bird dogs and retrievers during Small Game Season dates.  
Check Station Requirements: None.  
Methods of Take: See Section 17.  
Hunter Quota: None.  
Restrictions: Electric bikes of all types and classifications are prohibited in portions of the MU designated as “motorized vehicles prohibited.”

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STALK HUNTING  
AREA  
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-  Roberts Pond Management Unit: See specific management unit regulations
-  Sikes Management Unit
-  Recreation Area: Closed to hunting
-  Closed to all public access
-  Archery Area: See specific management unit regulations
-  Motorized vehicles prohibited
-  Motorized vehicles allowed during designated seasons
-  Vehicle access point
-  Road (numbered)
-  Road (unnumbered)
-  Closed Road
-  Range Gate
-  Powerline
-  Streams
-  Pond

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## L. Roberts Pond Management Unit.

Unit Size: 16,753 Acres.

Stamp Requirements: None.

Public Access: Open to public access year-round.

Vehicle Restrictions: Portions of the MU closed to vehicle access. See accompanying chart for open seasons and Section 18 for hunting season dates.

Preseason Scouting: Allowed year-round.

Recreational Dogs: Allowed as outlined in Section 16 outside of established hunting season dates.

Hunting Dogs: Prohibited except when retrieving downed game (see Section 16) or using bird dogs and retrievers during Small Game Season dates.

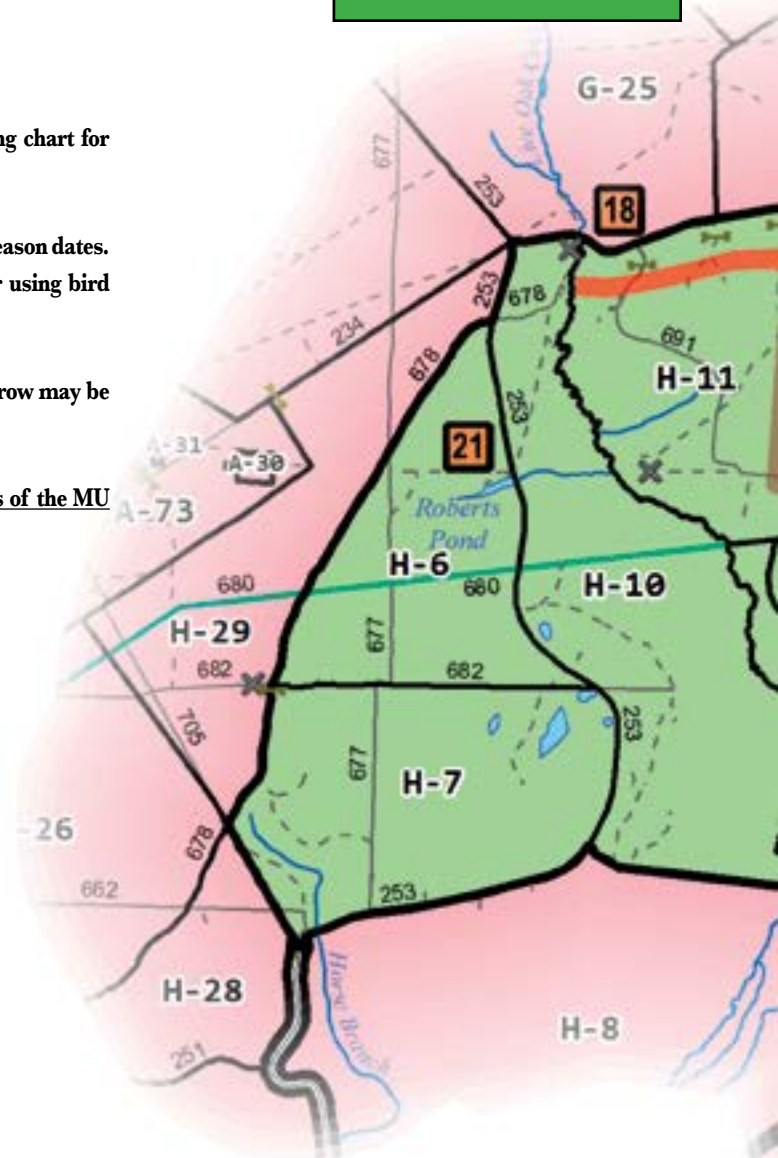
Check Station Requirements: None.

