Alazan Bayou WMA – Blount Tract
E-Postcard Waterfowl

Overview

The Blount Tract of Alazan Bayou Wildlife Management Area (WMA) is located in southern Nacogdoches County and is within the Pineywoods Ecological Region of East Texas. The WMA is located 6 miles south of Nacogdoches and 1.1 miles west of Hwy 59 on FM 2782. The tract totals 2,255 acres and is primarily comprised of bottomland hardwood forests and old field habitats adjacent to the Angelina River. The WMA provides excellent habitat for waterfowl, white-tailed deer, turkey, snipe, woodcock, rabbits, squirrels and feral hogs. Other activities include wildlife viewing, camping and hiking.

The purpose of conducting these hunts is to provide quality waterfowl hunting experiences and prevent putting too much hunting pressure on the unit. Hunters are encouraged to spend as much time in the field as possible in order to harvest game. Vehicles are restricted to the existing road system. Hunting will be restricted to assigned compartments on the WMA.

A primitive campground is available for hunters. It is located on the west-side of the WMA approximately 2.4 miles west of Hwy 59 on FM 2782. There are tent pads, fire rings, lantern poles, grills and picnic tables at each site. Portable restrooms will be on site during the hunts. There are no electric or water hook ups available on site. Hunters should bring their own food, water and ice.

- All hunters must have a valid Texas Hunting License, migratory game bird stamp, Federal Duck Stamp, HIP certification~~,~~ and Annual Public Hunting Permit (APH).

- Hunter education is required for hunters born on or after September 2, 1971. Hunters under the age of 17 must be accompanied by an authorized, supervising adult with a valid hunting license and APHP required.

- The check station will be located just outside the fence from the WMA office and will be open at 2:00 p.m. on the first day of scheduled hunt periods. 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 to the check station by 2:30 p.m. on the first day of the desired hunt period to complete the application process. Standby hunters will be drawn as vacancies permit at 2:30 p.m. Hunters must report to the check station at 2:30 p.m. for “check-in” and a brief orientation beginning at 3 p.m. NOTE: No latecomers will be accepted on E-postcard Waterfowl Hunts. Hunters that do not arrive by

the 3:00 p.m. mandatory orientation will forfeit their position on the hunt. No exceptions will be made. All hunts end at noon each day of the hunting period.

- Legal means will include shotguns with appropriately sized nontoxic shot.
- All hunters must report to the check station each day before they exit the hunt area. All game harvested must be processed through the check station.
- Alcoholic beverages may not be publicly consumed or displayed on the WMA, and persons under the influence of alcohol/drugs will not be permitted to enter the hunt area.
- Hunters in the field and vehicles within the WMA are subject to inspection by Area personnel and/or game wardens.
- Hunting from and transporting a loaded firearm in a vehicle is prohibited, except as allowed by special provisions for hunters with mobility disabilities. Loaded firearms are defined as a gun with ammunition in the chamber or magazine.
- All-terrain vehicles (ATV) and off-road vehicles (ORV) are not permitted on the WMA, except for use by hunters with mobility disabilities (medical documentation required) or an adult directly assisting a hunter with mobility disabilities or as authorized by WMA staff.
- Do not take any plants, animals (other than legally taken game), or artifacts from the area.
- Waterproof knee or hip boots and/or chest-waders may be required to access some hunting compartments or portions of compartments.
- 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.

For further information, contact the Pineywoods Ecosystem Office at (936) 569-8547.