

2017 OAK RIDGE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (ORWMA) DEER HUNTS

Security: All hunts are subject to change or cancellation due to changes in security conditions, terror threat levels, government shutdown, or other factors; call 865-574-9836 for updated information prior to scouting/hunting. Hunters must obey all rules, regulations, and commands given by law enforcement and security personnel. Hunters must obey all posted signage other than "Keep Out" signs designating the firing range surface danger zone in the New Zion Patrol Road area and "U.S. DOE No Trespassing" signs located in hunt zones. Hunters and their vehicles are subject to search while on the ORWMA. Hunters may not enter cemeteries, safety zones, or any area marked "No Hunters Beyond This Point". Hunters must not bypass, climb or disturb any locked gate, barricade, fence, or security barrier. Removal of any material (equipment, timber, firewood, scrap metal, plants, etc.) from ORWMA is prohibited by Federal Law. This is a Federal Security Area and failure to comply with all regulations can result in strict prosecution. The way you conduct yourself on this hunt will help ensure the continued operation of this management area. The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) expects strict compliance with all statewide and Wildlife Management Area laws, rules, and regulations. **If a wounded deer crosses into a safety zone you must contact TWRA personnel at 865-576-2380 to accompany you to retrieve it.**

Emergency Assistance: Call Oak Ridge Operations Center at 865-576-1005 for immediate assistance. Be able to provide your ORWMA map grid location for a more rapid response. If an injury or medical emergency should occur, do not move the individual (unless necessary for safety) and wait for the responders. For all other non-emergencies, please contact any wildlife officer or security guard, or call/come to the Check Station (865-576-2380). If the public warning sirens sound, return to your vehicle and listen for emergency messages broadcast over the radio (FM107.7, WIVK). Keep your vehicle windows closed, turn off air systems to eliminate the intake of outside air into your vehicle, and proceed to the main road and exit the site. Follow the instructions of site security officers.

Dates/Times: The ORWMA is in the Eastern Time Zone (ALL TIMES ARE LOCAL TIME). Permit holders are prohibited from the area except for scouting and hunting dates. You may not enter the ORWMA prior to one (1) hour before sunrise and you must be off the area no more than one (1) hour after sunset; side road gates will be opened/closed accordingly. Scouting is only allowed 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM on Saturday, Oct 28 (for Nov 4-5 and Nov 11-12 permit holders) and on Saturday, Dec 2 (for Dec 9-10 permit holders); REMINDER – daylight saving time ends at 2:00 AM on Sunday, Nov 5, 2017. Note that there are two scout days for three hunts (NEW). TWRA personnel will be at the Check Station from 7:30 AM until NOON on scouting dates to answer questions. Hunting is allowed only on your quota permit dates, from 30 minutes before official sunrise until 30 minutes after official sunset; hunters are asked to leave the area as soon as possible thereafter.

Permits & Maps: A permit is required for all hunting on the ORWMA. Signing in and out is not required. Hunters must carry, at all times, a valid hunting license, quota permit, photo ID (juveniles excluded), and an original copy of this signed map. More detailed (printable) maps may be available at <http://web.ornl.gov/sci/rmal/hunts/index.shtml>. You may be asked by security personnel to temporarily surrender your permit to hunt in certain areas.

Safety Tips: Please review and know the National Shooting Sports Foundation 10 rules of safe gun handling (currently available at <http://www.nssf.org/safety/basics/>). Use only commercially manufactured modern tree stands and safety harnesses. Leave assembly, inspections and repairs, unless absolutely certain of what you are doing, to the manufacturer or pro shop. Before hunting on ORWMA, become familiar with how your stand locks into position, fastens around a tree, and at what angle you should start to achieve a level platform position at the desired height. **Wear a safety harness** at all times while in your tree stand - do not take it off for any reason. Use a hand line to bring your unloaded gun or bow up into your stand or to lower them from your stand after use (never try to carry these with you as you climb). The rope used to haul the equipment should be long enough to allow an unrestricted climb and should be tied to your belt loop or to the seat (not to the foot platform) of a climbing stand. Keep your cell phone on your person (not in a pack) at all times when using a tree stand.

Legal Game: Hunters may take three deer as specified on their permit. Based on your permit, you may be prohibited from taking antlered deer (NEW). Consult the current TN Hunting Guide for definition of antlered deer. Archery hunters may also take one turkey (either sex). No other big game may be taken on the ORWMA, but non-deer/non-turkey big game sightings should be reported to on-site TWRA personnel. Radio-collared deer may be encountered and can be legally harvested. If you harvest a radio-collared deer please leave the collar intact on the animal for removal by Check Station personnel. Coyotes may be taken on the ORWMA but they must be screened at the Check Station prior to removal from the area.