Methods of Take: See Section 17. Shotguns and PCP air guns propelling a bolt or arrow may be used in the Archery Area during Spring Turkey Seasons.

Hunter Quota: None.

Restrictions: Electric bikes of all types and classifications are prohibited in portions of the MU designated as "motorized vehicles prohibited."

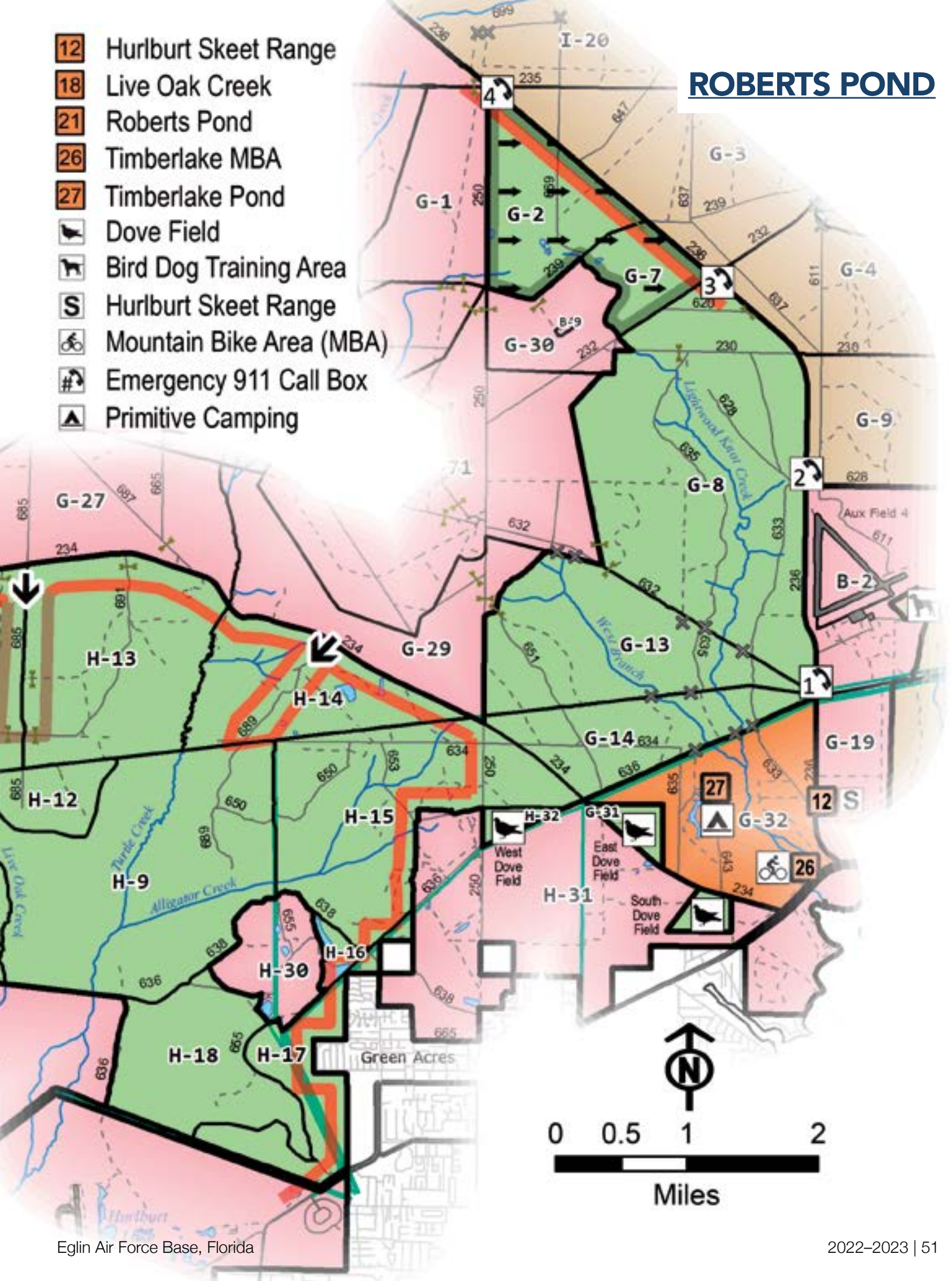
Unit Seasons: Roberts Pond	
Preseason Scouting	YES
Early Archery	YES
Deer Dog Training	NO
General Gun (all phases)	YES
Early Muzzleloader	YES
Trapping	NO
Youth Hunt Weekend	YES
Small Game	YES
Late Primitive Weapons	YES
Youth Spring Turkey	YES
Spring Turkey	YES
Furbearer	NO
Migratory Birds	YES





