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HONOBIA CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA



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Rayonier
MOLPUS TIMBERLANDS MANAGEMENT, LLC

Please Note: Map boundaries may not accurately reflect the actual and true boundaries and may change at anytime without notice. For up-to-date boundary changes please contact the Honobia Creek WMA Biologist at 918-527-5308.

Honobia Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA) is the result of unique partnerships between the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC) and three different private forest investment companies, the Hancock Natural Resource Group (HNRG), Rayonier Forest Resources, L.P., and Molpus Timberlands Management, LLC. These 80,000 acres of prime commercial timber represents a vital industry in southeastern Oklahoma as well as the state's first privately owned wildlife management area. These cooperative agreements will enable state wildlife officials and private foresters to work together to enhance fish and wildlife resources and outdoor recreation opportunities at Honobia Creek WMA.

While the primary goal of each timber company is timber production, HNRG, Rayonier, and Molpus also believe that fish and wildlife management and other outdoor recreational activities should be an integral part of the management plans for their properties. All land access fee revenue will be used by ODWC at Honobia Creek for wildlife habitat improvements, recreational projects and to help keep the WMA open for hunting and fishing recreation.

If you have questions about Honobia Creek WMA, please contact the Wildlife Department at (918) 527-5308.

Honobia Creek WMA

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Permit Requirements

All persons who hunt, fish, or otherwise use the Honobia Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA) for any recreational purpose must purchase a valid annual Land Access Fee permit (\$40 residents, \$85 nonresidents). Legal Oklahoma residents under the age of 18 on the first day of the current calendar year and Oklahoma residents who are 64 years of age or older are exempt from the permit. There are no age exemptions for nonresidents.

2. License Requirements

All persons carrying a firearm or archery equipment on the Honobia Creek WMA must possess a valid hunting license.

3. Group Activities

Any activity for groups of 25 individuals or more must obtain written approval from the area biologist.

4. Camping

Camping is limited to a maximum of 14 days. Quiet hours are enforced from 11 pm to 6 am. All dogs or other pets must be kept on a leash or otherwise confined while in camping areas.

5. Buildings and Private Development

No permanent or temporary structure (buildings, corrals, boat docks, etc.) may be constructed on Department-managed lands.

6. Vehicles

- Except as otherwise provided, all motorized vehicles including all-terrain vehicles and off-road vehicles are required to stay on roads designated as open for public or hunter use.
- Maximum speed on all roads shall be 25 mph.
- Travel on roads which are gated and locked, closed by an earthen mound, or otherwise designated as closed is prohibited, unless otherwise specified in the annual regulations for non-ambulatory persons holding valid permits.
- It is unlawful for any person to hunt, chase, capture, shoot, attempt to shoot, wound or kill any wildlife from a motor driven vehicle, except as provided for persons holding a non-ambulatory or motor vehicle hunting permit.
- It is unlawful for any person to transport a loaded firearm. Crossbow permittees may not transport a cocked crossbow nor may the bolt be loaded while being transported in a motor vehicle.

7. Littering

Disposal of garbage, trash, refuse, litter, sewage, debris or any other form of solid waste is prohibited.

8. Use of Horses

Horses and mules may be used anytime on established roads and trails open for public use, unless otherwise posted. However, during primitive and firearms gun deer seasons, riders must wear both a head covering and an outer garment above the waistline consisting of daylight fluorescent orange color totaling not less than 400 square inches.

9. Theft or Vandalism

- It shall be unlawful for any person to shoot, deface, damage, destroy, remove or steal all or any part of physical structures, any equipment or machinery, fences or fencing materials, cattle guards, gates, signs, or any other state owned property.
- It shall be unlawful to cut, dig, damage or remove crops, trees, shrubs, timber (including dead standing trees), water gravel, sand, earth, rocks, materials or other natural resources other than legally harvested fish and wildlife from the Honobia Creek WMA.

10. Deer Stands

No permanent type stands may be constructed in or on a tree nor shall cleats be driven into a tree to gain access to a portion of any tree nor shall any person hunt from such a stand. Only portable type stands that do not require the use of any fastening device that has the potential of damaging a tree are permitted. Stands shall be removed from the tree immediately following the closure of the hunt for which they were used with a limit of no more than 14 days. Stands remaining after this time become the property of the Department to be disposed of in the best practical manner.

11. Alcoholic Beverages

No person shall possess, consume or use any intoxicating beverage or low-point beer except in camping and parking areas on the Honobia Creek WMA.

All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV) and Off-Road Vehicles (ORV)

Nobody likes regulations, but if irresponsible ATV and off-road vehicle use continues to cause unacceptable impacts to the wildlife management area, then strict regulations and enforcement and/or limited, seasonal ATV use will become necessary to ensure the protection of this privately owned, publicly accessible land.

