

HUNTING REGULATIONS

- **Legal to Take:** Wood ducks and teal during special September duck season; ducks and coots during regular duck season; see hunt dates listed below. Daily bag limit during special September duck season is 4 ducks with species restrictions. Daily bag limit during regular duck season is 6 ducks with species restrictions, 5 mergansers (only 1 of which may be a hooded merganser), 15 light geese, and 15 coots. Consult Migratory Game Bird Regulations for detailed information on special September duck season and duck, light goose, and coot season.
- **Shooting Hours:** One-half (½) hour before sunrise until 11 a.m.
- Report your leg bands: 1-800-327-BAND
- STA 2 will be open for scouting from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sep. 15, 2007; Nov. 10, 2007; and Dec. 1, 2007.
- The following hunt days are available:
Sep. 22, 2007 (special Sept duck season)
Nov. 17 and 24, 2007
Dec 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2007
Jan. 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2008
Feb. 2, 2008 (youth waterfowl hunt)

LICENSE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

- A valid Florida hunting license or other license that includes a hunting license, a Florida Waterfowl Permit, a Federal Duck Stamp, an STA Waterfowl Permit and a Migratory Bird Permit (unless exempted by law).
- Hunting licenses, Florida Waterfowl Permits, and Migratory Bird Permits are available from any county tax collector's office, license agent, through the toll-free telephone number (1-888-347-4356) or through the internet site (www.MyFWC.com). Federal Duck Stamps are available at U.S. Post Offices and online at www.usps.com.
- For detailed information on license exemptions, consult the hunting regulations pamphlet for duck and coot season.
- 25 STA Waterfowl Permits will be available for each hunt day for a morning hunt.
- STA 2 is not open for hunting in the afternoon.
- For special September duck season, individuals are allowed one permit per hunter; the permit holder must choose among STA 2, 1W, STA 3/4, and STA 5.

- For the regular duck season, individuals are allowed one permit per hunter per area; the permit holder is allowed one permit for STA 2, one permit for STA1W, one permit for STA 3/4, and one permit for STA 5.
- For the youth waterfowl hunt, individuals are allowed one permit per hunter; the permit holder must choose among STA 2, STA 1W, STA 3/4, and STA 5.
- STA Waterfowl Permits will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 10 a.m. EST August 28, 2007. A worksheet with a list of available permits may be obtained 1-2 weeks before August 28 from FWC offices and online at MyFWC.com under "Hunting" then "Waterfowl Permit Worksheet."
- Permits may be obtained free from any county tax collector's office.
- With a credit card, hunters may also obtain STA Waterfowl Permits via a toll-free telephone number (1-888-486-8356) or by visiting our Web site (MyFWC.com). A fee will apply to those who use the internet (\$2.32) or toll-free number (\$3.35). Permits are **not** available from license agents.
- When acquiring a youth hunt permit via the internet, it must be applied for through the non-resident menu.
- Each permit allows up to two hunters (one of whom must be the permittee) and one non-hunting guest, except during the supervised youth hunts – a youth hunter must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult. One adult can supervise two youth hunters on a permit or there can be one adult per youth, equaling two youth hunters and two non-hunting adult supervisors per permit.
- Children under the age of 16 may apply for the special September duck and regular seasons in addition to the youth waterfowl hunt.
- STA Waterfowl Permits are non-transferable, except as provided at the check station via a lottery system so that no-show walk-ins may take the place of permit holders who forfeited their permits.

STA AREA REGULATIONS

- Persons shall enter and exit the area only at the designated entrance.
- Access to the STA is allowed for hunting waterfowl only unless authorized by the South

Florida Water Management District.

