



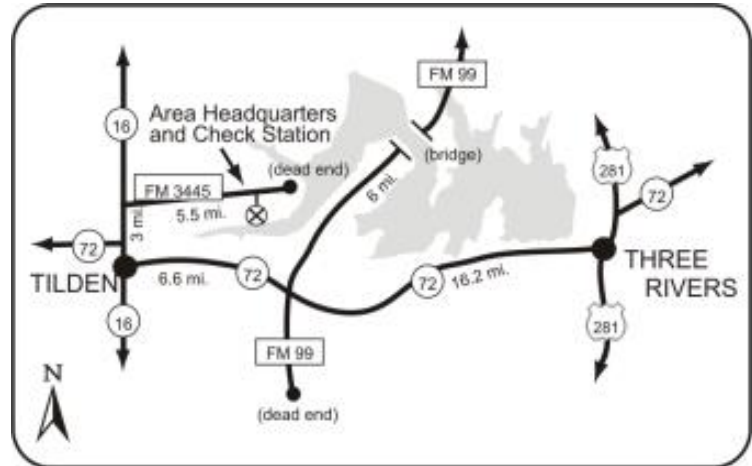
## James E. Daughtrey WMA Alligator Hunts

### Background

The James E. Daughtrey WMA covers over 31,000 acres including Choke Canyon Reservoir between Three Rivers and Tilden in Live Oak and McMullen Counties. The terrain is generally flat with thorny brush dominated by mesquite, black brush and cacti throughout. Roads on the Area are primitive and trucks will provide access to most areas. 4-wheel drive is recommended in wet weather.

The WMA was named in honor of State

Game Warden James E. Daughtrey of Tilden who was fatally injured in an automobile collision while pursuing game law violators.



There are no cold storage facilities available on the area. A primitive campground is available for Special Permit hunters and will open the evening before the start of each hunt. Please contact the WMA if you intend to arrive early to use the campground prior to the hunt. Drinking water and electrical hookups are not available. A limited number of fire rings and picnic tables are available on a first come, first served basis; as is one rented chemical toilet. Camping is also available at Choke Canyon State Park (Calliham Unit (361) 786-3538).

For further information call the WMA office (361) 274-3573, (830) 879-5496; or the Project Office at (830) 676-3413; or please visit the Daughtrey WMA Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/DaughtreyWMA>.

### Hunting Information

Properly equipped permitted hunters should report to the WMA headquarters by 11:00 am on the first day of their assigned hunt period. **Hunters must contact the area as soon as possible if they are unable to attend the hunt or not able to arrive on the first day for orientation.** Standby positions may be available. All hunters will be required to attend an orientation session before hunting. During this check-in and orientation hunters will be assigned a hunt area on the Daughtrey WMA. No hunter substitutions are permitted. Only legally permitted individuals will be allowed to accompany the hunt party.

Your alligator special permit and hunting license must be presented upon check in. Hunters 17 years of age or older must carry on their person a state issued driver's license or personal identification card. Each hunter, regardless of age, must possess a hunting license, which can be purchased in Texas where hunting licenses are sold. **An additional \$126 tag fee will be assessed in the event you are successful in harvesting an alligator and opt to sell the alligator in the commercial market** (There is no tag fee for personal use.) Each hunter listed on the permit will be allowed to harvest one alligator during the hunt.

1. The following is only legal means and methods for taking an alligator:
  - a) **Hook and Line** (limit of 1 set per hunter) - non-stainless-steel hook of at least 9-0 size, 3 to 6 feet of leader material and 35-50 feet of rope (at least 300# test) per set, approximately one pound of bait per set (beef spleen or 1/4 chicken) and a tool for driving stakes.
  - b) Hunters will be required to map exact locations of line set. Line set locations will be pre-approved by hunt managers. To avoid delays, GPS equipment is strongly recommended.
  - c) Treble hooks may not be used or possessed during these hunts. No snares, gigs or archery equipment will be allowed for these hunts.
2. Shotguns should be used to dispatch alligators secured on a line, but they may not be used to shoot at free swimming alligators. A .410 caliber shotgun with light shot shell loads of #6 shot or slugs is adequate. Non-toxic shot is preferred on the WMA. **Rifles and handguns are strictly prohibited as a means of dispatching alligators.**
3. The Daughtrey WMA is approximately 7,000-acres of land and 25,000-acres of open lake with very little or no marshland. Access to the Area may be achieved by water and land depending on lake levels. The lake ranges in depth from very shallow to 50+ feet. Dense stands of emergent dead trees or snags line the shore. Navigating in the snags is challenging and poses a potential threat to boat hulls and motors. The lake can accommodate some large, moderate-draft or heavy boats in most hunt areas however due to snags it may be difficult to navigate. There are also very shallow water conditions in various portions of the old river channels. Be prepared for thick stands of heavy aquatic vegetation. Parties with inadequate or unsafe boats or equipment are not guaranteed a hunt. Hunters with inadequate boats may be able to hunt from land portions of the WMA if water levels allow.
4. **The following equipment is necessary for alligator hunters on the Daughtrey WMA:** boat and outboard motor (optional), proper safety devices as required by law, drinking water, paddle, flashlight, push-pole, outboard gas sufficient for 25 miles of travel, rain gear, hip boots or waders, insect repellent, extra propeller and shear pins (optional), knife and a shotgun with appropriate ammunition. Boats (persons, equipment, harvested game, etc.) may not exceed U.S. Coast Guard approved load capacity. Hunt parties

utilizing inadequate boats or equipment may be limited to sharing available hunt areas. Be prepared for heavy mosquito infestation.

5. **All persons participating in the hunt do so at their own risk.** The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department assumes no responsibility for personal injury or property damage.

