

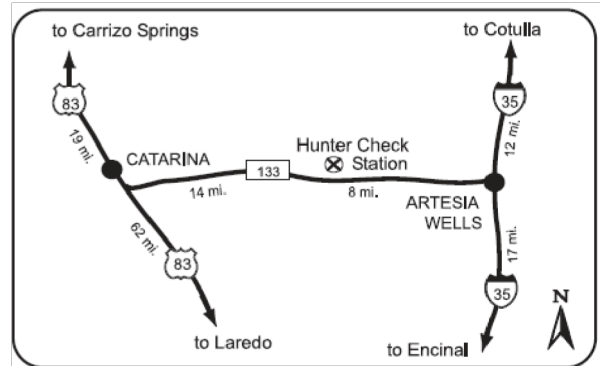


Chaparral Wildlife Management Area

All Special Permit Hunts

Overview

The Chaparral Wildlife Management Area (WMA) is located in LaSalle and Dimmit counties, 8 miles west of Artesia Wells on FM 133 (exit #56 on IH 35). The WMA is deer-proof fenced and includes 15,200 acres of South Texas native brush country, which is typified by dense brush thickets, mesquite, prickly pear and black-brush. Average annual rainfall for this area is 21 inches. The South Texas Plains is noted for rapid, extreme changes in weather, notably extremes in temperatures. The purpose of public hunts is to harvest surplus renewable game resources and provide information for research and management programs.



Hunt Information

Permit recipients should report at 11 a.m. (10 a.m. for Youth Hunts) to the WMA Headquarters/Check Station on the first day of the hunt. The hunt will end at sunset on the last day of the assigned hunt period. **Hunters must contact the area as soon as possible if they are unable to attend their accepted hunt or not able to arrive on the first day for orientation.**

A primitive campground facility is available for hunters, located on FM 133 about 1.5 miles east of the WMA entrance. There are **no electrical or water hook-ups**, however, restrooms with flush toilets and showers are available. Hunters are urged to bring their own food, drink and ice (the nearest store and cafe are over 13 miles away). The campground will be open the afternoon prior to scheduled hunts. All hunters are urged to set up camp prior to check-in time. **Please keep the campground gates closed.** The WMA and campground must be kept clean of trash, pack it in, pack it out. **RVs and campers using generators must camp in the RV campground located ¼ mile west of the hunters' campground.** All vehicles are restricted to the existing WMA road system. Hunters are encouraged to bring portable stands to the Area; however, some stands are present in each hunting compartment.

Prospective stand-by hunters should report to the Area Headquarters/Check Station and register on the first day of the hunt period by 10:00 a.m. for youth only hunts and 11:00 a.m. for

all other hunts. Stand-by cards may be drawn for hunts, except **no stand-by positions are offered for the Youth Gun Deer Either Sex Hunt (YDE)**. See other restrictions listed below.

All hunters must report to the check station every time they enter or exit the hunt area. All game harvested must be checked by WMA personnel: only species defined at time of the hunt or on your permit may be taken. All hunters must have a valid Texas hunting license, special permit, and any special stamp as required by statute. It is no longer necessary to use a hunting license tag and license log on a deer taken during a Special Permit drawn hunt however a TPWD Legal Deer Tag, issued at the WMA, must be attached to a harvested deer prior to leaving the hunt area. **During “Youth Only” hunts, only the youth may harvest any game.**

Youth Supervision: A permitted supervising adult must accompany hunters under the age of 17. **Youth 8 years of age and younger must be accompanied.** Youth between the ages of 9 and 16 must have completed a hunter education course or must be accompanied. Adults accompanying youth must be 17 years of age or older, possess a valid Texas hunting license, have completed a hunter education course or be exempt and must be within normal voice control.

Hunter Education is required of all hunters born on or after September 2, 1971. (See Hunting Guide for more information)

- Hunters must **only use the means and methods** appropriate to the special hunt category for which they were drawn. For Archery Only Hunts no firearms are permitted. Archery equipment must meet specifications as designated by state hunting regulations.
- **All hunters** (except on archery only hunts) **must visibly wear a minimum of 400 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material (vest and headwear).**
- **Alcoholic beverages may not be publicly displayed or consumed** on the WMA, and persons under the influence of alcohol or drugs will not be permitted to enter the hunt area. **All open container, DUI, and DWI regulations will be enforced.**
- **Some areas may be closed to hunting and will be posted at the check station.** Livestock may be present. Close all high fence gates behind you. Leave all other gates as you found them.
- **Killing rattlesnakes is prohibited.** Do not take any plants, animals (other than legally taken game), or artifacts from the WMA, including shed deer antlers or skulls. Any artifact found must be left as they are; shed antlers or skulls should be brought to the check station.
- **Hunting from a vehicle or the possession of a loaded firearm in or on a motor vehicle is prohibited,** except as allowed by special provisions for hunters with mobility disabilities or CHL holders.

- **Hunters in the field and vehicles within the WMA are subject to inspection by WMA personnel and/or Game Wardens.**
- **All-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and off-road vehicles (ORVs) are not permitted on the WMA**, except for use by a hunter with a mobility disability or an adult directly assisting a hunter with a mobility disability. Proof of disability is required.
- Transporting youth (under 18 years of age) in an “open bed” of a pickup truck or trailer is prohibited on roads within the boundaries of the Wildlife Management Area.
- Baiting may be permitted for special permit hunts.

For further information, call the Chaparral WMA headquarters at (830) 676-3413 (Email: cwma@tpwd.texas.gov) or visit the Chaparral WMA Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ChaparralWMA>.