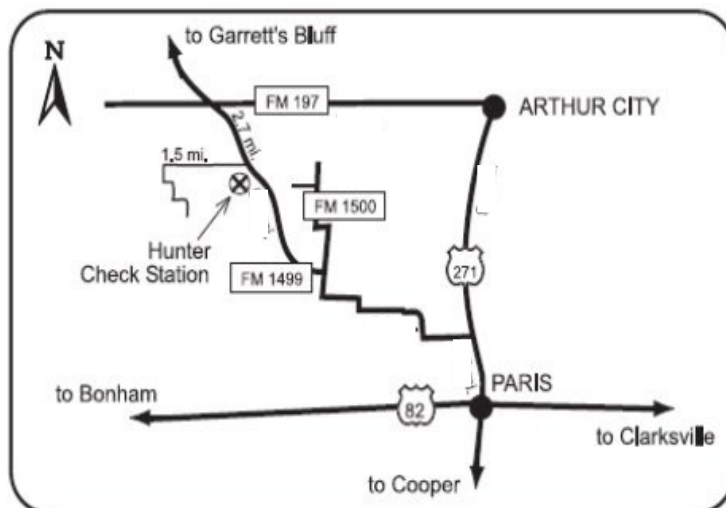




Pat Mayse WMA E-Postcard Turkey

Background

The Pat Mayse Wildlife Management Area (PMWMA) is located approximately 12 miles northwest of Paris, TX and contains 9,005 acres of land and water and is located in Lamar County at the western edge of Pat Mayse Lake. The primary purpose of this WMA is to serve as a public hunting area. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) manages this WMA under a license agreement and in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).



Special warning to all users of the WMA: During World War II, sections of this WMA were used as artillery training sites and unexploded ordnance or other dangerous military munitions are still found on occasion. If you find an unexploded ordnance or other military munitions, you are **strongly cautioned not to disturb it in any way**. Report its location to TPWD personnel. **Respect old military ordnance as you would a rattlesnake — both are dangerous!!**

Reporting/Orientation

When: This hunt will begin at sunrise on 4/22 and conclude at noon on 4/28. Report at 5pm 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 attend their accepted hunt or be on time for orientation.**

Where: From Paris, take US 271 north for 4 miles and turn left on FM 1499. Follow FM 1499 for 7 miles, then turn right at the stop sign in Emberson to stay on FM 1499. The check station and hunter campground will be 4.5 miles ahead on your left, at the intersection of FM 1499 and CR 35650. Google maps link: <https://goo.gl/maps/2fjmbpxQhj2qRhtXA>

Preparation: Hunters should bring their valid Texas Hunting License, Annual Public Hunting Permit and any required stamp as required by statute. 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 check their harvest on the My Texas Hunt Harvest App.

Check Station

Hours: 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.

Late Comers

Check-In: Hunters who plan to arrive late must make arrangements prior to the 5pm sign-in and orientation by contacting the WMA hunt manager at (903) 905-2207 or by email at jacob.white@tpwd.texas.gov.

Orientation: Late comers must participate in the same orientation given to all other hunters and may be required to wait until the next business day to receive the required orientation prior to going into the field.

Hunting Conditions

Vehicles: Transportation to and from the assigned hunting compartment or area will be the responsibility of the hunter. All-terrain vehicle (ATV) and off-road vehicle (ORV) use is strictly prohibited. Do not park near gates or in areas that would block roads. Non-motorized bicycles are permitted for hunter use if desired. **NOTE:** Roads on the area are extremely muddy (often impassable) when wet. 4x4 vehicles are recommended if possible, and hunters should be prepared to access their compartments on foot. Contact the WMA hunt manager for expected road conditions prior to your hunt.

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.

Bag Limit: 1 Male Eastern Wild Turkey.

Baiting: Baiting is not allowed.

Camping Facilities

Primitive camping is available at the check station. No facilities, water, or electrical hookups are available. Camping with facilities may be available at the nearby USACE Pat Mayse Lake campgrounds. To check availability or make a reservation, call 1-877-444-6777 or go to www.recreation.gov/camping/gateways/568.

Other Information

This hunt will require hunters to be flexible in compartment placement throughout the week. It is also possible that the hunt will occur across the entire area without the use of compartments.

Topographical and aerial 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.

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