Trinity River Wildlife Management Area
2026-2027 Youth Only Gun Deer Either Sex

Background

The Trinity River WMA is located 25 miles Northwest of Palestine in Anderson County on ACR 2601 off US HWY 287. It encompasses 6,896 acres composed primarily of Trinity River floodplain, with approximately 11 miles of river frontage. The Area is remote; it is recommended hunters bring rubber footwear and a compass or GPS Unit.

Reporting/Orientation

When: 11:00 a.m. on the 1st day of the hunt for sign-in and mandatory orientation at 12:00 noon. **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 wishing to participate in hunts by special permit must report to the Trinity River WMA on the first day of each scheduled hunt by 11:00 a.m. Standby drawings will occur promptly at 11:00 a.m.

Preparation: Hunters should bring their valid Texas hunting license, license plate number, and any stamp as required by statute. Please have equipment sighted-in prior to your arrival at the WMA. It is not necessary to use a hunting license tag on a deer taken during an E-Postcard drawn hunt, however, a TPWD Legal Deer Tag, issued at the area, must be attached to a harvested deer prior to leaving the hunt area. Hunters must visibly wear a minimum of 400 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material with at least 144 square inches appearing on both chest and back, also orange headwear.

Check Station

Hours: Opens at 10:30 a.m. on the 1st day of the hunt. Check station hours will be explained during hunt orientation.

Facilities: A skinning rack with running water will be available. No cold storage, restrooms, or campsites are available.

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

Latecomers

Check-In: Hunters unable to report in time for the noon sign-in and orientation must still report to the check station upon arrival to the Area. Those arriving after closing of the check station in

the evening, may camp at the designated campsite but must report to the check station the following morning for registration and orientation prior to going into the field.

Orientation: Latecomers **must** participate in the same orientation given to all other hunters in the area. A second orientation will be given either on the evening of the first day or the morning of the second day of the hunt. The exact time will be decided by the staff at the start of each hunt period. It should be noted that latecomers may be required to wait some time in order to receive the required orientation.

Hunting Conditions

Vehicles: Transportation to and from the assigned hunting compartment will be the responsibility of the hunter. Pickup trucks and 4wheel drive vehicles with high ground clearance are encouraged and will provide access to a greater portion of the hunting compartment. All-terrain vehicle (ATV) and off-road vehicle (ORV) use is allowed and encouraged. **ATV's and ORV's must be operated in accordance with state laws regulating the use of them on public land. All ATV and ORV users must have a current ATV/ORV registration sticker, ATV operators must have completed an ATV safety course, must wear approved helmet and eye protection.**

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.

Terrain: The area exists almost entirely in Trinity River floodplain and is subject to prolonged periods of extensive flooding that may restrict access to portions of the property. All weather footgear is encouraged.

Baiting: Baiting is allowed.

Other Information

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.

The area is closed to the general public during special permit hunts. Non-hunting guests may be allowed depending on availability and safety concerns.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Trinity River Wildlife Management Area Headquarters at (903) 928-2251.