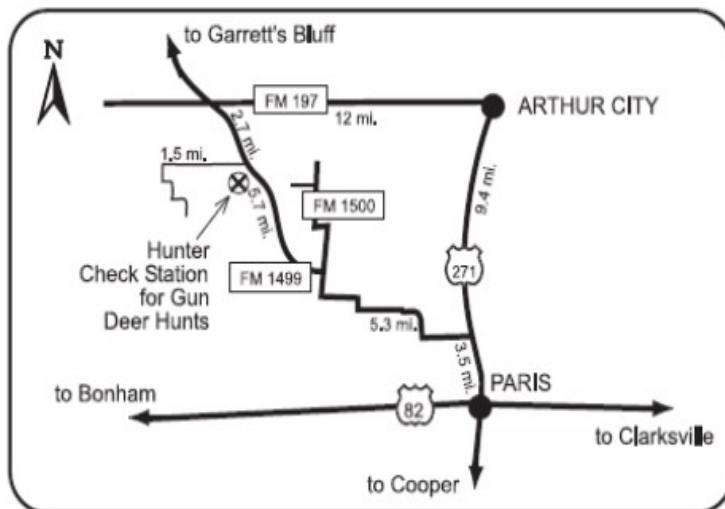


Pat Mayse WMA

Background

The Pat Mayse Wildlife Management Area (PMWMA) is located approximately 12 miles northwest of Paris, TX and contains 8,925 acres of land and water and is located in Lamar County at the western edge of Pat Mayse Reservoir. 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 (COE).



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 or the COE office at the Pat Mayse Reservoir dam site. **Respect old military ordnance as you would a rattlesnake — both are dangerous!!**

General Hunting Information and Regulations

- **PERMITS and REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:** Individuals drawn for draw hunt categories should report to the PMWMA Hunt 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 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. The PMWMA Hunt Check station may be accessed via US Hwy 271 north from Paris, TX then west on FM 1499 approximately 11 miles. Hunters must have a valid Texas Hunting License and any required stamp as required by statute. Hunters must have a valid Special Permit issued by a TPWD drawing in their possession before they are legal to hunt white-tailed deer during a Deer Draw hunt or turkey during a Spring Turkey Draw hunt. All hunters 17 years of age or older must have in their possession a valid I.D. before being legal to hunt on the WMA. 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). **Minor or underage hunters:** Persons **under 17 years of age**

must be accompanied and supervised by a permitted parent or guardian. Hunters will register at the mandatory orientation and before initiation of hunting activities. At the end of hunting activities all hunters must sign out at the Hunt Check station before their final departure from the WMA. Persons without a Special Permit (visitors, family members, etc.) will not be allowed on the WMA during periods when special gun deer hunts are being conducted, except a non-hunting adult assisting a permitted hunter with mobility disabilities.

- **Tagging Deer:** All harvested deer will be taken to Hunt Check station for data collection and tagging. It is no longer necessary to use a hunting license tag or bonus tag for a deer taken during a Special Permit drawn hunt. A TPWD Legal Deer Tag will be issued at the Check station **and must be attached to a harvested deer prior to leaving the WMA.**
- **Tagging Turkey:** All harvested turkeys will be taken to Hunt Check station for data collection. Turkey must be tagged with an Eastern Turkey tag affixed from your hunting license immediately upon harvest. Turkeys must also be reported online at www.tpwd.texas.gov/turkey within 24 hours of harvest.
- **Hunter Orange:** During deer hunts, any person a field in the hunt area must visibly wear a minimum of 400 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material with 144 square inches appearing on both chest and back and orange headwear at times when hunting with firearms is permitted on this WMA.
- **Firearms and Ammunition:** Centerfire rifles or handguns, muzzleloaders .45 caliber or larger or shotguns with rifled slugs, are the only legal firearms for taking deer or feral hogs during the **special gun-deer hunts**. Possession of a **loaded firearm** in or on a motor vehicle is prohibited on this WMA. **Notice:** A loaded firearm is defined as a firearm containing a live round of ammunition within the chamber and/or magazine or if muzzle loading, one which has a cap on the nipple or a priming charge in the pan. No loaded firearms are allowed in the hunt headquarters.
- **Vehicles and Roads:** While there are several trails on Pat Mayse WMA that may be negotiated by a motor vehicle, hunters should be prepared to access their area by foot. **All hunters are encouraged to bring a compass or GPS unit.** No person may use a vehicle except on designated roads, hunt from a motor vehicle, possess a loaded firearm in or on a vehicle, **except** hunters with mobility disabilities may hunt from a stationary motor vehicle provided the hunting is not conducted on a public road. All ATV or ORV use is prohibited except for qualified hunters with mobility disabilities. ATV or ORV users must possess valid registration, a certificate of completion of an ATV or ORV safety course, eye protection and an ATV or ORV helmet. All vehicles are required to display parking permit issued during orientation.

- **Baiting:** The placement of bait to attract wildlife is prohibited.
- **Camping:** Primitive Camping is available in the area surrounding the Deer Hunt Headquarters. Camping is allowed at Corp. of Engineer (COE) parks located around Pat Mayse Reservoir. For COE information, call (903)732-3020.
- **Blinds:** Blinds are not provided by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Hunters may bring their own portable blinds or stands.
- **Special Regulations:** It is unlawful for any person to not obey posted regulations, fail to comply with instructions on permits or area leaflets or refuse to follow directives given by TPWD personnel in the discharge of official duties. Strewing of refuse, litter, trash or garbage is prohibited. The disturbance of plants, rocks, artifacts or other objects or their removal from this WMA is prohibited. It is an offense to be under the influence of alcohol or to consume alcoholic beverages while engaged in hunting activities or to publicly consume or display alcoholic beverages while on the WMA.
- **Maps:** Topographical map of the PMWMA may be obtained at https://tpwd.texas.gov/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_mp_w7000_0093b.pdf. Other maps and aerial photos may be obtained from internet sources such as the Texas Natural Resource Information System (TNRIS) or from the U.S. Geological Survey via the EarthExplorer user interface.

Visit the PMWMA website at https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/hunt/wma/find_a_wma/list/?id=18 for more information. Or call the Area Manager between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday for further information (903) 905-2207.