



Outdoor Recreation, Hunting, and Freshwater Fishing Regulations

**Eglin Air Force Base, Florida
Valid from 1 October 2026–30 September 2027**



Commander's Message

Welcome to Eglin Air Force Base—the world’s largest forested military reservation that has served as a one-of-a-kind test and training complex supporting all branches of our military since 1937. Team Eglin works hard to develop, acquire, test, and employ innovative technologies to ensure our military can defend America and our way of life. The U.S. Air Force also recognizes the importance of work-life balance, and with nearly 255,000 acres open to conditional public access, Eglin’s reservation offers a variety of recreational pursuits that provide an escape from the stress of everyday life. Considering the evolving threats to military installations abroad and at home, the recreational permitting and range access process was updated in 2025. Individuals wanting to recreate on Eglin’s reservation must obtain an annual background check as part of the recreational permit purchase process, including those wanting to access Coastal Restriction Areas (CRAs). In addition, a new check in/out requirement using Eglin’s iSportsman website is required for certain activities and specific Management Units; details are outlined in Section 8.

The Eglin Natural Resources Office, also known as Jackson Guard, is responsible for the conservation and sustainable management of Eglin’s unique habitats and wildlife populations. This office also manages the variety of recreational opportunities available to both civilians and service members, all while ensuring compatibility with Eglin’s various military missions.

It is imperative all reservation users understand and follow the rules and regulations outlined in this Handbook to ensure continued recreational access now and into the future.

I encourage you to familiarize yourself with this Handbook and the opportunities detailed within, as well as the additional information and guidance available at [eglin.iSportsman.net](https://eglin.isportsman.net). I appreciate your support in knowing and following our range management rules and regulations to keep our Nation’s military range capabilities safe, secure, and accessible. Thank you for taking time to visit the Eglin Reservation and please BE SAFE.

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Keithley'.

TERRANCE C. KEITHLEY
Colonel, USAF
Commander, 96th Test Wing

Natural Resources Contact Information

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

Eastern Indigo Snake Awareness

Identification

The eastern indigo snake is a harmless, non-venomous black snake that can reach lengths up to 8 feet. They have smooth, glossy, blue-black scales and typically have a reddish coloration around the throat/chin. Indigo snakes look similar to the very common black racer, but the black racer does not get as long or as thick and has white coloration on the throat/chin. Indigo snakes often use gopher tortoise burrows for shelter and feed on other snakes, small mammals, and birds.

Conservation Status

The eastern indigo snake is classified as a Threatened species by both the USFWS and the FWC. Any attempt to kill, harm, harass, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, trap, capture, collect, or engage eastern indigo snakes is prohibited by the U.S. Endangered Species Act. Penalties include a maximum fine of \$25,000 for civil violations and up to \$50,000 and/or imprisonment for criminal offenses.

What should you do if you encounter an eastern indigo snake?



DO NOT:

- ✗ Disturb or harass
- ✗ Attempt to capture
- ✗ Kill or attempt to kill

DO:

- ✓ Observe from a distance
- ✓ Take a picture and record the location
- ✓ Notify the Natural Resources Office

Please report all sightings to the Eglin Natural Resources Office at 850-882-4165 or 4166

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 (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 Updates & Important Reminders.

1. All individuals 16 years of age (YOA) or older seeking to renew or purchase a new Eglin Recreation Permit MUST pass an annual background check. Current DoD ID holders are also subject to this new vetting requirement. An iSportsman account is required to apply for a background check. Background checks may take up to 72 hours for approval. See details in Section 3. Viewing an updated UXO Safety Briefing is also a new annual requirement.
2. All individuals 16 YOA or older accessing CRAs by waterborne vessel requiring state registration must undergo a background check, acquire the appropriate CRA permit, and utilize the iSportsman check in/out feature. Some exemptions apply. Access to CRAs is allowed two hours before sunrise to two hours post sunset. See details in Section 9.
3. The new iSportsman check in/out feature must be utilized when accessing or recreating within CRAs, dove fields, campsites, Jackson North MU, Jackson South MU, and Sikes MU. See details in Section 8.
4. General Gun Season Dog Unit Stamps are required for ALL hunters 16 YOA or older (includes those hunting with the aid of dogs and still hunters alike) seeking access to either the Sikes or Choctaw MUs during the Deer Dog Training and General Gun Seasons. Dog Stamps will be available first-come first-served both online and in-person beginning 1 October. Customers may purchase both a Sikes and Choctaw stamp, if desired. See details in Section 5.
5. It is illegal to discharge weapons down or across any road, any portion of the Florida National Scenic Trail, and any designated mountain bike trail in ALL management units. Discharging weapons *from* most roads in dog hunt units is still allowed. See details in Section 18.
6. The use of centerfire shotguns during Spring Turkey Season in TTAs G-16 and G-18 is prohibited.
7. The use of game cameras is prohibited within 50 yards of any named or numbered road, permanent Closed Area boundary, or infrastructure. All game cameras must be clearly labeled with the owner's iSportsman permit number. Game cameras not meeting these requirements may be confiscated by law enforcement. See Section 18 for details.
8. Eglin public beaches on Santa Rosa Island and White Point Recreation Area are closed to public access from sunset to sunrise.
9. 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.
10. 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" (shown on Recreation Map as those areas with boundary outlined in a bold red line). See Section 12 for more information.
11. Eglin recreation permits are required for DoD-affiliated individuals as well as non-DoD civilians. A military ID and/or Common Access Card (CAC) alone does not permit recreational access on the Reservation.
12. 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.
13. 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://eglin96fss.com>.
14. TTA C-52S within the Choctaw East MU is permanently closed to public access.



****ATTENTION ALL EGLIN HUNTERS - CWD DETECTED IN FLORIDA****

The Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has confirmed a total of four cases of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) infection in deer in Holmes County since June 2023. CWD is a contagious disease of the brain and central nervous system that is 100% fatal to deer. FWC has established a CWD Management Zone within which specific regulations have been established to minimize spread of the disease; the boundaries of this zone may change as additional sampling occurs. Eglin AFB will abide by all FWC regulations established specific to CWD management. FWC is asking anyone who sees a sick, abnormally thin deer or finds a deer dead from unknown causes to report such to FWC's CWD Hotline at 866-CWD-WATCH (866-293-9282). Currently there is no scientific evidence that CWD can be transmitted to humans or livestock under natural conditions; however, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) DO NOT recommend consuming meat from animals that test positive for CWD. More information can be found at <https://myfwc.com/research/wildlife/health/white-tail-deer/cwd/>. Updates to FWC response that impact Eglin hunting regulations will be posted at <https://eglin.isportsman.net>.

Section 3. Background Checks

All individuals 16 YOA or older seeking to renew or purchase a new Eglin Recreation Permit of any type MUST pass an annual background check. Current DoD ID holders are also subject to this new vetting requirement, as are individuals selected via lottery drawing to participate in Special Opportunity Hunts. An iSportsman account is required to apply for a background check. Background checks may take up to 72 hours for approval. Following submission, customers will be notified via email of their background check approval status. Customers should update their preferred email associated with their iSportsman account to ensure they can track the progress of their application and approval. Background checks are valid for one year from date of approval. Customers should make note of their approval date and plan to renew their background check annually 2–3 weeks prior to expiration to ensure lawful access and prevent a lapse in ability to renew or obtain new recreation permits. Refusal to undergo annual background checks will result in the inability of customers to acquire Eglin recreational permits and access any portion of Eglin AFB. Visit eglin.isportsman.net to learn more and apply for a background check.

Section 4. Where & How 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. To obtain a permit online:

1. Go to <https://eglin.isportsman.net>.
2. Click on the "Log In/Register" tab.
3. Returning customers enter login ID and password to access account. New customers click the "Register" tab to create an account.
4. Customers who have an approved background check can purchase the desired permit type(s). Customers without an approved background check must apply for such following the guidance above in Section 3 before being able to purchase any recreation permit.
5. Purchasing recreational permits requires viewing a UXO Safety video and passing a short quiz. Some permits such as the Coastal Restriction Area (CRA) Permits require additional training/validation prior to permit issuance. 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, as well as receive information on background check submission/approval status and check in/out reminders. 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 current 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, CRAs, and publicly accessible beaches) must have in their possession a valid Eglin recreation permit (printed or electronic copy) and current photo ID with matching information. DoD-affiliated individuals are NOT EXEMPT from recreation permit requirements. Youth (under 16 YOA) are not required to purchase most recreation permits but must be accompanied by a current recreation permit holder 16 YOA or older (see exception for Youth Hunt Weekend and Daily Dove Hunt permits). Hunting, fishing, trapping, and recreational use of the Eglin Reservation is 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 recreation permit certifies that the individual named on the permit has passed a background check and viewed the UXO Safety Brief within the past year 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 Sportsman's Permit, as well as applicable state licenses/stamps). More information on outdoor recreation opportunities on Main Base can be found at <https://eglin96fss.com>.
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 Office 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. Law enforcement officers may search any camp, vehicle or boat, in accordance with the law.

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, CRAs, 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) General Gun Season Dog Unit Stamp

Cost: \$50.00

This stamp is required for ALL hunters 16 YOA or older (includes those hunting with the aid of dogs and still hunters alike) seeking access to either the Sikes or Choctaw MUs during the Deer Dog Training and General Gun Seasons. This stamp is also required for non-hunting adults supervising youth hunting in the Sikes or Choctaw MUs during the Youth Hunt Weekend. This stamp is not required to participate during any other open hunting season within the Sikes or Choctaw MUs.

Dog Stamps will be available first-come, first-served both online and in-person beginning 1 October. Customers may purchase both a Sikes and Choctaw stamp, if desired. FY27 General Gun Season Dog Unit Stamps are valid from 31 Oct 2026 – 31 Jan 2027 (these dates encompass the Deer Dog Training Season and the entirety of the General Gun Season).

2) 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.

ient (DD214) and present such documentation in-person at the NRO to purchase this permit. 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. Antlerless tags are assigned to the permitted Youth Hunter, NOT the supervising adult, and are only valid during the two-day Youth Hunt Weekend.
- Youth hunters must be under the direct supervision of a non-hunting adult (21 YOA or older).
- Supervising adult(s) are required to have a current State of Florida Hunting License, Eglin Sportsman's Permit and the applicable General Gun Season Dog Unit stamp if supervising a youth hunting with or without the aid of dogs in a Dog Hunt MU.

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 on Timberlake Dove Fields during Phase 2 and 3 Dove Season dates. See Section 19 for Migratory Bird Season details.

Timberlake Daily Dove Permits are only available at the NRO, are valid only for the specified day and dove field indicated on the permit, and do not authorize any other recreational activity or access. Individuals hunting dove fields must utilize the iSportsman check in/out feature; see details in Section 8.

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.

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 (except for palmetto berries), swimming, picnicking, bird watching, and disc golf. This permit includes the same allowances covered by the Hurlburt Skeet Range Permit. This permit is not required if fishing on Main Base or Hurlburt Field ponds. This permit does not replace recreational freshwater and/or saltwater fishing licenses required by the FWC. This permit DOES NOT allow access to CRAs.

2. Camping Permit Cost: \$10.00 (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. All campers must utilize the iSportsman check in/out feature and abide by check in/out protocols outlined in Section 8.

- 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 6 individuals and 3 tents or one camping trailer/RV per campsite.
- The individual purchasing the camping permit must provide the name of all campers camping under their permit.
- All campers 16 YOA and older must have an approved background check to access the campsite, regardless of the camping permit holder.

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.
- Thru-hikers utilizing FSNT campsites within Eglin AFB must abide by iSportsman check in/out protocols outlined in Section 8.
- See Section 14 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 or CRAs).
- All individuals 16 YOA or older 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) 797-9435 or visit <https://myhurlburt.com/skeet-range/>.

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.
- Does 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.
- All individuals 16 YOA or older requesting or operating under this permit must abide by background check requirements outlined in Section 3.

7. Coastal Restriction Area (CRA) Permits

All persons 16 YOA or older accessing CRAs on waterborne vessels requiring state registration must hold a CRA Permit and follow check in/out protocols outlined in Section 8, EXCEPT for the following:

- Individuals accessing CRAs from shore for water-based activities (e.g. swimming, wading, fishing) or on vessels exempt from registration (e.g. non-motorized kayaks, canoes, paddleboards).
- Individuals utilizing CRAs for the sole purpose of transiting to/from Eglin Main Base or Hurlburt Field shorelines or associated marinas.

Youth ages 15 and under are not required to purchase this permit but must be accompanied by an adult holding the appropriate CRA Permit. Learn more about CRA access and regulations in Section 9.

NOTE: Exempt individuals outlined above must hold a current DoD ID or Installation Pass.

a. Standard Access CRA Permit Cost : \$20/year

Authorizes waterborne access via vessel requiring state registration to Eglin Main Base, Hurlburt Field, Poquito Bayou Housing Area, Camp Pinchot, and Wynnehaven Beach CRAs.

b. Limited Access CRA Permit Cost : \$20/year

Authorizes waterborne access via vessel requiring state registration to Poquito Bayou Housing Area, Camp Pinchot, and Wynnehaven Beach CRAs. DOES NOT authorize access to Eglin Main Base and Hurlburt Field CRAs.



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 and authorize access for the collection of specified forest products only (i.e. does not permit other forms of recreation). Forest products may be collected in any open area. Permits authorize access and participation for up to two vehicles and six individuals. Call the NRO at (850) 882-4165 or 4166 for additional information.

PERMISSIBLE TO CUT IN ALL OPEN AREAS:



TURKEY OAK



POST OAK



BLUEJACK OAK



LIVE OAK



WATER OAK



LAUREL OAK



SOUTHERN RED OAK

A. Personal Forest Product Permits.

- f. 1. Personal Firewood Permits Cost: \$10.00 (per load)
 - a. Cutting firewood within 200 feet of white-banded trees is prohibited.
 - b. 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.
 - c. A maximum of five Personal Firewood Permits may be issued per household, per year.
 - d. Authorizes the removal of one load up to ½ cord of firewood (a one-half ton, long-wheelbase truck will hold approximately 1/2 cord).
 - e. Individuals have three consecutive days from the date specified on the permit to remove their load of firewood.
 - f. Trees shall be cut such that remaining stumps are no more than six inches above ground level. Roads and ditches shall not be blocked by discarded limbs or debris.
 - g. 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.
 - h. This permit also authorizes the collection of dead and down lighter wood (fat lighter).
 - i. 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: \$5.00 (per tree)

3. Personal Pine Straw Permit

Cost: \$5.00 (per load)

Collecting pine straw from established dove fields (TTAs G-31, H-32, and H-33) is prohibited.

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.

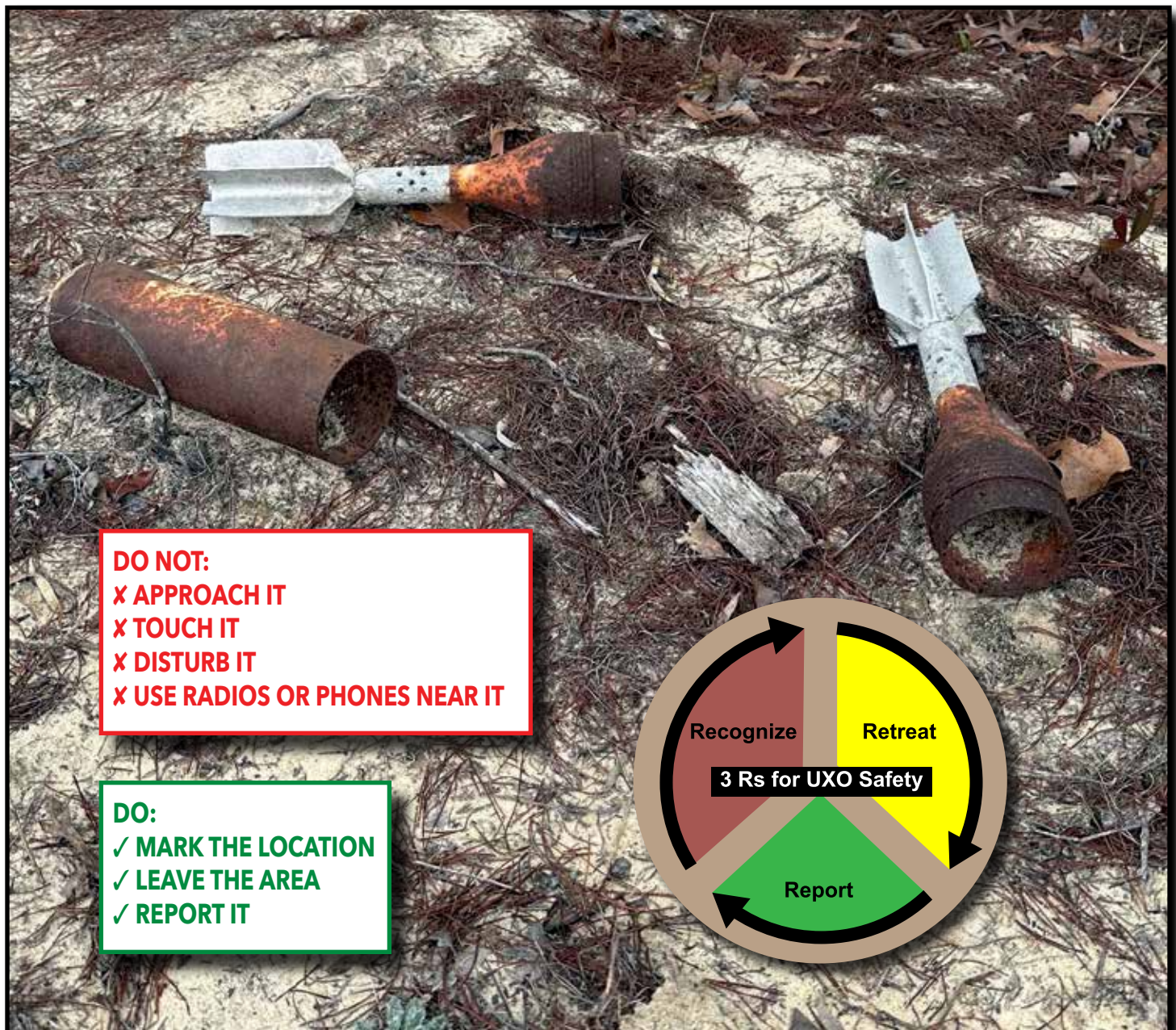
Section 7. UXO Warning

Unexploded Ordnance (UXO). The Eglin Reservation has been supporting military testing and training since 1937. 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, the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Operations Desk (850) 882-3225 (during duty hours), or Eglin Command Post (850) 883-4020 (after duty hours).

****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 overland 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/ReservationAccess.aspx> 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. Temporary 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.

