

2021 SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY SPRING TURKEY HUNT

Jackson Guard - Natural Resource Office
Eglin Air Force Base



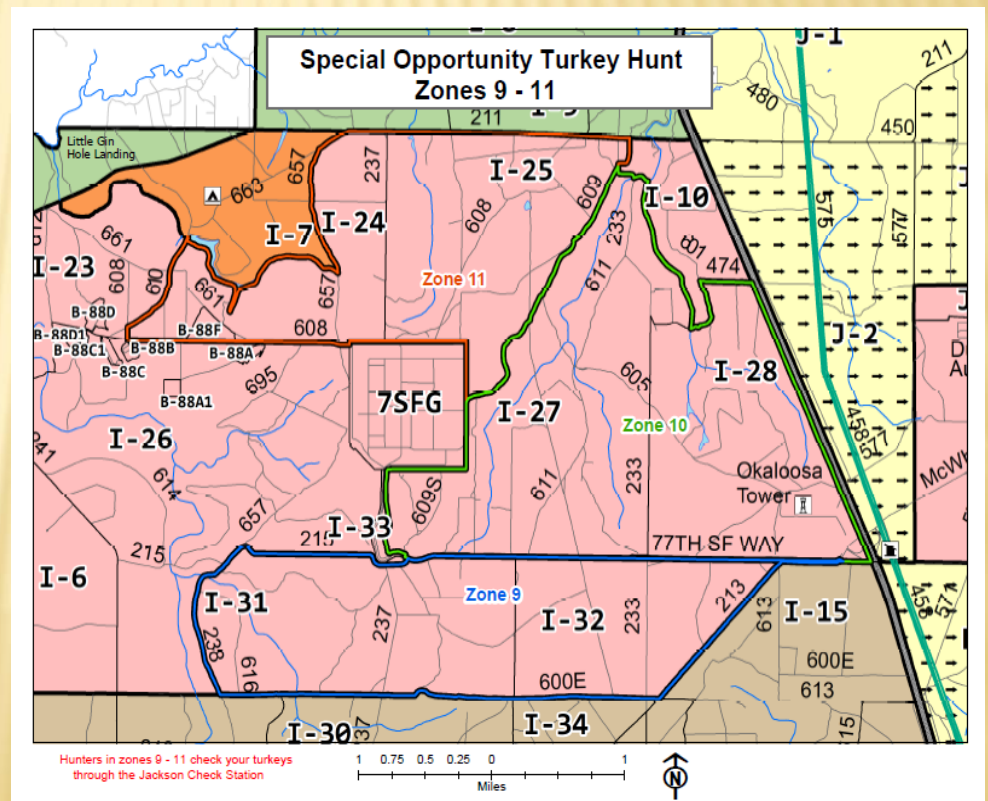
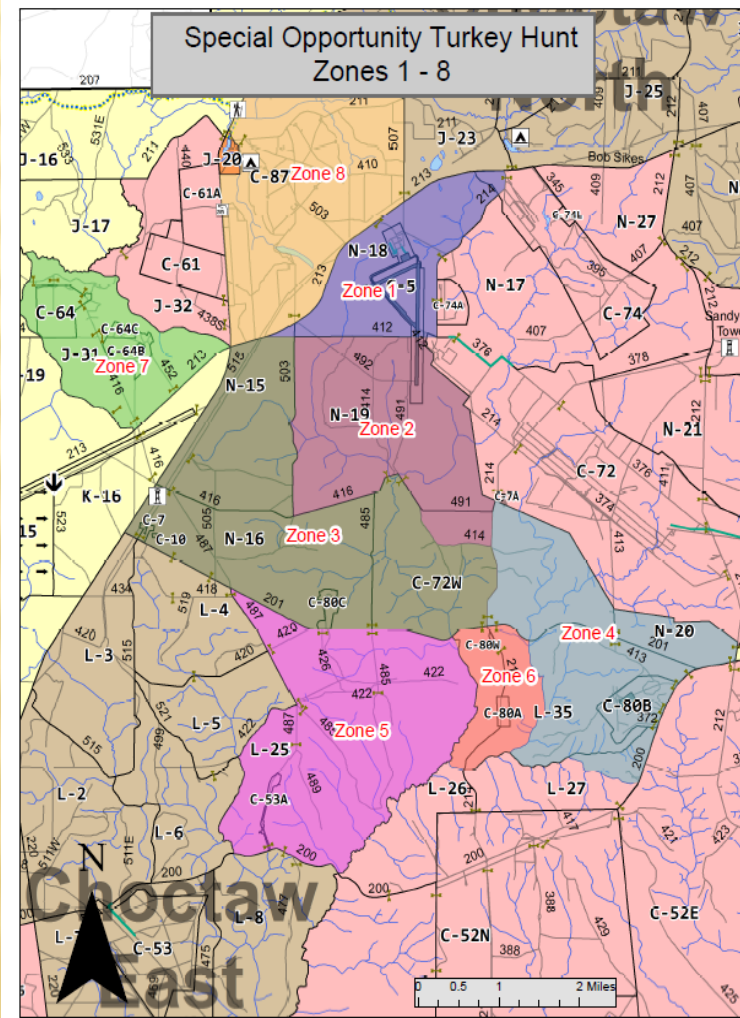
Con**GOBBLE**Eations!



