

Potts Preserve

Hunting Permit

for lands not within the Wildlife Management Area



Southwest Florida
Water Management District



CONSERVATION LANDS

Permit Requirements

All hunters must possess a Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) permit and State of Florida hunting license. This brochure, when signed and in your possession, serves as the SWFWMD permit for the 2011–2012 hunting season. State Management Area (WMA) permits are not required. Archery, muzzleloader and turkey permits, and deer permits when hunting deer, are required for appropriate hunts (Chapter 379 F.S.). State and federal waterfowl stamps are required to hunt waterfowl.

All users are subject to the provisions of the District's Land Use Rules, Chapter 40D-9 F.A.C.

Name (please print)

I have read and understand the SWFWMD regulations to use this property.

Signature (permits are nontransferable)

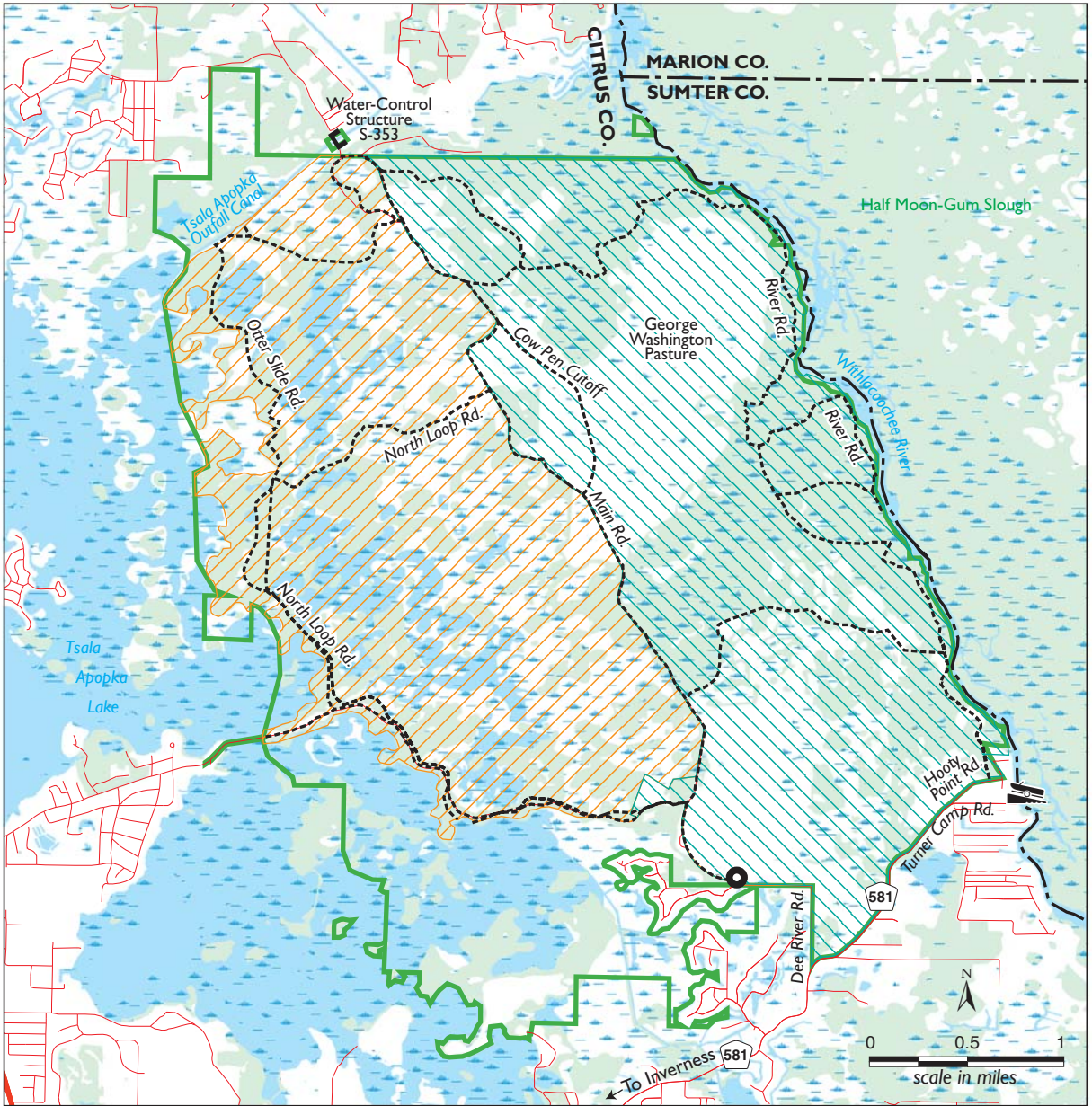
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










This permit must be signed and dated to be valid. It must be in the hunter's possession at all times while hunting on those non-WMA District lands of Potts Preserve indicated on the attached map.

