

Hunting Lottery Application
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Benbrook Lake Office
2015-2016

Instructions: Check only those weeks you will be available to hunt. **Hunters must park at the designated access points to hunt or they may launch their vessel from a boat ramp.** Each applicant and co-applicant listed must include an individually signed waiver of liability form. Also, all applicants born after September 2, 1971 must show proof of completing a Hunter Education Training Course, or prove their exemption status. A photocopy of a completed hunter safety certificate or valid driver's license is sufficient. Duplicate entries will result in the hunters' names being withdrawn from the lottery for the month. All applications must be received by the Benbrook Lake Office no later than **12:00 p.m. on August 17, 2015.** Failure to supply all required information will remove the applicant(s) from consideration. All applicants are required to provide their date of birth when applying for a permit. A photocopy of a driver's license must be submitted if the date of birth is not printed on the hunter safety certificate. Hunting survey must be completed and returned in the specified time frame or applicants will be banned for the next year's hunt. **Please refer to the Benbrook Lake hunting policy for complete information.**

Application Number		
* Your Permit Information *		
NAME: _____		
ADDRESS: _____		
CITY: _____	STATE: _____	ZIP: _____
DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____		
Vehicle License Plate # _____		
** Partner's Permit Information **		
NAME: _____		
ADDRESS: _____		
CITY: _____	STATE: _____	ZIP: _____
DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____		
Vehicle License Plate # _____		
Hunt 1 _____ Sept. 1 - 15 (15 days)	Hunt 3 _____ Oct. 1 - Oct 15 (15 days)	Hunt 5 _____ Nov.1 - Nov. 15 (15 days)
Hunt 2 _____ Sept. 16 – 30 (15 days)	Hunt 4 _____ Oct. 16 – 31 (16 days)	Hunt 6 _____ Nov. 16 – 30 (15 days)
Hunt 7 _____ Dec. 1 - 15 (15 days)	Hunt 9 _____ Jan. 1 - Jan. 15 (15 days)	Failure to follow Texas hunting season dates by animal set by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will result in state and federal penalties.
Hunt 8 _____ Dec. 16 - 31 (16 days)	Hunt 10 _____ Jan. 16 - 31 (16 days)	

Please address all correspondence as follows:

Hunting Coordinator
 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 Benbrook Lake Office
 P.O. Box 26619
 Fort Worth, Texas 76126-0619

Benbrook Lake Hunting Policy 2015-2016

Areas

Approximately 1,400 acres in Tarrant County are available for public hunting. Hunting is not the exclusive use of these areas. Some areas may be used by hikers, equestrian riders, bird watchers, etc. so exercise caution. While much of the boundary is fenced and marked, some areas are not. It is the hunter's responsibility to become familiar with the area and the limits of public lands. Hunting on public land does not give any person the right to cross or enter private property and you could be charged with trespassing.

Permits

All hunters must obtain a permit each year. Permit periods will be concurrent with the Texas Parks and Wildlife hunting license renewal dates. This requirement applies to all hunters regardless of season or game hunted.

Permit requires hunter safety card, signed liability waiver, and identification (copy of driver's license). Hunters may register for a permit by sending a copy of the required documentation to: Benbrook Lake Office, P.O. Box 26619 Ft. Worth, TX 76126 or you may register in person at the Benbrook Lake Office, at 7001 Lakeside Dr. Ft. Worth, TX 76132, Mon - Fri from 7:30 a.m. until 4:00p.m. **No applications via fax will be accepted.** All permitted hunters will receive a permit card. Hunters must have this card on their person when hunting at Benbrook Lake. By accepting and signing this card, hunters acknowledge receipt and understanding of hunting regulations and applicable state laws. Hunting without a valid hunting permit may constitute state and federal penalties.

A lottery - will be drawn in August for each 2-week hunting period. Deadline for the lottery is listed on the hunting application. Each hunter may be limited to one win once during the season. Permits will be mailed to all winners. The list of winners will be posted at the project office. Winners' names will not be given over the telephone.

Hunting Partners - applicants may list the name, address, telephone number, of a partner on his/her application. The partner will automatically receive a permit when the winning hunter's name is drawn. Each applicant may list his/her name only once in the lottery system. This also applies to partners. If you plan to list the name of a partner on your application please let the person know in advance. **Duplicate entries will result in the name being removed from the lottery.** Please note all hunters and partners must sign a liability waiver form and meet Hunter Education requirements.

Hunter Safety Course

All persons hunting on Corps managed land must have proof of completion of a State Hunter Safety Course if born after 1 September 1971. Certifications from other states or the U.S. military will also be accepted. Concealed handgun permits do not satisfy this requirement. TPWD one-time safety certification waivers are honored.

Age Requirements

Children 12 to 17 years of age must be accompanied by an adult with a hunter's safety certification and valid Texas hunting license. Children under 12 may accompany an adult, but are not allowed to hunt. Children 17 and under accompanying a permitted adult hunter do not need their own permit.

Blaze Orange

All hunters are required to wear a minimum of 400 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange above the waist (at least 144 square inches must be visible on both the chest and back) and some type of orange head wear when walking in a designated hunting area. Persons hunting turkey, waterfowl, or migratory birds may remove the orange outerwear when they reach their blind or immediate hunting area.

