Gus Engeling Wildlife Management Area
Squirrel E-Postcard

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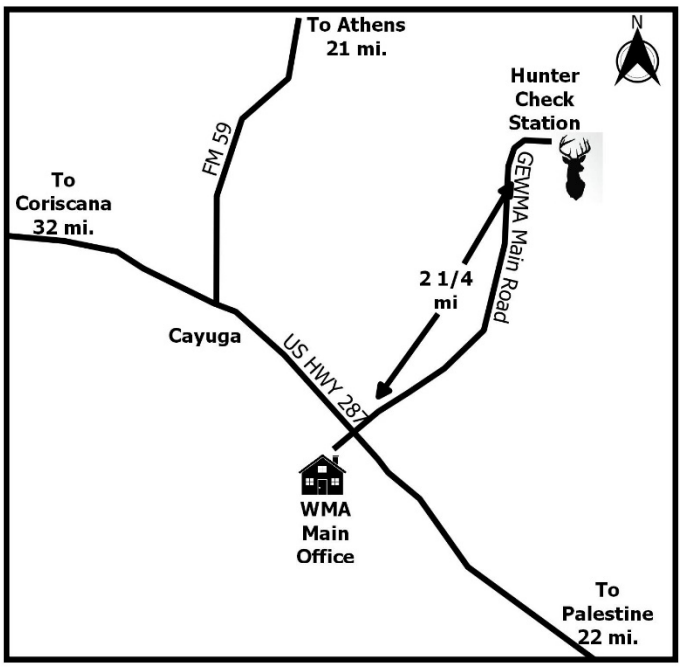

The Gus Engeling Wildlife Management Area (GEWMA) is located in northwest Anderson County, 22 miles northwest of Palestine. This 11,096 acre area was purchased from 1950 to 1960 under the Pittman-Robertson Act using Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration funding. The terrain is flat to gently rolling post oak woodlands, consisting of dense stands of oak-hickory overstory with associated understory species such as yaupon, greenbriar, dogwood, hawthorn, elm and huckleberry.

The GEWMA primary purpose is to function as a wildlife research and demonstration area for the Post Oak Savannah Ecoregion. Sound wildlife management tools that include prescribed burning, grazing, brush control and hunting are used to demonstrate habitat management to resources managers, landowners and other interested groups or individuals.

Reporting/Orientation

When: 11:30 a.m. on the first day of the hunt for sign-in and mandatory orientation at 12:00 p.m. Hunters must contact the area as soon as possible if they are unable to attend their accepted hunt. Hunt ends at the end of legal shooting hours on the last day of the hunt.

Where: Gus Engeling WMA Hunter Check Station. If using a navigation system, do not navigate to “Gus Engeling WMA” as it will direct you to the middle of the property away from all facilities. Navigate to 16149 North US Highway 287, Tennessee Colony, Texas 75861. Once you have arrived, turn north into Gus Engeling WMA. Follow signs to the Hunter Check Station. You will proceed approximately 2 ¼ mile down the main road. The Gus Engeling WMA Hunter Check Station will be on the right of the ‘Y’ intersection.

Preparation: Hunters should bring their valid Texas hunting license, license plate number, Annual Public Hunting Permit and any other stamps which may apply. Hunter orange is required at all times while not in the campground. Only legal means allowed: shotguns, rimfire, and airguns

Stand By: Positions may be available. Contact Gus Engeling Wildlife Management Headquarters for availability. Potential standby hunters **MUST** be signed in by 11:30 a.m. at the WMA Hunter Check Station. Standby hunter position(s) will be drawn at 12:00 p.m.

Check Station

Hours: No check station will be open.

Facilities: No facilities are available.

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

Late Comers

Hunters who do not arrive by the start of the 12:00 p.m. mandatory hunt orientation will forfeit their hunt position. **No latecomers will be accepted. No late orientations will be given.**

Hunting Conditions

Hunt Compartments: Hunt compartments, if utilized, will be assigned during the 12:00 p.m. mandatory orientation on the first day of the hunt.

Bag Limits: Daily bag and possession limits for squirrels, rabbits, and hares apply.

Vehicles: Transportation to and from the assigned hunting compartment will be the responsibility of the hunter. A portion of all hunting compartments is accessible by 2-wheel drive vehicles; however pickup trucks and 4-wheel drive vehicles with high ground clearance will provide access to a greater portion of the hunting compartment. All-terrain vehicle (ATV) and off-road vehicle (ORV) use is prohibited.

Camping Facilities

Campsites (2) are located approximately 2 miles from the check station, one on U.S. Highway 287 and another on CR 473. Campsites do not have electricity; however, drinking water and restrooms are available at the campsite on Hwy. 287.

Other Information

Non-hunting guest may be allowed depending on availability and safety concerns. Contact Gus Engeling WMA HQ for more information.

If you have any further questions, you may call the Gus Engeling Wildlife Management Area Headquarters at (903) 928.2251.