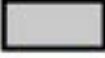





# ROBERTS POND

- 12** Hurlburt Skeet Range
- 18** Live Oak Creek
- 21** Roberts Pond
- 26** Timberlake MBA
- 27** Timberlake Pond
-  Dove Field
-  Bird Dog Training Area
- S** Hurlburt Skeet Range
-  Mountain Bike Area (MBA)
-  Emergency 911 Call Box
-  Primitive Camping





-  Sikes Management Unit: See specific management unit regulations
-  Metts, Roberts Pond and Toms Creek Management Units
-  Eglin Main Management Unit
-  Jackson Management Unit
-  Recreation Area: Closed to hunting
-  Closed to all public access

-  Road (numbered)
-  Road (unnumbered)
-  Closed Road
-  Range Gate
-  Powerline
-  Streams
-  Pond
-  Bird Dog Training Area
-  Hurlburt Skeet Range
-  Mountain Bike Area (MBA)
-  Emergency 911 Call Box
-  Game Check Station

-  Archery Area: See specific management unit regulations
-  Motorized vehicles allowed during designated seasons
-  Motorized vehicle access restricted to designated access points
-  Motorized vehicles prohibited
-  Vehicle access point
-  Walk-in access point

-  Primitive Camping
-  Anderson Pond
-  Goodin Bridge
-  Hippie Hole
-  Hurlburt Skeet Range
-  Kepner
-  Timberlake MBA



## M. Sikes Management Unit.

**Unit Size:** 29,307 Acres.

**Stamp Requirements:** Yes (see Section 5).

**Public Access:** Open to public access year-round. See accompanying chart for open seasons and Section 18 for hunting season dates.

