U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

2017 Turkey Hunting Regulations and Information

Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge

Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge, about 75 miles north of Dallas, Texas on Lake Texoma, will hold a wild turkey hunt by special permit only through a drawing process. A total of 24 permits will be issued. Multiple Refuge Hunt Units will be open and hunters will be allowed to choose which unit they wish to hunt. Depending on demand, one or more units may be designated as a bow hunting only unit once the drawing is complete. Legal weapons will be shotgun (no shot larger than #4, non-toxic shot only) and bow and arrow.

How to Apply

For the 2017 turkey hunt, the permit application process will be managed by Refuge staff. One application per person. You may list one buddy on your application. To apply, send a $5 application fee (check or money order only, no cash) per hunter and the name, mailing address, e-mail address, phone number, choice of gun or bow, and bowhunter certificate number for each hunter (if applicable) to:

2017 Turkey Hunt
Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge
6465 Refuge Road
Sherman, TX 75092

Applications will not be accepted and may not be postmarked prior to January 3, 2017. If archery hunting, you must include your Bowhunter Education Certificate Number on the application.

Note: All applicants who will be hunting with a bow must have completed a Bowhunter Education Course* before applying for the hunt and must provide their Bowhunter Education Certificate Student Number. Hunters completing the course during the current year must scan or mail in a copy of their Student Registration form (Temporary Student Card).

*IBEP courses are conducted locally and statewide. Contact your local bow shop or Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Hunter Education Division at 1-800/792-1112, or visit their internet site: www.tpwd.state.tx.us.

Significant Dates:

Application Period:	January 3–31, 2017
Drawing:	February 8, 2017
Notify selected hunters:	By February 15

2017 Hunt Dates

Friday Morning	April 21
to Sunday Evening	April 23

Hunt Fees

Hunt Fee Deadline is March 3

If drawn, a permit fee of $50 (check or money order only, no cash) will be due (postmarked) no later than March 3, 2017.

Hunter Qualifications

License & Tags: A valid State of Texas hunting license and turkey tag is required. All Texas State regulations apply. **Note**: The Refuge has no licenses or stamps for sale. Photo ID, hunting license, and hunt permit are required for registration.

Firearm Hunter Education: In accordance with State regulations.

Bowhunter Education Card: Required if hunting with a bow.

Proficiency Requirements for Archery Hunting: Successful completion of a proficiency test, dated May 1, 2016 or later, with a score of 80% or more is required if hunting with a bow. The test must be taken on a standard IBO course (10-8-5-0 scoring) with no target more than 30 yards and a minimum of 14 targets. A tournament scorecard, signed by a tournament range officer, will suffice as proof of proficiency.

Firearms

Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife Refuges must comply with all provisions of state and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with Refuge regulations (50 CFR 27.42 and specific refuge regulations in 50 CFR Part 32). Units will have a hunting type of weapon restriction (shot gun or archery) due to safety concerns.

Regulations

- Legal weapons for wild turkey include shotgun (no shot larger than #4) and bow and arrow.
- **Only lead free, non-toxic (steel, bismuth, copper or tungsten) shot may be used and possessed while hunting wild turkeys on the Refuge.**
- We do not allow possession of alcohol during a hunt.
- Permitted hunters only allowed in the field during the hunt.
- No trees or limbs greater than one inch may be cut.
- We do not allow collecting shed antlers.
- We do not allow camping on the refuge; public camping facilities are available off the refuge.
- A complete set of hunting regulations will be provided to selected hunters.

Legal Game: Wild Turkeys.

Bag Limits: One gobbler per hunt.

Reporting: All harvested turkeys **must be reported in writing at the Refuge Hunter Check-in location the day it was bagged, then taken to a certified state turkey check station.**

Methods: Hunting is from stands, blinds or by stalking (still hunting) only. Only one (1) stand per hunter is allowed. Only portable blinds and stands are allowed and must be removed at the close of the hunt segment. The hunt units will be closed to public entry the day prior to each hunt segment. Permitted hunters will be allowed to place hunt stands on trees the day before their hunt segment begins beginning at 7:30 a.m., **but must first check in at the hunter check station and must leave the unit by 2:00 p.m.** Any hunter that has not left the hunt unit by 2:00 p.m. on stand placement day will be disqualified from the hunt.

