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§ 7.85 Big Thicket National Preserve.

(a) Hunting. Except as otherwise provided in this section, hunting is permitted in accordance with §2.2 of this chapter.

(1) Hunting is permitted only during designated seasons, as defined for game animals or birds by the State of Texas. During other periods of the year, no hunting is permitted.

(2) During applicable open seasons, only the following may be hunted:

(i) Game animals, rabbits, and feral or wild hogs.

(ii) Game birds and migratory game birds.

(3) The use of dogs or calling devices for hunting game animals or fur-bearing animals is prohibited.

(4) The use or construction of stands, blinds or other structures for use in hunting or for other purposes is prohibited.

(b) Trapping. Trapping, for fur-bearing animals only, is permitted in accordance with §2.2 of this chapter.

(c) Hunting and Trapping Permits. In addition to applicable State licenses or permits, a permit from the Superintendent is required for hunting or trapping on Preserve lands. Permits will be available, free of charge, at Preserve headquarters and can be obtained in person or by mail.

(d) Firearms, Traps, and Other Weapons. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, §2.4 of this chapter shall be applicable to Preserve lands.

(1) During open hunting or trapping seasons, the possession and use of firearms or other devices capable of destroying animal life is permitted in accordance with §2.4 of this chapter.

(2) The possession of firearms or other weapons at night, from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise is prohibited.


§ 7.86 Big Cypress National Preserve.

(a) Motorized vehicles—(1) Definitions.

(i) The term “motorized vehicle” means automobiles, trucks, glades or swamp buggies, airboats, amphibious or air cushion vehicles or any other device propelled by a motor and designed, modified for or capable of cross country travel on or immediately over land, water, marsh, swampland or other terrain, except boats which are driven by a propeller in the water.

(ii) The term “operator” means any person who operates, drives, controls or has charge of a motorized vehicle.

(iii) The term “Preserve lands” means all federally owned or controlled lands and waters administered by the National Park Service within the boundaries of the Preserve.

(2) Travel in Preserve areas. (i) Unless closed or restricted by action of the Superintendent under paragraph (a)(2)(iii), the following areas, which are shown on a map numbered BC–91–001, dated November 1975, and available for public inspection at the office of the Superintendent, are open to motorized vehicles:

(A) The area south and west of Loop Road (State Road #B94).

(B) The area north of Tamiami Trail.

(ii) The following areas which are shown on a map numbered BC–91–001, dated November 1975, and available for public inspection at the office of the Superintendent, are closed to motorized vehicles:

(A) The areas between the Loop Road (State Hwy. #B94) and the Tamiami Trail (U.S. Hwy. #B41), except that the Superintendent may issue a permit to provide for reasonable access by legal residents or to provide access by authorized oil and gas companies.

(B) Big Cypress Florida Trail, Section 1. One marked main hiking trail, from Tamiami Trail to Alligator Alley; and the two marked loop trails are closed to the use of all motorized vehicles, except that vehicles may cross the trails.

(iii) The Superintendent may temporarily or permanently close or restrict