

Chaparral Wildlife Management Area

Dimmit and La Salle counties

The Chaparral WMA is a 15,200-acre research and management facility located 8 miles west of Artesia Wells. The Chaparral is representative of the South Texas Plains Ecological Region vegetated by thorny brush or "chaparral" dominated by mesquite, prickly pear cactus, granjeno, black-brush, and leatherstem.

A primitive campground on the Area is available for use by hunters. Restrooms and potable drinking water are available at the campground, although hookups are not available. An RV campground is also available that features paved pull-throughs but has no hook-ups or facilities. Campground will be open at 8:00 a.m. on the day prior to scheduled public hunt periods. Commercial lodging and restaurants are located in Catarina, Carrizo Springs, and Cotulla, but is limited. Cold storage facilities are present at the check station for use by hunters. NOTE: All hunters must sign in at check station. A daily use fee or annual permit is required on all Regular Permit hunts.

Access to portions of the Chaparral WMA will be restricted during Regular Permit hunts due to ongoing mineral activities on the Area. Such closures will be limited by staff to provide as quality hunt experience as possible and as necessary for safety. Public access by non-consumptive users will not be available during scheduled regular or special permitted public hunt periods. Generally, public hunts are scheduled from September through March. Call the Area headquarters for further information (830/676-3413) or e-mail the WMA at cwma@tpwd.texas.gov.