Hours of Access

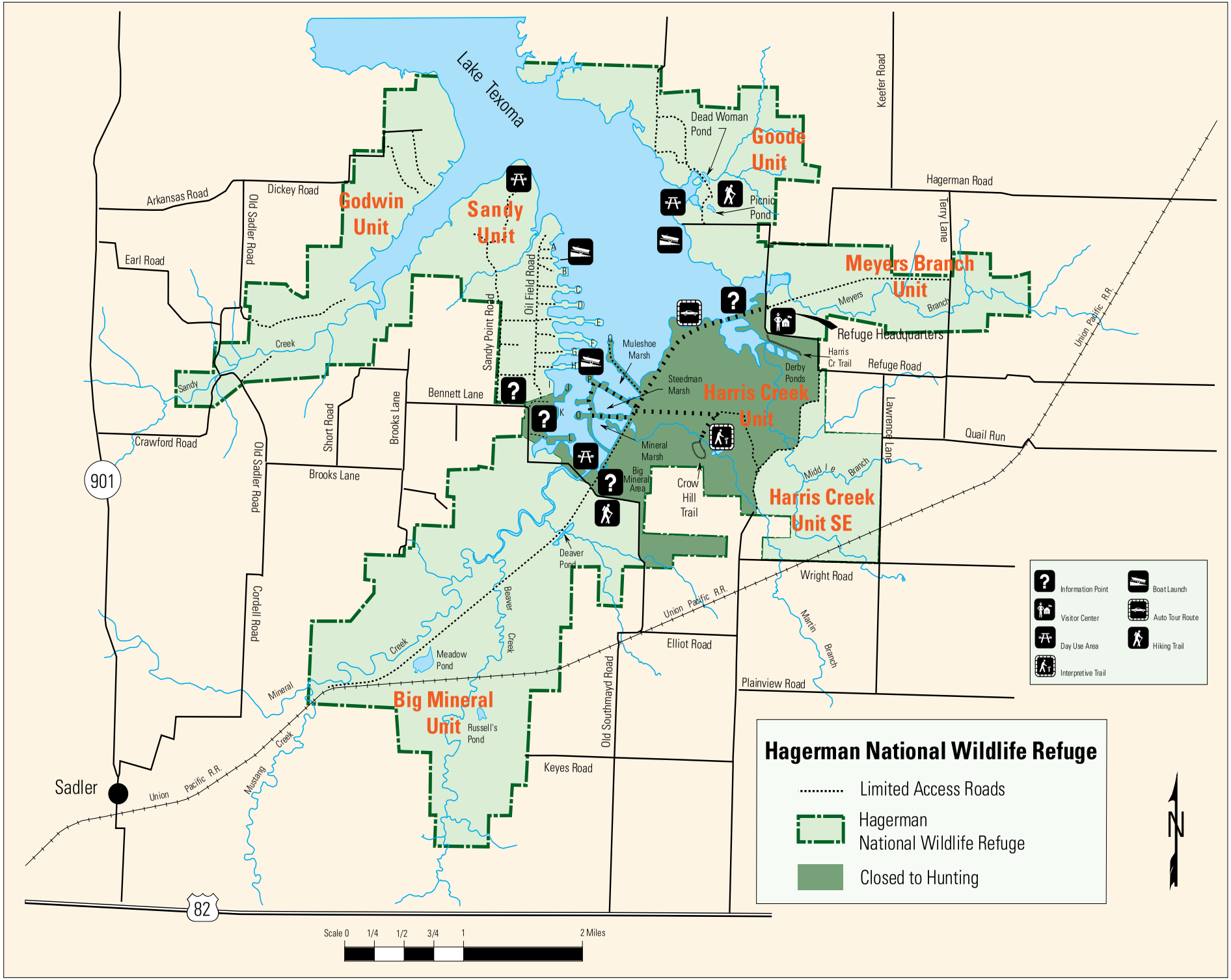
A self-serve check station will be used for the hunt. All hunters MUST check-in and check-out daily. You may check-in beginning at 5:00 a.m. each of the three hunt days. Check-out time each day is one hour after legal hunting time. Failure to check in-out may impact your future Refuge hunting opportunities.

Scouting

Scouting is encouraged (daylight hours only), but is not allowed during hunt segment, including the day before each segment. No weapons may be discharged except when hunting.

For Further Information

Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge
6465 Refuge Road
Sherman, TX 75092-5817
903/786-2826
Monday thru Friday, 7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.


Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge
Limited Access Roads
Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge
Closed to Hunting
Information Point
Visitor Center
Day Use Area
Interpretive Trail
Boat Launch
Auto Tour Route
Hiking Trail
Lake Texoma
Godwin Unit
Sandy Unit
Goode Unit
Meyers Branch Unit
Harris Creek Unit
Harris Creek Unit SE
Big Mineral Unit
Dead Woman Pond
Picnic Pond
Refuge Headquarters
Harris Cr Trail
Derby Ponds
Muleshoe Marsh
Steedman Marsh
Mineral Marsh
Big Mineral Area
Crow Hill Trail
Deaver Pond
Meadow Pond
Russell's Pond
Arkansas Road
Dickey Road
Old Sadler Road
Earl Road
Creek
Sandy
Crawford Road
Short Road
Brooks Lane
Bennett Lane
Sandy Point Road
Oil Field Road
Keefer Road
Hagerman Road
Terry Lane
Meyers
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Refuge Road
Lawrence Lane
Quail Run
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