

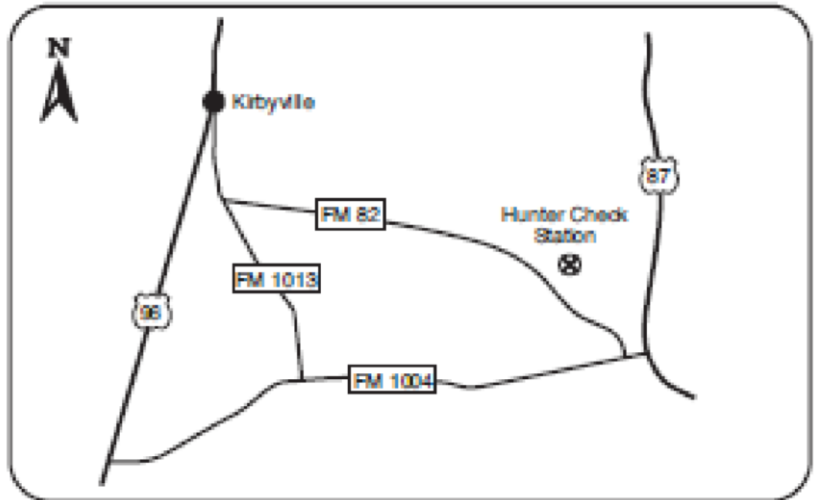


E. O. Siecke State Forest

Background

Acquired through purchase in 1924 and named after E.O. Siecke, who was the Texas State Forester from 1918-1942. The healthy and productive forest that exists today occupies 1,722 acres in Newton County and is a result of public stewardship after heavy logging, devastating wildfires, and insect epidemics that were common at the turn of the century.

The primary purpose of this state forest is resource education for all Texas citizens and visitors. Sound scientific forest management that protects and perpetuates native flora and fauna is practiced. The E.O. Siecke State Forest is a working forest owned and administered by the Texas Forest Service. State Forest Office is located on FM 82, 4.5 miles SE of Kirbyville. Call 409/423-2890 for information.



Reporting/Orientation

When:

11:00 a.m. on the first day of the hunt 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.** Standby hunters should report at 10:00 am to complete the application process.

Where: Check Station — at State Forest Office located 4.5 miles SE of Kirbyville on FM 82.

Preparation:

Hunters should bring their valid hunting license, even though it is no longer necessary to use a hunting license tag for 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 and a valid hunting license is required to use such a tag.

Firearms should be sighted in prior to arriving on the area. All persons afield 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 all times when hunting with firearms on this State Forest. No non-permitted guests allowed, other than a non-hunting adult directly assisting youth.

Check Station Hours:

Opens at 10:00am on the first day of the hunt and at 7:00 a.m. on the second day of the hunt. Closes each evening at 7:00 P.M.

Facilities: Refrigeration is NOT available; nearest commercial storage/processing is within 5 miles.

Check In/Out: All hunters must check in/out with Area Personnel as explained in the orientation.

Latecomers Check In:

Hunters unable to report in time for the 10 a.m. sign-in and orientation must still report to the check station upon arrival to the Area to receive the orientation information. Those arriving after closing of the check station in the evening must report to the check station the following morning for registration and orientation prior to going to the field.

Hunting Conditions

Stands: Stand locations are predetermined with a pop-up tent style blind. Blinds will be assigned to hunter during orientation. There will be NO chair provided, as this will be the responsibility of the hunter.

Firearms: Centerfire rifles are the only legal weapons allowed. Rimfire rifles and buckshot are prohibited.

Vehicles: Transportation to and from the assigned hunting blinds will be provided by Area Personnel. Interior roads are minimal. Be prepared to walk short distances to and from stand if necessary.

Terrain: The area consists of young to mature pine forest with a variety of hardwood species located along its many creeks and drains. The topography ranges from near flat to excessively steep in some locations.

Camping Facilities - ***NO CAMPING AREA IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS HUNT AREA***

NOTE: During the Special Permit Hunt periods, the Area is closed to general public access.

Minor or Underage Hunters:

Persons **UNDER 17 YEARS OF AGE** must be accompanied and supervised by a permitted parent or authorized adult. Hunter Safety Education is required of Texas hunters born on or after September 2, 1971. (See Texas Parks & Wildlife Outdoor Annual for more information.)

Other Information: If you have any further questions, you may call Randall Kroll with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at (409) 384-6894 or Texas A&M Forrest Service at (409)423-2890.

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