



# Keechi Creek Wildlife Management Area 2022-2023 E-Postcard Waterfowl

## Background

Keechi Creek Wildlife Management Area (KCWMA) is located in northeastern Leon County and lies within the Post Oak Savannah Ecological Region. The area contains 1,500 acres of mostly bottomland hardwood forest at the confluence of Keechi and Buffalo creeks. The area was purchased primarily for the preservation of bottomland hardwoods and for use as a waterfowl management area. It was the first non-coastal waterfowl habitat acquired in part with Texas Waterfowl Stamp funds.

## Reporting/Orientation

**When:** 11:00 a.m. on the first day of the hunt for sign-in and mandatory orientation at 12:00 p.m.

Hunters must contact the WMA as soon as possible if they are unable to attend their accepted hunt. **Hunters arriving late will forfeit their position on the hunt. No exceptions will be made.**

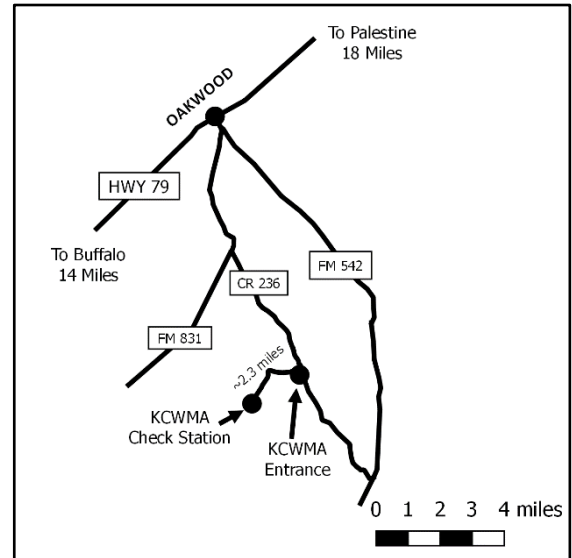
**Where:** From Oakwood take FM 542 south 0.4 miles to FM 831. Take FM 831 west 4.3 miles to CR 236. Take CR 236 south 4.8 miles to WMA sign and gate. Take the easement another 2.3 miles to the WMA entrance.

**Preparation:** Hunters should bring their valid Texas Hunting License, Annual Public Hunting Permit, Migratory Game Bird Stamp and Federal Duck Stamp. Hunters are required to wear hunter orange except when hunting migratory game birds. Hunters should prepare to travel 1-2 miles to their assigned hunt area. ATV and ORV use is allowed. Waterfowl hunting hours end at noon each day.

## Check Station

**Hours:** Check station hours for each hunt period will be explained during the mandatory orientation.

**Facilities:** No onsite water, electricity or cold storage is available.



**Check In/Check Out:** All hunters must check in/out with WMA personnel as explained in the orientation.

## **Late Comers**

**Check-In:** No latecomers will be accepted on E-postcard Waterfowl Hunts. Hunters that do not arrive by the 12:00 p.m. mandatory orientation will forfeit their position on the hunt. **No exceptions will be made.**

## **Hunting Conditions**

**Vehicles:** Transportation to and from the assigned hunting compartment will be the responsibility of the hunter. Hunters should come prepared to travel 1-2 miles to reach their hunting compartment. All-terrain vehicle (ATV) and off-road vehicle (ORV) use is allowed. ATV and ORV use is restricted to designated, existing trails.

**Hunt Area:** Hunt areas will be assigned by random drawing during the 12:00 p.m. mandatory hunt orientation.

**Blinds:** Blinds are not provided by KCWMA. Temporary blinds may be erected; however, any man-made material must be removed prior to the end of the hunt. **The use or possession of exotic or invasive plant materials such as giant cane or bamboo for building blinds or any other use is not permitted on the WMA.**

**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 and Annual Public Hunting Permit. 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. The supervising adult is responsible for the actions and liability of the youth.

**Hunting Hours:** Hunting hours for waterfowl ends at noon each day. Hunters may hunt squirrels, rabbits and hares after noon until end of legal shooting hours each day.

**Bag Limits:** North Zone waterfowl limits apply. Leon County bag limits for squirrels, rabbits and hares apply.

**Baiting:** Baiting is not allowed.

## **Camping Facilities**

A primitive campground is located at the entrance to KCWMA. No facilities are available at the WMA.

## **Other Information**

The area is closed to the general public during E-Postcard Waterfowl hunts. Non-hunting guest **may** be allowed depending on availability and safety concerns. Contact KCWMA Headquarters for more information.

Standby positions **may** be available. Contact KCWMA Headquarters for availability. If you have any further questions, you may contact the KCWMA Headquarters at (903) 389-7080.