

OAK RIDGE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

Security changes have occurred in response to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack. Hunts will be subject to cancellation in similar situations. **It is particularly important that you adhere to all rules. Hunters must carry, at all times, hunting license and permit, valid picture I.D. (juveniles excluded), and signed map.** 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. **Hunters must adhere to all posted signs, and may not enter any "NO HUNTING - SAFETY ZONE" areas, bypass locked gates or barricades, or climb or disturb any fences.** It is prohibited by Federal Law to remove any material (equipment, timber, firewood, scrap metal, etc.) from this reservation. This is a Federal Security Area and failure to comply with all regulations can result in strict prosecution.

Each deer taken on the Oak Ridge WMA must be monitored for radiation contamination at the checking station, where a bone and a small muscle sample will be removed for analysis. **It is no longer necessary to bring the liver of the deer to the checking station.** Please mark the location where the deer was taken on this map. **The deer should be field dressed before it is brought to the checking station, and it should be brought in as soon as possible to avoid long waiting lines.**

Since the hunts began in 1985, 190 (2%) of 9497 deer have been retained due to radiological contamination. Only 5 of 636 were retained in the last two years.

Scouting will be permitted from **6 AM to 4 PM** (Eastern Daylight Savings Time) on 11/3/07 for the 11/10-11/07 permit holders; and **6 AM to 4 PM** (Eastern Standard Time) on 11/24/07 for the 12/01-02/07 permit holders; and on 12/08/07 for the 12/15-16/07 permit holders. Only those with valid permits will be allowed to scout. No friends, relatives, colleagues, or other persons are allowed to scout. Permit holders are prohibited from the area except for scouting and hunting days. TWRA personnel will be at the checking station on the scouting days to answer questions. Hunters may not possess firearms or archery equipment during scouting days. **The checking station will open at 7:30 AM and close at NOON on scouting days, but scouting may continue until 4 PM.**

A separate permit is required for each of the Archery Only areas. Hunters are asked to leave all hunt areas as soon as possible after sunset so the area can be secured and gates closed. All hunters hunting in the Park City Rd./Chestnut Ridge and the TSF units **must** check in and out at the guard portal.

If a deer is hit and crosses into a safety zone, you must contact a TWRA officer to accompany you to retrieve it.

As with all WMAs, hunters may not enter the area prior to one (1) hour before sunrise and must be out one (1) hour after sunset. Side road gates will be opened by 5:30 AM and closed by 8 PM on hunting days. Signs will be posted on roads open to hunters.

Driving off roads into woods, fields, pastures, or on 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.

No camping is allowed on the area and no target ranges are open to hunters. Feral hogs and coyotes may be taken on the Oak Ridge WMA. Bobcats may **NOT** be taken on the Oak Ridge WMA. No access by boat except for the Haw Ridge Park unit. No littering. **No hunting is allowed in cemeteries.**

The University of Tennessee Oak Ridge Forestry Experiment Station is an active forestry research area with research projects in progress; therefore, hunter and/or vehicle access to this property is subject to restrictions if over-crowding or property damage occurs during the hunt.

Emergency help is available by calling the Oak Ridge Operations Center (OROC) at 576-1005. Please provide your grid location from the TWRA hunt map to assure 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 (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 and 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 the site security officers.

Caution: ALL 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.**

Responsible, knowledgeable, and safe hunters will learn, remember, and follow these simple rules: 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. Unload firearms when not in use. Leave the action open. Firearms should be carried empty in cases to and from shooting areas. Firearms loaded with ammunition in either the chamber or magazine may not be transported in vehicles. 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. Avoid alcoholic beverages or other mood-altering drugs before and while hunting.

Tree Stand Safety: Commercially manufactured stands and safety belts are recommended. Learn how your stand is assembled, the key stress points to check for wear or breakage, and how to do simple repairs if necessary (leave major repair to the manufacturer). Become familiar with how your stand locks into position, fastens around the tree, and at what angle you should start to achieve a level platform position at the desired height. Many accidents occur from improperly attached stands put together the morning of the hunt in the dark by a novice hunter. **Always** wear a safety belt at all times while in your tree stand. Do not take it off for any reason. There are numerous reputable brands of belts on the market, so consult an expert at a gun or archery shop for a name brand. Do not try to fashion a safety belt at home or in the field with makeshift materials. 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, not your stand. In this way you have ready access to the line without having to bend over to untie it from the stand. If using a portable climbing stand, put a safety chain or strap around the tree in order to secure the platform against it. This prevents the stand from slipping or shifting as you move about. A good seat is vital to tree stand safety. A seat, particularly one that attaches to the tree, distributes your weight, cuts down on your motion, and increases your awareness because you do not become tired as fast.

Plant Site and Security zones are **NO TRESPASSING AREAS** by order of the US DOE. 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 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.

You are reminded that you must comply with all traffic laws of the state, 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, and obstacles or items in the road. You are responsible for observing these defects and protecting yourself accordingly. It is recommended that a maximum speed of 15 miles per hour be observed during any off-road driving. Seat belt use is mandatory.

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.

"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. This signed instruction page must be in the possession of the hunter at all times during scouting and hunt days."

Signature: _____ Date: _____