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SFWMD Offers Recreational Hunting Opportunities
South Florida's natural areas are abundant in small game and waterfowl



(Photo provided courtesy of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.)

West Palm Beach, FL – In an ongoing effort to provide recreation opportunities on its public lands, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) has approved continued seasonal hunting in Miami's Rocky Glades and the C-23/C-24 area on the Treasure Coast. In addition, more acres are now available for hunting use at the Lake Marion Creek and Southern Glades management areas.

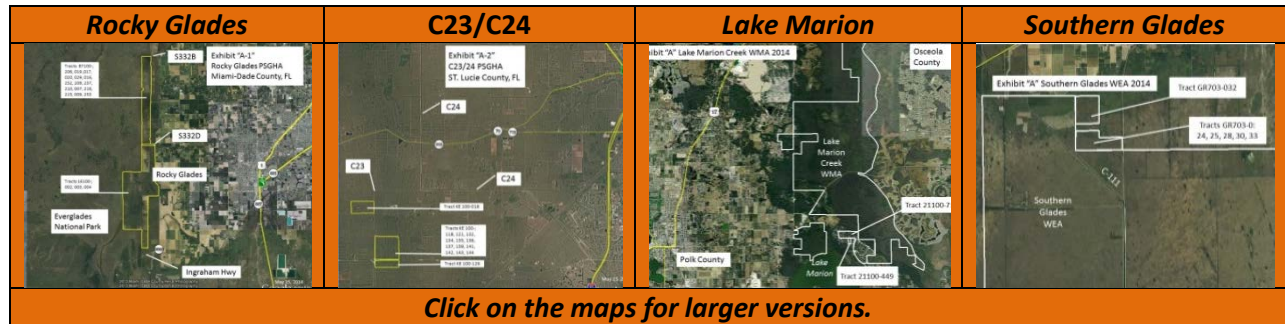
Open for a ninth season, hunters will have access this year to approximately 5,143 acres in the popular Rocky Glades Public Small Game Hunting Area in western Miami-Dade County. Non-native reptile hunting is also available there. Open for a seventh season, hunters will have access this year to approximately 1,185 acres in the C-23/C-24 Public Small Game Hunting Area in St. Lucie County.

The SFWMD Governing Board also authorized expanded hunting for the 2014-2015 season in the following areas:

- In Miami-Dade County, the District incorporated 357 additional acres for hunting into the Southern Glades Wildlife and Environmental Area. Hiking, biking, fishing and wildlife viewing are also available.

- Approximately 342 additional acres adjacent to the Lake Marion Creek Wildlife Management Area in Polk County were opened to hunting. The larger 8,083-acre management area is part of the headwaters of the Kissimmee Chain of Lakes, and includes activities such as hiking, camping and wildlife viewing.

All hunting activities are administered by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), in partnership with the SFWMD.



The South Florida Water Management District continues increasing recreational access to its public lands while managing them to support environmental restoration, water supply, water quality and flood control missions. At present, the District owns 621,000 acres of land that are open to the public. Many of these properties are in their natural state or have enhancements such as picnic tables, informational kiosks, campsites and hiking trails.

For more information on recreational opportunities throughout the District’s 16-county region, visit www.sfwmd.gov/recreation.

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About the South Florida Water Management District

The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state’s five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.