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## **2023-24 MAP BOOKLET**

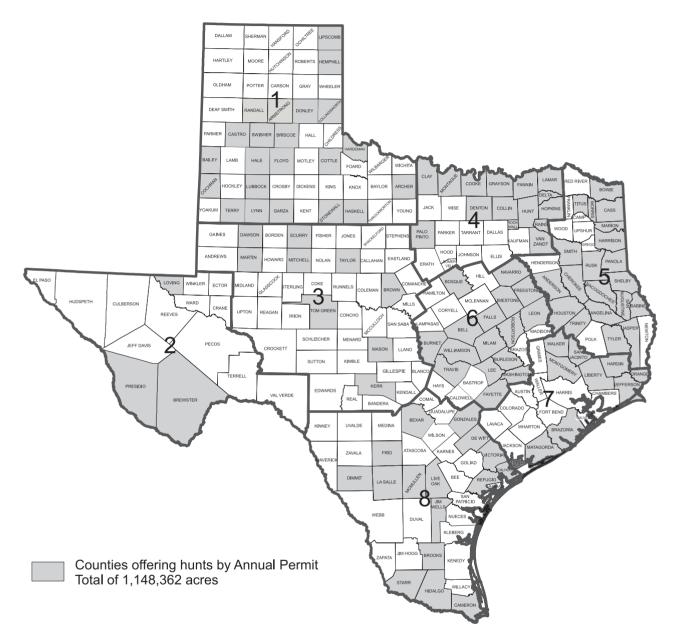
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### ANNUAL PERMIT PUBLIC USE SCORECARD

#### **HUNTING ACTIVITIES**

Please make a separate entry for each unit hunted.

		Check Species Hunted									Total Number Harvested										
Unit #	Date(s)	Deer-Bow	Deer-Gun	Quail	Dove	Rabbit	Squirrel	Feral Hog	Waterfowl	Pheasant	Furbearers	Deer-Bow	Deer-Gun	Quail	Dove	Rabbit	Squirrel	Feral Hog	Waterfowl	Pheasant	Furbearers
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This "scorecard" is to help you keep record of the time you spend on public hunting lands under your Annual Permit. By making an entry on the scorecard each time you visit a unit, it will hopefully make the job of completing the post-season public user survey easier, and the information will be more accurate.

The importance of the post-season public user survey cannot be over-emphasized. If you receive the survey at the end of the season, please complete the questionnaire as accurately as possible.

It is very important that you identify the unit number of each unit visited, and the date(s) you visited each unit.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

Keep for Your Records
(Do not return this scorecard!)

#### **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Do NOT include trips where hunting was the primary reason for the trip.

Un	nit #	Date(s)	Nature Observation	Camping	Hiking	Birdwatching	Fishing	Photography	Scouting	Other
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- 1. Report activity under your Annual Permit only.
- 2. Only report your activity not that of friends, relatives, etc.
- 3. Indicate species hunted and number harvested for each unit.
- 4. List other activities in which hunting was not the primary reason for the trip.

# PUBLIC HUNTING LANDS MAP BOOKLET

September 1, 2023 - August 31, 2024



This Map Booklet is provided to each person who purchases either a \$48 Annual Public Hunting (APH) Permit or a \$12 Limited Public Use (LPU) Permit. The Map Booklet specifies the rules and regulations, season dates, and bag limits which govern the use of these lands. A Disclaimer and Waiver of Liability, which applies to the permittee and any minor-aged youth under the permittee's supervision, is contained in this booklet and is an extension of these permits. All previous editions of this booklet are obsolete.

### Acknowledgments

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#### WELCOME TO PUBLIC HUNTS BY ANNUAL PUBLIC HUNTING PERMIT

Since 1987, the Annual Public Hunting (APH) Permit has offered the opportunity to participate in a variety of inexpensive, family oriented outdoor recreational activities including hunting for a multitude of wildlife species, fishing, nature watching, camping and other activities.

Today's Public Hunting Program includes over a million acres located throughout Texas. This Map Booklet contains information on property owned by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) as well as acreage leased by the department from other state and federal agencies, forest products industries, and other cooperating private landowners. The Public Dove and Small Game Hunting Areas are included in this booklet.

Access is provided by two types of annual permits: the \$48 Annual Public Hunting (APH) Permit which allows full privileges including hunting, fishing, camping, hiking and other recreational uses and the \$12 Limited Public Use (LPU) Permit which also provides access for all other recreational activities except hunting. See the schedule for recreational use on pages 150-153.

**IMPORTANT:** For the most up-to-date information on changes to the public hunt schedule, access to and availability of department public lands and other important public hunt related notifications, follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TPWDhunt or sign up for e-mail updates. Individuals can also call 512/389-4505 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or email at hunt@tpwd.texas.gov for more information.

#### **IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR 2023**

A private landowner has withdrawn approximately 24,600 acres from the Annual Public Hunting Program for the 2023-24 hunting season in portions of Newton, San Augustine and Sabine counties. All U.S. Forest Service acreage in the historical footprints of Bannister and Moore Plantation WMAs will remain in the hunting program. Specific corporate reductions include:

- Bannister WMA 4,695 acres (21,130 acres remaining)
- Moore Plantation WMA 2,775 acres (23,263 acres remaining)
- Newton County, Unit 122 Loss of the entire unit; 16,851 acres (0 acres remaining)



If the eOSR badge appears on the unit map Legal Game Box in this booklet or at the Information Station, hunters can perform electronic on-site registration using the TPWD "My Texas Hunt Harvest" mobile application downloaded on your smartphone. Please note that most WMAs and state parks require paper on-site registration. Paper OSR forms will be available at those registration stations to comply with their on-site registration requirements.

An online registration process has been developed for those interested in participating in Mentored Hunting Workshops (see page xxiv). Mentored Hunting Workshops are designed to introduce <u>first-time</u> hunters to the hunting experience, educate them on the skills they will need to be successful in the field, and build a foundation for their hunting tradition. New hunters wishing to register for a workshop should visit www.tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/hunt/public/mentored\_hunting\_workshops/ to complete the registration process.

**SPECIAL VETERANS – ACTIVE MILITARY PERSONNEL WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS –** Some but not all, waterfowl hunting areas will list a special waterfowl season now open to veterans and current members of the U.S. Armed Forces on active duty, including members of the National Guard and Reserve on active duty (other than for training). Refer to the current Outdoor Annual for information on proof of eligibility and requirements for participation. Interested veteran and active-duty military waterfowl hunters should check the individual map pages for listed availability.

#### **SPECIAL REMINDERS**

- **Hunting and Fishing:** A hunting license and any required stamp endorsements are required to hunt any public hunting lands. A fishing license is required to fish from the bank of a Wildlife Management Area if fishing is allowed in the Legal Game Box. All hunters age 17 and older and adult supervisors must possess an APH to hunt or supervise youth hunters.
- Target practice is not an authorized recreational activity on public hunting lands.
- Maps: The maps in this Map Booklet and on the department's website are the only maps of public hunting lands that TPWD provides indicating hunting areas and designated roads open to permit holders. Maps in this publication can also be found at the TPWD website on the Public Hunting web page. Many public hunting maps have aerial formats and GPS coordinates. These enhanced maps can be found online at the department's web pages at <a href="httpw/www.tpwd.texas.gov/APH">www.tpwd.texas.gov/APH</a>. In addition, enhanced maps can be downloaded to your smartphone using the TPWD "My Texas Hunt Harvest" mobile application. Caution, maps purchased from other sources (U.S. Forest Service, COE, etc.) may include private roads that are not accessible by permit holders. Study the maps closely to avoid trespassing on private property or private roads when accessing, using or leaving public hunting lands. Commercially available mobile hunting applications may include units that are no longer part of the APH program or have boundaries that have not been properly updated.

- On-site Registration: Many units in this booklet require on-site registration (OSR) or electronic on-site registration (eOSR) for entry or participation in certain activities. Paper OSR involves signing in and depositing Part A of the OSR form at a registration station immediately upon arrival at the unit and depositing Part B of the OSR form at the sign in area when leaving the unit. Where appropriate, paper OSR forms are provided at the registration station of select WMAs.
- **E-Postcard hunts** are available through the Public Hunt Drawing System beginning August 15. Adult applicants are required to purchase an APH Permit prior to submitting an application. All hunters must have a valid Texas hunting license to participate. Permitted hunters must apply at **www.tpwd.texas.gov/drawnhunts**.
- The U.S. Forest Service offers a limited number of permits to hunt antlerless deer during the general open season on Alabama Creek WMA, Bannister WMA, Caddo National Grasslands WMA, Moore Plantation WMA and Sam Houston National Forest WMA. Hunters wishing to apply for antlerless permits must apply online at www.tpwd.texas.gov/drawnhunts by September 15, 2023. Only one application per hunter allowed. Adult and youth permits are available. Only those drawn will be notified.
- Whooping Cranes: This symbol has been placed on maps of certain public hunting areas where whooping cranes have been seen. Public hunters need to be aware that whooping cranes might be present in or fly through these public hunting areas. Texas is the wintering location for the last wild whooping crane population in the world. Traditionally, these endangered birds have wintered in wetlands near Aransas National Wildlife Refuge in Aransas County; however, in recent years, whooping cranes have also wintered in other Texas counties. For more information on whooping crane identification, visit www.tpwd.texas.gov/whoopingcranes. There are heavy fines for accidental and/or intentional shooting of whooping cranes, so "be sure before you shoot!"



- Litter: Please pick up all trash including shotgun hulls and boxes.
- Refer to the "Prohibited Acts" section and "Questions and Answers" section for additional information including the use of horses, vehicles, and ATVs.
- **Hunter Use Survey:** Located on the inside front cover of this booklet is a Public Use Scorecard for you to log your hunting information. A random sample of hunters will be selected and mailed a survey to complete. Surveys will be sent by email or regular mail depending on the information we have for you. You will be asked information on the days of use and game harvested by you on individual units. This information is very important to assist with monitoring populations, harvest, and evaluating use of the areas. If you receive a survey, please complete the survey and return it to TPWD. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

#### **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND RELEASE**

The Annual Public Hunting permit and/or the Limited Public Use permit allows entry upon designated public hunting lands for hunting and other approved outdoor recreational activities. These designated public hunting lands are owned by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department or are leased by Texas Parks and Wildlife from private landowners. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and/or the private landowners may not know what conditions exist upon the designated public hunting lands, the number or proficiency of other participating hunters or other users thereon and, as such, they do not make any warranty or representation of any type, kind or character whatsoever as to conditions existing or that may hereafter exist upon the designated public hunting lands or as to the suitability or non-suitability of the designated public hunting lands for hunting and/or other approved outdoor recreational activities. Any person entering upon the designated public hunting lands does so at their own risk and acknowledges, recognizes and agrees that all hunting and other approved outdoor recreational activities are potentially dangerous in part because of the use of firearms by hunters of varying degrees of proficiency and conditions of nature.

In consideration of being permitted to access the designated public hunting lands for hunting and other approved outdoor recreational activities, I, the permittee, and as the authorized supervising adult of any accompanying minor, personally assume all risks associated with entering the designated public hunting lands, whether foreseen or unforeseen, and unconditionally release and hold harmless Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, its commissioners, directors, officers, employees, volunteers, agents and representatives, and any participating private landowners, their respective directors, officers, employees, agents, representatives, members, partners, and affiliates, from and against any and all liabilities, costs, expenses, claims, and damages for which Texas Parks and Wildlife and/or any participating private landowner might otherwise become liable by reason of any accidents, or injuries to or death of any persons, or damage to property, or both, in any manner arising or resulting from, caused by, connected with or related to the presence of any such person upon the designated public hunting land, regardless of how, where, or when such injury, death or damage occurs even if caused by the negligence of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department or any participating private landowner.

I, the permittee, have read this release and understand all its terms. I understand that by engaging in any activity authorized under the Annual Public Hunting permit and/or the Limited Public Use permit, I execute this release voluntarily with full knowledge of its significance.

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## LEGAL GAME SPECIES, MEANS AND METHODS, BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS

All public users must obey regulations listed in the Map Booklet or posted at an area. Regulations concerning seasons, bag and possession limits, and the means and methods of taking wildlife resources, will generally conform to those established by the TPW Commission or the Executive Director, along with those in effect for the county or counties where individual units are located except where specific exceptions are made in this publication or posted at an area. Updates will be posted on the TPWD website as they become available: www.tpwd.texas.gov. Additional information concerning hunting seasons, bag and possession limits, and lawful means and methods can be found at OutdoorAnnual.com or by using the Outdoor Annual mobile app. Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification is required for hunting any type of migratory game birds.

#### **LEGAL GAME LEGENDS**

Each map has a Legal Game legend or box, which will list the legal species that may be hunted, special regulations, and important notices about access to the unit. In some cases, there may be more than one legend or box on the map. These regulations may vary from those established for the county in which the property lies. It is important to read and follow the Prohibited Acts and the information in the Legal Game legends to insure a safe and legal hunting experience on public hunting lands.

#### **LEGAL GAME • 2023-2024**

**OSR Required Each Day** 

White-tailed Deer: bag limit - 2 buck and 2 antlerless (all seasons combined). Legal buck must have at least one unbranched antler or an inside spread of at least 13 inches. Limit 1 buck with an inside spread of at least 13 inches.

Archery Only Season: Sept. 30-Nov. 3 (either sex). No USFS Antlerless Deer Permit

General Season: Nov 4-Jan. 7 (buck only unless in possession of a USFS Antlerless Deer Permit obtained from the USFS. See USFS Additional Restrictions section for more information on antierless deer nemits)

information on antlerless deer permits).

Muzzleloader: Jan. 8-21 (either sex, buck must have at least one unbranched antler). No USFS Antlerless Deer Permit required.

Feral Hog and Exotic Mammals: Open year-round (no bag limit). All legal firearms, air guns, arrow guns and archery equipment may be used.

Waterfowl: Shooting hours - one half hour before sunrise to noon.

Early Teal: Each day of the early season.

**North Zone Duck, Eastern Zone Goose and Falconry Season** (including any special conservation season): Only on Tues., Thurs., and Sat.

Woodcock, Rail, and Gallinule: Each day of regular Statewide and Falconry seasons.

Snines: Each day of the Statewide Season.

**Dove:** Each day of the Central Zone and Falconry Season.

Squirrel: Each day of East Texas General Season. Furbearers
Rabbits & Hares Predators

Bullfrogs: daily limit of 25. Fishing: No APH or LPU permit required. Trapping: Nov. 1-Mar. 31, furbearers and predators only.

Use of horses allowed year round. Only hunters are required to possess the APH Permit

#### **LEGAL GAME AVAILABLE**

White-tailed Deer Waterfowl Pheasant Predators (bobcats and Feral Hogs Sandhill Crane Chachalaca covotes only) **Exotic Mammals** Rail, Snipe, Gallinule, and **Furbearers** Frogs/Bullfrogs Squirrel Turkey Woodcock Fish Dove Quail Rabbits and Hares Crayfish

If a species or season is not listed in the Legal Game Legend, there is no hunting allowed for that species or by that particular means on the unit. Example, if there is only an archery deer season listed, then no gun hunting is allowed for deer on that area.

Dogs may be used for hunting squirrel, rabbits, hares, furbearing animals, predatory animals, and game birds (other than turkey) on most units during the open seasons. See the Prohibited Acts section for rules and regulations concerning the use of dogs and area maps for further restrictions.

White-tailed deer bag limits are **the total number of deer that may be harvested for all seasons combined**. You must have the appropriate license tag or USFS Antlerless Deer Permit in order to take a deer from these units. Several public hunting areas have antler restrictions. Refer to the individual unit maps for more information.

On units which have a spring season for **Eastern turkey**, all harvested turkey must be reported to the department via mobile application within 24 hours of harvest. Harvested turkey may be field dressed but must otherwise remain intact. To report a harvested turkey or download the My Texas Hunt Harvest mobile reporting application, go to **www.tpwd.texas.gov/turkey**.

Unless otherwise specified for a specific unit, **shooting hours for feral hogs, rabbits, and hares** will be restricted to daylight hours only, and furbearers and predators may be taken anytime day or night (unless restricted in the Legal Game box).

The bag limit for frogs OR bullfrogs per 24-hour period (midnight to midnight) is 25.

**Black bears** have been seen on or around some public hunting lands in East and West Texas. Hunters are reminded that black bears are protected and may not be harmed or killed. Please report black bear sightings or mortalities to the appropriate wildlife district office.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

The following abbreviations, words and terms, when used in this publication, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

**Airboat**—A boat propelled mechanically by movement of air, including, but not limited to a fan, propeller, or jet.

All terrain vehicle (ATV)—Any vehicle meeting the definition of an ATV under Transportation Code, §663.001. A defined ATV means a vehicle that is: equipped with a saddle for the use of the rider and a passenger, if the motor vehicle is designed by the manufacturer to transport a passenger; designed to propel itself with three or four tires in contact with the ground, designed by the manufacturer for off-highway use by the operator and not designed by the manufacturer for farming or lawn care.

**Authorized supervising adult**—A parent, legal guardian, or individual at least 18 years of age who assumes liability and responsibility for a minor.

**Baiting**—The placement of minerals, vegetative materials, or other food substances used as an attractant for wildlife.

**Big game**—Native species of deer, turkey, and exotic mammals.

**Camping**—the use of public hunting lands for overnight accommodation, which includes sleeping, the storage of unattended personal possessions, or the use of a motor vehicle as lodging.

**Concurrent hunt**—A hunt that maintains the same permit requirements, hunt dates, means and methods, or shooting hours or combinations thereof, for one or more species of animal, as designated and subject to any special provisions.

**Daylight hours**—The period from 30 minutes before official sunrise to 30 minutes after official sunset.

**Designated campsite**—An area identified by signs or Public Hunting Lands literature for camping and camping activities.

**Designated road**—A constructed roadway indicated as being open to the public by either signs posted to that effect or by current TPWD Public Hunting Lands maps and leaflets and not identified as a closed road by signs, gate, or blocked at entrance, but does not include county or state roads or highways.

**Designated trail**—A trail indicated as being open to the public by either signs posted to that effect or by current TPWD Public Hunting Lands maps and leaflets and not identified as a closed trail by signs, gate, or blocked at entrance.

**Disabled person**—A person who possesses a placard, license plate, or other documentation issued to that person by the State of Texas under the provisions of Transportation Code, Chapter 681. Herein referred to as person(s) with a disability.

**Exotic mammals**—Non-indigenous (non-native) wild mammals, including but not limited to exotic ungulates, feral goats, feral sheep, feral hogs, European wild hogs, and crosses thereof.

**General season**—A specified time period or designated days within a specified time period, during which any legal means or methods (as designated) may be used to take the designated species.

**Hunt**—To capture, trap, take or kill and includes any attempt to capture, trap, take or kill.

**Immediate supervision**—Control of the actions of a minor by an authorized supervising adult issuing verbal instruction in a normal voice level.

**Limited Public Use (LPU) Permit**—A permit, valid from issuance date through the following August 31, which allows access to designated wildlife management areas and public hunting lands at the same times that access is provided by an APH permit.

**Loaded firearm**—A firearm containing a live round of ammunition within the chamber and/or magazine, a round in the muzzle and a propellant charge or propellant cartridge in the breech; or if the firearms is a muzzleloader, one which has a cap on the nipple or a priming charge in the pan, or a primer charge in the primer well.

Minor age participant—An individual less than 17 years of age.

**Motorboat**—Any vessel being propelled by machinery, but does not include a boat being propelled solely by paddle, pole, oar, or wind.

**Motor vehicle**—A self propelled vehicle that can be used to transport persons or property on a highway as defined by Transportation Code, Chapter 541.

**Off-highway vehicle (OHV)**—An all-terrain vehicle (ATV), off-highway motorcycle, or any other four wheel drive vehicle not registered to be driven on a highway.

**Off-road vehicle (ORV)**—An ATV, a utility vehicle, or any vehicle that is manufactured or adapted for off-road use and may not lawfully be operated on a public roadway.

**On-site registration (OSR)**—The requirement for public users to register at designated places upon entry and exit from specified public hunting lands.

PHL—Public Hunting Land

Predatory animals—Bobcats and coyotes.

**Recreational use**—Any use or activity other than hunting or fishing.

**Small game**—Game birds (other than turkey), squirrel, rabbits and hares, furbearers, predatory animals, fish, frogs, crayfish, and other legal wild fauna not classified as big game.

**SNA**—State Natural Area.

SP-State Park.

**Unattended**—Gear, equipment, or floating conveyances not within 200 yards of the person responsible for the gear, equipment or floating conveyances.

Waterfowl—Ducks (including teal), mergansers, coots, and geese.

WMA—Wildlife Management Area.

**Wildlife resources**—Game animals, game birds, furbearing animals, alligators, marine mammals, frogs, fish, crayfish, other aquatic life, exotic animals, predatory animals, rabbits and hares, and other wild fauna.

Youth-Individuals age 16 or younger for hunting all species.

#### PROHIBITED ACTS

Important – In addition to the other applicable statutes or regulations, a person on Public Hunting Lands commits an offense if that person:

#### **General Access to the Units**

- fails to possess a valid permit, hunting license, and appropriate stamp endorsement;
- possesses a firearm, archery equipment, crossbow, trap, snare, or other device for taking wildlife resources on public hunting lands and does not have the permit required to take wildlife resources on the concerned unit;
- enters an area identified by boundary signs as a limited use or restricted zone and fails to obey the restrictions on public use posted at the unit or contained within this Map Booklet;
- enters an area identified by boundary signs or on the unit map as a restricted zone;
- fails to perform paper or electronic on-site registration or report to a departmental check station as required for certain units and species;
- trespasses on or shoots into adjacent privately-owned property without the landowner's permission;
- · enters the hunting area when access is restricted.

#### **Alcohol**

 is under the influence of alcohol or consumes an alcoholic beverage while engaged in hunting activities, or publicly consumes or displays an alcoholic beverage.

#### **Hunter Orange**

fails to visibly wear at least 400 square inches of hunter orange material with orange headwear and at least 144 square inches appearing on both chest and back during daylight hours at times when hunting with firearms is permitted. Exempt from these requirements are: (1) authorized department personnel and landowner employees, (2) persons hunting turkey or migratory game birds, (3) persons within the enclosed passenger compartment of a motor vehicle, (4) persons within a designated campground, designated vehicle parking area, designated boat launching facility or departmental check station, and (5) persons other than hunters on COE properties.

### NOTICE TO ARCHERY HUNTERS AND RECREATIONAL USERS:

You must wear hunter orange during daylight hours at any time when firearm hunting for any species is authorized on the unit. Many units allow firearm hunting year-round for rabbits, and firearm hunts for squirrel and dove often are conducted concurrently with archery deer hunts.

#### Hunting

- takes any species, sex, or type of wildlife resource not designated as legal game as shown in the LEGAL GAME LEGEND of the unit map within this Map Booklet;
- takes or attempts to take a game animal or game bird other than during legal shooting hours of the open seasons and by the means and methods established by the Statewide Hunting and Fishing Proclamation and the Migratory Game Bird Proclamation, or as otherwise provided for a specific unit in this Map Booklet;
- takes or attempts to take a furbearing animal or predatory animal other than during the open seasons and by

- the means and methods established by the Statewide Furbearing Animal and Trapping Proclamation or as otherwise provided for a specific unit in this Map Booklet;
- takes or attempts to take a feral hog, rabbit or hare other than during daylight hours of the open seasons and by the means and methods provided for a specific unit in this Map Booklet;
- takes an antlerless deer during the general open season on wildlife management areas jointly managed by TPWD and the U.S. Forest Service (901, 902, 903, 904, and 905) unless that person possesses on their person a USFS antlerless permit, if they are required.

#### **Baiting and Trapping**

- baits wildlife (see DEFINITIONS) on public hunting lands, except when performed in conjunction with the use of traps or snares for taking furbearers and predatory animals, or as otherwise authorized by the department for a specific unit, activity and time period;
- hunts over a baited area except as authorized by the department for a specific unit, activity, and time period;
- uses a trap or snare to take feral hogs or any wildlife resource unless under contract with the department or cooperating landowner;
- uses a trap or snare to take furbearers or predatory animals, except as authorized on specific units during the period from November 1 through March 31;
- fails to visibly and legibly mark each trap or snare with the Customer Number of the trapper's license or trapper's name, address, and dates trap or snare was set;
- sets a trap or snare within 50 yards of a designated road or public hunting lands boundary or within 400 yards of a designated campsite;
- uses deadfalls or lethal chemicals for taking wildlife resources;
- uses recorded or electric calling devices to take wildlife resources other than furbearers and predatory animals or except as provided for any Special Migratory Conservation season;

**NOTICE:** The use of scent lures simulating animal odors is not considered baiting.

#### **Means and Methods**

- possesses a loaded firearm within or on a motor vehicle except as provided for a person with disabilities;
- possesses a loaded firearm within a designated campsite, designated vehicle parking area, designated boat launching facility or departmental check station;
- discharges a firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow from, onto, along, or across a designated road or designated campsite;
- uses or displays a firearm or archery equipment in an obviously unsafe or threatening manner;
- possesses buckshot on public hunting lands, except as authorized by the department for a specific unit, activity and time period;
- uses or possesses shotshells or loose shot other than non-toxic shot while hunting waterfowl;

#### **PROHIBITED ACTS** (CONTINUED)

Important – In addition to the other applicable statutes or regulations, a person on Public Hunting Lands commits an offense if that person:

- uses a firearm that utilizes rimfire ammunition in taking deer;
- uses a rifle, handgun, or a shotgun with slugs to take a migratory game bird;
- uses a firearm to take deer during the archery only deer season;

**NOTE:** Firearm restrictions contained in the Public Lands Prohibited Acts do not apply to a person in possession of a handgun in compliance with applicable law, including, but not limited to, Penal Code, Chapter 46, and Government Code, Chapter 411, Subchapter H.

#### **Vehicles, Airboats, and Horses**

- enters a unit of public hunting lands with an equine (horse, mule or burro) unless that person has in their immediate possession a completed VS Form 10-11 (Texas Animal Health Commission) showing that the equine has a negative Coggin's test within the previous 12 months. The documentation required by this paragraph shall be made available for inspection upon the request of any department employee acting within the scope of official duties.
- uses or possesses a horse, mule, burro or any type of riding stock or pack animal on public hunting lands at any time, except on units 901, 902, 903, 904, and 905; or as provided in this Map Booklet for a specific unit or in accordance with group equestrian events which are scheduled and authorized by the department;
- uses or possesses a horse, mule, burro or any type of riding stock or pack animal on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers lands that allows equestrian use and does not possess either the APH or LPU Permit;
- does not confine motor vehicle use to designated roads, including electric bicycles (e-bikes), except parking is permitted on the shoulder of or immediately adjacent to designated roads, and as provided for persons with disabilities or for a person directly assisting persons with disabilities on designated roads or trails (see USFS restrictions); NOTE: persons directly assisting persons with disabilities must remain within normal voice distance.
- hunts from a motor vehicle, except as provided for persons with disabilities:
- parks or leaves a motor vehicle unattended anywhere other than in designated parking areas or designated road;
- operates an all-terrain vehicle (ATV), off-highway vehicle (OHV) or off-road vehicle (ORV) on public hunting lands and is not (1) a person with a disability or directly assisting a person with a disability on a designated ATV, OHV, or ORV road or trail, (2) otherwise authorized by the department to do so, and (3) compliant with the safety requirements for ATV use as set by the Texas Department of Public Safety (ATV only); (see USFS restrictions);
- operates an Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) on public lands without the required OHV decal; decal requirements are waived for persons with disabilities;
- uses an airboat within the boundaries of public hunting lands, except as provided by executive order or by written permission of the department;

#### Dogs

- uses a dog to hunt deer or turkey;
- uses a dog to hunt feral hogs and other exotic mammals unless specifically allowed for in the Legal Game Legend on the unit maps;
- uses a dog to hunt furbearers or predatory animals during daylight hours within an open general season for deer on public hunting lands;
- fails to keep all dogs in designated campsites confined or leashed:

#### **Hunting Blinds, Gear, and Equipment**

- constructs or places a hunting blind, stand, tower, or platform within 50 yards of any designated road, marked unit boundary, or designated campsite;
- constructs a permanent blind, stand, tower, or platform;
- leaves a hunting blind, stand, tower, or platform in place for more than 72 hours or uses metal nails, spikes, screws, or bolts to attach such structures to the timber;
- leaves personal gear, equipment (including decoys), or floating conveyances unattended for more than one hour following the close of legal shooting hours. NOTE: this does not apply to gear or equipment left within a designated camping area or for specific activities scheduled by the department.

#### Camping

- camps or builds a fire anywhere other than in a designated campsite, except on units 901, 902, 903, 904, and 905 where this restriction applies only from the day prior to the opening of the archery deer season through the day following the close of the general deer season;
- causes, creates, or contributes to excessive or disturbing sounds beyond the person's immediate campsite between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.;
- establishes a camp and leaves it unattended for a period of longer than 24 hours;
- establishes a camp for more than 14 consecutive days on the same unit of public hunting lands, or for more than 21 days in a 30-day period;

#### **General Conduct**

- fails to deposit refuse in designated containers or remove it from the unit;
- writes on, scratches, or otherwise defaces natural features, signs, buildings, or other structures;
- disturbs or removes plants, wood, rocks, gravel, sand, soil, shell, artifacts, or other objects from public hunting lands without proper authorization;
- fails to obey regulations posted at the unit or listed in this Map Booklet;
- fails to comply with instructions on permits or area/unit leaflets; or refuses to follow directives given by departmental personnel in the discharge of official duties.
- engage in any activity not specifically authorized by order of the executive director or regulation of the commission;
- leaves feathers or bird parts within designated parking areas or near livestock watering facilities.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT ON U.S. FOREST SERVICE UNITS

In addition to the prohibited acts listed on pages xi-xii, the following information and additional restrictions, apply to hunters and those accompanying hunters on U.S. Forest Service Units. In instances where these additional restrictions and rules appearing elsewhere are in conflict, these additional restrictions will prevail.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION AND ACCESS**

- Only hunters are required to possess the \$48 Annual Public Hunting (APH) Permit.
- The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Units are: Unit 901 (Caddo Grasslands), Unit 902 (Moore Plantation), Unit 903 (Bannister), Unit 904 (Alabama Creek), and Unit 905 (Sam Houston National Forest).
- Boundaries of USFS units are marked with wildlife management area signs. The maps in this Map Booklet are the only maps of public hunting lands that TPWD provides. These maps are the only maps that indicate the hunting areas and designated roads that the permit holder has access. Maps purchased from the USFS include private roads that are not included in your access as a permit holder.
- The USFS has implemented and created a new Motor Vehicle Use Map for each of their properties. Visit this website for the most current map containing roads available for motor vehicle use. www.fs.usda.gov/texas/
- All hunters and those accompanying them in the field during daylight hours are required to wear a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter orange with at least 144 square inches appearing on both the chest and back at all times; additionally, wearing hunter orange headwear is required. Those exempt from wearing hunter orange are individuals hunting furbearers or predators at night, wild turkey during the spring season, doves, ducks, geese, woodcock, or other migratory game birds. All National Forest and Grassland visitors are encouraged to wear daylight fluorescent orange when pursuing recreational activities during the fall/winter hunting seasons.
- Individuals may not discharge a firearm or any other implement capable of taking human life, causing injury, or damaging property as follows: (1) In or within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site or occupied area, or (2) Across or on a National Forest System road or a body of water adjacent thereto, or in any manner or place whereby any person or property is exposed to injury or damage as a result in such discharge.
- A Special Use Permit issued by the USFS is required to conduct paid guide services on USFS lands.
- The U.S Forest Service performs various habitat management activities including prescribed fire during the year. The Forest Service is not responsible for stands/blinds damaged or destroyed by such management activities. For more information contact the local USFS office.

#### **ANTLERLESS DEER PERMITS**

- You must be in possession of a USFS Antlerless Deer Permit to take antlerless deer during the general season on Units 901, 902, 903, 904, and 905, that are wildlife management areas jointly managed by TPWD and the USFS.
- USFS antlerless deer permits are not required during the Archery Only, Youth Only, or an established Muzzleloader Only season on USFS units.
- The USFS offers a limited number of permits to hunt antlerless deer during the general open season on Alabama Creek WMA, Bannister WMA, Caddo National Grasslands WMA, Moore Plantation WMA and Sam Houston National Forest WMA. Hunters wishing to apply for antlerless permits must apply online at www.tpwd.texas.gov/drawnhunts. The deadline to apply is September 15.
- Only one application per hunter allowed. Adult and youth permits are available. Only those drawn will be notified by email. Postcard and email applications will no longer be accepted by the U.S. Forest Service or TPWD Austin Headquarters.

#### **MANDATORY DEER CHECK STATION**

In order for the USFS units to obtain valuable harvest information, all deer harvested on certain days must be checked at a designated deer check station and receive a metal harvest tag. Deer must be field dressed prior to check-in. See unit maps for more information on when check stations will be open.

#### ATVS AND HORSEBACK RIDING

- There is only one designated OHV trail on the National Forests and Grasslands in Texas and that is the Multiple Use Trail located in the Sam Houston National Forest. The Sam Houston National Forest offers 85 miles of multiple-use trails which may be utilized by registered Off-Highway Vehicles (OHVs). ATVs are prohibited on all other units. Information on ATVs and OHVs on the Forest may be found at: www.fs.usda. gov/activity/texas/recreation/ohv
- There are no special riding provisions or exemptions for persons with disabilities on U.S. Forest Service lands.
- Recreational horseback riding is allowed on all USFS units year-round.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND RESTRICTIONS IN EFFECT ON U.S. FOREST SERVICE UNITS (CONTINUED)

## VEHICLE TRAFFIC ON FOREST SERVICE UNITS – MOTOR VEHICLE USE MAPS (MVUM)

The MVUM is a requirement of the Travel Management Final Rule and reflects travel management decisions on each forest. The MVUM displays National Forest System (NFS) routes (roads and trails) or areas designated open to motorized travel. The MVUM also displays allowed uses by vehicle class (highway-legal vehicles, vehicles less than 50 inches wide and motorcycles), seasonal allowances and provides information on other travel rules and regulations. Routes not shown on the MVUM are not open to public motor vehicle travel. Routes designated for motorized use may not always be signed on the ground but will be identified on the MVUM. It will be the public's responsibility to reference the MVUM to determine designated routes for motor vehicle use. The MVUM will be updated annually to correct mapping errors or discrepancies and update travel decisions. The MVUM is a black and white map with no topographic features. It is not a stand-alone map and is best used in conjunction with a Forest Visitor Map. The MVUM is free to the public at each local Ranger District office and at the Supervisor's Office. The MVUM list is also available for download and sections of these maps may be printed from your home computer. Visit the National Forest and Grasslands in Texas homepage www.fs.usda.gov/texas and click on the Motor Vehicle Use Maps (MVUM) link located on the right side of the page under "Quick Links."

#### **CAMPING**

Camping is restricted to developed campgrounds, designated hunter camps, and designated camp sites only from one week prior to the start of the Archery Season until one week after the end of the Muzzleloader Season. During other times, persons may camp elsewhere in the USFS units in compliance with orders of the Forest Supervisor.

#### **ROADS CLOSURES AND PARKING ON THE UNITS**

Some USFS unit roads may be closed to vehicular traffic on a seasonal basis. As a permit holder, you retain the right to walk into the unit and utilize it for authorized activities although access may temporarily be less convenient.

NOTICE: Some portions of the U.S. Forest Service units are designated as "Wilderness Areas" and prohibit use of motorized vehicles, except for wheelchairs if designed solely for use by a mobility impaired person for locomotion, that are suitable for use in an indoor pedestrian areas.

DO NOT BLOCK roads, gates, trails, or entrances to service roads with parked vehicles. Be sure that your parked vehicle does not impede the flow of traffic or present a safety hazard. Your vehicle may be ticketed or even towed if necessary to allow emergency access.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT A NATIONAL FOREST

A list of official orders/prohibitions issued by the Forest Supervisor for the National Forests & Grasslands in Texas can be found at www.fs.usda.gov/detail/texas/

These orders describe the prohibitions, closures, and regulations for the National Forests and Grasslands in Texas and are subject to updates and changes. Maps are not attached to the orders, but may be obtained by contacting the Forest Supervisor's Office in Lufkin. Questions regarding these orders or requests for copies should be directed to USDA Forest Service, 2221 N. Raguet St., Lufkin, TX 75904. For more information visit the National Forests and Grasslands in Texas website or contact the following offices.

www.fs.usda.gov/texas

#### FOREST SUPERVISOR

2221 N. Raguet St. Lufkin, TX 75904 936/639-8501

#### ANGELINA NATIONAL FOREST

111 Walnut Ridge Rd. Zavalla, TX 75980 936/897-1068

#### CADDO/LBJ NATIONAL GRASSLANDS

1400 U.S. 81/287 P.O. Box 507 Decatur, TX 76234 940/627-5475

#### DAVY CROCKETT NATIONAL FOREST

18551 Hwy. 7 East Kennard, TX 75847 936/655-2299

#### **SABINE NATIONAL FOREST**

5050 Hwy. 21 East Hemphill, TX 75948 409/625-1940

Toll free: 866/235-1750

#### **SAM HOUSTON NATIONAL FOREST**

394 FM 1375 West New Waverly, TX 77358 936/344-6205

Toll free: 888/361-6908

#### YOUTH HUNTING INFORMATION AND REGULATIONS

All participants in youth hunts must possess a hunting license, any required stamps, and HIP (Harvest Information Program) certification if hunting migratory birds.

Adult supervision of minors is required during public hunts. When hunting on public lands, youth under 17 are required to be under the immediate supervision of a duly permitted, authorized supervising adult, age 18 or older, who is licensed to hunt in Texas.

- Youth under 12 years of age must remain within normal voice distance of an adult supervisor.
- For youth ages 12 to 16 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.

Please note that this hunter education requirement is different than the statewide requirement and is in effect for all public hunting lands under the administration of TPWD. The supervising adult is responsible for the actions and liability of the youth.

A Quick Reference Chart is included on each Public Hunt Region Map to assist in locating those public hunting areas which will offer youth hunting opportunities this season. Refer to the chart and the Table of Contents to locate an area. All of the youth hunt information is found on the unit maps. Special regulations and notices of applicable rules that will be in effect during the hunts are listed in the Legal Game box, or on some maps, in a separate Special Regulations box.

YOUTH ONLY HUNTS: During the hunts listed as Youth Only, only youth under 17 are authorized to hunt.

**YOUTH/ADULT HUNTS:** Each group must contain a youth under 17 years of age to participate. During the hunts listed as Youth/Adult, the supervising adults as well as the youths will be allowed to hunt.

**YOUTH E-POSTCARD HUNTS AND WORKSHOPS:** See pages xx-xxiv for more youth hunting opportunities offered by postcard drawing and Mentored Hunting Workshops.

#### **HUNTER EDUCATION**

Every adult hunter (including out-of-state hunters) born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, must successfully complete a Hunter Education Training Course. Minimum age of certification is 9 years and cost is \$15.

If you were born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, and you are:

- under 9 years of age, you must be accompanied\*.
- age 9 through 16, you may successfully complete a hunter education course, or you must be accompanied\*.
- age 17 and over, you must successfully complete a hunter education course; or purchase a "Hunter Education Deferral," and you must be accompanied\*.

**Hunter Education Deferral** (cost: \$10) Allows a person 17 years of age or older who has not completed a hunter education program to defer completion for up to one year. A deferral may only be obtained once and is only valid until the end of the current license year. A person who has been convicted or has received deferred adjudication for violation of the mandatory hunter education requirement is prohibited from applying for a deferral. Take the course by August 31 of the current license year and receive a \$5 discount off the \$15 course cost.

\* Accompanied means: By a person who is at least 17, who is licensed to hunt in Texas, who has passed hunter education or is exempt (born before Sept. 2, 1971), and you must be within normal voice control. Proof of certification or deferral is required to be on your person while hunting.

Note: Certification is not required to purchase a hunting license.

For course information, please consult the TPWD Hunter Education section at www.tpwd.texas.gov/huntered or call toll-free 800/792-1112 (menu 6) or call 512/389-4999.

#### What are Public Hunting Lands?

Public hunting lands include property that TPWD owns or leases from various agencies, corporations, and private landowners. **Landowners retain full rights to use their property** for forest products, agricultural crops, livestock grazing, mineral recovery, water supply, and uses other than hunting on leased public hunting lands.

Remember to respect the rights and property of the landowner and other public users. Your actions will determine the future access of these lands to the public.

## What type of permit must I have and what will it allow me to do?

- 1. The Annual Public Hunting (APH) Permit (\$48) allows an adult access to designated public hunting lands in this booklet.
  - Hunting is allowed for white-tailed deer, feral hogs, exotics, game birds, predators, furbearers, and more without having to pay daily permit fees and in most instances, without having to be selected in a drawing.
  - Youth under 17, may accompany and hunt with an adult (18 or older) APH Permit holder free of charge. There is not a restriction on the number of youth an adult may take onto these public hunting lands but safety should be a primary concern.
- A Limited Public Use (LPU) Permit (\$12) allows an adult access for fishing (when it is permitted on a unit), camping, birdwatching, hiking, and other recreational activities on designated public hunting lands, but they may not hunt or possess firearms or archery equipment.

The APH and LPU Permits provides an adult with access to all of the units during the time periods listed in this Map Booklet.

#### A permit is not required for:

- (1) youth (under age 17) under the supervision of a permitted adult;
- persons participating in educational programs, management demonstrations, or other scheduled activities for which the permit requirement has been waived by TPWD;
- (3) a non-hunting and non-fishing adult who is assisting a permit holder with a disability,
- (4) private property owners/operators utilizing designated roads to cross public hunting lands to travel directly to or from their property; or
- (5) persons who are authorized by, and acting in an official capacity for TPWD or the owners of public hunting lands.

See the rules listed in the Legal Game box on each unit map and the Schedule of Recreational Use and Visitation.

#### **Hunting and Fishing Activity**

In order to hunt on any public hunting lands, persons age 17 or older must possess an APH Permit, a hunting license, and any required stamps. Youth (under age 17) are required to have a Texas hunting license but are not required to possess their own permit to hunt or fish however, they must hunt or fish under the supervision of an authorized supervising adult (age 18 or older) who possesses the required permit.

An APH or LPU permit is required to fish from the bank or within the enclosed waters of public hunting lands. The LPU allows for fishing activities on public hunting units that offer fishing. A fishing license is not required to fish from the bank of public waters found in units located within state parks if fishing is permitted.

#### **Horseback Riding Activity**

On U.S. Army Corps of Engineers lands and other public hunting units that allow equestrian use, users must possess either an APH Permit or an LPU Permit. See unit map for site specific rules for equestrian use. See the Prohibited Acts pages for more information concerning the use of horses and the requirements for Coggin's clearances.

## How will I be able to locate the public hunting lands?

All units of public hunting lands available for public use under the APH and LPU permits are listed in this Map Booklet. Previous years' Map Booklets and supplements are obsolete. Check the current Map Booklet page for each unit before entering. Commercially available mobile hunting applications may include units that are no longer part of the APH program, boundaries that have not been properly updated, or public areas that are not part of the TPWD APH program.

If you cannot find a unit in the Map Booklet, then the unit is not a part of the Public Hunting Lands program. If you are still not sure about a unit, call 512/389-4505 Monday – Friday (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) for public hunting information.

The maps in this Map Booklet are the only maps of public hunting lands that TPWD provides that indicate the hunting areas and designated roads to which the permit holder has access. Maps purchased from other sources (U.S. Forest Service, COE, etc.) may include private roads that are not included for access by permit holders. Study the maps in this booklet closely to avoid trespassing on private property or private roads when accessing, using or leaving public hunting lands. Remember that the public hunting permit authorizes access only to public hunting lands but not to adjacent private property. Ignorance of the law is no excuse or defense should you be charged with trespassing or hunting without landowner permission on private property.

**Boundary Markers:** Boundaries of most public hunting lands are marked at frequent intervals with signs facing outward and displaying information identifying the property as public hunting lands or a TPWD wildlife management area. If you can see the printed text on the Public Hunting Lands signs or the old Type II boundary signs, you are outside of the Public Hunting Lands. Also, U.S. Forest Service WMA boundaries are identified by yellow metal signs.

Some lands may have been removed from the Public Hunting Program since last season and it is possible that some of the public hunting lands signs may not have been removed. Also, many owners of private property erect similar signs indicating that their land is a "wildlife management area" or "game management area." It is recommended that you make a preliminary visit to a unit to scout and determine if campsites are adequate for your needs before you arrive for the hunt. Unless you are exempt, you must have your permit with you at any time you are on public hunting lands.

#### What is on-site registration (OSR)?

The majority of units in this booklet require on-site registration (OSR) for entry or participation in certain activities. The requirement of OSR is listed in the Legal Game Box for each unit. OSR involves self-registration upon arrival and departure from a public hunting area. The OSR requirement is in addition to any other permit which may be needed for hunting or access and provides useful information that helps TPWD improve the public hunting and access experience.

If the unit map in this booklet or the information station at the site displays the badge below, **Electronic On-site Registration** is available.

eOSR

**Electronic On-Site Registration (eOSR)** is a smartphone and web app that can be used to perform on-site registration on all dove and small game fields, select Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs), and Public Hunting Lands (PHLs). Download the app from **tpwd.texas.gov/myhunt** or scan the code on page xix.

Please note that most WMAs and state parks require paper on-site registration. OSR forms are available at registration stations to comply with on-site registration requirements.

Look for the above badge to determine if your hunt location allows for eOSR.

# Is it possible that access to some of the public hunting lands listed in the Map Booklet may be further restricted during the Sept. 1–Aug. 31 period for which my permit is valid?

Yes, it is possible, but this seldom occurs. TPWD reserves the right to restrict bag limits or close seasons under emergency conditions if needed to protect wildlife resources. Similarly, access to interior designated roads may at times be closed to protect sensitive areas, reduce littering or trash dumping, prevent wildfires, or to promote safety by directing the public away from hazardous situations. If you encounter a "road closed" sign, barricade or other similar structures indicating closure of a designated road, you should assume that the road is closed for a good reason and cease vehicle travel at that point. Such onsite closures will supersede designated road indications shown in the Map Booklet. As a permit holder, you retain the right to walk into the unit and utilize it for authorized activities although access may temporarily be less convenient. When the reason for the road closure is resolved, roads will reopen for public use.

In very rare instances, a landowner may choose to withdraw lands from the Public Hunting Lands Program before the end of the permit period. This is permitted by the contract under which TPWD has leased these lands. Should such a withdrawal of lands occur, signs will be posted at all major entrance points announcing that the specific parcel of land is no longer within the Public Hunting Lands Program and public access is no longer authorized.

There are also access restrictions on some of the areas during times of Special Permit hunts. Check the individual unit maps for closure dates or restricted access to parts of the public hunting areas.

## Is crowding a problem on public hunting lands?

On occasion, crowding may occur on certain units, especially on opening day of the season. By hunting later in the season, or on weekdays rather than on weekends, and by making use of smaller or more remote units, you can generally avoid crowded conditions. Permit holders are reminded that in order to provide participants the freedom to spontaneously choose the time and place of their use of public hunting lands, the possibility of occasional crowding will exist.

Should you encounter crowded conditions on a unit, you are advised to move to a less congested location. Please treat other participants with the respect that you would like to be shown. Remember that the permit is an ANNUAL permit, which allows a variety of public use opportunities on multiple units throughout the year on a first-come, first-served basis.

## What are the legal means and methods for taking feral hogs by Annual Public Hunting Permit?

At times when listed as a legal species on a specific unit, feral hogs may be taken with any type of legal firearm and ammunition, legal archery equipment, or crossbow with the following restrictions and provisions:

- The Legal Game box for a specific unit may further restrict the means and methods of taking feral hogs.
- Hunting of feral hogs is restricted to daylight hours only.
- Buckshot may not be used or possessed, unless authorized in the Legal Game box for a specific unit or hunt period.
- Dogs may not be used to hunt feral hogs, except on White Oak Creek (Unit 727); see the unit map for details.
- Baiting of feral hogs is prohibited, unless authorized for a specific unit or hunt period.
- Unless under contract with the department or the cooperating landowner, trapping of feral hogs is prohibited.
- KNOW YOUR TARGET BEFORE SHOOTING.

**Black bears** have been seen on or around some public hunting lands in East and West Texas and can easily be mistaken for a feral hog. <u>Hunters are reminded that black bears are protected and may not be harmed or killed.</u> Please report black bear sightings or mortalities to the appropriate wildlife district office.

## What vehicle restrictions are in effect on public hunting lands?

Hunting from a vehicle or the possession of a loaded firearm in or on a motor vehicle is prohibited (see exception provided for holders of a concealed handgun permit). The use of motor vehicles, including electric bicycles (e-bikes), is restricted to designated roads or trails. This regulation reduces potential conflict on these multiple use areas and minimizes habitat damage and wildlife disturbance.

#### **Provisions for Permit Holders with Disabilities:**

- A person with a disability or someone directly assisting a
  person with a disability, in possession of a state-issued
  disabled parking placard or disabled license plate issued
  to that person, in most cases may drive a motor vehicle
  directly to the hunt area only along designated roads or
  trails, except on the USFS units. See "Additional
  Restrictions in Effect on U.S. Forest Service Units."
   NOTE: persons directly assisting a person with a disability
  must remain within normal voice distance.
- A person with a disability may possess a loaded firearm in or on the motor vehicle only when the motor vehicle is not in motion and the engine is not running.

- A person with a disability may hunt from a parked vehicle that is only on an ADA designated road, trail or an area authorized by TPWD staff. The vehicle of the person with disabilities may not block access to the road or trail by other users.
- The hunting of migratory game birds from a motor vehicle is further restricted to only paraplegics and single or double amputees of legs.

