

Hunting Program for Benbrook Lake 2008-2009

Hunters may register in person, Mon thru Fri from 8:30 a.m. till 4:00 p.m. at the Benbrook Lake Office, located at the east end of the dam (7001 Lakeside Dr., Fort Worth, TX 76132), or by mail.

To register in person - Applicants must bring the following items to the lake office during normal business hours:

- Current hunting license
- Proof of hunters safety certification or proof of exemption (date of birth)
- Valid identification
- Signed waiver of liability

To register by mail - Applicants must mail each of the following items together to the lake office. Mail completed package to PO Box 26619, Fort Worth, TX 76126:

- Copy of your application and current hunting license
- Copy of your hunters safety certification or proof of exemption
- Copy of valid identification
- Signed waiver of liability
- Two contact numbers

(If ANY of the above items are not included, the application will be discarded.)

Hunters will need to sign a waiver of liability prior to obtaining a hunting permit. All permitted hunters will receive a permit card and a vehicle tag. Hunters must have this card on their person and display the vehicle tag when hunting at Benbrook Lake. By accepting this card hunters acknowledge receipt and understanding of hunting regulations and applicable state laws. Hunting without a valid hunting permit may constitute the issuance of citation.

General Information:

Not all areas of public land are clearly fenced or readily identified. It is the hunter's responsibility to become familiar with area boundaries to avoid trespassing onto private property adjacent to public land. Please contact the Corps of Engineers office at Benbrook Lake at (817)292-2400 for assistance if needed. All hunting zones have a 600 ft restriction from park areas or adjacent homes.

Seasons/Bag Limits are set annually by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

HUNTING POLICY

AREAS. Hunting is not the exclusive use of these areas. Some areas may be cattle grazing leases or used by hikers, equestrian riders, bird watchers, etc, so please 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. Hunting is only allowed by those hunters drawn in the lottery and must obtain a permit for each win. Hunting 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. A single permit is good for all hunting areas and all legal game during the permit period. The permit requires a valid state hunting license, a hunter safety card or proof of exemption, a signed liability waiver, and identification. Hunters who win the Lotto must complete a hunting activity survey in order to be eligible for additional drawings. You may register in person or by mail beginning August 1, 2008 at the Benbrook Lake Office, at the east end of the dam (7001 Lakeside Dr., Benbrook, TX 76132), Mon thru Fri from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All winning hunters will receive a permit card and vehicle tag. Hunters must have this card on their person and the vehicle tag displayed when hunting at Benbrook Lake. By accepting this card, hunters acknowledge receipt and understanding of hunting regulations and applicable state laws. Hunting without a valid hunting permit may constitute the issuance of citation.

HUNTER SAFETY COURSE. All persons hunting on Corps managed land must have proof of completion of a State Hunter Safety Course or proof of exemption from this course. Certifications from other states or the U.S. military will 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. They are not required to have 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 feral hog, waterfowl, or migratory birds may remove the orange outerwear when they reach their blind or immediate hunting area.

AUTHORIZED WEAPONS. Hunting the legal game noted below is permitted in designated hunting with archery equipment (excluding crossbows) and shotguns. Archery is the legal weapon for hunting deer and turkey. 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, from, or between hunting sites. Rifles, handguns, slugs, and muzzle loaders are prohibited.

600 FOOT BUFFER. Hunting is prohibited anywhere signs are posted stating "No Hunting" as well as within 600 feet of adjoining land with occupied dwellings, or within 600 feet of the boundaries of developed parks.

HUNTING BLINDS. Natural hunting blinds made of loose materials or portable blinds are authorized for hunting feral hogs 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. Stands must be removed when not in actual use. Screw in or nail in tree steps and spikes are prohibited.

SPORT CHASING/TRAPPING. 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). Raccoons, foxes, and coyotes may be chased for sport. Trapping or snaring all animals is prohibited.

LEGAL GAME/SEASONS. Deer, dove, squirrel, rabbit, waterfowl, and turkey. Hunting seasons and bag limits are determined by the State of Texas. All state hunting laws apply on Corps of Engineers managed lands. Fur bearers 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 around the lake.

VEHICLES/PARKING. 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 citation and/or revocation of hunting permit. Vehicles should not be parked blocking gates. All vehicles must visibly display the vehicle hunting tag.

REPORTING. Each permitted hunter must complete a hunter activity survey within 2 weeks of the issue date of the permit. This survey will be used to compile information about hunting activity and harvest data at Benbrook Lake. ***Failure to complete a hunter activity survey will be grounds for denial of future permits.***

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.

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.

Hunting Lottery Application
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Benbrook Lake Office
08-09

Instructions: Check only those weeks you will be available to hunt. Each applicant and co-applicant listed must include an individually signed waiver of liability form (attached). 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. Please refer to the attached rules and regulations for more information. All applications must be received by the Benbrook Lake Office no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the monthly application deadlines listed below. Failure to supply all required information will remove the applicant(s) from consideration. **PROOF OF AGE REQUIRED** 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.

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 # _____

<p>Hunt 1 _____ Sept. 1 - 11 (11 days)</p> <p>Hunt 2 _____ Sept. 12 - 25 (14 days) Deadline: August 15</p>	<p>Hunt 3 _____ Sep. 26 - Oct 9 (14 days)</p> <p>Hunt 4 _____ Oct. 10 - 23 (14 days) Deadline: September 5</p>	<p>Hunt 5 _____ Oct. 24 - Nov. 6 (14 days)</p> <p>Hunt 6 _____ Nov. 7 - 20 (14 days) Deadline: October 3</p>
<p>Hunt 7 _____ Nov. 21 - Dec. 4 (14 days)</p> <p>Hunt 8 _____ Dec. 5 - 18 (14 days) Deadline: November 31</p>	<p>Hunt 9 _____ Dec. 19 - Jan. 1 (14 days) Deadline: Nov. 28</p>	<p>Hunt 10 _____ Jan. 2-15 (14 days)</p> <p>Hunt 11 _____ Jan. 16-29 (14 days) Deadline: December 12</p>

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

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 the 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, and in consideration of being permitted to participate in this public hunting program, I as parent or guardian of any accompanying minor, 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. I, the Permittee, have read this release and understand all its terms. I execute it voluntarily with full knowledge of its significance.

Signature:

(Original signature in ink; no photocopies accepted)

Print:

(last name)

(first name)

(middle initial)

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