**Vehicle Restrictions:** Portions of the MU are seasonally closed to vehicle access.

**Preseason Scouting:** Allowed year-round.

**Recreational Dogs:** Allowed as outlined in Section 16.

**Hunting Dogs:** Authorized during the Deer Dog Training, General Gun, Small Game, and Migratory Bird Seasons.

**Check Station Requirements:** None.

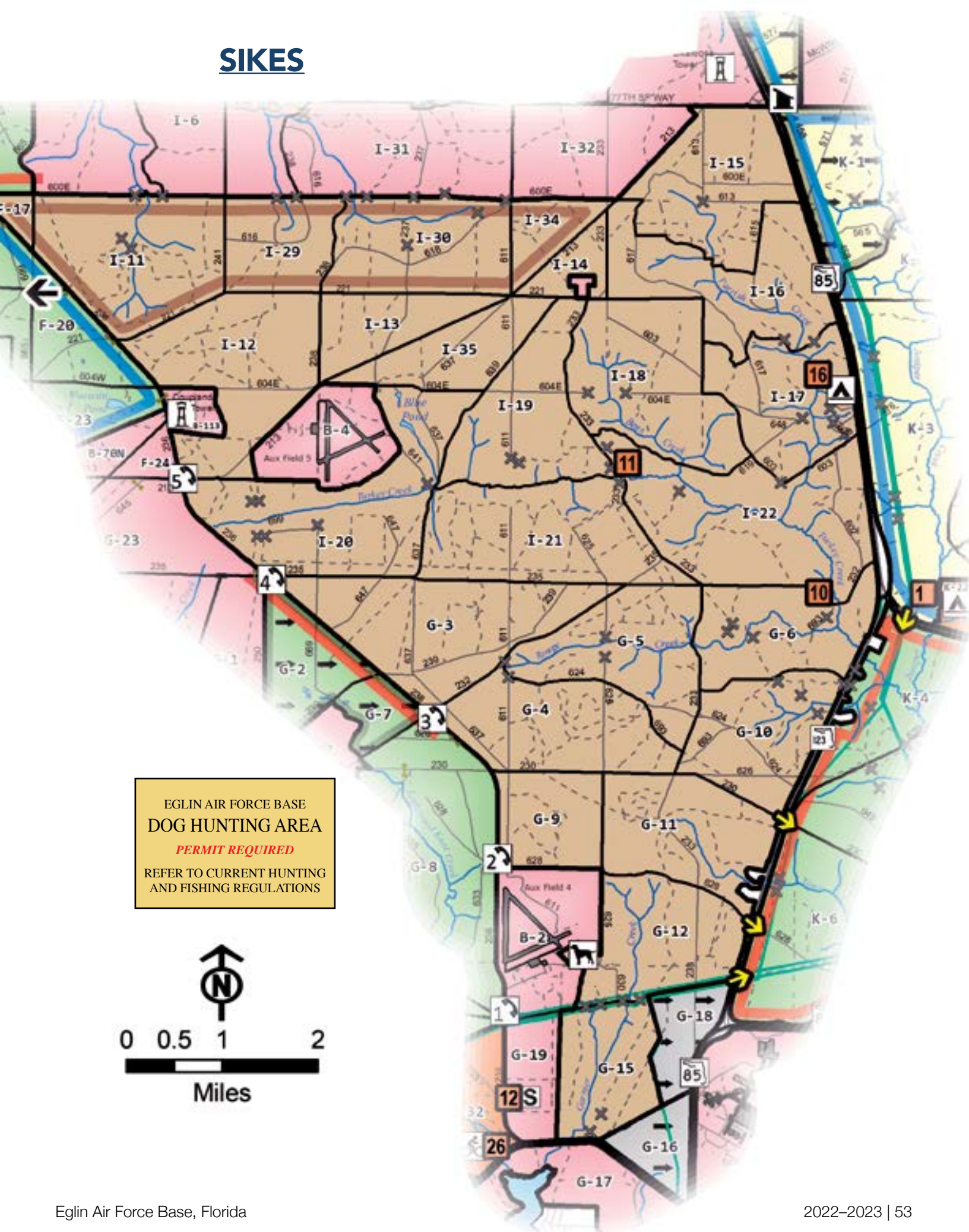
**Methods of Take:** See Section 17. During Deer Dog Training Season wild hogs caught or bayed by dogs may be taken with .22 caliber rimfire pistol only.

**Hunter Quota:** None.

**Restrictions:** None.














Unit Seasons: Sikes	
Preseason Scouting	YES
Early Archery	YES
Deer Dog Training	YES
General Gun (all phases)	YES
Early Muzzleloader	NO
Trapping	NO
Youth Hunt Weekend	YES
Small Game	YES
Late Primitive Weapons	NO
Youth Spring Turkey	YES
Spring Turkey	YES
Furbearer	NO
Migratory Birds	YES

# SIKES





-  Toms Creek Management Unit: See specific management unit regulations
-  Sikes Management Unit
-  Jackson Management Unit
-  Eglin Main Management Unit
-  Recreation Area: Closed to hunting
-  Closed to all public access
-  Archery Area: See specific management unit regulations
-  Permit Sales Office
-  Hospital

-  Motorized vehicle access restricted to designated access points
-  Motorized vehicles prohibited
-  Walk-in access point
-  Road (numbered)
-  Road (unnumbered)
-  Closed Road
-  Range Gate
-  Powerline
-  Streams
-  Pond
-  Primitive Camping
-  Anderson Pond
-  Goodin Bridge

## N. Toms Creek Management Unit.

Unit Size: 4,984 Acres.

Stamp Requirements: None.

