



Taylor Lakes Unit (Playa Lakes WMA) Youth Spring Turkey Hunts

The Taylor Lakes Unit of the Playa Lakes Wildlife Management Area is in Donley County, approximately 7 miles southeast of Clarendon on US Hwy 287. The WMA includes 525 acres of rolling plains country and playa lake wetlands. Uplands are dominated by native and re-established mid-grass prairies, while eastern cottonwood and Siberian elm dominate playa lake basins and riparian areas. Average annual rainfall for this area is 21 inches. The Rolling Plains is noted for rapid, extreme changes in weather, notably extreme changes in temperature. Rattlesnakes are present on the Area and **care should always be exercised**.

The purpose of public hunts is to harvest surplus game and provide information for research and management programs. Game species are distributed evenly throughout the Area. It is advisable for the hunter to spend as much time in the field as possible to harvest game. **All vehicles are restricted to the existing road system.**

Camping is not permitted on the Unit.

1. All hunters must have a valid Texas hunting license, archery stamp and Annual Public Hunting Permit appropriate tags, as required by statute, with them at all times. **Only youth may actually harvest game.** Adult supervisors must have a valid hunting license.
2. A **permitted** supervising adult must accompany youth hunters. **Visitors will not be allowed to accompany hunters into the field.** Hunter Education is required of all hunters born on or after September 2, 1971 (See Hunting Guide for more information).
3. Shooting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.
4. **Alcoholic beverages may not be publicly displayed or consumed** on the WMA and persons under the influence of alcohol/drugs will not be permitted to enter the hunt area.
5. Legal means are limited to shotguns. Shotguns must be 20 gauge or greater and have a choke no less than modified. Shot size is limited to number 4, 5 and 6 shot.
6. Do not take any plants, animals (other than legally harvested game) or artifacts from the Area, including shed deer antlers or skulls. Any artifacts found should be left as they are.
7. Hunters in the field and vehicles within the Area are subject to inspection by Area personnel and/or game wardens.
8. **Killing rattlesnakes is prohibited.**

9. All-terrain vehicles (ATV's) are not permitted on the WMA, except for use by a hunter with mobility disabilities or a person directly assisting a hunter with mobility disabilities. Proof of mobility disability is required.
10. Baiting is permitted.
11. 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.
12. Hunters may bring portable stands to the Area. However, no metal objects (nails, spikes, etc.) may be inserted into trees.
13. Cattle may be on the Area, so leave all gates and gaps as you find them.

For further information, call the Playa Lakes WMA headquarters at (806) 492-3405.