



## Taylor Lakes Unit (Playa Lakes WMA) Youth Gun Deer Hunts

The Taylor Lakes Unit of the Playa Lakes Wildlife Management Area is located in Donley County, approximately 7 miles southeast of Clarendon on US Hwy 287. The WMA includes 525 acres of rolling plains country and playa lake wetlands. Uplands are dominated by native and re-established mid-grass prairies, while eastern cottonwood and Siberian elm dominate playa lake basins and riparian areas. Average annual rainfall for this area is 21 inches. The Rolling Plains is noted for rapid, extreme changes in weather, notably extreme changes in temperature. Rattlesnakes are present on the Area and **care should be exercised at all times.**

The purpose of public hunts is to harvest surplus game and provide information for research and management programs. Game species are distributed fairly evenly throughout the Area. It is advisable for the hunter to spend as much time in the field as possible in order to harvest game.

**All vehicles are restricted to the existing road system.**

**Camping is not permitted on the Unit.**

1. All hunters must have a valid Texas hunting license, permit, stamp and appropriate tags with them at all times. Only persons with permits will be admitted; no substitutions for the youth hunters listed on the permit. **Only youth may actually harvest game.** Adult supervisors must have a valid hunting license and an Annual Public Hunting Permit.
2. A **permitted** supervising adult must accompany hunters under the age of 17 at all times. **Visitors will not be allowed to accompany hunters into the field.** Hunter Education is required of all hunters born on or after September 2, 1971 (See Hunting Guide for more information).
3. **Hunting will be by assigned blind.** All hunters are required to visibly wear a minimum of 400 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material (**vest and headwear**).
4. **Alcoholic beverages may not be publicly displayed or consumed** on the WMA and persons under the influence of alcohol/drugs will not be permitted to enter the hunt area.
5. Hunts begin at ½ hour before sunrise on the first day and end at ½ hour past sunset on the last day. Legal shooting hours begin ½ hour before official sunrise and end ½ hour past official sunset.
6. Legally defined archery equipment, muzzleloader, as well as modern centerfire rifles or handguns may be used to harvest game. Shotguns and rimfire firearms are prohibited.

7. Do not take any plants, animals (other than legally harvested game), or artifacts from the Area, including shed deer antlers or skulls. Any artifacts found should be left as they are.
8. Hunters in the field and vehicles within the Area are subject to inspection by Area personnel and/or game wardens.

**9. Killing rattlesnakes is prohibited.**

10. All-terrain vehicles (ATV's) are not permitted on the WMA, except for use by a hunter with mobility disabilities or a person directly assisting a hunter with mobility disabilities. Proof of mobility disability is required.
11. Baiting is **permitted**; however, corn must be labeled as having less than 20 ppb of aflatoxin.
12. Transporting youth (under 18 years of age) in an "open bed" of a pick-up truck or trailer is prohibited on roads within the boundaries of the Wildlife Management Area.
13. 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.

For further information, call the Playa Lakes WMA headquarters at (806) 492-3405.