General Provisions:

Potts Preserve is one of 10 public hunting areas provided by the Southwest West Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD). These areas provide over 133,000 acres of public hunting lands. The primary objective of the Preserve is to protect the water resources of the region. **This hunting permit is valid for only those Potts Preserve lands not within the WMA and as depicted on the attached map. This permit does not apply to any other District-owned lands. In addition, SWFWMD 40D-9 rules and regulations do not apply to Sovereign Submerged Lands (SSL) and only apply to District-owned lands.**

All regulations listed herein apply to all persons using Potts Preserve. In addition, the general regulations which govern hunting in Florida, as set forth in Chapter 68A Florida Administrative Code and Chapter 379 Florida Statutes, apply. All hunting shall be in accordance with applicable state regulations and state zonal seasons as set by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (refer to the Florida Hunting Regulations handbook for additional information).



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|  | Potts Preserve boundary |  | county line |
|  | FWC Wildlife Management Area |  | river, stream |
|  | Potts Preserve Non-WMA Public Hunt Area |  | lake, pond |
|  | highway, major road |  | forest |
|  | minor road |  | wetland/swamp |
|  | designated trail |  | WMA access point |



GENERAL AREA REGULATIONS:

40D-9.170 Hunting.

On District lands not designated as Type I Wildlife Management Areas, the District allows hunting by permit where hunting is part of the site-specific management plan developed or authorized by the District. The District shall issue permits for specifically authorized hunts on District lands. Any person engaging in hunting on District lands during these special hunts must have in their possession a valid hunting license and a District permit.

40D-9.111 Access to and Closures of District Lands.

- (1) District lands shall be open to the public during daylight hours only, unless otherwise posted.
- (2) Public access to District lands is provided at designated entry points from public roadways. District lands may be accessed from any adjacent waterway or water body at any point, unless otherwise posted.
- (3) District lands may be closed to public use during certain hours or for certain periods of time when such closure is necessary due to emergency conditions such as floods, severe weather events and wildfires; or during prescribed burns, construction or other land management activities if such activity presents a danger to the public. If a governmental entity other than the District is conducting the activity, that entity shall close District lands with the concurrence of the District pursuant to this subsection.
- (4) District lands may be closed to public use in areas undergoing construction or restoration, or subject to other land or water management activities where necessary to protect the site.
- (5) District lands may be closed to public use when such action is necessary to protect the water, natural or cultural resources of such lands.
- (6) District lands may be closed to public use when necessary to conduct research, studies or data collection that has been approved or sponsored by the District.
- (7) The District shall provide notice by signs when District lands are closed for public use.

40D-9.130 Recreational Fishing.

Recreational fishing, as authorized and regulated by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, is allowed on District Lands except where specifically restricted by signs. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission requires any person engaging in recreational fishing to have appropriate fishing licenses in their possession, unless exempted by the Commission.

40D-9.171 Trapping.

Trapping on District lands is prohibited except by Special Use Authorization.

40D-9.190 Dogs, Cats, or Other Animals.

Dogs and horses are allowed on District lands only in designated areas. Dogs must be leashed or caged at all times unless they are authorized as part of an approved hunting program or authorized by a Special Use Authorization. Other types of domesticated animals, such as cats, are prohibited on District lands.

40D-9.192 Introduction of Plants and Animals to District Lands.

The introduction or release of any plant or animal on District lands is prohibited unless done pursuant to a District initiated land management or restoration activity.

40D-9.200 Archaeological or Cultural Resources Removal, Alteration or Destruction.

All archaeological and cultural resources on District lands are protected. Removal, alteration or destruction of archaeological or cultural resources is prohibited on District lands unless authorized by a Special Use Authorization. The District shall consult the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources prior to authorizing the removal, alteration or destruction of any archaeological or cultural resources on District lands. Archaeological or cultural resources means associated physical remnants and features contained in the ground, including artifacts, fossils, bones, shell mounds or primitive culture facilities or items. Any person discovering archaeological or cultural resources on District lands shall notify the District of such discovery within 24 hours.

40D-9.220 Destruction, Removal or Alteration of District-Owned Facilities or Equipment.

The destruction, removal or alteration of any District-owned facilities, vehicles or other equipment is prohibited on District lands. District-owned facilities and equipment include, but are not limited to, water control structures, scientific study plots, photo points, transect lines, survey markers, public buildings, towers, recorders, gauges, signs, gates, fences and monuments.

