

## OAK RIDGE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (ORWMA) – 2017 TURKEY HUNTS

**Security:** All hunts are subject to change or cancellation due to changes in security conditions, terror threat levels, government shutdown, or other factors; contact 865-574-9836 for information prior to scouting or hunting. Hunters must obey all rules, regulations, posted signage, and commands given by law enforcement and security personnel. Hunters and their vehicles are subject to search while on the ORWMA. Hunters must not enter cemeteries or “NO HUNTING - SAFETY ZONE” areas. Hunters must not bypass locked gates or barricades, or climb or disturb any fences or security barriers. Removal of any material (equipment, timber, firewood, scrap metal, plants, etc.) from this Reservation 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 (WMA) laws, rules, and regulations. **If a wounded turkey crosses into a safety zone you must contact a TWRA officer to accompany you to retrieve it.**

**Emergency Assistance:** Emergency help is available by calling the Oak Ridge Operations Center at 865-576-1005. Please provide your grid location from this hunt map to ensure a 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 your wildlife officer or security guard, or call/come to the Checking 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 and **ALL TIMES ARE EASTERN DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**. Signing in and out is not required. Hunt dates are April 8-9, and April 22-23, 2017. Hunting ends at NOON each day. Gates close at 1 p.m. **SCOUTING WILL BE ALLOWED FROM 7 A.M. TO NOON on March 25, 2017** for the 2017 permit holders. Permit holders are prohibited from the area except on scout and hunt dates. TWRA personnel will be available at the Checking Station from 7:30 am until noon on the scout day to answer questions. **Hunters may not possess firearms, archery equipment, or calls on the scout day. Hunters may not enter the area prior to one (1) hour before sunrise. Side road gates will be opened by one (1) hour before sunrise and closed by 1 PM on hunting days.**

**Permits:** A permit is required for turkey hunting on the ORWMA. Hunters must carry, at all times, a valid hunting license, quota permit, photo ID (juveniles excluded), signed map, and proof of hunter safety unless born before 1/1/1969. 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/>). Also review the National Wild Turkey Federation's turkey hunting safety information (currently available at <http://www.nwtf.org/hunt/article/mistaken-hunter-animal>).

**Legal Game & Weapons:** Shotguns using ammunition loaded with No. 4 shot or smaller (e.g., #4, #5, #6) and archery equipment, as specified in the current Tennessee Hunting Guide. **Hunters may take ONE bearded turkey.** Coyotes may be taken without limit, but all hunting must stop and weapons must be unloaded as soon as a turkey is harvested.

**Checking Game:** **Do not check your harvested turkey online.** Should you harvest a turkey, please mark its location on this map and report to the Checking Station as soon as possible. Each turkey harvested on the ORWMA must be monitored for radiological contamination at the Checking Station on Bethel Valley Road (location shown on map). Coyotes do not need to be physically checked in unless you plan to transport them off the ORWMA. Please report coyote kills to the Checking Station at 865-576-2380, noting the grid location from the map and the sex of the animal. Please report observations of hogs, elk, or bears to the on-site TWRA wildlife manager or to the Checking Station. Since the hunts began in 1997, 3 turkeys out of 847 taken have been retained due to radiological contamination.

**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. Remember, a cocked crossbow can be dangerous even without a bolt due to the stored energy waiting to be released (treat it as loaded!). Do not leave weapons unattended/unlocked.

**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. The speed limit on all drivable gravel roads is 15 mph, unless posted otherwise.

**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).**

**Prohibited Activities:** **Handguns are prohibited on U.S. DOE property regardless of carry permit. Possession of shot larger than #4 is prohibited.** Access by boat, camping, target shooting, and littering are 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 one (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, understand all the rules noted above, and 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 DURING SCOUTING AND HUNT DAYS.**