Access to some of the public hunting units is restricted to designated entry/exit locations. Check individual maps for designated entry/exit locations. It is a violation to trespass onto private property or use private roads without the landowner's permission.

CAUTION: Flooding and inclement weather may limit the use of designated roads. Please exercise good judgment and avoid travel on muddy roads that would leave deep ruts and further restrict public access.

Temporary road closures, identified by signs or barricades, may be made by the department if current conditions warrant. Although vehicular entry may be limited at times, you may still enter the unit on foot.

**ATV and OHV Use:** All persons except qualified persons with disabilities and those assisting persons with disabilities operating an off-highway vehicle on public land must purchase and display an off-highway vehicle decal. Decals are available by phone or fax from TPWD and at local retailers, for a list of dealers and further details go to **www.tpwd.texas.gov/ohv.** An **Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV)** is defined as an all-terrain vehicle (ATV), off-highway motorcycle, or any other four wheel drive vehicle not registered to be driven on a highway. See DEFINITIONS.

ATV operators must abide by all safety regulations and have completed a state of Texas approved safety training certification class to use an ATV on public hunting lands.

- ATV must display a current OHV decal. OHV requirement has been waived for persons with a disability.
- ATV operators must take an ATV safety course and carry their ATV safety certificate with them.
- ATV operators MUST WEAR approved helmet and eye protection.
- OHVs CANNOT be operated on any public road or road right of way.
- OHVs can only be operated on roads and trails designated for such use.
- OHVs crossing any public road must do the following:

   (1) come to a complete stop, (2) head and tail lights must be on, and (3) crossing must be perpendicular to the roadway.
- · See Additional Restrictions in Effect on USFS Units.

## What restrictions are in place concerning the use of dogs?

Dogs may be used for hunting squirrel, rabbits, hares, fur-bearing animals, predatory animals, and game birds (except turkey) on most units during the open seasons. Use of dogs is not allowed on most State Park hunt areas. See the Prohibited Acts section for rules and regulations concerning the use of dogs and area maps for further restrictions concerning the use of dogs.

Owners of dogs brought onto Public Hunting Lands must be able to show documentation of current rabies vaccination. Owners are responsible for the actions of their dog and should exercise control of the dog at all times to assure that the activities of other permit holders are not interfered with and that wildlife is not harassed.

## Will camping be allowed on public hunting lands?

Camping is limited to primitive campsites only. There are no shelters, toilets, or drinking water available on most units. Camping for more than 14 consecutive days on the same unit of public hunting lands, or for more than 21 days in any 30-day period is prohibited.

Collection of fallen wood for properly contained campfire use on these units is allowed, however, the cutting of standing trees or the removal of firewood from the units is prohibited. Leaving refuse, trash, or garbage and littering is prohibited. Littering is one of the worst problems that causes landowners to remove their property from this program. Trash receptacles are not provided, so please take all trash with you upon departure and leave a clean campsite for your next visit.

See Prohibited Acts section for more rules on camping.

# Does the U.S. Forest Service have different restrictions for hunting on their units that are included in the Annual Public Hunting Program?

Yes, during the general (gun) season, antlerless deer may only be taken on five of the USFS units with a USFS Antlerless Deer Permit. Adults and youth may apply for a permit through TPWD's Drawn Hunt Program at www.tpwd.texas.gov/drawnhunts.

All ATV and OHV use is managed on USFS units and not allowed except on designated trails depicted on the Motor Vehicle Use Map for each of their properties. Contact the USFS for the most current map containing roads available for motor vehicle use.

See unit maps and Additional Restrictions in Effect on USFS Units for more information or visit the U.S. Forest Service website, www.fs.usda.gov/texas.



## Electronic On-Site Registration is available on some units.



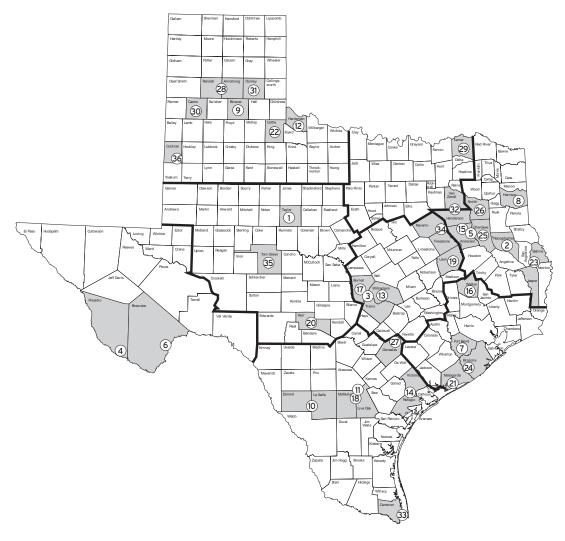
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## POSTCARD SELECTION, PHONE RESERVATION HUNTS, REGULAR (DAILY) PERMITS, AND MENTORED HUNTING WORKSHOPS

E-Postcard hunts (online submission only) and phone reservation hunts require adults to possess a valid Annual Public Hunting Permit (APH). Youth must be accompanied by a supervising adult 18 years of age or older who is an APH permit holder.



- 1. Abilene SP Taylor County
- 2. Alazan Bayou WMA Nacogdoches County
- 3. Balcones Canyonlands NWR Burnet/Travis/Williamson Counties
- 4. Big Bend Ranch SP Presidio County
- 5. Big Lake Bottom WMA Anderson County
- 6. Black Gap WMA Brewster County
- 7. Brazos Bend SP Fort Bend County
- 8. Caddo Lake WMA Harrison County
- 9. Caprock Canyons SP Briscoe County
- 10. Chaparral WMA Dimmit/LaSalle Counties
- 11. Choke Canyon SP North Shore Unit McMullen/Live Oak Counties
- 12. Copper Breaks SP Hardeman County
- 13. Granger PHL Williamson County
- 14. Guadalupe Delta WMA San Antonio River Unit Victoria/Refugio Counties
- 15. Gus Engeling WMA Anderson County
- 16. Huntsville SP Walker County
- 17. Inks Lake SP Burnet County
- 18. James Daughtrey WMA McMullen/Live Oak Counties

- 19. Keechi Creek WMA Leon County
- 20. Kerr WMA Kerr County
- 21. Mad Island WMA Matagorda County
- 22. Matador WMA Cottle County
- 23. Moore Plantation WMA Jasper/Sabine Counties
- 24. Nannie M. Stringfellow WMA Brazoria County
- 25. Neches River NWR Cherokee County
- 26. Old Sabine Bottom Smith County
- 27. Palmetto SP Gonzales County
- 28. Palo Duro Canyon SP Armstrong/Randall Counties
- 29. Pat Mayse WMA Lamar County
- 30. Playa Lakes WMA Dimmitt Playa Unit Castro County
- 31. Playa Lakes WMA Taylor Lakes Unit Donley County
- 32. Purtis Creek SP Henderson/Van Zandt Counties
- 33. Resaca de la Palma SP Cameron County
- 34. Richland Creek WMA Carl Frentress and Trinity Units Freestone/Navarro Counties
- 35. San Angelo SP Tom Green County
- 36. Yoakum Dunes WMA Cochran County

#### E-POSTCARD SELECTION HUNTS

E-Postcard hunts are available through the Public Hunt Drawing System. Adults are required to purchase an Annual Public Hunting Permit prior to being allowed to apply for E-Postcard Hunts, and all hunters must have a valid Texas hunting license to participate. Information regarding specific E-Postcard hunts; including number of positions, bag limits, and other regulations can be found online or by contacting the area directly. Hunters must apply at <a href="https://www.tpwd.texas.gov/drawnhunts">www.tpwd.texas.gov/drawnhunts</a>.

#### **ALAZAN BAYOU WMA**

For specific information regarding E-Postcard hunts on this area go to www.tpwd.texas.gov/drawnhunts or contact the WMA Field Office at 936/569-8547.

#### **Multi-species**

Nov. 17-19. The deadline for application is **Sept. 15, 2023.** 

#### Waterfow

Dec. 15-17. The deadline for application is Oct. 1, 2023.

#### **BALCONES CANYONLANDS NWR**

For specific information regarding E-Postcard hunts on this area go to www.tpwd.texas.gov/drawnhunts or contact the Refuge office at 512/339-9432.

#### **Archery Deer**

Oct. 2-31. The deadline for application is **Sept. 1, 2023.** 

#### **BIG BEND RANCH SP**

For specific information regarding E-Postcard hunts on this area go to www.tpwd.texas.gov/drawnhunts or contact the Park office at 432/358-4444.

#### **Ouail**

Jan. 8-11. The deadline for application is Sept. 15, 2023.

#### **BIG LAKE BOTTOM WMA**

For specific information regarding E-Postcard hunts on this area go to www.tpwd.texas.gov/drawnhunts or contact the WMA Field Office at 903/928-2251.

#### **Archery Deer**

Sept. 29-Oct. 8, Oct. 13-22, Nov. 3-12, Nov. 17-26, and Dec. 15-24. The deadline for application is **Sept. 1, 2023.** 

#### Deer

Nov. 28-Dec. 7. The deadline for application is **Oct. 1, 2023.** 

#### Feral Hog

Mar. 1-10, Mar. 15-24, Mar. 29-Apr. 7, and Apr. 12-21. The deadline for application is **Nov. 1, 2023.** 

#### Sauirrel

Dec. 8-14. The deadline for applications is **Sept. 1**, **2023**.

#### **Youth Deer**

Oct. 28-29. The deadline for application is **Sept. 15**, **2023**.

#### **CADDO LAKE WMA**

For specific information regarding E-Postcard hunts on this area go to www.tpwd.texas.gov/drawnhunts or contact the WMA Field Office at 903/679-9817.

#### **Archery Deer**

Nov. 3-8 and Nov. 17-22.

The deadline for application is Sept. 1, 2023.

#### **Feral Hog**

Jan. 19-28. The deadline for application is Nov. 1, 2023.

#### **Youth Deer**

Nov. 11-12. The deadline for application is **Sept. 15, 2023.** 

#### **CAPROCK CANYONS SP**

For specific information regarding E-Postcard hunts on this area go to www.tpwd.texas.gov/drawnhunts or contact the Park Office at 806/455-1492.

#### Deer

Nov. 17-Dec. 3. The deadline for application is Oct. 1, 2023.

#### **Multi-species**

Jan. 26-Feb. 26. The deadline for application is Sept. 15, 2023.

#### **CHAPARRAL WMA**

For specific information regarding E-Postcard hunts on this area go to www.tpwd.texas.gov/drawnhunts or contact the WMA Field Office at 830/676-3413 or visit the Chaparral WMA Facebook page.

#### **Multi-species**

Jan. 13-15. The deadline for application is **Sept. 15**, **2023**.

#### Quail

Oct. 28-29, Jan. 6-7, and Jan. 30-31.

The deadline for application is Sept. 15, 2023.

#### **CHOKE CANYON SP - NORTH SHORE UNIT**

For specific information regarding E-Postcard hunts on this area go to www.tpwd.texas.gov/drawnhunts or contact the Park Office 361/274-3573.

#### Feral Hog

Feb. 10-18. The deadline for application is Nov. 1, 2023.

#### **COPPER BREAKS SP**

For specific information regarding E-Postcard hunts on this area go to www.tpwd.texas.gov/drawnhunts or contact the Park Office at 940/839-4331.

#### **Feral Hog**

Jan. 19-21, Feb. 2-4, and Feb. 9-11.

The deadline for application is Nov. 1, 2023.

#### Waterfowl

Nov. 17-19, Dec. 15-17, and Jan. 12-14.

The deadline for application is Oct. 1, 2023.

#### **GRANGER PHL**

For specific information regarding E-Postcard hunts on this area go to www.tpwd.texas.gov/drawnhunts or contact the Wildlife field office at 512/925-3787.

#### Archery Deer

Oct. 14-Dec. 31. The deadline for application is Sept. 1, 2023.

#### <u>Guadalupe delta wma – San Antonio River Unit</u>

For specific information regarding E-Postcard hunts on this area go to www.tpwd.texas.gov/drawnhunts or contact the WMA field office at 361/552-6637 or the Rockport regional office at 361/790-0307.

#### **Multi-species**

Dec. 8-10, Jan. 5-7, Jan. 12-14, and Jan. 19-21.

The deadline for this application is **Sept. 15, 2023.** 

#### **GUS ENGELING WMA**

For specific information regarding E-Postcard hunts on this area go to www.tpwd.texas.gov/drawnhunts or contact the WMA Field Office at 903/928-2251 or visit the Gus Engeling WMA Facebook page.

#### Furbearer/Predators

Feb. 2-11, Feb. 16-25, and Mar. 1-10.

The deadline for application is Nov. 1, 2023.

#### **Sauirrel**

Nov. 21-27, Dec. 22-28, Dec. 29-Jan. 4, Jan. 5-11, Jan. 12-18, Jan. 19-25, and Jan 26-31.

The deadline for application is Sept. 1, 2023.

#### Waterfowl

Dec. 22-23, Dec. 29-30, Jan. 5-6, Jan. 12-13, Jan. 19-20, and Jan. 26-27. The deadline for application is **Oct. 1, 2023.** 

#### **JAMES DAUGHTREY WMA**

For specific information regarding E-Postcard hunts on this area go to www.tpwd.texas.gov/drawnhunts or contact the WMA Field Office at 361/274-3573 or visit the Daughtrey WMA Facebook page.

#### **Archery Deer**

Nov. 1-19. The deadline for application is Sept. 1, 2023.

#### Feral Hog/Predator

Feb. 10-18. The deadline for application is Nov. 1, 2023.

#### **Ouail**

Oct. 28-29. The deadline for application is Sept. 15, 2023.

#### **KEECHI CREEK WMA**

For specific information regarding E-Postcard hunts on this area go to www.tpwd.texas.gov/drawnhunts or contact the WMA Field Office at 903/389-7080.

#### **Archery Deer**

Sept. 29-Oct. 22. The deadline for application is Sept. 1, 2023.

#### **Feral Hog**

Mar. 8-31. The deadline for application is Nov. 1, 2023.

#### Squirre

Feb. 2-25. The deadline for applications is Sept. 1, 2023.

#### **Multi-species**

Dec.1-24. The deadline for application is **Sept. 15, 2023.** 

#### **Waterfowl**

Jan. 5-28. The deadline for application is Oct. 1, 2023.

#### Deer

Nov. 3-26. The deadline for application is **Oct. 1, 2023.** 

#### KERR WMA

For specific information regarding E-Postcard hunts on this area go to www.tpwd.texas.gov/drawnhunts or contact the WMA Field Office at 830/238-4483.

#### Deer

Nov. 17-22. The deadline for application is Oct. 1, 2023.

#### **MAD ISLAND WMA**

For specific information regarding E-Postcard hunts on this area go to www.tpwd.texas.gov/drawnhunts or contact the WMA Field Office at 979/323-9579.

#### **Youth Archery Deer**

Oct. 14-15. The deadline for application is Sept. 1. 2023.

#### **Youth Deer**

Oct. 21-22. The deadline for application is **Sept. 15, 2023.** 

#### **MATADOR WMA**

For specific information regarding E-Postcard hunts on this area go to www.tpwd.texas.gov/drawnhunts or contact the WMA Field Office at 806/492-3405.

#### Predator

Feb. 16-18. The deadline for application is Nov. 1, 2023.

#### **MOORE PLANTATION WMA**

For specific information regarding E-Postcard hunts on this area go to www.tpwd.texas.gov/drawnhunts or contact the WMA Field Office at 936/897-1068 x237.

#### **Turkey**

Apr. 22-28. The deadline for application is Nov. 1, 2023.

#### NANNIE M. STRINGFELLOW WMA

For specific information regarding E-Postcard hunts on this area go to www.tpwd.texas.gov/drawnhunts or contact the Bay City office at 979/323-9669 or the WMA office at 979/798-8746.

#### Feral Hog

Feb. 13-15 and Feb. 27-29.

The deadline for application is Nov. 1, 2023.

#### Youth/Adult Feral Hog

Feb. 3-4. The deadline for application is Nov. 1, 2023.

#### Waterfow

Jan. 10, Jan. 17, and Jan. 24.

The deadline for application is Oct. 1, 2023.

#### NECHES RIVER NWR - ROCKY POINT UNIT

For specific information regarding E-Postcard hunts on this area go to www.tpwd.texas.gov/drawnhunts or contact the Refuge office at 956/245-9426.

#### **Squirrel**

Oct. 1-14. The deadline for application is Sept. 1. 2023.

#### NECHES RIVER NWR - SANDY BLUFF UNIT

For specific information regarding E-Postcard hunts on this area go to www.tpwd.texas.gov/drawnhunts or contact the Refuge office at 956/245-9426.

#### **Squirrel**

Oct. 1-14. The deadline for application is Sept. 1. 2023.

#### NECHES RIVER NWR - WALNUT BRANCH UNIT

For specific information regarding E-Postcard hunts on this area go to www.tpwd.texas.gov/drawnhunts or contact the Refuge office at 956/245-9426.

#### Squirre

Oct. 1-14. The deadline for application is **Sept. 1. 2023.** 

#### PALMETTO SP

For specific information regarding E-Postcard hunts on this area go to www.tpwd.texas.gov/drawnhunts or contact the Park Office at 830/672-3266.

#### Youth Deer Antlerless/Spike

Dec. 16-17. The deadline for application is **Oct. 15, 2023.** 

#### PAT MAYSE WMA

For specific information regarding E-Postcard hunts on this area go to www.tpwd.texas.gov/drawnhunts or contact the Park Office at 903/905-2207.

#### Turkey

Apr. 22-28. The deadline for application is Nov. 1, 2023.

#### PLAYA LAKES WMA - DIMMITT PLAYA UNIT

For specific information regarding E-Postcard hunts on this area go to www.tpwd.texas.gov/drawnhunts or contact the WMA Field Office at 806/492-3405.

#### **Waterfowl**

Nov. 4-5, Nov. 11-12, Nov. 18-19, Nov. 25-26, Jan. 6-7-15, Jan. 13-14, Jan. 20-21, and Jan. 27-28. The deadline for application is **Oct. 1, 2023.** 

#### Waterfowl/Pheasant

Dec. 2-3, Dec. 16-17, and Dec. 30-31. The deadline for application is **Oct. 15, 2023.** 

#### PLAYA LAKES WMA - TAYLOR LAKES UNIT

For specific information regarding E-Postcard hunts on this area go to www.tpwd.texas.gov/drawnhunts or contact the WMA Field Office at 806/492-3405.

#### **Waterfowl**

Jan. 13-14 and Jan. 27-28.

The deadline for application is Oct. 1, 2023.

#### Youth/Adult Waterfowl

Dec. 2-3, Dec. 16-17, and Dec. 30-31. The deadline for application is **Nov. 1, 2023.** 

#### RICHLAND CREEK WMA - CARL FRENTRESS UNIT

For specific information regarding E-Postcard hunts on this area go to www.tpwd.texas.gov/drawnhunts or contact the WMA Field Office at 903/389-7080.

#### **Archery Deer**

Sept. 29-Oct. 8 and Oct. 13-22.

The deadline for this application is **Sept. 1**, **2023**.

#### Deer

Nov. 14-16. The deadline for the application is **Oct. 1, 2023.** 

#### Feral Hog

Mar. 1-10, Mar. 15-24, Apr. 5-14, and Apr. 19-28. The deadline for application is **Nov. 1, 2023.** 

#### Teal

Sept. 15-19, and Sept. 22-24.

The deadline for this application is **Sept. 1. 2023.** 

#### Waterfowl

Nov. 10-12, Nov. 17-19, Dec. 1-3. Dec. 8-10, Dec. 15-17, Jan. 5-7, Jan. 12-14, Jan. 19-21, and Jan. 26-28. The deadline for application is **Oct. 1, 2023.** 

#### Youth/Adult Waterfowl

Dec. 32-24. The deadline for this application is Nov. 1, 2023.

#### RICHLAND CREEK WMA - TRINITY UNIT

For specific information regarding E-Postcard hunts on this area go to www.tpwd.texas.gov/drawnhunts or contact the WMA Field Office at 903/389-7080.

#### Feral Hog

Apr. 5-14 and Apr. 19-28.

The deadline for application is Nov. 1, 2023.

#### **Furbearer/Predators**

Feb. 2-11, Feb. 16-25, Mar. 1-10, and Mar. 15-24. The deadline for this application is **Nov. 1, 2023.** 

#### Waterfowl

Jan. 5-6, Jan. 12-13, Jan. 19-20, and Jan. 26-27. The deadline for application is **Oct. 1, 2023.** 

#### Youth/Adult Waterfowl

Dec. 22-24. The deadline for this application is Nov. 1, 2023.

#### YOAKUM DUNES WMA

For specific information regarding E-Postcard hunts on this area go to www.tpwd.texas.gov/drawnhunts or contact the WMA office at 806/598-2562.

#### Dove

Sept. 16-17 and Sept. 23-24.

The deadline for application is Sept. 1, 2023.

#### **HUNTS BY PHONE RESERVATION**

Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis and must be made through the field office personnel; voice mail messages will not be accepted. Interested parties must reserve a hunt position by contacting the area manager before being allowed access to the WMA for hunting.

#### **BLACK GAP WMA**

#### **Predator**

Jan. 12-14 and Feb. 9-11. Reservations will be accepted for six groups of up to two hunters for each hunt period. Bag Limit: Unlimited coyotes and bobcats (no other predators may be harvested). Hunting parties will meet at the WMA Headquarters (details provided at the time of registration). Reservations will be made by calling the Black Gap WMA office at 432/376-2216 only on Jan. 8, 2024, beginning at 9 a.m. until all positions are filled.

#### RICHLAND CREEK WMA-CARL FRENTRESS UNIT

#### Teal

Sept. 9-12. Reservations will be accepted for five groups of up to four hunters in each group. Hunting parties will meet at the WMA Headquarters (details provided at the time of registration). Reservations will be made by calling the Richland Creek WMA office at 903/389-7080 only on Sept. 1, 2023, beginning at 9 a.m. through 10 a.m. or until all positions are filled.

#### **REGULAR PERMIT HUNTS**

A Regular Permit is available for certain small game and migratory bird hunts on specific areas on a first-come first-served basis.

A \$20 fee is charged for each Regular Permit issued; however, the fee will be waived for youth hunters (under age 17) and for persons possessing an Annual Public Hunting Permit.

A valid hunting license and any required stamp endorsements are required to participate in these hunts.

All participants must check in and out each day at the area check station before entering the hunt area and before leaving for the day.

The department reserves the right to limit the number of hunters, cancel or modify hunts or hunt dates, alter bag limits, or modify hunt procedures at any time to address resource and safety concerns.

Refer to the Prohibited Acts section for additional information and restrictions.

Reminder: Vaccination of hunting dogs against rabies is required by Department of State Health Services and owners must be able to show documentation of current vaccinations whenever the animal is transported.

#### **HUNTSVILLE SP**

**Squirrel:** Dec. 6 and 7. Bag and possession limits correspond to limits for squirrels in Walker County. Shotguns with no larger than #4 lead shot and air rifles of .177 (4.5mm) caliber or larger with a muzzle velocity at minimum of 600 fps are the only legal means allowed. Use of dogs is prohibited. Shooting Hours are from 30 minutes before sunrise to noon. Park is closed to public during these hunts.

For more information contact the park at 936/295-5644.

#### **RESACA DE LA PALMA SP**

**White-winged Dove:** Sept. 1-3 and Sept. 8-10. Bag and possession limits correspond to limits during the Special Season in the Special White-winged Dove Area. Shooting Hours are from noon to sunset.

**Mourning Dove:** Sept. 16-17, Sept 23-24, and Sept. 30-Oct. 1. Bag and possession limits for doves correspond to limits in the South Zone Dove Season. Shooting Hours are from 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset. Park will remain open. Hunters will enter hunting area through the south gate ONLY.

For more information contact the park at 956/350-2920.

#### **MENTORED HUNTING WORKSHOPS**

Select state parks and wildlife management areas will conduct mentored hunting workshops designed to introduce first time hunters to the hunting experience, educate them on the skills they will need to be successful in the field, and build a foundation for their hunting tradition. These workshops are followed by a hunt on the area. Mentored Hunting Permits (MHP) required for these workshops are offered to qualified hunters and are only valid for a specific public hunting unit and the corresponding workshop dates. A person may participate in a designated hunt under an MHP only after completing the mandatory mentored hunting workshop, has been authorized by the department to participate in hunting activities and is accompanied by a designated mentor.

Applying for a Mentored Hunting Workshop is easier than ever and can be done online at: www.tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/hunt/public/mentored\_hunting\_workshops/

#### **ABILENE SP**

**Feral Hog:** First Time Hunters, Feb. 9-11, 2024. Bag Limit: no bag limit. For more information contact the park at 325/572-3204.

#### **ALAZAN BAYOU WMA**

**Multi-species:** First Time Hunters. Dec. 1-3, 2023. Mentored hunting workshop for adults 25 years old and older who have never hunted and never completed hunter education. Workshop will be held at time hunt and consist of hunter education, woodsmanship, and live fire training; followed by guided hunts on the dates provided for various in-season game animals and/or feral hogs. For more information contact the WMA at 936/569-8547.

#### **BRAZOS BEND SP**

**Waterfowl:** First Time Hunter. Workshop date is Oct. 13, 2023. Hunt date will be Jan. 25, 2024. Bag Limit: bag and possession limits for South Zone Waterfowl Season apply. For more information contact the State Park at 281/202-7222.

#### **GUS ENGELING WMA**

**Squirrel:** First Time Hunters. Oct. 21, 2023. Workshop followed by hunt on Dec. 16, 2023. Bag Limit: County bag and possession limits apply. Hunters will always be accompanied by TPWD staff during the hunt.

**Waterfowl:** First Time Hunter. Workshop date is Oct. 14, 2023. Hunt dates will be determined during the workshop by staff. Hunt location (Richland Creek WMA, Big Lake Bottom WMA, Gus Engeling WMA, or Keechi Creek WMA) will be determined based upon scouting results prior to the hunt date. Bag Limit: bag and possession limits for North Zone Waterfowl Season apply. Hunters will always be accompanied by TPWD staff during the hunt. For more information contact the WMA at 903/928-2251.

#### INKS LAKE SP

**White-tailed Deer:** First Time Hunter. Nov. 14-16, 2023. Bag Limit: One deer (either sex) and unlimited feral hogs. For more information contact the park at 512/793-2223.

#### **OLD SABINE BOTTOM WMA**

**Feral Hog:** First Time Hunters, Jan. 12-14, 2024. Bag Limit: no bag limit. For more information contact the WMA at 903/881-8233.

#### PALO DURO CANYON SP

**White-tailed Deer:** Disabled Veteran (50% VA rating or above) geared toward First Time Hunters. Nov. 30-Dec.1, 2023, Bag Limit: One deer (mature antlerless only), one Rio Grande turkey (mature either sex), and unlimited aoudad and feral hogs. For information contact the park at 806/488-2227.

#### **PURTIS CREEK SP**

**Waterfowl:** First Time Hunter. Workshop date is Oct. 21, 2023, hunt date #1 is Jan. 6, 2024, and hunt date #2 is Jan. 20, 2024. Workshop attendance is required to attend either hunt date, however previous workshop/hunt attendees will not be eligible to participate. Bag Limit: Bag and possession limits correspond to limits during the North Zone Duck and Eastern Zone Goose seasons. For more information contact the park at 903/425-2332.

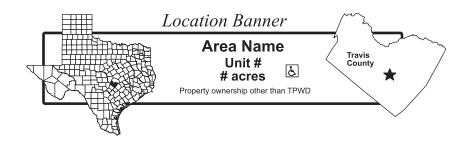
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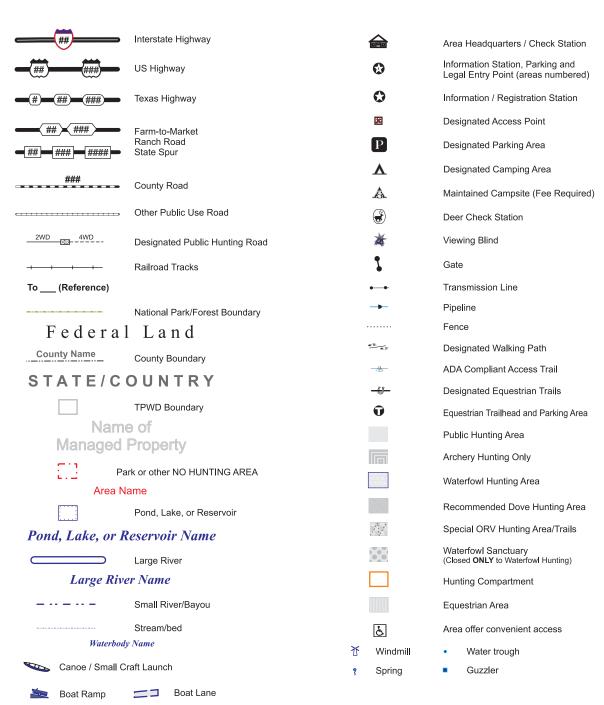
**Dove:** First Time Hunter. Sept. 16. Bag Limit: bag and possession limits for South Zone Dove Season apply. For more information contact the park at 956/350-2920.

#### **SAN ANGELO SP**

White-tailed Deer: First Time Hunter. Jan. 9-11, 2024, Bag Limit: Two white-tailed deer (antlerless and spike bucks only, limit 1 spike buck), one javelina, one exotic mammal, and unlimited feral hogs. Center fire rifles only; hunt will be by assigned blinds. For more information contact the park at 325/949-4757.

## **MAP BOOK LEGEND**

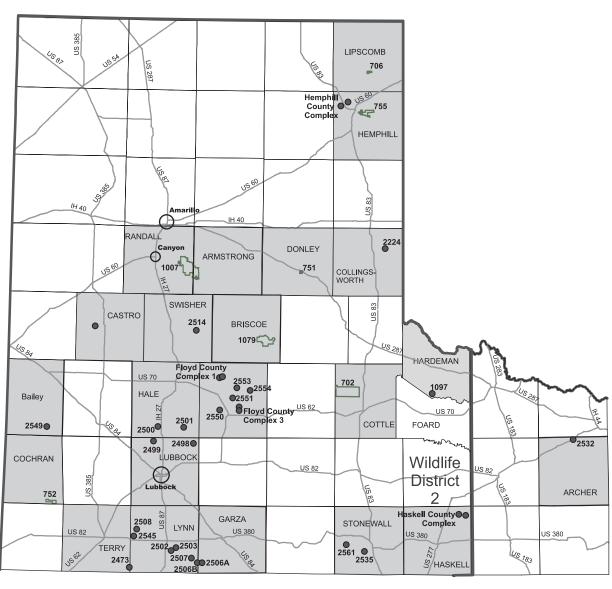




## **REGION 1 – PANHANDLE**

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#### LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICES:

Amarillo (806) 379-8900 Lubbock (806) 761-4930

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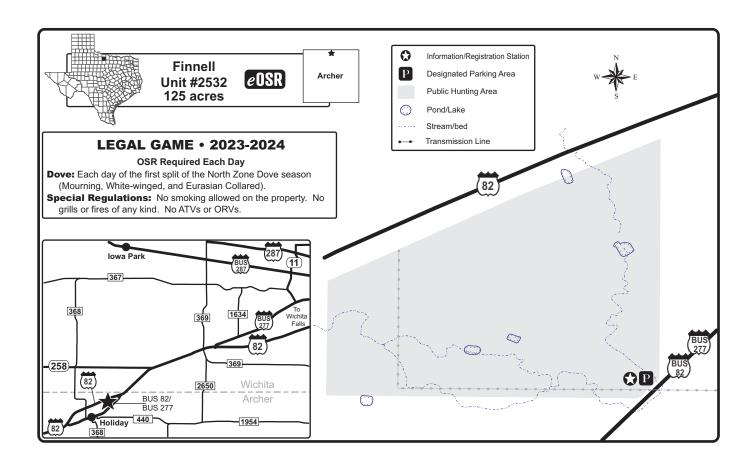
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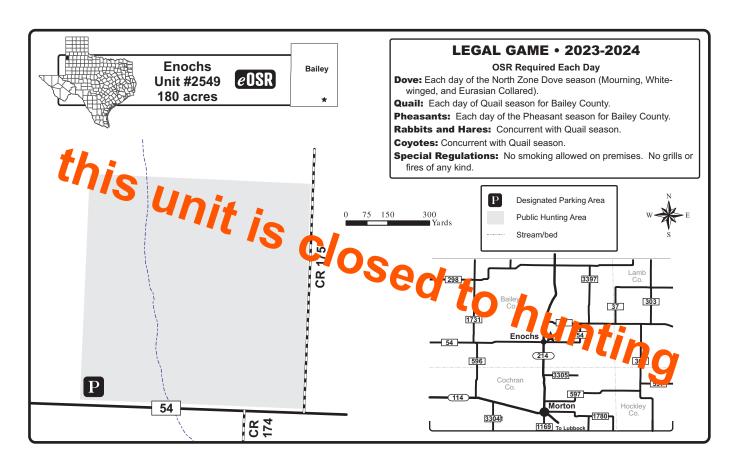
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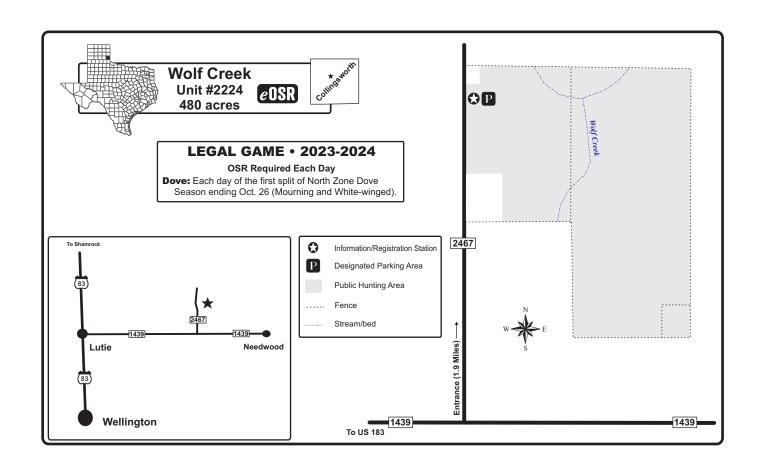
Counties offering hunts by Annual Permit Total of 95,035 Acres

## **REGION 1 – PANHANDLE**

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4	Bailey	2549	Enochs			1				1	1	1	1								
5	Collingsworth	2224	Wolf Creek			1															
6	Cottle	702	Matador WMA		1	1	1			1		1		1			1		1		
7	Donley	751	Taylor Lakes Unit, Playa Lakes WMA		1	1	1					1									
8	Floyd	2362	Floyd County Complex 1 Circle Tree Bluestem			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1							1	1
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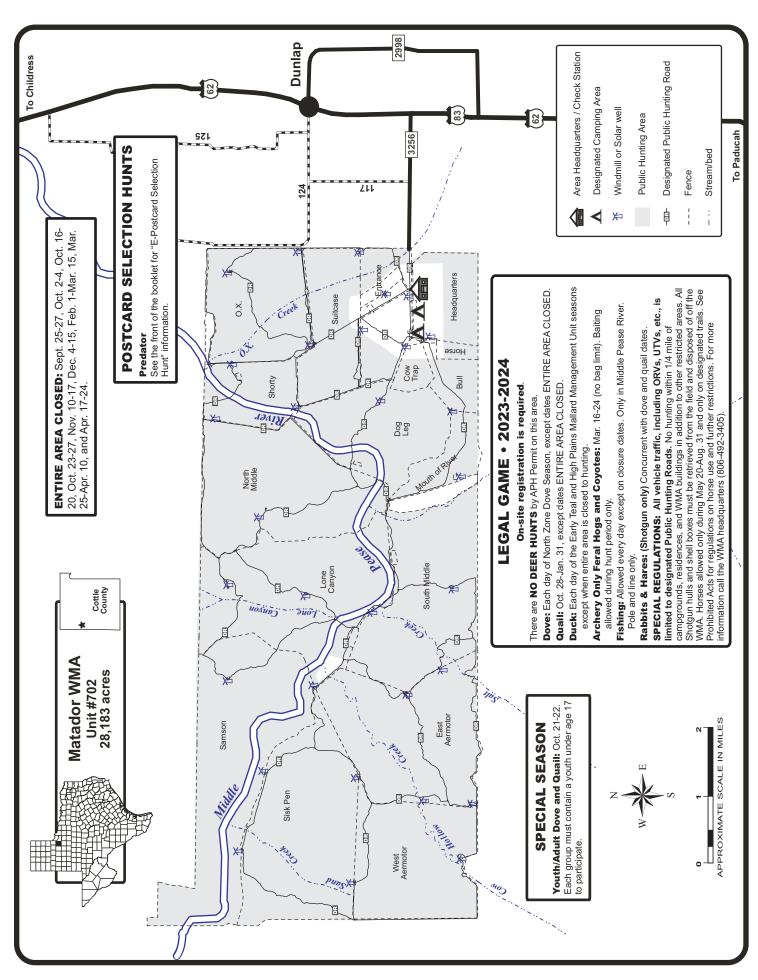
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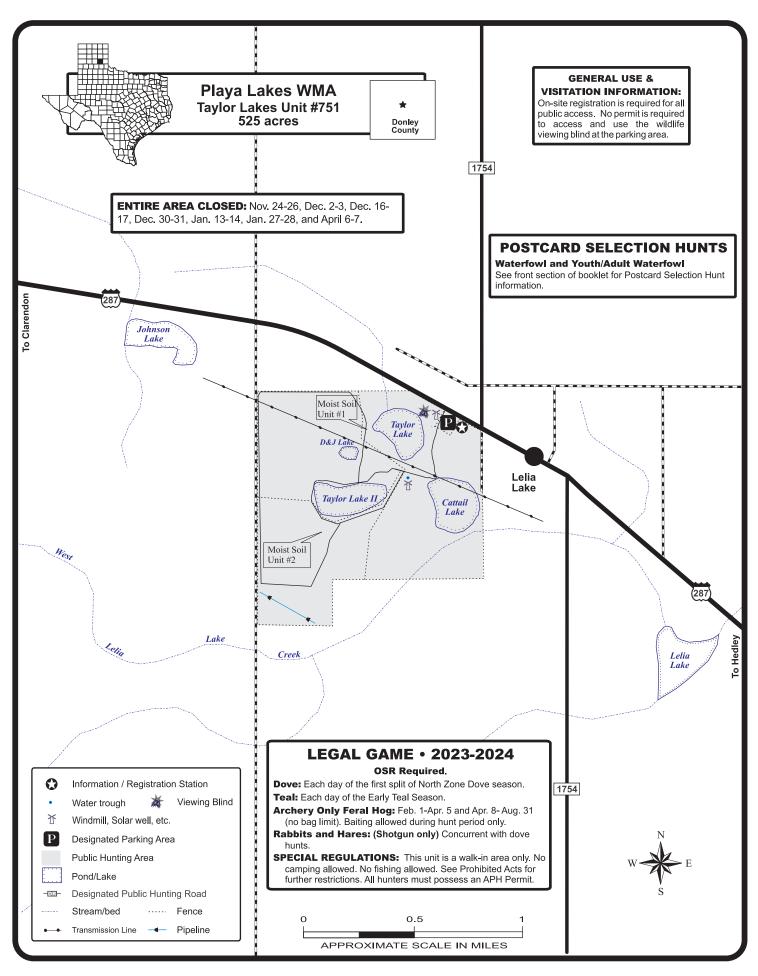


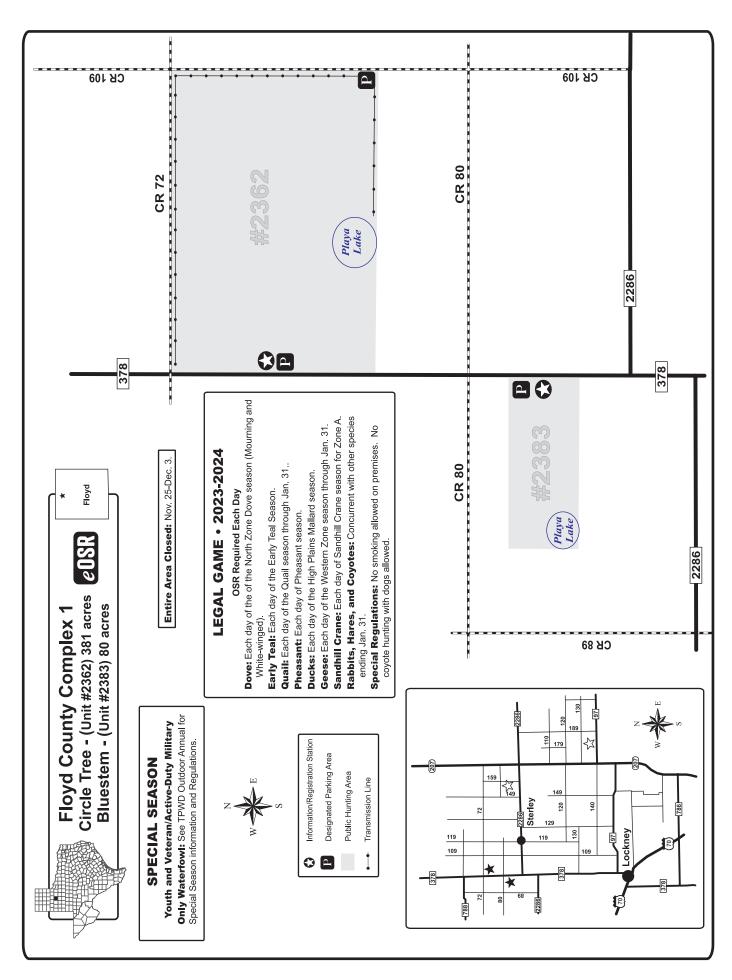
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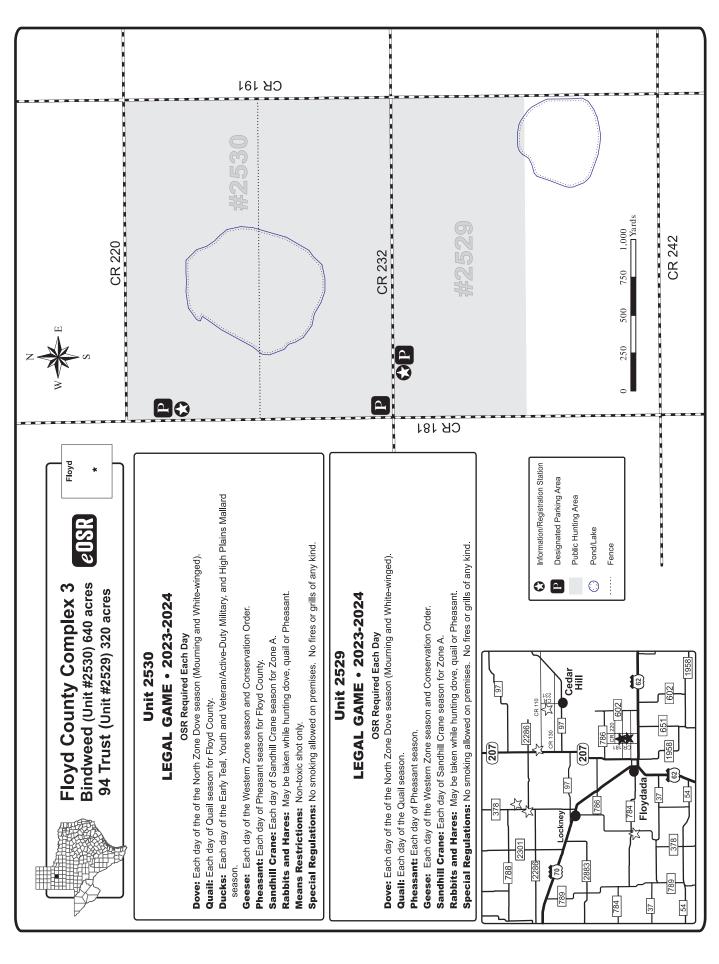


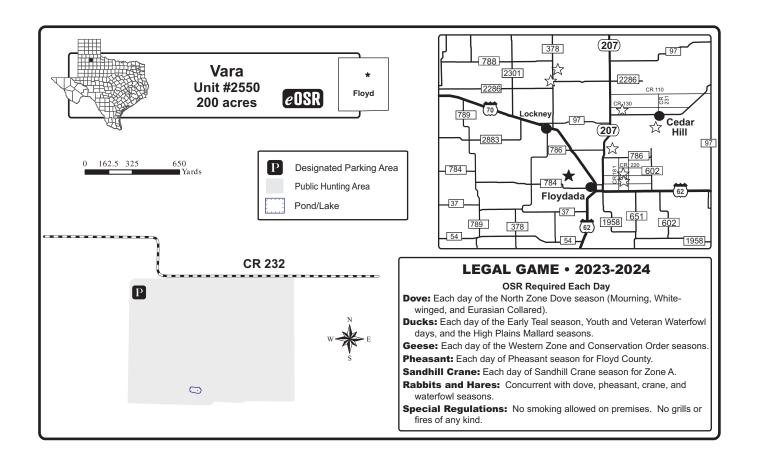
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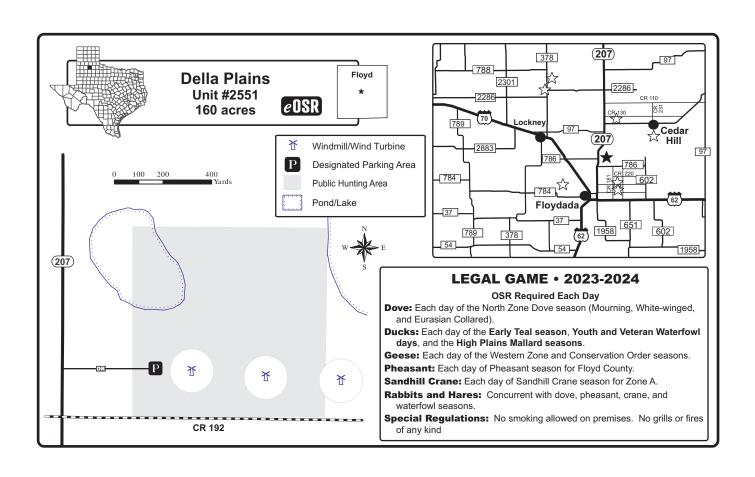


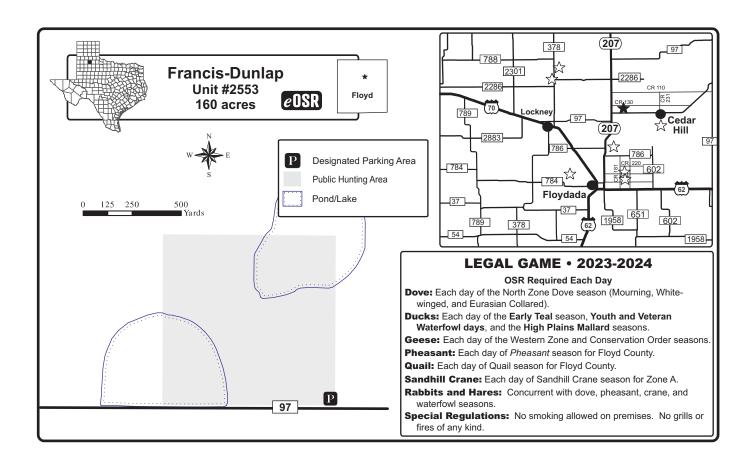


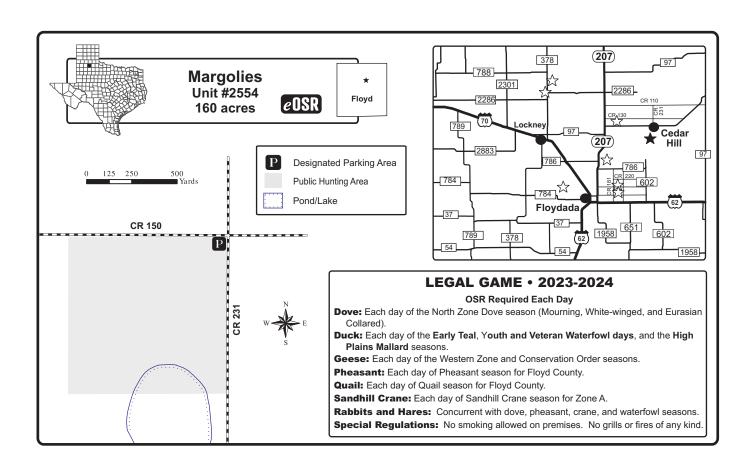


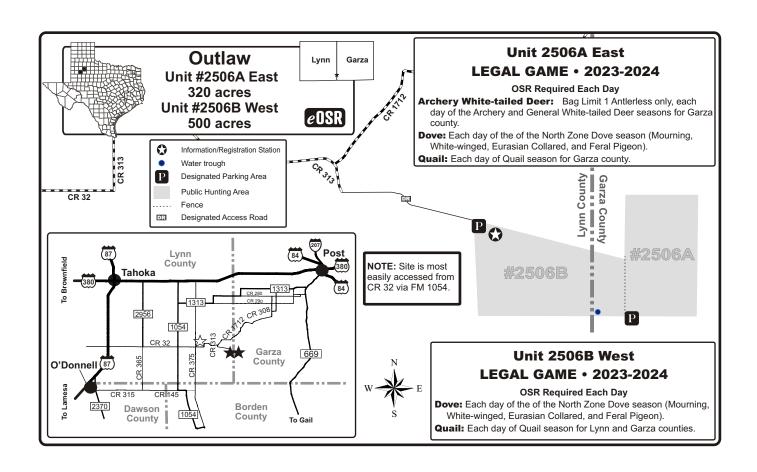


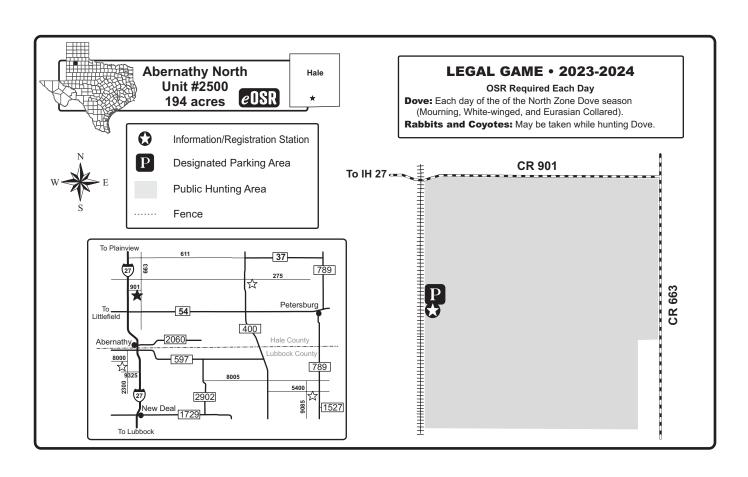


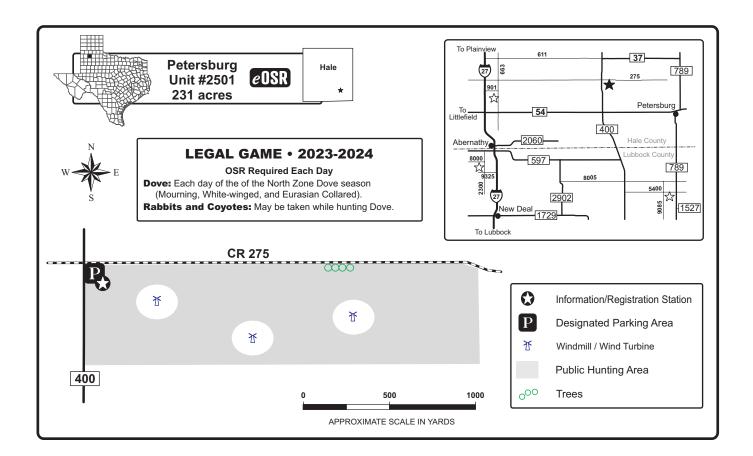














### TICK-BORNE DISEASES IN TEXAS

Each year Texans contract Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, ehrlichiosis and relapsing fever. All of these diseases are transmitted by the bite of an infected tick. If caught early, these diseases can almost always be cured. If left untreated, they can be serious or even fatal.