- Access is prohibited in areas posted as "Closed" or "Restricted" and on structures and equipment.
- Tampering with or vandalism to water control structures, equipment, improvements, and / or private property is prohibited.
- Littering is prohibited. All materials used for temporary blinds and spent shell casings must be removed after each hunt.
- Construction or use of permanent blinds is prohibited.
- Camping is prohibited
- Do not block levees with vehicles or equipment.
- Vehicles may not be operated on roads or levees posted as closed.
- Use of motorized vehicles is prohibited except by hunters in possession of an STA Waterfowl Permit on established waterfowl hunt days unless authorized by the South Florida Water Management District.
- Motorized vessels, including gas-powered boats and electric-powered boats, and boat trailers are prohibited.
- Airboats, tracked vehicles, motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, and swamp buggies are prohibited.
- Dogs are prohibited except waterfowl retrievers and bird dogs may be used while hunting.
- Possession or use of any firearm is prohibited except shotguns may be used by hunters in possession of an STA Waterfowl Permit on established waterfowl hunt days and persons in possession of a valid Concealed Weapon or Firearm License may carry concealed handguns throughout the year.
- Shotguns capable of holding more than 3 shells are prohibited.
- Use of non-toxic shot approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is required.
- Discharge of a firearm toward any structure, equipment, or FPL transmission line is prohibited.
- Other specific uses may be permitted by the South Florida Water Management District.
- All boats will be checked for boating safety equipment.

CHECK STATION PROCEDURES

- Hunters must check in and out at the check station.

- The check station will open at 4 a.m.
- Hunters must check in at the check station between 4 a.m. and 5 a.m. All hunters participating in a morning hunt must check out by noon.
- Permit holders who do not check in during the required time interval forfeit their permit.
- A lottery system will be used to distribute any unissued or forfeited permits at 5 a.m. The recipients of these permits (a.k.a. "no-show walk-ins") can enter the area after their names are drawn.
- The replacement walk-in system is prohibited on STA 2.
- Parking spaces will be selected by waterfowl hunters at the check station prior to entering the area from the list of available parking spaces maintained by check station staff.
- Hunters must park their vehicles at the designated parking spaces. The parking assignment must be displayed on the windshield or dashboard of the permitted vehicle.
- Only one vehicle per permit may access the area on scheduled hunt dates, except during youth waterfowl hunts when up to two vehicles per permit may access the area.

Cooperation Requested

All or parts of the STA may be closed for construction or other water management reasons. Please help in protecting the integrity of stormwater treatment facilities - **remove vegetation from boats before entering and leaving the area.** **Special Notice: A bald eagle resides within the confines of STA 2. This species is protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the Endangered Species Act, the Lacey Act and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act. Please exercise caution during your hunting activities.** Your support is appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact FWC at (954) 746-1789.

About STA 2:

Stormwater Treatment Area 2 is a 9195-acre constructed wetland designed to reduce phosphorus loading to the northern Everglades and Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge. The plants inside this constructed wetland are absorbing phosphorus as they grow, eventually depositing much of the nutrient in the soils. Previously under agricultural practices for decades, phosphorus from fertilizers and organic soils has been carried into the Everglades by storm runoff, causing a change in the Everglades landscape. Too much of this essential nutrient has allowed cattail to invade the River of Grass, reducing the coverage of sawgrass and open water sloughs. Unfortunately, cattail does not provide the habitat necessary to support many of the plant and animal species that are unique to the Everglades. STA 2 is one of six STAs mandated by the State of Florida's Everglades Forever Act with a primary goal of reducing the amount of phosphorus that reaches the Everglades ecosystem. The numerous levees, water control structures and monitoring equipment within STA 2 are critical to the success of the phosphorus control program. Any damage to these facilities as a result of public access could restrict the continued public use of STA 2.

This waterfowl hunting area is a cooperative effort of the South Florida Water Management District and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission in order to provide additional opportunities for recreation on public lands in South Florida.

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STA 2 PUBLIC SMALL GAME HUNTING AREA

2007-2008 Waterfowl Season Regulations and Map



South Florida Water Management District
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation
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STORMWATER TREATMENT AREA 2 PUBLIC SMALL GAME HUNTING AREA

9195 acres
Palm Beach County

