



Mad Island WMA

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Background

Mad Island Wildlife Management Area is located 6 miles east of the town of Collegeport in Matagorda County. The area consists of 7,281 acres of fresh to saline marsh and coastal prairies that was purchased in 1987 with funds provided by the Texas waterfowl hunting stamp. Mad Island borders Matagorda Bay in the Gulf Prairies and Marshes Ecological Area.

Objectives of the area are to provide high quality marsh coastal prairie for indigenous and migratory species with special emphasis on waterfowl. Also, to provide optimum public recreation opportunity in the form of public hunting, bird watching and tours that will further the public's understanding of ecosystem components and functions.

Hunting Information

All WMA rules and regulations must be adhered to unless superseded by hunting regulations. Permitted hunters should report to the WMA headquarters by 11:00 a.m. on the first day of their assigned hunt period to complete the application process. **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 WMA 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. Following a brief orientation, Texas Parks and Wildlife personnel will direct hunters to their hunting blind. Hunters will provide their own transportation to and from their assigned hunting blind and hunters must stay within their assigned area. Four-wheel drive vehicles and ATVs or ORVs are recommended, especially during wet conditions but are not necessary to participate in the hunt.

Hunters must wear a minimum of 400 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material, with at least 144 square inches appearing on both chest and back and orange headwear.

Only one legally permissible mean per hunter will be allowed into the hunt area. Firearms using rimfire ammunition are prohibited. Pistols are prohibited.

A shooting range is available at the WMA and will be available to all hunters. It is strongly recommended that all youths participating in the youth hunt sight in their equipment prior to hunting.

Baiting is allowed and encouraged. Corn must be certified for livestock and wildlife consumption (aflatoxin free).

Hunters will be responsible for the care of their game after harvest. Facilities for cleaning and skinning animals are available on the WMA, however there are no cold storage facilities.

Hunters are reminded that they must have a valid Texas Hunting License and any required stamp as required by statute.

Each hunter should also bring a flashlight, food, drinking water, foul weather gear, mosquito repellent and rubber boots.

Disturbance or removal of plants, rocks, artifacts or other objects is prohibited.

Alcohol is prohibited on the WMA.

All hunters should be physically able to climb and hunt out of a 5' box stand. Hunters with mobility disabilities may hunt from a stationary motor vehicle. Please notify the hunt manager if any special requirements are needed.

Camping is not available on the WMA. Adequate lodging is available in Bay City and Palacios.

Please call (979) 323-9669 or (979) 323-9579 for additional hunting information.