Early symptoms of these diseases mimic the "flu," and include fever, headache, tiredness, stiff neck or neck pain, muscle aches, and joint pain. Sometimes a rash is also present. If you develop flu-like symptoms (with or without a rash) after a tick bite, you should see a physician right away.

#### To protect yourself and your family

- · Wear light-colored clothing so that ticks can easily be seen.
- Tuck pant legs into socks to keep ticks off of your skin.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and keep shirt tails tucked in.
- · Use insect repellent according to package instructions.
- Inspect exposed skin every few hours for ticks.
- Do a thorough, full-body tick check when you come in and remove any attached ticks.
- Frequently check your pets for ticks. In addition to bringing ticks into your home, pets can contract tick-borne diseases.

#### To remove an attached tick

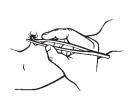
- Use tweezers to grasp the tick's mouthparts as close to the skin as possible.
- If tweezers are not available use a tissue to protect your fingers.
- With a steady motion, pull the tick straight out.
- After removal, you can mail the live tick to the Texas Department of Health Laboratory (address below) for identification and testing. Please use a container

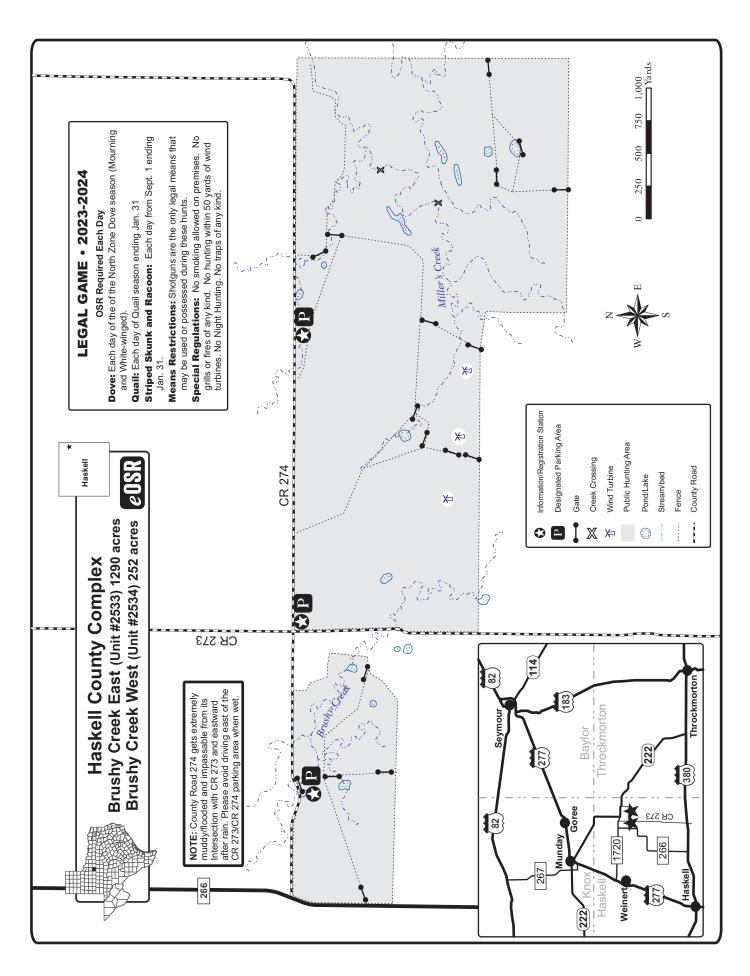
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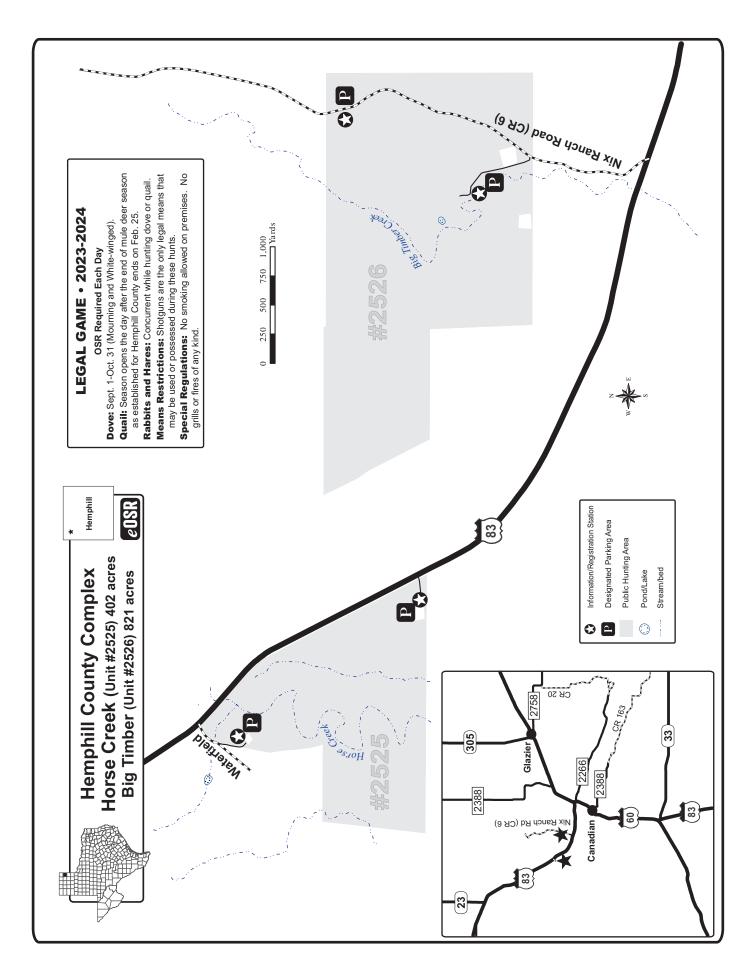


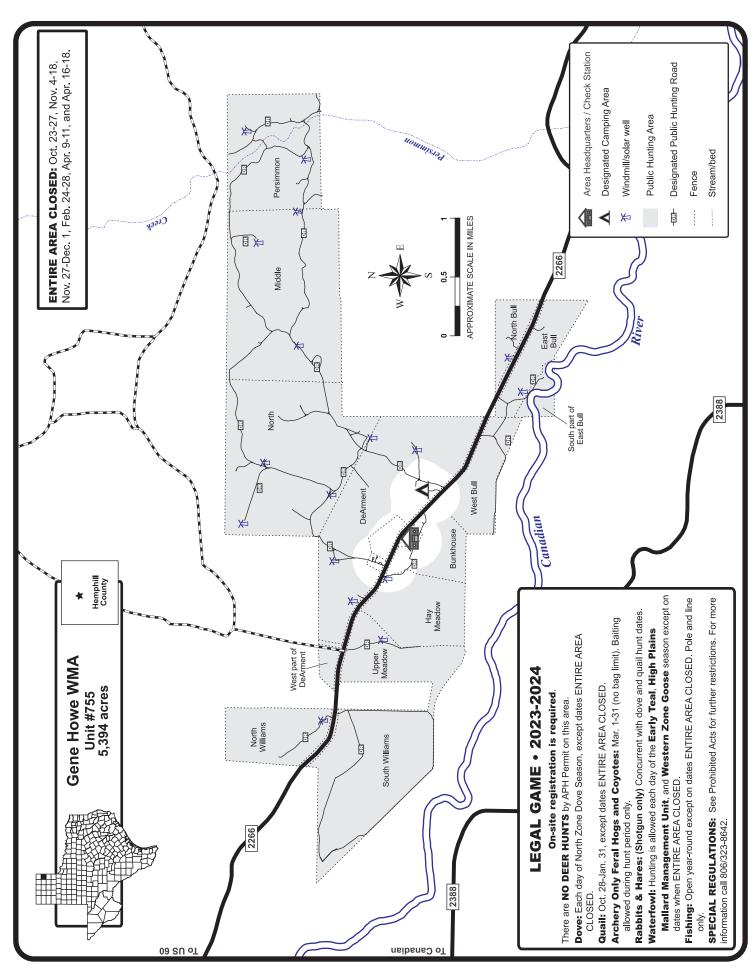
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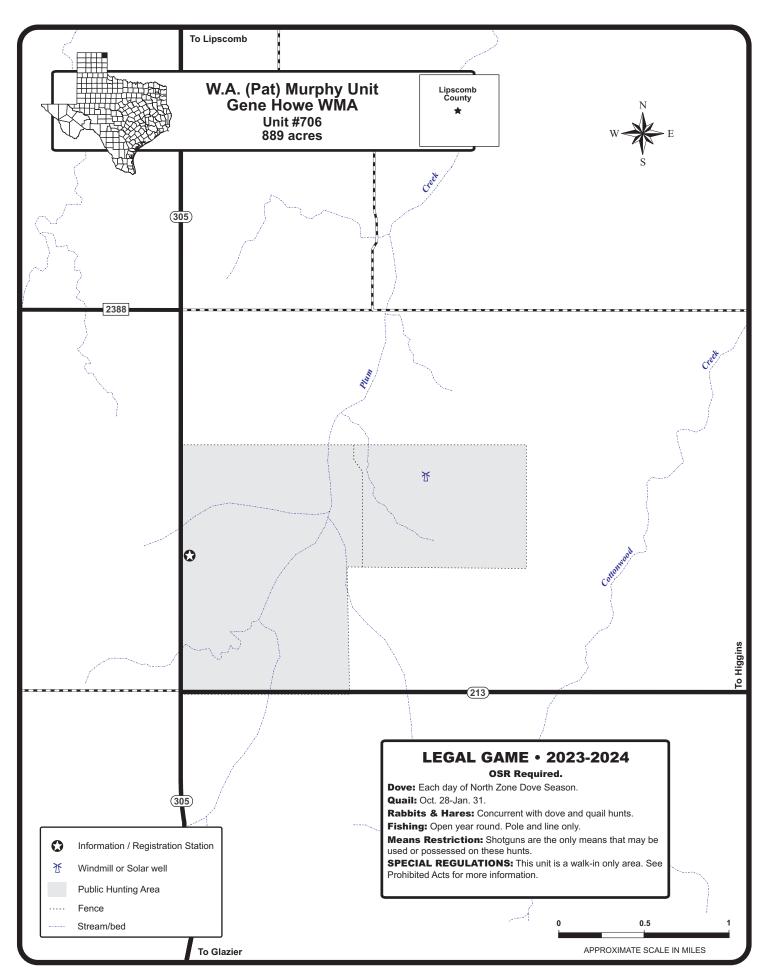
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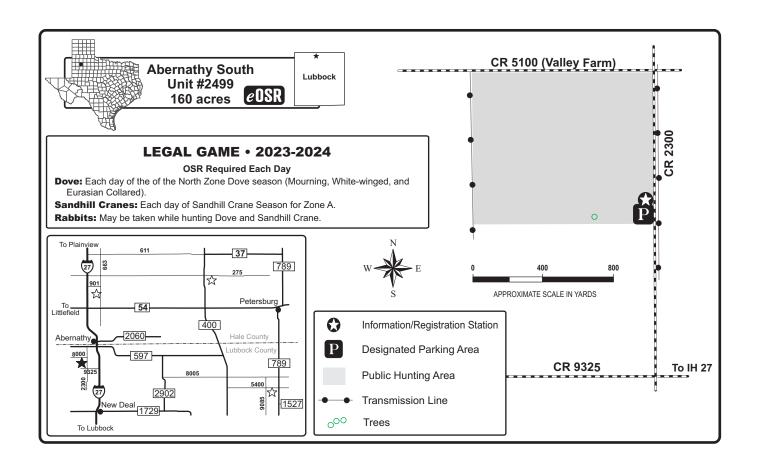


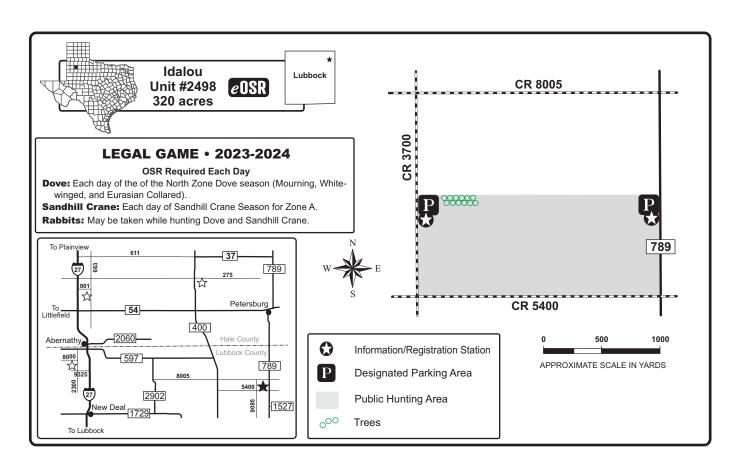


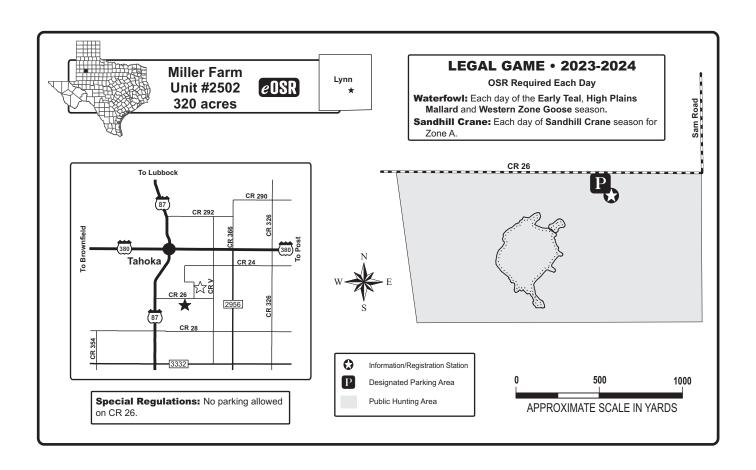


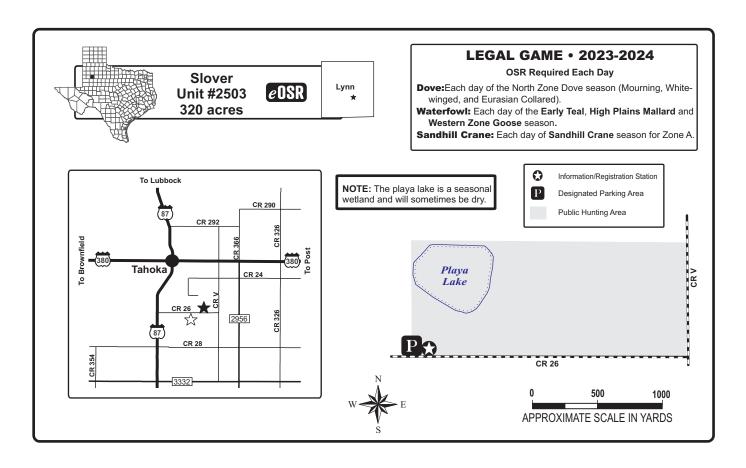


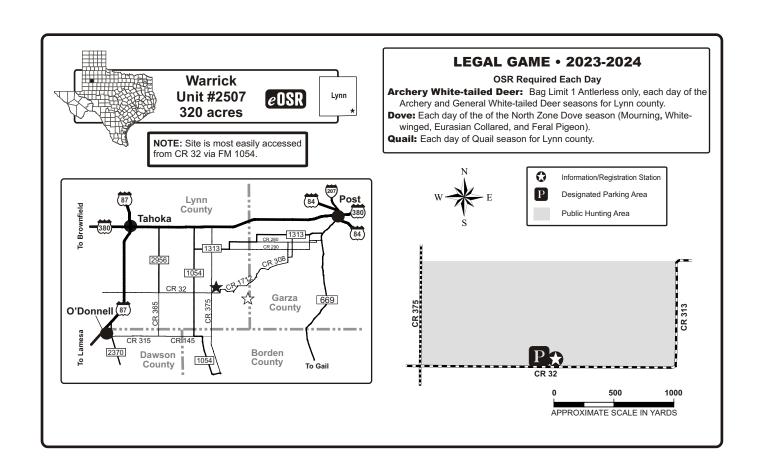


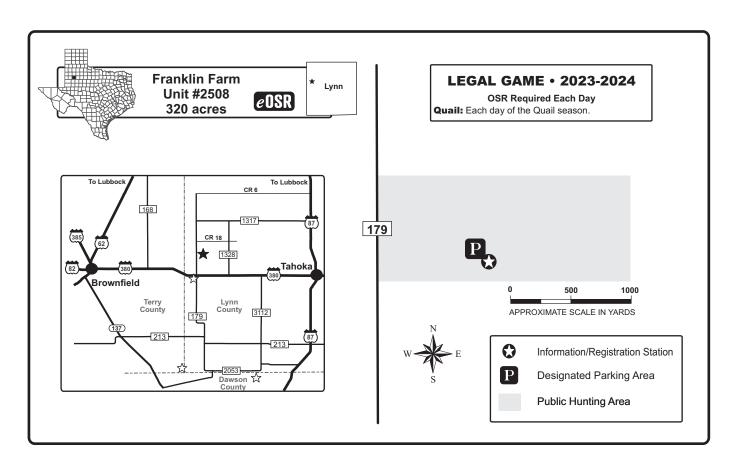


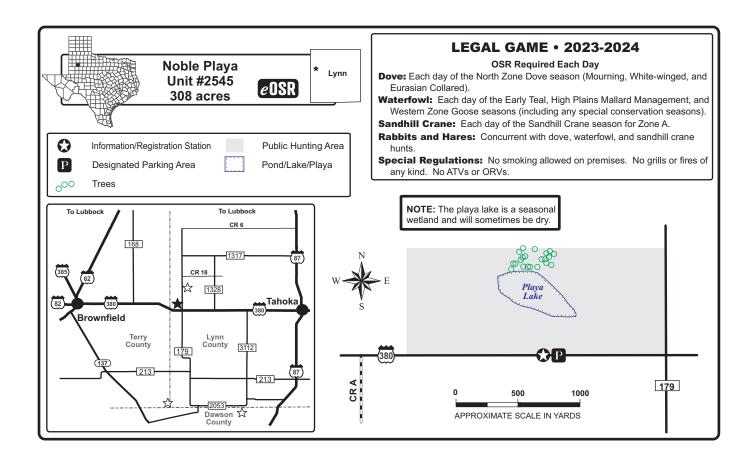


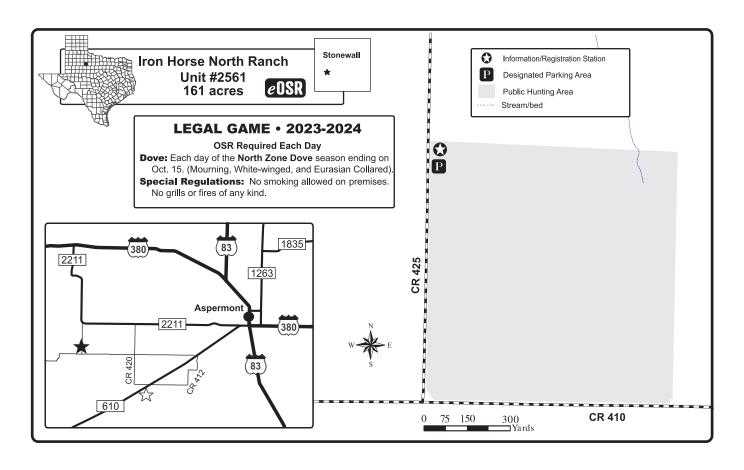


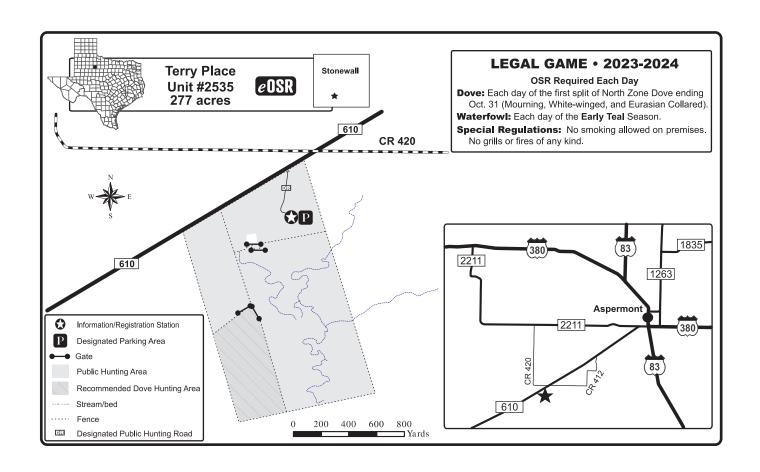


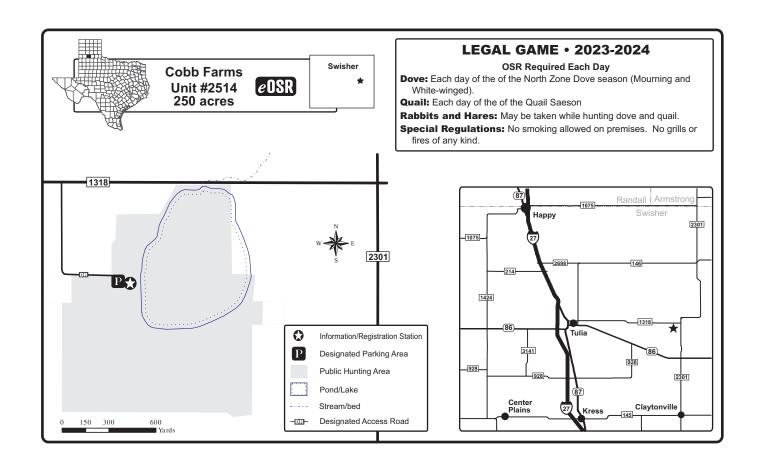


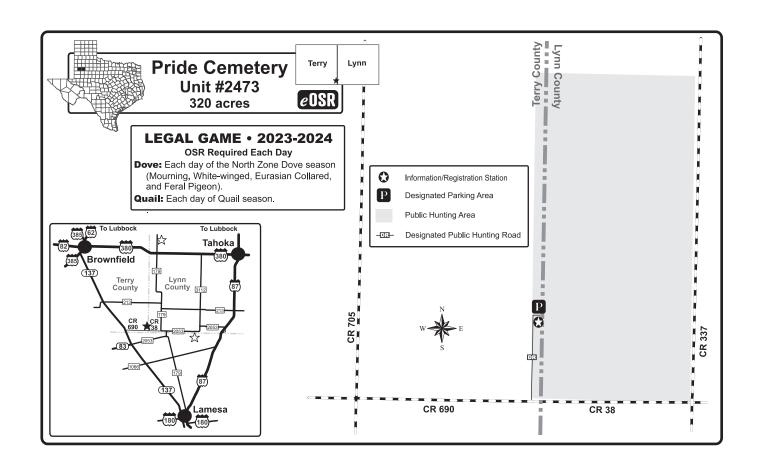














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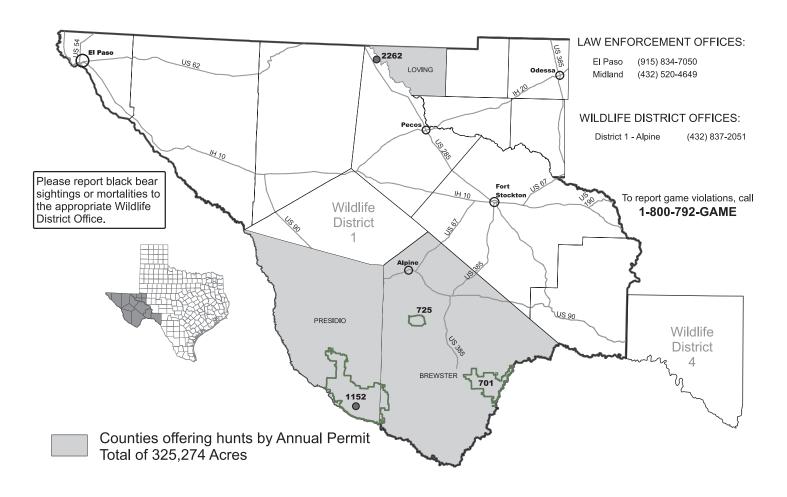


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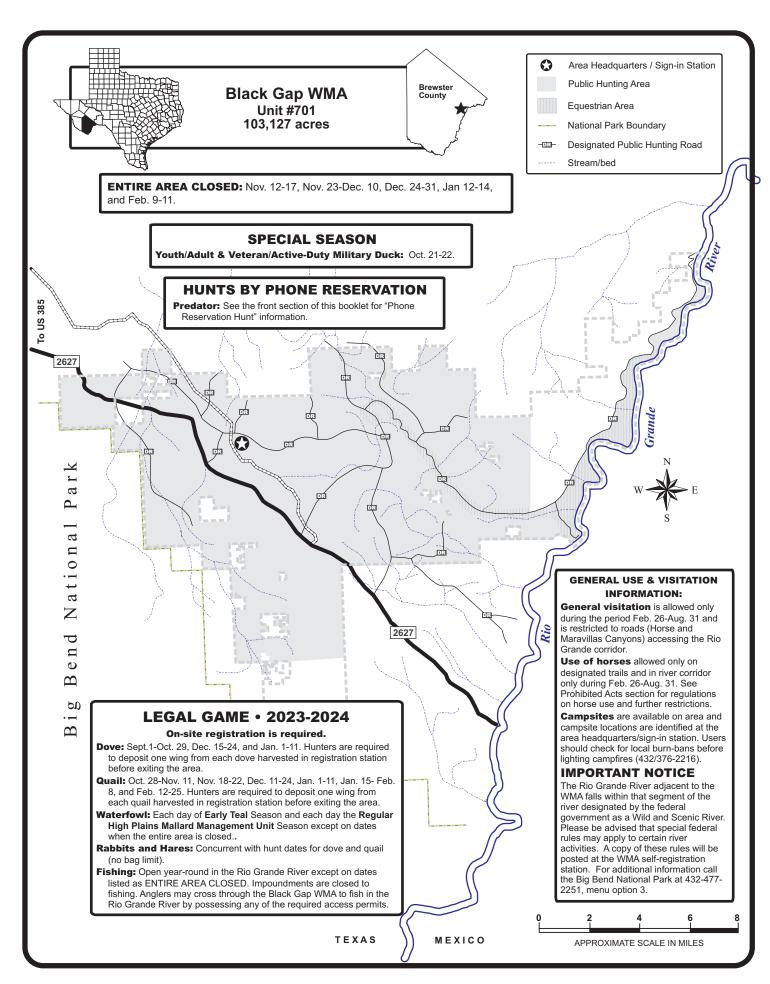
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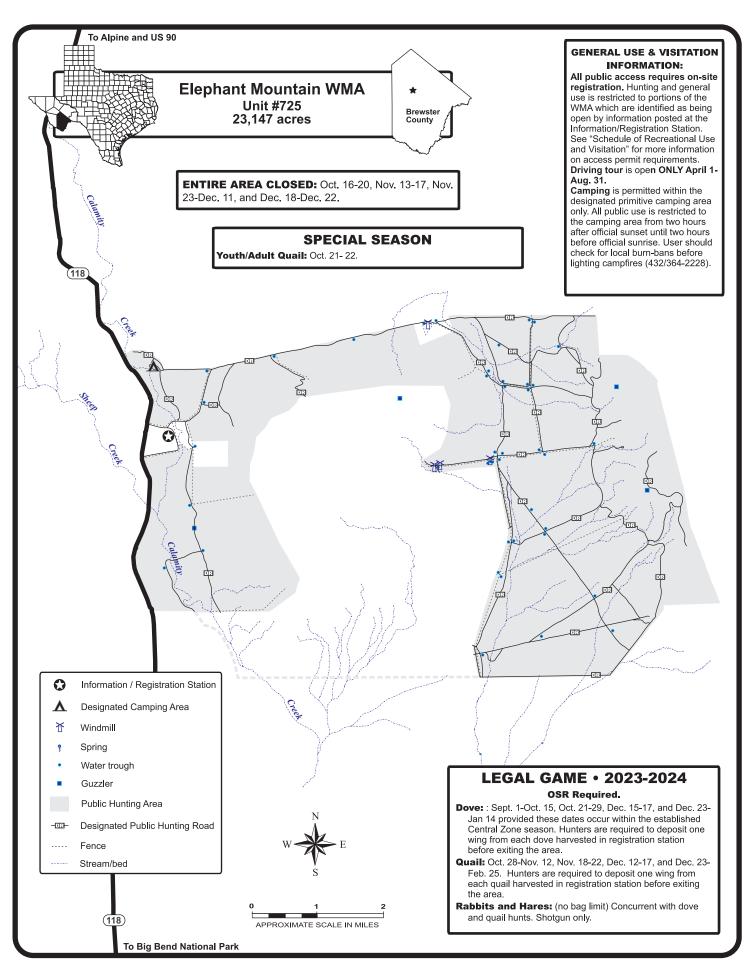
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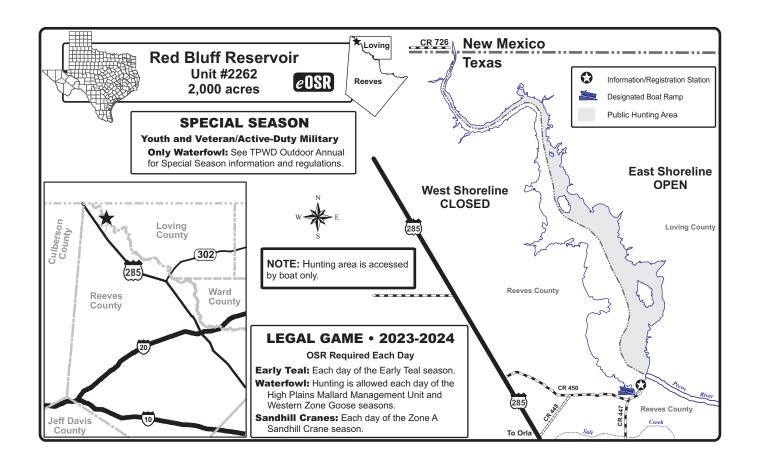
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26	Brewster	725	Elephant Mountain WMA	1			1		1		1			
27	Loving	2262	Red Bluff Reservoir		1	1		1				1		1
			E-Postcard Hunts											
	Presidio	1152	Big Bend Ranch SP				1							
			Phone Reservation Hunts											
	Brewster	701	Black Gap WMA										1	
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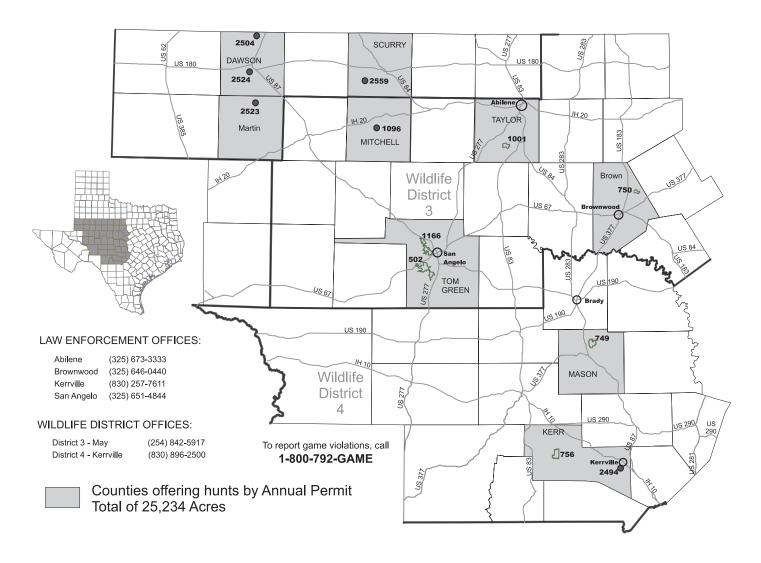
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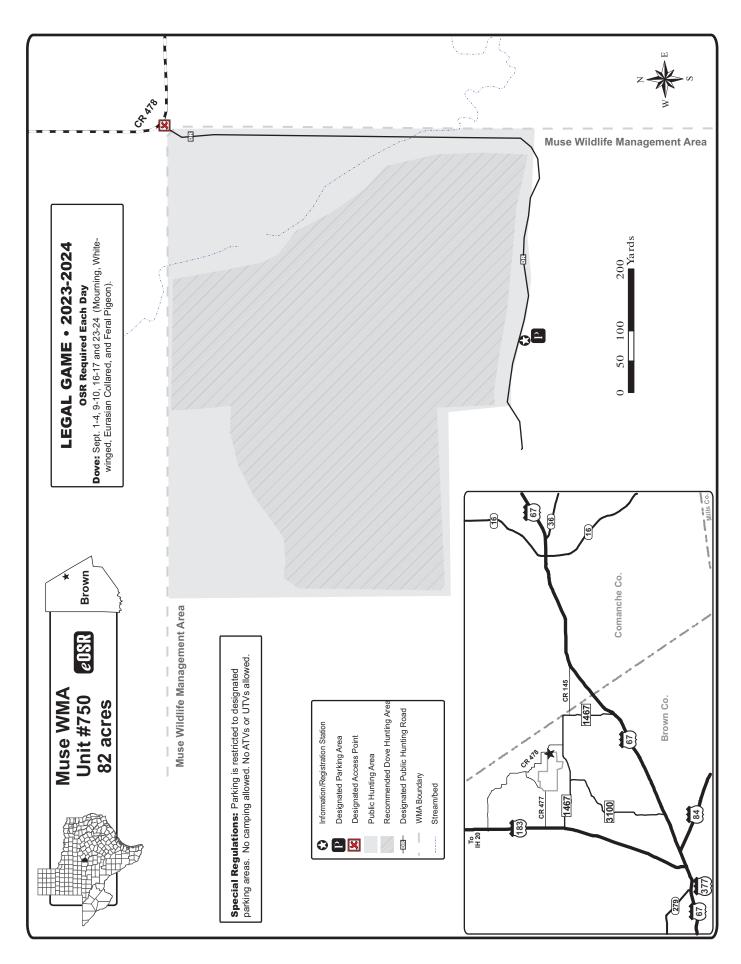
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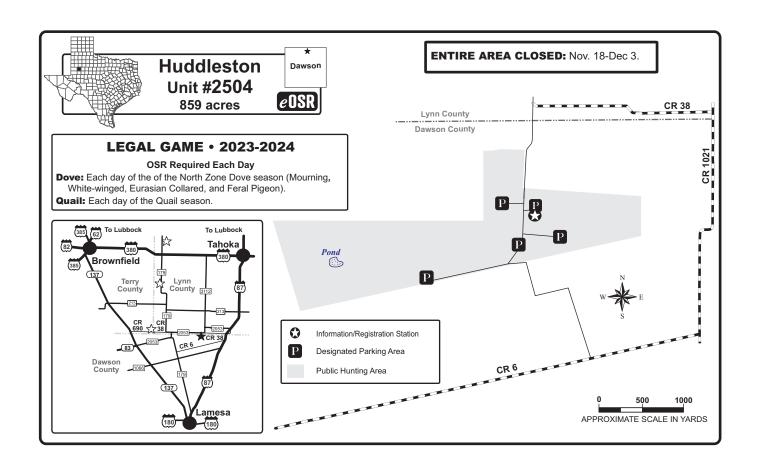
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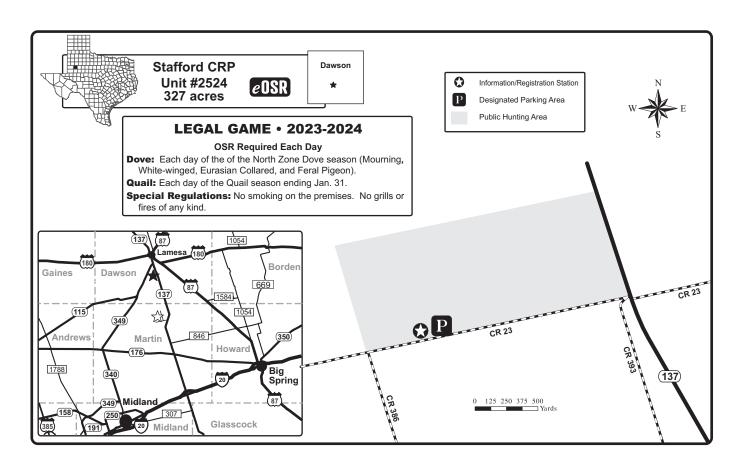
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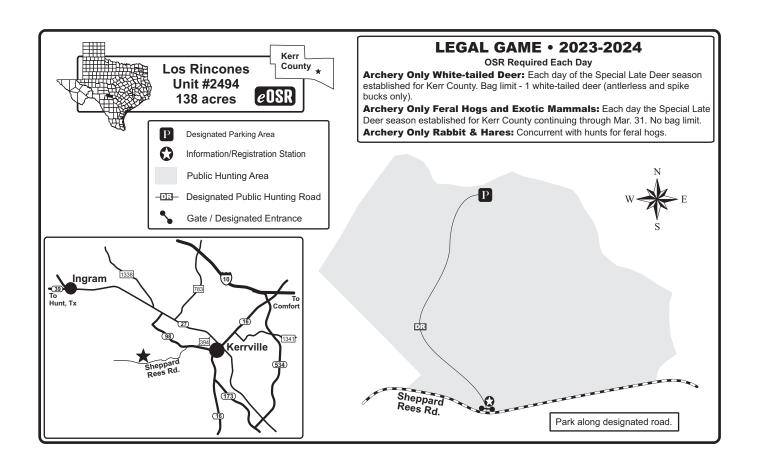


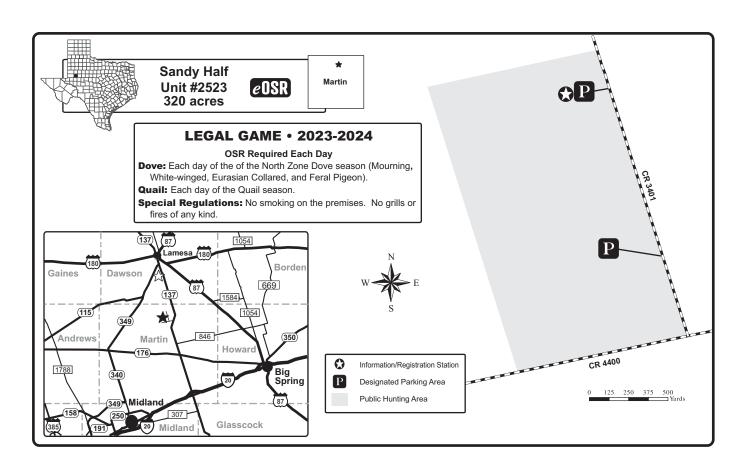
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30	Dawson	2504	Huddleston							1			1									
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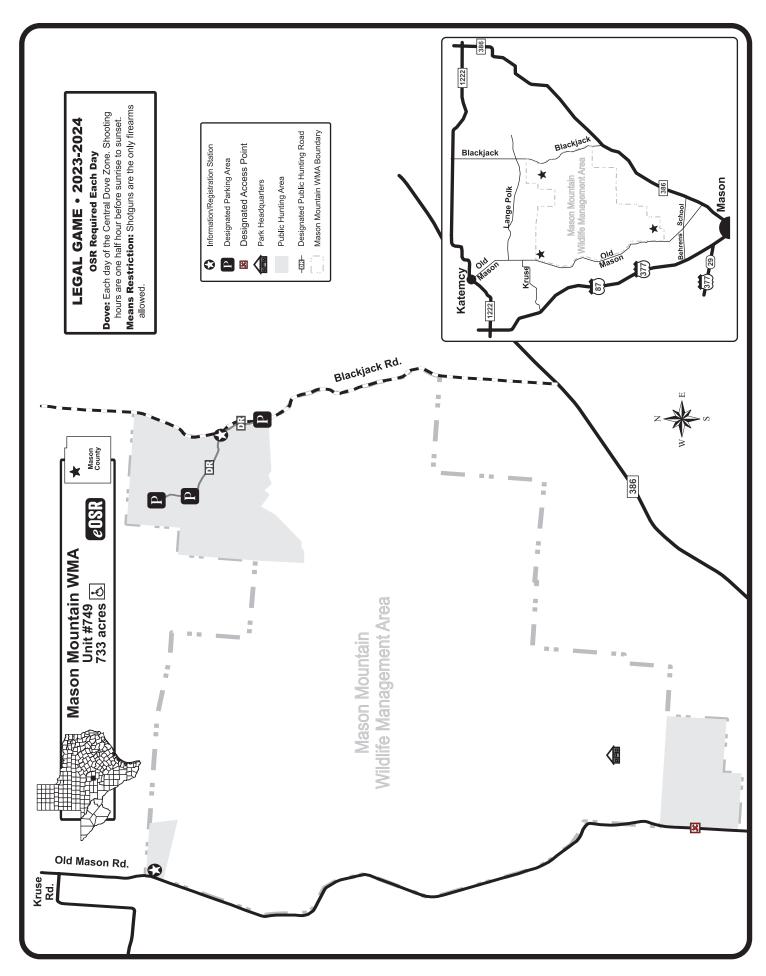


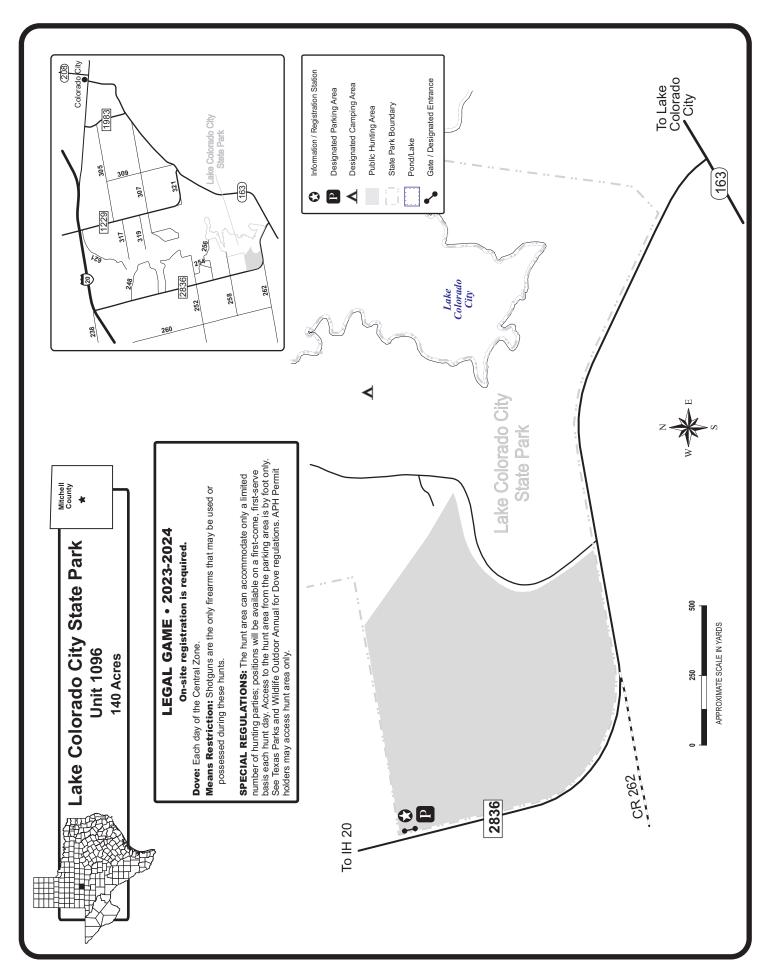


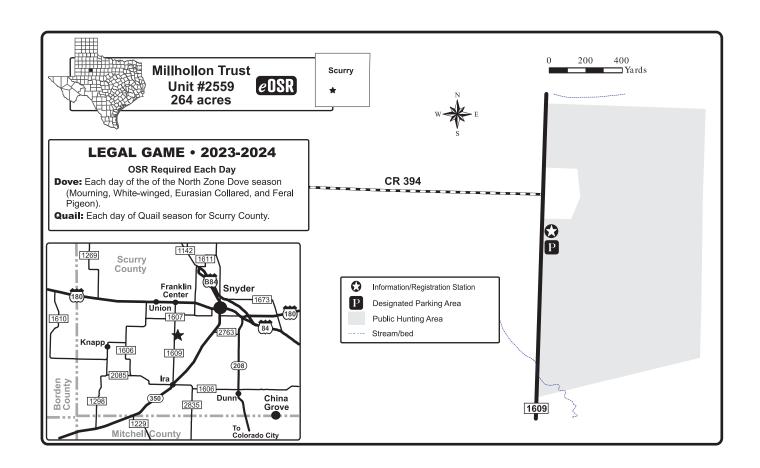














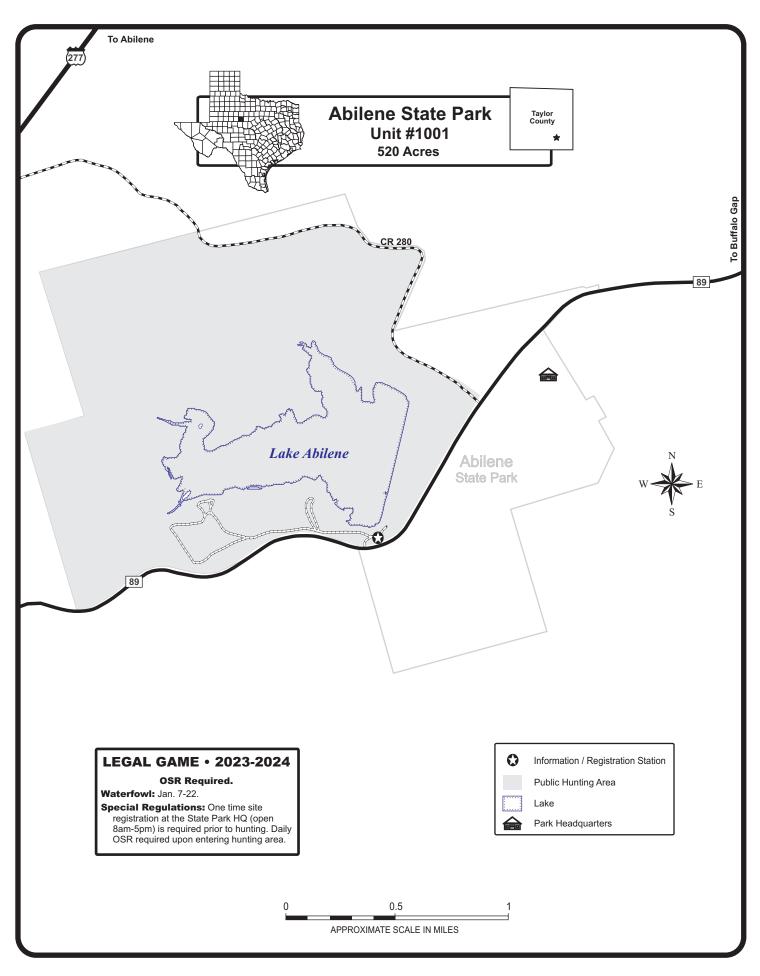
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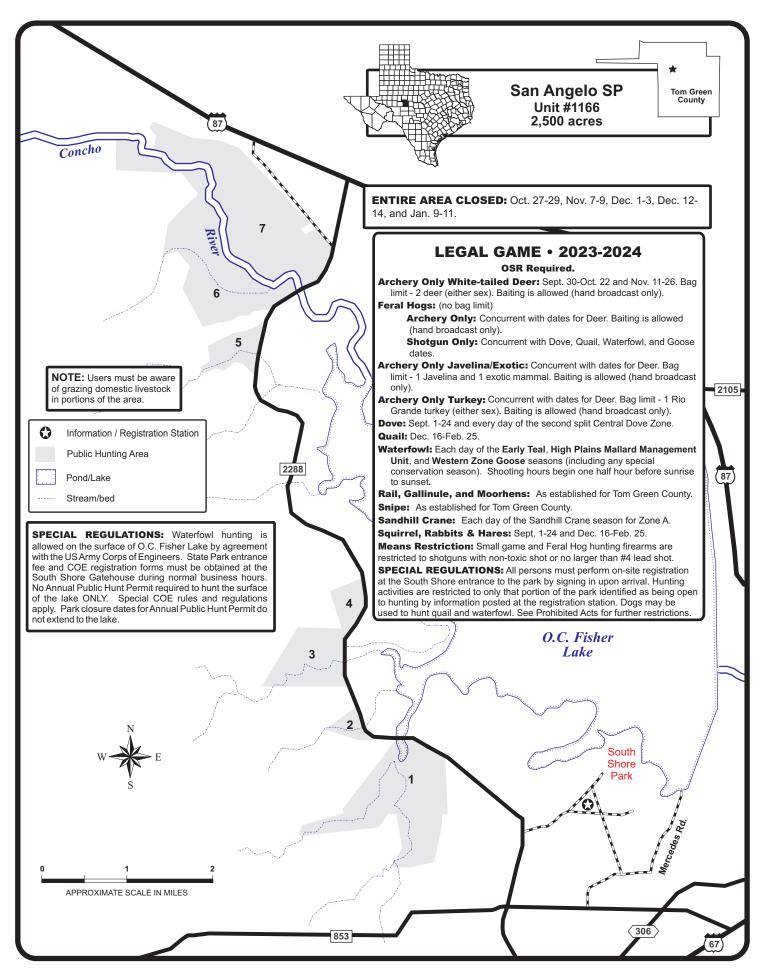