**Public Access:** Open to walk-in and bicycle access year-round. Parking along SR 85 (south of the Hwy 123 interchange) for walk-in access is allowed. See accompanying chart for open seasons and Section 18 for hunting season dates.

**Vehicle Restrictions:** All vehicles prohibited.

**Preseason Scouting:** Allowed by foot and traditional bicycle year-round.

**Recreational Dogs:** Allowed as outlined in Section 16 outside of established hunting season dates.

**Hunting Dogs:** Prohibited except when retrieving downed game (see Section 16) or using bird dogs and retrievers during Small Game Season dates.

**Check Station Requirements:** None.

**Methods of Take:** See Section 17.

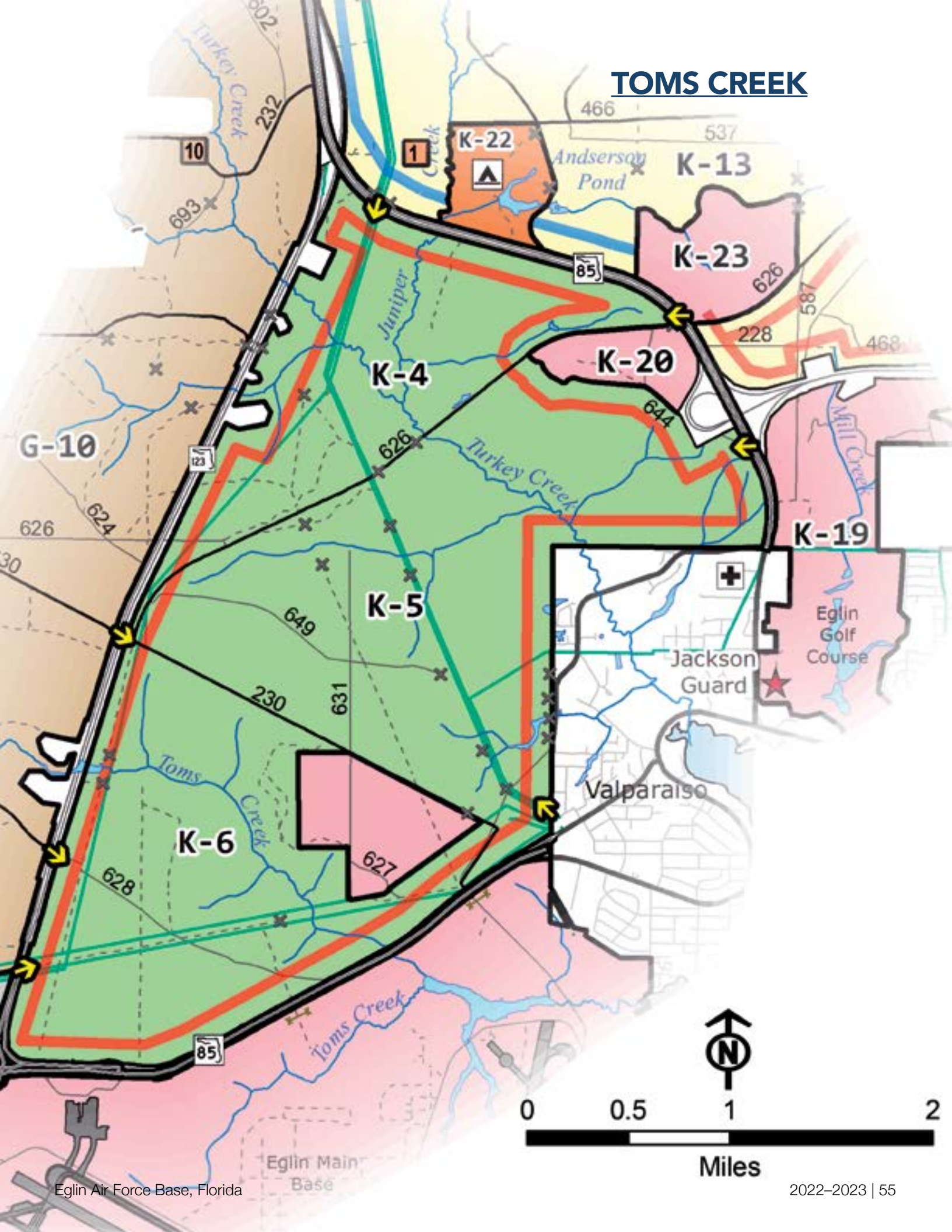
**Hunter Quota:** None.

