Taylor Lakes Unit (Playa Lakes WMA)
Youth Spring Turkey 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 register at the check-station and obtain their registration card upon entering the Area. All adult hunters must possess an Annual Public Hunting Permit (APH) in addition to a valid hunting license and any required stamp endorsements. The APH permit requirement is waived for persons less than 17 years of age. **Only youth may harvest game**.
2. A **permitted** supervising adult must accompany hunters under the age of 17. Hunter Education is required of hunters born on or after September 2, 1971 (See Hunting Guide for more information).
3. Upon exiting the WMA all hunters must complete the bottom portion of their registration card and place it in the designated box at the check-station.
4. Shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.
5. **Alcoholic beverages may not be publicly displayed or consumed** on the WMA, and persons under the influence of alcohol will not be permitted to enter the hunt area.
6. Hunters in the field and vehicles within the WMA are subject to inspection by WMA personnel and/or game wardens.

7. Hunters may possess **shotguns only**. Buckshot, slugs, and all lead shot are prohibited. **All shotgun hulls and empty shell boxes must be retrieved from the field by hunters and disposed of off the WMA.**
8. Leave all gates and gaps as you found them.
9. **Hunting from a vehicle or the possession of a loaded firearm in or on a motor vehicle is prohibited**, except as allowed by special provisions for handicapped persons or concealed handgun permit holders. A loaded firearm is one with a round in the chamber or magazine, or a muzzleloader which has a cap on the nipple or a priming charge in the pan.
10. 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.
11. Vehicular traffic is limited to designated roads (see map).
12. **Killing rattlesnakes is prohibited**.
13. 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.
14. All hunters are required to visibly wear a minimum of 400 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material (**vest** and **headwear**) while hunting quail.
15. **Baiting is not permitted.**
16. **Transporting** youth (under 18 years of age) in an "open bed" of a pickup truck or trailer is prohibited on roads within the boundaries of the Wildlife Management Area.

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