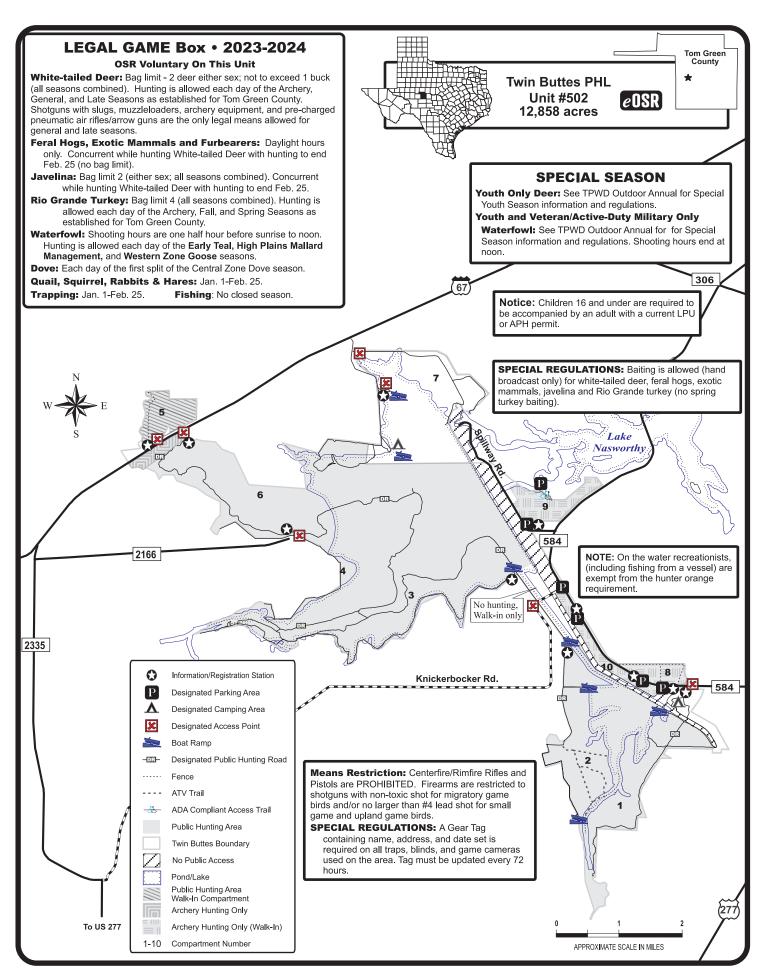
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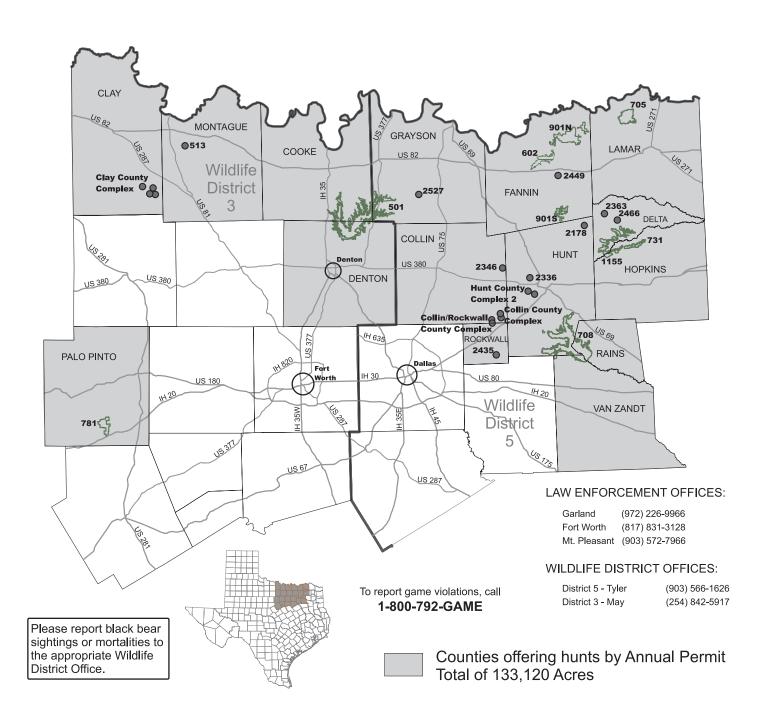




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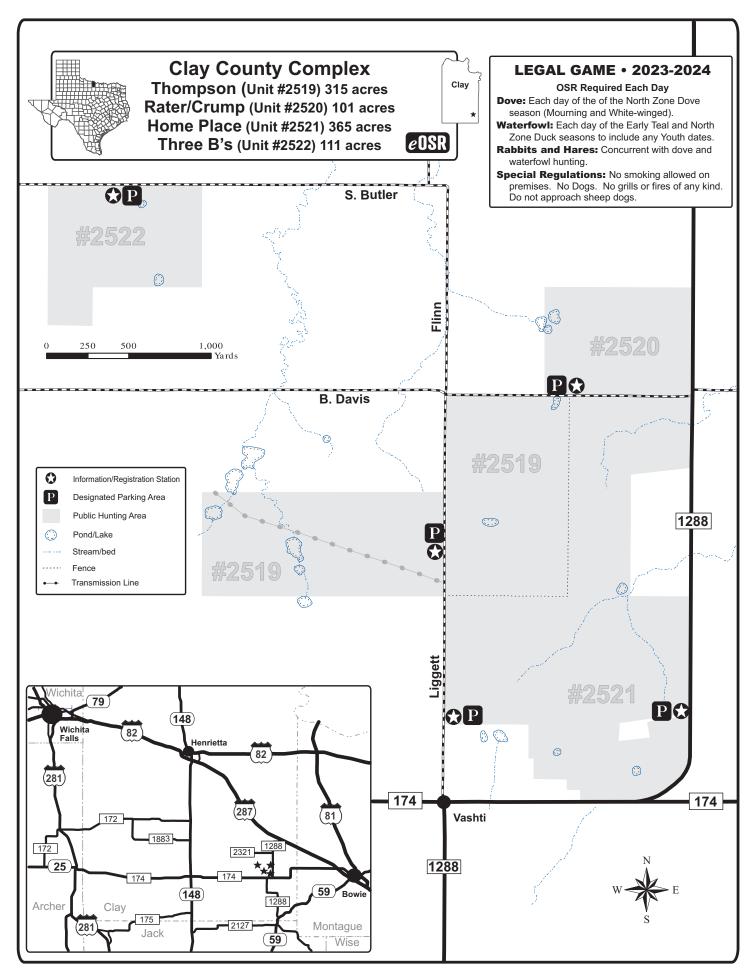
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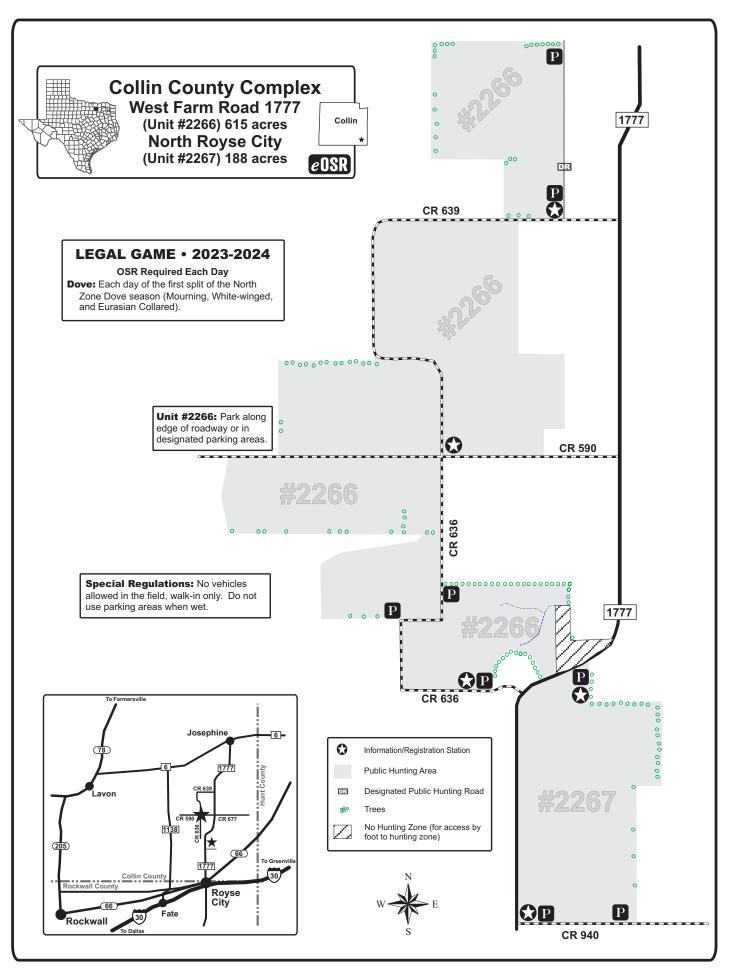
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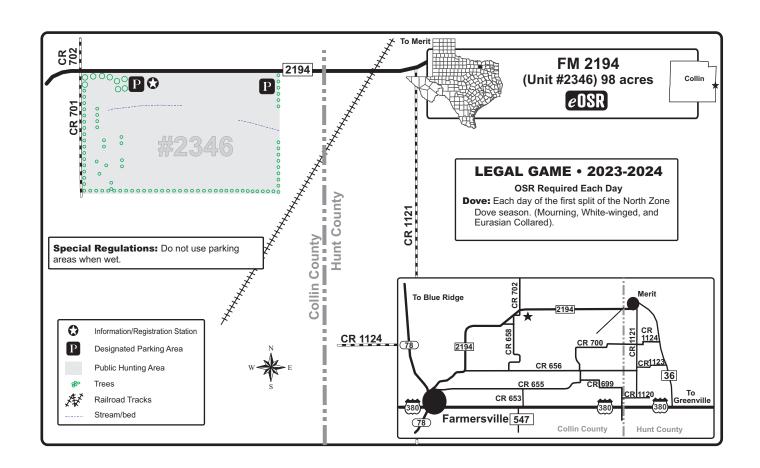


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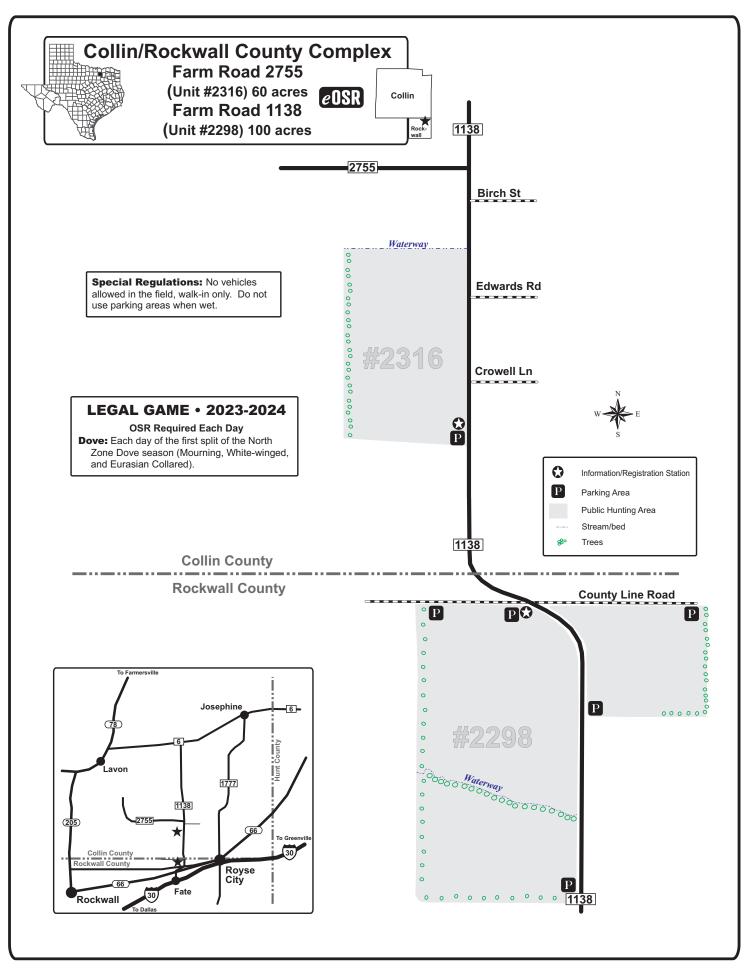
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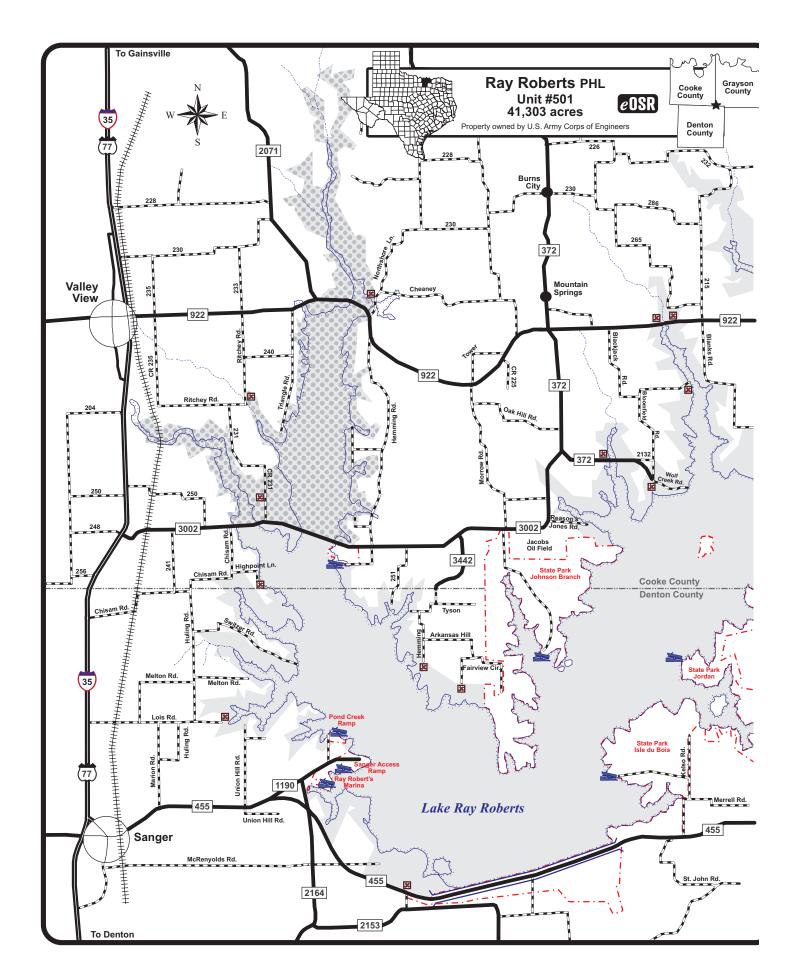


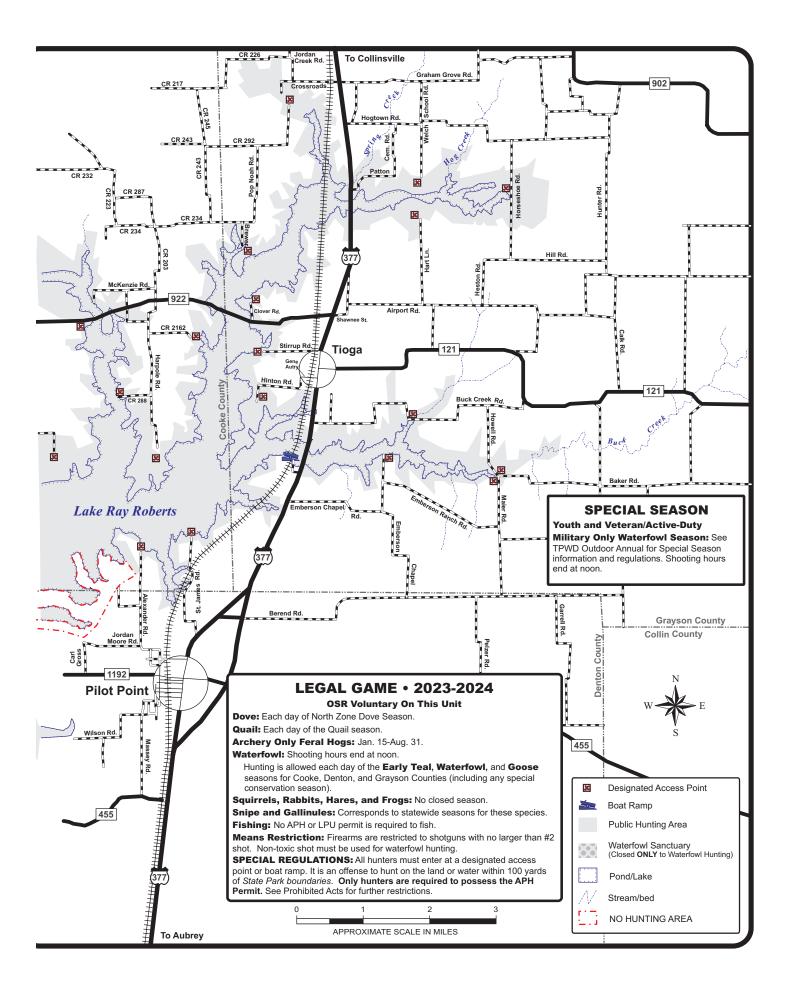
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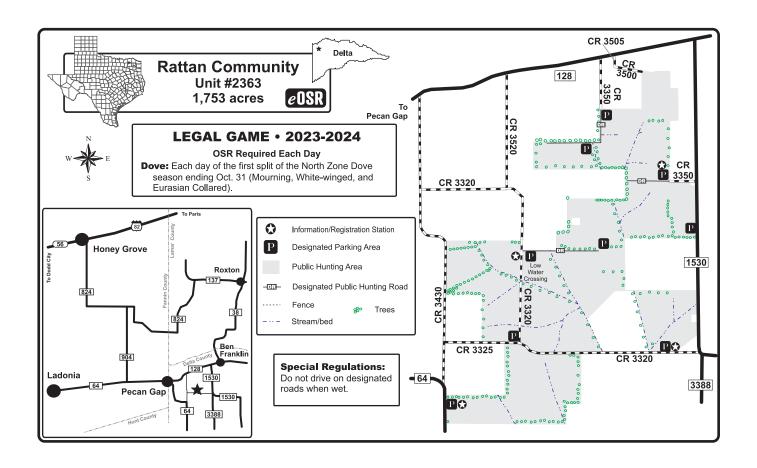


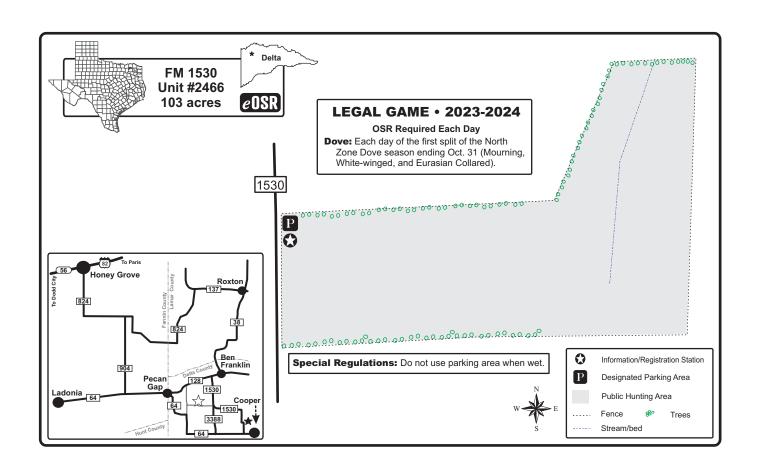
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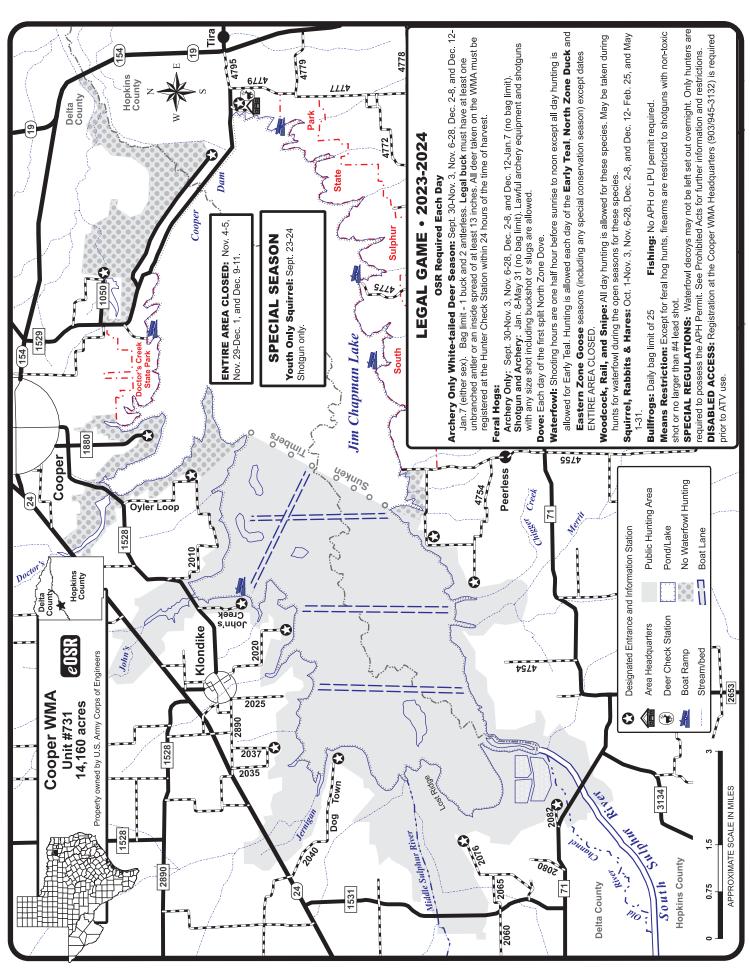


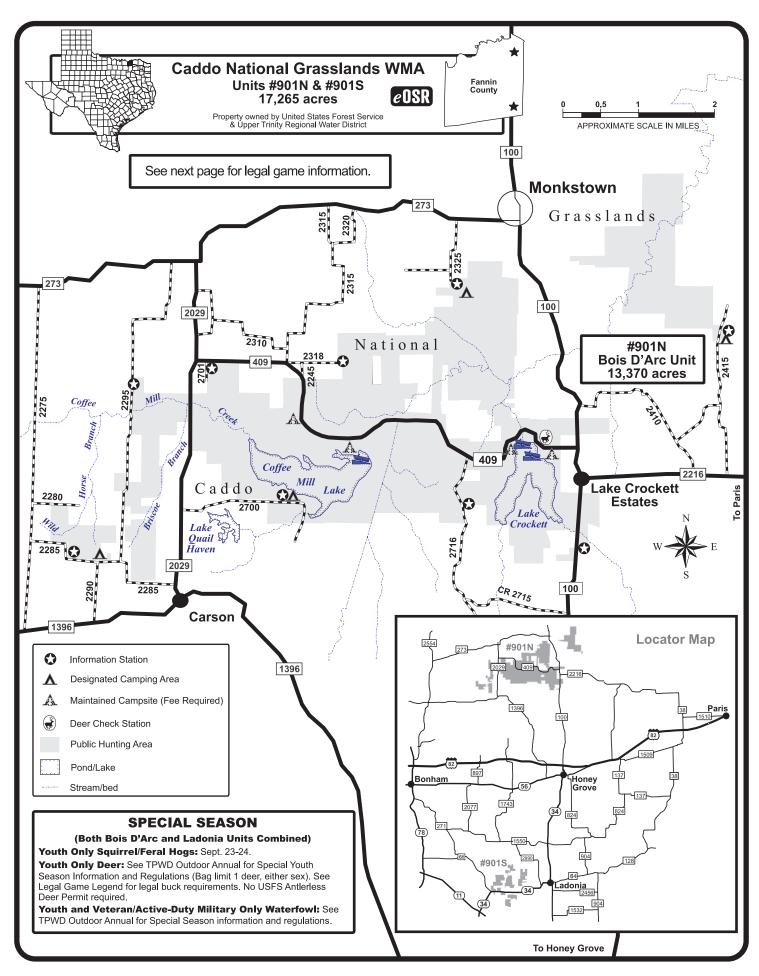


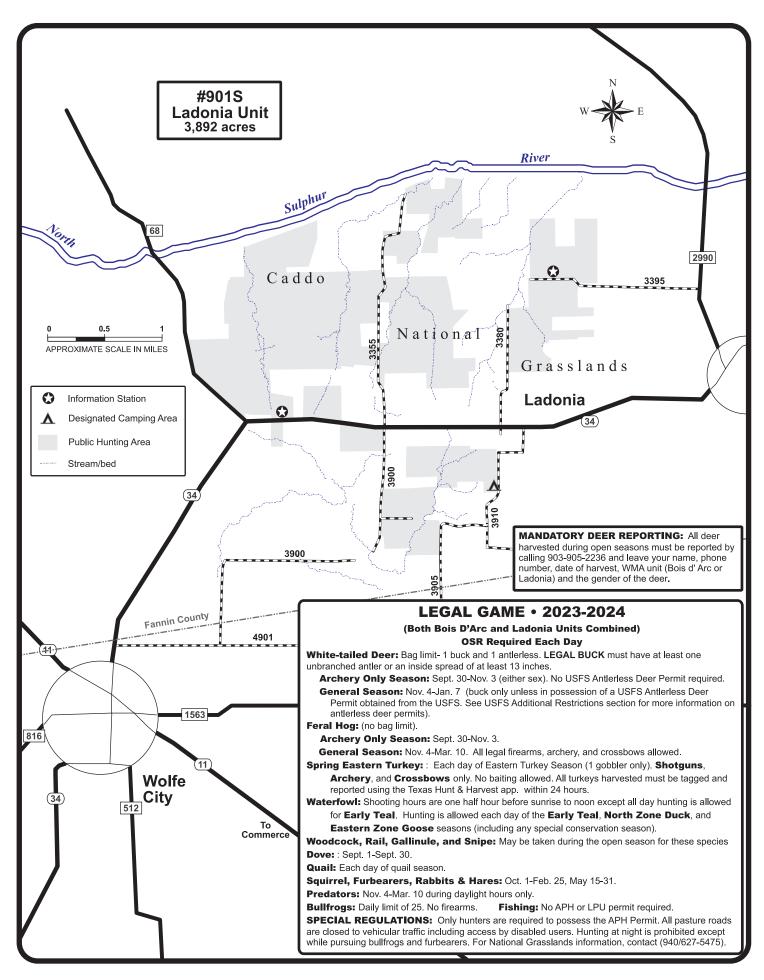


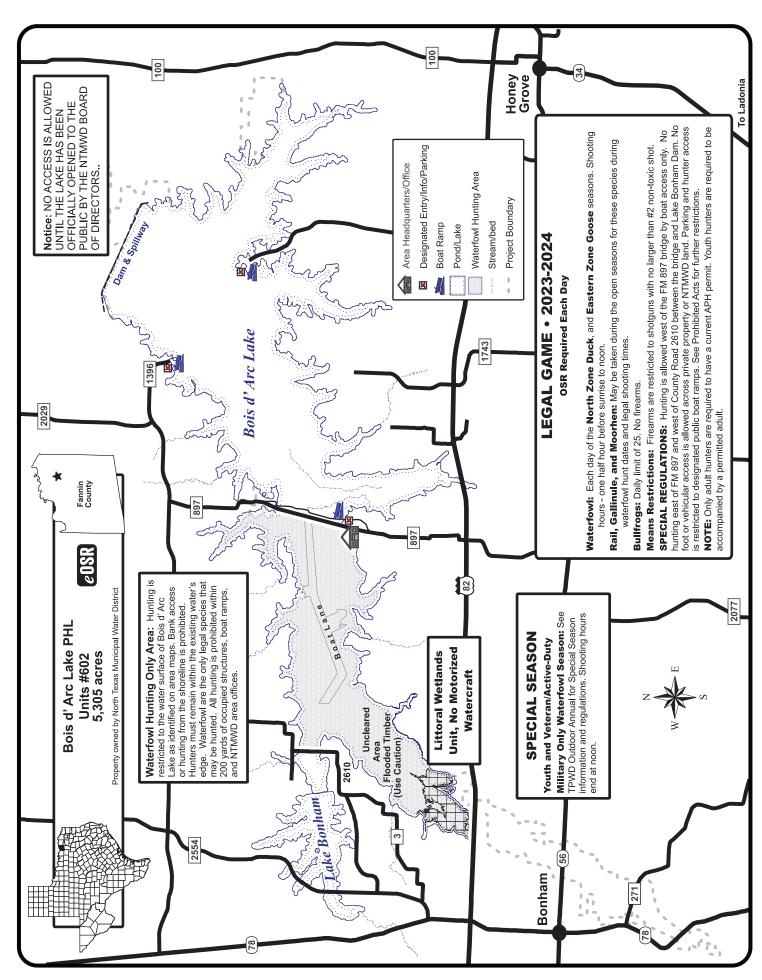


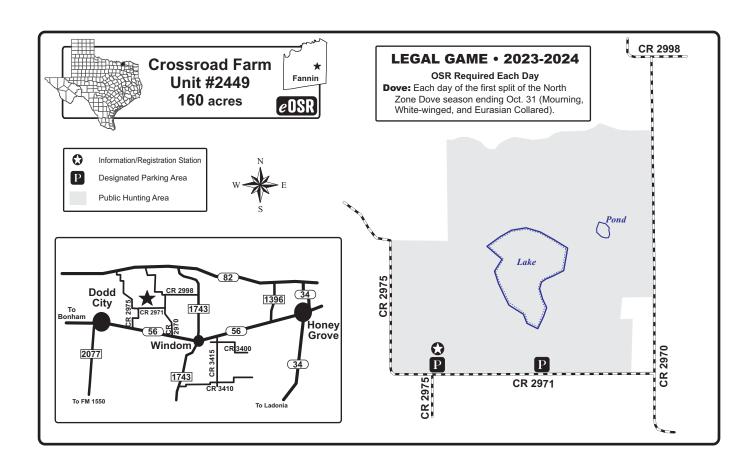


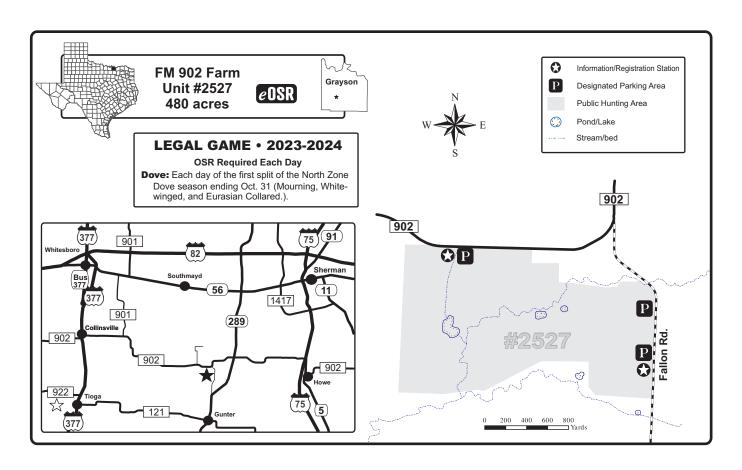


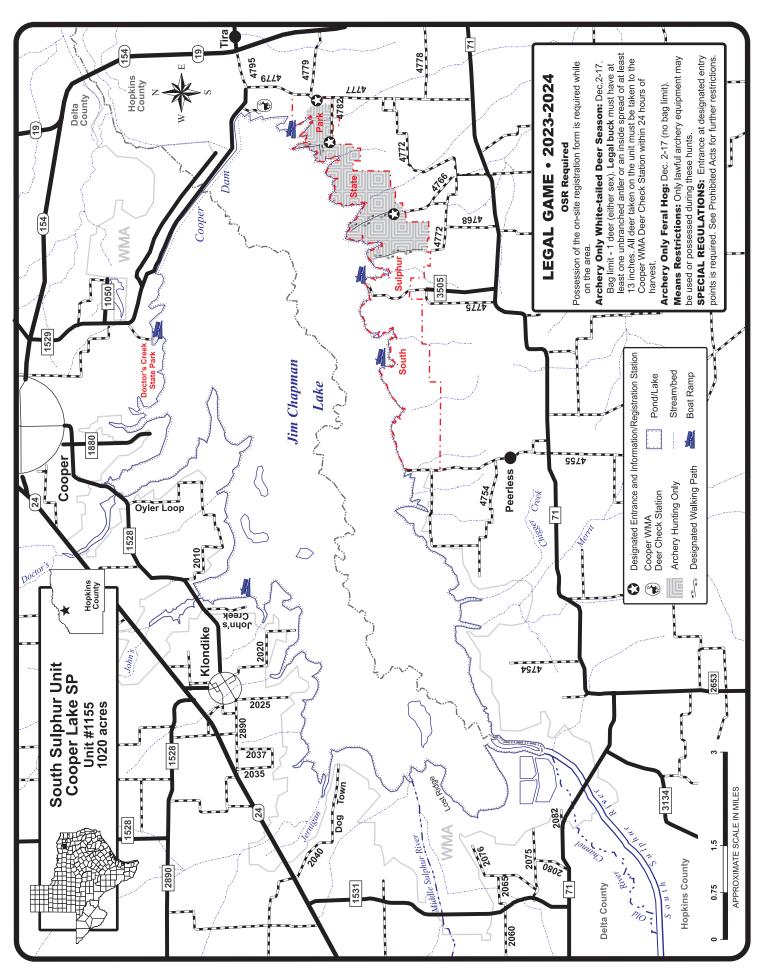


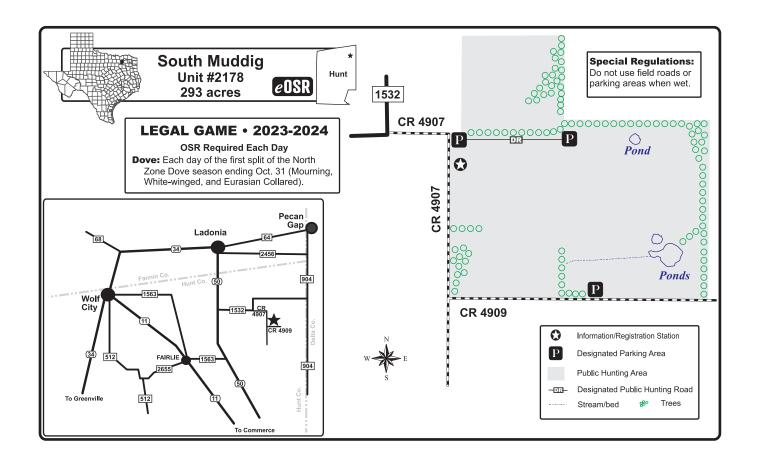


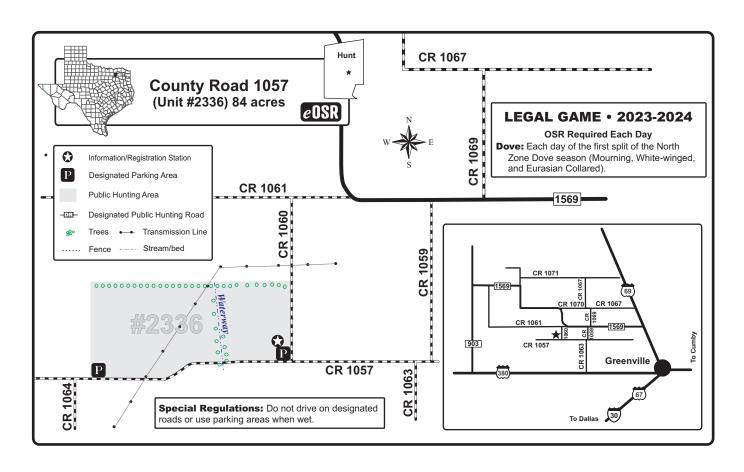


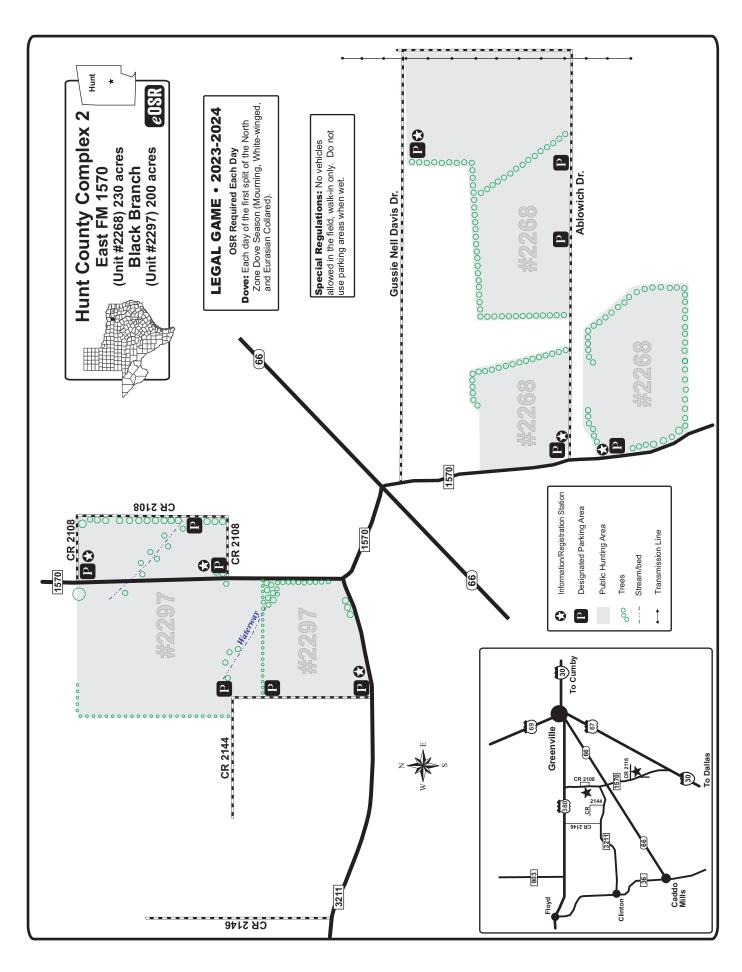


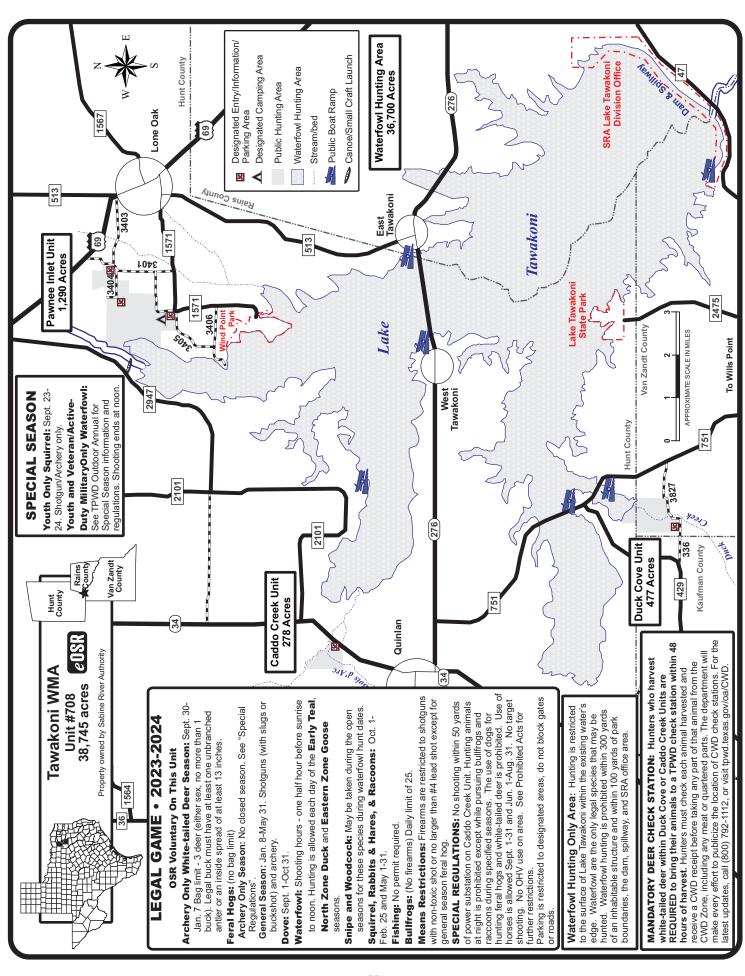


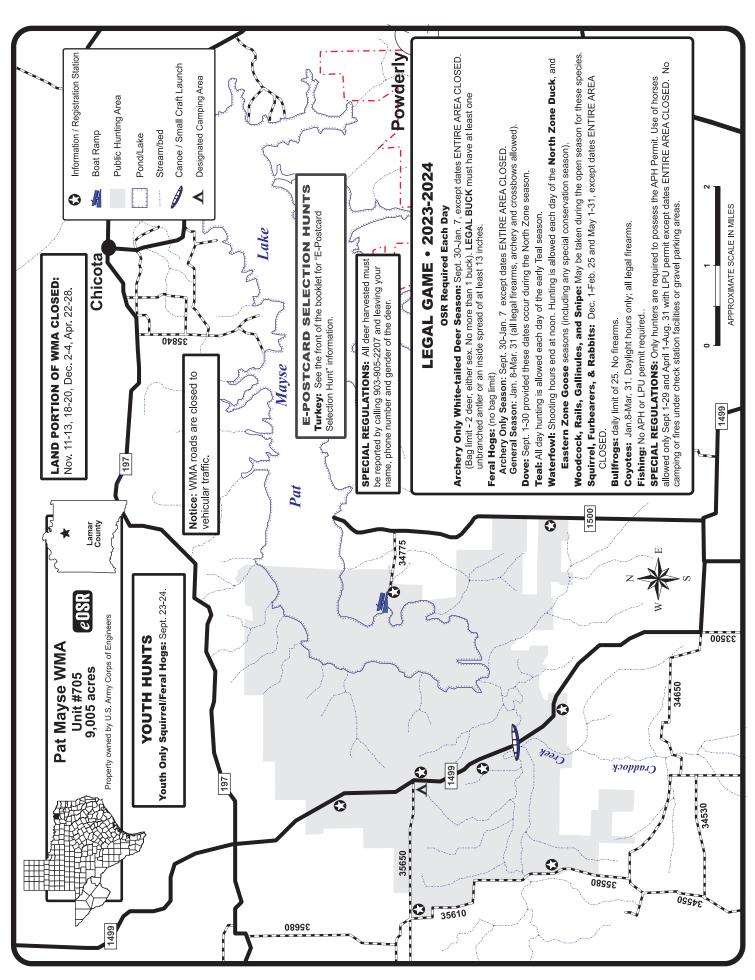














# Hagerman NWR – Nocona Unit Unit #513 822 acres

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County



#### **LEGAL GAME • 2023-2024**

#### **OSR Required Each Day**

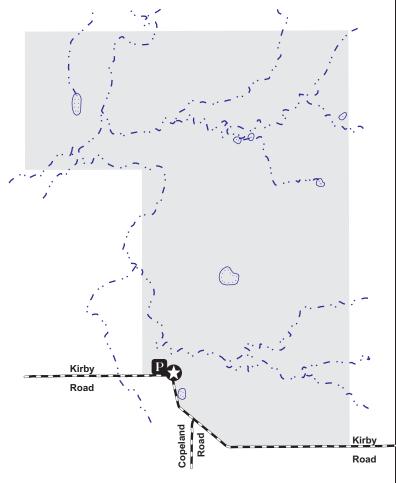
**Dove:** The month of September and each day of the second split of North Zone Dove Season (Mourning, White-winged, Eurasian Collared, and Feral Pigeon). Non-toxic shot no larger than #4 required.

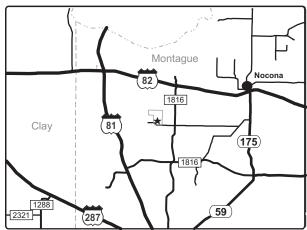
Archery Only White-tailed Deer Season: Each day of the Archery, Early Youth-Only, and General Season for Montague County. Bag limit 1 deer (Buck or Antlerless) all seasons combined.

Feral Hog, Squirrel, Rabbit and Hares: The month of September and from the day after the close of General Deer Season for Montague County until the last day of February. All legal means may be used. Non-toxic shot, slugs, pellets and bullets are required while hunting with firearms.

Shotgun and Archery Only Spring Turkey: Each day of Spring Turkey and Spring Youth-Only Seasons for Montague County. Bag limit 1 Turkey (gobbler or bearded hens) all seasons combined. Non-toxic shot no larger than #4 required.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS: Parking is available on refuge property or along Kirby Road adjacent to the Nocona Unit. Entry into the unit is by foot or bicycle only. Dogs may only be used to retrieve dove, rabbit, and squirrel and are prohibited for any other hunting purpose. Stands and blinds must be removed from the refuge at the end of each hunt day; gear tags required. Falconry is prohibited. No camping and no fires allowed. No target shooting.No predator or night hunting allowed.

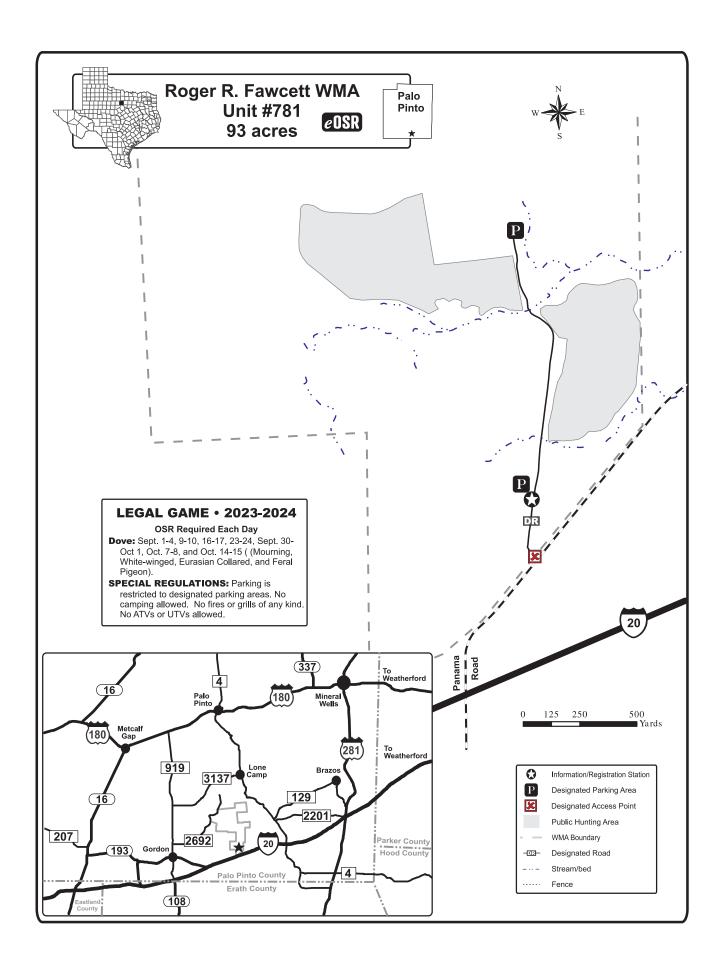


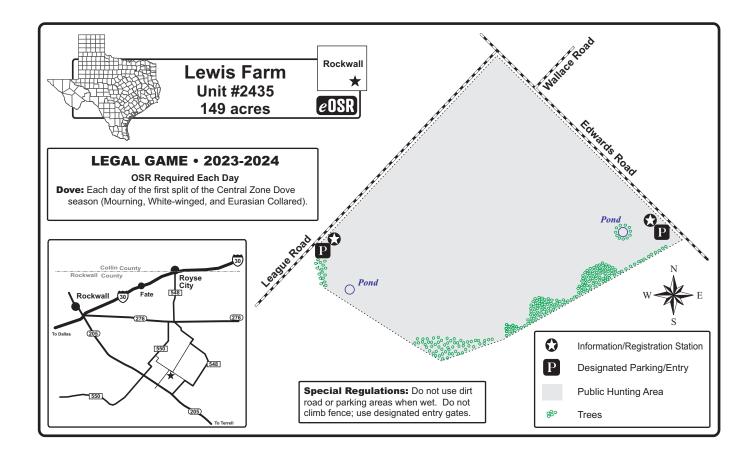




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#### **TICK-BORNE DISEASES IN TEXAS**

Each year Texans contract Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, ehrlichiosis and relapsing fever. All of these diseases are transmitted by the bite of an infected tick. If caught early, these diseases can almost always be cured. If left untreated, they can be serious or even fatal.