Means and Methods

Deer, turkey and hog hunting is restricted to archery only. Shotguns are authorized for hunting other game. Anyone hunting with a shotgun may not use or possess any shot larger than #2. The use of non-toxic USFW approved shot is required for waterfowl hunting. All weapons must be unloaded when transported to or from or between hunting sites. Target practice or the "sighting in" of any weapon is prohibited. Rifles, handguns, and muzzleloaders are prohibited. Crossbows may be authorized per Texas Parks and Wildlife regulations.

Feeding/Baiting

Installation of feeders is prohibited. Hand scattering of corn or feed, and use of feed or mineral blocks are allowed. It is illegal to hunt migratory game birds in a baited area. Construction of feeder pens is prohibited.

Use of Calls

Calling devices (including manual and mouth operated), recordings, and electronically amplified calls may be used to hunt game animals and game birds, except electronic calls may not be used to hunt migratory game birds.

Artificial Light

Light of any form that casts or reflects a beam of light onto or otherwise illuminates a game animal or bird may not be used as an aid to hunt.

600 Foot Buffer

Hunting is prohibited anywhere signs are posted stating "No Hunting" and also within 600 feet of homes, roads, fishing piers, outlet structures, farm and ranch yards, and the boundary of developed parks.

Hunting Blinds

Natural hunting blinds made of loose materials or portable blinds are authorized for hunting deer or waterfowl. No standing vegetation, live or dead, may be cut for any purpose. Hunting blinds may not be built in, nailed or screwed to trees. Tree stands are restricted to portable, non-bark penetrating types only. All blinds must have hunter's name, date of installation, address and phone number written legibly and placed at the entry point of the blind in an obvious location. Blinds must be removed at the end of each hunter's 2 week permit. Screw in or nail in tree steps and spikes are prohibited.

Sport Chasing / Trapping

Sport chasing is prohibited. Sport chasing is defined as using or allowing dogs to pursue, harass, chase, catch, injure, or kill wildlife. Dogs may be used to hunt rabbits, squirrels, game birds, and migratory game birds in compliance with Texas Parks and Wildlife regulations. Any hunter using dogs in legal hunting activities must exercise control over their dog(s). Trapping of game or furbearers is prohibited.

Legal Game / Seasons

Dove, quail, squirrel, rabbit, waterfowl, turkey, whitetail deer and feral hogs. Hunting seasons and bag limits are determined by the State of Texas for Tarrant County. All state hunting laws apply on Corps of Engineers managed lands. Furbearers and non-game species may not be hunted or taken.

Camping

Camping is not allowed within the hunting areas or at access points. Camping is available only in designated campsites at public parks at Benbrook Lake.

Vehicles / Parking

All vehicles must be parked at the designated access points identified on the map or at a boat ramp if accessing the area by boat. Vehicles shall not block gates. It is a violation of Federal regulations to drive a vehicle through, around or beyond a restrictive sign, recognizable barricade, fence, or traffic control barrier. Use of off-road vehicles is prohibited in hunting areas. Unauthorized use of vehicles or ATV's may constitute trespassing and/or revocation of hunting permit.

Reporting

Each permitted hunter must complete and return a hunter activity survey, within 1 week of the end of their winning hunt date, to the Benbrook Lake project office. This survey will be used to compile harvest data.

Violations

Violators of any of these provisions are subject to a fine and/or loss of hunting privileges. By accepting a hunter registration card, hunters agree that they have been furnished a copy of and understand this policy and agree to comply with it and all applicable state hunting laws. **All hunters are asked to not litter the hunting area.**

Information

Additional information may be obtained by calling the Benbrook Lake Office at 817-292-2400. This condensed hunting policy statement may not be all-inclusive. If a specific question or situation is not addressed here, contact the Benbrook Lake Office for more information or clarification.

DISCLAIMER AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

This liability statement allows entry upon lands owned by the U.S. Corps of Engineers for hunting. Permittee is not allowed to hunt until this statement is signed.

The Corps of Engineers does not know the proficiency of other participating hunters, and the Corps specifically does not make any warranty or representation of any type, kind or character, whatsoever, as to existing conditions upon said lands for hunting purposes.

Any person entering upon such lands enters at his or her own risk, impliedly accepts such lands in the existing conditions, and recognizes that all hunting is potentially dangerous because of the use of firearms/bows by hunters of varying degrees of proficiency.

In consideration of being permitted to participate in this public hunting program, both for myself and also as the parent or guardian of any accompanying minor, I unconditionally release and hold harmless the Corps of Engineers against and for all liability, cost, expenses, claims and damages for which the Corps might otherwise become liable by reason of any accidents, or injuries to or death of any persons, or damage to property or both, in any manner arising or resulting from, caused by, connected with or related to the presence of any such person upon such lands and premises, regardless of how, where, or when such injury, death or damage occurs even if caused by the negligence of the Corps of Engineers, its agents, servants, or employees, or due to conditions or operation on or defects in the premises.

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Signature: _____
Original signature in ink; no photocopies accepted

Print Name: _____
(last) (first) (middle initial)

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