D. Reservation Access Times.

Access to most portions of the Eglin Reservation is allowed two hours before sunrise until two hours after sunset. However, Eglin public beaches on Santa Rosa Island and White Point Recreation Area are closed from sunset to sunrise. 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. Available Mapping Apps.

While not required, there are multiple third-party mapping apps available for download on Apple and Android devices that can help users navigate the Eglin Reservation. The most useful apps are those which utilize the PDF version of the Eglin Outdoor Recreation Map to display your georeferenced position within the Reservation. Example apps include Avenza and TerraGo Edge 4. Some apps may require annual subscriptions to import and view the Eglin Outdoor Recreation Map. Eglin AFB does not endorse any third party mapping apps.



F. iSportsman Check In/Out Requirements.

A new iSportsman check in/out feature is being implemented for specific areas and activities beginning FY27 to better manage public access across the Reservation. To check in/out customers will login to their iSportsman account and click the "Check in/Checkout" button. The following areas require check in/out:

1. **CRAs:** Check in/out required for all individuals 16 YOA or older accessing CRAs on waterborne vessels requiring state registration. *The following are EXEMPT from CRA check in/out policy but ARE required to have a DoD ID or Installation Pass:*
 - *Individuals accessing CRAs from shore for water-based activities (e.g. swimming, wading, fishing) or on vessels exempt from registration (e.g. non-motorized kayaks, canoes, paddleboards).*
 - *Individuals utilizing CRAs for the sole purpose of transiting to/from Eglin Main Base or Hurlburt Field shorelines or associated marinas.*
2. **Dove Fields:** Check in/out required for all individuals 16 YOA or older engaging in any recreational activity on any dove field.

3. **Campsites:** Check in/out required for all individuals 18 YOA or older holding a valid camping permit for established campsites. Campers should check in upon campsite arrival and checkout upon final departure. Campers engaging in other outdoor recreation outside of their campsite (ex: hunting dove fields, recreating within the Jackson or Sikes Units, or accessing CRAs) must checkout from their campsite in order to check in/out of other areas for other activities, then check back into their campsite upon return. This requirement applies to FNST thru-hikers and others camping at campsites along the FNST.
NOTE: The individual purchasing the camping permit is required to include the name, phone number, and iSportsman permit number (if applicable) of all campers camping under their permit when checking in.
4. **Jackson North & South MUs:** Check in/out required for all individuals 16 YOA or older engaging in any recreational activity.
5. **Sikes MU:** Check in/out required for all individuals 16 YOA or older engaging in any recreational activity.

All individuals are still required to check the PAM and abide by all temporary area closures prior to check in/out. Failure to check in/out may result in suspension of recreational access.

The interface is titled "iSportsman Checkin / Checkout". It features a "Select Area" section with five buttons: "Camp Pinchot CRA", "Eglin Main Base CRA", "Hurlburt Field CRA", "Poquito Bayou Housing Area CRA", and "Wynnehaven Beach CRA". Below these buttons are two large buttons: "Start Over" (blue) and "Cancel Checkin" (red).

Section 9. Coastal Restriction Areas (CRAs)

In February 2025, due to emerging air and waterborne security threats, the Installation Commander implemented access control measures for five established Coastal Restriction Areas (CRAs) that buffer specific Eglin AFB property boundaries (see below map). Access control measures apply to all persons 16 YOA or older accessing CRAs by waterborne vessel requiring state registration (see exceptions in this section) and include passing a background check (see Section 3), viewing the UXO Safety Brief, and acquiring one of two CRA permit types (see Section 5). Viewing a CRA Safety Brief and passing associated quiz are also required to purchase CRA permits.



1. Standard Access CRA Permit

Allows access to Eglin Main Base, Hurlburt Field, Poquito Bayou Housing Area, Camp Pinchot, and Wynnehaven Beach CRAs.

2. Limited Access CRA Permit

Allows access to Poquito Bayou Housing Area, Camp Pinchot, and Wynnehaven Beach CRAs only. This permit DOES NOT allow access to Eglin Main Base and Hurlburt Field CRAs.

The following are EXEMPT from CRA permit requirement and check in/out policy but ARE required to have a DoD ID or Installation Pass:

- *Individuals accessing CRAs from shore for water-based activities (e.g. swimming, wading, fishing) or on vessels exempt from registration (e.g. non-motorized kayaks, canoes, paddleboards).*
- *Individuals utilizing CRAs for the sole purpose of transiting to/from Eglin Main Base or Hurlburt Field shorelines or associated marinas.*

CRA permit holders MUST comply with the following regulations or risk recreational access and permit suspension:

- Check the PAM daily and abide by any temporary CRA closures.
- Use the iSportsman CRA check in/out feature.
- Access to CRAs is allowed two hours before sunrise to two hours post sunset.
- The use of drones is prohibited within all CRAs.
- Docking to permanent structures within CRAs is prohibited.
- Fishing is permitted in association with the State of Florida salt-water fishing regulations.
- The open carry of firearms and hunting within CRAs is prohibited.
- Individuals must have a current DoD ID or Installation Visitor Pass to intentionally enter the water from a vessel for recreational purposes.

NOTE: Entry into navigable waters within Eglin Main Base and Hurlburt Field, including but not limited to Bens Lake, Bear Creek, Jacks Lake, Weekly Bayou, Hurlburt Marina, and Kohler Bayou without a DoD ID or Installation Visitor Pass is prohibited.

Section 10. 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 is 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. Further, any individual involved in a hunting accident may have their recreational access temporarily suspended during the investigation of such an accident. 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 NOVAAs issued are subject to administrative review and suspension lengths may be increased for repeat offenders. Only the NOVAA Committee can reduce or rescind NOVAAs.

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. Passing annual background check.
2. Viewing UXO Safety Brief (annual requirement).
3. Acquiring the appropriate permit(s) to authorize recreation as intended.
4. Reading and understanding Eglin-specific regulations as outlined in this Handbook.
5. Checking the PAM daily for access restrictions.
6. Utilizing the iSportsman check in/out feature as dictated in Section 8.

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.

All commercial enterprise and fundraising activities are prohibited on Eglin property without specific authorization from the Installation Commander. Examples include but not limited to paid photography shoots, guided hunts, weddings, and any monetized social media content/posts (e.g., YouTube, Instagram, and Tiktok videos).



Section 11. 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 Motorized Vehicle Access” is prohibited. The use of a vehicle in an “off-road” manner is prohibited.
4. A “road” is any established, maintained, or regularly used route intended for four-wheeled motorized vehicle travel including gravel, dirt/sand, or paved surfaces, and includes access roads, logging roads, and utility rights-of-way.
5. The following are examples of areas that are closed to vehicles: MUs closed to vehicular traffic (as indicated by the recreation map and area

signage), closed roads, wildlife food plots and dove fields, active or inactive clay/sand borrow pits, reforestation areas, wetlands, erosion control sites, trails, dams, firebreaks, beaches, 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.

6. Driving around gates, cables, or any other barricade is prohibited.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Parked vehicles shall not disrupt military training or impede the passage of vehicles on any road or trail, or block any bridge, boat ramp, fire-break, 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 SR85 to SR87)
 - RR236 (from Lewis Turner Blvd. to RR211)
 - RR213 (between SR285 and RR236, and west of SR87)
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:
 - RR487 from RR422 south to RR200 (during General Gun Season dates only)
 - RR208 (from RR205 north to RR370)
 - RR253 (from RR705 to the East Bay River crossing). NOTE: access to RR253 is from the north only and not accessible from Hwy 98.
3. Seasonal Access Roads. The following roads are open to motorized vehicles ONLY during specific seasons as outlined below:
 - RR499 (during General Gun Season dates only)
 - Portions of RR600E (during General Gun Season dates only)
 - RR685 and RR689 south of RR234 (during established hunting seasons only).

Section 12. 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 in any open area EXCEPT established Recreation Areas and associated campgrounds. 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 SR85
 - 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). Offroad 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, jumps/ramps, and structural obstacles is prohibited without specific approval from the NRO.
5. For maps of the Timberlake MBA or Rocky Creek MBA visit <https://eglin.isportsman.net/MTB.aspx>.
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” (shown on Recreation Map as those areas with boundary outlined in a bold red line).
 - 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-470ff. 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 or Sportsman's 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/CanoeKayak.aspx>. 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 Personal 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 23). *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.

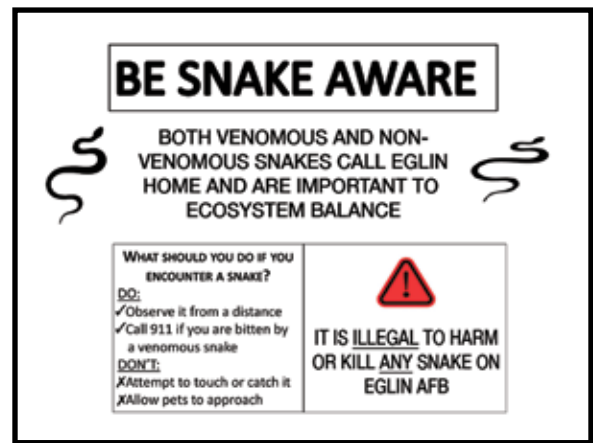
The removal, destruction, injury, or killing of any plant/tree on the Eglin Reservation is prohibited, except as specifically authorized. Berry picking (except for palmetto berries) is allowed with a current recreation permit.

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 fresh-water 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 13. Camping Regulations

Any person or group camping on the Eglin Reservation is required to have a valid Eglin Camping Permit and abide by background check requirements and check in/out protocols outlined in Sections 3 and 8, respectively. 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. Camping permit holders must follow iSportsman check in/out protocols outlined in Section 8.

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. Current fire danger rating can also be found at <https://eglin.isportsman.net/Fire%20Danger%20Level.aspx>.

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 13 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 17.

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. Concealed weapons for personal protection are also allowed by current CCW license holders as outlined in Section 18.

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 hunting weapons must be removed from the Eglin Reservation within one day following the closing day of the season.

Section 14. 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/FloridaTrail.aspx> and at Eglin trailhead kiosks. For FTA information call (352) 378-8823 or visit <https://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 portions of 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 SR87 (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). Thru-hikers are subject to background check requirements outlined in Section 3.

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. Non Thru-Hikers 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. All individuals utilizing FSNT campsites within Eglin AFB must abide by iSportsman check in/out protocols outlined in Section 8.

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 15. 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) 883-1243 or visit <https://eglin96fss.com/beach/>.

B. Beach Prohibitions.

The following are prohibited on ALL Eglin beaches:

- Entering areas posted as closed
- Camping
- Fires
- Glass containers
- Traditional and electric bikes and tricycles (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
- All motorized personal mobility devices (e.g., motorized skateboards [Onewheels], electric scooters, electric unicycles, hoverboards, Segways, etc.).

C. Injured Wildlife.

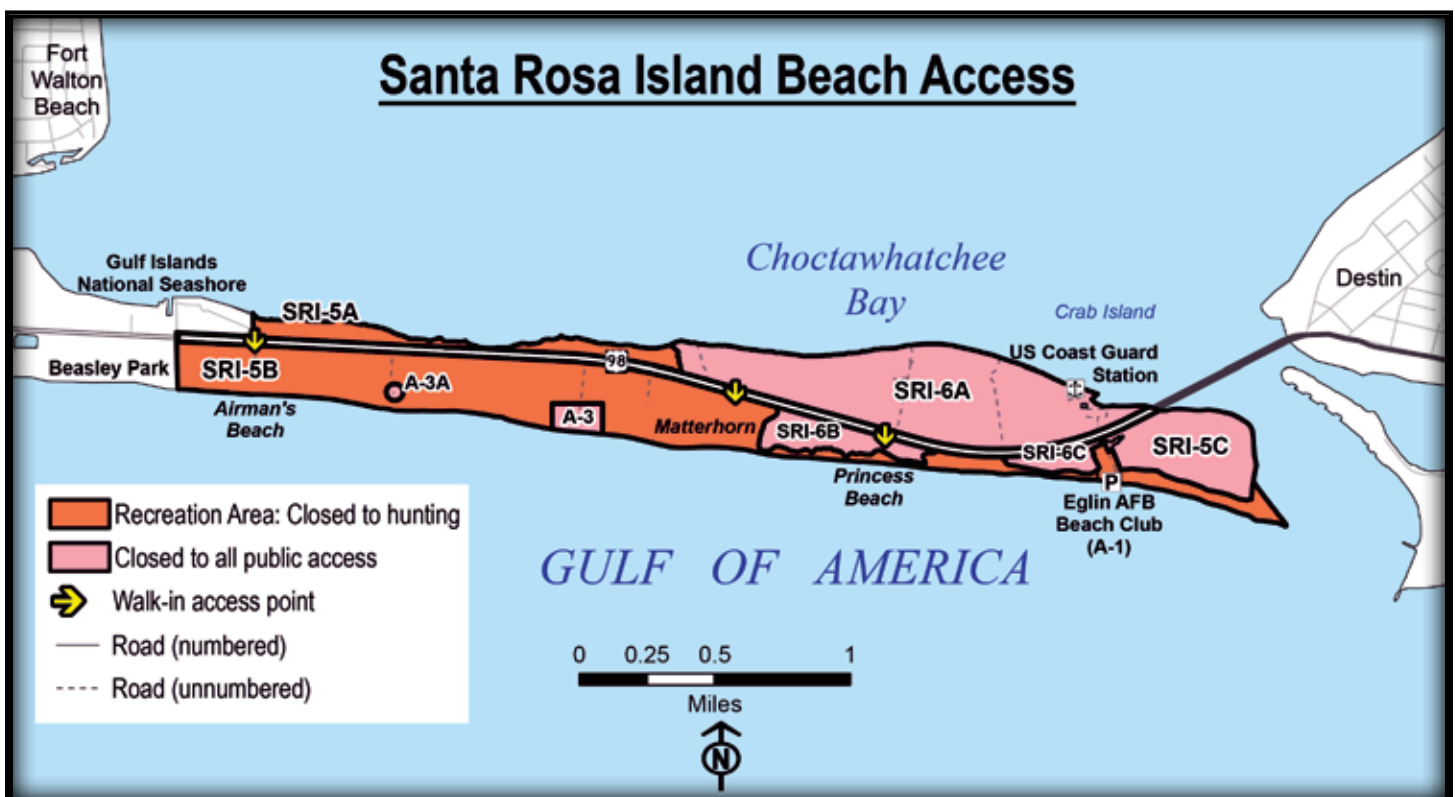
Please report all injured or dead wildlife to the NRO at (850) 882-4165 or 4166.

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 12. 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 16. 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. Individuals seeking to fish within CRAs must abide by CRA permit and access requirements outlined in Section 9.

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 16.1 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 16.2 outlines special daily creel limits for Duck and Indigo Ponds (all creel limits are per angler).

Table 16.1. Eglin Lakes and Ponds		
Pond Name	TTA Location	Acreage
Anderson Pond	K-22	3
College Pond	K-21	28
Crain Pond	I-25	3
Duck Pond ³	I-7	30
Hurlburt Lake ^{1, 2, 4}	Hurlburt Main	22
Indigo Pond ³	J-25	6
Jacks Lake ^{1, 2}	Eglin Main	21
Jr. Walton Pond	J-8	4
Lower Memorial Lake ²	Eglin Main	40
Upper Memorial Lake ^{1, 2}	Eglin Main	23
Speck Pond	J-20	7
Roberts Pond	H-6	8
Timberlake Pond	G-32	10
Weekly Pond ^{1, 2}	Eglin Main	6
¹ Catch-and-release only ² Restricted to DoD-affiliated personnel and their escorted guests ³ Special creel limits apply ⁴ Bank fishing prohibited		

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 16.2. 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 17. Dog Possession & Use

A. General Dog Regulations.

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

1. 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.
2. Pets and non-hunting dogs are allowed in specific recreation areas and MUs as outlined in Table 17.1 and Section 22 (seasonal restrictions may apply) but must be kept under physical restraint at all times.
3. Dog owners are responsible for removal of their pet's waste.
4. Pets are prohibited at designated swimming areas and adjacent shorelines (see Section 23).
5. Dogs are permitted on the FNST corridor but must be kept under physical restraint at all times.
6. Recreationists may encounter free-running hunting dogs during designated hunting seasons.
7. 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 DOG 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.

The FWC requires a FREE Deer-Dog Permit for hunters taking or attempting to take deer by the aid of dogs on lands in the WMA System (including Eglin AFB). This permit is also required to participate in deer-dog training seasons. This new no-cost permit can be acquired at <https://gooutdoorsflorida.com>. This permit is issued by the FWC, not Jackson Guard, and is independent of Eglin General Gun Season Dog Unit Stamp requirements.

See MU-specific regulations for hunting dog use. An Eglin General Gun Season Dog Unit Stamp is required to participate in deer dog training, or when hunting during the General Gun Season in the Sikes or Choctaw Units (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 dogs stored in vehicles or dog boxes). Hunters are reminded that collar, hand-held unit, and/or battery failure are not acceptable excuses for illegal dog behavior and may result in recreation permit suspension.

1. **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.
2. **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). At Timberlake Dove Fields, dogs may be trained year-round with the exception of the two weeks prior to the opening day of the Phase 1 Dove Season. Training dogs at the Cobbs Overrun Bird Dog Training Area is allowed by those with Main Base access, but possession or use of blank pistols and pigeons is prohibited in this area.
3. **Transporting Hunting Dogs.** Hunting dogs may be transported through stalk hunting areas without stopping or detouring on the following:
 - RR211 (east of SR85) to the intersection of RR561 (access to private land)
 - RR211 (west of SR85) to the intersection of RR725
 - RR236 from RR600E north to RR211
 - RR213 between SR85 and SR285
 - RR208 (north of RR205 to first power line south of RR203)
4. **Downed Game.**
 - a. Hunters may return to any MU with a single dog on a leash to track/retrieve wounded game; however, such dogs 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.
 - b. Hunters may possess a weapon (as authorized by season type) while tracking the wounded animal (during legal shooting hours only).
 - c. The pursuit of a downed animal must be terminated in time to exit the Eglin Reservation by the established exit time.

Table 17.1. Pet Allowance by Recreation Area

Recreation Area	Pets Allowed?
Anderson Pond	YES
Basin Bayou East	YES
Bay Flats	NO
Blue Springs	NO
Boiling Creek	NO
Carr Landing	YES
College Pond	YES
Duck Pond	YES
Eglin Beach Park	NO
Goodin Bridge	NO
Hippie Hole	NO
Hurlburt Skeet Range	NO
Indigo Pond	YES
Jacks Lake	YES
Jr. Walton Pond	YES
Kepner Primitive Campsite	YES
Little Gin Hole	YES
Live Oak Creek	NO
Mason Landing	YES
Metts Bluff	YES
Roberts Pond	YES
Rocky Creek	YES
Rocky Creek MBA	YES
Santa Rosa Beach Access	NO
Speck Pond	YES
Timberlake MBA	YES
Timberlake Pond	YES
Turkey Hen Flats	NO
Upper & Lower Memorial Lakes	YES
Weaver River	YES
White Point	NO

Section 18. 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 harvested from lands within FWC Deer Management Unit (DMU) D1 (applies to Eglin) may be antlerless (see table in Section 19). 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://www.cdc.gov/brucellosis/php/animal-health/index.html>.

