

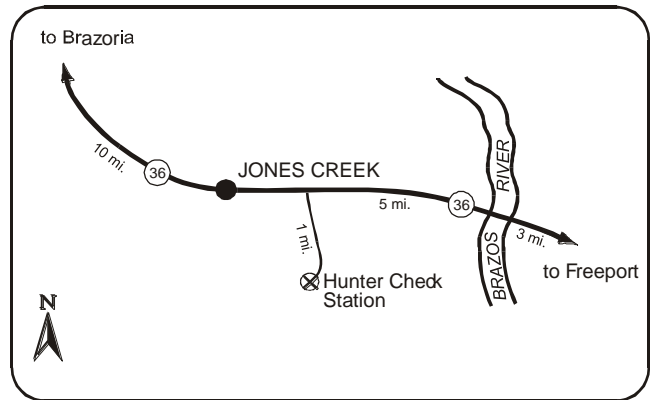


# JUSTIN HURST WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

## BACKGROUND

Justin Hurst Wildlife Management Area is located 8 miles west of Freeport in Brazoria County. The hunter's check station is accessed via Texas Highway 36 approximately 5 miles west of the Brazos River Bridge. At the sign on Hwy 36, turn south and proceed for approximately 1.5 miles to the check station. The Hurst Area contains 15,612 acres of upland hardwood, upland prairie, fresh and salt water marshes acquired since 1986 with funds provided by the Texas Waterfowl Hunting Stamp and as mitigation lands for the loss of wildlife habitat.

Objectives of the Hurst Area are to maintain a high-quality marsh habitat for waterfowl and to provide public use of land, water, fish and wildlife resources that make up the area.



## PUBLIC HUNTING BY SPECIAL PERMIT

All WMA rules and regulations must be adhered to unless superseded by hunting regulations.

Permitted hunters should report to the WMA headquarters by 10:00 a.m. on the first day of their assigned hunt period. **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 WMA by 10:00 a.m. on the first day of the desired hunt period to complete the application process. Standby hunters will be drawn at 11:00 a.m. as vacancies permit. Following a brief orientation, Texas Parks and Wildlife personnel will direct hunters to their hunting blind. Hunters will provide their own transportation to and from their assigned hunting blind and hunters must stay within their assigned area. Hunting will end at 12:00 noon on the final day of the assigned hunt.

Hunters must wear a minimum of **400 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material**, with at least 144" square inches appearing on both chest and back and orange headwear.

Only one legally permissible weapon per hunter will be allowed into the hunt area. Firearms using rimfire ammunition are prohibited. Use of dogs is prohibited. Pistols are prohibited.

Non-permitted visitors and family members will not be allowed on the area during hunts except for a non-hunting adult assisting a permitted handicapped person or child age 16 or under.

Hunters will be responsible for the reasonable care of their game after harvest. Cleaning facilities are provided. No facilities for game storage will be available on the WMA.

Hunters are reminded that they must have a valid Texas Hunting License and any required stamp as required by statute. Hunters 17 years of age and older must have in their possession a valid I.D. Hunter Safety Education is required of Texas hunters born on or after September 2, 1971 (see the Texas Parks & Wildlife Outdoor Annual for more information). Each hunter should also bring a flashlight, food, drinking water, foul weather gear, mosquito repellent and rubber boots.

Disturbance or removal of plants, rocks, artifacts, or other objects is prohibited.

The public display or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited. Hunters may not consume or be under the influence while hunting.

The use of ATVs and ORVs is allowed. Baiting is allowed. Disabled individuals may hunt from a stationary motor vehicle. Camping will not be available on the WMA. Phone (979) 233-8729 or (979) 323-9669 for hunting information.