- ❖ Finally, the wait is over...it's **TURKEY SEASON!**
- ❖ **22nd Annual Special Opp Turkey Hunt**
 - 2 hunts:
 - Phase 1 = March 27-28 (22 hunters)
 - Phase 2 = April 10-11 (22 hunters)

ZONES

- ❖ Total of 11 zones, 2 hunters per zone
- ❖ Your zone # is provided on parking pass you received when you picked up your permit at JG.



UXO BRIEF

- ❖ UXO = Unexploded Ordnance
- ❖ DO NOT pick up, kick, touch, or shoot anything that resembles a bomb, shell, or anything that looks metal or rusty.
- ❖ If it isn't covered in turkey feathers, **DO NOT TOUCH IT!**



SCOUTING

- ❖ Phase 1: March 22 - 26
- ❖ Phase 2: April 05 - 09
- ❖ Coordinate with JG staff for zone access.
 - We will call you the week before your scouting week to set up a scouting day and meeting location.
 - **Missions are priority and dictate access, so please be flexible!**



RULES & REGS

- ❖ Any bearded turkey is legal.
- ❖ Each hunter may take 1 turkey during this 2-day hunt.
- ❖ Harvest counts towards hunter's 2 turkey statewide spring season bag limit.
- ❖ Shooting hours = ½ hour before sunrise to 1:00pm.
- ❖ No other wildlife may be harvested.
- ❖ Allowable methods of take:
 - Shotguns (modern and black powder; shot size #2 or smaller)
 - Crossbows
 - Bows
 - PCP air guns propelling a bolt or arrow



RULES & REGS (CONT'D)

- ❖ Stay in your zone!
- ❖ Spread out. Most zones are over 2,000 acres.
- ❖ Be careful if you choose to hunt near a zone boundary.
- ❖ Blaze orange not required but suggested when packing out harvested turkey.
- ❖ Leave vehicle pass on dash for duration of weekend.
- ❖ No switching zones or guest hunters.
- ❖ No rain checks for poor weather.
- ❖ Unless exempt, all hunters must have current state hunting license and turkey stamp, in addition to Eglin permit.



CHECKING IN/OUT

- ❖ 4:30am is the earliest you may enter Reservation.
- ❖ Zones 1-8: Call or text Jerry (1st hunt) or John (2nd hunt) when entering and leaving zone (contacts on last slide). Identify yourself by zone (ex: “Zone 2 checking in, we are entering the Closed Area.”)
- ❖ Zones 9-11: Check In/Out at Jackson Check Station. Gate lock combinations for Zones 9-11 will be provided by the check station attendant.

All hunters MUST check in/out with JG contact (Zones 1-8) or check station (Zones 9-11) even if leaving zone briefly and coming back!



CHECKING IN/OUT (CONT'D)

- ❖ Zones 1-8: Call or text if you harvest a turkey, we will be mobile to collect harvest data.
- ❖ Zones 9-11: Check in all harvested turkeys at the Jackson Check Station.
- ❖ At 1:00pm shells out of shotgun.
- ❖ By 2:00pm out of zone & checked out with staff.
- ❖ Close and lock gates when leaving zone.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS!!!

- ❖ Your access for this hunt has been coordinated ahead of time, but does NOT trump official military or contractor activities.
- ❖ If questioned or detained by official AFB personnel, respectfully follow their instructions and call JG contact for assistance.
- ❖ Our ability to hold Closed Area hunts relies on 100% adherence to hunt guidelines and regulations, so please obey all rules so that we can continue to hold this hunt into the future.
- ❖ Any youth (6-15) participating in these hunts must be directly supervised by permitted hunter 21 years of age or older.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: If one hunter can't attend hunt, can other hunter still hunt?

A: Yes, as long as other hunter has permit, state license and turkey stamp, is 16 or older, and has reviewed this briefing document.

Q: Can I come back in the afternoon without gun to do additional scouting or roost birds?

A: No.



OUTSTANDING GOBBLER CERTIFICATE

- ❖ Proud of your turkey? Get recognition by applying for an Outstanding Gobbler Certificate from FWC's Wild Turkey Registry. The Wild Turkey Registry recognizes gobblers that meet minimum beard and spur lengths (minimum 11-inch beard and 1¼-inch spurs).
- ❖ Registry program also allows recognition of a youth hunter's first Florida gobbler (under 16 YO).
- ❖ <https://myfwc.com/hunting/turkey/registry/>



JG CONTACTS

- ❖ Jerry Blain
Lead Wildlife Technician
850-974-2356
Zones 1-8 contact for March 27-28 Hunt
- ❖ John Whetstine
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Zones 1-8 contact for April 10-11 Hunt
- ❖ Justin Davis
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**PLEASE DO NOT SHARE THESE
NUMBERS WITH OTHERS!**