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://myfwc.com/hunting/safety-education/>.

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. Possession or distribution of fertilizer is also prohibited. 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 Eglin permits/stamps. Hunters must also present printed copies of all applicable state and federal hunting licenses/stamps and check all harvested game. Check stations are manned during all seasons EXCEPT the following: Preseason Scouting, Small Game, and portions of the Migratory Bird Season that do not overlap established deer seasons. All individuals must be checked out and off Eglin 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 Eglin Reservation. This is a very active trail and hikers are encouraged, but not required, to wear daylight fluorescent orange (or similar brightly colored) outer garments during hunting seasons. The discharge of weapons down or across any portion of the FNST is prohibited. All hunters are responsible for identifying their target and background prior to shooting.

J. Weapon Possession.

1. PERSONAL PROTECTION. Recreationists with a current CCW license may carry a concealed firearm on the Reservation during FPCON Alpha and Bravo, except within Main Base and all cantonment area footprints, all permanently Closed Areas as identified in this Handbook and associated Recreation Map, and all temporary area closures as identified on the current Eglin Public Access Map (PAM). Recreationists choosing to do so will be required to provide CCW license number, expiration date, and state of issuance on their iSportsman account.
2. HUNTING SEASONS. Possession of legal hunting weapons are permitted only during designated Eglin hunting seasons.
 - a. ARCHERY AREAS. Possession or use of any firearm or air gun in an Eglin Archery Area or during the Early Archery Season is prohibited. *Exceptions: CCW is allowed as described above. Some Archery Areas allow shotguns and PCP air guns propel-*

ling a bolt or arrow during Spring Turkey Season (see Section 22 for MU-specific regulations). Airbows may be possessed and utilized only by individuals holding a current Persons with Disabilities Crossbow and Airbow Permit from the FWC.

- b. CLOSED AREAS. CCW and the possession or use of any hunting device in an Eglin Closed Area is prohibited.
 - c. HOURS RESTRICTION.
 - Possession of a loaded hunting weapon on the Eglin Reservation before/after legal shooting hours is prohibited. Firearms are considered loaded unless the chamber and magazine are completely empty. Crossbows are considered loaded unless uncocked (string returned to the relaxed forward position). Traditional and compound bows are considered loaded if an arrow is nocked.
 - Possession of a hunting weapon (cased or uncased) on the Eglin Reservation two hours after sunset until two hours before sunrise is prohibited, except in designated camping areas during established hunting seasons with valid Eglin Camping Permit.
3. NON-HUNTING SEASON. Possession of any type of hunting weapon outside of Eglin-specific hunting seasons is prohibited. *Exceptions: CCW is allowed as described above and individuals accessing the Hurlburt Skeet Range or Choctaw Bowmen Archery Range may transport unloaded and encased shotguns or archery equipment, respectively.*

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 12). 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 Eglin Reservation.
 - b. Discharging of weapons or attempting to take game is prohibited:
 - Across or down ANY road in ALL Hunt Units
 - Within 50 yards of ANY road in Stalk Hunt Units
 - Within 50 yards of all paved or posted roads including RR200, RR213, RR234, & RR204 (south of RR314)
 - Within 200 yards of any structure, equipment, check station, campsite, or individuals engaged in official business
 - Within all established Recreation Areas
 - Down or across any portion of the FNST or mountain bike trails within established MBAs
 - c. The definition of "road" as detailed in Section 11 applies to weapons discharge regulations above.

L. Collecting/Releasing Wildlife.

Collection, possession, transport, or releasing of any live wildlife (including insects) on the Eglin 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. More information can be found at <https://myfwc.com/hunting/quail/released-quail/>.

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 Eglin Reservation except as follows:

- Deer or turkey may be dismembered (including the head) in the field or camp to facilitate transport provided 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 fully automatic firearms, centerfire semi-automatic rifles and “AR pistols” 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. Muzzleloading guns designed to allow accelerant (gun powder) to be

loaded at the breech (including “FireStick” encapsulated powder charge technology) are allowed, but all muzzleloading guns must require projectile(s) to be loaded from the muzzle.

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 slugs is prohibited during the Small Game Season.
13. “Archery equipment” includes compound bows, long bows, recurve bows, and crossbows. Crossbows and Airbows may NOT be used during Early Archery and Late Primitive Weapons Seasons, or in Archery Areas without a Persons with Disabilities Crossbow and Airbow 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 in some Archery Only areas. See Section 22 for MU-specific regulations.
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 and “AR pistols” applies when hunting wild hogs during the General Gun Season.
17. Hunting at night and spotlighting, or using flashlights to locate or view live wildlife, is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the NRO. Exception: The use of flashlights is allowed when frog or sucker gigging.
18. Use or possession of all foothold (including dog-proof raccoon traps) and body-gripping traps is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the NRO.
19. Organized deer drives are prohibited in all Stalk Hunt Units.

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. The use of game cameras is prohibited within 50 yards of any named or numbered road, permanent Closed Area boundary, or infrastructure. All game cameras must be clearly labeled with the owner’s iSportsman permit number. Game cameras not meeting these requirements may be confiscated by law enforcement.
3. 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.
4. To prevent possible loss or damage, equipment should be removed daily or when not in regular use.
5. 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 19. Season Dates & Bag Limits

The following seasons may not apply to all MUs. See Section 22 for MU-specific season charts and hunting opportunities.

A. Pre-Season Scouting (07 Days)

Dates: 17 - 23 Oct.

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

Hunting Weapons: Prohibited.

Legal to Take: Prohibited for all species.

B. Early Archery Season (33 days)

Dates: 24 Oct. - 25 Nov. (all MUs except the Sikes Unit)

11 - 25 Nov. (Sikes Unit)

Hunting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise until 1/2 hour after sunset.

Hunting Weapons: Archery equipment only (long, recurve, compound bows, and crossbows [see FWC Crossbow/Airbow 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 and dogs is prohibited (except that CCW is allowed as outlined in Section 18). Use of crossbows or airbows requires a Persons with Disabilities Crossbow and Airbow Permit from the FWC. For more information visit <https://myfwc.com/license/accessibility/ada-for-hunters/crossbow-and-airbow-permit/>.

C. Deer Dog Training Season (07 days)

Dates: Phase 1: 31 Oct. - 02 Nov.

Phase 2: 07 - 10 Nov.

Training Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise until 1/2 hour after sunset.

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

Legal to Take: Wild hog.

D. General Gun Season (31 days)

Dates: Phase 1: 26 - 29 Nov.

Phase 2: 18 Dec. - 03 Jan.

***Phase 3: 15 - 31 Jan.**

**NOTE: Open hunting days during Phase 3 are Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal Holidays ONLY.*

Hunting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise until 1/2 hour after sunset.

Hunting Weapons: In stalk hunting MUs air guns, shotguns, centerfire and rimfire rifles and pistols, muzzleloading guns, and archery equipment may be used. The following applies to dog hunting MUs:

1. Hunters pursuing deer or hogs with or without the aid of dogs must use shotguns with buckshot only or archery equipment (includes crossbows).
2. Hunters hunting migratory birds or small game species may use shotguns with legal small game or waterfowl loads. Non-PCP air guns may also be used to hunt small game.

3. The use of centerfire rifles and pistols, muzzleloading guns, PCP air guns, rimfire rifles and pistols, and shotguns using slugs/sabots is prohibited regardless of species being hunted.

Legal to Take: Antlered deer, wild hog, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, opossum, raccoon, beaver, coyote, bobcat (not before 01 Dec.), armadillo, skunk, and migratory birds in season.

Restrictions: See Section 18.

E. Early Muzzleloading Gun Season (07 days)

Dates: 05 - 11 Dec.

Hunting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise until 1/2 hour after sunset.

Hunting Weapons: Muzzleloading guns only.

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

Restrictions: Use of archery equipment is prohibited. See also Section 18.

F. Trapping Seasons (27 days)

Dates: Phase 1: 18 Dec. - 03 Jan.

***Phase 2: 15 - 31 Jan.**

**NOTE: Open trapping days during Phase 2 are Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal Holidays ONLY.*

Hunting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise until 1/2 hour after sunset.

Hunting 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 Hunt Weekend (02 days)

Dates: 09 - 10 Jan.

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

Hunting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise until 1/2 hour after sunset.

Hunting Weapons: Air guns, shotguns, centerfire and rimfire rifles and pistols, muzzleloading guns, and archery equipment. Weapons restrictions for dog hunting MUs during the General Gun Season as outlined above also apply to the Youth Hunt Weekend within those MUs.

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 Hunt Weekend dates and are assigned to the permitted Youth Hunter, NOT the supervising adult.

H. Small Game Season (27 days)

Dates: 04 - 08, 11 - 14, 19 - 21, and 25 - 28 Jan; 01 - 11 Feb.

Hunting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise until 1/2 hour after sunset.

Hunting Weapons: Air guns, shotguns, pistols, rimfire and muzzle-loading guns, and archery equipment.

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

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

I. Late Primitive Weapon Season (07 days)

Dates: 12 - 15 and 19 - 21 Feb.

Hunting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise until 1/2 hour after sunset.

Hunting 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, bobcat, armadillo, and skunk.

Restrictions: Use of crossbows or airbows requires a Persons with Disabilities Crossbow and Airbow Permit from the FWC. For more information visit <https://myfwc.com/license/accessibility/ada-for-hunters/crossbow-and-airbow-permit/>.

J. Youth Spring Turkey Season (02 days)

Dates: 13 - 14 Mar.

Hunting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise until 1:00 P.M.

Hunting 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: 20 Mar. - 25 Apr.

Hunting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise until 1:00 P.M.

Hunting 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 22. Exception: During Phase 1 Dove Season dates, Timberlake Dove Fields are open to hunting on Saturdays and Wednesdays only.

Hunting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise until sunset. Exception: During Phase 1 Dove Season, shooting hours are from noon until sunset.

Hunting 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 com-

bined. 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: 1/2 hour before sunrise until 1/2 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. Season applies to the Choctaw West MU and the portion of Choctaw North MU north of Bob Sikes Road (RR213) only.



Table 19. 2026 - 27 Daily, Possession, and Season Bag Limits

Species	Daily Limit	Season Limit	Possession Limit
Beaver, Raccoon, Skunk, Opossum, Coyote, Bobcat, Wild Hog, and Armadillo	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit
Deer ¹	2	5 *	4
Dove	15	No Limit	45
Gray Squirrel	12	No Limit	24
Quail ²	12	No Limit	24
Rabbit	12	No Limit	24
Spring Turkey ¹	1	2	2

¹ All deer and wild turkey harvested must be reported in accordance with FWC guidelines (see Section 18 or Appendix 1).

² Bag limit applies to wild quail only. There is no bag/possession limit on harvest of released pen-raised quail.

* No more than two harvested from lands within FWC Deer Management Unit (DMU) D1 (applies to Eglin) may be antlerless.



Section 20. Special Opportunity Hunts

Table 20. 2026 - 27 Special Opportunity Hunt Schedule

Special Opportunity Event	Cost	Application Period	Hunt Dates	Participants
7SFG(A) Area Archery Hunt*	\$50.00	01 – 30 Sept.	20 – 23 Nov.	32
			15 – 18 Jan.	32
			29 Jan. – 01 Feb.	32
			19 – 22 Feb.	32
Youth Lottery Hunt*	\$40.00	01 Sept. – 31 Dec.	06–07 Feb.	50
Mobility Impaired Hunt*	\$25.00	01 Sept. – 31 Dec.	13 – 14 Feb.	50
Turkey Hunt*	\$40.00	01 Sept. – 15 Feb.	20–21 Mar.	Up to 16
			03–04 Apr.	Up to 16
Youth Fishing Rodeo	Free	RSVP beginning 12 April 2027	17 Apr.	150
			18 Apr.	150
Wild Hog Dog Hunt (Spring)	\$25.00	Authorization Form available at iSportsman or NRO	26–28 Feb. 30 Apr.–02 May 07–09 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 21. 2026-27 Eglin AFB Hunting Season Dates Calendar

September 2026						
Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

October 2026						
Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

November 2026						
Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

December 2026						
Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

January 2027						
Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

February 2027						
Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

March 2027						
Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

April 2027						
Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

May 2027						
Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

June 2027						
Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
			1	2	3	4
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26	27	28	29	30		

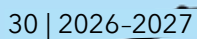
HUNTING SEASON	Season Length
Early Archery	33
Wood Duck & Teal Only	5
Dove Season (Phase 1)	7
Pre-season Scouting	7
Deer Dog Training	7
➡ Sikes Early AR starts	15
Small Game	27
Youth Weekend Hunt	2
7SFG AR Lottery Hunt	16
General Gun	31
Early Muzzleloader	7
Mob. Imp. Lottery Hunt	2
Youth Lottery Hunt	2
Late Primitive Weapons	7
Spring Hog Dog	9
Youth Turkey Weekend	2
Spring Turkey	37
➡ Youth Fishing Rodeo	2
Spring Turkey Lottery	4
Furbearer	32

Federal Holidays

Labor Day	Monday, September 7, 2026
Columbus Day	Monday, October 12, 2026
Veterans Day	Wednesday, November 11, 2026
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 26, 2026
Christmas Day	Friday, December 25, 2026
New Year's Day	Friday, January 1, 2027
MLK Jr. Day	Monday, January 18, 2027
President's Day	Monday, February 15, 2027
Memorial Day	Monday, May 31, 2027

Maps in this Handbook are provided as guides. Boundaries are subject to change throughout the year and all boundaries, gates, 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.

 Stalk Hunting Area (check station check-in/out required)
 Stalk Hunting Area
 Dog Hunting Area
 Archery Area
 Recreation Area (no hunting)



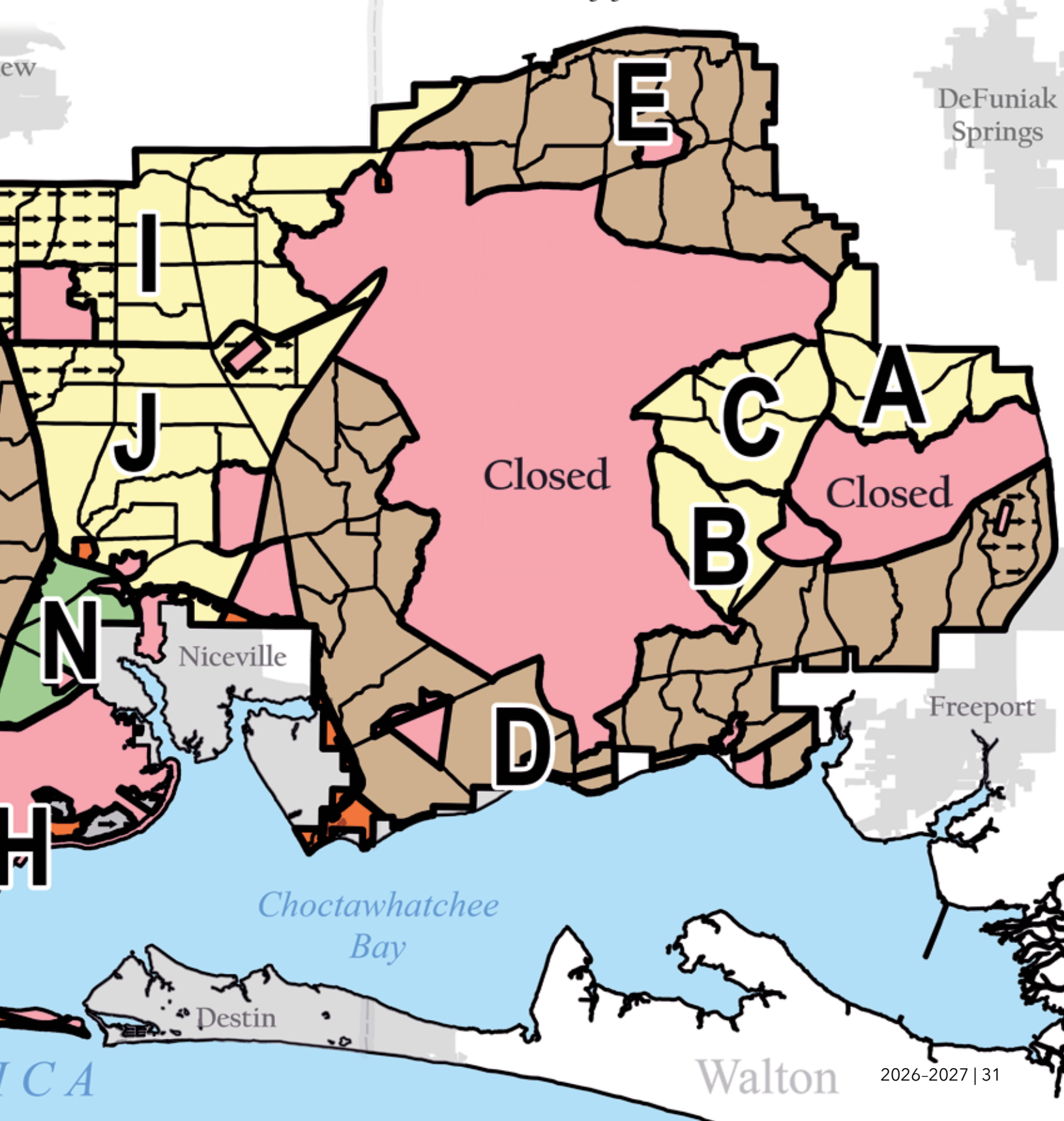
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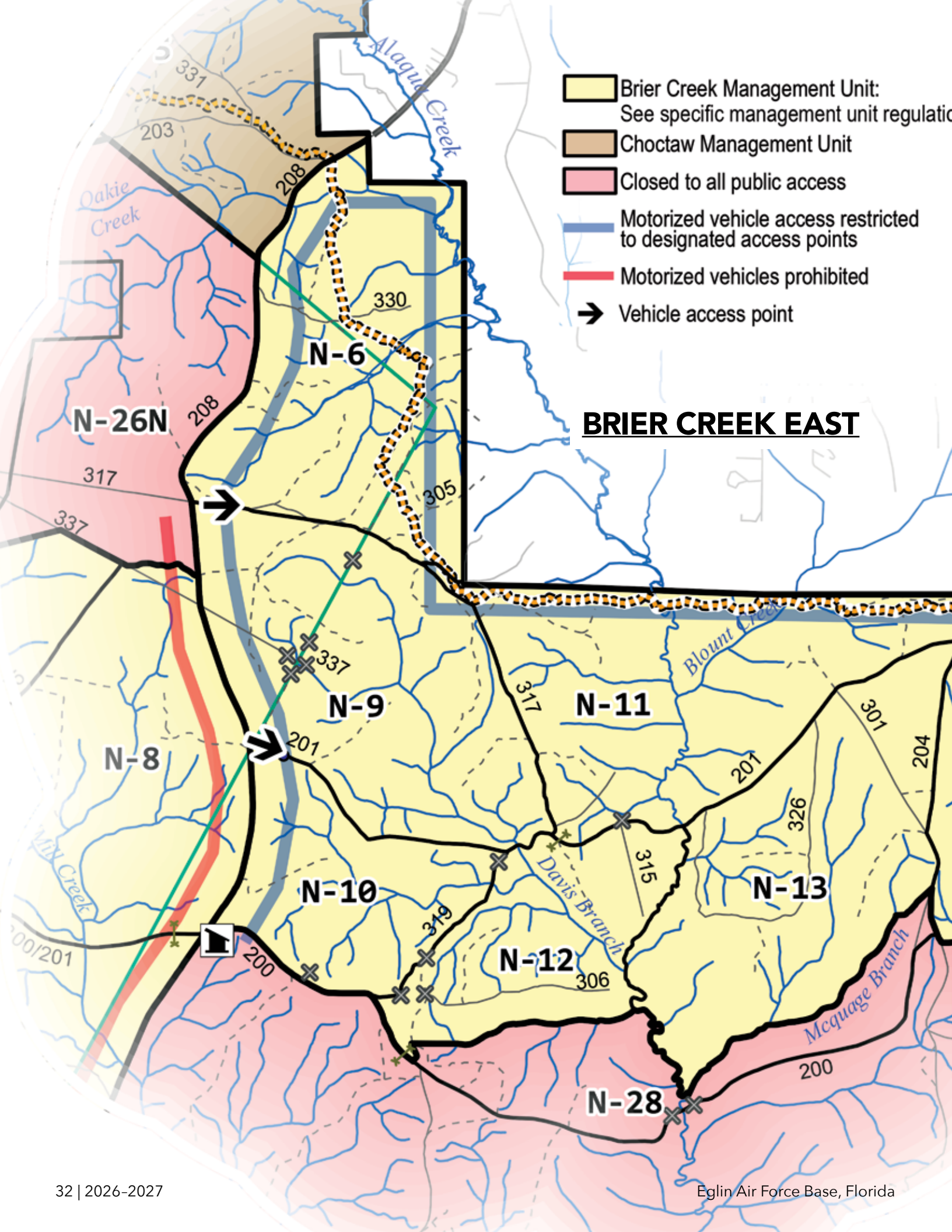
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C. Brier Creek West

