

## DUETTE PRESERVE

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Manatee County  
Board of County Commissioners

### PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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This brochure is designed to provide the public with information and a summary of regulations pertaining to hunting in Duette Preserve. For the exact wording of the wildlife laws and regulations of Florida, see the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Florida Wildlife Code on file with the Secretary of State and state libraries. This brochure and the quota hunt application form will provide the information necessary for you to plan your hunting activities.

Manatee County Parks and Natural Resources



## DUETTE PRESERVE

2015-2016  
QUALITY WILDLIFE  
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Manatee  
County  
Commission

District 1  
Larry  
Bustle

District 2  
Charles B.  
Smith

District 3  
John  
Chappie

District 4  
Robin  
DiSabatino

District 5  
Vanessa  
Baugh

At-Large  
Carol  
Whitmore

At-Large  
Betsy  
Benac



# 2015-2016 SEASON

- **Application and Permit payments must be either exact cash or checks made out to Manatee County.**
- Applications and payments for the Random Draw will not be accepted after July 13<sup>th</sup> 2015. Any application received after July 13<sup>th</sup> 2015, will be processed after the Random Draw.
- Stands may be placed on the property beginning on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> 2015, at 5:00 a.m. Tree stands must be removed by July 24<sup>th</sup> 2016.

**ORIENTATION** (*Mandatory*) Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> 2015 – August 29<sup>th</sup> 2015  
January 16<sup>th</sup> 2016 – April 30<sup>th</sup> 2016  
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Missing mandatory orientation will result in NOT being able to hunt during the 2015-2016 Duette Preserve Hunt Season.**

## **BIG GAME SEASON**

### **Archery and Crossbow**

A, B and C hunts only: Legal to take only one male deer or one antlerless deer, except spotted fawn, until the quota is reached, and unlimited hogs.

- A. September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 2015
- B. October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 2015
- C. October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 2015

### **Muzzleloading Gun**

Legal to take only one male deer until the quota is reached, and unlimited hogs.

- D. October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 2015
- E. November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 2015

### **General Gun**

Legal to take only one male deer until the quota is reached, and unlimited hogs.

- F. December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 2015
- G. January 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 2016

## **YOUTH HUNT**

Fees, availability, and application procedure may be obtained from staff.

- Y. November 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 2015 ... Maximum fifty (50) participants

## **SMALL GAME AND HOG 5 AM – 9 PM**

Legal to take hog, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, snipe, and coyote.

- H. January 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> 2016      J. February 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 2016
- I. February 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> 2016      K. February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> 2016

## **UNITED WAY FUNDRAISER HOG HUNTS Saturday Only: 5 AM – 9 PM**

- L. May 14<sup>th</sup> 2016      N. June 25<sup>th</sup> 2016
- M. June 4<sup>th</sup> 2016      O. July 16<sup>th</sup> 2016

## **CHILDREN AND FAMILY**

- **Only two (2) immediate family members (defined as a spouse or child) of any age may accompany a permitted hunter. Family members must show proof of having completed a Hunters Education Course.**
- Children under the age of 18 cannot possess a permit and are required to accompany a permitted adult. (Only two children per permitted adult.)
- Children participating in the Youth Hunt **must have** completed a Hunters Education Course and be in the presence and under the supervision of an adult. F.S. 790.22 and 784.05.

## **HUNTING SAFETY**

- During Muzzle-loader season firearms may be discharged at the Check Station area. **Please notify staff first.**
- Please follow ethics and safety practices learned as provided by State Hunters Safety Education Course.

## **DOGS**

- Only leashed dogs suitable for trailing wounded game will be permitted during the Big Game season. Dogs must be placed in owners' portable kennels and left at the Check Station with food and water until needed.
- During Small Game hunts, only bird dogs (pointers and retrievers) will be allowed.
- All dogs must wear collars bearing the name and address of the owners and have proof of current rabies vaccination.
- In all cases owners are responsible for their dogs and their dogs' actions.

## **STANDS**

- All stands must have the name and phone number of the hunter clearly marked within 5 feet of the ground. If this information is not on the stand, Department staff will remove the stand from Duette Preserve.
- Only two stands per hunter allowed. Stands include climbers, ground blinds, chairs, etc.
- Climbing stands and ground blinds may be placed or moved before or after the Quiet Time during Big Game hunts. No other hunting stands may be moved during Big Game hunts.
- No permanent stands or stands that will damage vegetation will be permitted.
- Driving a metal object into any tree or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven is prohibited.
- Prescribed fire is applied year-round. Staff is not responsible for personal property left on site.
- No hunting is allowed within 100 feet of mapped trails, which includes sitting in vehicles or blinds. Trails are not to be used as shooting lanes.