**Restrictions:** Electric bikes of all types and classifications are prohibited in portions of the MU designated as "motorized vehicles prohibited."

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE  
**STALK HUNTING  
 AREA**  
 PERMIT REQUIRED  
 Permits available at <https://eglin.isportsman.net>  
 or at Eglin Natural Resources (850) 882-4164

Unit Seasons: Toms Creek	
Preseason Scouting	YES
Early Archery	YES
Deer Dog Training	NO
General Gun (all phases)	YES
Early Muzzleloader	YES
Trapping	NO
Youth Hunt Weekend	YES
Small Game	YES
Late Primitive Weapons	YES
Youth Spring Turkey	YES
Spring Turkey	YES
Furbearer	NO
Migratory Birds	YES

# TOMS CREEK





## O. Timberlake Dove Fields (South, East, & West).

**Unit Size:** 120 Acres (approximately 40 acres per field).

**Stamp Requirements:** None, but Daily Dove Permit required (see Section 5).

**Public Access:** Open to public access year-round.

**Vehicle Restrictions:** Closed to motorized vehicles outside of designated hunting seasons.

**Preseason Scouting:** Allowed year-round.

**Recreational Dogs:** Allowed as outlined in Section 16.

**Hunting Dogs:** Bird dogs and retrievers authorized during designated hunting seasons and year-round for training. Blank pistols using blank cartridges may be used for training bird dogs year-round.

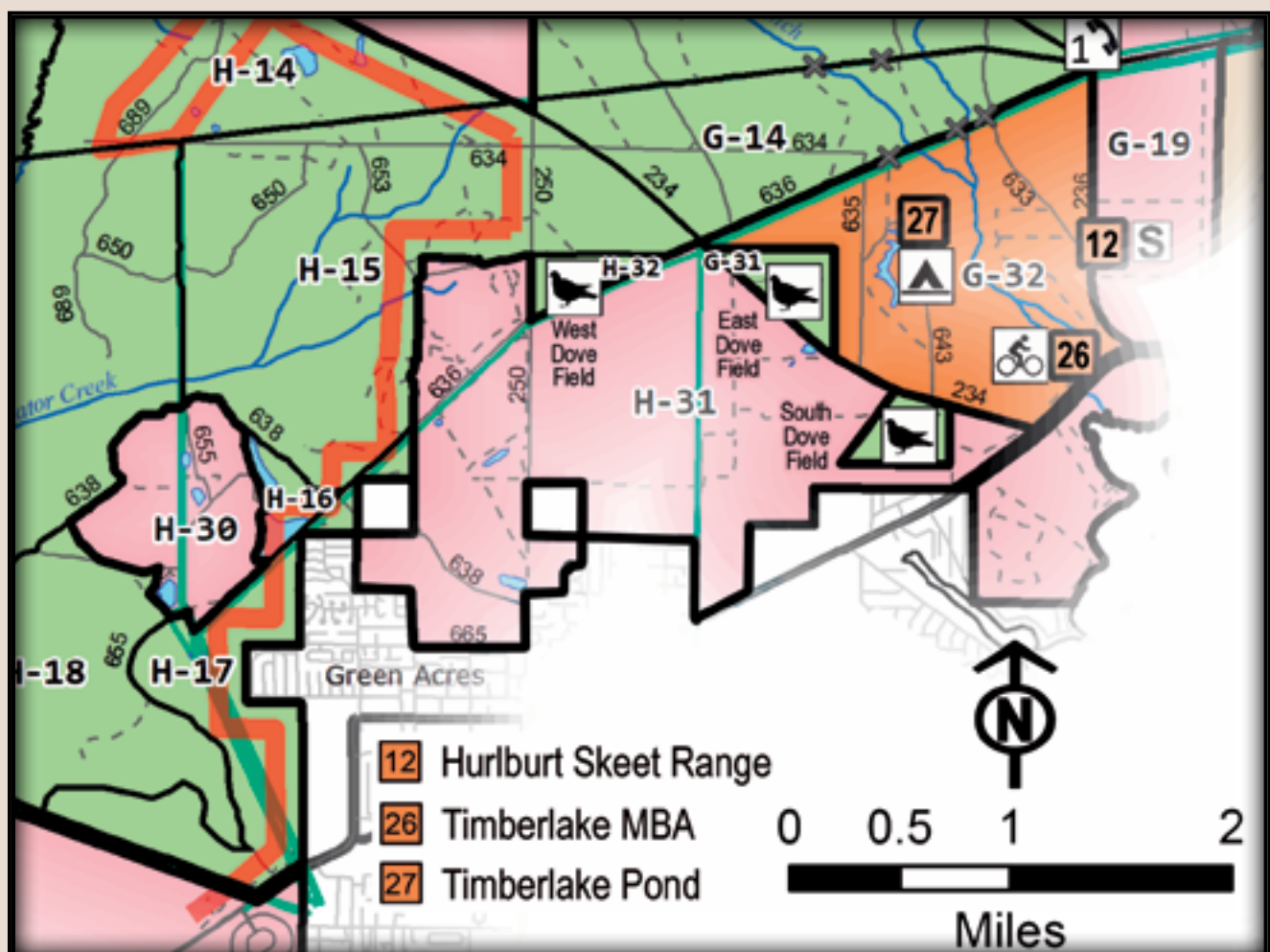
**Check Station Requirements:** None.