Early symptoms of these diseases mimic the "flu," and include fever, headache, tiredness, stiff neck or neck pain, muscle aches, and joint pain. Sometimes a rash is also present. If you develop flu-like symptoms (with or without a rash) after a tick bite, you should see a physician right away.

#### To protect yourself and your family

- Wear light-colored clothing so that ticks can easily be seen.
- Tuck pant legs into socks to keep ticks off of your skin.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and keep shirt tails tucked in.
- Use insect repellent according to package instructions.
- Inspect exposed skin every few hours for ticks.
- Do a thorough, full-body tick check when you come in and remove any attached ticks.
- Frequently check your pets for ticks. In addition to bringing ticks into your home, pets can contract tick-borne diseases.

#### To remove an attached tick

- · Use tweezers to grasp the tick's mouthparts as close to the skin as possible.
- If tweezers are not available use a tissue to protect your fingers.
- With a steady motion, pull the tick straight out.
- After removal, you can mail the live tick to the Texas Department of Health Laboratory (address below) for identification and testing. Please use a container
  - with a secure lid. Putting a small piece of tissue moistened with a single drop of water in the container will help keep the tick alive.

#### **For More Information**

For more information on tick-borne diseases in Texas, contact your local health department or the Texas Department of Health, 1100 West 49th St., Austin, TX 78756.

www.TickTexas.org





# TEXAS YOUTH HUNTING PROGRAM



If you have a child 9 to 17 years old who wants to learn more about wildlife and hunting, TYHP offers the opportunity to spend some quality time in the outdoors learning together and making memories.

#### Who we are:

The Texas Youth Hunting Program was established by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Texas Wildlife Association to increase the numbers of youth participating in wildlife and hunting activities.

#### What we do:

Since 1995, the TYHP has been conducting affordable weekend hunts for youth run by experienced volunteers. Our hunts teach outdoor skills, safety, wildlife management, personal responsibility and respect for private property.

#### Why it's important:

Kids who participate in our youth hunts have fun while learning about wildlife and nature. They learn about natural resource conservation and management and how to be safe in the outdoors from game wardens, biologists, landowners, experienced hunters, and hunter education instructors.

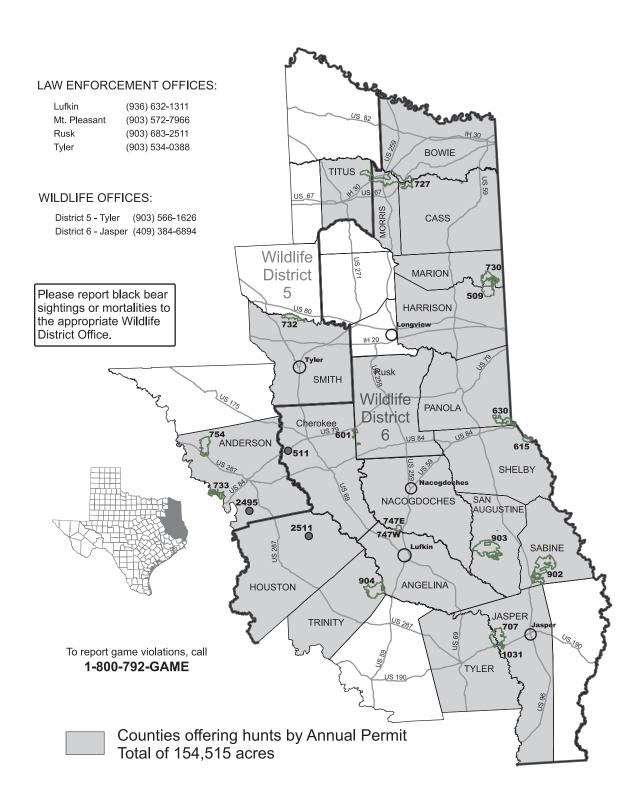
Come join us to learn and share some special time with your child.

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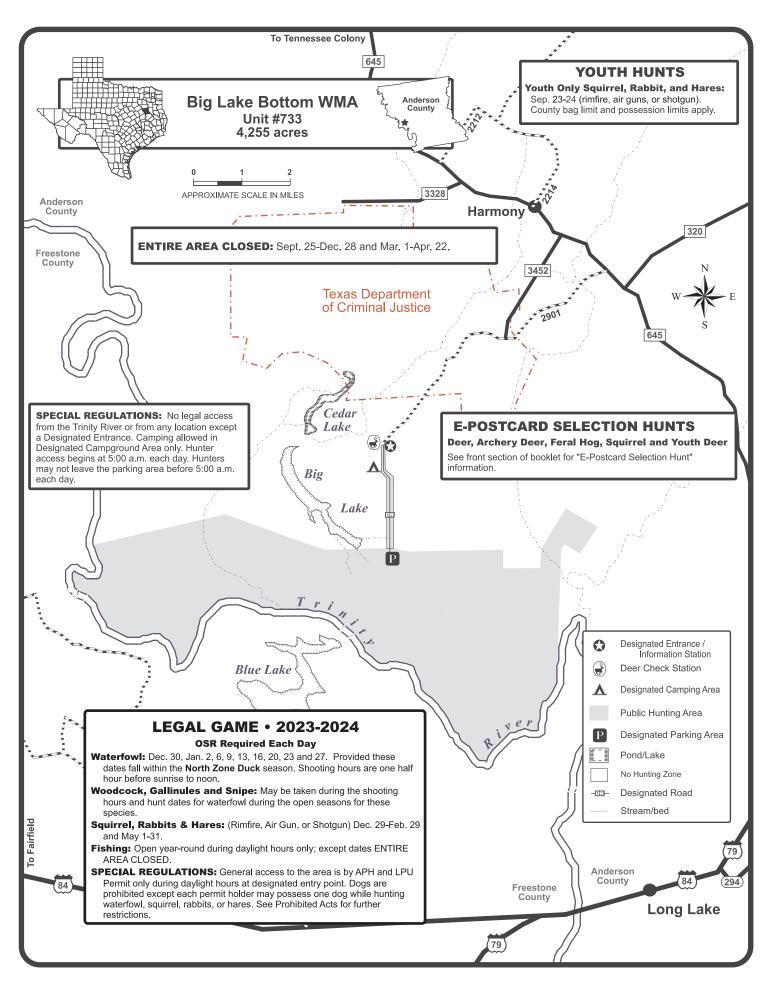
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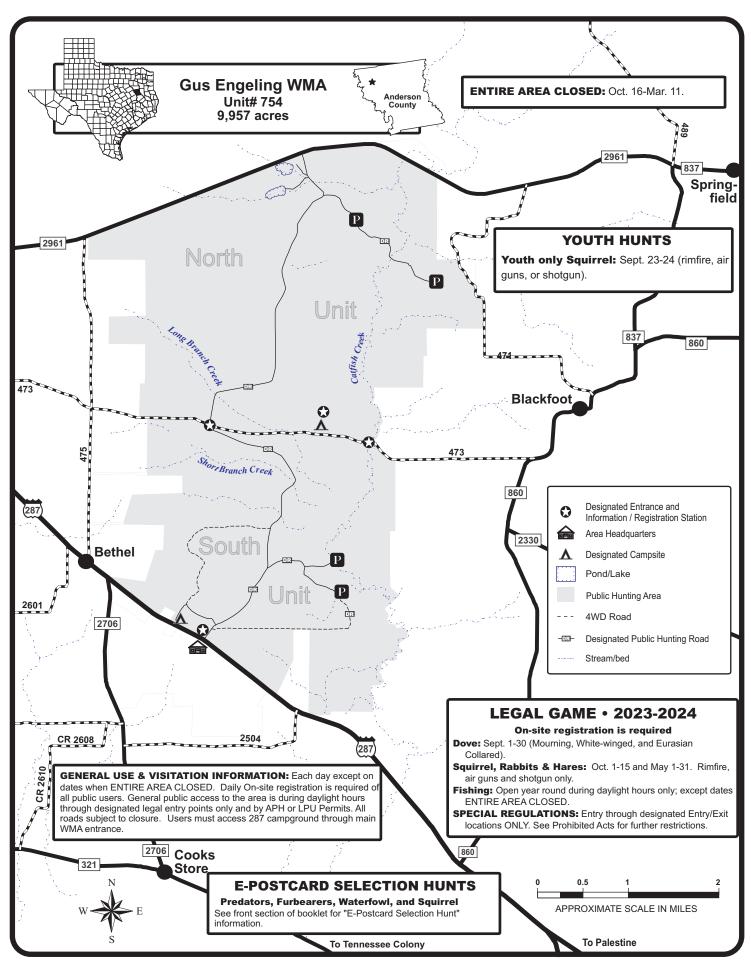
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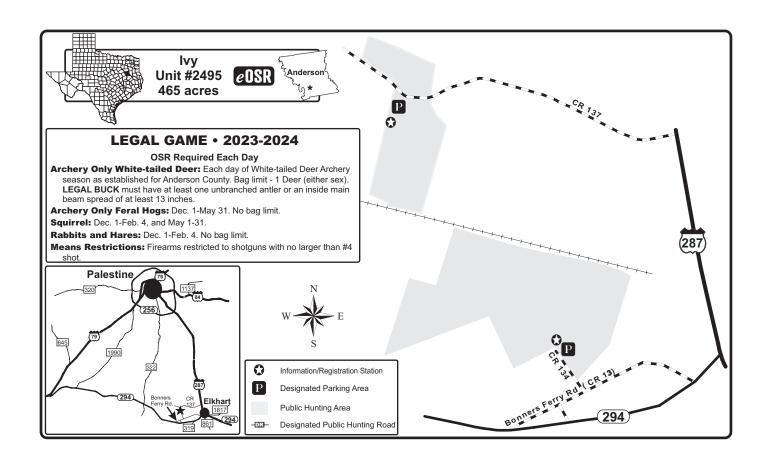


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# OPERATION OGT

Become a member of the Operation Game Thief program.

Call (512) 389-8801 for membership information or send your tax-deductible donation to:

Operation Game Thief Texas Parks and Wildlife Department 4200 Smith School Road Austin, TX 78744

#### Someone is stealing Texas' wildlife ...

#### Do you know who?

If you know a poacher or know of poaching activity, report these violations to Operation Game Thief by calling

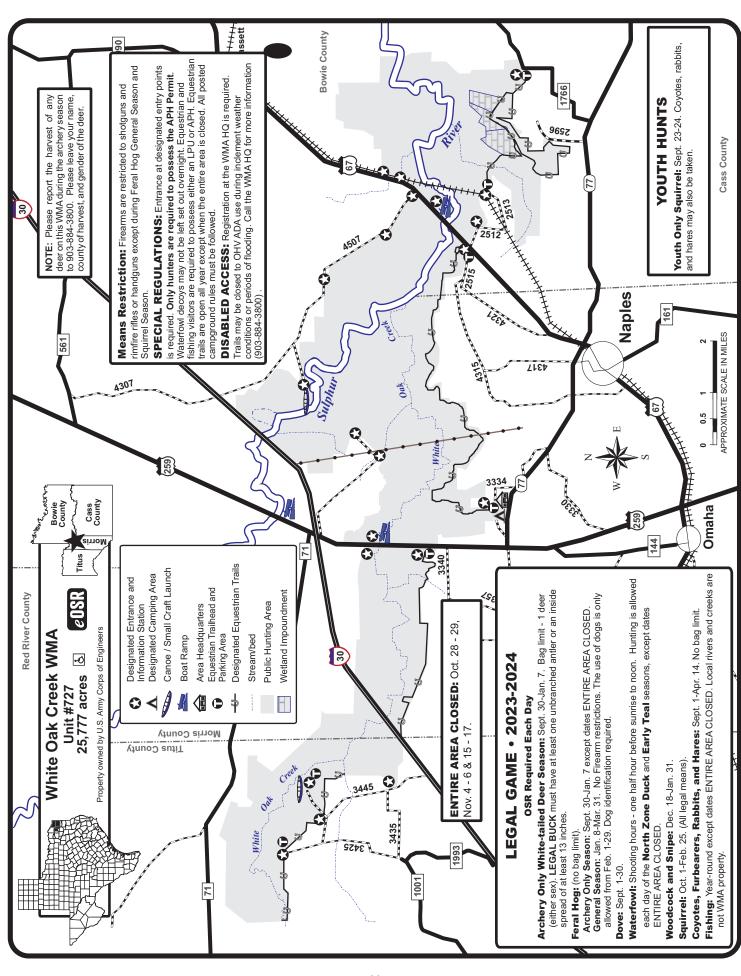
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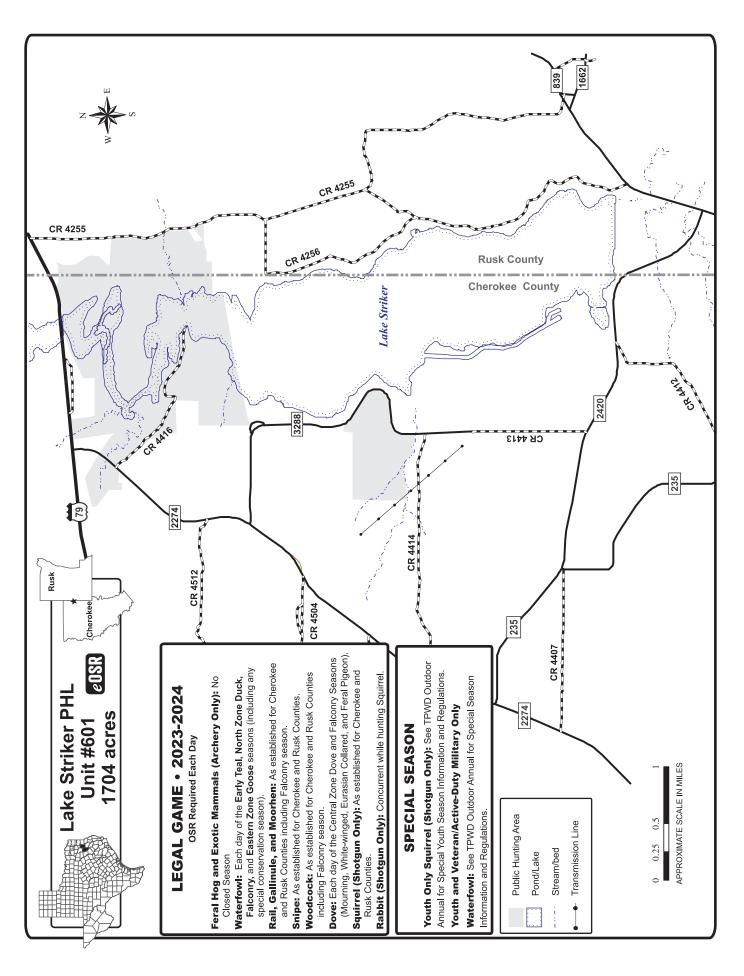
and help preserve our wildlife resources.

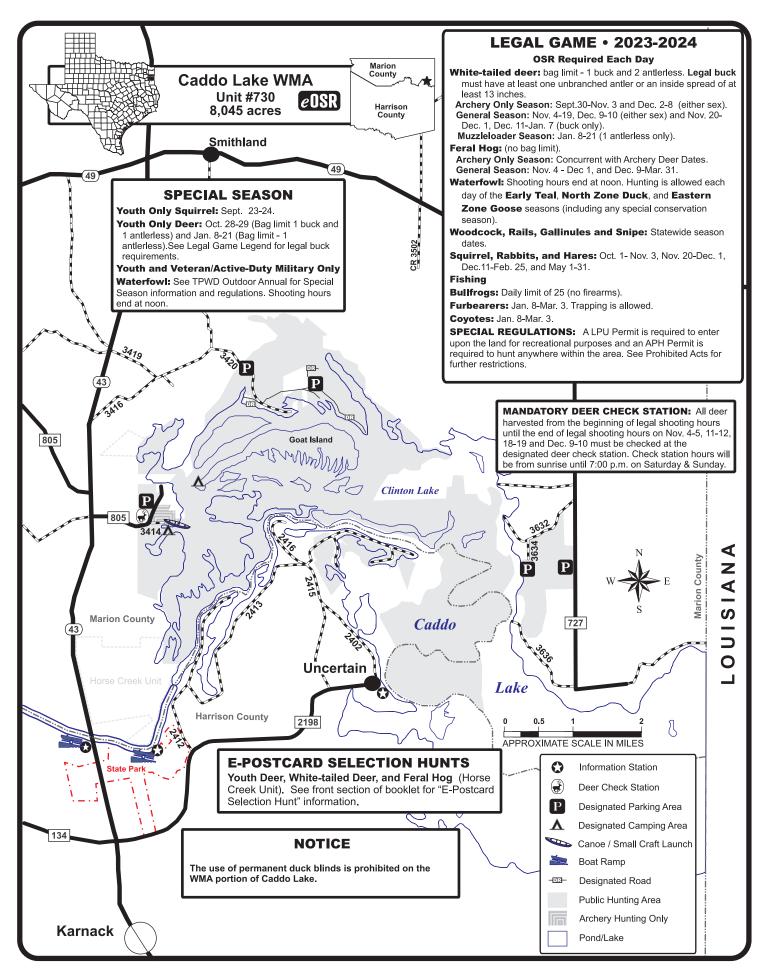
Information leading to the conviction of a poacher may result in a reward up to \$1,000.

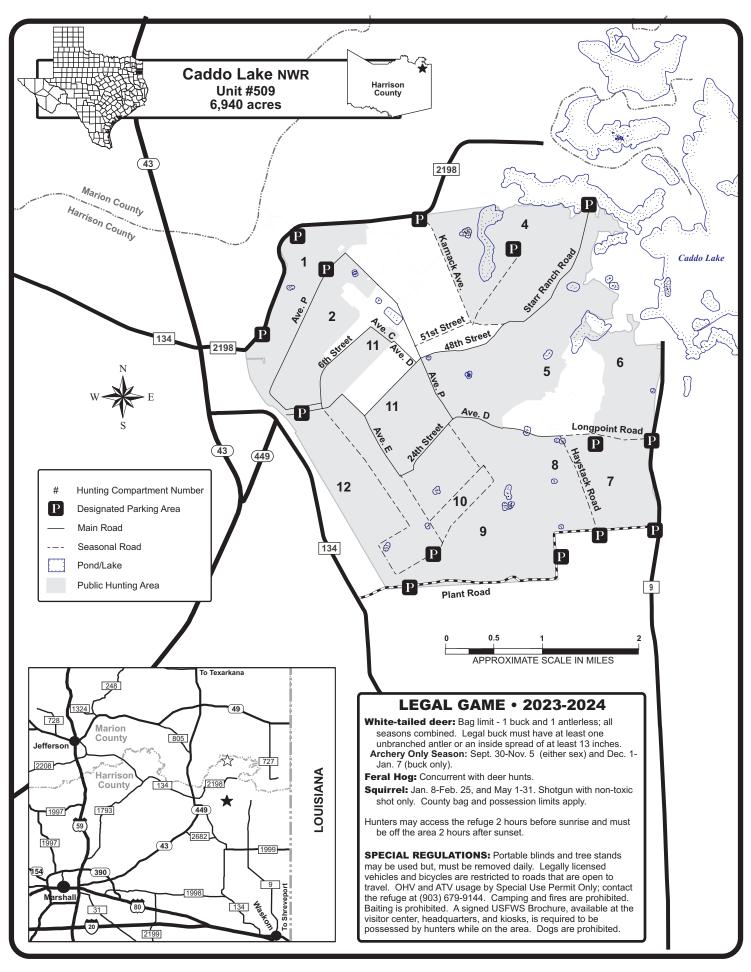
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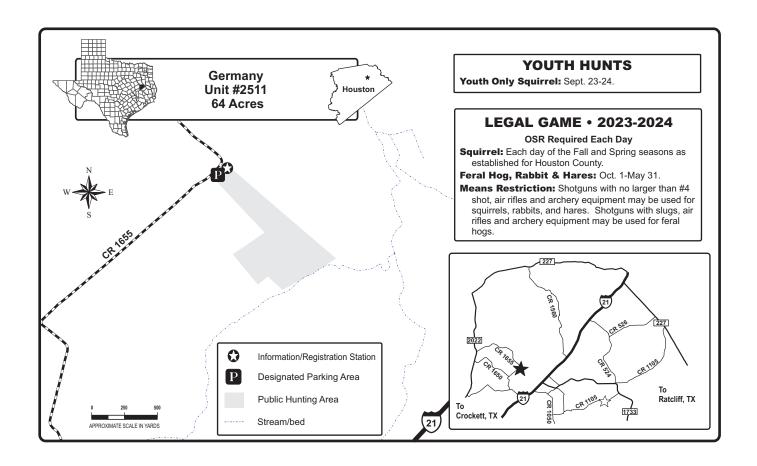
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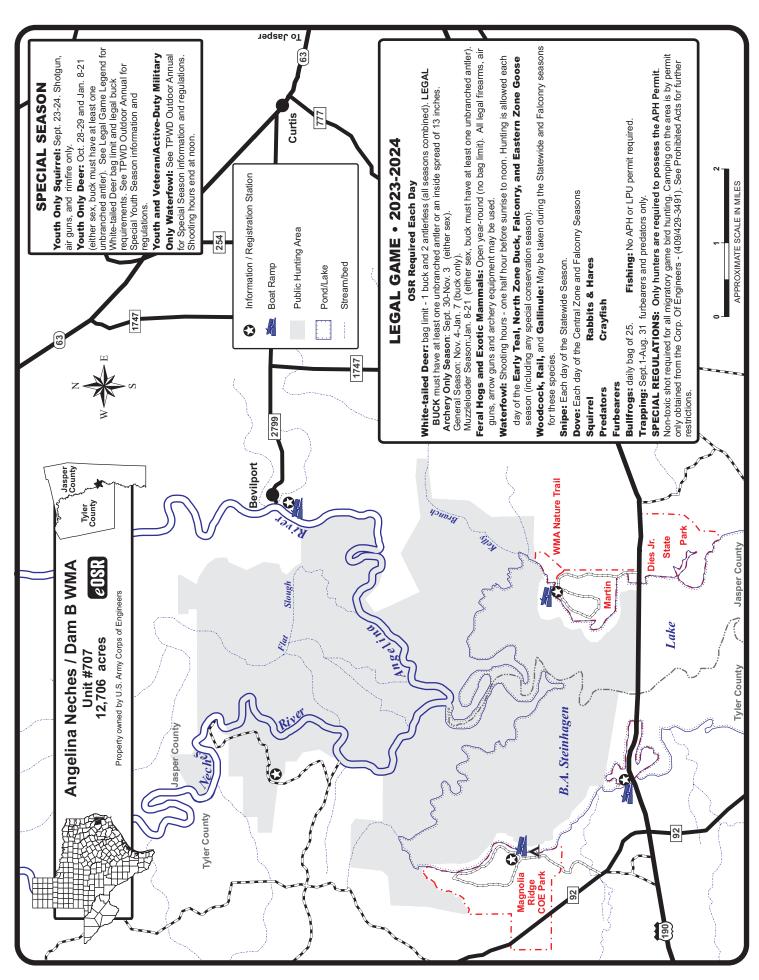
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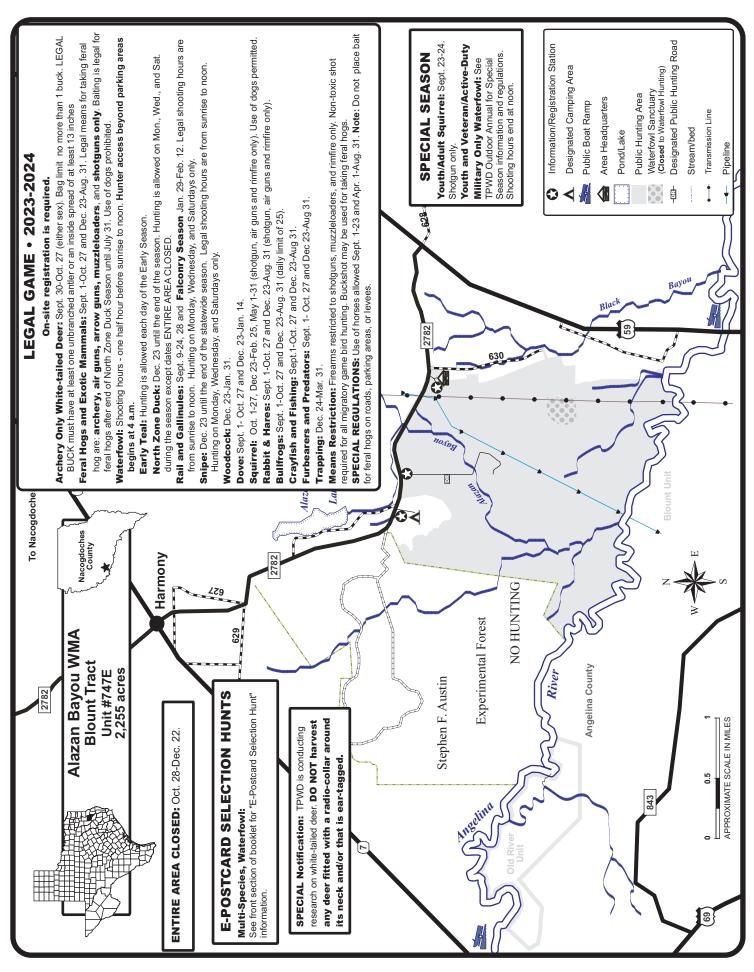


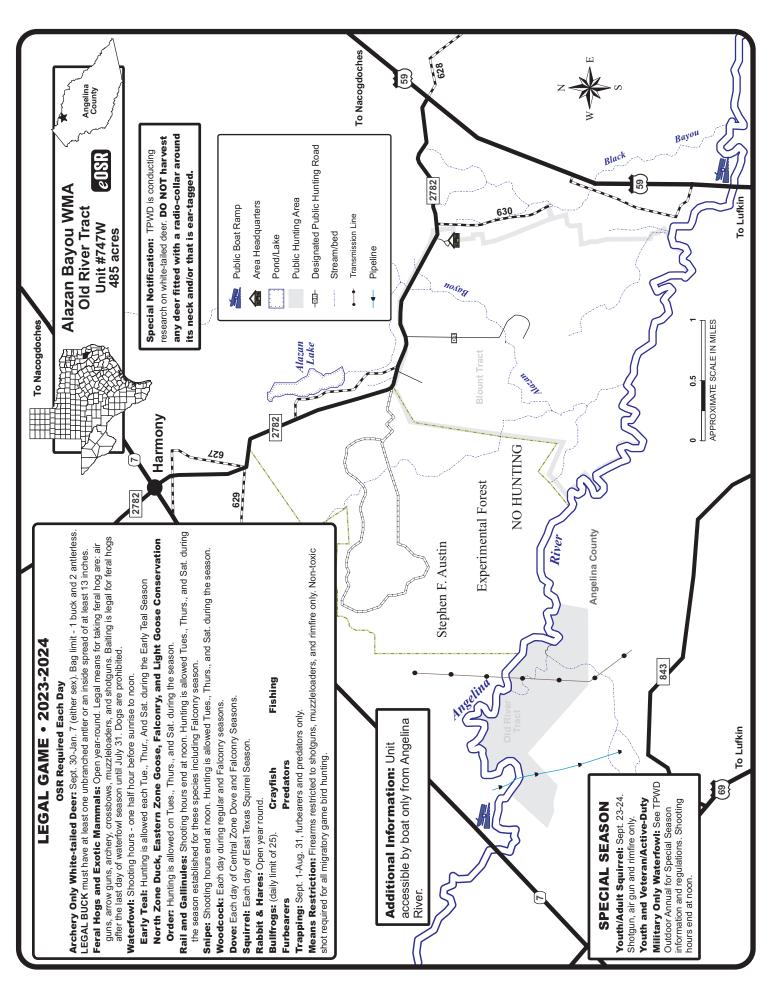
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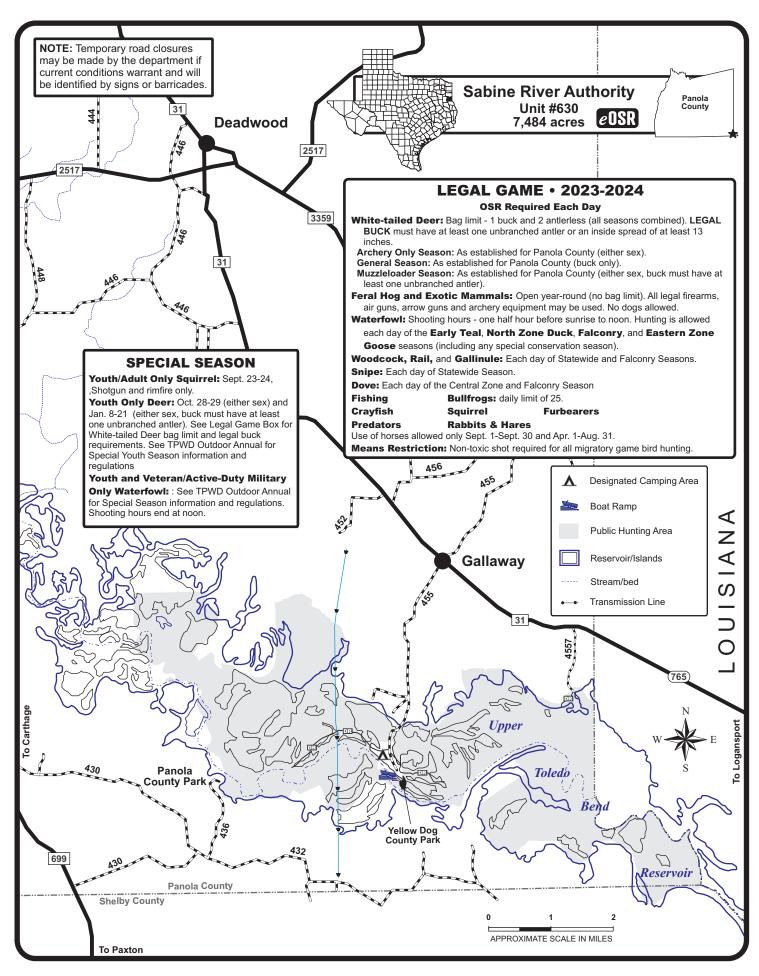


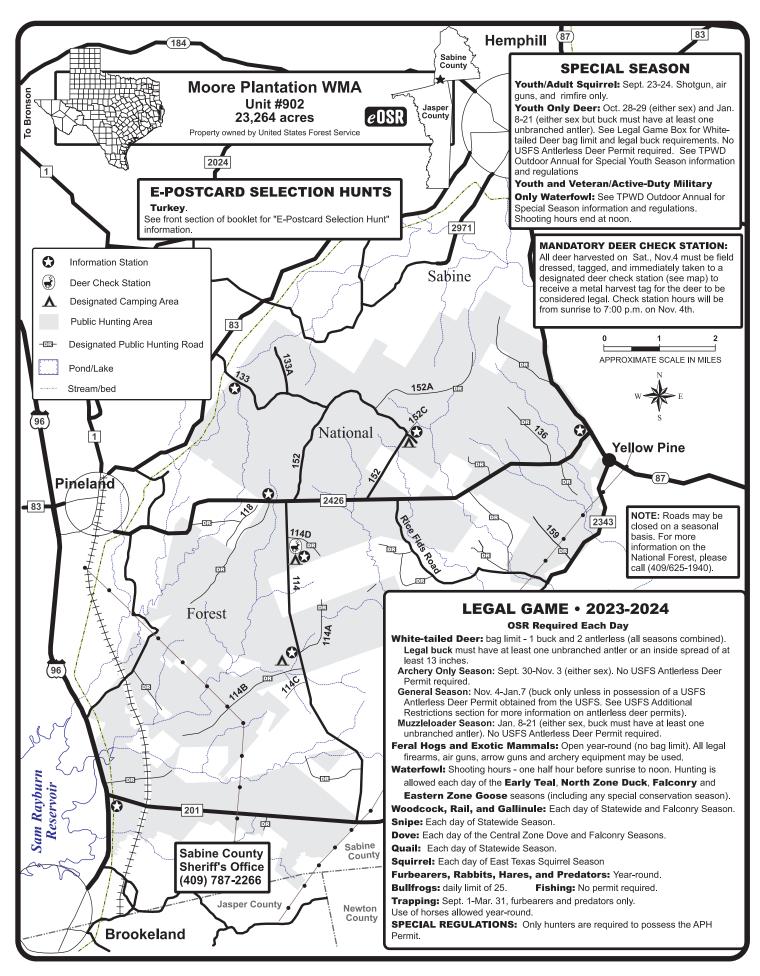
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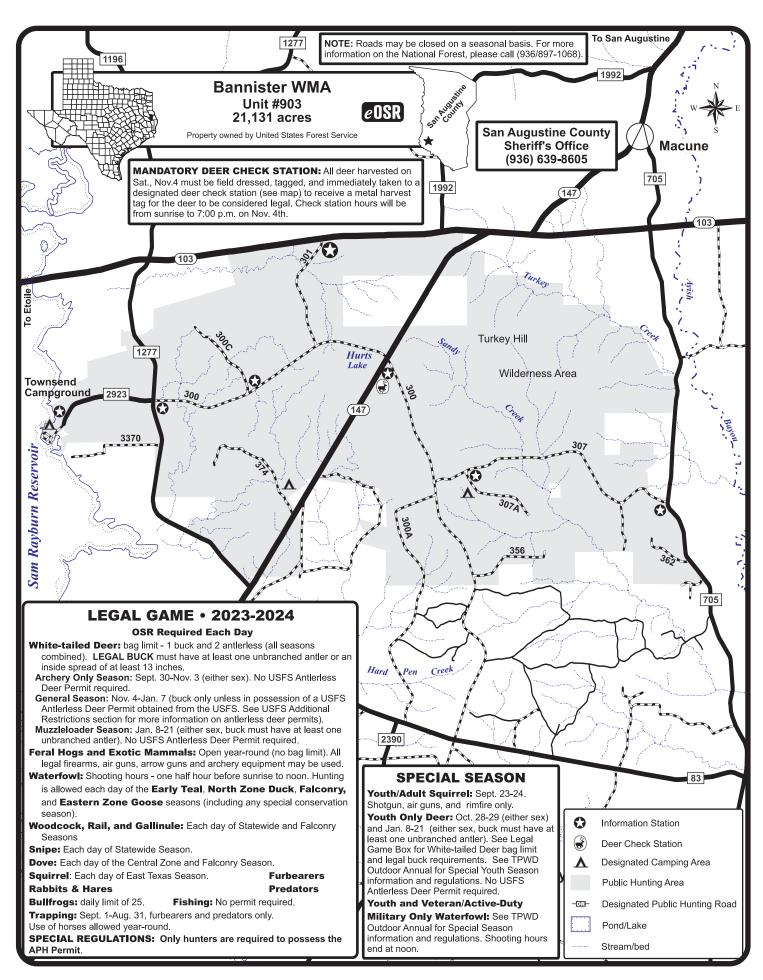


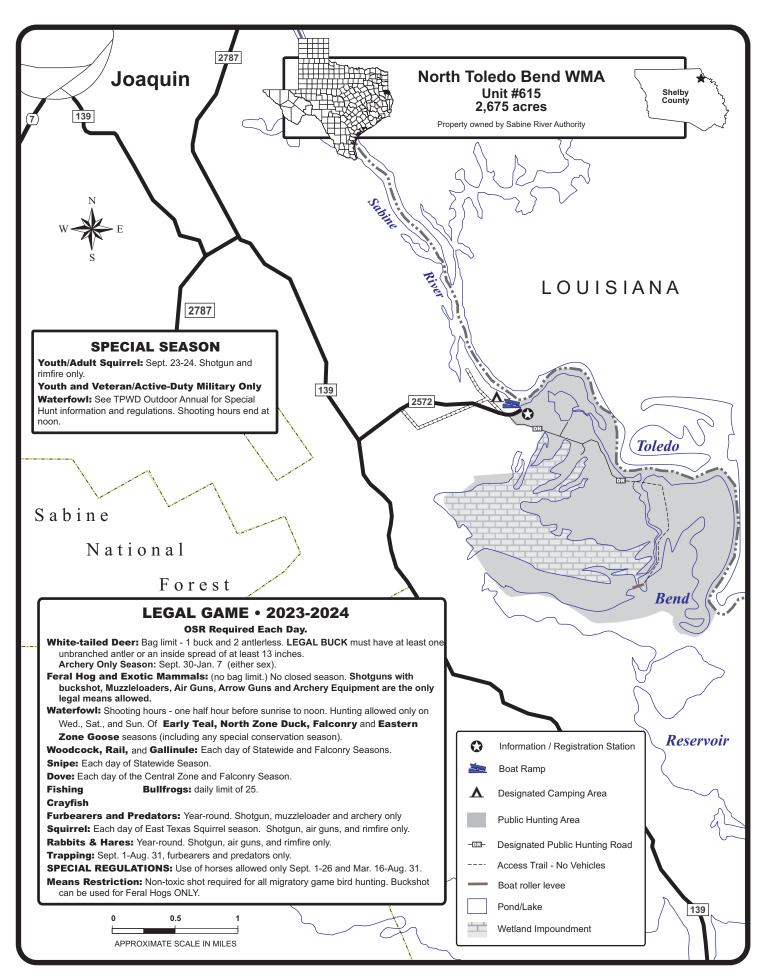


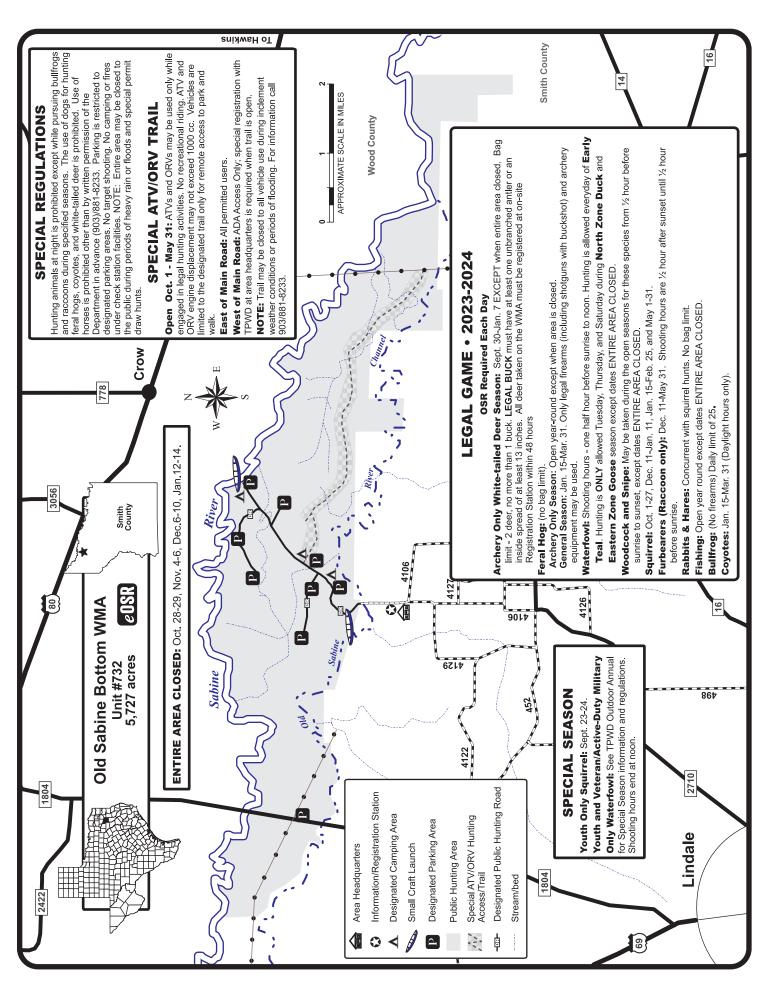


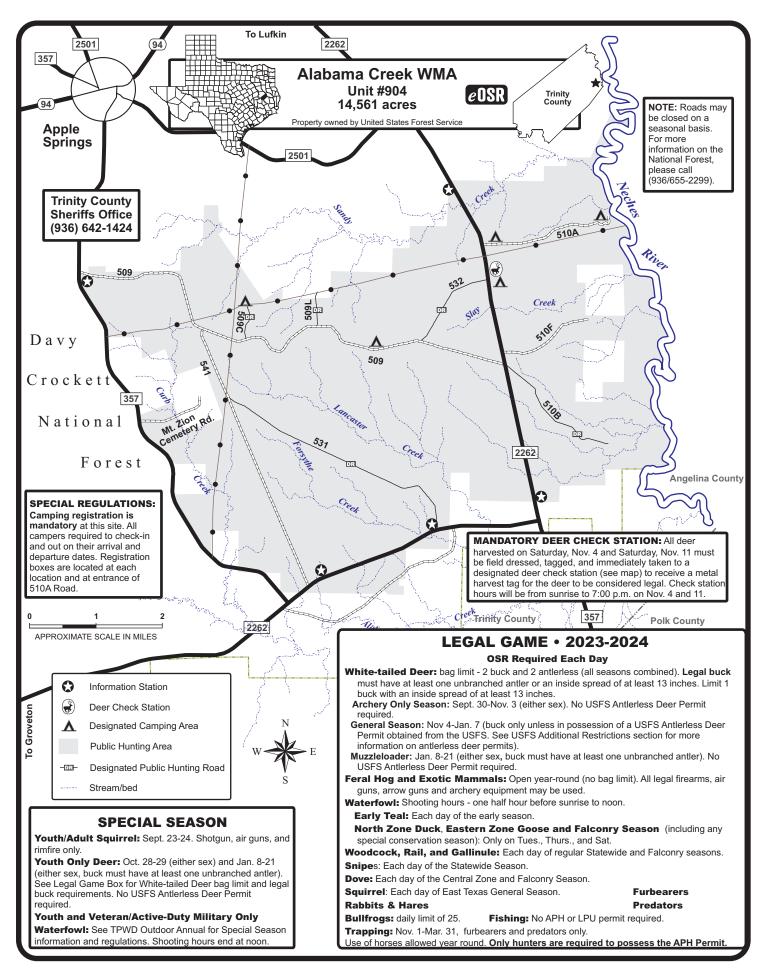








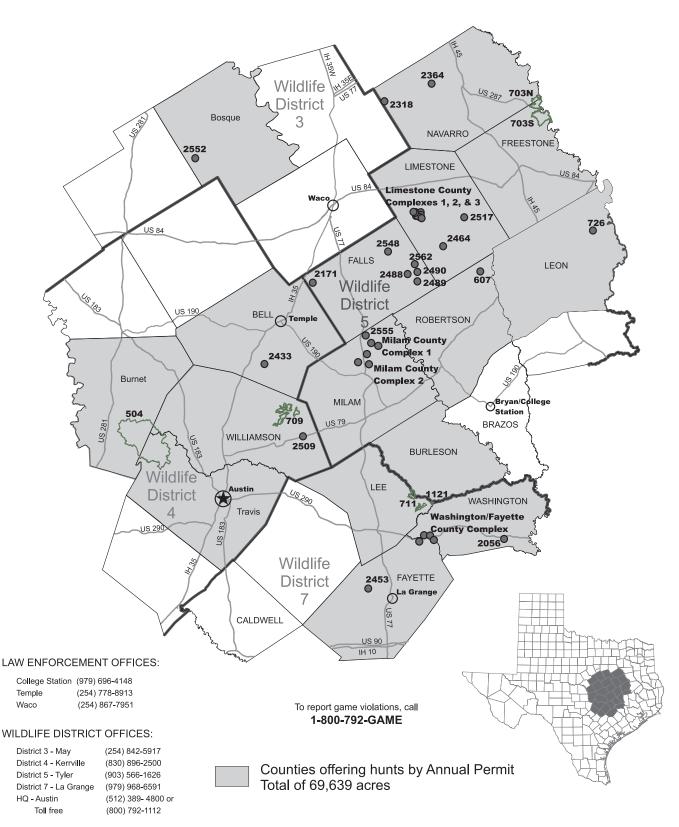




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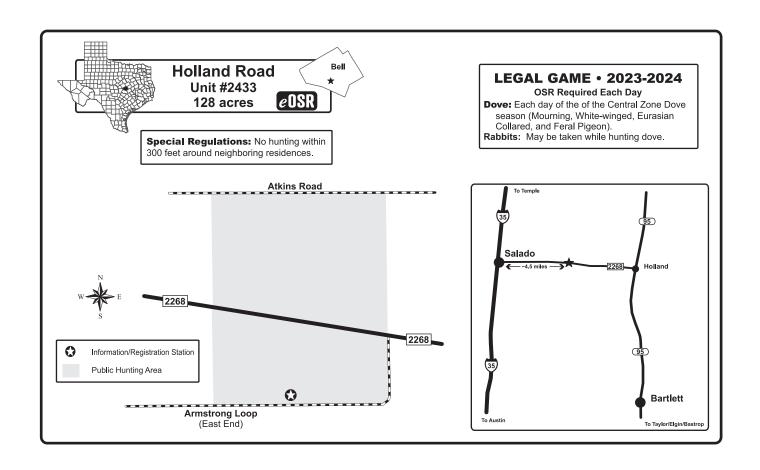
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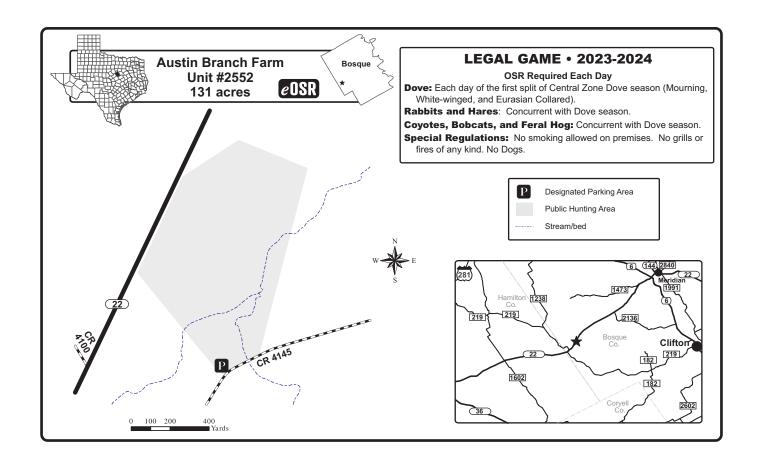
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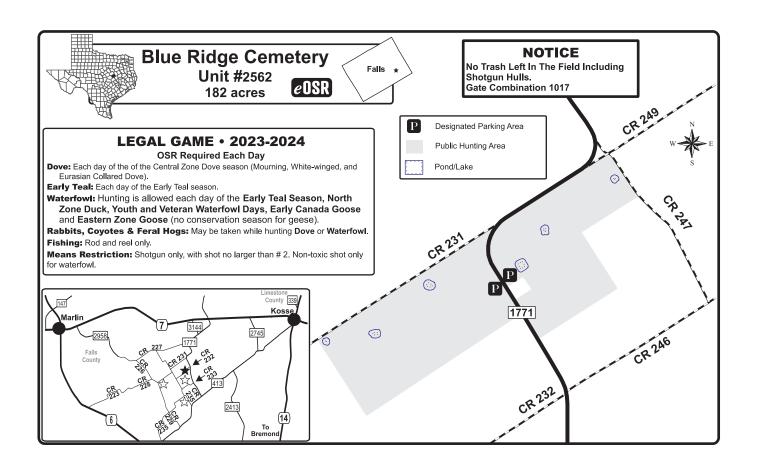


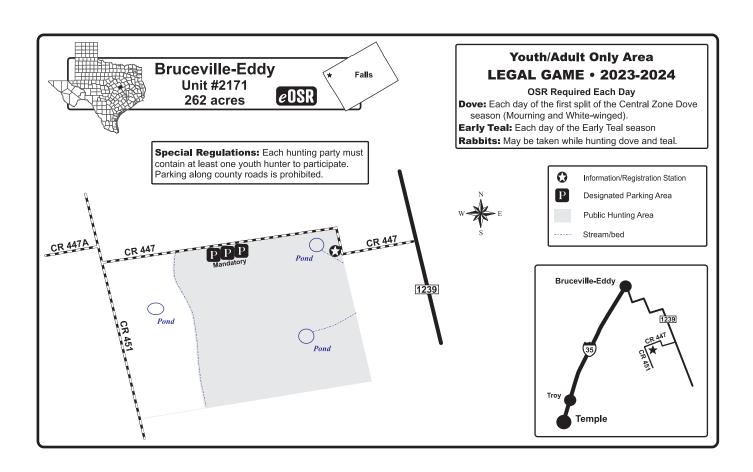
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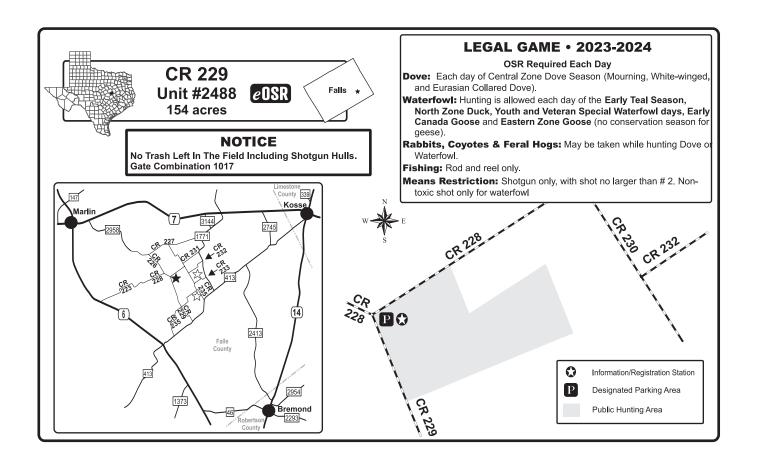
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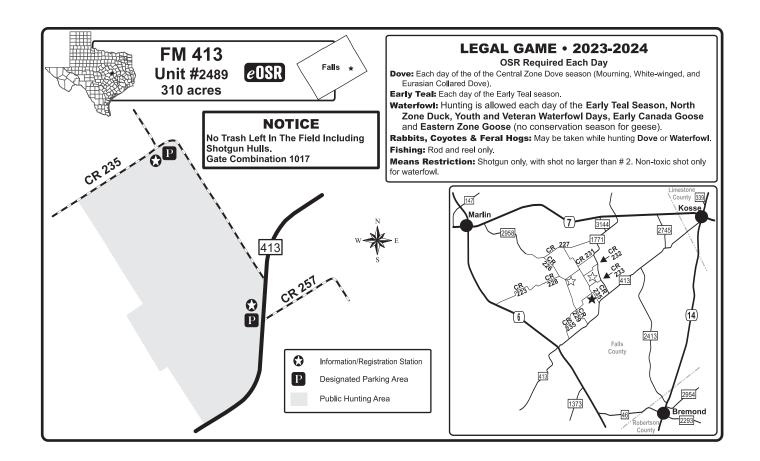


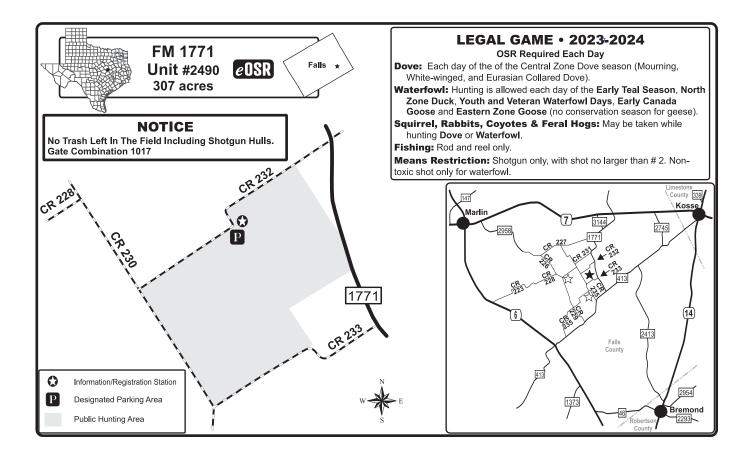














# TICK-BORNE DISEASES IN TEXAS

Each year Texans contract Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, ehrlichiosis and relapsing fever. All of these diseases are transmitted by the bite of an infected tick. If caught early, these diseases can almost always be cured. If left untreated, they can be serious or even fatal.

