

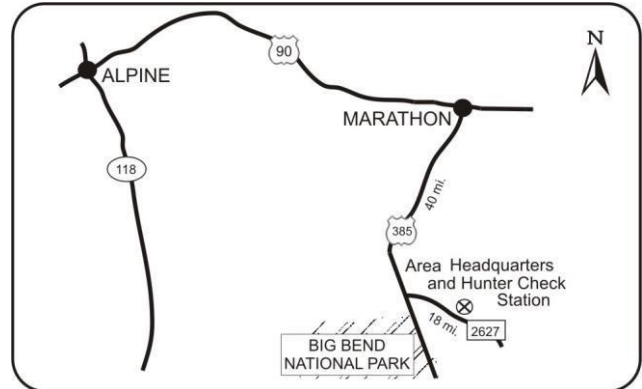


Black Gap Wildlife Management Area Archery Deer Hunt Information

Overview

The Black Gap Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Headquarters is located 58 miles south of Marathon.

(Take Highway 385 south 40 miles to FM 2627; then east on FM 2627 for 18 miles.) Motels are available in Marathon, Alpine or Big Bend National Park. RV hook-ups and commercial lodging are also available at Stillwell Trailer Park (432) 376-2244, just outside the area.



Hunt Information

Reservations are recommended. Primitive camping will be allowed in the assigned hunting areas or at the hunter's camp located near the Area Headquarters (HQ). Contact the area (432) 376-2216 prior to the hunt about possible burn bans. Hunts will be conducted from 12:00 noon the 1st day through 12:00 noon on the 3rd or 4th day, depending on the length of the hunt. Check-in at the Area HQ will begin at 10:00 a.m. on the first day of each hunt period and a hunter orientation will follow before hunters will be allowed a field. Additional information will be provided at that time. 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 to the headquarters by 10:00 a.m. on the first day of the desired hunt period to complete the application process. Standby hunters will be drawn at 11:00 a.m. as vacancies permit. For more information, please call (432) 376-2216.

Each hunting area will have at least 4 hunters assigned. Hunters who were drawn together, will hunt during the same hunt period in the same hunting area. Assignments will be made based on the accessibility of the area and the type of vehicle the hunter will use to get there.

A vehicle with high ground clearance is recommended. The use of a 4-wheel drive vehicle will allow access of the more remote hunting areas.

Only persons drawn for permits will be allowed in the hunt area. (A non-permitted companion will not be allowed to accompany a permitted hunter except for a non-hunting adult assisting a permitted hunter with mobility disabilities.)

Participants in these Archery Deer hunts **will not** be required to wear hunter orange.

Vehicle travel will be restricted to designated roads for the purpose of access to your assigned camp.

No person may hunt from a motor vehicle except hunters with mobility disabilities may hunt from a stationary vehicle. ATVs and ORVs are prohibited except for use by hunters with mobility disabilities or an adult directly assisting the permitted hunter with mobility disabilities.

Legal means include only archery equipment.

Bag limit will be explained on the special permit.

Selected hunters reporting for this hunt will be asked to present the following:

- A valid Texas hunting license and any stamp as 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.
- Hunters 17 years of age or older must have in their possession a valid I.D. before being legal to hunt on the WMA. A valid deer hunting permit issued for the Black Gap Wildlife Management Area.
- Hunter Education is required of Texas hunters born on or after September 2, 1971. (See Texas Parks and Wildlife Outdoor Annual for more information.)

Emergency messages can be left at (432) 376-2216. Cellular phone service is not available on the WMA.

It is an offense for a person to be under the influence of alcohol or consume an alcoholic beverage while engaged in hunting activities, or to publicly consume or display an alcoholic beverage while on the WMA.