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

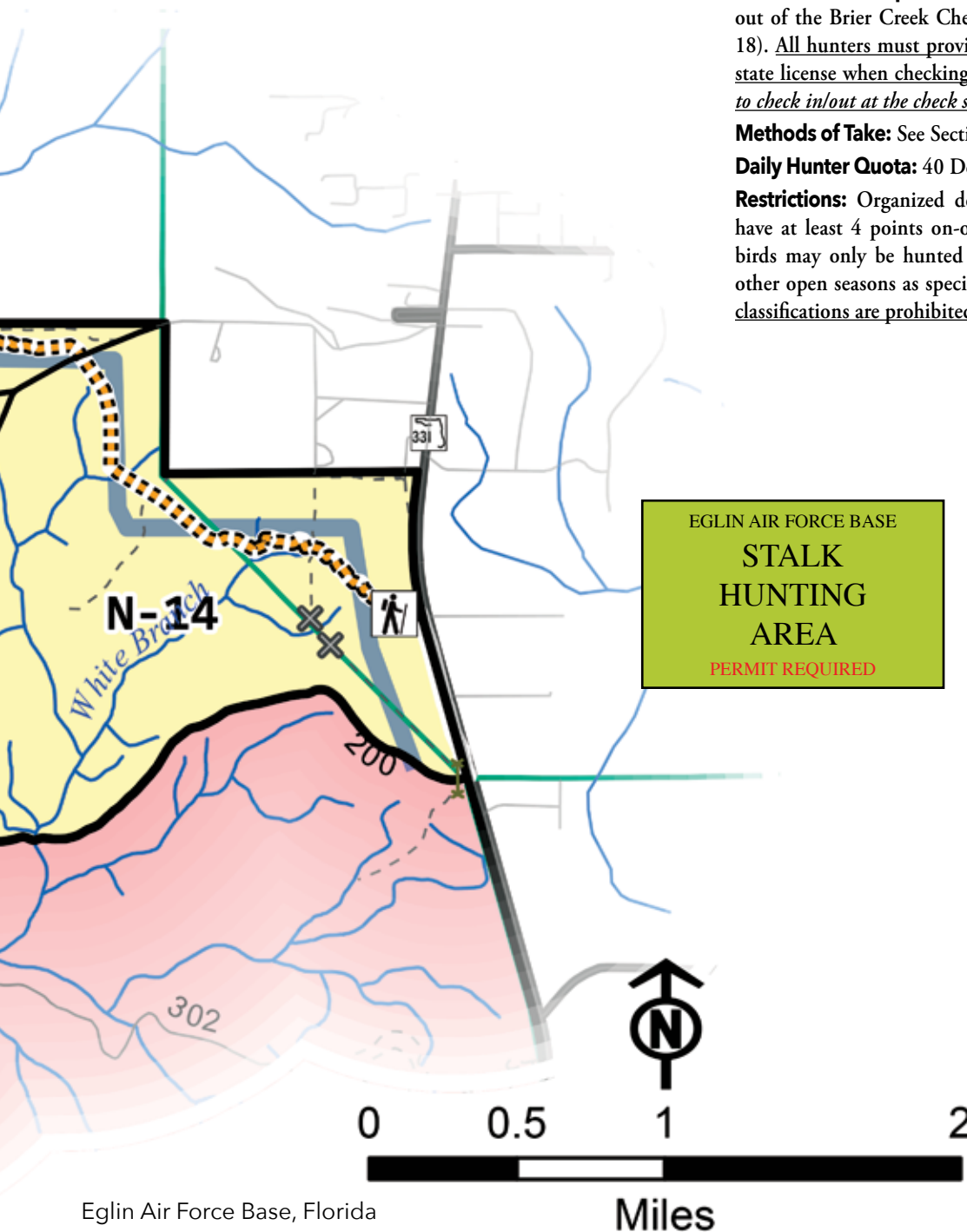
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H. Eglin Main
I. Jackson North
J. Jackson South

K. Metts
L. Roberts Pond
M. Sikes
N. Toms Creek





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- 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 19 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 17).

Check Station Requirements: All individuals are required to check in/out of the Brier Creek Check Station when manned (see also Section 18). 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 18.

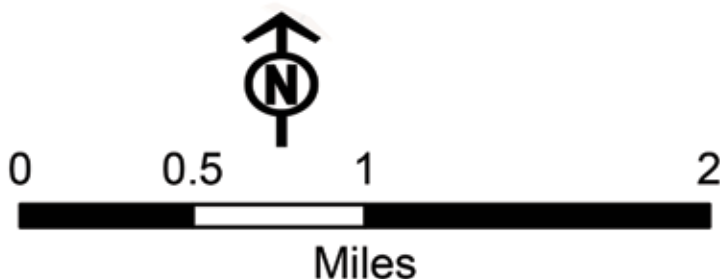
Daily Hunter Quota: 40 Deer Hunters. 20 Turkey Hunters.

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 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



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 19 for season dates).

Vehicle Restrictions: Motorized vehicles may only enter and exit at designated access point on RR208 @ RR370. 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 17).

Check Station Requirements: All individuals are required to check in/out of the Brier Creek Check Station when manned (see also Section 18). All hunters must provide a paper copy of their Eglin permits and state license when checking in.

Methods of Take: See Section 18.

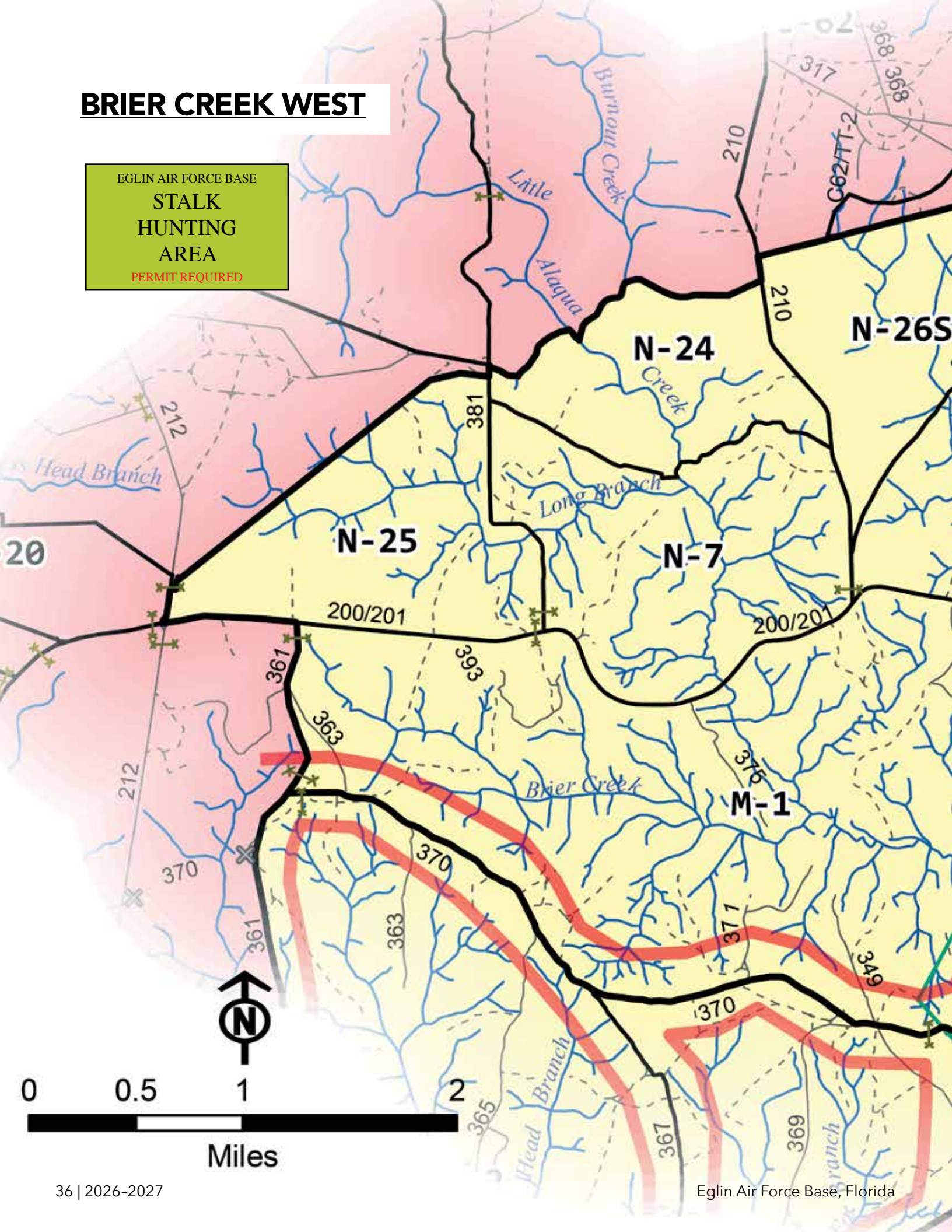
Daily Hunter Quota: 20 Deer Hunters. 10 Turkey Hunters.

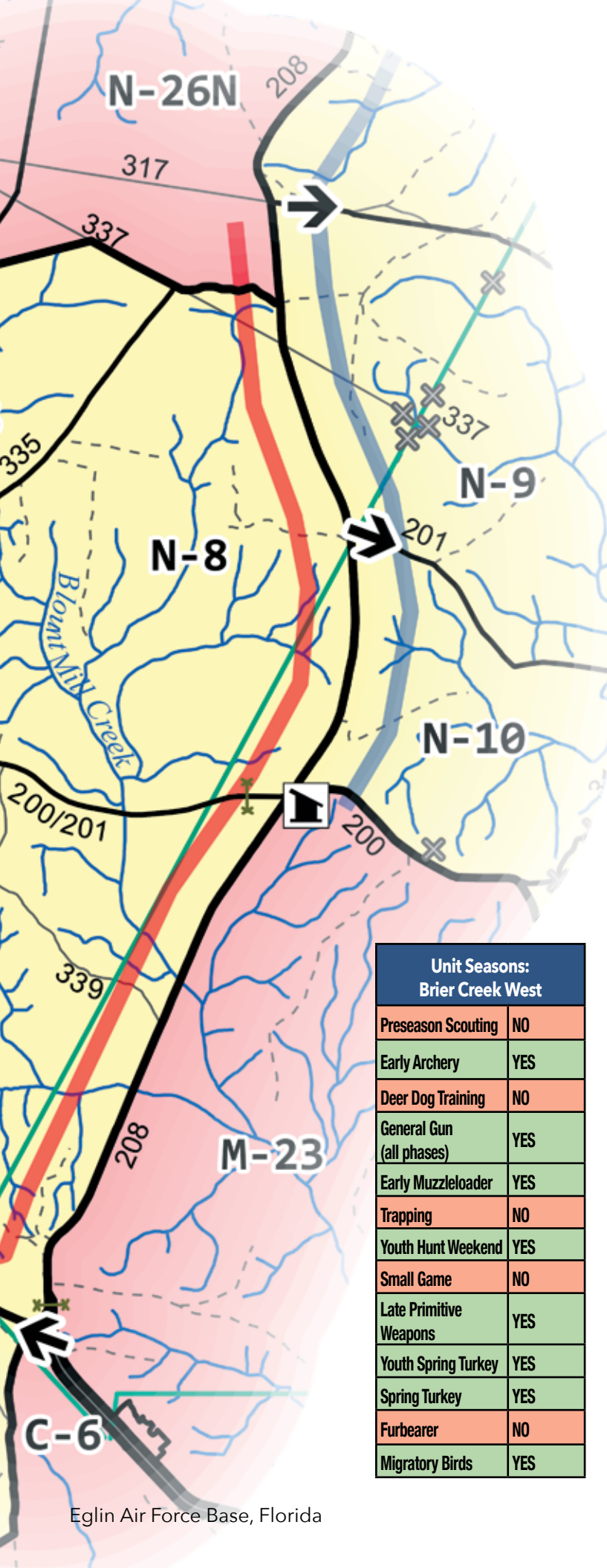
Restrictions: Organized deer drives prohibited. Antlered deer must have at least 4 points on one side or 14-inch main beam. Migratory birds may only be hunted during statewide dates that coincide with other open seasons as specified in chart. Electric bikes of all types and classifications are prohibited.

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

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE
STALK
HUNTING
AREA
PERMIT REQUIRED





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 19 for season dates).

Vehicle Restrictions: Motorized vehicles may only enter and exit at designated access point on RR208 @ RR370. 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 17).

Check Station Requirements: All individuals are required to check in/out of the Brier Creek Check Station when manned (see also Section 18). All hunters must provide a paper copy of their Eglin permits and state license when checking in.

Methods of Take: See Section 18.

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.

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

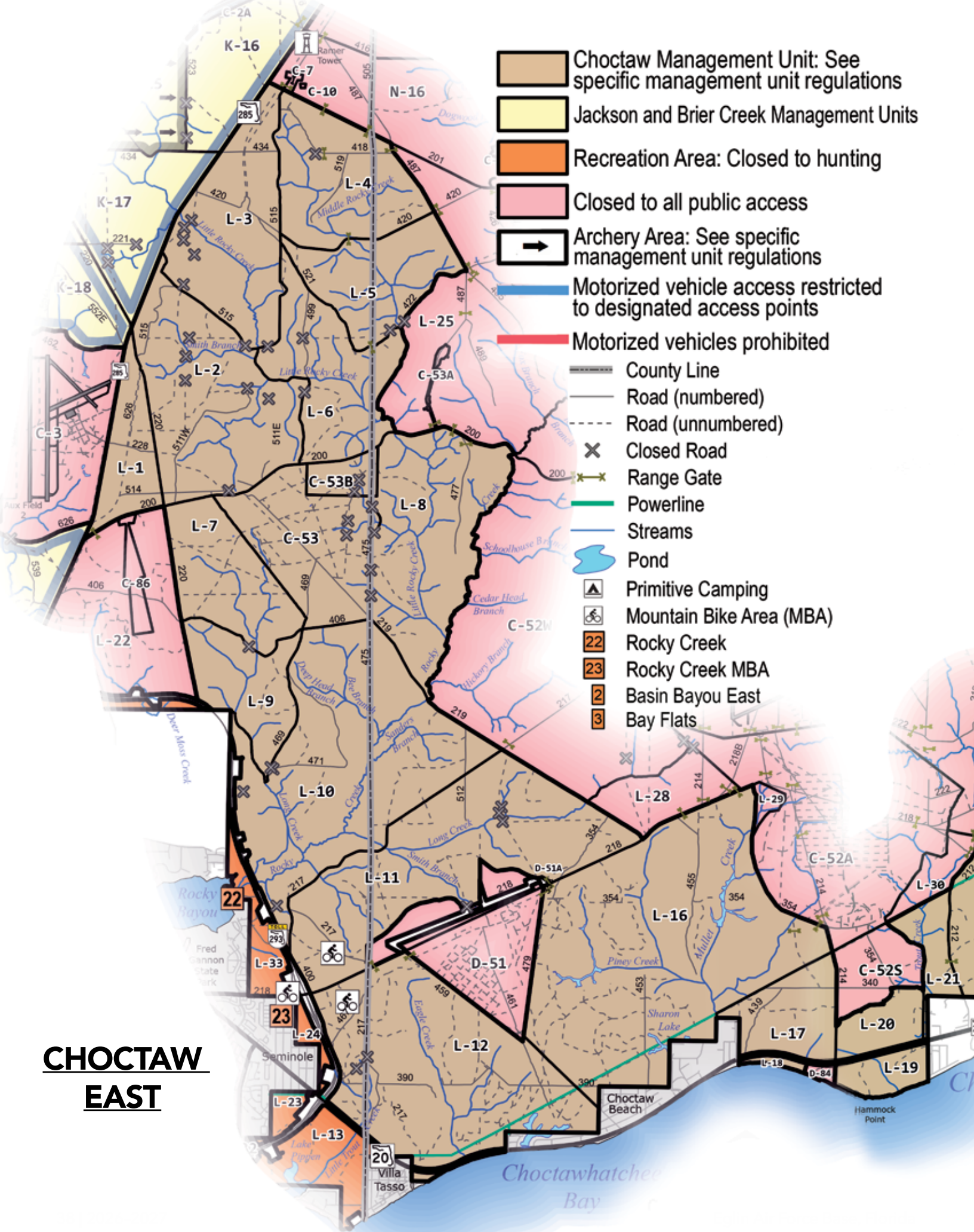
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Pond

Game Check Station

Vehicle access point

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



**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 19 for hunting season dates.

Vehicle Restrictions: Parking along SR293 to access the MU is prohibited.

