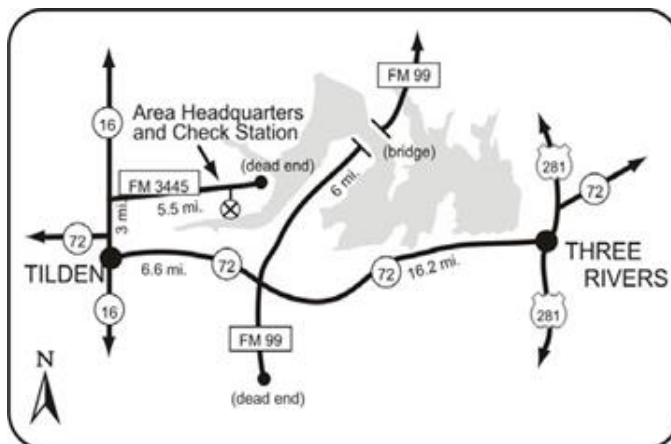




James Daughtrey WMA Special Permit Hunts

Overview

The James E. Daughtrey WMA covers over 31,000 acres including Choke Canyon Reservoir between Three Rivers and Tilden in Live Oak and McMullen Counties. The terrain is generally flat with thorny brush dominated by mesquite, black brush and cacti throughout. Roads on the Area are primitive and trucks will provide access to most areas. 4-wheel drive is recommended in wet weather. The WMA was named in honor of State Game Warden James E. Daughtrey of Tilden who was fatally injured in an automobile collision while pursuing game law violators.



Limited permanent stands are available, hunters are encouraged to bring their own portable blinds. There are no cold storage facilities available on the area. A primitive campground is available for Special Permit hunters. Please contact the WMA if you intend to arrive the day before the hunt to use the campground.

Drinking water and electrical hookups are not available. A limited number of fire rings and picnic tables are available on a first come, first served basis; as is one rented chemical toilet. Camping is also available at Choke Canyon State Park (Calliham Unit (361) 786-3538). For further information call the WMA office (361) 274-3573, (830) 879-5496; or the Project Office at (830) 676-3413.

Hunt Information

A Special Permit is required for deer, turkey, feral hog and javelina hunting. Permit recipients should report to the Area Headquarters/Check Station by 11 a.m. on the first day of the hunt (**10 a.m. for Youth Hunts**). The hunt will end at dusk on the last day of their assigned hunt dates. **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.** Prospective standby hunters should report to the Area Headquarters/Check Station and register on the first day of the hunt period by 10:00 a.m. for youth-only hunts and 11:00 am for all other hunts. Call Daughtrey WMA headquarters for visit the James Daughtrey WMA Facebook page for standby information: <https://www.facebook.com/DaughtreyWMA/>

Be aware that other hunts for quail, dove, rabbit, sandhill crane and waterfowl hunts may be conducted concurrently under the **Annual Public Hunting Permit** system or **E-Postcard**, on designated hunt dates only. Hunters may legally participate in these hunts with an Annual Public Hunting Permit by following rules and dates listed in the public hunting map booklet. Annual Public Hunting permit hunters must perform daily on-site registration (eOSR) through the My Hunt Harvest App.

- **Youth Supervision: Hunters under the age of seventeen (17) must hunt under the immediate supervision of a duly permitted and authorized adult.** 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.
- All hunters regardless of age must possess a valid Texas hunting license and any stamp as required by statute. It is no longer necessary to use a hunting license tag on a deer taken during a Special Permit drawn hunt however a TPWD Legal Deer Tag, issued at the WMA, must be attached to a harvested deer prior to leaving the hunt area.
- Hunter Education is required of Texas hunters born on or after September 2, 1971. (See the Texas Parks & Wildlife Outdoor Annual for more information.)
- **All game harvested must be processed through the WMA check station: only species defined by hunt period at the time of orientation may be taken.**
- Deer, turkey, feral hog, alligator and javelina hunters will be assigned to a specific hunt area by department personnel.
- Non-permitted visitors or family visitors will not be allowed to accompany hunting permit holders to the hunt areas; except a non-hunting adult assisting a permitted hunter with mobility disabilities will be allowed.
- No hunting is allowed in the immediate vicinity (200 yards) of State Parks, boat launching ramps, bridges, the dam, or other areas of high-density public use.
- **All persons within the hunt area must visibly wear a minimum of 400 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material with 144 inches appearing on both the chest and back; daylight fluorescent orange headwear is also required** (Exceptions– turkey, archery-only, mourning dove-only, waterfowl or sandhill crane hunts.)
- **Operation of all-terrain vehicles (ATV) and off-road vehicles (ORV) on the WMA is prohibited** except by a permitted hunter with mobility disabilities. Proof of disability is required.
- 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 mobility disabilities or CHL holders.

- Consumption of alcoholic beverages or being under the influence of alcohol while engaged in hunting activities or public consumption or displaying of an alcoholic beverage while on the area is prohibited. All open container, DUI and DWI regulations will be enforced.
- Littering, removal or disturbance of plants, rocks, artifacts or other objects is prohibited.
- Transporting youth (under 18 years of age) in an “open bed” of a pickup truck or trailer is prohibited on roads within the boundaries of the Wildlife Management Area.
- Shotguns are the only types of firearms permitted for small game hunting. **Special Permit or E-Postcard hunts may have further method restrictions.**
- Baiting may be allowed for special permit hunts; **except baiting is not allowed for spring turkey hunts.**
- Access for waterfowl hunting requiring an Annual Public Hunting Permit is only through State Park sites and boat launching ramps with hunt information stations. All other hunters must park at designated parking areas or entrance locations; **foot access only.**

