Dimmitt Playa Unit (Playa Lakes WMA)
Waterfowl Hunts

The Dimmitt Playa Unit of the Playa Lakes Wildlife Management Area (WMA) is located in Castro County, approximately 4.7 miles west of Dimmitt on FM 2392. The WMA includes 422 acres of high plains country and playa lake wetlands. Uplands are dominated by re-established native short and mid-grass prairies, while forbs such as smartweed dominate playa lake basins. Average annual rainfall for this area is 19 inches. The High Plains is noted for rapid, extreme changes in weather, notably extreme changes in temperature. Rattlesnakes may be present on the Area and **care should be exercised at all times.**

The purpose of public hunts is to harvest surplus game and provide information for research and management programs. Game species are distributed fairly evenly throughout the Area. It is advisable for the hunter to spend as much time in the field as possible in order to harvest game. **All vehicles are restricted to existing mowed roadways/paths. Camping is not permitted on the Unit.**

- All adult hunters must possess an Annual Public Hunting Permit (APH) in addition to a valid hunting license and any required stamp endorsements. The APH permit and stamp requirements are waived for persons less than 17 years of age. **Ducks (including teal), Mergansers, Coots, Geese, and Sandhill Crane are legal game that may be taken. Daily bag limits for the High Plains Mallard Management Unit (Ducks, Mergansers and Coots), Western Zone (Geese), and Zone A (Sandhill Crane) apply**.
- A **permitted** supervising adult must accompany hunters under the age of 17. Hunter Education is required of hunters born on or after September 2, 1971 (See Hunting Guide for more information).
- Shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.
- **Alcoholic beverages may not be publicly displayed or consumed** on the WMA.
- Hunters in the field and vehicles within the WMA are subject to inspection by WMA personnel and/or game wardens.
- Hunters may possess **shotguns only**. Buckshot, slugs and all lead shot are prohibited. **All shotgun hulls and empty shell boxes must be retrieved from the field by hunters and disposed of off the WMA.**

- All terrain vehicles (ATV's) are not permitted on the WMA, except for use by a hunter with mobility disabilities or a person directly assisting a hunter with mobility disabilities and are limited to public hunting roads or trails. Proof of mobility disability is required.
- 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.
- Do not take any plants, animals (other than legally harvested game) or artifacts from the WMA. Any artifacts found should be left as they are.
- **Killing rattlesnakes is prohibited.**

For further information, call the Playa Lakes WMA headquarters at (806) 492-3405.