Isabel Wetland is located in southeastern Pratt County, one mile north of Isabel. The 440-acre area was purchased in two parcels, 1989 and 1999, to preserve wetland habitat and provide recreational opportunities. Ducks Unlimited assisted in purchasing part of the area. Some water is maintained in the spring for nesting waterfowl. Most water is pumped in late summer and fall for migratory waterfowl. Bird watching and wildlife observation is available year around.

HUNTING

Isabel Wetland is a small but excellent public hunting area for waterfowl, pheasant, quail, rabbits, doves, turkey, and deer. It is mostly grassland with a natural wetland that has been enlarged to 41 acres by the construction of two dams. There are four separate marshes of which three are pumped.

Because of the extensive use of the area by waterfowl, Isabel wetland is a non-toxic-shot-only area. Lead shot may not be possessed while on the area. Depending on fall migration, waterfowl hunting can be excellent although the area is small and sometimes overcrowded. Hunting on small wildlife areas requires cooperation of all who hunt on them. Although hunting is a first-come first-serve basis, common courtesy and cooperation must be used.

VISITOR SERVICES

Isabel is managed as a day-use facility. Although four parking areas are supplied for visitor convenience, there are no toilet facilities available. Overnight stay is permitted only in the four parking lots. Access to the area is by foot traffic only. Vehicles are restricted to the parking areas.

Visitors should check printed regulations and information signs for current restrictions and bag limits. A no trash policy is enforced on the area. Please keep the area clean by taking your trash home with you.

A historic sod barn is located on the property.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

To reduce the potential of lead poisoning of waterfowl feeding on the area, Isabel is restricted to NON-TOXIC SHOT ONLY. All shotgun hunting must be done with non-toxic shot.