Early symptoms of these diseases mimic the "flu," and include fever, headache, tiredness, stiff neck or neck pain, muscle aches, and joint pain. Sometimes a rash is also present. If you develop flu-like symptoms (with or without a rash) after a tick bite, you should see a physician right away.

#### To protect yourself and your family

- · Wear light-colored clothing so that ticks can easily be seen.
- Tuck pant legs into socks to keep ticks off of your skin.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and keep shirt tails tucked in.
- · Use insect repellent according to package instructions.
- Inspect exposed skin every few hours for ticks.
- Do a thorough, full-body tick check when you come in and remove any attached ticks.
- Frequently check your pets for ticks. In addition to bringing ticks into your home, pets can contract tick-borne diseases.

#### To remove an attached tick

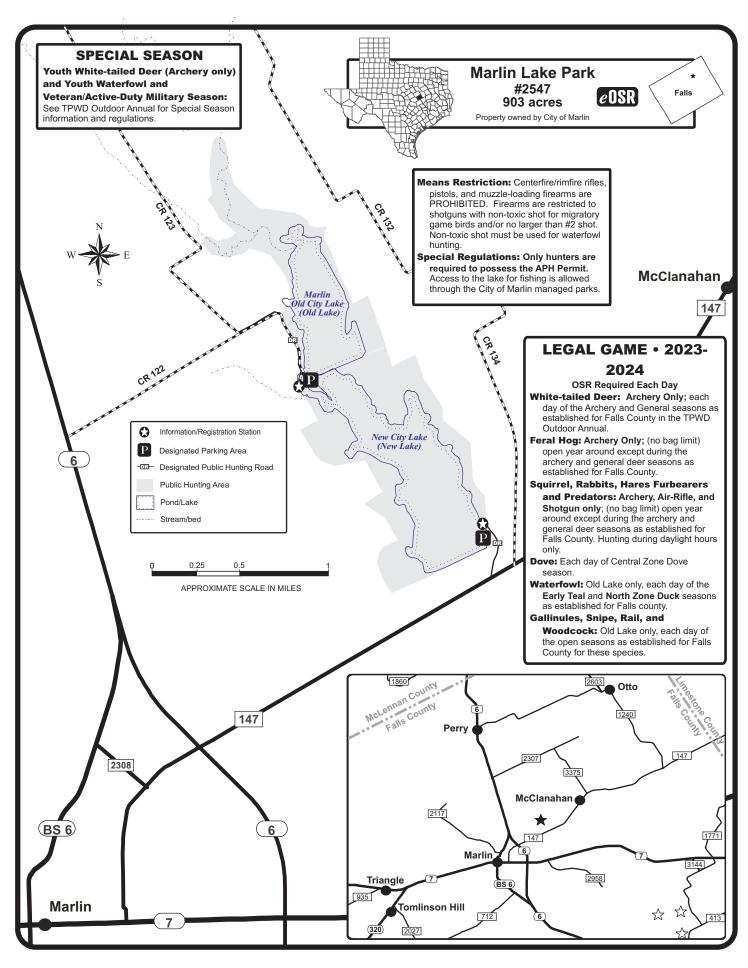
- Use tweezers to grasp the tick's mouthparts as close to the skin as possible.
- If tweezers are not available use a tissue to protect your fingers.
- With a steady motion, pull the tick straight out.
- After removal, you can mail the live tick to the Texas Department of Health Laboratory (address below) for identification and testing. Please use a container
  - with a secure lid. Putting a small piece of tissue moistened with a single drop of water in the container will help keep the tick alive.

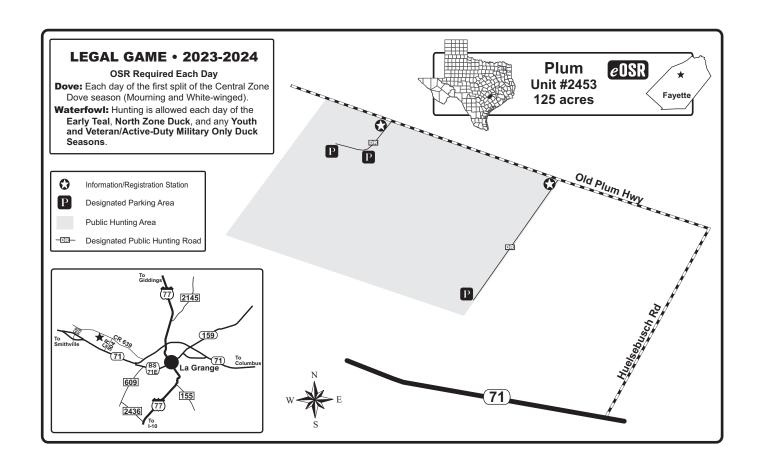


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#### **LEGAL GAME • 2023-2024**

**OSR Required Each Day** 

Waterfowl (Youth Only): Nov. 22, Nov. 25, and Dec. 30-31.

Snipe season: Jan. 30-Feb. 18, provided these dates fall during the statewide open season for this species.

Squirrels, Rabbits, and Hares: May 1-31 (Air guns, rimfire and shotguns only).

Bullfrog: June 1-30, No Firearms or Archery Equipment.

Fishing: Open year-round during daylight hours only; except dates ENTIRE AREA CLOSED. Trolling motors allowed. Zachry Lake has no boat motor restrictions and is a no wake zone

Means Restriction: Shotguns are restricted to non-toxic shot for all migratory birds.

Special Regulations: Dogs are prohibited except each permit holder may possess one dog while hunting migratory birds, squirrel, rabbits, or hares. See Prohibited Acts for further restrictions

#### **E-POSTCARD SELECTION HUNTS**

Archery Deer, Antierless Deer, Early Teal, Feral Hog, Waterfowl and Youth/Adult Waterfowl.

See front section of booklet for Postcard Selection Hunt information

#### Richland Creek WMA Carl Frentress Unit #703N 5,503 acres



#### **GENERAL USE & VISITATION INFORMATION:**

On-site registration is required for all visitors. General public access to the Area is during daylight hours through designated legal entry points only and only by APH or LPU Permit. Advanced written permission of area manager is required for equestrian use. For more information call (903/389-7080). For more detailed map information, please see aerial photos on our website at http://www.tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/hunt/.

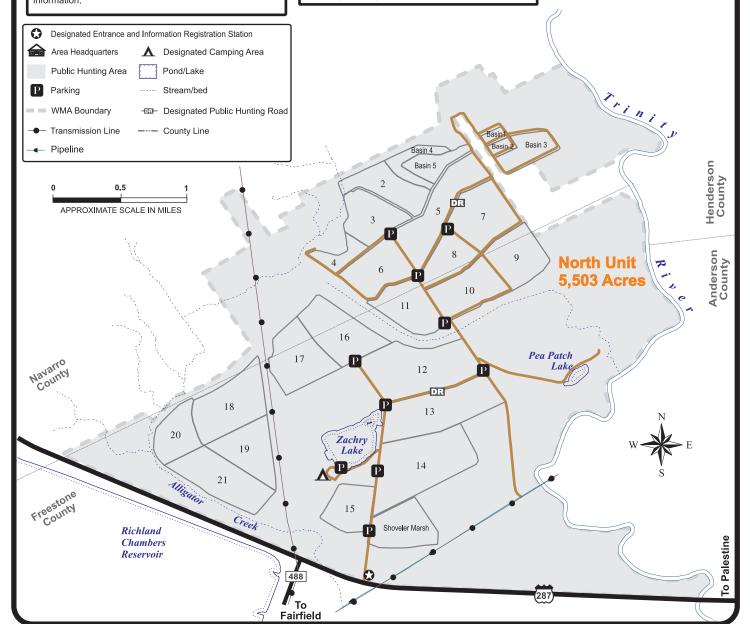
ENTIRE AREA CLOSED: Sept. 8-24, Oct. 9-12, Oct.27-29, Nov. 6-19, Nov. 27-Dec.27, Jan.2-28.

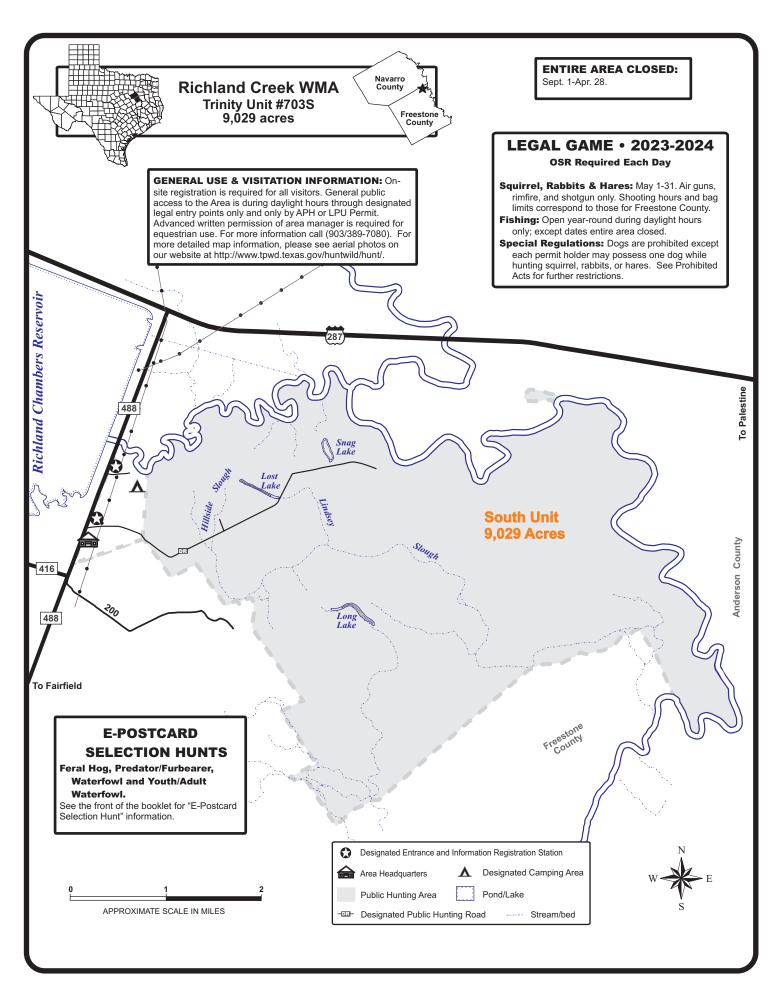
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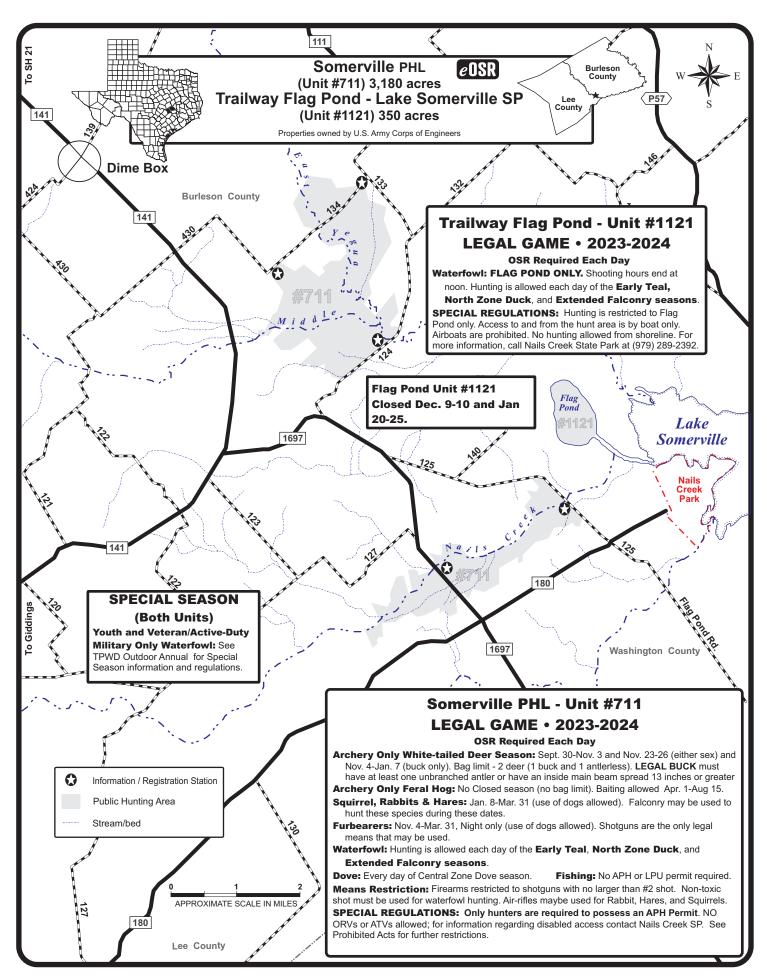
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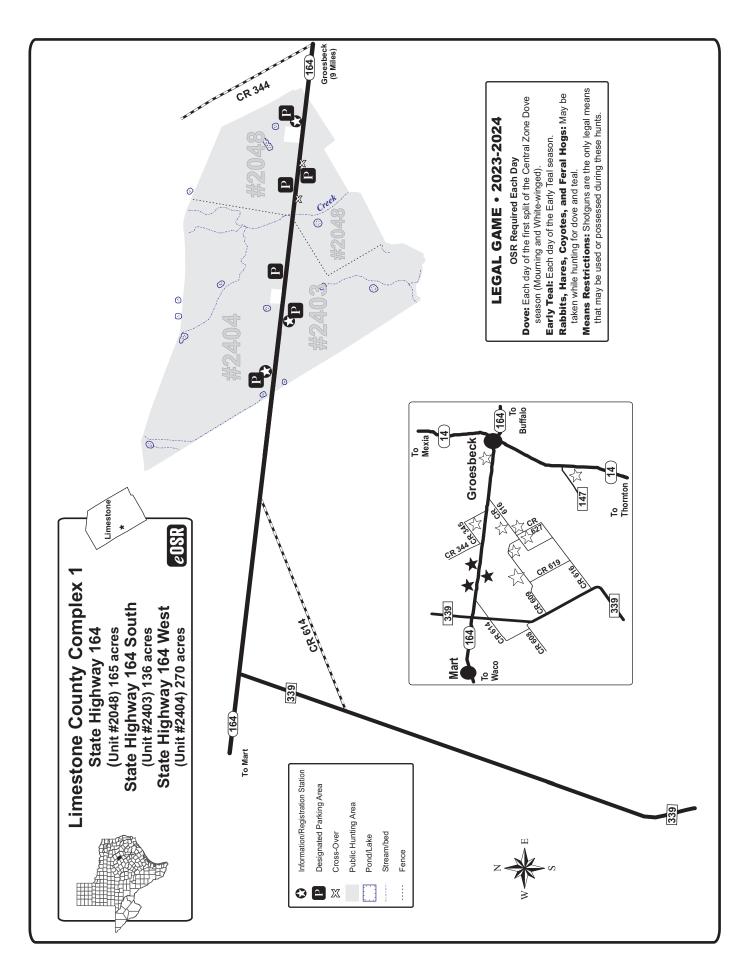
Waterfowl: Shooting hours - one half hour before sunrise until noon. Hunter access begins at 5:00 a.m. No motorized vessels allowed. See page xv for youth hunting information and regulations.

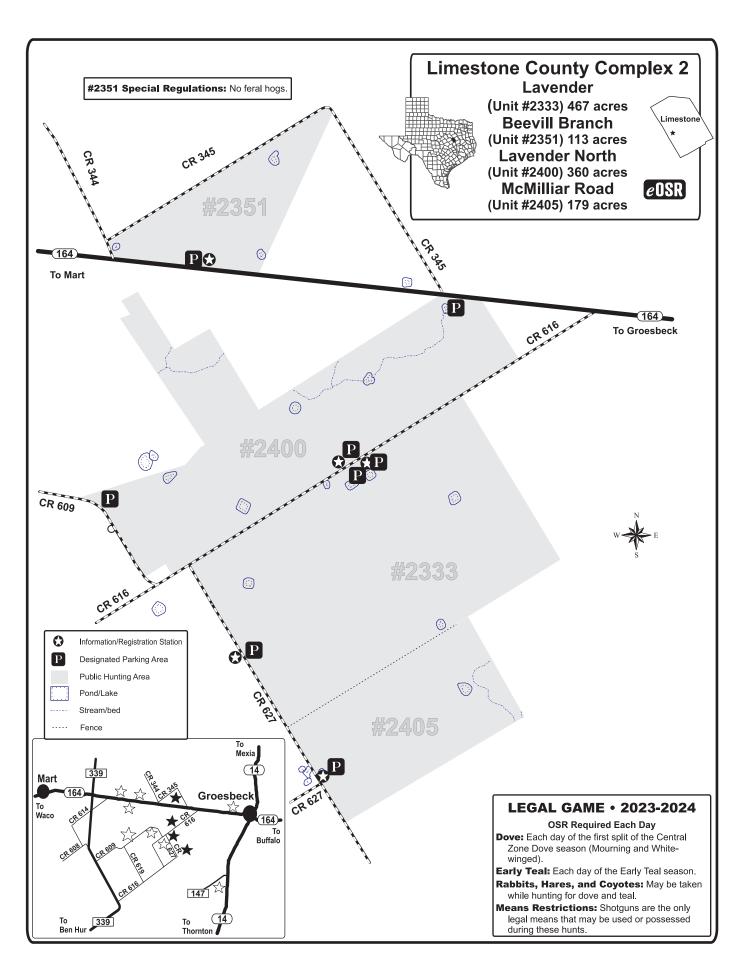
Youth and Veteran/Active-Duty Military Only Waterfowl: Nov. 4-5. Snipe, rail, gallinules may also be taken during these hunt days and shooting hours provided these hunt dates fall within the open seasons for these species.

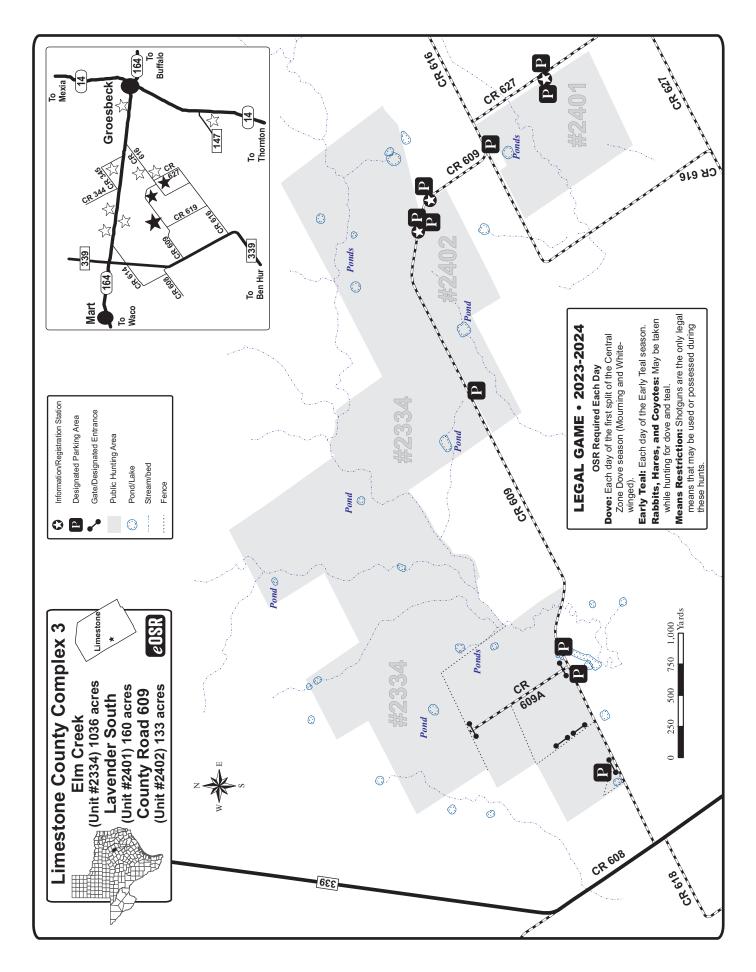


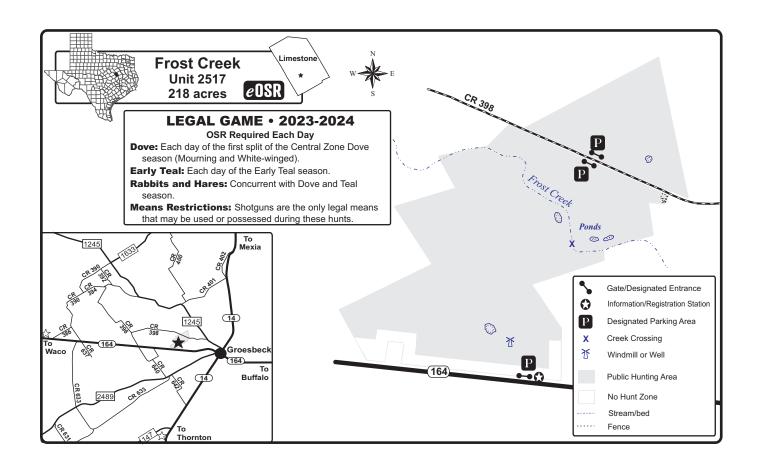


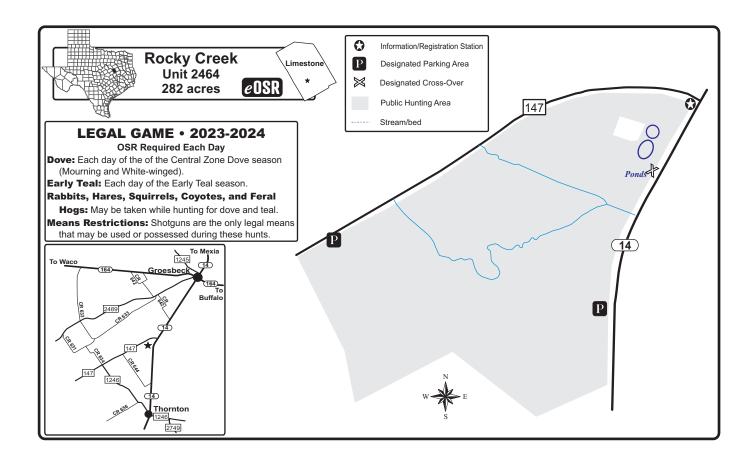


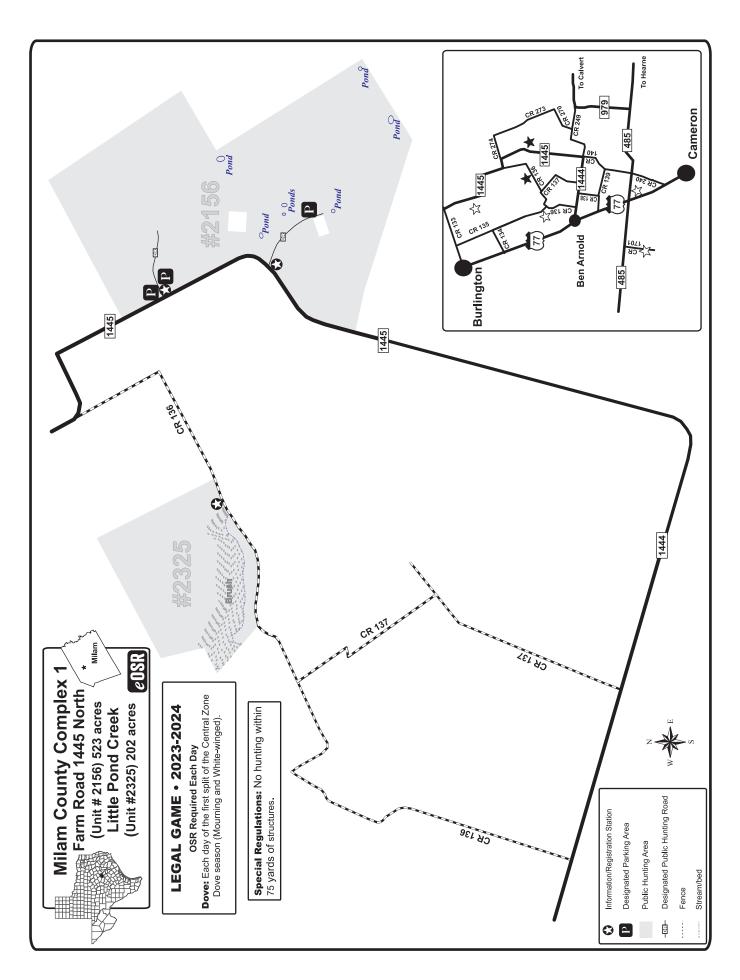


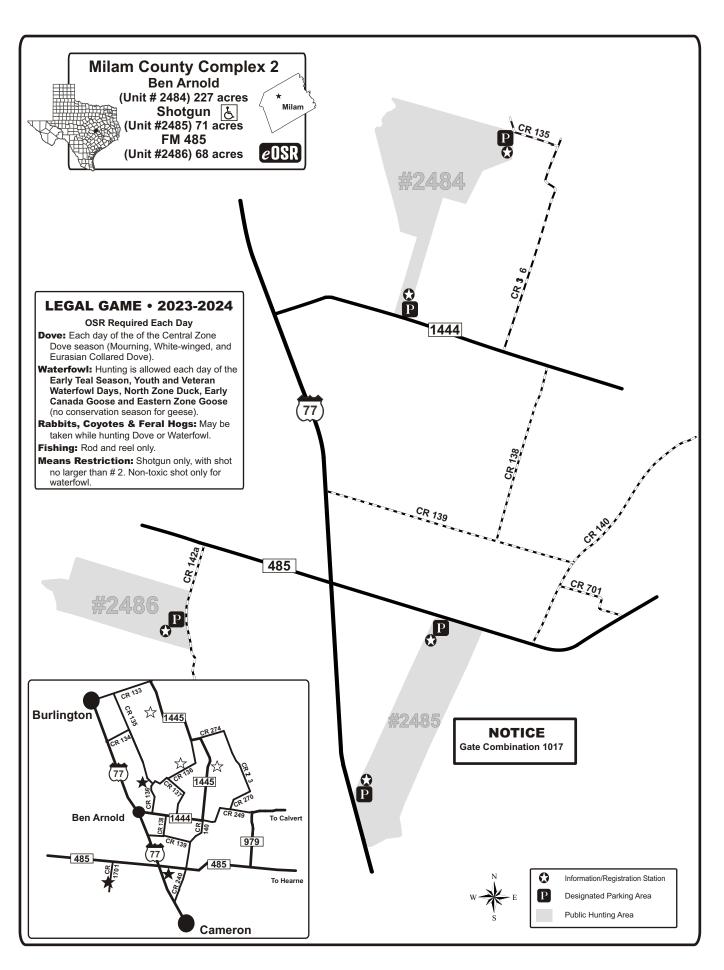


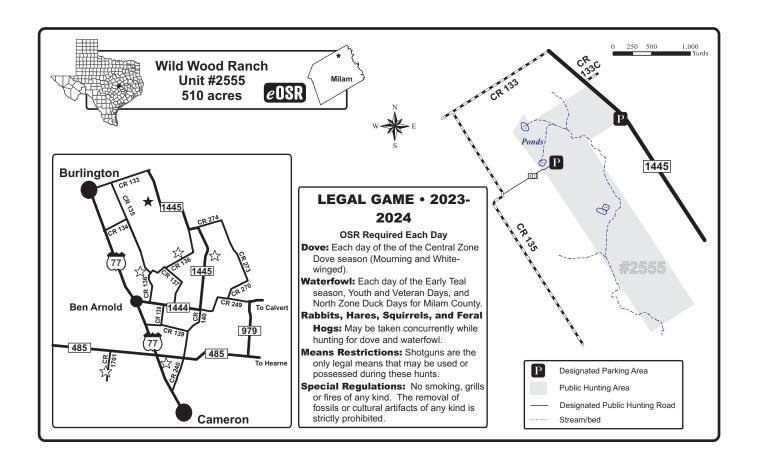


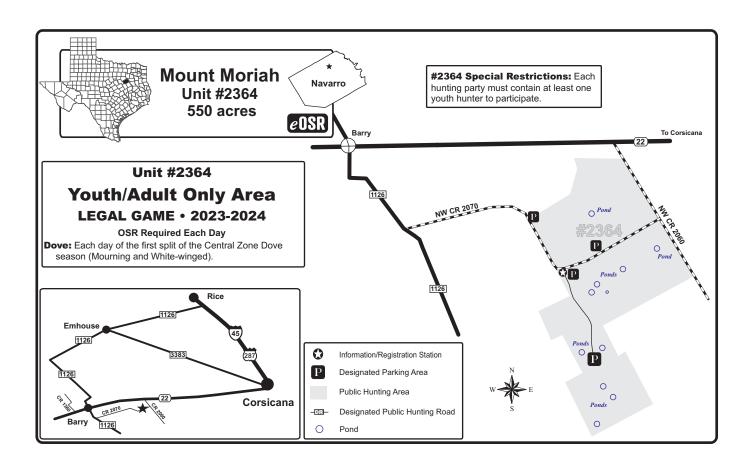


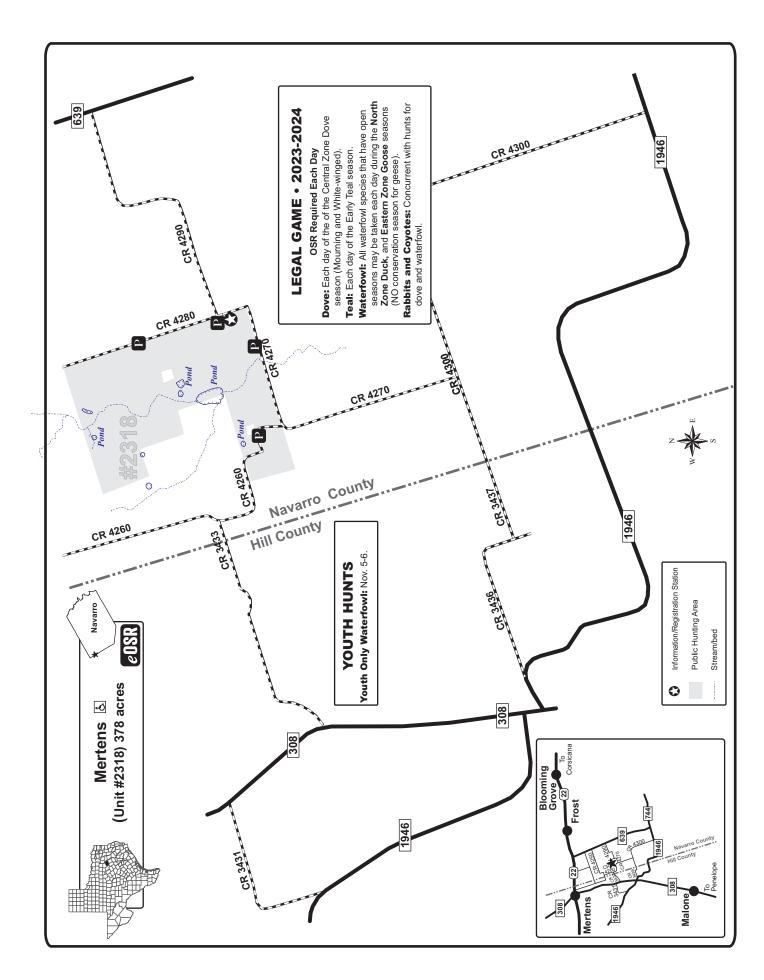


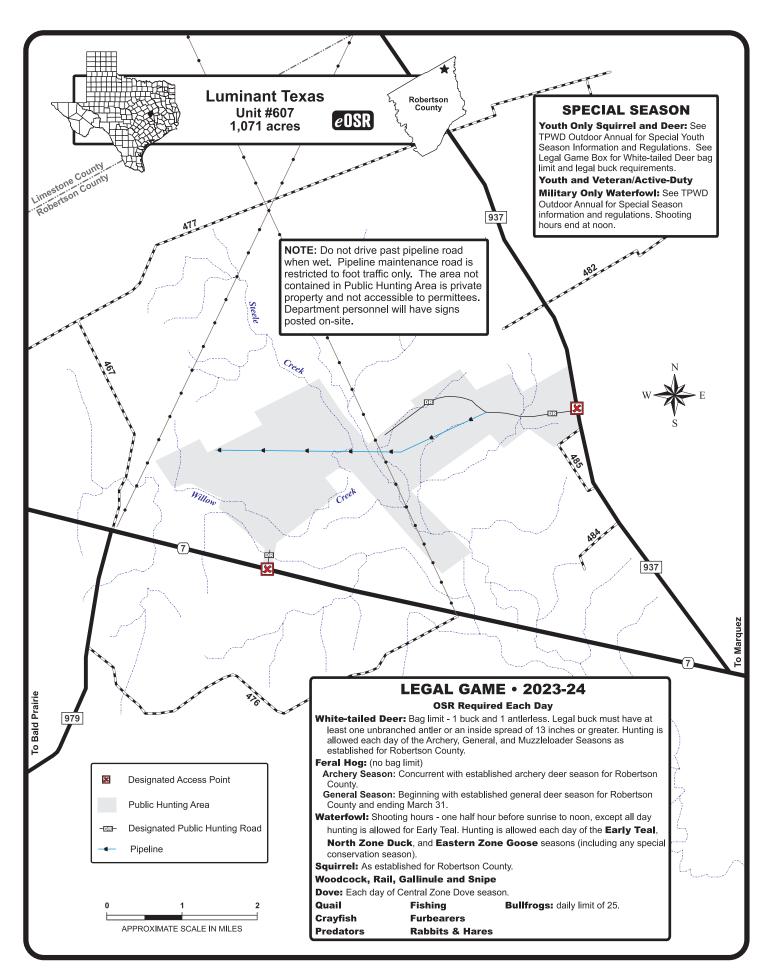


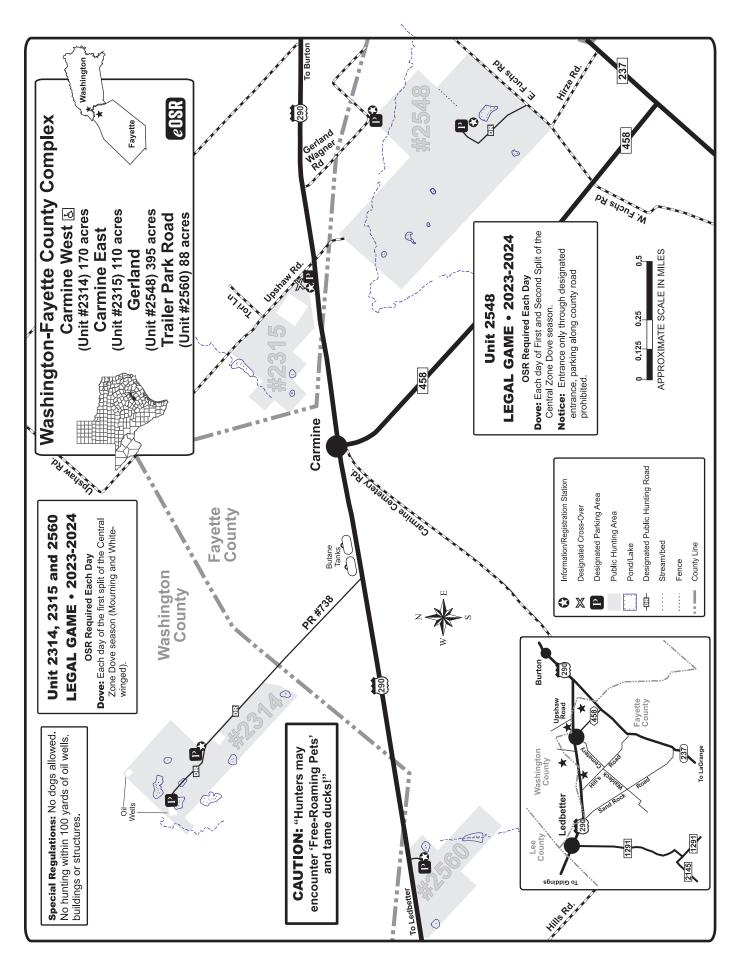


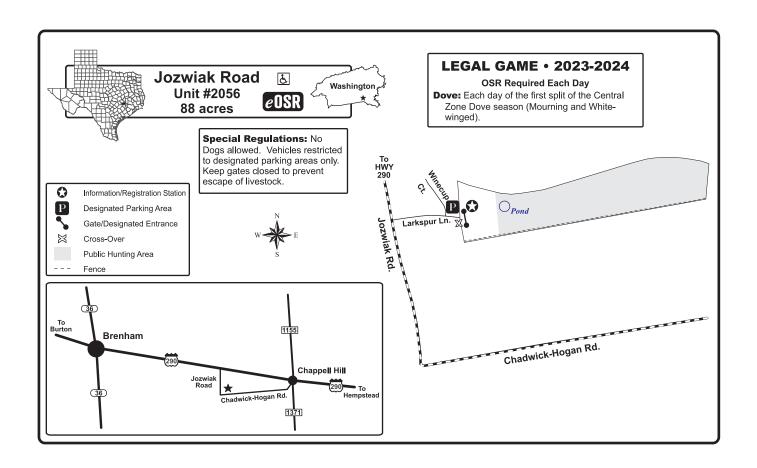














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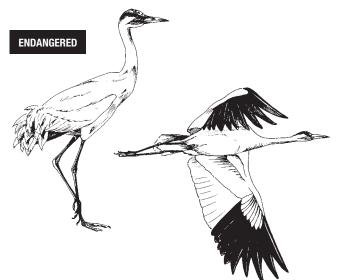


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#### WHOOPING CRANES - ENDANGERED

White with black wingtips, red cap and red malar stripe

Juveniles have a mixture of white and brown body feathers, with black wingtips

Necks long, extended straight forward in flight

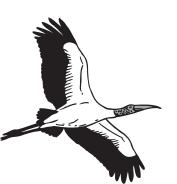
Wingspan: 7-1/2 feet

Legs extend beyond tail in flight

Slow wingbeat

Flocks of 2 to 7, sometimes migrate

with sandhill cranes



#### WOOD STORKS

White, with black tail and black along entire edge of wings

Neck long, extended straight, bare and dark near head; heavy bill curved down Wingspan: 5-1/2 feet

Long legs extend beyond tail in flight Flaps slowly, glides and soars

May be seen in groups or as single birds



#### **SANDHILL CRANES**

Gray, with dark wingtips; may appear white in some light

Neck long, extended straight forward in flight

Wingspan: 6-1/2 feet

Legs extend beyond tail in flight

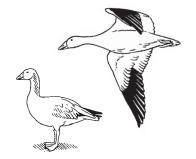
Slow wingbeat

Flocks of 2 to hundreds



Usually noisy

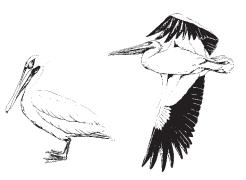
White with black wingtips Wingspan: 4-1/2 feet Short legs Rapid wingbeat Flocks of 20 to hundreds



#### **AMERICAN WHITE PELICANS**

White wings with black edgings extending almost to body Long neck, folded in flight Wingspan: 9 feet Short legs, do not extend beyond tail in flight

Long, yellow bill Often in flocks of 20 or more Usually circle while soaring



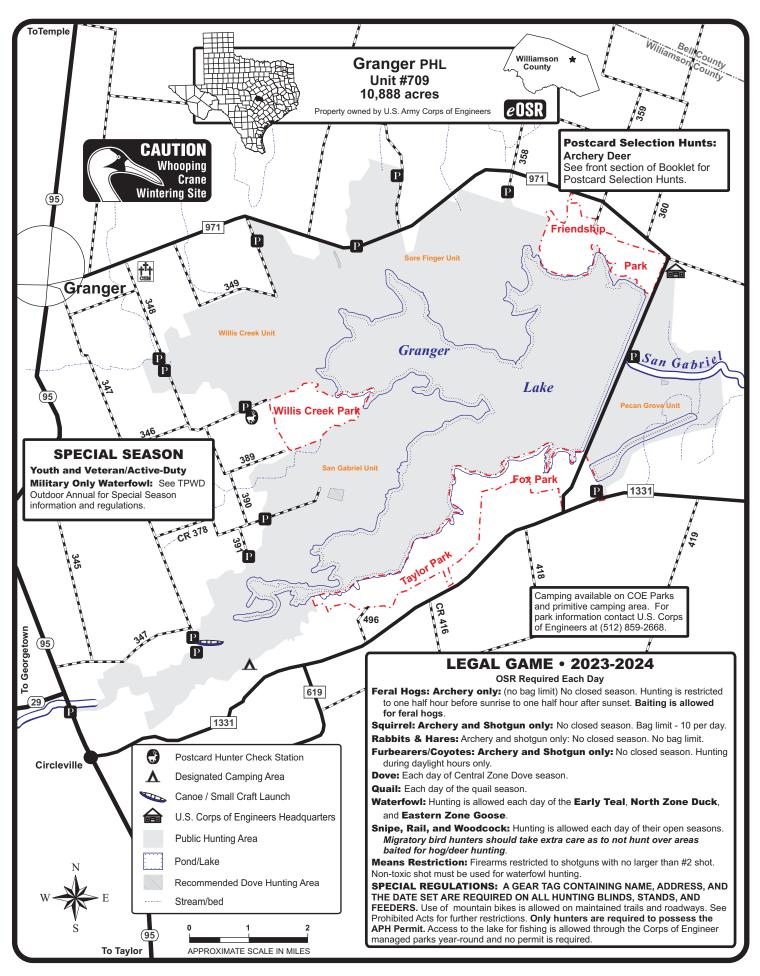


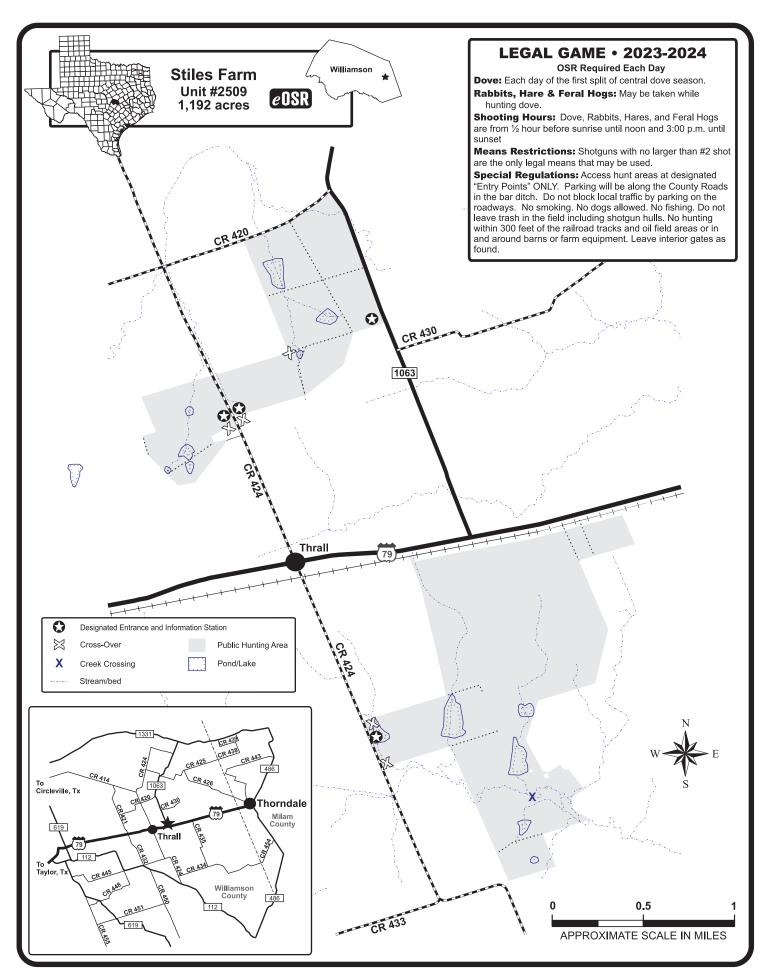
#### **GREAT EGRET**

An all-white heron with 4-1/2 foot wingspan and bright yellow beak Long legs

Neck usually tucked in flight Slightly smaller than sandhill cranes when standing

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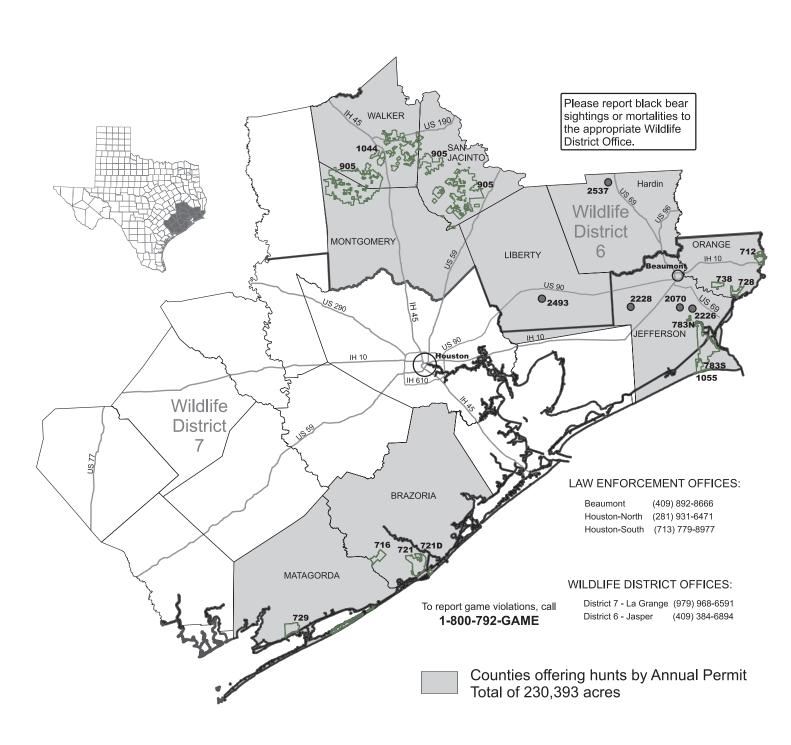




