



Mad Island WMA

E-Postcard Youth Deer Archery

Background

Mad Island Wildlife Management Area is located 6 miles east of the town of Collegeport in Matagorda County. The area consists of 7,281 acres of fresh to saline marsh and coastal prairies that was purchased in 1987 with funds provided by the Texas waterfowl hunting stamp. Mad Island borders Matagorda Bay in the Gulf Prairies and Marshes Ecological Area.

Objectives of the area are to provide high quality marsh coastal prairie for indigenous and migratory species with special emphasis on waterfowl. Also, to provide optimum public recreation opportunity in the form of public hunting, bird watching and tours that will further the public's understanding of ecosystem components and functions.

Hunting Information

All WMA rules and regulations must be adhered to unless superseded by hunting regulations. Permitted hunters should report to the WMA headquarters by 11:00 a.m. on the first day of their assigned hunt period to complete the application process. **Hunters must contact the area as soon as possible if they are unable to attend their accepted hunt or not able to arrive on the first day for orientation.** Standby hunters should report to the WMA by 10:00 a.m. on the first day of the desired hunt period to complete the application process. Standby hunters will be drawn at 11:00 a.m. as vacancies permit. Following a brief orientation, Texas Parks and Wildlife personnel will direct hunters to their hunting blind. Hunters will provide their own transportation to and from their assigned hunting blind and hunters must stay within their assigned area. Four-wheel drive vehicles and ATVs or ORVs are recommended, especially during wet conditions but are not necessary to participate in the hunt.

Hunters must wear a minimum of 400 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material, with at least 144 square inches appearing on both chest and back and orange headwear.

Archery equipment (including longbows, recurved bows, compound bows and crossbows) will be the only legal means allowed. Arrows must be equipped with broadhead hunting points. There is no minimum draw weight requirement. Hunters must demonstrate proficiency with archery equipment at 20 yards before they will be allowed to participate in the hunt.

Ground blinds will be provided and blind locations will be established by WMA personnel. Baiting is allowed and encouraged. Corn must be certified for livestock and wildlife consumption (aflatoxin free).

Hunters will be responsible for the care of their game after harvest. Facilities for cleaning and skinning animals are available on the WMA, however there are no cold storage facilities.

Hunters are reminded that they must have a valid Texas Hunting License and any required stamp as required by statute.

Each hunter should also bring a flashlight, food, drinking water, foul weather gear, mosquito repellent and rubber boots.

Disturbance or removal of plants, rocks, artifacts or other objects is prohibited.

Alcohol is prohibited on the WMA.

Camping is not available on the WMA. Adequate lodging is available in Bay City and Palacios.

Please call (979) 323-9669 or (979) 323-9579 for additional hunting information.