40D-9.250 Fires.

Igniting any fire on District lands is prohibited except for District-authorized prescribed burns, campfires in designated camping areas, or fires authorized by a Special Use Authorization.

40D-9.260 Camping.

- (1) Camping is allowed on District lands at designated sites by permit only.

40D-9.270 Use of Motorized Vehicles, Recreational Vehicles, Boats and Aircraft.

- (1) Motorized vehicles that are licensed for Florida highway use are allowed on District lands in designated areas. Use of all-terrain, off-road or other motorized vehicles not licensed for Florida highway use is prohibited on District lands except by a Special Use Authorization for access by mobility impaired persons. Special Use Authorizations for access by mobility impaired persons shall be issued by the Land Resources Director or the Director's designee pursuant to Section 40D-9.330, F.A.C.
- (2) Motorized vehicles licensed for Florida highway use shall be operated by licensed drivers only on roads designated as open for motorized vehicles.
- (3) Motorized vehicles shall not exceed posted speed limits. If no speed limit is posted, the speed limit shall be 20 miles per hour.

- (4) Boating is allowed on all District-owned waterways (canals, impoundments, etc.) subject to the following:
- Boats traveling within 500 feet of any District structure or levee shall not exceed idle speed unless otherwise indicated by signs.
 - Boats shall not be operated in a manner which would damage plants, animals or other environmental resources.
 - Boat use shall be limited to designated boat trails except in areas posted as open for boats.
 - The District shall prohibit or limit boating in areas for public safety, resource protection and protection of District facilities or equipment. Boating shall be limited by engine horsepower, speed or vessel type as necessary for public safety, resource protection, or protection of District facilities or equipment, and these limitations shall be specific to each water body. Areas closed to boating and boating limitations shall be designated by signs.
 - The mooring of any boat on any District lands for more than 24 continuous hours is prohibited, unless otherwise posted.
- (5) Boats on trailers shall only be launched from areas designated by signs.
- (6) For the purposes of this section, the term "boating" includes both motorized and non-motorized boats.
- (7) Taking off or landing aircraft on District lands is prohibited unless authorized by a Special Use Authorization.

40D-9.280 **Unauthorized Facilities or Structures.**

- Constructing, erecting or maintaining any facility or any other structure of a permanent or semi-permanent nature on District lands is prohibited unless authorized by a Special Use Authorization.
- Any unauthorized facility or structure discovered on District lands shall be removed according to the following procedure:
 - Upon discovery of the unauthorized facility or structure, District staff will post a notice on such facility or structure for a period of 30 days, informing the owner that such facility or structure is not authorized on District lands and that the owner must remove such facility or structure.
 - The owner of an unauthorized facility or structure must remove such facility or structure within 30 days after the posting of the District notice.
 - If the owner of the unauthorized facility or structure fails to remove such facility or structure within 30 days after posting of the District notice, the District will remove such facility or structure from District lands or claim such facility or structure as District property. The District may seek reimbursement of costs for removal of any unauthorized facility or structure from the owner of such facility or structure.

40D-9.290 **Other Uses; Use of Alcoholic Beverages on District Lands Prohibited.**

- Any recreational use of District lands not authorized by this chapter is prohibited.
- The use of alcoholic beverages on District lands is prohibited.

40D-9.230 **Firearms and Similar Equipment.**

The possession or use of firearms or similar equipment on District lands is prohibited except during designated hunts or as otherwise provided by law. The use of paintball guns, paintball markers and paintball equipment on Districts lands is prohibited. Paintball equipment includes, but is not limited to: paintballs, paint gun refillable gas tanks, paint gun propellant canisters and targets.

Southwest Florida Water Management District Information

- These lands were acquired and are managed by the Southwest Florida Water Management District for conservation and protection of water resources, public recreational use and the restoration of natural communities. SWFWMD lands may be used for recreational purposes that are compatible with these activities.
- For detailed information regarding public use rules and recreational opportunities on SWFWMD lands, please visit Watermatters.org or call 1-800-423-1476.

To report fish and wildlife law violations, call toll-free 1-888-404-FWCC (3922); on cell phones, dial *FWC or #FWC, depending on the service carrier; or visit MyFWC.com/Contact/.

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The District does not discriminate upon the basis of any individual's disability status. This nondiscrimination policy involves every aspect of the District's functions including one's access to, participation or treatment in its programs or activities. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation as provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) should contact the Land Resources Department at (352) 796-7211 or 1-800-423-1476 (FL only), ext. 4470; TDD only: 1-800-231-6103 (FL only); fax: (352) 754-6877.