

# Private Lands Public Wildlife



## Walk-In Area Hunting Program 2009-10

A Walk-in Area (WIA) is a tract of private land on which Game and Fish Department has leased rights for public hunting enjoyment. A participating landowner receives a monetary reward based on the number of private deeded acres enrolled in the program. **Public access to a Walk-in Area is limited to hunting only during the time period and only for the specific species of wildlife agreed upon by the landowner and the Department.** As the name states, public access to any WIA is restricted to foot traffic only, (large WIA's may have exceptions, please see species table). Hunters are advised not to seek permission from the landowner to hunt the approved species on the Walk-in Areas. Have your hunting license and just walk right in. All WIAs will have signs posted along established fence lines to mark their boundaries. The Walk-in Area program is the result of a concerted effort on the part of the Game and Fish Department to enhance hunting opportunities in Wyoming. To insure the success of this program in providing public hunting opportunities, cooperation from hunters using WIAs is required.

## Walk-In Area Rules

- ✓ **NO SCOUTING.**
- ✓ Access is limited to individual access for hunting and does not include access for any commercial activity, including outfitting of hunters.
- ✓ **WIA Rules and regulations only apply to private lands enrolled in the PLPW Access Program. Hunters should review Public Use Rules for State Lands prior to hunting.**
- ✓ Walk-in Areas are private property and only landowners may allow other activities, such as trapping, antler hunting, photography, etc.
- ✓ **Only hunt the species that are allowed to be hunted on a Walk-in Area. Refer to the appropriate table for the specific Walk-in Area.**
- ✓ Hunt species only during open seasons according to Game and Fish Commission Regulations.
- ✓ Do not drive into Walk-in Area (except when expressly stated otherwise to use designated or established roads and/or parking areas).
- ✓ Some hunting Walk-in Areas are also enrolled in fishing. If posted signs indicate hunting and fishing, see current WIA Fishing Atlas for dates and any other limitations for fishing access.
- ✓ No camping and no fires - act responsibly.
- ✓ No shooting within 100 yards of buildings and livestock.
- ✓ Do not hunt on adjoining private lands not enrolled in the Walk-in Area Program. It is considered trespassing!
- ✓ Do not litter. Please pack out all trash (this includes spent shotgun shells or hulls).
- ✓ Construction of blinds, pits, or other structures is strictly prohibited.
- ✓ Hunters are required to purchase a Pheasant Management stamp to hunt pheasants on Walk-in Areas in Eastern Wyoming where pheasants are stocked. See current pheasant regulations for more information.
- ✓ If there is a drop box available, hunters must deposit landowner coupons for big game animals harvested on deeded land.

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