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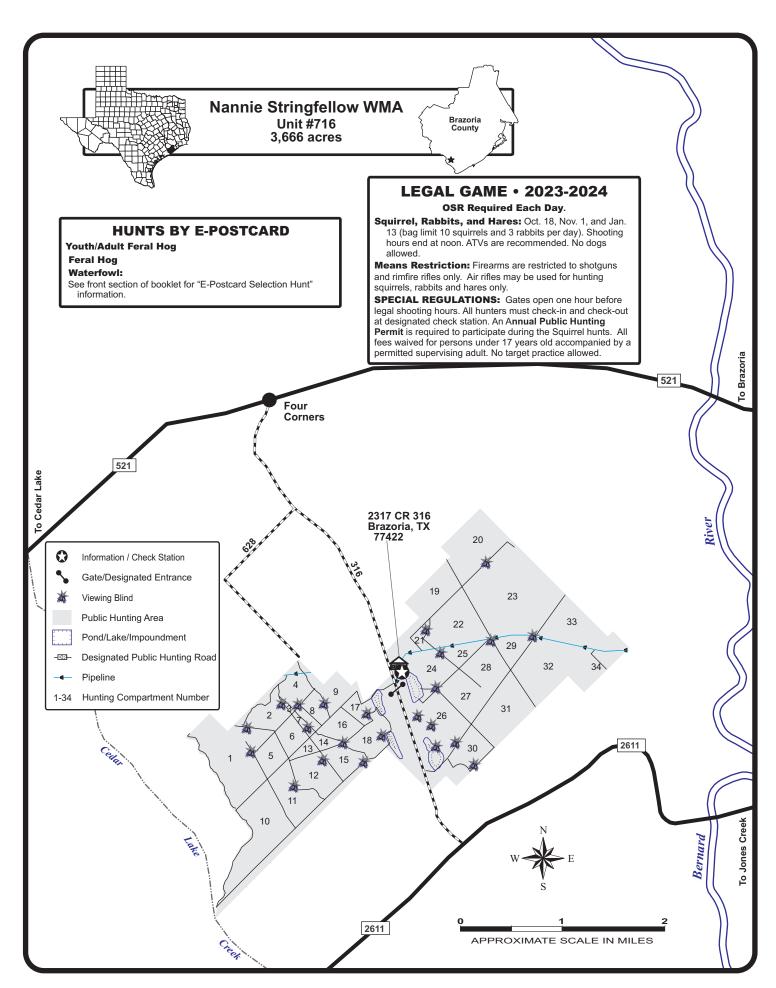
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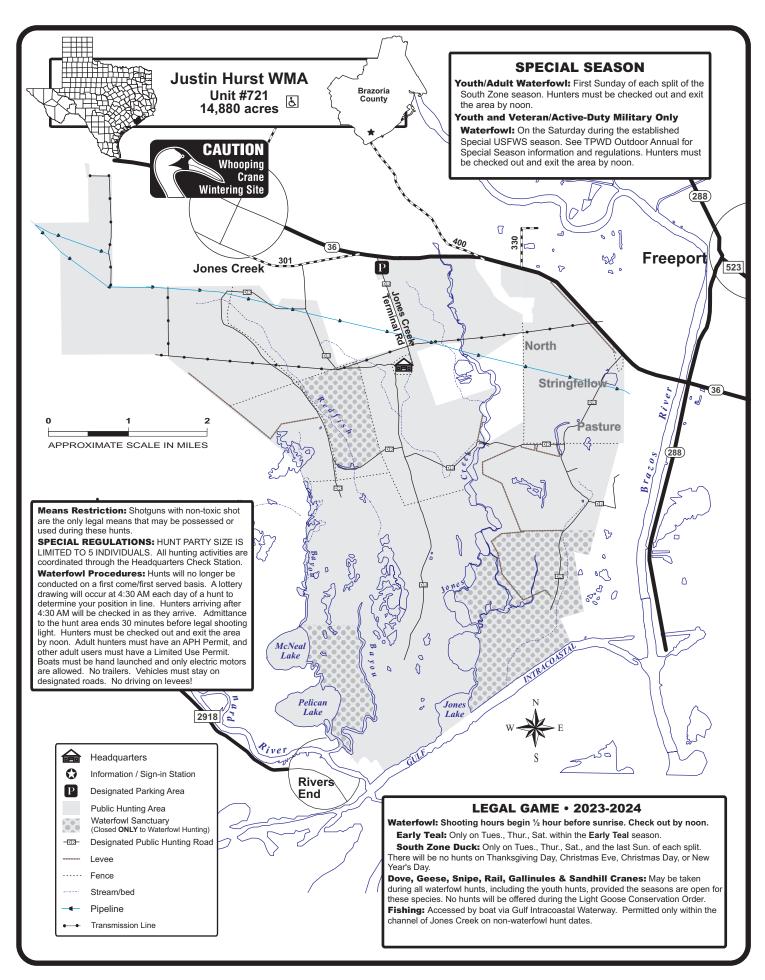
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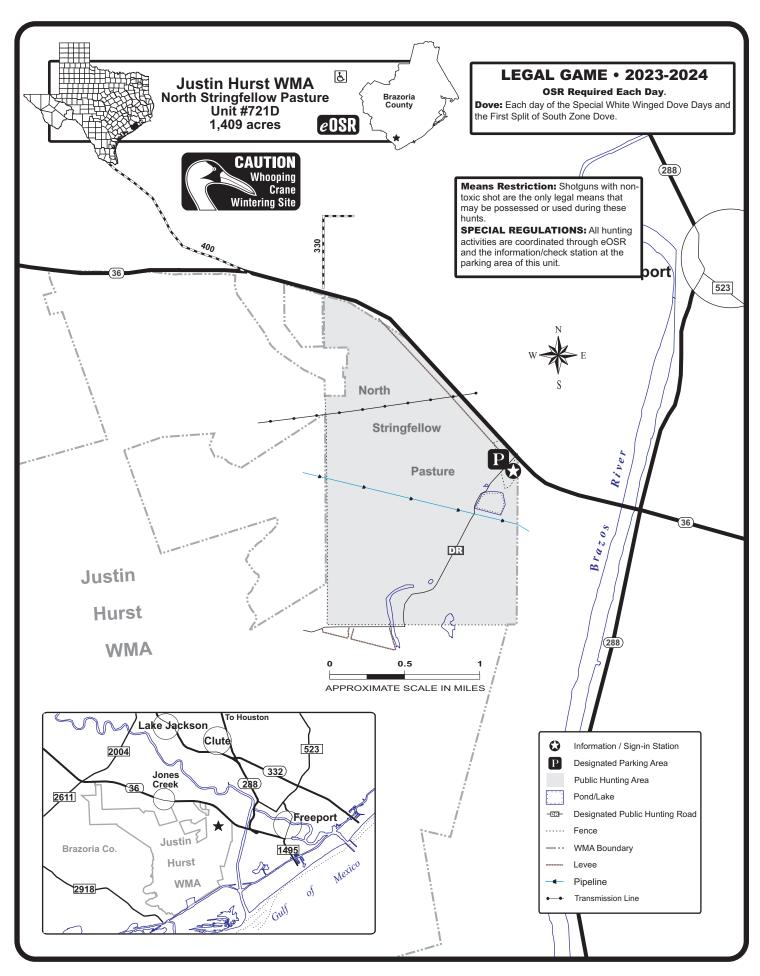


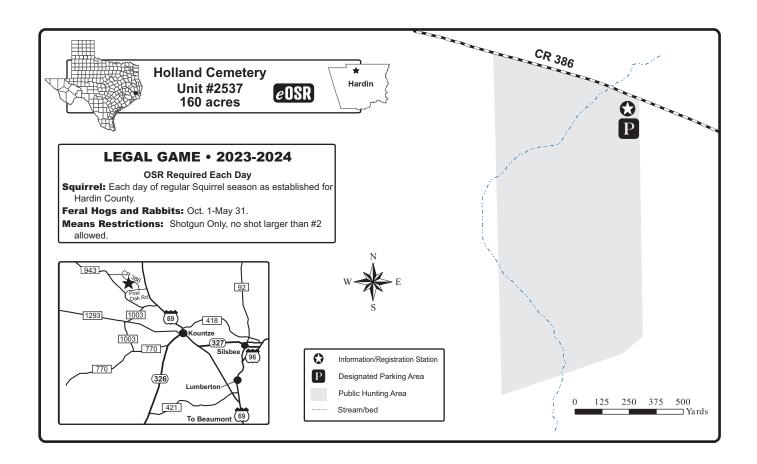
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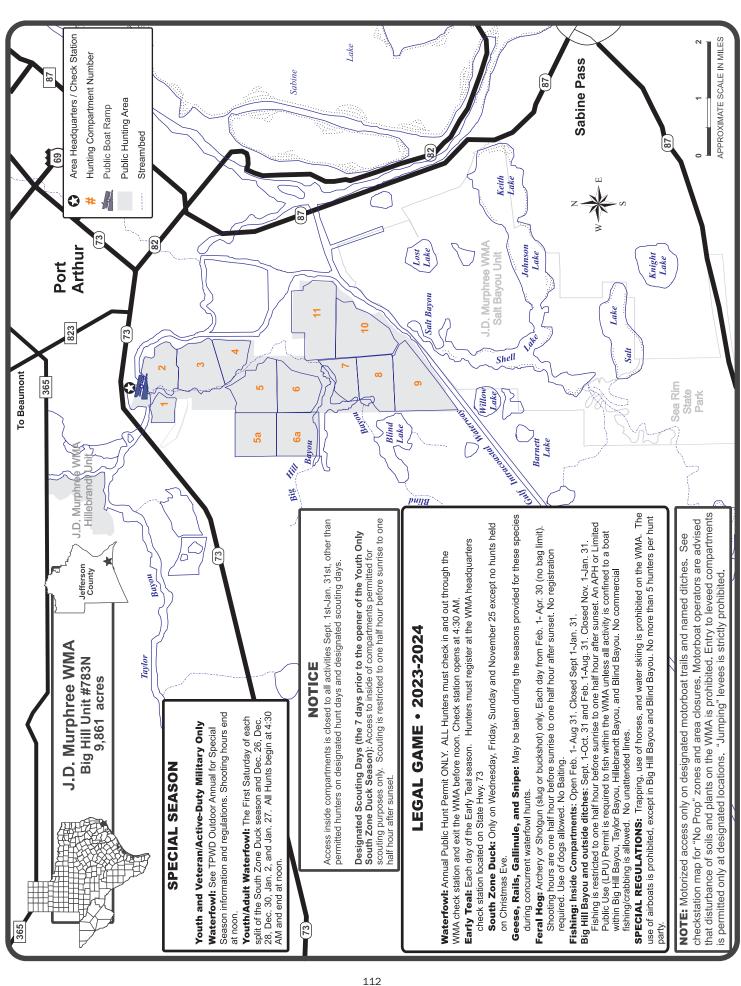


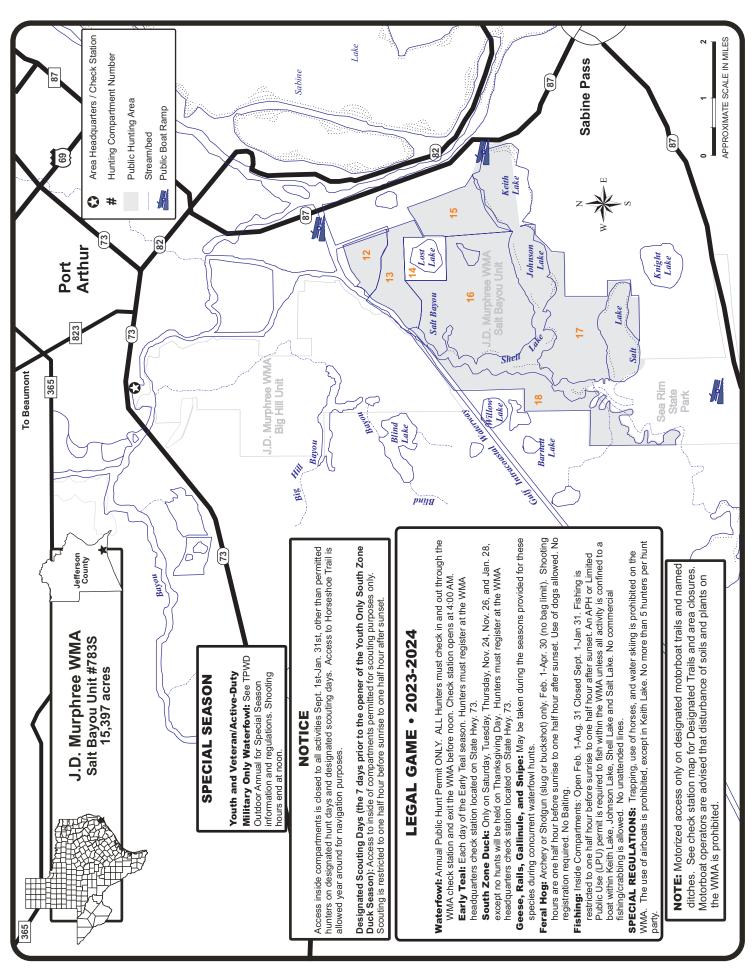
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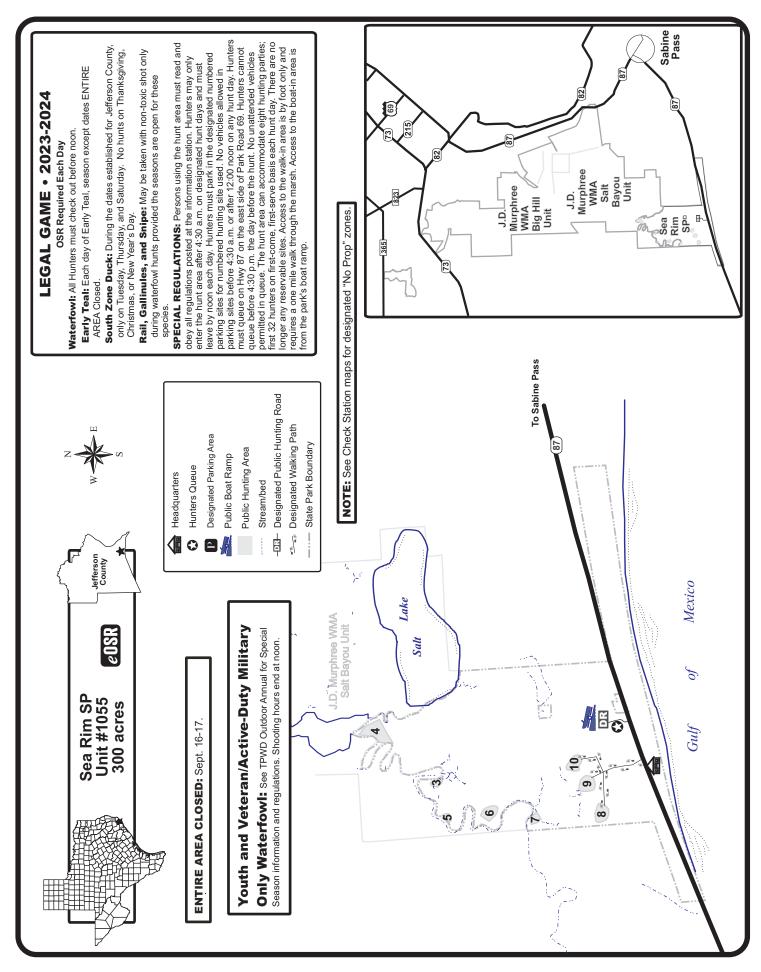
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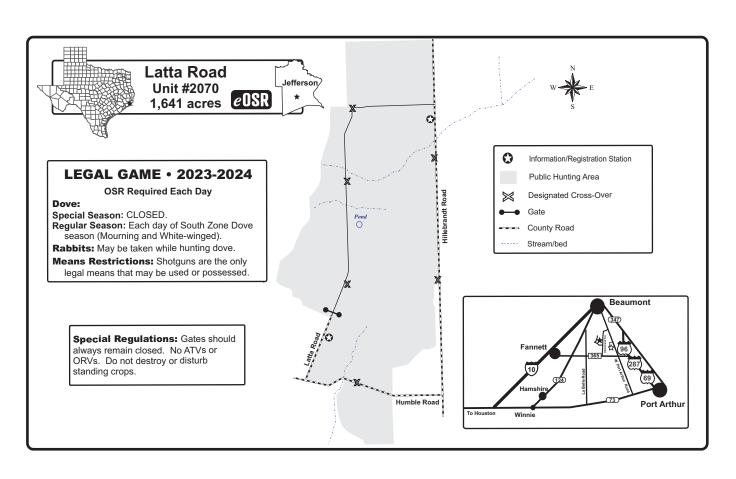
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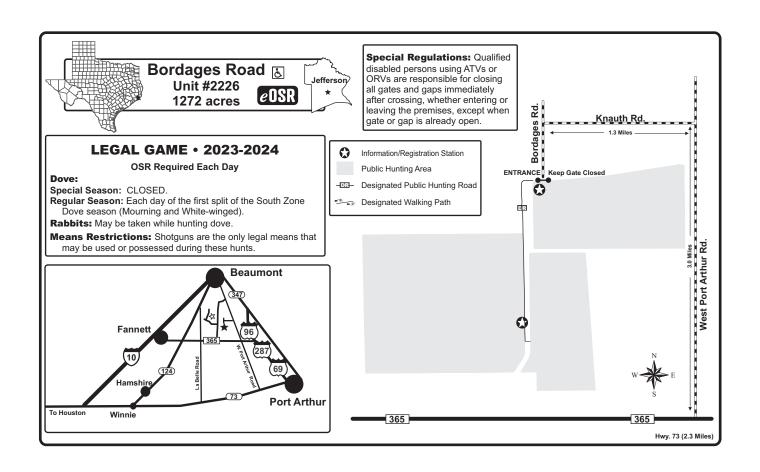


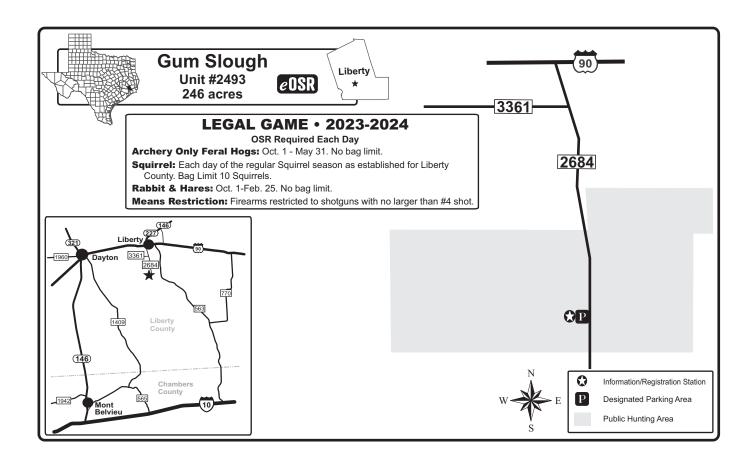


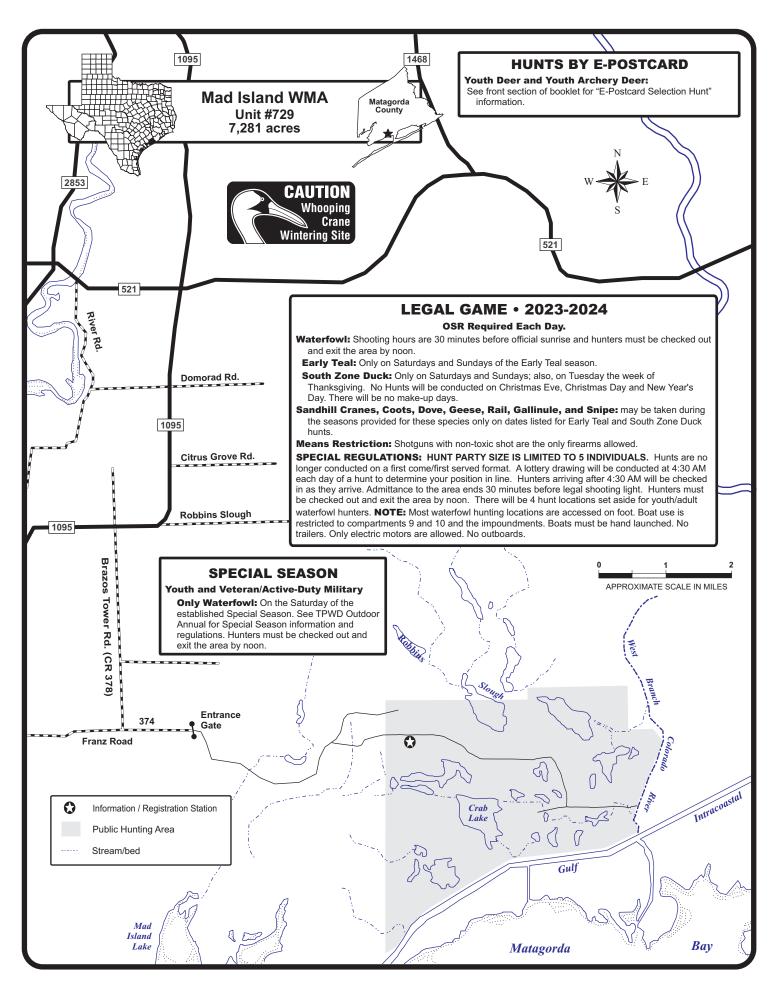


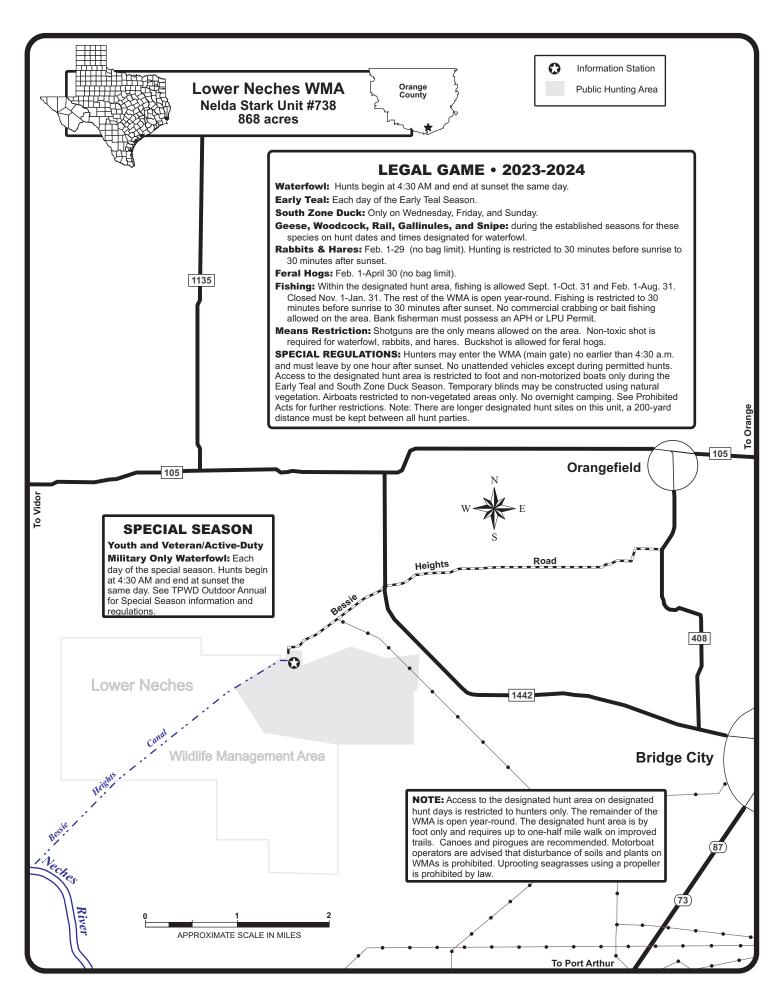


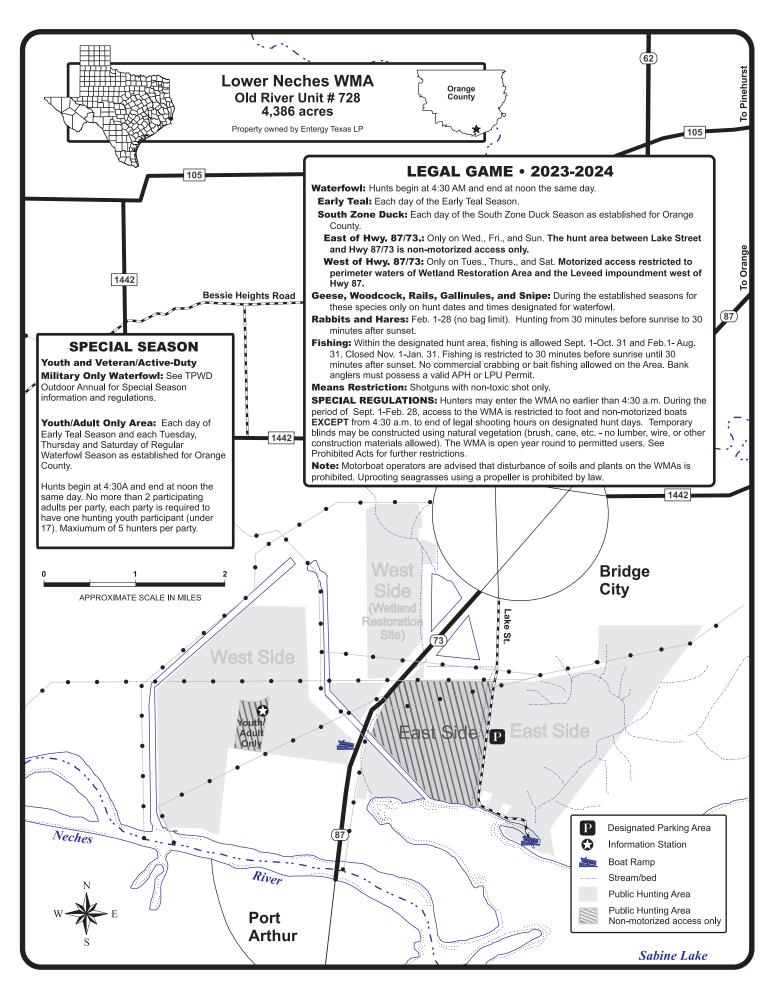


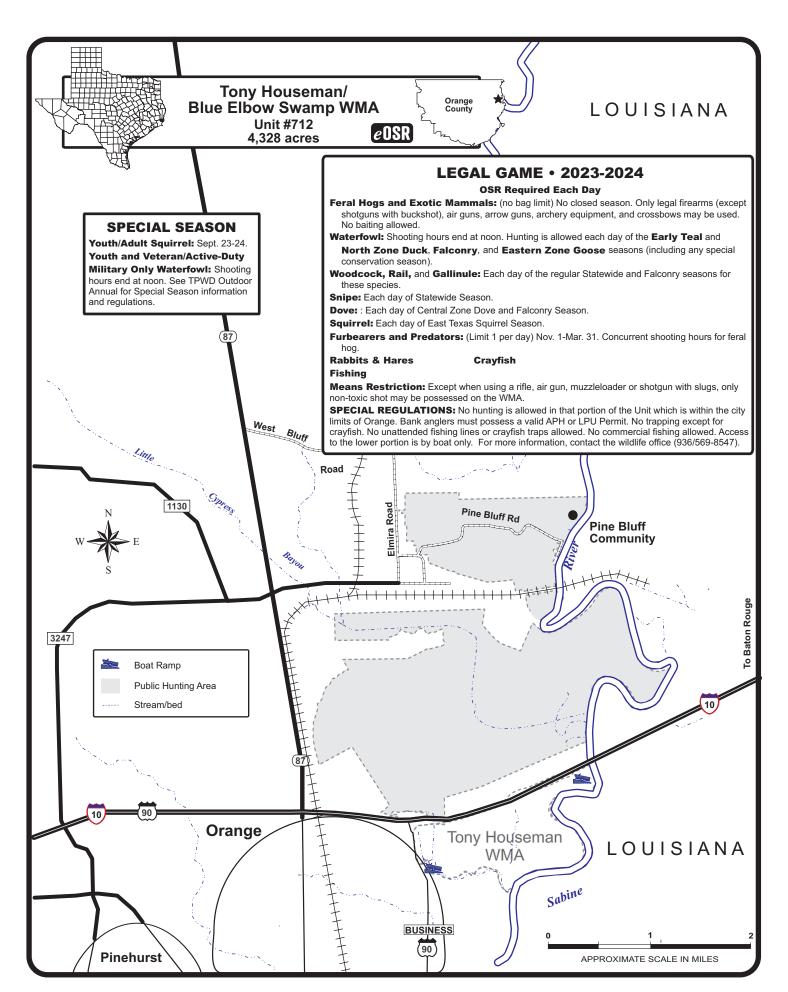


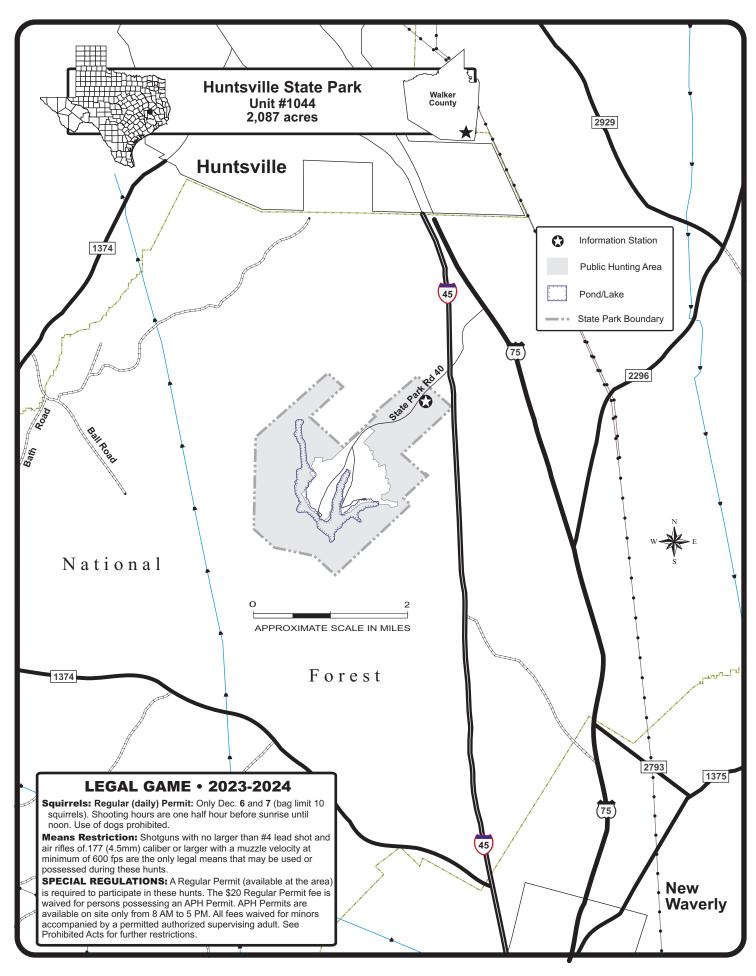


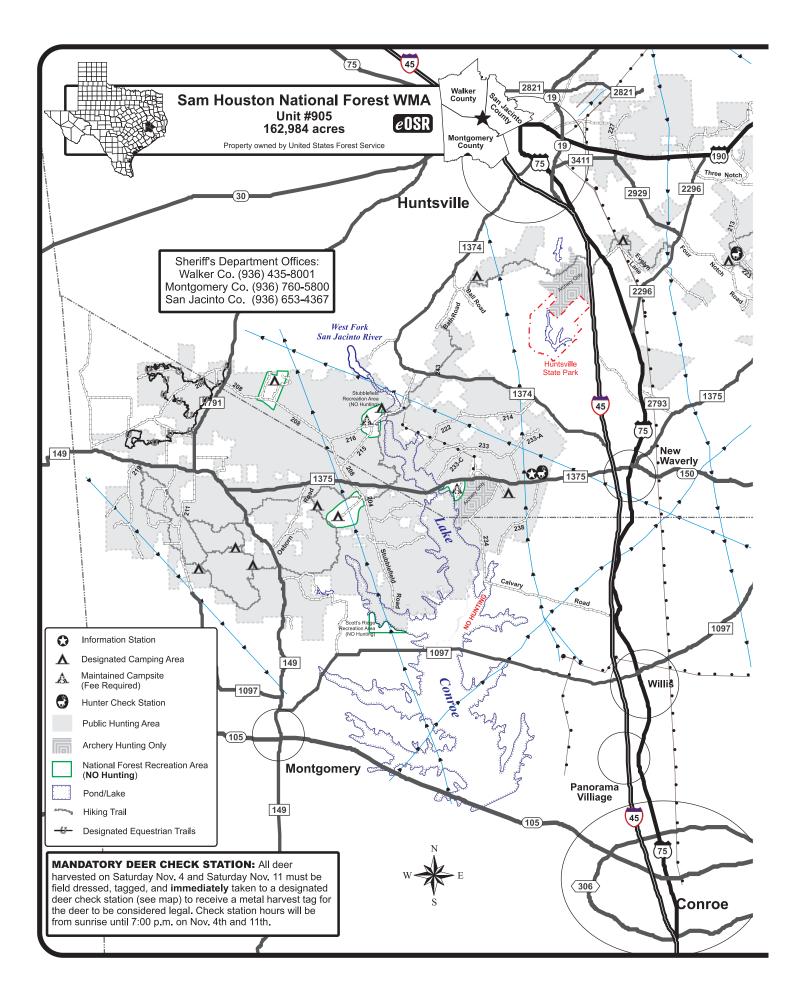


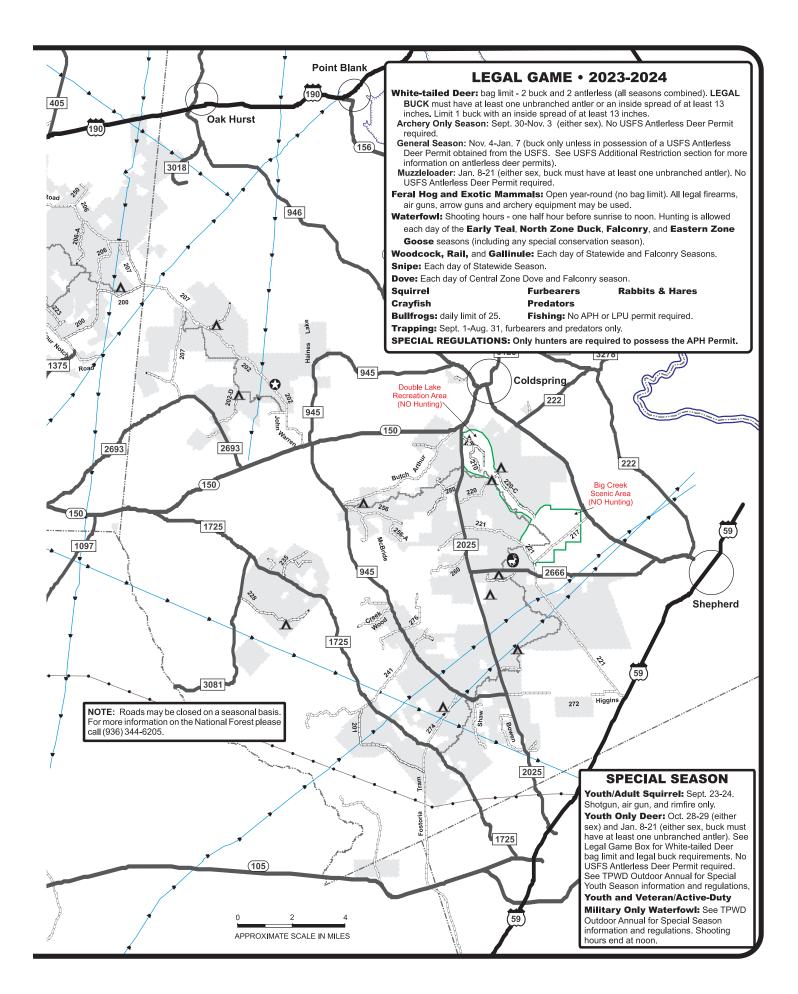








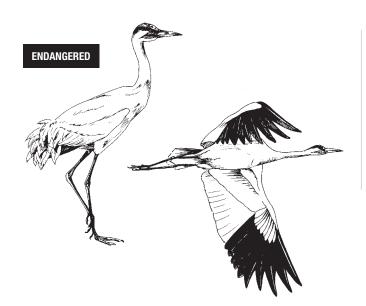




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For more information, visit www.tpwd.state.tx.us/whoopingcranes/ or email: whoopingcranes@tpwd.state.tx.us





#### WHOOPING CRANES - ENDANGERED

White with black wingtips, red cap and red malar stripe

Juveniles have a mixture of white and brown body feathers, with black wingtips

Necks long, extended straight forward in flight

Wingspan: 7-1/2 feet

Legs extend beyond tail in flight

Slow wingbeat

Flocks of 2 to 7, sometimes migrate

with sandhill cranes



#### SANDHILL CRANES

Gray, with dark wingtips; may appear white in some light

Neck long, extended straight forward in flight

Wingspan: 6-1/2 feet

Legs extend beyond tail in flight

Slow wingbeat

Flocks of 2 to hundreds



#### WOOD STORKS

White, with black tail and black along entire edge of wings

Neck long, extended straight, bare and dark near head; heavy bill curved down

Wingspan: 5-1/2 feet

Long legs extend beyond tail in flight

Flaps slowly, glides and soars

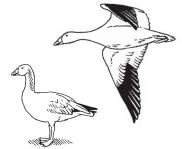
May be seen in groups or as single birds

#### **SNOW GOOSE AND ROSS'S GOOSE**

White with black wingtips Wingspan: 4-1/2 feet Short legs Rapid wingbeat

Flocks of 20 to hundreds

Usually noisy



#### **AMERICAN WHITE PELICANS**

White wings with black edgings extending almost to body

Long neck, folded in flight

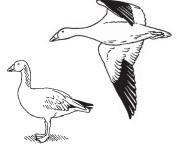
Wingspan: 9 feet

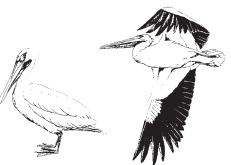
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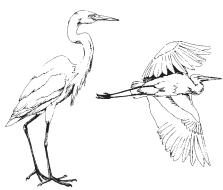
Long, yellow bill

Often in flocks of 20 or more

Usually circle while soaring







#### **GREAT EGRET**

An all-white heron with 4-1/2 foot wingspan and bright yellow beak

Long legs

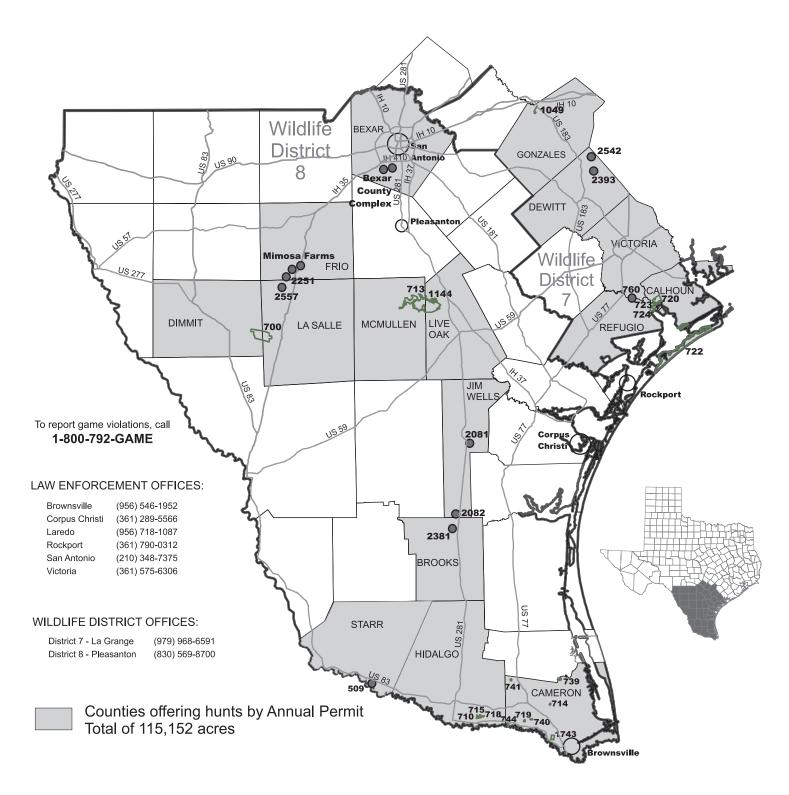
Neck usually tucked in flight Slightly smaller than sandhill cranes when standing



## REGION 8 – SAN ANTONIO/CORPUS CHRISTI

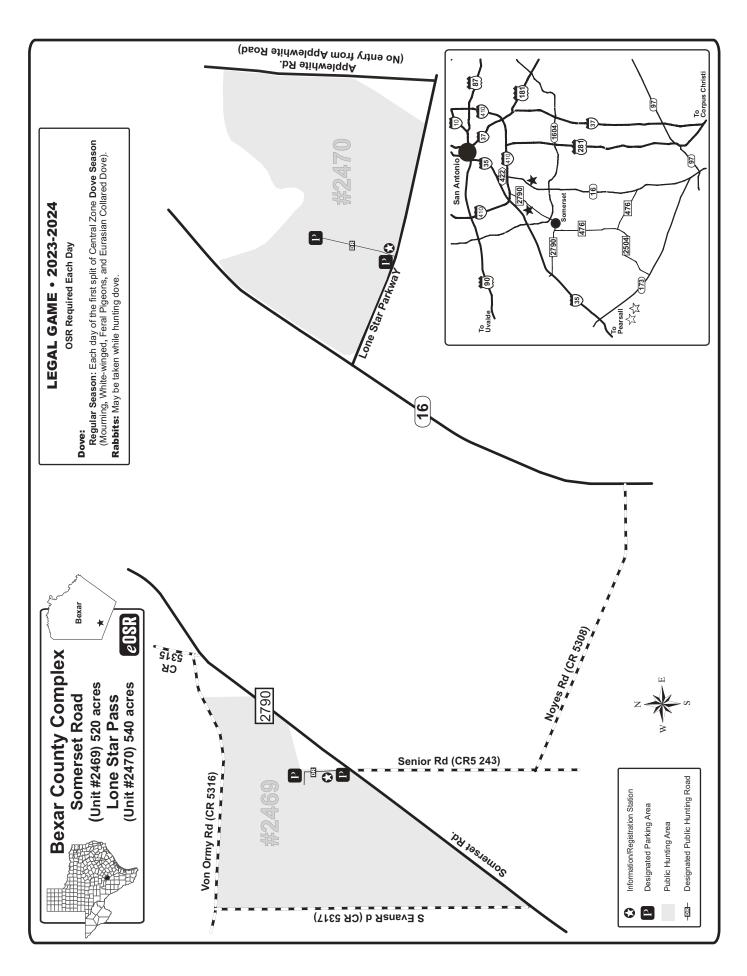
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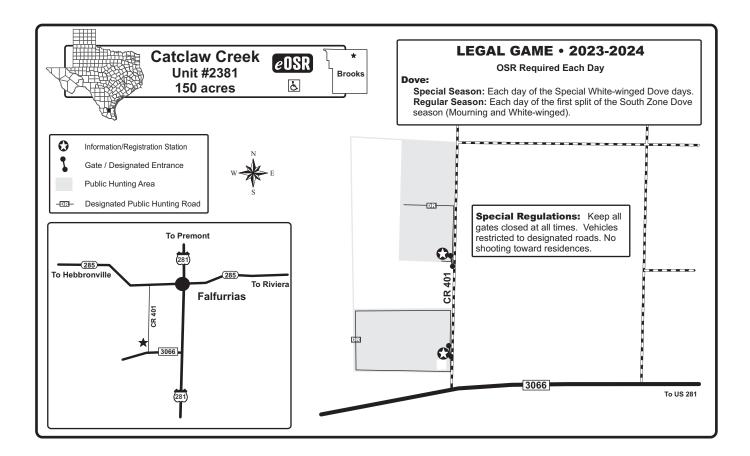
For enhanced individual area maps, please visit www.tpwd.texas.gov/APH



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#### **TICK-BORNE DISEASES IN TEXAS**

Each year Texans contract Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, ehrlichiosis and relapsing fever. All of these diseases are transmitted by the bite of an infected tick. If caught early, these diseases can almost always be cured. If left untreated, they can be serious or even fatal.

Early symptoms of these diseases mimic the "flu," and include fever, headache, tiredness, stiff neck or neck pain, muscle aches, and joint pain. Sometimes a rash is also present. If you develop flu-like symptoms (with or without a rash) after a tick bite, you should see a physician right away.

#### To protect yourself and your family

- Wear light-colored clothing so that ticks can easily be seen.
- Tuck pant legs into socks to keep ticks off of your skin.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and keep shirt tails tucked in.
- Use insect repellent according to package instructions.
- Inspect exposed skin every few hours for ticks.
- Do a thorough, full-body tick check when you come in and remove any attached ticks.
- Frequently check your pets for ticks. In addition to bringing ticks into your home, pets can contract tick-borne diseases.

#### To remove an attached tick

- · Use tweezers to grasp the tick's mouthparts as close to the skin as possible.
- If tweezers are not available use a tissue to protect your fingers.
- With a steady motion, pull the tick straight out.
  - After removal, you can mail the live tick to the Texas Department of Health Laboratory (address below) for identification and testing. Please use a container

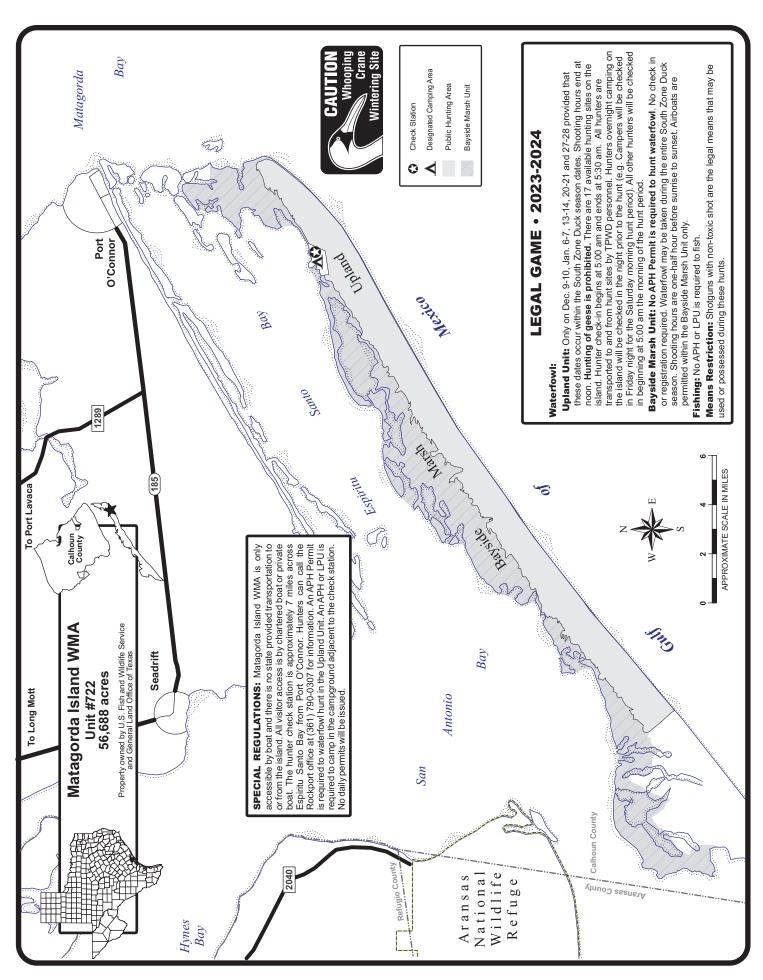
with a secure lid. Putting a small piece of tissue moistened with a single drop of water in the container will help keep the tick alive.

