

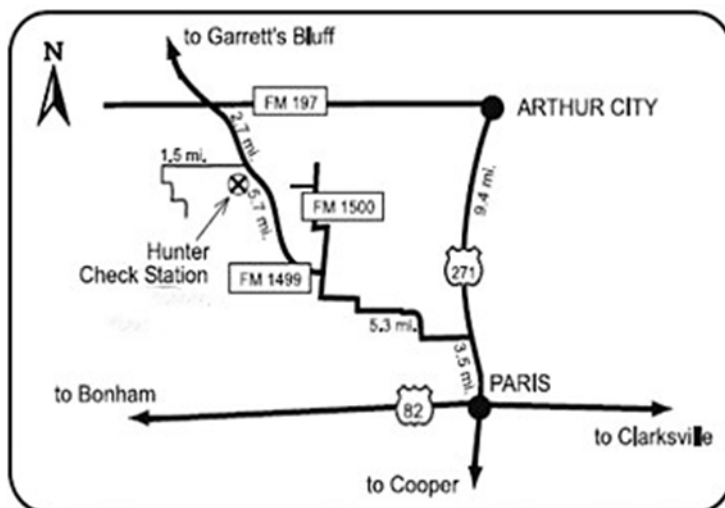


Pat Mayse WMA

Gun Deer Either Sex

Background

The Pat Mayse Wildlife Management Area (PMWMA) is located approximately 12 miles northwest of Paris, TX and contains 9,005 acres of land and water and is located in Lamar County at the western edge of Pat Mayse Lake. The primary purpose of this WMA is to serve as a public hunting area. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) manages this WMA under a license agreement and in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).



Special warning to all users of the

WMA: During World War II, sections of this WMA were used as artillery training sites and unexploded ordnance or other dangerous military munitions are still found on occasion. If you find an unexploded ordnance or other military munitions, you are **strongly cautioned not to disturb it in any way**. Report its location to TPWD personnel. **Respect old military ordnance as you would a rattlesnake — both are dangerous!!**

Check-in/Orientation

When: Individuals drawn for hunts should report to the PMWMA hunter check station by 11:00 a.m. on the first day of their hunt period for sign-in and mandatory orientation. Hunters must contact the WMA **as soon as possible** if they are unable to attend their accepted hunt or be on time for orientation. Those wishing to apply for standby positions must arrive by 10:00 a.m.

Where: From Paris, take US 271 north for 4 miles and turn left on FM 1499. Follow FM 1499 for 7 miles, then turn right at the stop sign in Emberson to stay on FM 1499. The check station and hunter campground will be 4.5 miles ahead on your left, at the intersection of FM 1499 and CR 35650. Google maps link: <https://goo.gl/maps/2fjmbpxQhj2qRhtXA>.

Preparation: Hunters should bring 1) a valid photo ID (for adult hunters or those supervising youth hunters), 2) a valid Texas Hunting License with all stamps required by statute, 3) a special draw permit (received via email prior to the hunt). Digital copies of the hunting license and special draw permits are acceptable.

Compartments: Hunters and members of their party will select their compartments at the conclusion of the hunt orientation. Selections are made by order of permit number.

Regulations

Hunter Education: Hunter education is required of Texas hunters born on or after September 2, 1971. (See the Texas Parks & Wildlife Outdoor Annual for more information).

Youth Supervision: Youth under 17 are required to be under the immediate supervision of an authorized supervising adult, 18 or older, who possesses a valid Texas hunting license. Youth under 12 years old must remain within normal voice distance of the supervising adult. For youth 12 to 16 years of age who have received hunter education certification, the requirement for immediate supervision is relaxed to the extent that the supervising adult is required only to be present on the public hunting unit. Supervising adults are responsible for the actions and liability of the youth.

Hunter Orange: All hunters and those accompanying them in the field must visibly wear at least 400 square inches of hunter orange material with orange headwear and at least 144 square inches appearing on both chest and back.

Firearms: Centerfire rifles or muzzleloaders .45 caliber or larger are the only legal firearms. Firearms should be sighted-in prior to your arrival, as we do not have target facilities on the property. Possession of a loaded firearm at the hunter check station or in a motor vehicle is prohibited.

Blinds/Stands: Hunters should bring their own portable blinds or stands if desired. The use of metal nails, spikes, screws, or bolts to attach blinds or stands to trees is prohibited.

Vehicles: Hunters should be prepared to access their compartments on foot. However, if road conditions allow, hunters will be permitted to drive the interior WMA roads in their vehicles to access their compartments. 4x4 vehicles are strongly recommended. All-terrain vehicle (ATV) and off-road vehicle (ORV) use is strictly prohibited, but the use of non-motorized bicycles is allowed. Contact the WMA hunt manager for expected road conditions prior to your hunt or if you have additional questions regarding access.

Bag Limit: 2 deer, no more than 1 buck. Bucks must have an inside main beam spread equal to or wider than the ear tips or at least one unbranched antler. Unlimited feral hogs and coyotes.

Baiting: Baiting is strictly prohibited. Baiting is defined as the placement of minerals, vegetative materials, or other food substances used as an attractant for wildlife. The use of scent lures simulating animal odors is **not** considered baiting.

Tagging: Hunters will **not** use the tags from their hunting license for any deer taken on their draw hunt. All deer harvested will be transported to the hunter check station where they will be issued a TPWD special draw permit tag. This tag must be attached to the harvested deer prior to leaving the WMA.

Other Information

Scouting: Scouting of the area prior to your hunt date is allowed, but please be considerate of our walk-in hunters. DO NOT scout the morning of the hunt, as we will be clearing the area of any unauthorized users.

Camping: Primitive camping is available at the check station. No facilities, water, or electrical hookups are available. Camping with facilities may be available at the nearby USACE Pat Mayse Lake campgrounds. To check availability or make a reservation, call 1-877-444-6777 or go to www.recreation.gov/camping/gateways/568.

Maps: Topographical and aerial maps will be available at the hunt orientation, and digital copies are available upon request by contacting the WMA hunt manager prior to your hunt.

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, contact the WMA Hunt Manager at (903) 905-2207 or jacob.white@tpwd.texas.gov.