

OAK RIDGE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (ORWMA) – 2015 TURKEY HUNTS

Security: All hunts are subject to change or cancellation due to changes in security conditions, terror threat levels, or government shutdown; 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 any 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 TIME**. Signing in and out is not required. Hunt dates are April 11-12, and April 18-19, 2015. Hunting ends at NOON each day. Gates close at 1 p.m. SCOUTING WILL BE ALLOWED FROM 7 A.M. TO NOON on 4/4/15 for the 2015 permit holders. Permit holders are prohibited from the area except for scouting and hunting days. TWRA personnel will be available at the Checking Station from 7:30 am until noon on the scouting day to answer questions. **Hunters may not possess firearms, archery equipment, or calls on the scouting day. Hunters may not enter the area prior to one (1) hour before sunrise. Side road gates will be opened by 5:30 AM 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), and signed map. You may be asked by security personnel to temporarily surrender your permit to hunt in certain areas.

Non-hunting Juveniles: On approved scouting and turkey hunt days for all units, except Tower Shielding Facility (TSF) and badged hunter only units, one non-hunting juvenile under the age of 16 may accompany an adult hunter (21 years old or older) who has a valid ORWMA quota permit. No friends, relatives, colleagues, or other persons are allowed to scout.

Vehicle Operation: Driving off roads into woods, fields, pastures, foot trails, or utility rights-of-way is prohibited for ALL motorized vehicles. Due to storm damage and logging operations, some roads may be impassible. Watch for obstructions and washouts and obey all road signs. Do not block access roads with your vehicle. You are reminded that you must comply with all traffic laws and exercise common sense, safety, and defensive driving while operating a motor vehicle on or off-road (e.g., gravel roads). Off-road driving can include narrow dirt and gravel roads, blind hills and curves, limited sight distances, ruts, pot-holes, unmarked intersections, downed trees, and obstacles or items in the road. You are responsible for observing these defects and protecting yourself accordingly. The University of Tennessee Oak Ridge Forestry Experiment Station is an active forestry research area with research projects in progress; hunter and/or vehicle access to this property is subject to restrictions if over-crowding or property damage occurs during the hunt. It is recommended that a maximum speed of 15 miles per hour be observed during any off-road driving. Seat belt use is mandatory.

Legal Game & Weapons: Shotguns and muzzleloading shotguns, 20 gauge or larger, using ammunition loaded with No. 4 shot or smaller (e.g., #4, #5, #6); long bows, compound bows, and crossbows using legal hunting arrows with broadheads. **Rifles and handguns are prohibited. 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; each turkey harvested on the ORWMA must be monitored for radiation contamination at the Checking Station on Bethel Valley Road (location shown on map). Should you harvest a turkey, please mark its location on this map and report to the Checking Station as soon as possible.** 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 772 taken have been retained due to radiological contamination.

NWTF Safety Tips: Select the largest stump, blow-down, tree trunk, or rock that is wider than your shoulders and higher than your head to place your back against when calling. Completely eliminate the colors red, white, blue, and black from your hunting outfit. Select your calling spot in open timber rather than in thick brush; eliminating movement is a key to success, not concealment. Be discreet when imitating the sound of a gobbling turkey. When songbirds or your turkey get quiet, look out – there is a good chance another hunter is moving in on your bird. Never move, wave or make turkey sounds to alert another hunter to your presence – remain still and speak in a loud, clear voice to announce your presence.

Firearms Safety: Possession of any alcoholic beverage, illegal drug, or marijuana while hunting is prohibited. No individual may be under the influence of these substances at any time while on the ORWMA. **Control the direction of your firearm's muzzle.** Carry your firearm safely, keeping the safety on until ready to shoot. **Keep your finger off the trigger** until ready to shoot. **Identify your target** and what is beyond it. Know the identifying features of the game you hunt. Treat every firearm with the same respect due a loaded firearm. Be sure the barrel and action are clear of obstructions and that you have only ammunition of the proper size for the firearm you are carrying. Never point a firearm at anything you do not want to shoot. Avoid all horseplay with a firearm. Never climb a fence or tree, or jump a ditch or log, with a loaded firearm. Never pull a firearm toward you by the muzzle. Never shoot a bullet at a flat, hard surface or water. Unload firearms when not in use.

Transporting Weapons: Firearms in vehicles **must be unloaded** in both chamber and magazine and should be 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.

Prohibited Activities: **NO LITTERING!** No camping. No access by boat. No target shooting.

Trespassing: Plant Site and Security zones are **NO TRESPASSING AREAS** by order of the US 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 DOE, which has been designated as subject to the provisions contained in 10 CFR Pt. 860 of the rules and regulations of the 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 DOE, this facility, installation, or real property has been designated as subject to these regulations by the US 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 the safety rules noted above, and have inspected my weapon for proper and safe function according to manufacturer's guidelines."

Signature: _____ Date: _____

THIS SIGNED INSTRUCTION PAGE MUST BE IN THE POSSESSION OF THE HUNTER AT ALL TIMES DURING SCOUTING AND HUNT DAYS.