



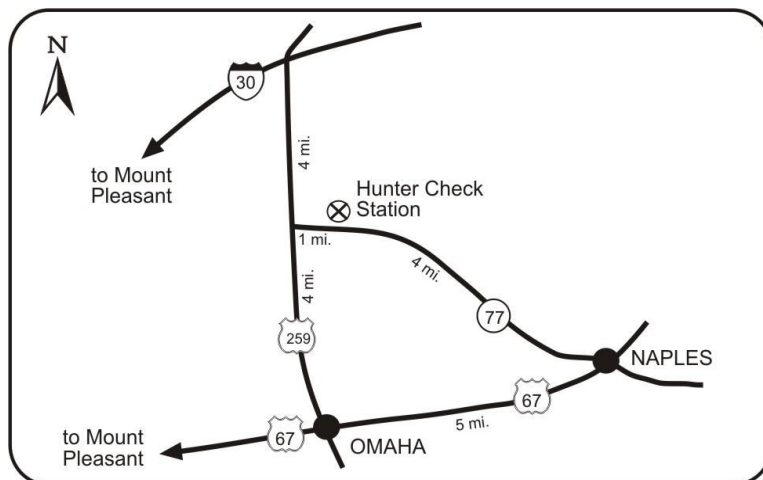
## WHITE OAK CREEK WMA

### Background

The White Oak Creek WMA is located 18 miles east of Mt. Pleasant. It covers approximately 25,777 acres of mostly bottomland hardwood forest at the confluence of the Sulphur River and White Oak Creek.

### Reporting/Orientation

- **When:** 10:30 a.m. on the first day of the hunt for sign-in and mandatory orientation. **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.** Standby hunters should report at 10:00 am to complete the application process.
- **Where:** Check Station on Hwy. 77 approximately 1 mile east of U.S. Hwy. 259.
- **Preparation:** Hunters should bring their valid hunting license, permit and any stamp required by statute. It is no longer necessary to use a hunting license tag or bonus tag on a deer taken during a Special Permit drawn hunt however a TPWD Legal Deer Tag, issued at the area, must be attached to a harvested deer prior to leaving the hunt area. Firearms should be sighted in prior to arriving on the Area. All persons afield in the hunt area must visibly wear a minimum of 400 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material with 144 square inches appearing on both chest and back **and orange headwear** at times when hunting with firearms is permitted on this WMA. No un-permitted guests allowed, other than a non-hunting adult directly assisting a hunter with mobility disabilities.
- **Check Station Hours:** Opens at 12:00 noon on the first day of the hunt and at 7:00 a.m. on the second and third days of the hunt. Closes each evening at 7:00 p.m.
- **Facilities:** A game skinning station with hoists, water, and lights is available. Refrigeration is **not** available
- **Check In/Out:** All hunters must check in/out with Area Personnel as explained in the orientation.



- **Latecomers Check In:** Hunters unable to report in time for the 11 a.m. sign-in and orientation must still report to the check station upon arrival to the Area to receive the orientation information. Those arriving after closing of the check station in the evening may camp at the designated campsite but must report to the check station the following morning for registration and orientation prior to going to the field.

## Hunting Conditions

- **Stands:** Permanent stands are not available. Portable stands are welcome, however, no tree spikes allowed.
- **Methods:** Centerfire and muzzle loading firearms are the only legal means.
- **Vehicles:** Transportation to and from the assigned hunting compartment will be the responsibility of the hunter. Be prepared to hike in/out and pack in/out. ATV and ORV use allowed with appropriate D.P.S. safety certification that can be found at [www.ATVSafety.org](http://www.ATVSafety.org), as well as an OHV Decal for non-disabled hunters from the TPWD website.
- **Terrain:** The Area exists almost entirely in the Sulphur River and White Oak Creek floodplains and is subject to prolonged flooding which may require cancellation of hunts by special permit.
- **Camping Facilities:** Primitive camping is available near the Check Station only. Campsites do not have water and electricity.
- **Note:** During the Special Permit Hunt periods, the area is closed to public access except for fishing from a boat on the Sulphur River and White Oak Creek.
- **Minor or Underage Hunters:** Persons **under 17 years of age** must be accompanied and supervised by a permitted parent or authorized adult. Hunter Safety Education is required of Texas hunters born on or after September 2, 1971. (See Texas Parks & Wildlife Outdoor Annual for more information.)
- **Other Information:** **If you have any further questions, you may telephone the White Oak Creek WMA Headquarters at (903) 884-3800.**