## VEHICLES

- Any vehicle entering Duette Preserve must have a current registration, meet federal and state safety requirements, and be operated by a licensed driver with appropriate insurance.
- Vehicles shall not be parked in such a manner as to obstruct roads, gates, or fire lanes.
- **Vehicles may be operated only on vehicle trails.** Trails can be closed at any time.
- With prior authorization of staff, hunters may drive on fire breaks for game removal only.
- The presence of a 'CLOSED' sign restricts access to foot traffic only.
- Vehicles must be operated in a safe manner for the condition of the vehicle trails.
- Maximum speed limit is 20 mph.

## CAMPING

- During hunt weekends, permitted hunters wishing to camp must register at the Check Station.
- Trailers, tents, and equipment must be removed by Sunday at 9:00 p.m. on each hunt weekend.
- Campground quiet time is 10:00 p.m. and will be strictly enforced.
- Generators may be used if properly muffled, but must be turned off at 10:00 p.m.
- Fires are permitted in grills and fire rings only.

## CHECK STATION

- Hunters must check in and out at the Check Station. Repeat violators may lose hunt privileges.
- Hunters may enter at 5:00 a.m. for Big Game hunts, 5:00 a.m. for Small Game hunts.
- All game must be checked in by staff at the Check Station. If a deer is shot on Saturday and not recovered, the hunter must report the event to staff on Saturday before leaving the property. If not, the penalty for violation of closed buck quota will be assessed.
- During hunts, the preserve closes at 9:00 p.m. Anyone exiting after 9:00 p.m. may lose hunt privileges.

## EQUAL OPPORTUNITY & ACCESS

- Equal Opportunity and Access requests must come through the Parks and Natural Resources Department Duette Preserve Office, 941-737-2661. Requests must be made no later than 30 days prior to hunt for which access is being requested.

## SALES

- Sales will be determined using a Random Draw system.
  - Payment in full is required with each application.
- Permits are non-transferable from person to person or to a different date.
- Fees are non-refundable and do not include the mandatory 6.5% sales tax. Please calculate the 6.5% tax and include it with your payment.

# PERMITTING & LICENSE INFORMATION

## APPROPRIATE LICENSES AND PERMITS REQUIRED.

- All hunters are required to attend a scheduled orientation before receiving hunt permits.
- All hunters are required to provide proof of completed Hunters Education Course before receiving permits. Hunters Safety Course Certificates from other states will be honored.
- If you do not fulfill these requirements, you will not be permitted to hunt and any fees processed may not be refunded.

## HUNTING LICENSE

A State of Florida hunting license may be purchased from the County Tax Collector's Office or from their sub-agents. Information on the categories and costs of hunting licenses is available in the Florida Hunting Handbook.

A STATE OF FLORIDA WMA (WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA) STAMP IS NOT REQUIRED AT DUETTE PRESERVE.

## QUOTA HUNT PERMIT

- There will be **100** quota hunt permits issued for each of the scheduled hunts.
- Applications will be available on-line and at the Duette Preserve Office beginning on June 12<sup>th</sup> 2015. Phone number and website on back page.

## APPLICATION FEE/ANNUAL PASS

Fee is paid once annually and is valid until the following year's hunt registration.

Residents of Manatee County .....	\$25.00 + tax
Non-residents of Manatee County .....	\$35.00 + tax

## PERMIT FEES

Permit fees are paid per hunt.

### **A-G Hunts**

Residents of Manatee County.....	\$50.00 + tax
Non-residents of Manatee County .....	\$85.00 + tax

### **H-K Hunts - Small Game**

Residents of Manatee County.....	\$20.00 + tax
Non-residents of Manatee County .....	\$40.00 + tax

### **L-O Hunts – United Way Fundraiser Hog Hunts**

Residents and Non-Residents.....	\$10.00
Exact Cash or Check.....	To be paid the morning of the hunt

## BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS

Deer .....	One per quota hunt permit
Feral Hog .....	No Limit
Gray Squirrel, Quail, Rabbit .....	See State Hunting Handbook 2015-2016
Snipe.....	See State Hunting Handbook 2015-2016
Coyote.....	See State Hunting Handbook 2015-2016