

Hunt Season Summary, Lower Suwannee NWR 2022 – 2023

Websites for Required Refuge Hunt Brochure (Google “Lower Suwannee Hunt Brochure 2022-2023”):

1. Friends Website: <https://www.friendsofrefuges.org/hunting-and-fishing.html>
2. LSNWR Website: <https://www.fws.gov/uploadedFiles/Lower-Suwannee-Hunt-Brochure.pdf>

Total aggregate all hunt days (sum of all hunt day opportunities) = 204			
Total aggregate hunt days (minus Waterfowl) = 131			
Total combined hunt days = 99			
SEASON/HUNT	SPECIES	DATES	# DAYS
<u>Waterfowl</u> * * Pending rule adoption by the State of Florida and publishing of final frameworks by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	Teal and Wood Duck only	17 – 21 Sept.	5
	Teal only	22 – 25 Sept.	4
	Youth Waterfowl	12 Nov. & 11 Feb.	2
	Duck (incl. Merganser and Coot)	19 - 27 Nov.	9
	Duck (incl. Merganser and Coot)	10 Dec. – 29 Jan.	51
	Special Waterfowl Hunt: Veteran/Military Only	(4 – 5 Feb.)	(2)
Total Waterfowl Days = 73			
Archery (and Crossbow)	Deer, hog, gray squirrel, rabbit, armadillo, opossum, raccoon.	17 Sept. – 16 Oct.	30
Muzzleloader	Deer, hog	22 Oct. - 30 Oct.	9
General Gun No. 1	Deer, hog	5 Nov. - 13 Nov.	9
Thanksgiving Hunt: Family, Senior, Disabled Veterans	Deer, hog	18 – 20 Nov.	3
Thanksgiving General Gun No. 2	Deer, hog	21 – 27 Nov.	7
*Special Wild Hog	Deer, hog (Not Public: *Operation Outdoor Freedom; in coordination with Florida Forest Service only)	Usually in January; currently not scheduled.	(4)
Wild Hog *	Hog; * considered separate from Small Game	28 Jan. – 12 Feb.	16
Small Game	Gray squirrel, rabbit, armadillo, opossum, raccoon, and hog.	28 Jan. – 12 Feb.	16
Night Hunt (considered a separate hunt from Small Game)	Raccoon, opossum.	28 Jan. – 12 Feb.	16
Youth Turkey	Turkey	11 – 12 Mar.	2
Spring Turkey	Turkey	18 Mar. – 9 Apr.	23

Zone C, FWC DMU-C3 Antler regulations and antlerless deer season

All antlered deer must have an antler with at least 2 points (1 inch or more in length) to be legal to take. Hunters 16 years of age and older may not take, during any season or by any method, an antlered deer not meeting this criterion.

As part of their annual statewide antlered deer bag limit, youth 15-years-old and younger may harvest 1 deer annually not meeting antler criteria but having at least 1 antler 5 inches or more in length.

Antlerless deer are deer that do not have antlers or have antlers less than 5 inches in length. It is illegal to take spotted fawns.