

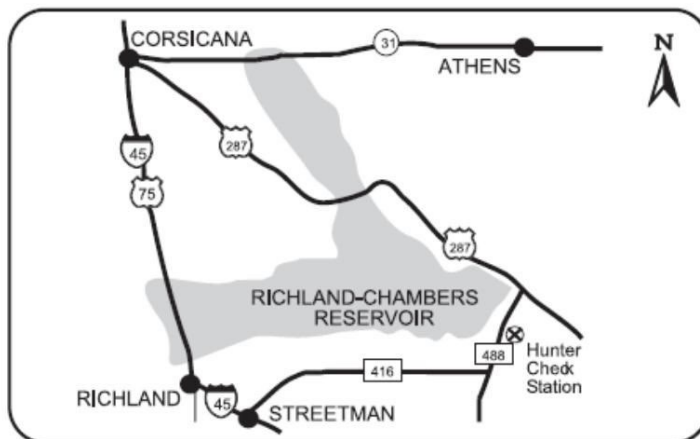


Richland Creek WMA Trinity Unit

2023-2024 Gun Deer - Antlerless/Spike

Background

The Richland Creek WMA is located 25 miles southeast of Corsicana, along US Hwy 287 and FM 488 between the Richland-Chambers Reservoir and the Trinity River. It encompasses 14,272 acres of land; the majority of the Area lies within the floodplain of the Trinity River. The Area is a remote and heavily forested bottomland hardwood habitat. It is recommended that hunters bring rubber footwear and a compass or GPS unit.



Reporting/Orientation

When: 11:30 a.m. on the 1st day of the hunt for sign-in and mandatory orientation at 12:00 noon. **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 wishing to participate in hunts by special permit must report to the Richland Creek WMA office on the first day of each scheduled hunt. Standby drawings will occur promptly at 11:00 a.m.

Where: Check Station – located at 1670 FM 488 Streetman, TX, approximately 2.5 miles south of U.S. Highway 287.

Preparation: Hunters should bring their valid Texas hunting license, license plate number, and any stamp as required by statute. Please have equipment sighted-in prior to your arrival at the WMA. It is not necessary to use a hunting license 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 must visibly wear a minimum of 400 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material with at least 144 square inches appearing on both chest and back, also orange headwear.

Check Station

Hours: Opens at 11:00 on the 1st day of the hunt. Check station hours will be explained during hunt orientation.

Facilities: A skinning rack with running water is available at the check station. Cold storage facility is available.

Check In/Check Out: All hunters must check in/out with Area personnel as explained in the orientation.

Latecomers

Check-In: Hunters unable to report in time for the noon sign-in and orientation must still report to the check station upon arrival to the Area. Those arriving after closing of the check station in the evening, may camp at the designated campsite but must report to the check station the following morning for registration and orientation prior to going into the field.

Orientation: Latecomers **must** participate in the same orientation given to all other hunters in the area. A second orientation will be given either on the evening of the first day or the morning of the second day of the hunt. The exact time will be decided by the staff at the start of each hunt period. It should be noted that latecomers may be required to wait some time in order to receive the required orientation.

Hunting Conditions

Stands: Portable deer stands are encouraged but will not be provided by Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. The use of stands and area facilities is at your own risk.

Vehicles: Transportation to and from the assigned hunting compartment will be the responsibility of the hunter. Pickup trucks and 4wheel drive vehicles with high ground clearance are encouraged and will provide access to a greater portion of the hunting compartment. All-terrain vehicle (ATV) and off-road vehicle (ORV) use is allowed and encouraged. **ATV's and ORV's must be operated in accordance with state laws regulating the use of them on public land. All ATV and ORV users must have a current ATV/ORV registration sticker, ATV operators must have completed an ATV safety course, must wear approved helmet and eye protection.**

Terrain: The area exists almost entirely in Trinity River floodplain and is subject to prolonged periods of extensive flooding that may require cancellation of hunts by special permit. All weather footgear is encouraged.

Baiting: Baiting is allowed.

Camping Facilities

Camping is allowed only in the Trinity Unit campsite. The campsite does not have water or electricity; however, restroom facilities and drinking water are available at the check station.

Note: The Area is closed to fishing and general public access during public hunts by special permit. During these hunts, persons not holding a special permit will not be allowed to go afield or stay overnight. Exceptions will not be made for anyone other than nonhunting adult who is assisting a permitted hunter with mobility disabilities.

Other Information

If you have any further questions, you may contact the Richland Creek Wildlife Management Area Headquarters at (903) 928-2251.