

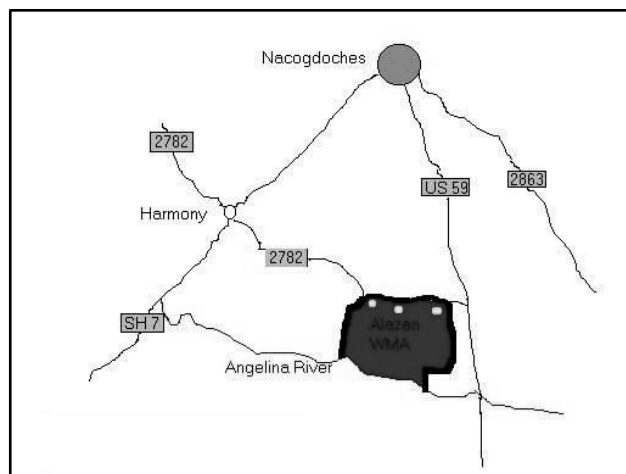


## Alazan Bayou WMA – Blount Tract

### Gun Deer Either Sex & Youth-Only Gun Deer Either Sex

#### Overview

The Blount Tract of Alazan Bayou Wildlife Management Area (WMA) is located in southern Nacogdoches County and is within the Pineywoods Ecological Region of East Texas. The WMA is located 6 miles south of Nacogdoches and 1.1 miles west of Hwy 59 on FM 2782. The tract totals 2,255 acres and is primarily comprised of bottomland hardwood forests and old field habitats adjacent to the Angelina River. The WMA provides excellent habitat for waterfowl, white-tailed deer, turkey,



snipe, woodcock, rabbits, squirrels and feral hogs. Other activities include wildlife viewing, camping, and hiking. The purpose of conducting these early season hunts is to harvest surplus whitetail deer and feral hogs and provide information for research and game management programs. Hunters are encouraged to spend as much time in the field as possible in order to harvest game. Vehicles are restricted to the existing road system. Hunting will be restricted to assigned compartments on the WMA and adjacent Experimental Forest. A primitive campground is available for hunters. It is located on the west-side of the WMA approximately 2.4 miles west of Hwy 59 on FM 2782. There are tent pads, fire rings, lantern poles, grills and picnic tables at each site. Portable restrooms will be on site during the hunts. There are no electric or water hook ups available on site. Hunters should bring their own food, water and ice.

- All hunters must have a valid Texas Hunting License. It is no longer necessary to use a hunting license tag or bonus tag on a deer taken during a Special Permit drawn hunt; however, a TPWD Legal Deer Tag, issued at the area, must be attached to a harvested deer prior to leaving the hunt area. Only youth may actually harvest game on designated youth hunts.
- Hunter education is required for hunters born on or after September 2, 1971. Hunters under the age of 17 must be accompanied by an authorized, supervising adult with a valid hunting license and Special Permit. No Annual Public Hunting permit required.
- The check station will be located just outside the fence from the WMA office and will be open at 10:00 a.m. on the first day of scheduled hunt periods. Hunters must contact the area as

soon as possible if they are unable to attend their accepted hunt or not able to arrive on the first day for orientation. Standby hunters should report to the office by 10:00 a.m. on the first day of the desired hunt period to complete the application process. Standby hunters will be drawn as vacancies permit. Hunters must report to the office at 10:30 a.m. for “check-in” and a brief orientation. Hunters not present at this time may have to wait until the next morning to sign in and start their hunt. Youth hunts will conclude at 30 minutes after official sunset on the final day of the assigned hunt period. All other hunts end at noon on the last day of the hunting period.

- All participants must wear a minimum of 400 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material (vest) and orange hat.
- Legal means will include centerfire firearms, shotguns with slugs, archery, and muzzleloaders.
- All hunters must report to the check station every day before they exit the hunt area. All game harvested must be processed through the check station; only species listed on your permit may be taken.
- Alcoholic beverages may not be publicly consumed or displayed on the WMA, and persons under the influence of alcohol/drugs will not be permitted to enter the hunt area.
- Baiting is prohibited on the Experimental Forest but may be used on the Blount Tract during your hunt.
- Hunters in the field and vehicles within the WMA are subject to inspection by Area personnel and/or game wardens.
- Hunting from a vehicle or the possession of a loaded firearm in or on a motor vehicle is prohibited, except as allowed by special provisions for hunters with mobile disabilities. A loaded firearm is one with a round in the chamber or magazine.
- All-terrain vehicles (ATV) and off-road vehicles (ORV) are not permitted on the WMA, except for use by hunters with mobile disabilities (medical documentation required) or an adult directly assisting a hunter with mobile disabilities or as authorized by WMA staff.
- Do not take any plants, animals (other than legally taken game), or artifacts from the area.
- Waterproof knee or hip boots may be required to access some hunting compartments or portions of compartments.
- Accommodations for hunters with disabilities on public hunt sites vary between areas. If you would like to request accommodation, please contact each area directly at least 2 weeks in advance of your hunt to discuss the options that may be available.

For further information, contact the Pineywoods Ecosystem Office at (936) 569-8547.