Preseason Scouting: Allowed year-round.

Recreational Dogs: Allowed as outlined in Section 17.

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 18. 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.

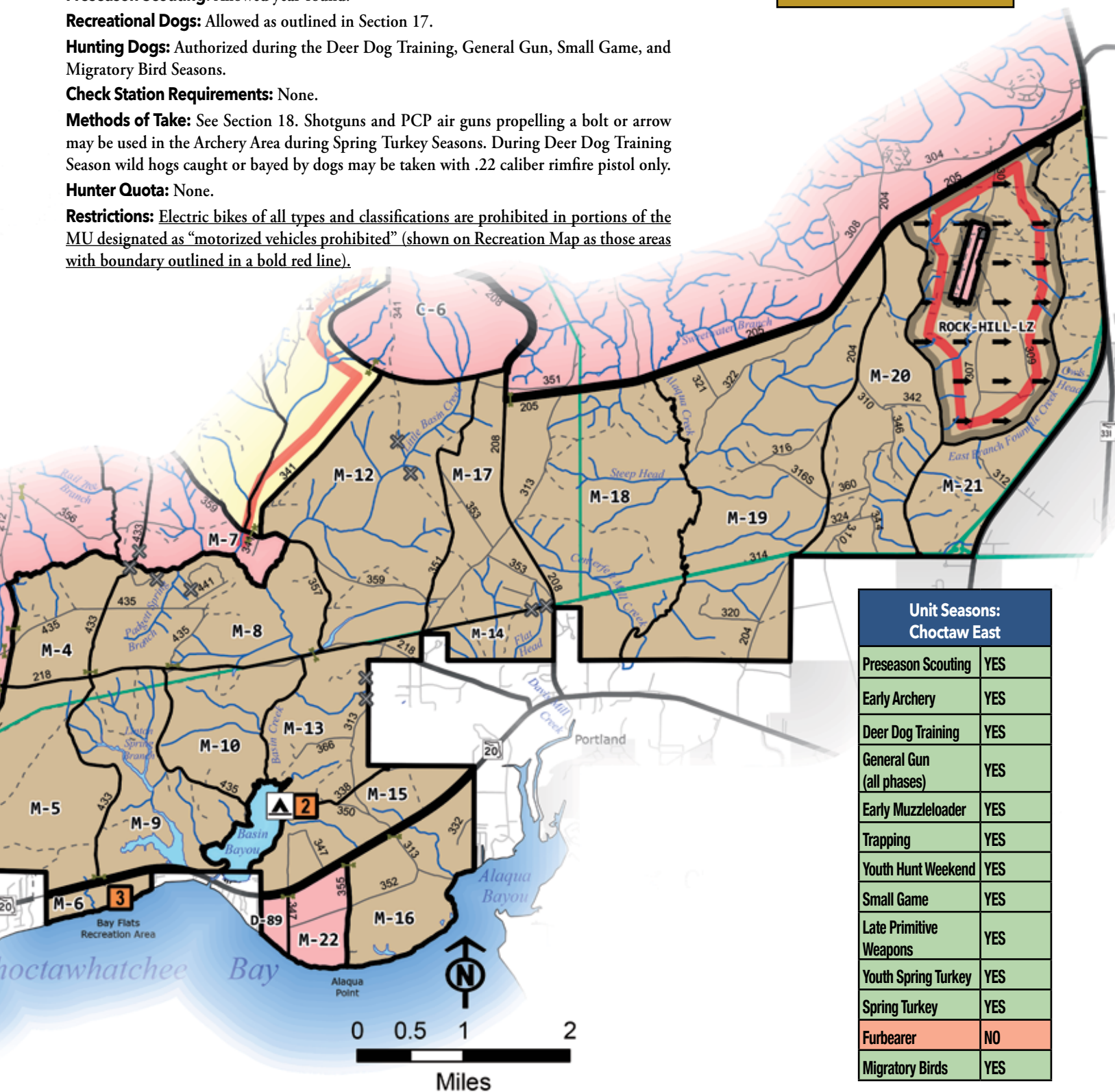
Hunter Quota: None.

Restrictions: Electric bikes of all types and classifications are prohibited in portions of the MU designated as "motorized vehicles prohibited" (shown on Recreation Map as those areas with boundary outlined in a bold red line).

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE

DOG HUNTING AREA

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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 19 for hunting season dates.

Vehicle Restrictions: None.

Preseason Scouting: Allowed year-round.

Recreational Dogs: Allowed as outlined in Section 17.

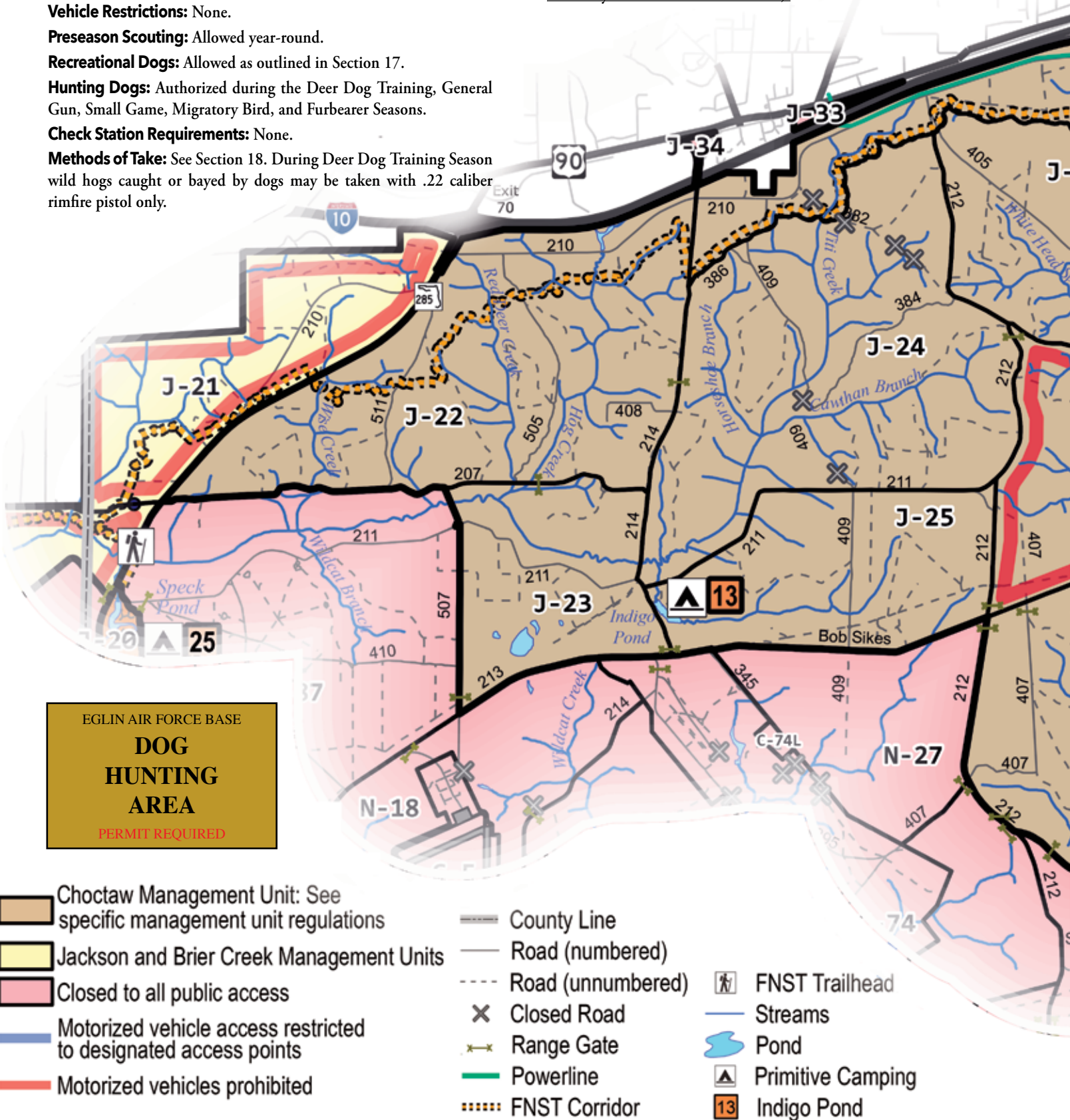
Hunting Dogs: Authorized during the Deer Dog Training, General Gun, Small Game, Migratory Bird, and Furbearer Seasons.

Check Station Requirements: None.

Methods of Take: See Section 18. 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" (shown on Recreation Map as those areas with boundary outlined in a bold red line).

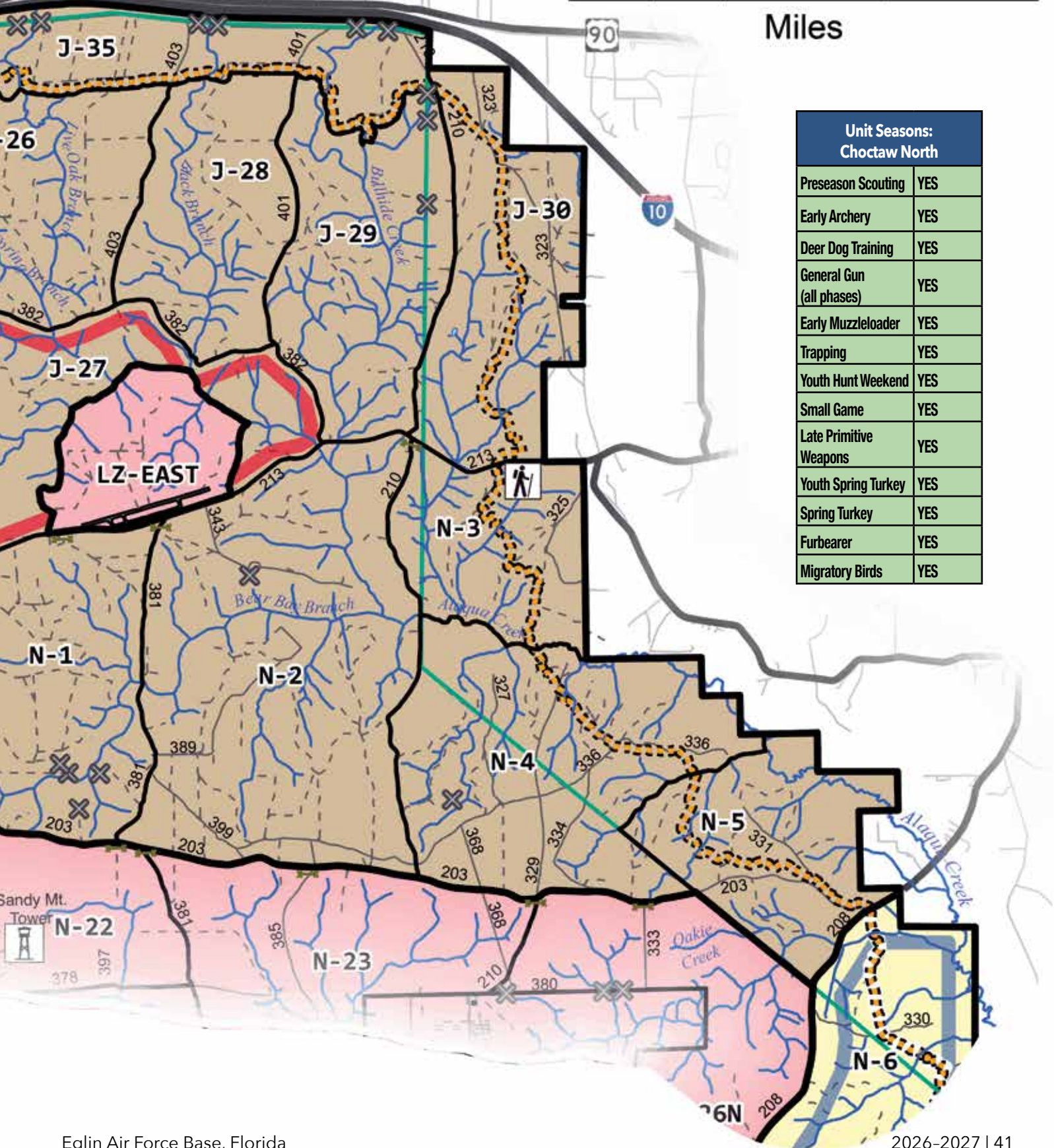


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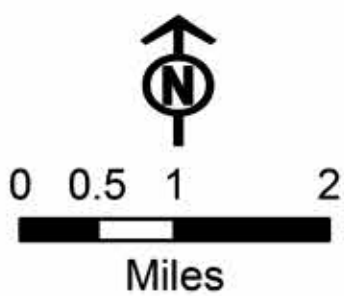
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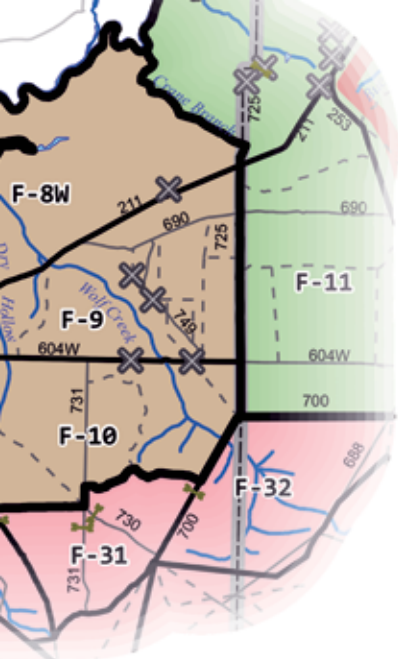
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Unit Seasons: Choctaw North	
Preseason Scouting	YES
Early Archery	YES
Deer Dog Training	YES
General Gun (all phases)	YES
Early Muzzleloader	YES
Trapping	YES
Youth Hunt Weekend	YES
Small Game	YES
Late Primitive Weapons	YES
Youth Spring Turkey	YES
Spring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

CHOCTAW WEST





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**DOG
HUNTING
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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 19 for hunting season dates.

Vehicle Restrictions: None.

Preseason Scouting: Allowed year-round.

Recreational Dogs: Allowed as outlined in Section 17.

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

Check Station Requirements: None.

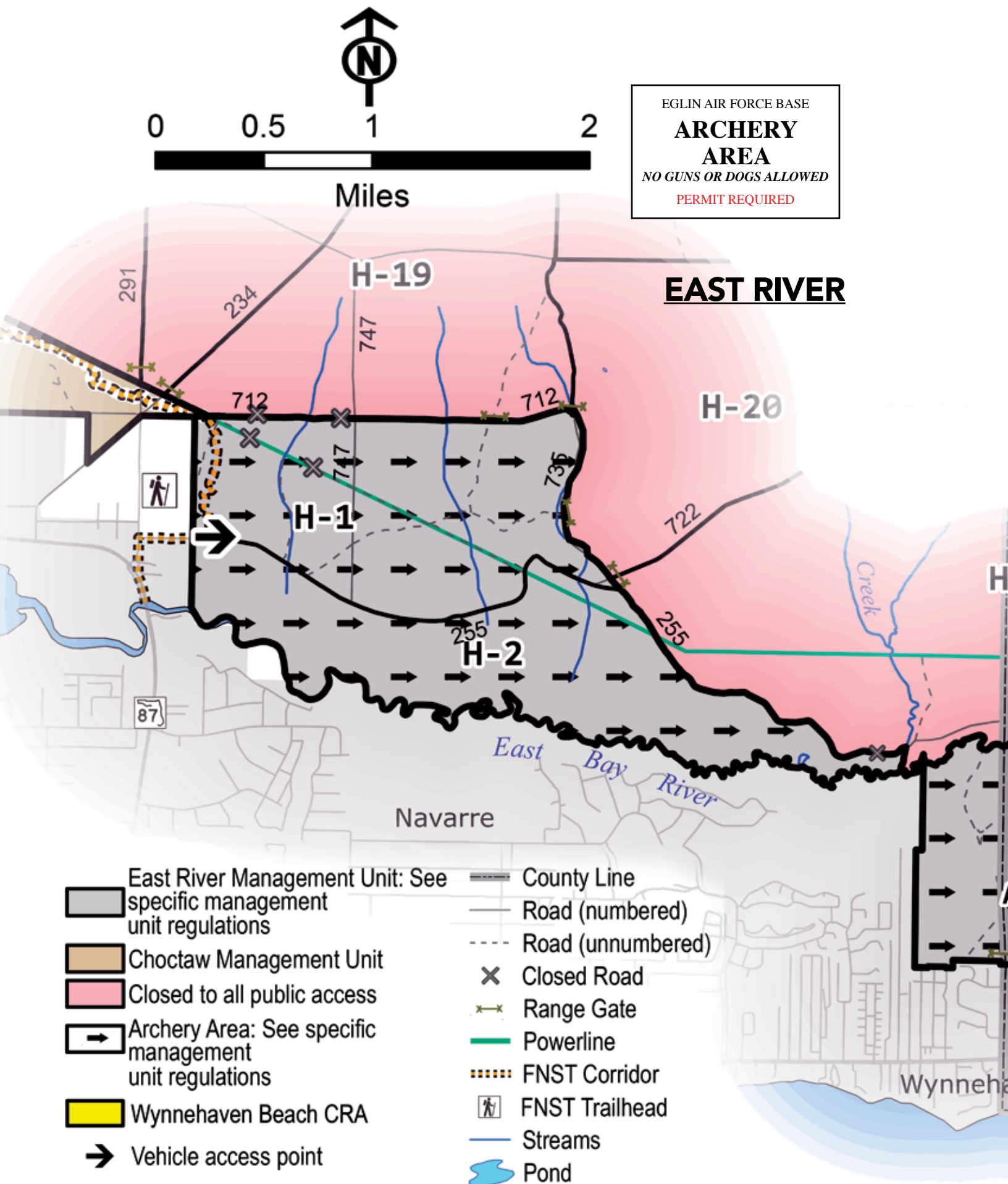
Methods of Take: See Section 18. During Deer Dog Training Season wild hogs caught or bayed by dogs may be taken with .22 caliber rimfire pistol only.

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 19 for hunting season dates.

Vehicle Restrictions: The majority of the East River MU is closed to vehicle access. All vehicles entering the MU must enter and exit through the designated Vehicle Access Points (shown as black arrows on the map). There is no vehicular access from Hwy 98.