Checking Game: Do not check your harvested deer or turkey online. All deer and turkeys harvested on the ORWMA must be taken to the Check Station on Bethel Valley Road (location shown on map), where they will be monitored for radiological contamination (bone and muscle samples may be removed for analysis). Please mark the location of harvest on this map. **Deer must be field dressed prior to arriving at the Check Station and should be brought in as soon as possible.** Successful hunters that cannot make it to the Check Station by one hour after sunset must call 865-576-2380. Since the hunts began in 1985, ~1.7% of harvested deer have been retained because of radiological contamination. Only 6 of 1021 deer (<0.6%) have been retained in the last three years.

Transporting Weapons: Firearms in vehicles must be unloaded in both chamber and magazine and cased during transport with the safety on and the action open (whenever possible). Charged muzzleloaders may be transported provided the ignition source has been removed/disabled; crossbows may remain cocked, provided the bolt has been removed and the safety is on. Do not leave weapons unattended/unlocked. No target ranges are open to hunters.

Vehicle Operation: Comply with all traffic laws. Motorized vehicles are permitted only on paved or gravel roads, unless otherwise marked. Motorized vehicles are not permitted on rights-of-way and primitive roads/trails, regardless of surface, unless otherwise marked. You may, however, safely park your vehicle off of drivable roadways. Do not block roads or trails with your vehicle. Some roads may be impassable or nearly impassable because of varying road conditions. You are responsible for observing defects and protecting yourself accordingly. It is recommended that a maximum speed of 15 miles per hour be observed while driving on gravel roads.

Juveniles: One non-hunting juvenile (under age 16) may accompany an adult (21 years or older) hunter (who has a valid ORWMA quota permit) on approved scout and hunt dates **except for areas west of the East Guard Portal, east of Hwy 95, and south of Bear Creek Road (this area is off-limits to all juveniles, whether hunting or not).** Non-hunting juveniles must also comply with fluorescent orange regulations specified for legal hunters.

Fluorescent Orange: ALL HUNTERS (including archery hunters) must wear, on the upper portion of their body and head, a minimum of 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange, visible front and back during all hunts and on scout days (NEW).

Prohibited Activities: Handguns are prohibited on U.S. DOE property regardless of carry permit. Camping, target shooting, and littering are prohibited. Access by boat (except for the Haw Ridge Park unit) is prohibited. Possession of firearms or archery equipment on scouting dates is prohibited. Possession of firearms in Archery Only areas is prohibited.

Trespassing: Plant Site and Security zones are NO TRESPASSING AREAS by order of the U.S. Department of Energy. Possession of firearms, archery equipment, or other contraband at the three plant sites is prohibited and will be strictly enforced. No through traffic is allowed on any roads at the three plant sites unless otherwise indicated by signs. The unauthorized entry into any facility, installation, or real property subject to the jurisdiction, administration, or in the custody of the U.S. DOE, which has been designated as subject to the provisions contained in 10 CFR Pt. 860 of the rules and regulations of the U.S. DOE, is prohibited, and the unauthorized carrying, transporting, or otherwise introducing or causing to be introduced any dangerous weapon, explosive, or other property, into or upon such facility, installation, or real property is prohibited. Whoever willfully violates the aforesaid regulation shall, upon conviction thereof, be punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000. Whoever willfully violates this regulation with respect to any facility, installation or real property enclosed by a fence, wall, floor, roof or other structural barrier, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$5,000 or imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or both. By authority of section 229 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended and 10 CFR Pt. 860 of the rules and regulations of the U.S. DOE, this facility, installation, or real property has been designated as subject to these regulations by the U.S. DOE.

Safety is Your Responsibility: You are reminded that the land owner, and its contractor, owe no duty to keep this property or premises safe for entry, nor is any warning required for any purpose. Allowing you to hunt on the property does not give any assurance that the property is safe for such use, does not make you an invitee, and does not mean that the land owner or its agent assumes any responsibility for you or any other person on the property. The property may contain defects that require your constant attention while walking, or when still, and these defects can be manmade or natural. Under Tennessee law, and otherwise, your safety is your responsibility when you agree to hunt on the property.

"By my signature I agree that I have reviewed the map on the reverse side, I understand the safety rules noted above, and I have inspected my weapon for proper and safe function according to manufacturer's guidelines."

Signature: _____ Date: _____

THE HUNTER MUST BE IN POSSESSION OF THIS SIGNED INSTRUCTION PAGE AT ALL TIMES WHILE SCOUTING OR HUNTING ON THE ORWMA.