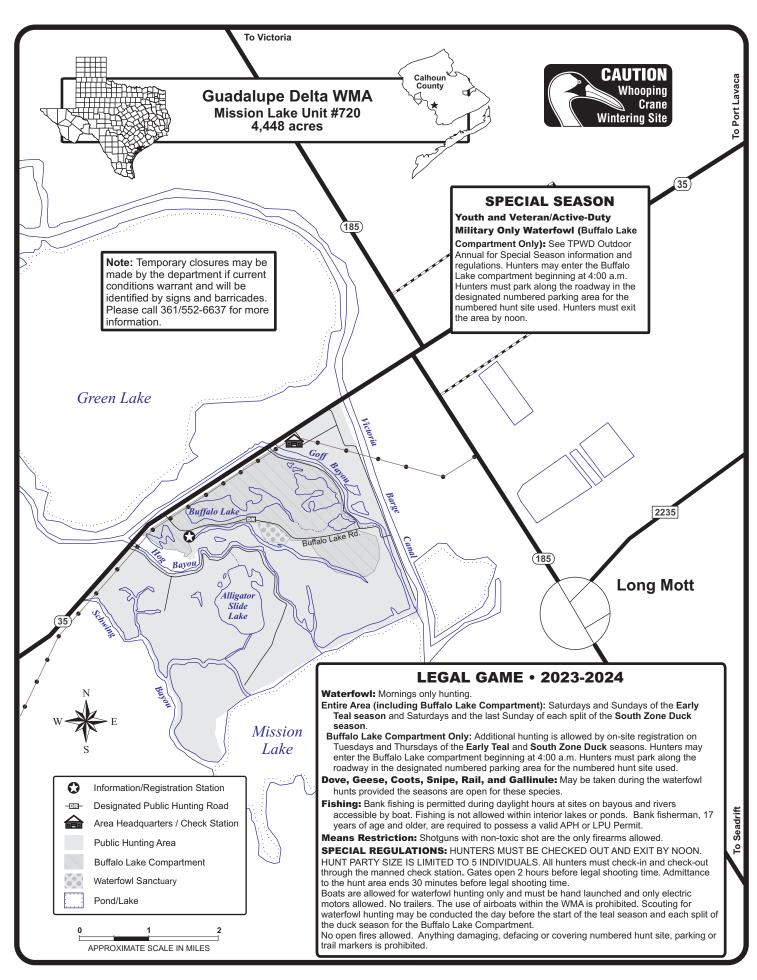
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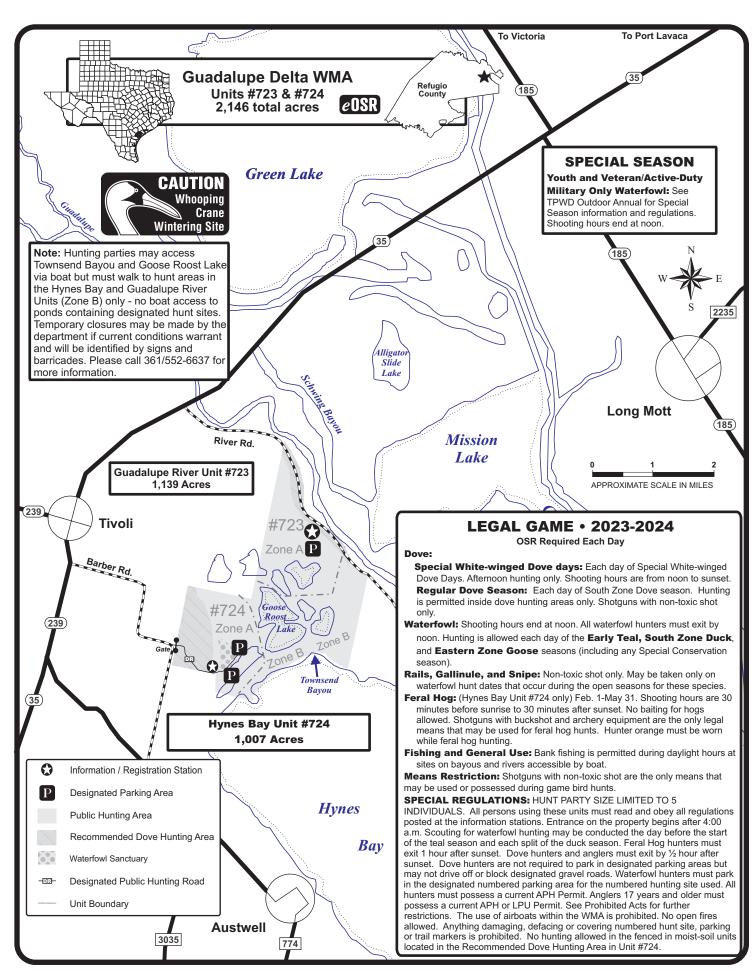
For more information on tick-borne diseases in Texas, contact your local health department or the Texas Department of Health, 1100 West 49th St., Austin, TX 78756.

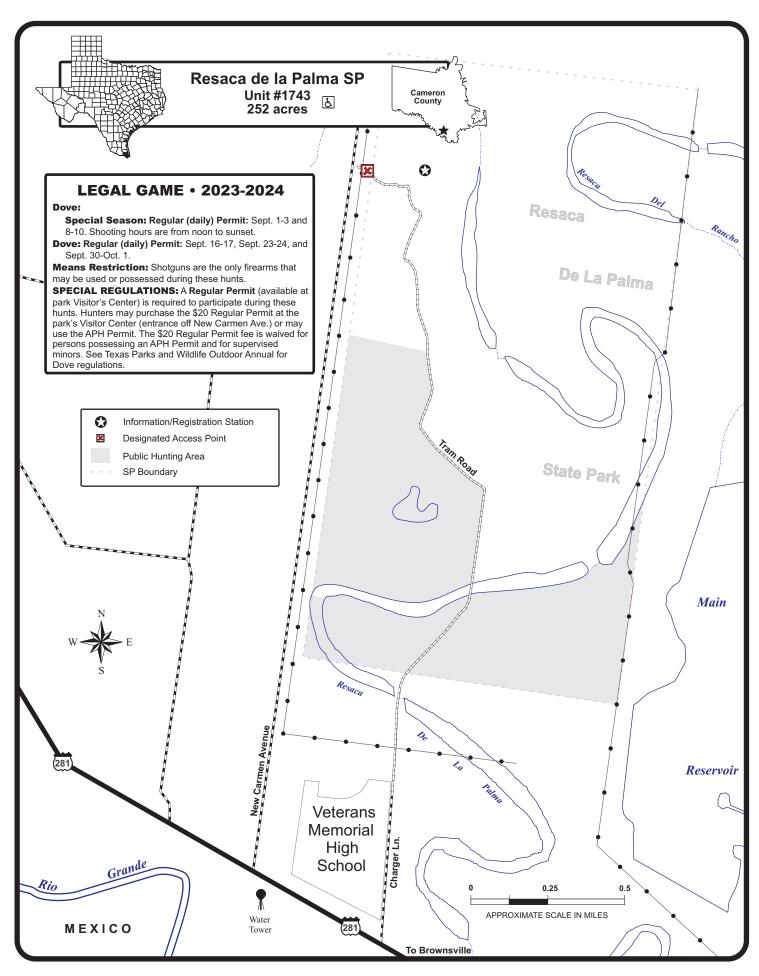
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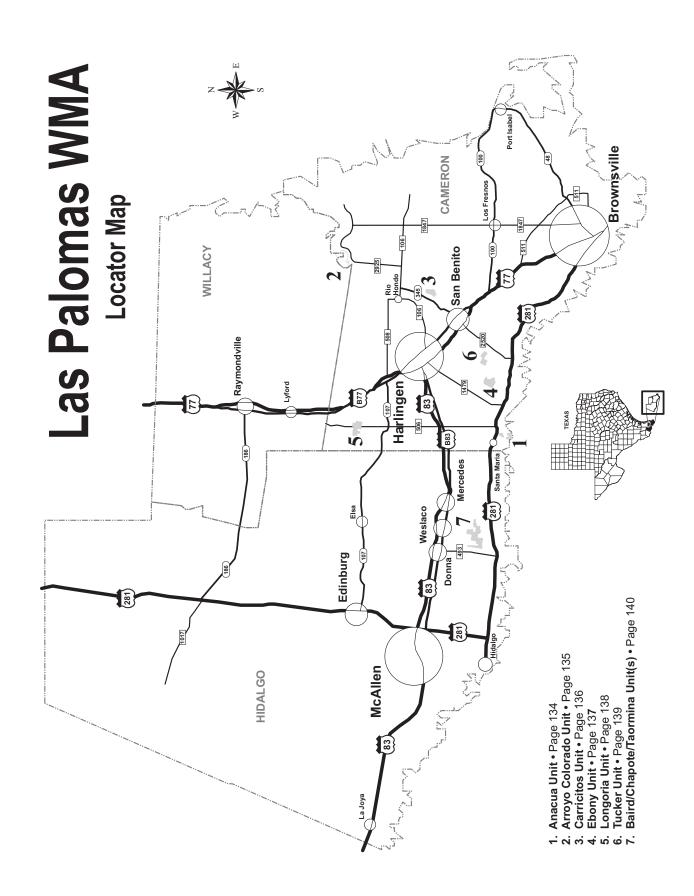


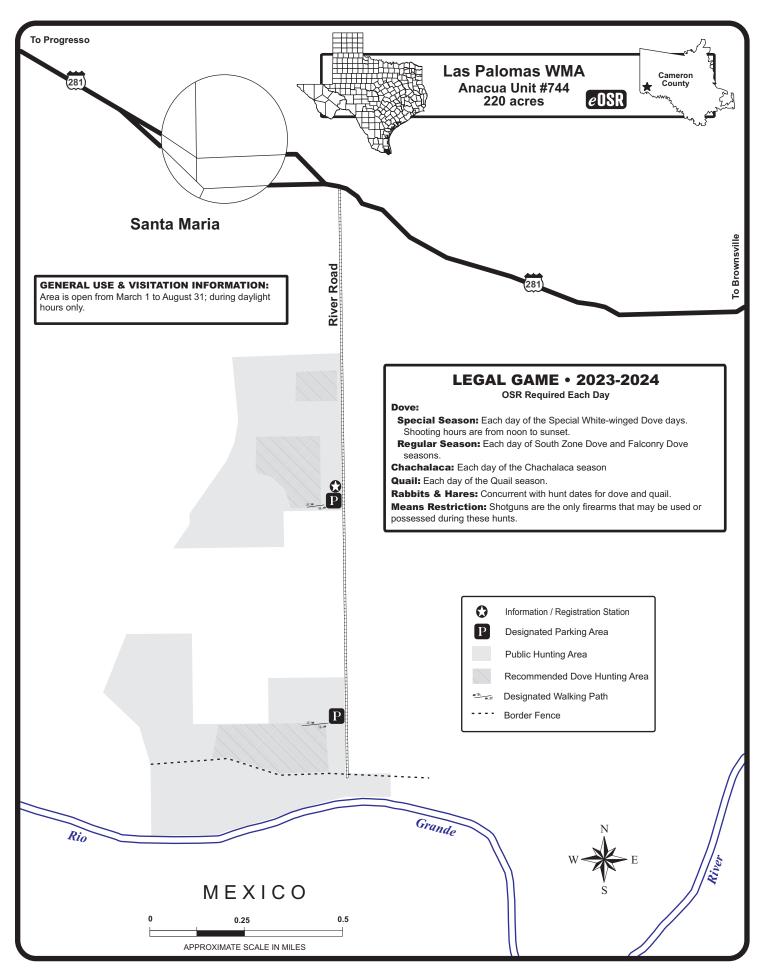


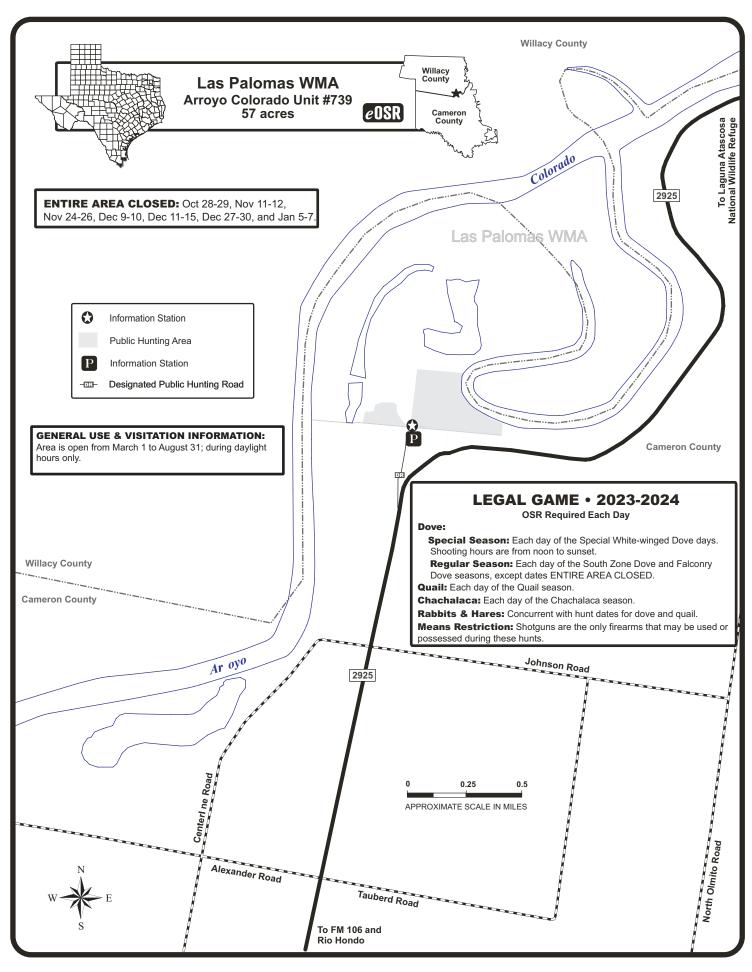


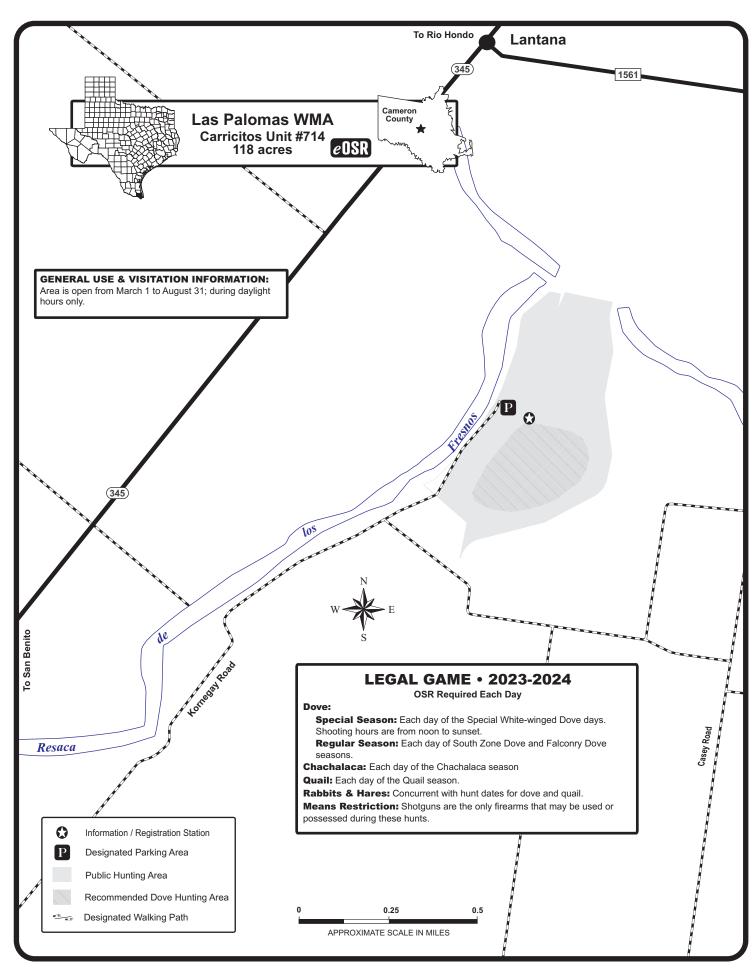


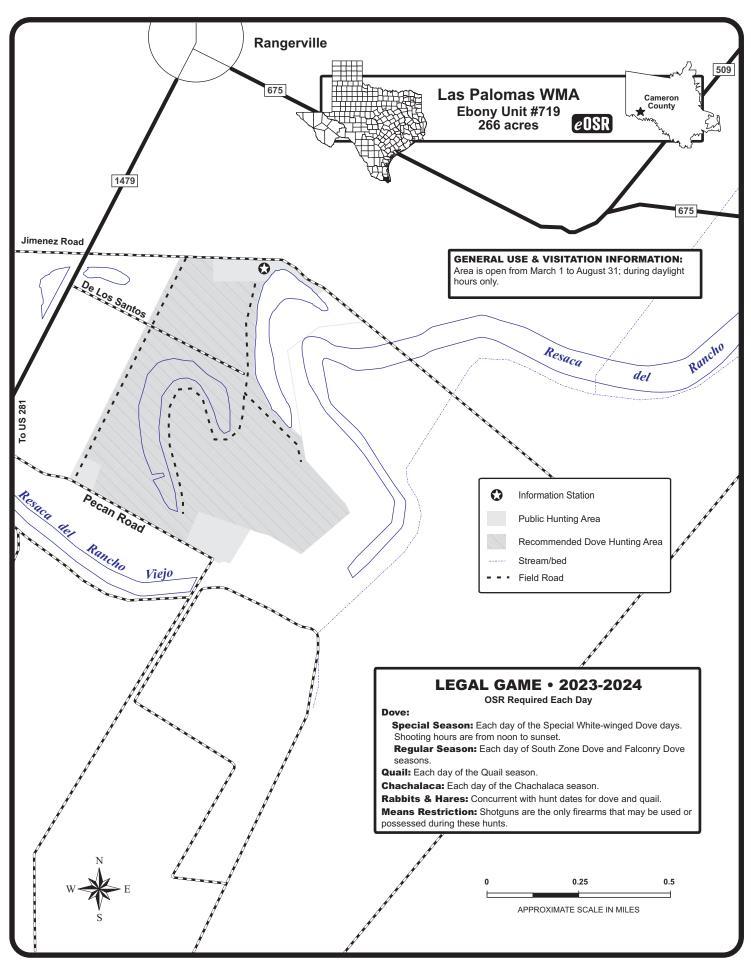
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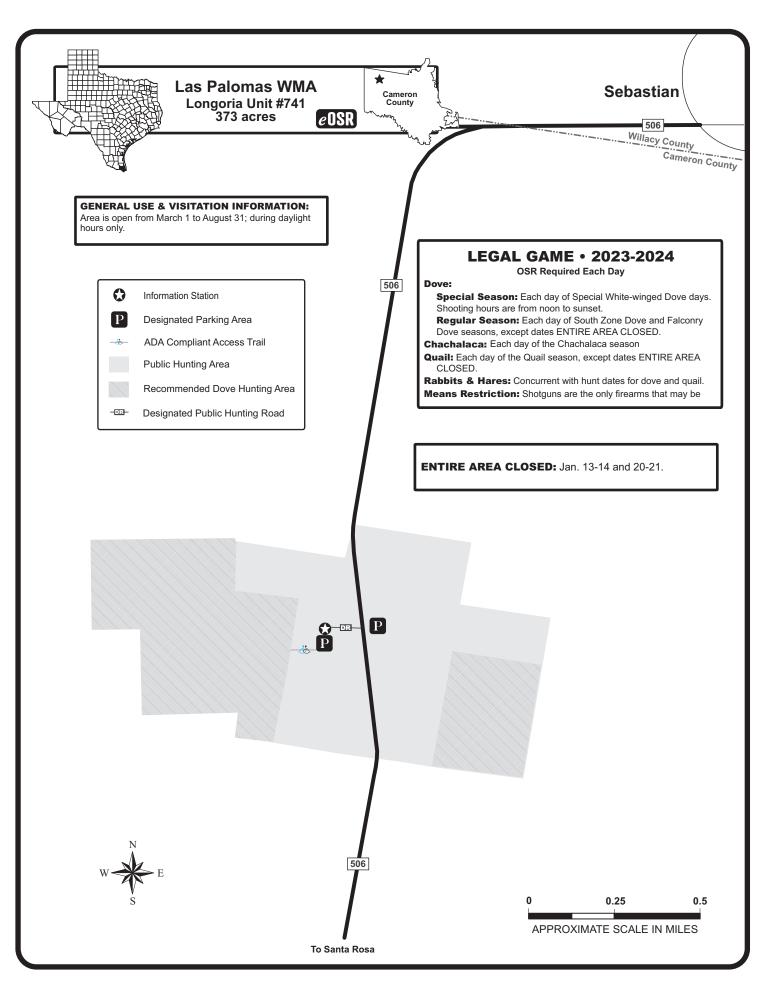


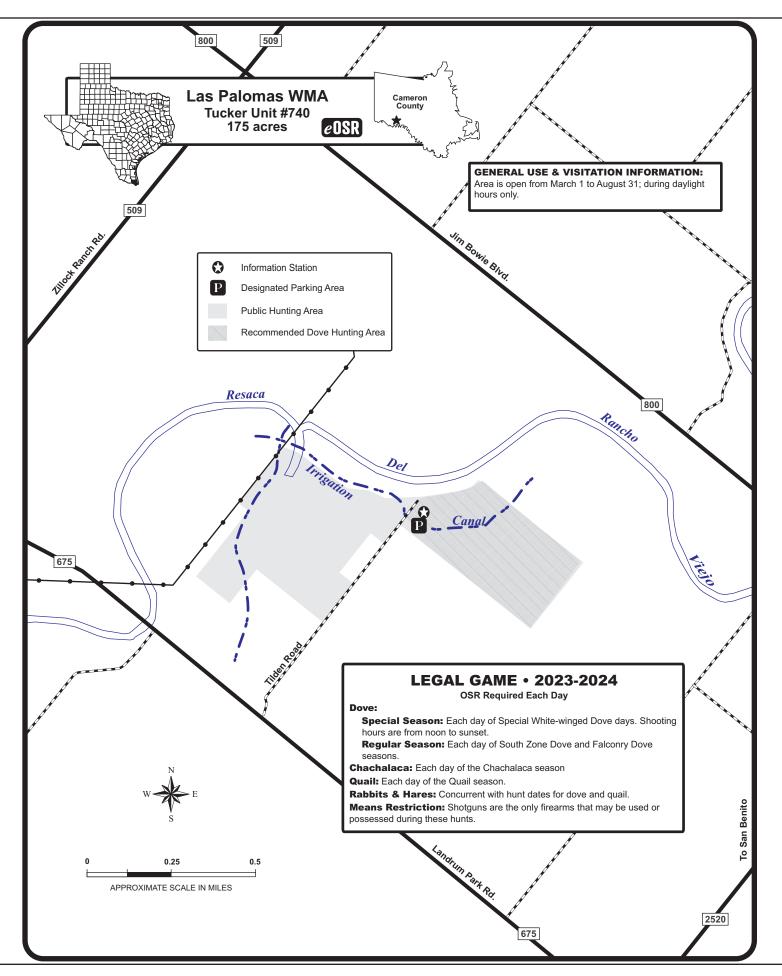


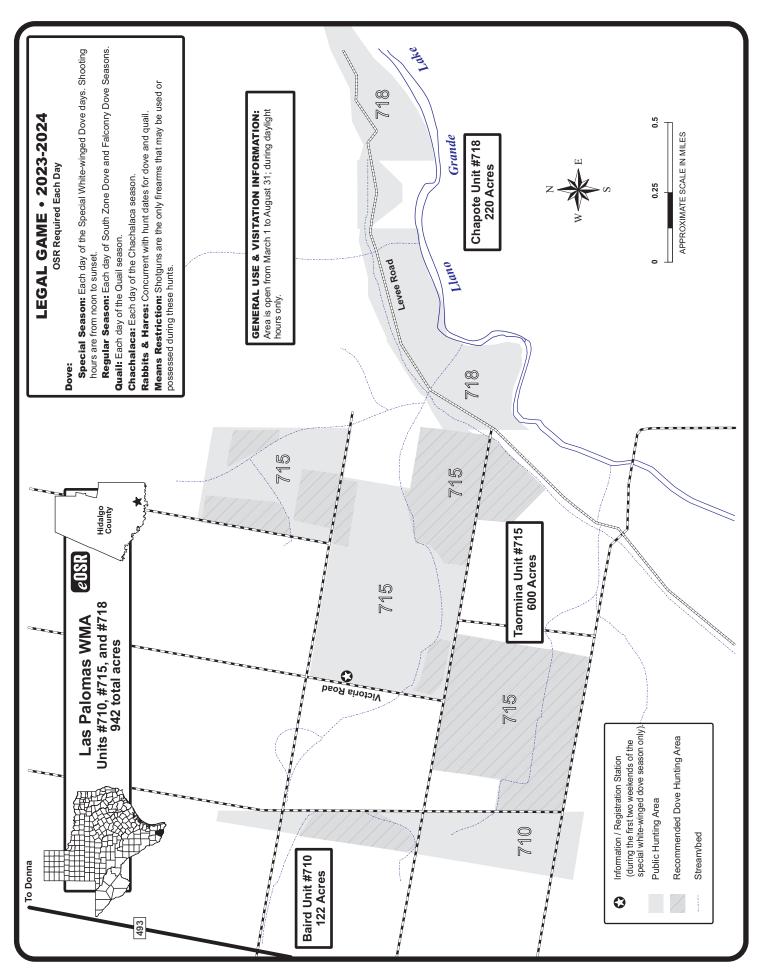


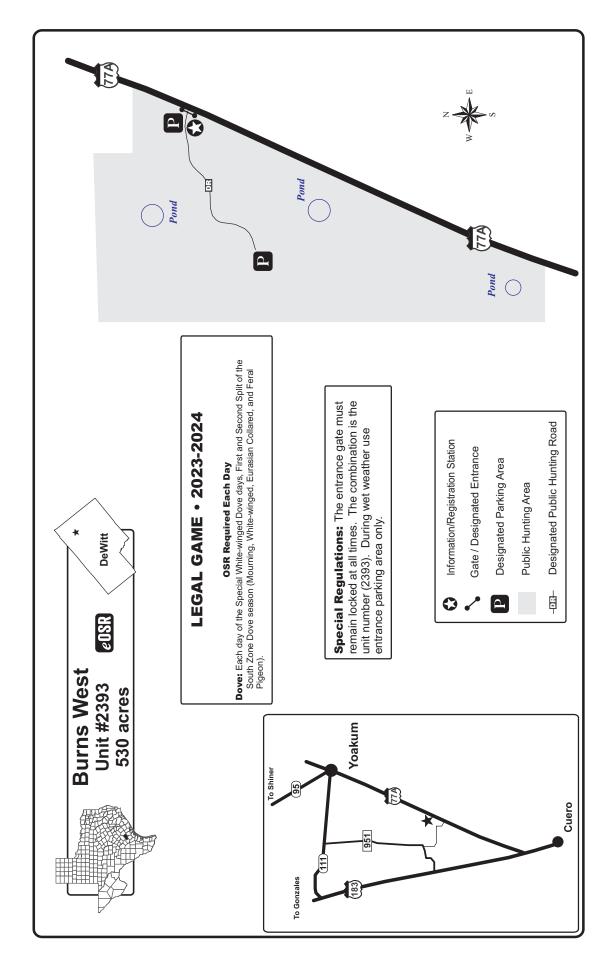


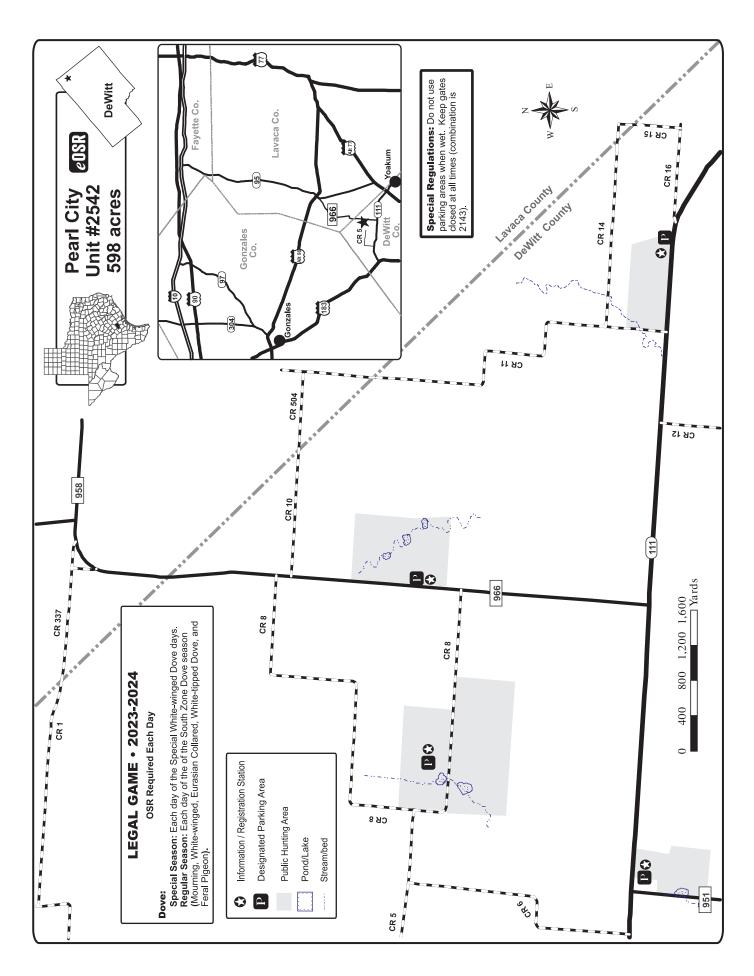


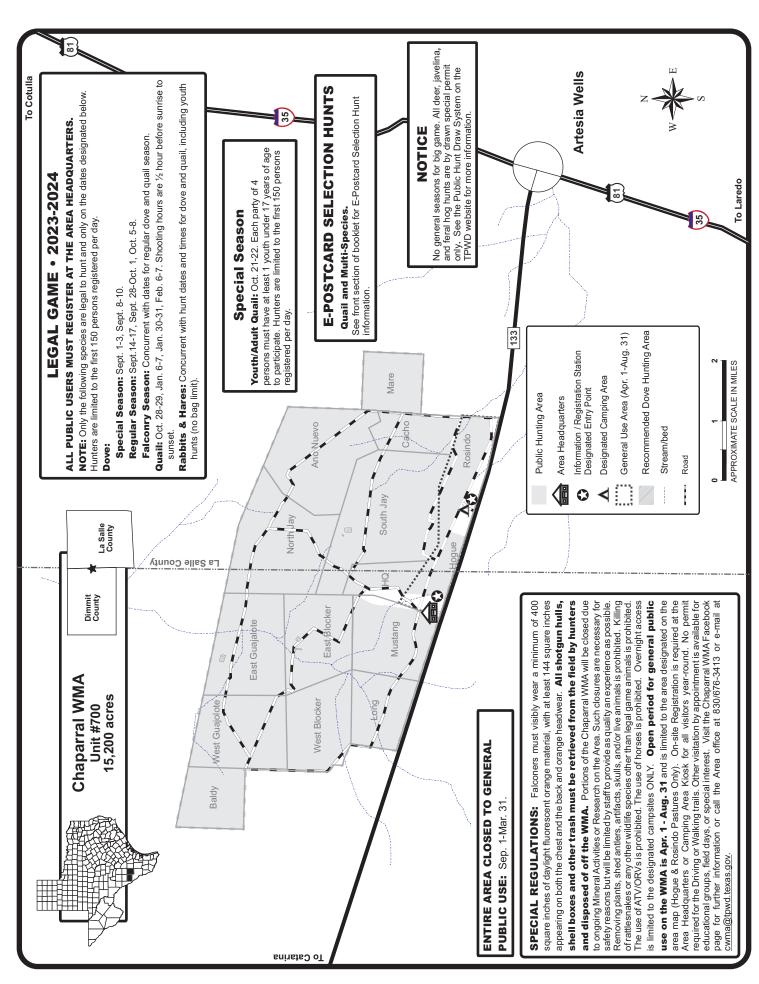


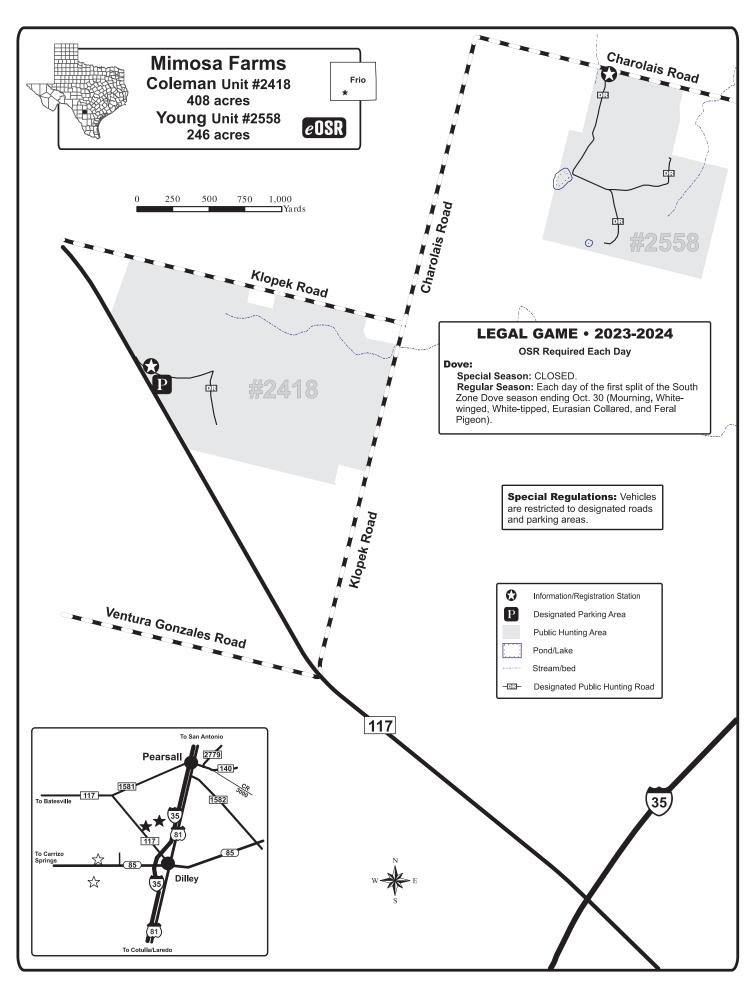


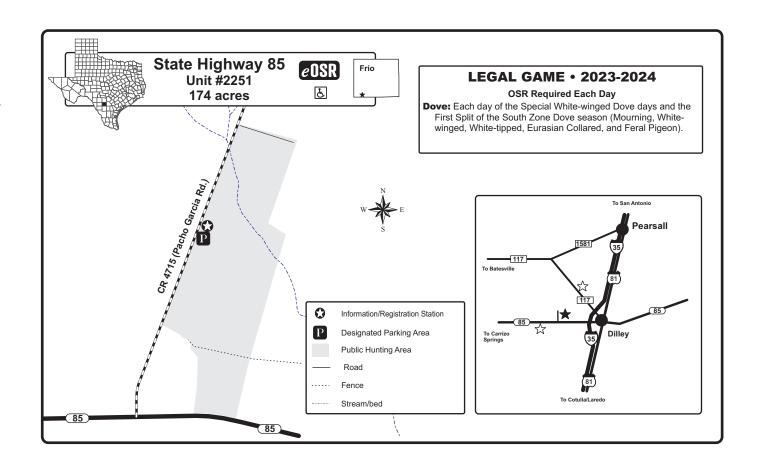


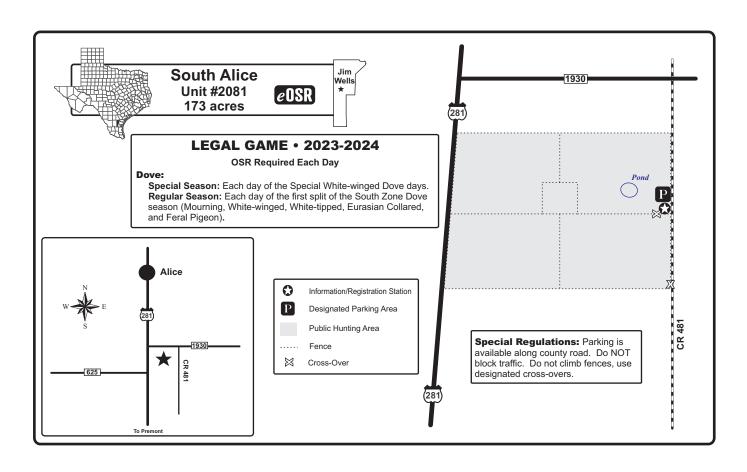


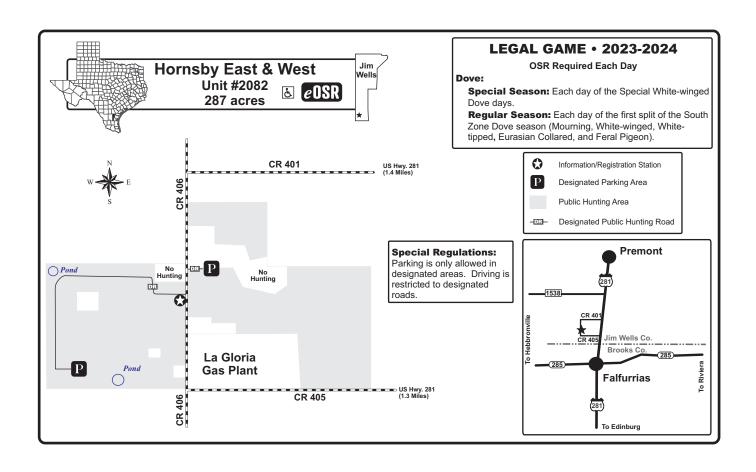


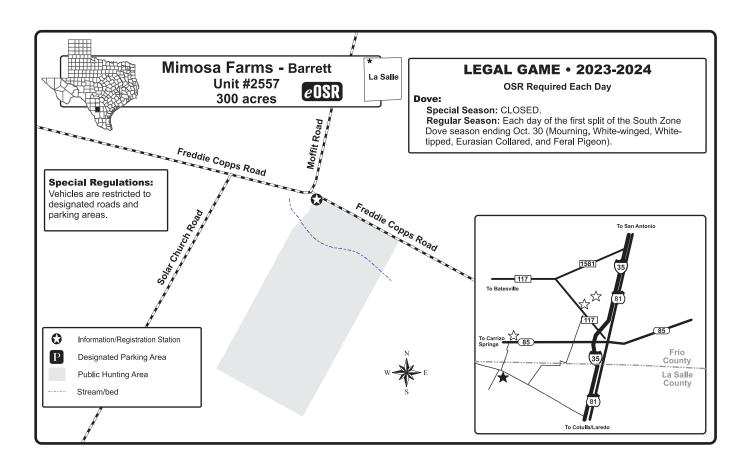


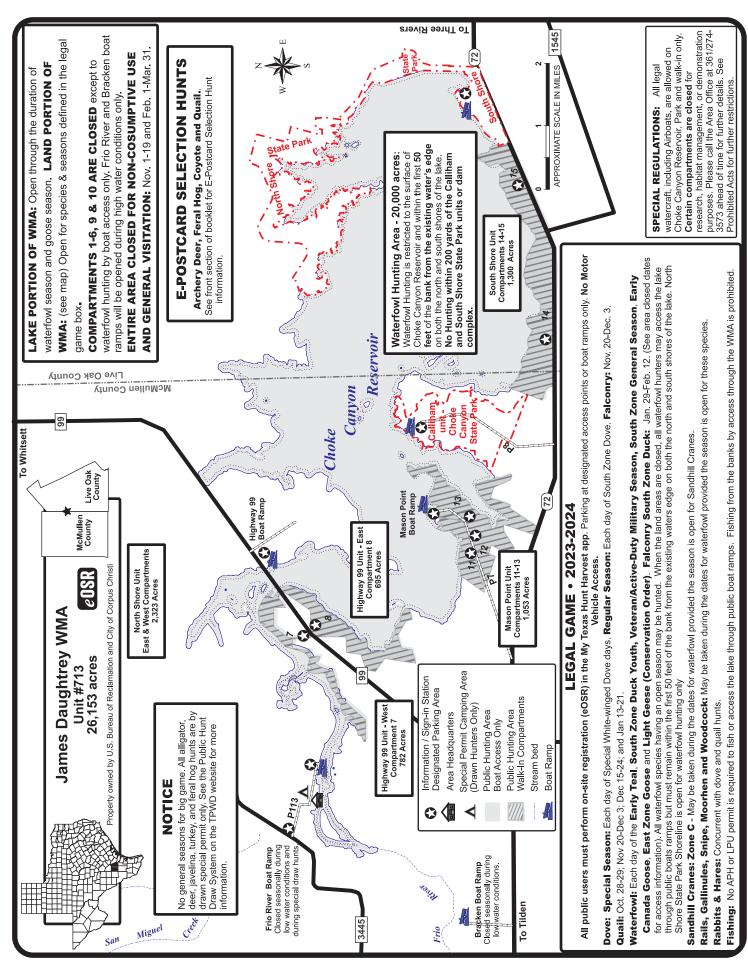


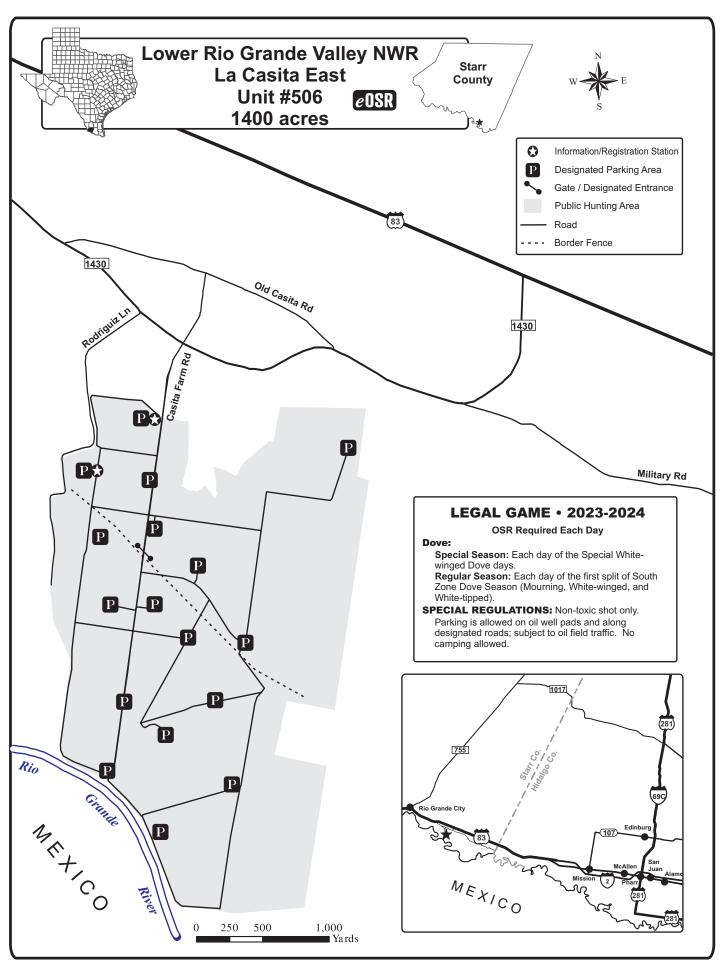












# ON-SITE REGISTRATION FORMS AND COST

#### **Public Hunting Lands**

Some units in this booklet require on-site registration (OSR) for entry or participation in certain activities. The requirement of OSR is listed in the Legal Game Box for each hunt area. OSR forms are generally available at the registration station. See On-site Registration in the "Questions and Answers" section for more information.

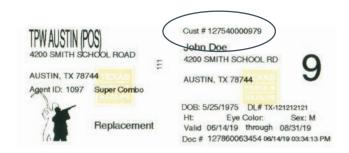
**Electronic On-Site Registration** is a smartphone and web app available through the My Texas Hunt Harvest app: tpwd.texas.gov/myhunt that can be used to perform on-site registration on all dove and small game fields, select wildlife management areas, and Public Hunting Lands (PHLs). Please note that most WMAs and state parks require on-site registration to be performed using the area-specific paper forms only.

If the unit map in this booklet or the information station at the site displays this badge,



**Electronic On-site Registration is available.** 

Your customer number is located on your hunting license, above your name.



# SCHEDULE OF RECREATIONAL USE AND VISITATION OF PUBLIC HUNTING LANDS

September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2024

Recreational use is defined as any activity other than hunting or fishing. The following is a schedule of provisions for recreational visitation on certain units of public lands listed in this Map Booklet. The types of public visitation, access permit required, and on-site registration requirements are indicated for each unit. **Recreational users are advised to check with the area for specific information on recreational activities. IMPORTANT: Public hunts may be in progress on these areas during times recreational access is allowed.** You are advised to check the unit maps to determine hunt dates before you plan your visit. At times when hunting with firearms is authorized, all general users within the hunt area must meet established requirements for visibly wearing 400 square inches of hunter orange material with at least 144 square inches appearing on both chest and back and orange headwear.

**APH** = Annual Public Hunting Permit

LPU = Limited Public Use Permit

**COE** = U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

**XX** = No permit required of persons using only driving tours or nature trails.

**USFS** = U.S. Forest Service

**NOTE:** Individuals need have only one of the required permits for the specified area.

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Page 1	Unit Number	Area Name	General Visitation	Access Permit	On-Site Registration	Driving To	Nature Tr	Day Use O.	Camping	Wildlife Viewin	Hiking	Bicycling	Equestrian
6	702	Matador WMA (806/492-3405)	contact the WMA for specifics	APH or LPU or XX	yes	•			•	•	•		•
7	751	Playa Lakes WMA - Taylor Lakes Unit (806/492-3405)	contact the WMA for specifics	APH or LPU or XX	yes			•		•	•		
16	755	Gene Howe WMA (806/323-8642)	contact the WMA for specifics	APH or LPU or XX	yes		•		•	•	•	•	•
25	701	Black Gap WMA (432/376-2216)	portions open year-round; contact area manager for specifics	APH or LPU or XX	yes	•	•		•	•	•	•	•
26	725	Elephant Mountain WMA (432/364-2228)	contact area manager for specifics	APH or LPU or XX	yes	•			•	•	•		
33	1096	Lake Colorado City SP (325/728-3931)	governed by state park rules	park	yes		•		•	•	•		
35	1001	Abilene SP (325/572-3204)	governed by state park rules	park	yes		•		•	•	•	•	
36	1166	San Angelo SP (325/947-2687)	governed by state park rules	park	yes		•		•	•	•	•	•
37	502	Twin Buttes PHL (325/651-4844)	open year-round	APH or LPU	yes			•	•	•	•	•	
44-45	501	Ray Roberts PHL (COE) (940/627-5475)	open year-round	none	yes			•		•	•		
47	731	Cooper WMA (COE) (903/945-3132)	open year-round	none	no			•		•	•	•	
48	602	Bois d'Arc Lake PHL (NTWCD) (469/626-4760)	open year-round	none	yes			•					
49-50	901	Caddo Grasslands WMA (USFS) (940/627-5475)	open year-round	none	yes				•	•	•	•	•
52	1155	South Sulphur Unit- Cooper Lake SP (903/945-5256)	governed by state park rules	park	yes		•		•	•	•		•
55	708	Tawakoni WMA (903/881-8233)	open year-round	APH or LPU	no				•	•	•		•
56	705	Pat Mayse WMA (COE) (903/328-9597)	contact area manager for specifics	APH or LPU	no				•	•	•		•
63	733	Big Lake Bottom WMA (903/389-7080)	contact the WMA for specifics	APH or LPU	yes					•			
64	754	Gus Engeling WMA (903/928-2251)	contact the WMA for specifics	APH or LPU or XX	yes	•	•		•	•	•	•	
66	727	White Oak Creek WMA (COE) (903/884-3800)	open year-round	none	no			•		•	•		•
67	601	Lake Striker PHL (903/854-2404 Private Marina)	contact the WMA for specifics	APH or LPU or XX	yes			•	•				
68	730	Caddo Lake WMA (903/679-9817)	open year-round	APH or LPU	no				•	•	•	•	
71	707	Angelina Neches/Dam B WMA (COE) (936/569-8547)	open year-round	none	yes		•		•	•	•	•	
72	747	Alazan Bayou WMA (936/569-8547)	contact the WMA for specifics	APH or LPU	yes				•	•			•
74	630	Sabine River Authority 630 (936/569-8547)	open year-round	APH or LPU	no				•	•	•	•	•

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75	902	Moore Plantation WMA (USFS) (409/625-1940)	open year-round	none	yes				•	•	•	•	•
76	903	Bannister WMA (USFS) (936/897-1068)	open year-round	none	yes				•	•	•	•	•
77	615	North Toledo Bend WMA (936/639-1879)	open year-round	APH or LPU	yes				•	•	•		•
78	732	Old Sabine Bottom WMA (903/881-8233)	contact the WMA for specifics	APH or LPU	yes				•	•	•	•	•
79	904	Alabama Creek WMA (USFS) (936/655-2299)	open year-round	none	yes	•			•	•	•	•	•
88-89	703	Richland Creek WMA (903/389-7080)	contact the WMA for specifics	APH or LPU	yes				•	•	•	•	•
90	711	Somerville PHL (COE) (979/289-2392)	contact the WMA for specifics	none	yes			•		•	•	•	
99	607	Luminant Texas 607 (979/696-4148)	open year-round	APH or LPU	yes					•	•	•	•
103	709	Granger PHL (COE) (512/859-2668)	portions open year-round; contact the WMA for specifics	none	no				•	•	•	•	
107	716	Nannie Stringfellow WMA (979/323-9669)	contact the WMA for specifics	APH or LPU	yes					•			
108	721	Justin Hurst WMA (979/323-9669)	contact the WMA for specifics	APH or LPU or XX	yes		•	•		•	•	•	
112-113	783	J.D. Murphree WMA (409/736-2551)	contact the WMA for specifics	APH or LPU	yes			•		•			
114	1055	Sea Rim SP (409/971-2559)	governed by state park rules	park	yes		•		•	•	•		
117	729	Mad Island WMA (979/323-9669)	contact the WMA for specifics	APH or LPU	yes			•		•			
118-119	728	Lower Neches WMA (409/736-2551)	contact the WMA for specifics	APH or LPU	no		•	•		•	•		
120	712	Tony Houseman/ Blue Elbow Swamp WMA (936/569-8547)	open year-round	APH or LPU	no		•	•		•	•		
121	1044	Huntsville SP (936/295-5644)	governed by state park rules	park	yes		•		•	•	•	•	•
122-123	905	Sam Houston National Forest WMA (USFS) (936/344-6205)	open year-round	none	yes	•			•	•	•	•	•
129	722	Matagorda Island WMA (979/323-9669)	portions open year-round; contact the WMA for specifics	APH or LPU	yes				•	•	•	•	
130-131	720	Guadalupe Delta WMA (979/323-9669)	contact the WMA for specifics	APH or LPU	yes			•		•	•	•	
132	1743	Resaca de la Palma SP (956/350-2920)	governed by state park rules	park	yes		•	•		•	•		
134-140		Las Palomas WMA Units (956/501-4793)	contact the WMA for specifics	APH or LPU	yes					•	•		
143	700	Chaparral WMA (830/676-3413)	contact area manager for additional details; open Apr. 1-Aug. 31	APH or LPU or XX	yes	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
147	713	James E. Daughtrey WMA (361/786-3538)	contact the WMA for specifics	APH or LPU	yes		•	•		•			