Preseason Scouting: Allowed year-round.

Recreational Dogs: Allowed as outlined in Section 17 outside of established hunting season dates.

Hunting Dogs: Prohibited except when retrieving downed game (see Section 17).

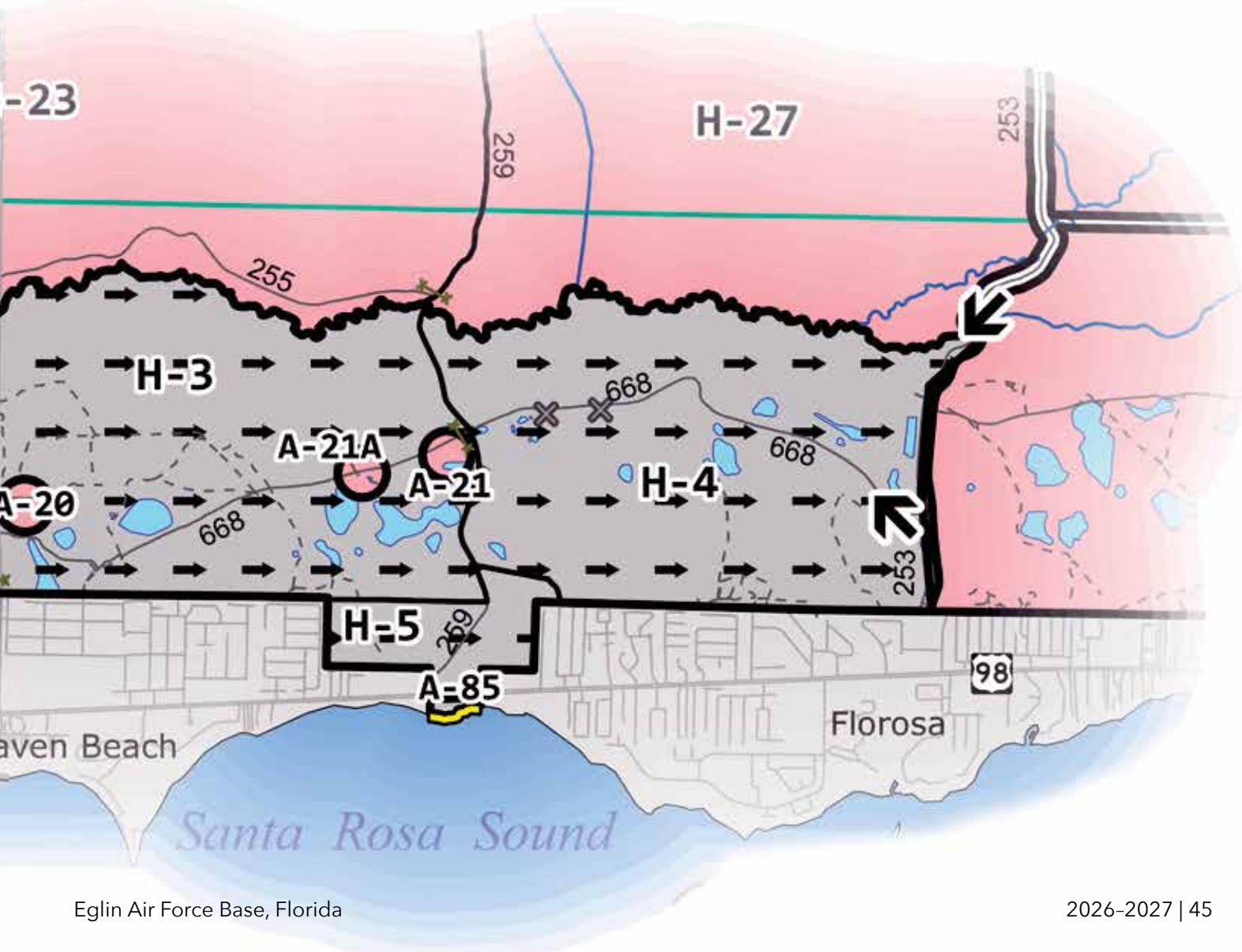
Check Station Requirements: None.

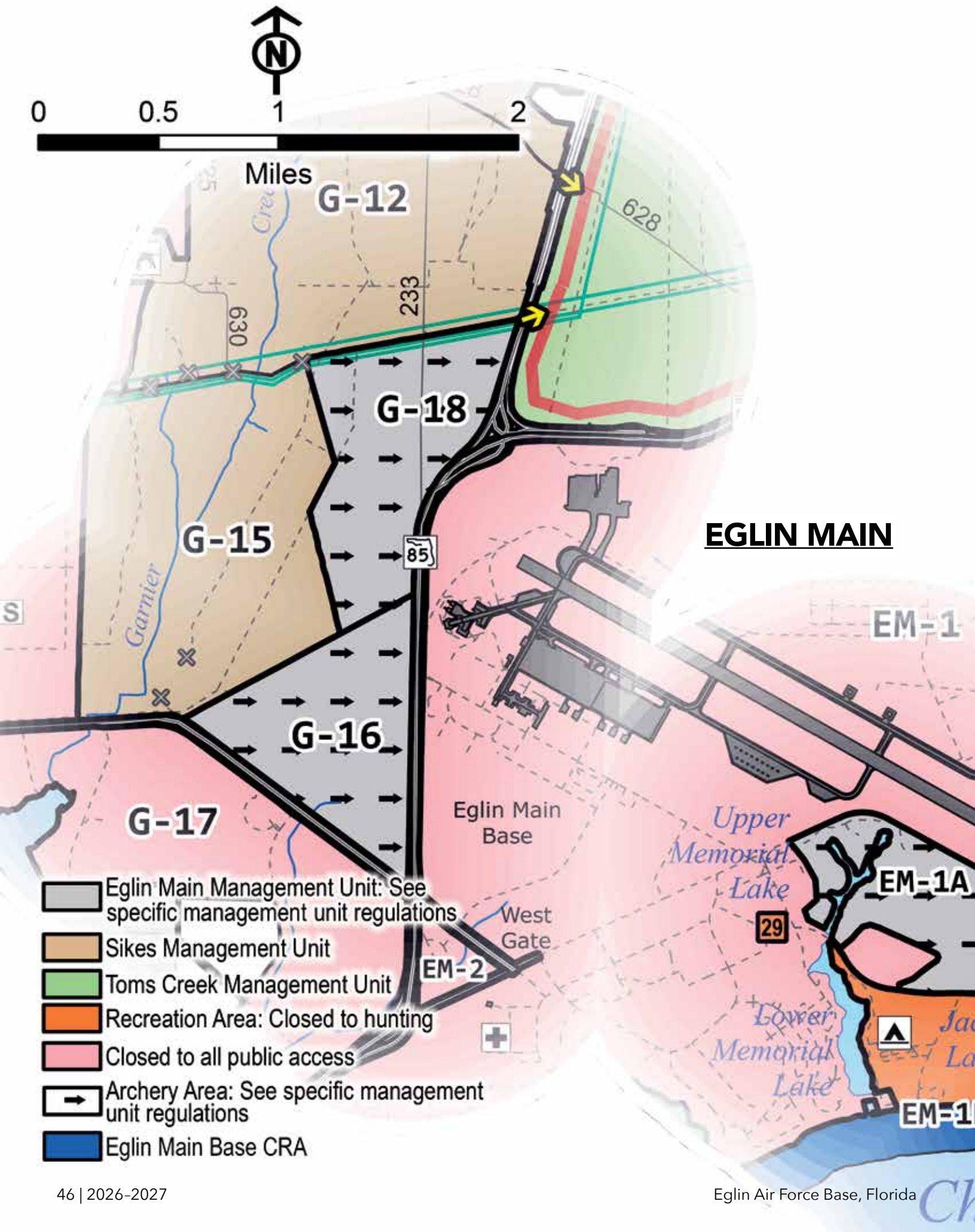
Methods of Take: Archery equipment only during all seasons except that shotguns and PCP air guns propelling a bolt or arrow may be used during Spring Turkey Seasons (see also Section 18).

Hunter Quota: None.

Restrictions: Organized deer drives prohibited.

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 19 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 17.

Hunting Dogs: Prohibited except when retrieving downed game (see Section 17). Dog training is restricted to designated bird dog training areas only, but use of blank pistols and pigeons as training aids is prohibited.

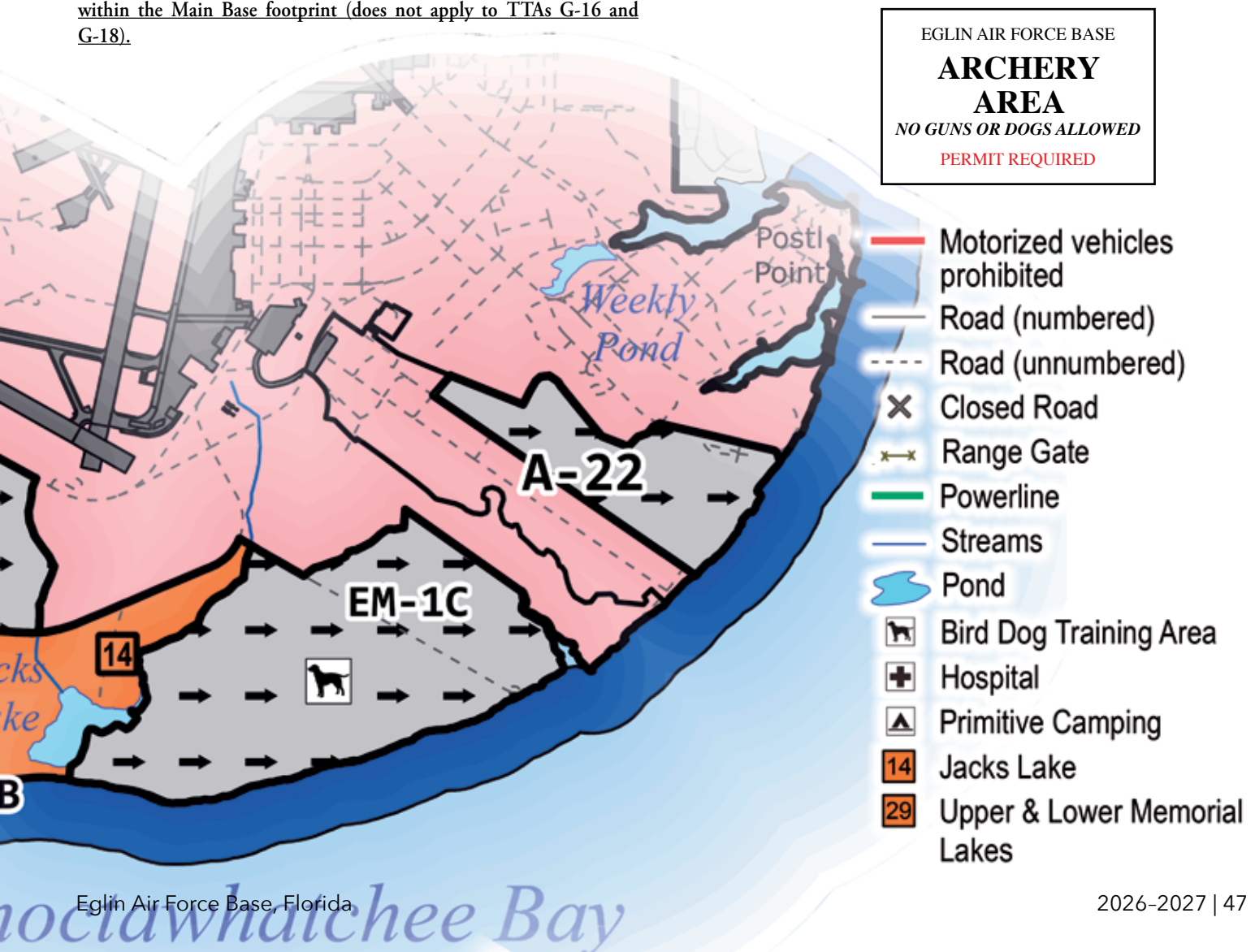
Check Station Requirements: None.

Methods of Take: Archery equipment only during all seasons (also applies to TTAs G-16 and G-18).

Hunter Quota: None.

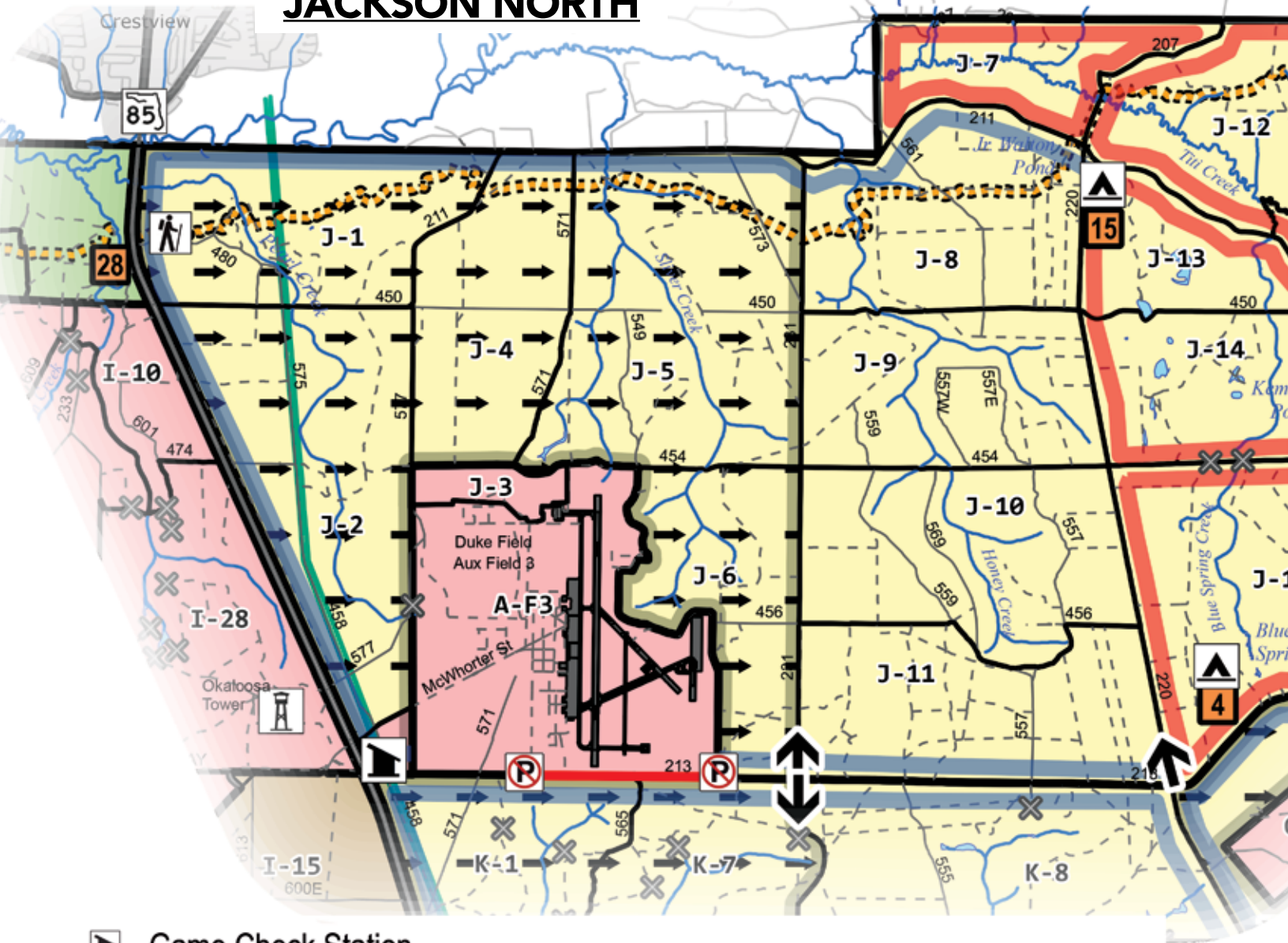
Restrictions: Organized deer drives prohibited. CCW is prohibited within the Main Base footprint (does not apply to TTAs G-16 and G-18).

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



- 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



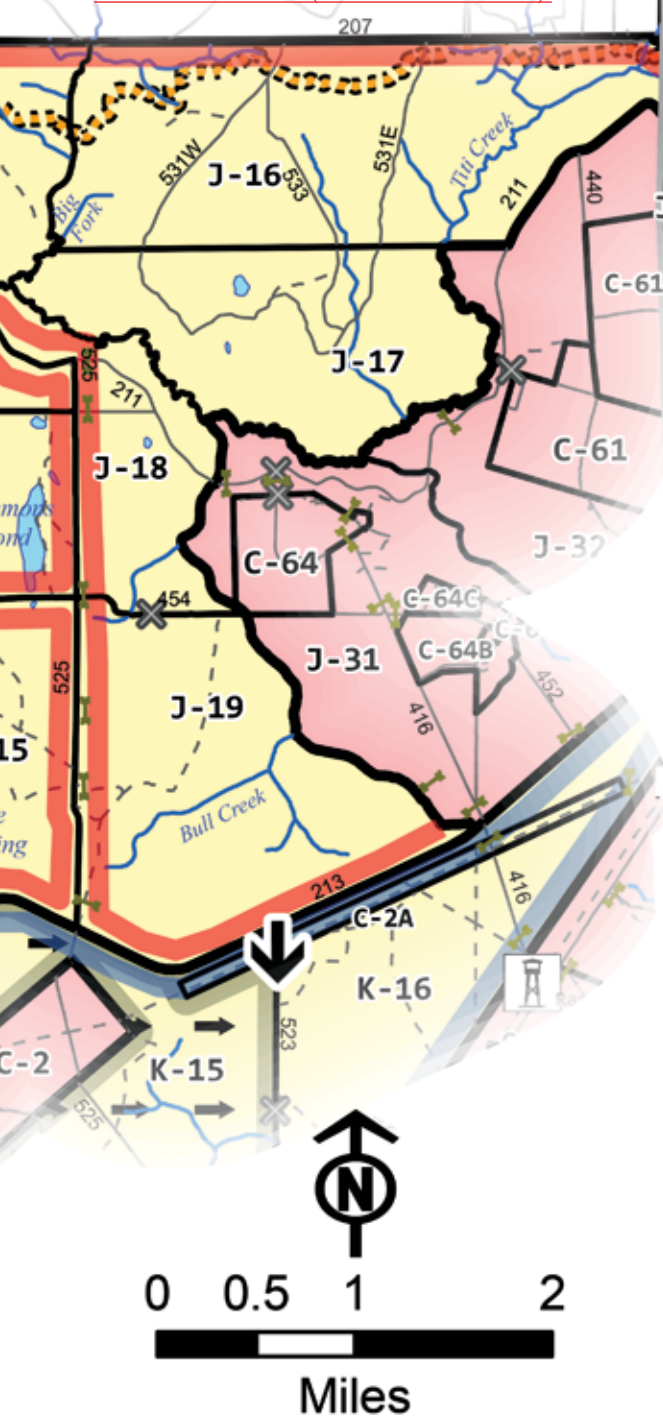
- Game Check Station
- Primitive Camping
- Blue Springs
- Speck Pond
- Jr. Walton Pond
- Turkey Hen Flats
- Powerline
- FNST Corridor
- FNST Trailhead
- Streams
- Pond

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 and parking restriction 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 19 for hunting season dates. Beginning 1 October 2026, all individuals 16 or older engaging in any recreational activity must utilize the iSportsman check in/out feature when accessing this MU in addition to physical Check Station requirements outlined below (see details in Section 8).



