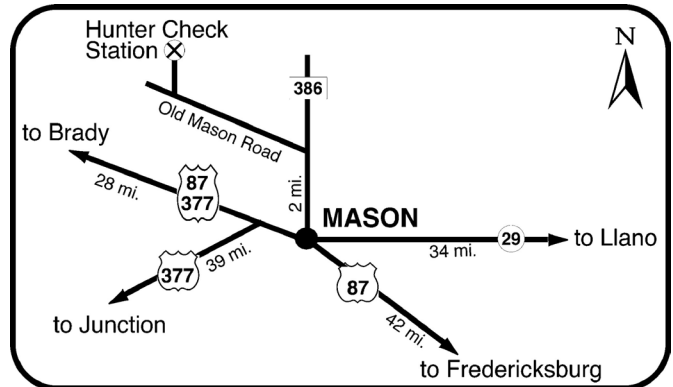




Mason Mountain Wildlife Management Area South Pasture Unit

Background

Mason Mountain Wildlife Management Area (WMA) is located in Mason County, Texas. It is unique among Texas' Wildlife Management Areas in that it is the only one located in the Central Mineral Ecoregion. It contains approximately 5,301 acres, representing a variety of different habitats. A blackjack oak and post oak community found on granite soils or deep sands dominates most of the Area. The northern one-third of the Area is limestone hills, supporting a community of live oak and Texas oak. An eight-foot fence to facilitate scientific investigations surrounds the entire Area.



The goals of Mason Mountain Wildlife

Management Area include research of native and exotic wildlife species, habitats and ecosystems occurring in the Central Mineral Ecoregion, demonstration of various management practices to land management professionals and the management of the Area to promote a healthy and functioning ecosystem. Hunting is one of a variety of tools used by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to achieve these goals. In order to properly manage the habitat, deer populations are maintained at approximately 1 deer per 12 to 15 acres, substantially lower than much of the Hill Country.

General Information

Hunters should report to the check station by 11:00 am on the first day of the Hunt.

Hunting will end at 10:00 am on the last day of the dates assigned. 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.

Primitive camping will be allowed on the Area. A limited number of RV hookups with water and electricity are available. Please call for reservations. Interested parties should check with the Area headquarters for details and reservations.

Area personnel will place hunters in a specific pre-assigned hunting compartment. Hunters must provide their own transportation to and from hunting compartments. High clearance vehicles are required, 4WD is recommended. Some roads are designated as 4WD only. Department personnel reserve the right to refuse entry of any vehicle deemed inadequate for traveling on the Area roads. Vehicle use is restricted to designated roads. The use of ATVs and ORVs is prohibited, except by hunters with mobility disabilities.

If standby positions are available, standby hunters should apply at the check station by 10:00 a.m. The standby drawing will be at 11:00 a.m. if vacant hunt positions are available. Area staff reserves the right to limit the number of standby positions available. On all hunts except turkey and archery only hunts, all persons must visibly wear a minimum of 400 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material with 144 inches appearing on both chest and back; also, hunter orange headgear is required.

Baiting is allowed.

Non-permitted visitors or family members will be allowed to accompany the permitted hunter to the hunting compartment.

Hunters are reminded that they must have a valid Texas Hunting License, any stamp required by statute. It is no longer necessary to use a hunting license tag or bonus tag for 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. Hunter safety education is required of Texas hunters born on or after September 2, 1971. Hunters will be responsible for the reasonable care of their game after harvest. Cold storage facilities are available on the WMA.

Hunters are reminded to bring all items necessary with them. Concessions are **not** available at the Area.

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

It is an offense for a person to be under the influence of alcohol or consume an alcoholic beverage while engaged in hunting activities or to publicly consume or display an alcoholic beverage while on the WMA. Hunters with mobility disabilities who require special hunting accommodations should contact the Area in advance at (325) 347-5037.