

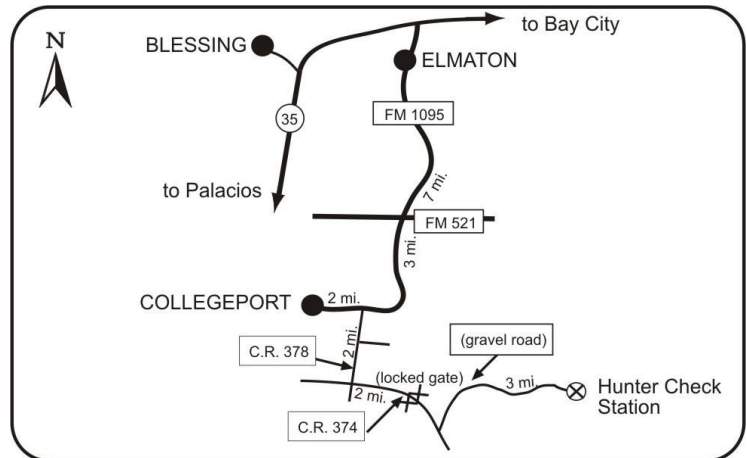


Mad Island WMA

Feral Hog Hunts

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All WMA rules and regulations must be adhered to unless superseded by hunting regulations.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 and standby hunters should report to the WMA headquarters by 10:00 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 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.

Only one legally permissible mean per hunter will be allowed into the hunt area. Pistols and firearms using rimfire ammunition are prohibited. Use of dogs is prohibited.

A shooting range is available at the WMA and will be available to all hunters. It is strongly recommended that all youths participating in the youth hunt sight in their equipment prior to hunting.

Baiting is allowed and encouraged. Corn must be certified for livestock and wildlife consumption (aflatoxin free).

Non-permitted visitors and family members will not be allowed on the WMA during hunts.

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

Hunters are reminded that they must have a valid Texas Hunting License as required by statute. Hunters 17 years of age or older must have in their possession a valid I.D. Hunter Safety Education is required of Texas hunters born on or after September 2, 1971 (see the TPWD annual for more information).

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.

All hunters should be physically able to climb and hunt out of 5-foot box blind. Hunters with mobility disabilities may hunt from a stationary motor vehicle. Please notify the hunt manager if any special requirements are needed.

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.

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

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