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

Vehicle Restrictions: All vehicles entering the MU must enter and exit through the designated Vehicle Access Points (shown as black arrows on the map). When the check station is manned parking on SR85 and SR285 (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 17–23 Oct.

Recreational Dogs: Allowed as outlined in Section 17 outside of established hunting season dates.

Hunting Dogs: Prohibited except when retrieving downed game (see Section 17) or using bird dogs and retrievers during Migratory Bird and Small Game Season dates.

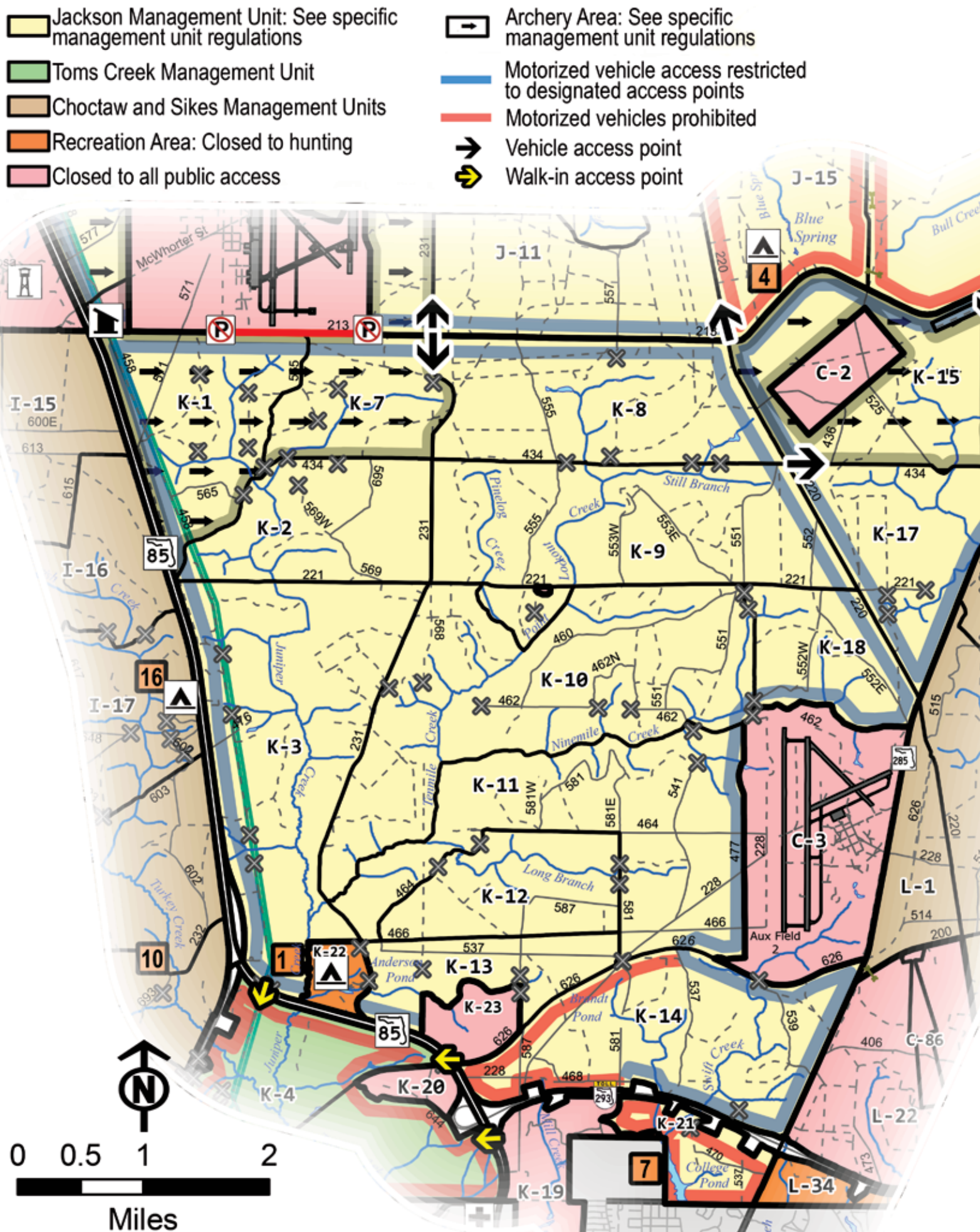
Check Station Requirements: ALL INDIVIDUALS (including non-hunting recreationists) entering the MU must check in/out of the Jackson Check Station during all seasons the check station is manned and present printed copies of Eglin permits/stamps; not required during Preseason Scouting, Small Game Season, and portions of the Migratory Bird Season, or if transiting through the MU on RR213 or RR220 without exiting vehicle. 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 accessing TTAs J-16, J-17, and J-21 from SR285 are not required to check in/out at the check station, however the parking restriction along SR285 south of RR211 while check station is manned still applies.

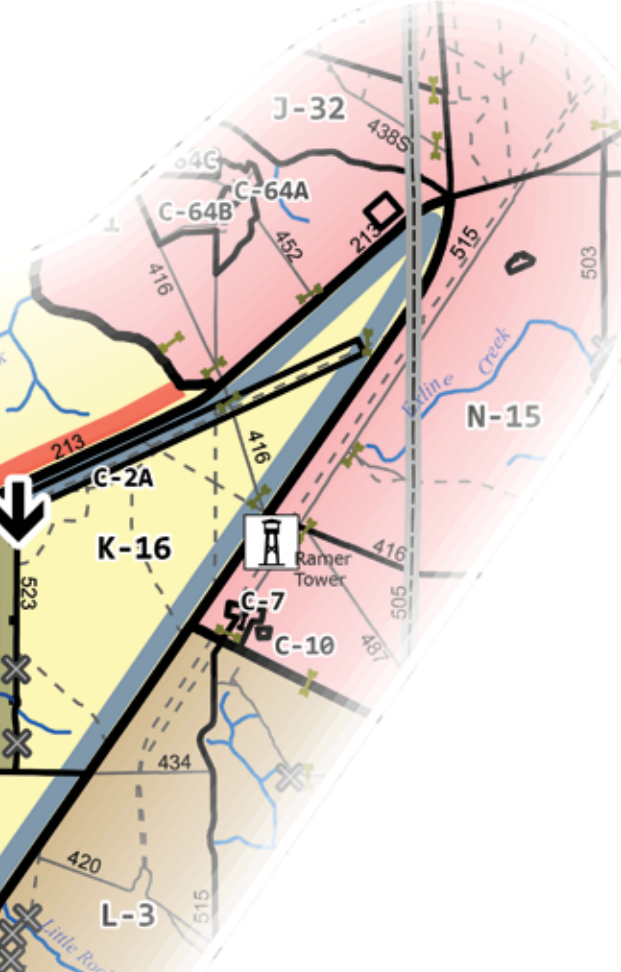
Methods of Take: See Section 18. Shotguns and PCP air guns propelling a bolt or arrow may be used in the Archery Area during Spring Turkey Seasons.

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” (shown on Recreation Map as those areas with boundary outlined in a bold red line).

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





JACKSON SOUTH

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



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 and parking restriction 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 19 for hunting season dates. Beginning 1 October 2026, all individuals 16 or older engaging in any recreational activity must utilize the iSportsman check in/out feature when accessing this MU in addition to physical Check Station requirements outlined below (see details in Section 8).

Vehicle Restrictions: All vehicles entering the MU must enter and exit through the designated Vehicle Access Points (shown as black arrows on the map). Parking on SR293 to access this MU is prohibited at all times. When the check station is manned parking on SR85 and SR285 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 17–23 Oct.

Recreational Dogs: Allowed as outlined in Section 17 outside of established hunting season dates.

Hunting Dogs: Prohibited except when retrieving downed game (see Section 17) or using bird dogs and retrievers during Migratory Bird and 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; not required during Preseason Scouting, Small Game Season, and portions of the Migratory Bird Season, or if transiting through the MU on RR213 or RR220 without exiting vehicle. 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 18. Shotguns and PCP air guns propelling a bolt or arrow may be used in the Archery Areas during Spring Turkey Seasons.

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

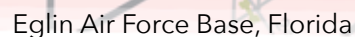
Restrictions: Organized deer drives prohibited. Antlered deer must have at least 4 points on one side or 14-inch main beam. Electric bikes of all types and classifications are prohibited in portions of the MU designated as “motorized vehicles prohibited” (shown on Recreation Map as those areas with boundary outlined in a bold red line).

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

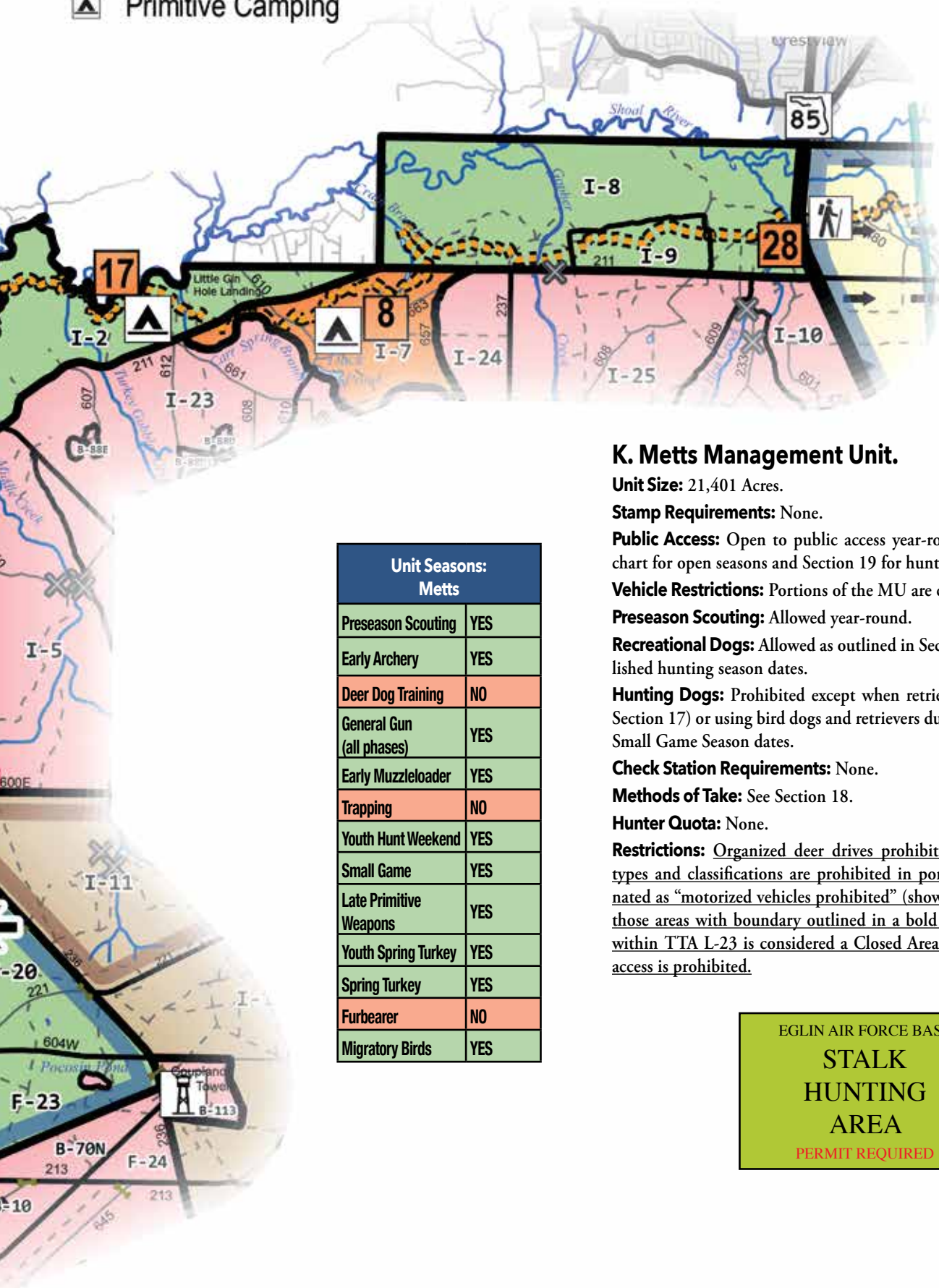
- # METTS

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- Road (unnumbered)



-  FNST Trailhead
-  Streams
-  Pond
-  Primitive Camping
-  Carr Landing
-  Duck Pond
-  Little Gin Hole
-  Mason Landing
-  Metts Bluff
-  Turkey Hen Flats



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 19 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 17 outside of established hunting season dates.

Hunting Dogs: Prohibited except when retrieving downed game (see Section 17) or using bird dogs and retrievers during Migratory Bird and Small Game Season dates.

Check Station Requirements: None.

Methods of Take: See Section 18.

Hunter Quota: None.

Restrictions: Organized deer drives prohibited. Electric bikes of all types and classifications are prohibited in portions of the MU designated as "motorized vehicles prohibited" (shown on Recreation Map as those areas with boundary outlined in a bold red line). Pocosin Pond within TTA L-23 is considered a Closed Area and therefore all public access is prohibited.

Unit Seasons: Metts	
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

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE

**STALK
HUNTING
AREA**

PERMIT REQUIRED

-  Roberts Pond Management Unit: See specific management unit regulations
-  Sikes Management Unit
-  Recreation Area: Closed to hunting
-  Closed to all public access
-  Camp Pinchot CRA
-  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

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE
STALK
HUNTING
AREA
PERMIT REQUIRED

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 are closed to vehicular access year-round. RR685 and RR689 are open to motor vehicle access during established hunting seasons only. See accompanying chart for open seasons and Section 19 for hunting season dates.

Preseason Scouting: Allowed year-round.

Recreational Dogs: Allowed as outlined in Section 17 outside of established hunting season dates.

Hunting Dogs: Prohibited except when retrieving downed game (see Section 17) or using bird dogs and retrievers during Migratory Bird and Small Game Season dates.

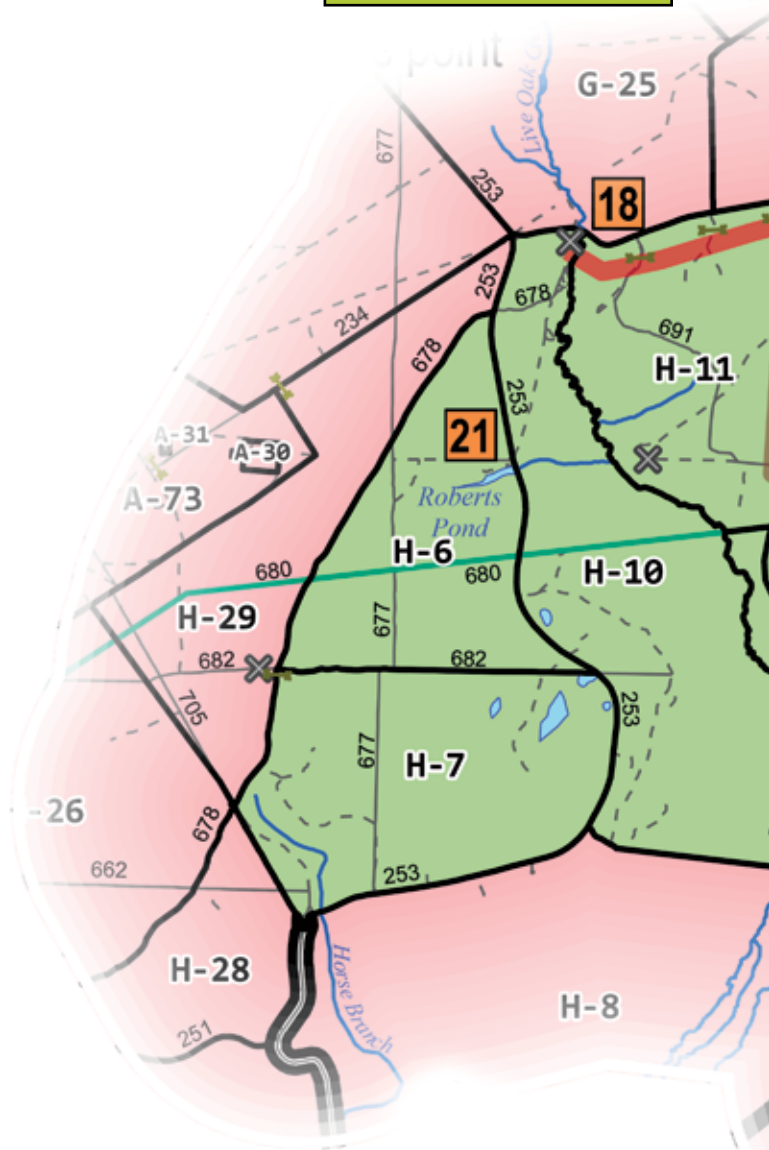
Check Station Requirements: None.

Methods of Take: See Section 18. Shotguns and PCP air guns propelling a bolt or arrow may be used in the Archery Area during Spring Turkey Seasons.

Hunter Quota: None.

