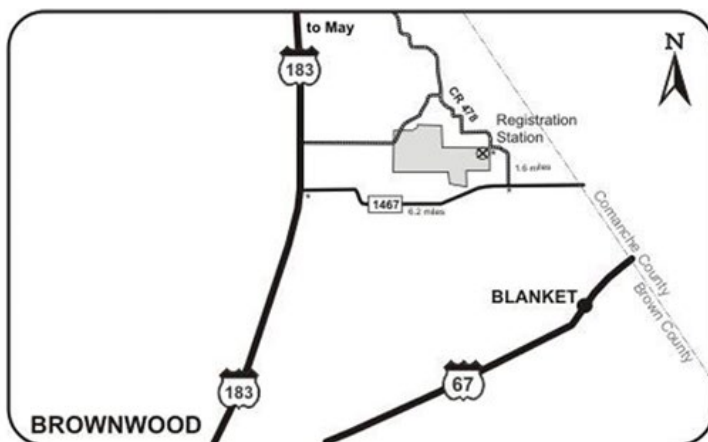




Paul and Toni Fox Burns WMA

Background

The Burns WMA is located 15 miles northeast of Brownwood and consists of 2,176 acres purchased by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in 2022. The Area is in the southern Cross Timbers and Prairies Ecoregion just 1 mile northwest of the Muse WMA. The diverse topography and soil types are conducive to a variety of plant types and generally dominated by oak-juniper woodlands, post oak-mesquite flats and small creeks with hardwood bottoms. The Burns WMA's primary purpose is to serve as a public use and demonstration area for the Cross Timbers and Prairies Ecosystem. Area staff utilize proven techniques for the management of wildlife species and their habitats in the Cross Timbers and demonstrate the results to resource managers, landowners and other interested groups. The Burns WMA's public outreach and hunts are organized and conducted out of the Muse WMA facilities. All correspondence should be directed to Burns/Muse WMA staff at (325) 203-6926.



Reporting/Orientation

When: Hunters should report to the Muse WMA Check Station prior to 11:00 a.m. on the first day of the hunt. **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.** The hunt will start following an orientation program at 11:00 a.m. the first day and will end at 11:00 a.m. on the last day of the hunt period.

Where: Muse WMA entrance is located at 13549 CR 478 May, TX 76857. The Muse Check Station is the first building once you come through the front gate on CR 478 (approx. 0.6 miles from the CR). Hunters will be shown to the Burns WMA following the orientation.

Preparation: Hunters are reminded that they must have a valid Texas Hunting License and special permit (email or paper copy) issued from Austin. Hunter Education is required of Texas hunters born on or after September 2, 1971. (See Texas Parks and Wildlife Outdoor Annual for more information.) 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. Shooting hours will be from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. During deer hunts, all persons must wear a minimum of 400 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material including 144 square inches appearing on both the chest and back and orange headwear.

Standby: Positions may be available. Contact Burns/Muse Wildlife Management Area staff for availability. Standby hunter position(s) will be drawn at 11:00 a.m. at the Check Station. Payment (if required) will be by credit card only.

Check Station

Hours: Check Station will open at 10 a.m. on the first day of the hunt.

Facilities: Game skinning and processing area, cold storage, and first aid station. The use of area facilities is at your own risk.

Check In/ Check Out: All hunters must check in/out with WMA personnel as explained in the orientation.

Late Comers

Check-in: Hunters who are unable to report in time for the orientation should notify Burns/Muse WMA staff as soon as possible by calling the WMA office at (325) 203-6926. Late hunters must report to the Muse WMA Check Station upon arrival.

Orientation: Latecomers must participate in the same orientation given to all other hunters. An orientation will be given to latecomers at the Muse WMA Hunter Check Station.

Hunting Conditions

Vehicles: Transportation to and from the assigned hunting blinds or compartment will be the responsibility of the hunter. Most hunting blinds are accessible by conventional 2-wheel drive vehicles; however pickup trucks and vehicles with high ground clearance will provide easier access to hunting blinds. All-terrain vehicle (ATV) and off-road vehicle (ORV) use is prohibited.

Hunting Blinds: Hunts are conducted by assigned blind or compartment only. Fiberglass constructed blinds (4'x6' and 5'x7') with chairs are provided. Mobility impaired hunters may utilize a 5'x7' accessible blind or hunt from a stationary motor vehicle, provided the hunting is not conducted while entering or exiting the hunting area. Please contact WMA staff if you need assistance.

Youth Supervision: Youth 8 years of age and younger must be accompanied. Youth between the ages of 9 and 16 must have completed a hunter education course or must be accompanied. Adults accompanying youth must be 17 years of age or older, possess a valid Texas hunting license, have completed a hunter education course or be exempt and must be within normal voice control.

Baiting: Baiting is allowed for deer hunts.

Camping Facilities/Lodging

No overnight stay is allowed on the Burns WMA. Camping facilities may be available at Lake Brownwood State Park (325) 784-5223. Commercial accommodations are available in Brownwood and the surrounding area.

Other Information

During public hunts, non-hunting guests may be allowed depending on availability and safety concerns. Contact Burns/Muse WMA staff for more information.

It is an offense for a person to be under the influence of alcohol or consume an alcoholic beverage while engaged in a hunting activity or to publicly consume or display an alcoholic beverage while on a wildlife management area.

Cellular service is available at the Muse WMA Check Station. Verizon users may experience patchy or no service while on the Burns WMA.

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.

If you have any further questions, you may call the Burns/Muse Wildlife Management Area Headquarters at (325) 203-6926.