**Methods of Take:** See Section 17. Only shotguns may be used for hunting migratory birds.

**Daily Hunter Quota:** 40 per field.

**Restrictions:** None.

Unit Seasons: Timberlake Dove Fields	
Preseason Scouting	YES
Early Archery	YES
Deer Dog Training	NO
General Gun (all phases)	YES
Early Muzzleloader	YES
Trapping	NO
Youth Hunt Weekend	YES
Small Game	YES
Late Primitive Weapons	YES
Youth Spring Turkey	YES
Spring Turkey	YES
Furbearer	NO
Migratory Birds	YES



## Section 21. Quick Reference Chart for Recreation Areas

RECREATION AREAS	MU the TTA is located in or adjacent to	TTA Location	Pets Permitted	Designated Swimming Areas	Camping	Fishing	Designated Hiking Trails	Off-Road Mountain Biking	Primitive Boat Ramp	Canoe and Kayak
1. Anderson Pond	Jackson South	K-22	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES
2. Basin Bayou East	Choctaw East	M-15	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES
3. Bay Flats	Choctaw East	M-6	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES
4. Blue Springs	Jackson North	J-15	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES
5. Boiling Creek	Choctaw West	F-3	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES
6. Carr Landing	Metts	I-1	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES
7. College Pond	Jackson South	K-21	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES
8. Duck Pond	Metts	I-7	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES
9. Eglin Beach Park	Santa Rosa Island	A-1	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES
10. Goodin Bridge	Sikes	G-6	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES
11. Hippie Hole	Sikes	I-21	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES
12. Hurlburt Skeet Range	Sikes	G-19	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
13. Indigo Pond	Choctaw North	J-25	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES
14. Jacks Lake	Eglin Main	—	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES
15. Jr. Walton Pond	Jackson North	J-8	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES
16. Kepner Primitive Campsite	Sikes	I-17	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
17. Little Gin Hole	Metts	I-2	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
18. Live Oak Creek	Roberts Pond	H-11	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES
19. Mason Landing	Metts	F-8	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES
20. Metts Bluff	Metts	I-1	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES
21. Roberts Pond	Roberts Pond	H-6	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES
22. Rocky Creek	Choctaw East	L-33	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES
23. Rocky Creek MBA	Choctaw East	L-11, L-12, L-33	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO
24. Santa Rosa Beach Access	Santa Rosa Island	—	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES
25. Speck Pond	Jackson North	J-20	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
26. Timberlake MBA	Roberts Pond	G-32	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO
27. Timberlake Pond	Roberts Pond	G-32	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES
28. Turkey Hen Flats	Metts	I-8	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES
29. Upper & Lower Memorial	Eglin Main	EM-1	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES
30. Weaver River	Choctaw West	E-7	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES
31. White Point	SW of Choctaw East	L-14	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES