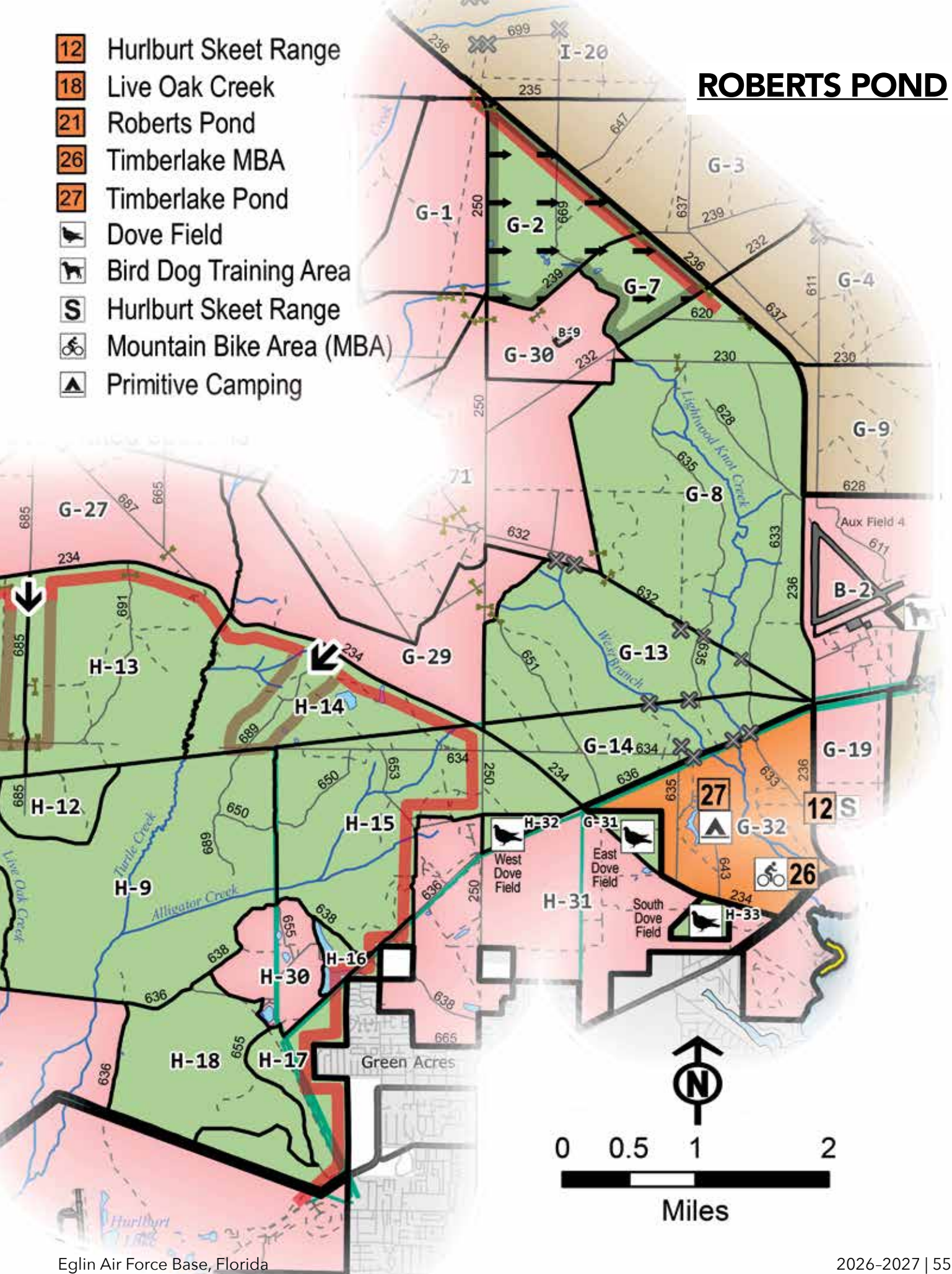
Restrictions: Organized deer drives prohibited. Electric bikes of all types and classifications are prohibited in portions of the MU designated as "motorized vehicles prohibited" (shown on Recreation Map as those areas with boundary outlined in a bold red line).

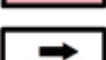
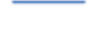
Unit Seasons: Roberts Pond	
Preseason Scouting	YES
Early Archery	YES
Deer Dog Training	NO
General Gun (all phases)	YES
Early Muzzleloader	YES
Trapping	NO
Youth Hunt Weekend	YES
Small Game	YES
Late Primitive Weapons	YES
Youth Spring Turkey	YES
Spring Turkey	YES
Furbearer	NO
Migratory Birds	YES



- 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)
-  Primitive Camping

ROBERTS POND



-  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
-  Archery Area: See specific management unit regulations
-  Road (numbered)
-  Road (unnumbered)
-  Closed Road
-  Range Gate
-  Powerline
-  Streams
-  Motorized vehicles allowed during designated seasons
-  Motorized vehicle access restricted to designated access points
-  Motorized vehicles prohibited
-  Vehicle access point
-  Walk-in access point
-  Pond
-  Bird Dog Training Area
-  Hurlburt Skeet Range
-  Mountain Bike Area (MBA)
-  Game Check Station
-  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 19 for hunting season dates. Beginning 1 October 2026, all individuals 16 or older engaging in any recreational activity must utilize the iSportsman check in/out feature when accessing this MU (see details in Section 8).

Vehicle Restrictions: Motorized vehicle access (including all classifications of e-bikes) is prohibited in TTAs F-17, I-11, I-29, I-30, and I-34 except during the General Gun Season.

Preseason Scouting: Allowed year-round.

Recreational Dogs: Allowed as outlined in Section 17.

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

Check Station Requirements: None.

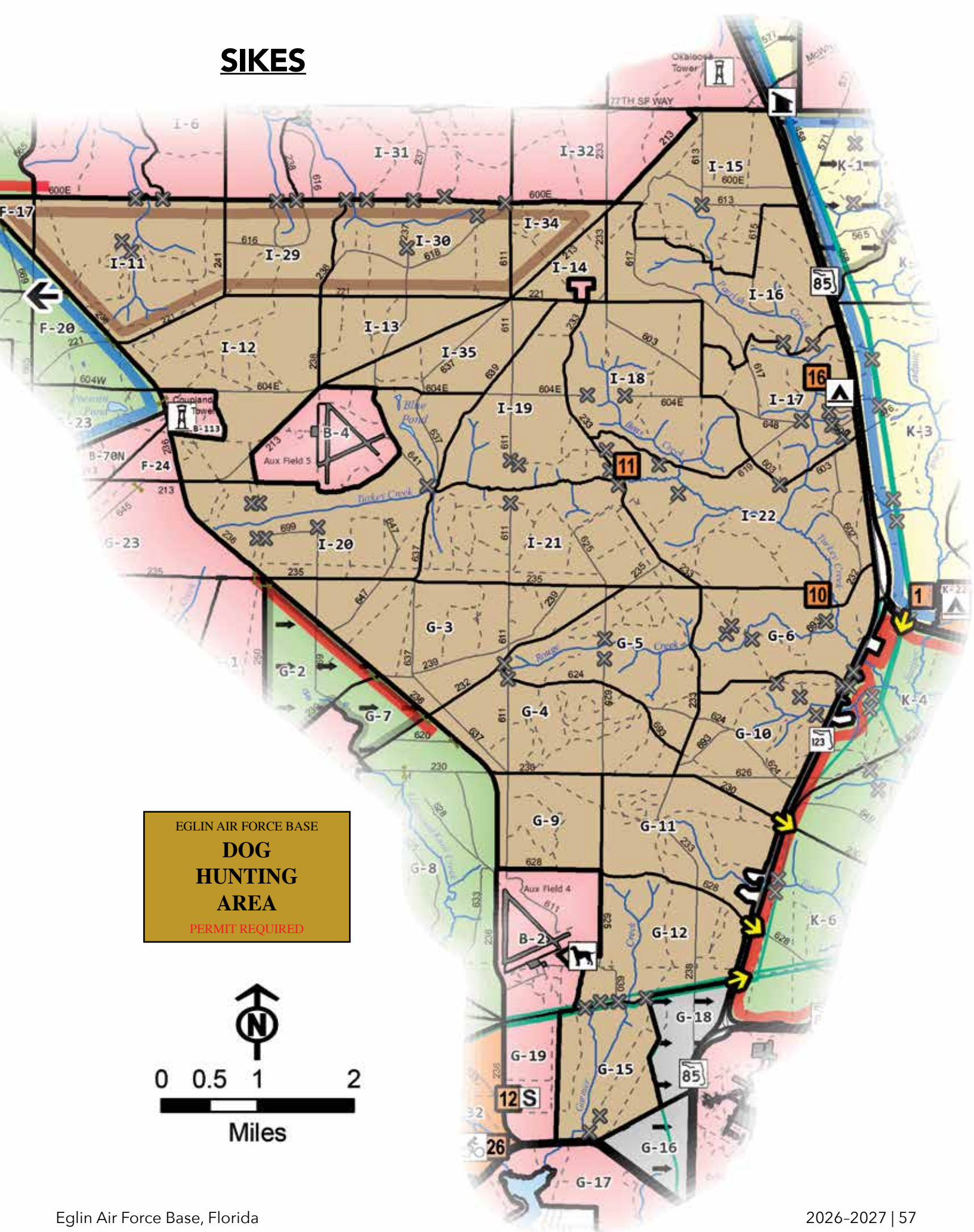
Methods of Take: See Section 18. During Deer Dog Training Season wild hogs caught or bayed by dogs may be taken with .22 caliber rimfire pistol only.

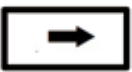
Hunter Quota: None.

Restrictions: None.

Unit Seasons: Sikes	
Preseason Scouting	YES
Early Archery	YES
Deer Dog Training	YES
General Gun (all phases)	YES
Early Muzzleloader	YES
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 traditional bicycle access year-round. Parking along SR85 (south of the Hwy 123 interchange) to access this MU is allowed. See accompanying chart for open seasons and Section 19 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 17 outside of established hunting season dates.

Hunting Dogs: Prohibited except when retrieving downed game (see Section 17) or using bird dogs and retrievers during Migratory Bird and Small Game Season dates.

Check Station Requirements: None.

Methods of Take: See Section 18.

Hunter Quota: None.

Restrictions: Organized deer drives prohibited. Electric bikes of all types and classifications are prohibited in portions of the MU designated as "motorized vehicles prohibited" (shown on Recreation Map as those areas with boundary outlined in a bold red line).

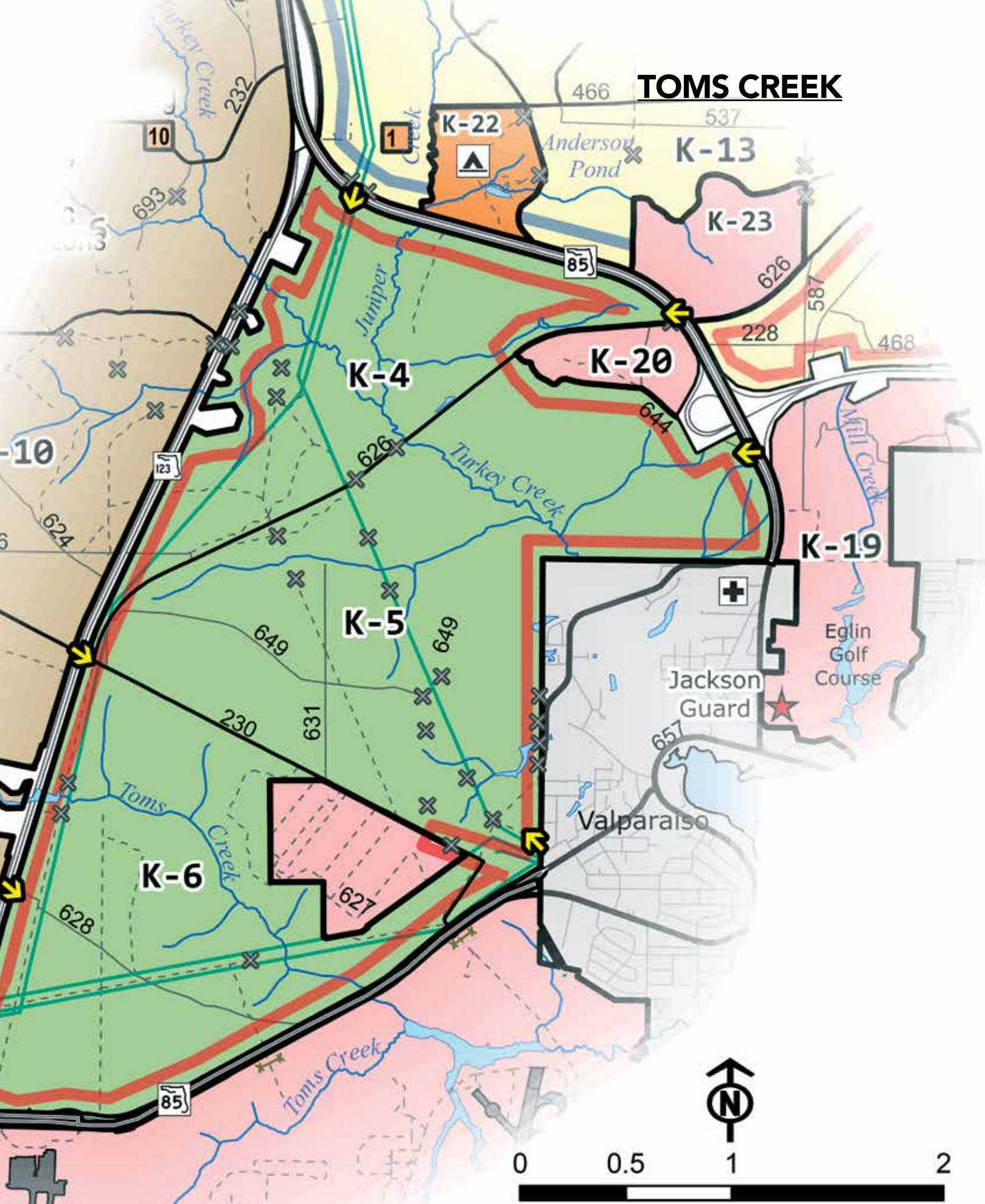
EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE

STALK HUNTING AREA

PERMIT REQUIRED

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 may be required depending on dove season phase (see Section 5).

Public Access: Open to public access year-round. Beginning 1 October 2026, all individuals 16 or older engaging in any recreational activity must utilize the iSportsman check in/out feature when accessing Timberlake Dove Fields (see details in Section 8).

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

Preseason Scouting: Allowed year-round.

Recreational Dogs: Allowed as outlined in Section 17, except during the two weeks prior to the opening day of the Phase 1 Dove Season.

Hunting Dogs: Bird dogs and retrievers authorized during designated hunting seasons and year-round for training, with the exception of the two weeks prior to the opening day of the Phase 1 Dove Season. Blank pistols using blank cartridges may be used when training bird dogs.

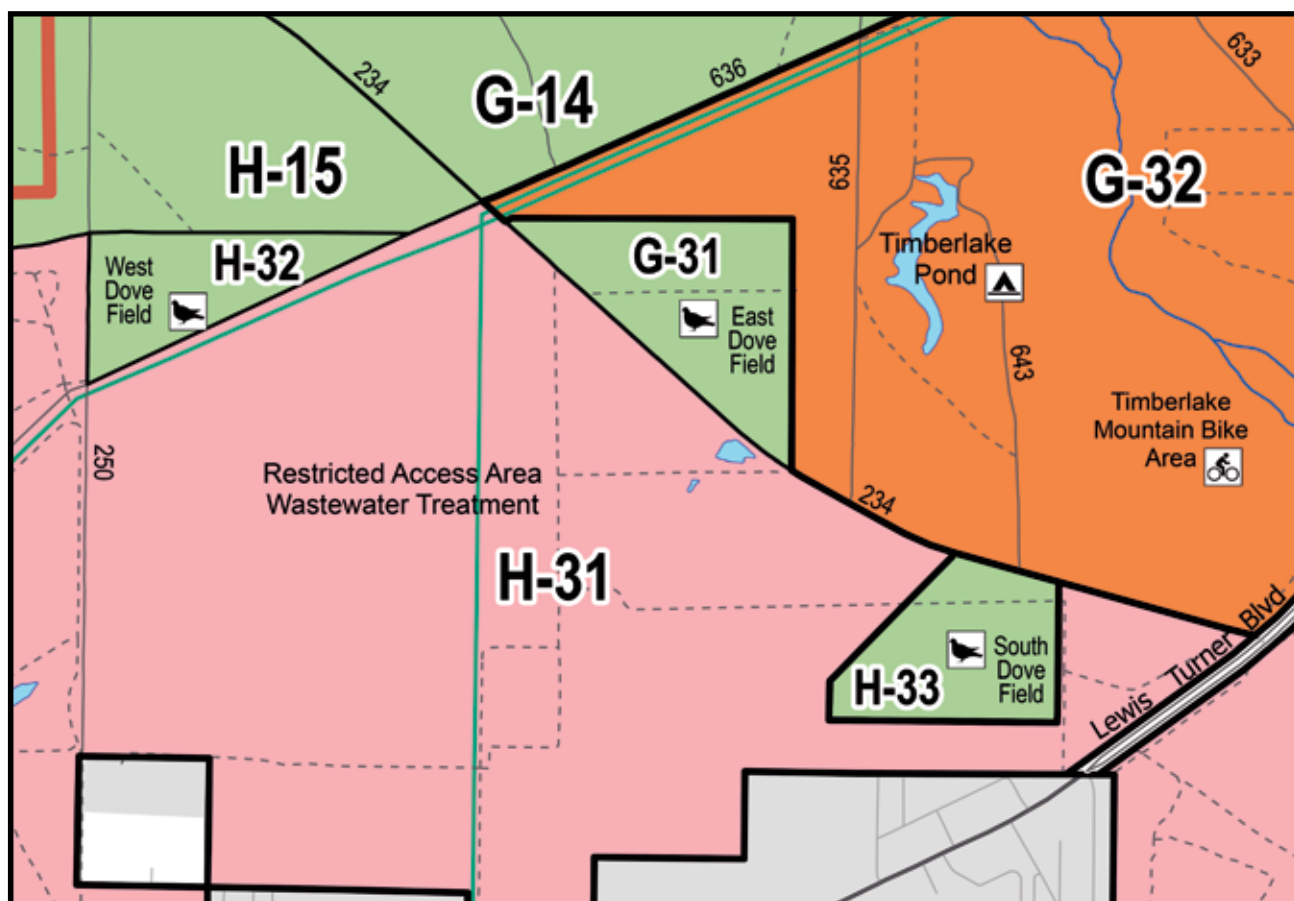
Check Station Requirements: None.

Methods of Take: See Section 18. Only shotguns may be used for hunting migratory birds.

Daily Hunter Quota: 40 per field.

Restrictions: See above regarding restrictions on recreational and hunting dog training access.

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 23. Quick Reference Chart for Recreation Areas

RECREATION AREA	MU the TTA is located in or adjacent to	TTA Location	Pets Permitted	Designated Swimming Area	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	YES	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. Hippi 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	NO
17. Little Gin Hole	Metts	I-2	YES	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	NO	YES
20. Metts Bluff	Metts	I-1	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES
21. Roberts Pond	Roberts Pond	H-6	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES
22. Rocky Creek	Choctaw East	L-33	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	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	NO	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**. Instructions for reporting harvest online and downloading and using the app can be found at **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** 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**

For information about bag limits, season dates and other regulations, visit **MyFWC.com/Hunting** or review the **2026-2027 Florida Hunting Regulations** guide.

Florida 2026-2027 Deer/Wild Turkey Harvest Log

Do not report deer harvested on licensed game farms/hunting preserves or deer or turkey 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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