

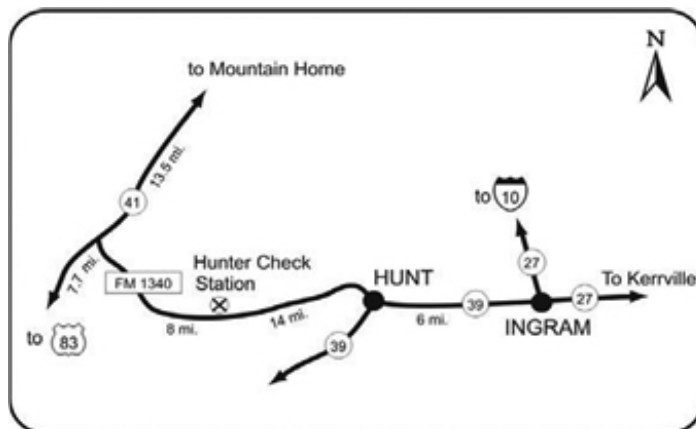


Kerr WMA

Background

The area is located approximately 14 miles west of Hunt, Kerr County, Texas on the North Fork of the Guadalupe River. It contains 6,460 acres, the WMA is representative of the Edwards Plateau with rolling hills, fresh water springs, dense cedar (juniper) brakes and live oak-shin oak thickets. The area is enclosed by a 7-foot fence to facilitate scientific investigations.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department purchased the acreage in 1950, primarily as a wildlife research station. Research work underway involves the relationships between wildlife, domestic livestock and the range.



Hunting

Public hunting on the Kerr Area is a part of the wildlife research program and does not indicate an overpopulation of wildlife. Hunting on the Area may be difficult because of the excellent range conditions, dense brush areas and wary animals. In the past few years, Hunter success with rifles has been 30%-90% for whitetails and exotics. Success will vary from year to year. Please feel welcome to follow us on Facebook “Kerr & Mason Mountain Wildlife Management Area – Texas Parks and Wildlife” to review updates on hunting success and habitat conditions on the Area.

Through providing for hunting of deer and turkey on the Kerr Wildlife Management Area, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is putting into effect what it advocates to landowners, i.e. hunting is an acceptable method for controlling wildlife populations under normal conditions.

General Information

No camping or fires will be allowed on the Area. Camping facilities are available at the Kerrville-Schreiner Park (operated by the city of Kerrville) (830) 257-5392. Motel and other lodging type facilities are available in and around Kerrville and Hunt. Hunters will take their vehicles to the pasture in which they are to hunt. Use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and off-road vehicles (ORVs) is prohibited, except by hunters with mobility disabilities.

Hunter Education is required of Texas hunters born on or after September 2, 1971. Refer to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Outdoor Annual for more information.

Hunters should report to the Check Station at Area Headquarters prior to 11:00 a.m. on the day they are to 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.** Hunting will start after the orientation program that begins at 11:00 a.m. the first day and will end at 11:00 a.m. on the last day during the dates assigned.

Hunts are by assigned compartment and adequate ground, house and tower blinds are available in all compartments. Each individual hunting party or group will have their own assigned hunt compartment. Baiting is allowed on archery and rifle hunts, **but not Spring Turkey Hunts.** All hunters **must** check in and out at the hunter check station located at the headquarters complex.

Hunters are reminded that they 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. Shooting hours will be from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. On all hunts, except turkey and archery deer hunts during the special archery season, all persons must wear a minimum of 400 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material with orange headwear and 144 inches appearing on both the chest and back. Visitors or family members will not be allowed to accompany hunting permit holders to hunting areas; except a non-hunting adult assisting a hunter with mobility disabilities will be allowed.

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. For more information on the Kerr WMA, please call (830) 238-4483.