

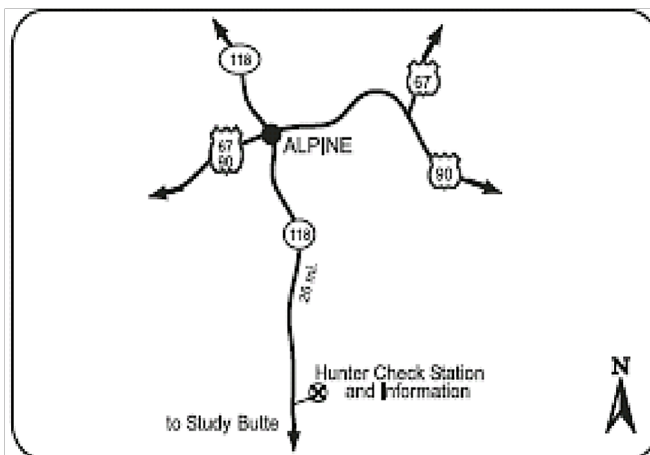


Elephant Mountain Wildlife Management Area

Overview

Elephant Mountain Wildlife Management Area contains 23,147 acres located approximately 26 miles south of Alpine on the east side of State Highway 118 in Brewster County, Texas. Primary vegetation consists of desert shrub, juniper, pinyon, mesquite, sotol, yucca, lechuguilla and species cacti.

Elevations range from 4,000 ft. at the headquarters to 6,200 ft. at the top of Elephant Mountain. The Area was acquired through private gift deed in 1985 for the restoration, development and management of desert bighorn sheep and other native wildlife species. Principal game species include mule deer, scaled quail and mourning dove. For more information call (432) 364-2228.



Public Use

The Area is open to the public as follows:

- Scheduled public hunts by Annual Public Hunting Permit (\$48) or Special Permit (drawing).
- Recreational use (\$12 permit required) on dates when access is allowed under the Annual Public Hunting Permit. However, recreational users may not hunt.
- Camping is restricted to designated primitive campsites.

Public Hunting

Hunting for doves and scaled quail is allowed on designated days under the Annual Public Hunting Permit. Hunters are advised to read all information at the information station concerning rules and regulations for hunting on the Area. All dove and quail hunters must check in and out daily at the Registration/Information Center. Certain portions of the Area are closed to hunting.

Hunting for deer, desert bighorn sheep and javelina is by special permit with hunters selected by a drawing. Permitted hunters will be allowed to camp on the Area during their hunt. Camps are primitive with no facilities available. Campfires will be allowed in fire rings only. No firewood cutting or gathering will be permitted on the Area. Hunters should bring their own wood. Contact the area at (432) 364-2228 prior to the hunt about possible burn bans. Water is unavailable. Lodging is available nearby in Alpine.

Deer hunters should arrive at the Area headquarters no later than 9:00 a.m. on the day they are scheduled to hunt. 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 Area headquarters no later than 10:00 am to complete the application process and will be drawn as vacancies permit. Hunting will start at noon on the first day and end at noon on the last day of each hunt period.

On all hunts, except those for archery deer and doves, all hunters must wear a minimum of 400 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material with 144 inches appearing on both the chest and back; also daylight fluorescent orange headwear is required.

Only permitted hunters will be allowed afield during public hunts by special permit. Non-permitted visitors or family members will not be allowed to accompany special permit holders to hunting areas and they will not be allowed to camp on the Area; except a non-hunting adult assisting a permitted hunter with mobility disabilities will be allowed.

Vehicle use is restricted to designated roads and off-road travel will not be tolerated. Roads on the Area are rough; therefore, the use of 4-wheel drive vehicles or other vehicles with high ground clearance is recommended. The road to the top of Elephant Mountain is closed to public use. All-terrain vehicles (ATV) and off-road vehicles (ORV) are prohibited, except by qualified hunters with mobility disabilities.

A permitted parent or legal guardian who will serve as sponsor and be responsible for the conduct of the minor must accompany hunters under the age of 17. Hunter Safety Education is required of Texas hunters born on or after September 2, 1971. (See Hunting Guide for more information.)

All hunters are required to possess a valid Texas hunting license, any required stamp as required by statute. It is no longer necessary to use a hunting license tag or bonus tag for 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. **Hunting licenses are not sold at the Area.**

Horses may not be brought on the Area for any purpose. Dogs may be used only to hunt scaled quail and to retrieve downed doves. No dogs shall be permitted on the Area for any other purpose.

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 alcohol beverage while on a wildlife management area. Disturbance or removal of plants, rocks, artifacts or other objects is prohibited.

Emergencies: In the event of an emergency, you may be contacted while on the Area at (432) 364-2228. Cellular phone service is not available on the WMA.