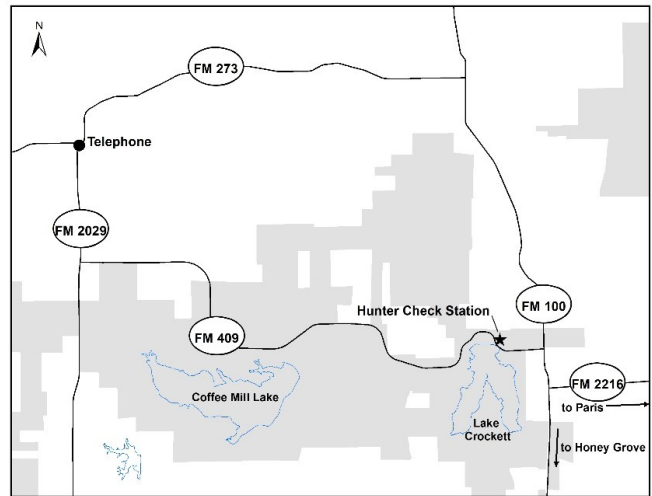




Caddo National Grasslands WMA – Bois D’Arc Unit E-Postcard Turkey

Background

Caddo National Grasslands Bois D’Arc Unit is located in Fannin County approximately 10 miles north of Honey Grove, TX and contains 13,370 acres of land and two small reservoirs; Coffee Mill lake and lake Crockett. The primary purpose of this WMA is to serve as a public hunting area. The property is owned and administered by the US Forest Service and is managed under a cooperative agreement with Texas Parks and Wildlife.



Reporting/Orientation

When: This hunt will run the entire length of the Eastern wild turkey season (April 22-May 14). Report at 3pm on the day before the hunt (4/21) for sign-in and mandatory orientation. Hunters must contact the WMA **as soon as possible** if they are unable to be on time for orientation.

Where: From Bonham, take US 82 east toward Honey Grove. After 14 miles, take the exit and turn left onto FM 100. After 9.5 miles, turn left onto FM 409. The hunter check station will be a half mile ahead on the right, just across from the east lake Crockett boat ramp. Google maps link: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/9Pgq1pAzhnDCEs6h7>.

Preparation: Hunters should bring their valid Texas Hunting License with the Upland Gamebird Endorsement and Annual Public Hunting Permit. Please have equipment sighted-in and proper ammunition prior to your arrival at the WMA. Hunters will be required to tag harvested turkeys with tags from their hunting license and report their harvest on the Texas Hunt & Fish App.

Regulations

Hunter Education: Hunter education is required of Texas hunters born on or after September 2, 1971. (See the Texas Parks & Wildlife Outdoor Annual for more information).

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. 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. Supervising adults are responsible for the actions and liability of the youth.

Firearms: Shotguns with birdshot or archery equipment are the only legal means. Shotguns or archery equipment should be sighted-in prior to your arrival, as we do not have target facilities on the property. Possession of a loaded firearm at the hunter check station or in a motor vehicle is prohibited.

Blinds: Hunters should bring their own portable blinds or stands if desired.

Vehicles: Vehicles are strictly prohibited on interior WMA roads, including the use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and off-road vehicles (ORVs). The use of non-motorized bicycles is allowed.

Bag Limit: 1 Male Eastern wild turkey.

Baiting: Baiting is not allowed. Baiting is defined as the placement of minerals, vegetative materials, or other food substances used as an attractant for wildlife.

Electronic Calls: The use of recorded or electric calling devices is prohibited.

Tagging: Hunters will be required to tag harvested turkeys with tags from their hunting license and check their harvest on the Texas Hunt & Fish App.

Check Station

Hours: Hunters will be required to check-in their harvests with the WMA hunt manager. Check station hours for each hunt period will be explained during the mandatory orientation.

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

Other Information

Scouting: Scouting of the area prior to your hunt date is allowed, but please be considerate of our walk-in hunters.

Camping: Primitive camping is available free of charge at the hunter campgrounds located on CR 2325, CR 2700, CR 2285, and CR 2415. Camping is also available at the USFS maintained campgrounds (with water and composting toilets) on FM 409 for a fee. For more information contact the WMA hunt manager.

Compartments: This hunt will occur across the entire area without the use of compartments. Please be considerate of other hunters. The WMA will also remain open to other area users for

hiking, horseback riding, fishing, etc. Maps will be available at the hunt orientation, and digital copies are available upon request by contacting the WMA hunt manager prior to your hunt.

Accommodation: 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.

Contact: If you have any further questions, contact the WMA hunt manager, Jacob White, at 903-905-2207 or jacob.white@tpwd.texas.gov.