OFF-ROAD USE IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED

- All motorized vehicles, including but not limited to ATVs, must remain on maintained logging roads at all times.
- Driving over or around earthen mounds, gates, or signs is prohibited.
- Driving on powerline, seismic line, pipeline, and railroad right-of-ways is prohibited.
- Driving in streambeds and adjacent to creeks is prohibited unless following an existing, maintained logging road.
- Driving on pre-existing ATV trails is prohibited.
- ATV/ORV use on county roads or state highways must comply with State Law Title 47 regulations.
- Refer to General Regulation #6 for additional vehicle use restrictions

Please... Leave Only Footprints

The unique and pristine beauty of the Honobia Creek Wildlife Management Area is what makes the area so attractive to so many families that enjoy the WMA each year. Please, when visiting the WMA, leave only footprints. By keeping the WMA free of litter and garbage, every visitor can help keep this great treasure open for the public to enjoy for many years to come.

Walk-in Turkey Area



In cooperation with the National Wild Turkey Federation's Oklahoma Chapter, Hancock Natural Resource Group (HNRG), Rayonier Forest Resources L.P., and Molpus Timberlands Management LLC, the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation has established a Walk-in Turkey Hunting Area to improve the habitat and help increase turkey populations.

The Walk-in Area is open to hunters and visitors year-round. Motor vehicle access will be allowed on a few select roads during deer season only to allow deer hunters more access. However these roads will be closed immediately following deer season to give the turkey population solitude during the critical nesting and brood rearing season.

Biologists improve brood-rearing habitat in this area through prescribed burning, creating forest clearings, and revegetating closed roads. These management techniques provide nutritious vegetation that is highly attractive to insects (insects account for up to 90 percent of the young wild turkey diet). These areas will provide for important winter forage as well.

Helpful Telephone Numbers

Honobia Creek WMA.....	(918) 527-5308	Game Wardens	(580) 513-5014
Report game violations.....	(800) 522-8039	Eric Barnes	(580) 271-0808
Report wildfires.....	(580) 584-3351	Dane Polk.....	(580) 513-6866
Pushmataha WMA	(918) 569-4329	Dru Polk.....	(580) 431-2559
ODWC Office, Higgins.....	(918) 297-0153	Randy Fennell	(918) 429-3910
Central Office, OKC.....	(405) 521-3851	Thomas Gillham	(918) 471-9447
Sardis Lake Project Office. ...	(918) 569-4131	James Williams	(918) 471-9447

Land Access Fee Permit

Who is required to purchase the Land Access Fee Permit?

All persons who hunt, fish, or otherwise use the Honobia Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA) for any recreational purpose are required to purchase a Land Access Fee (LAF) permit before accessing the WMA. Legal Oklahoma residents under the age of 18 on the first day of the current calendar year and Oklahoma residents who are 64 years of age or older are exempt from the permit. All nonresidents, regardless of age, must purchase the LAF permit.

What are the permit fees for Oklahoma residents and nonresidents?

- Oklahoma Residents Ages 18 through 63: \$40 per person per year
- 3-Day Oklahoma Resident (Not valid for hunting or fishing): \$10
- Nonresidents: \$85 per person per year (no age exemptions)

Are there any permit exemptions for lifetime license holders or disabled veterans?

No, the only exemptions to the LAF permit are Oklahoma residents under the age of 18 on the first day of the current calendar year and Oklahoma residents who are 64 years of age or older.

Where can I purchase the Land Access Fee Permit?

The LAF permit may be purchased at any vendor that sells hunting and fishing licenses or through the Department's website at wildlifedepartment.com.

Molpus Timberlands Management, LLC Joins Honobia Creek WMA

The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC) has entered into a cooperative agreement with Molpus Timberlands Management, LLC (Molpus), on behalf of a client. This cooperative agreement will allow public recreation for a fee (through Land Access Permits) on 16,311 acres of private commercial forestland known as the Honobia Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA).

On this WMA, ODWC biologists will work with Molpus' professional foresters to enhance fish and wildlife resources on the property, which include wild turkey, deer, bear and quail. Some of the unique walk-in hunting areas for wild turkey will also be maintained as part of this partnership. All revenues from the Land Access Permits will be used by ODWC to manage, maintain, and enhance the WMA. This WMA is consistent with MTM's objective of managing the timberland under a sustainable forest management program.

"Molpus Timberlands Management is committed to sustainable forestry and sound stewardship practices. Well-managed forests support a tremendous variety of recreational opportunities. We are excited to be working with the State of Oklahoma in an effort to make these recreational opportunities available for the public's enjoyment," said Ken Sewell, Chief Operating Officer of Molpus Timberlands Management, LLC. Molpus Timberlands Management, LLC and its sister company, The Molpus Woodlands Group LLC, a Registered Investment Advisor, (collectively "Molpus") have a history in the timber industry dating back to 1905. Molpus finds itself as one of the oldest timber-related companies in the nation with experience in all facets of timber management, manufacturing and marketing. Molpus acquires, manages and sells timberland as an investment vehicle for pension funds, college endowments, foundations, insurance companies and high net-worth individual investors. Molpus focuses on ensuring long-term optimum cash returns on investments while practicing responsible forest stewardship. Website: <http://www.molpus.com>

Together, Molpus and the ODWC will work together to enhance the WMA's fish and wildlife resources and provide quality public recreation. For \$40 (Oklahoma residents) or \$85 (non-residents) visitors to the Honobia Creek WMA can enjoy some of Molpus' most scenic forests and create memories that will last a lifetime.

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