# Appendix 1. FWC Deer/Wild Turkey Harvest Reporting Instructions & Harvest Log

## Deer/Wild Turkey Harvest Reporting Log



All hunters, regardless of age or license requirement, must (Step 1) log their harvested deer/wild turkey prior to moving it from the point where found and (Step 2) report the harvest within 24 hours. These steps can be completed using one of the following options:

**Option A** – Log and report (Steps 1 and 2) on your mobile device with the **FWC Fish|Hunt Florida** mobile app or by logging into your customer account at [GoOutdoorsFlorida.com](http://GoOutdoorsFlorida.com). Instructions for reporting harvest online and downloading and using the app can be found at [MyFWC.com/HarvestReport](http://MyFWC.com/HarvestReport).

**Option B** – Paper deer/wild turkey harvest reporting log and follow-up reporting – Hunters can log (Step 1) on a paper harvest log (below) and then report (Step 2) by:

- Logging in at [GoOutdoorsFlorida.com](http://GoOutdoorsFlorida.com) or the Fish|Hunt Florida mobile app
- Calling 888-HUNT-FLORIDA (888-486-8356)

**Confirmation Number Requirements** – The harvest reporting process is not complete until the harvest is successfully submitted and a confirmation number is received.

For more information about harvest reporting requirements, visit [MyFWC.com/HarvestReport](http://MyFWC.com/HarvestReport)

For information about bag limits, season dates and other regulations, visit [MyFWC.com/Hunting](http://MyFWC.com/Hunting) or review the 2022-2023 Florida Hunting Regulations guide.

## Florida 2022-2023 Deer/Wild Turkey Harvest Log

Do not report deer harvested on licensed game farms/hunting preserves or killed by a motor vehicle.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ FWC Customer ID number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Antlered deer** (deer with at least one antler 5 inches or more in length and that meet antler point regulations for the deer management unit where harvested)

► Harvest date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Number of antler points: \_\_\_\_\_ Tag# (if taken under deer program permit): \_\_\_\_\_

County or wildlife management area: \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation #: \_\_\_\_\_

► Harvest date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Number of antler points: \_\_\_\_\_ Tag# (if taken under deer program permit): \_\_\_\_\_

County or wildlife management area: \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation #: \_\_\_\_\_

► Harvest date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Number of antler points: \_\_\_\_\_ Tag# (if taken under deer program permit): \_\_\_\_\_

County or wildlife management area: \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation #: \_\_\_\_\_

► Harvest date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Number of antler points: \_\_\_\_\_ Tag# (if taken under deer program permit): \_\_\_\_\_

County or wildlife management area: \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation #: \_\_\_\_\_

► Harvest date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Number of antler points: \_\_\_\_\_ Tag# (if taken under deer program permit): \_\_\_\_\_

County or wildlife management area: \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Antlerless deer** (deer without antlers or antlers less than 5 inches in length).

► Harvest date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Antlerless male or female: \_\_\_\_\_ Tag# (if taken under deer program permit): \_\_\_\_\_

County or wildlife management area: \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation #: \_\_\_\_\_

► Harvest date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Antlerless male or female: \_\_\_\_\_ Tag# (if taken under deer program permit): \_\_\_\_\_

County or wildlife management area: \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation #: \_\_\_\_\_

### Wild Turkey

► Harvest date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Male or female: \_\_\_\_\_

County or wildlife management area: \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation #: \_\_\_\_\_

► Harvest date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Male or female: \_\_\_\_\_

County or wildlife management area: \_\_\_\_\_ Confirmation #: \_\_\_\_\_

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