

NOTICE TO HIKERS

Title of Notice: FWC COVID-19 Updates

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Region: All

FTA Map No. All

Perm. Change? No

Effective Date: 3/20/20

Ending Date: Until further notice

Description: To minimize exposure to COVID-19 and help protect visitors and employees, the FWC is closing all designated campgrounds on the Wildlife Management Area system for a minimum of 30 days beginning Monday, March 23 at 10 a.m. Also, permits for camping after Monday, March 23 will be canceled. **On areas where it is currently allowed, dispersed wilderness camping (camping outside of designated campgrounds or where no permit is required) will continue to be allowed, but only for groups of less than 10 people.** On all WMAs that operate check stations, the FWC is temporarily suspending regulations requiring hunters to check in at a check station upon entering, check out upon leaving the area and check all game harvested, except for Camp Blanding WMA and Econfinia Creek - Fitzhugh Carter Tract. Currently, wildlife management areas (WMAs) remain open to the public and users are urged to engage in social distancing. Out of an abundance of caution, we recommend monitoring WMA open/closed status and that information is available [here](#) by region.

To minimize exposure to COVID-19 and help protect visitors and employees, ALL FWC offices and FWC-managed shooting ranges will be closed to the public from Thursday, March 19 through Sunday, April 19 in accordance with Department of Management Services guidelines. Staff will reevaluate the need for extending the closure prior to April

19 so please check back before heading to an office or range. Individual offices and shooting ranges will not be listed below as this general notice applies to all FWC offices and ranges. Currently, wildlife management areas (WMAs) remain open to the public and users are urged to engage in social distancing. Out of an abundance of caution, we recommend monitoring WMA open/closed status and that information is available below by region.