

## Lake Georgetown Hunting Policy

**Seasons:** All hunting is **closed** from the last day of February to the beginning of dove season. All hunting except archery is **closed** during the archery season for deer set by TPWD. Turkey, Quail, Raccoons, Bobcats, Foxes, and Coyotes may not be hunted or chased at any time.

**Prohibited Weapons:** Rifles, pistols, and shotguns with slugs or shot larger than #2 common are prohibited at all times.

**Deer:** **White-tailed deer may be hunted with archery equipment only.** Those persons wishing to hunt deer must complete and **submit an application that must be received by July 3rd annually.** Hunters will be required to possess a hunter safety card as required by TPWD regulations or possess a TPWD Hunter Educations Deferral and pass a proficiency test. Deer may be hunted on a serve yourself basis in the general hunting area as well as the hunting (archery) only area. Deer may be hunted during the archery and general seasons set by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD). Archery season may be extended by the USACE Lake Georgetown Office to the last day in February, per Managed Land Deer Permit (MLD) regulations. Harvest recommendations are made by TPWD annually. Antler restrictions are in force. Only deer meeting requirements for landowner consent may be harvested. All deer harvested will be tagged using Lake Georgetown's MLD tags. All deer harvested must be taken to a hunter check-in station at Tejas or Russell parks within 24 hours to record sex, age, weight, antler/lactation data and to receive tag. Deer may not be processed beyond field dressing prior to check-in. Failure to take deer to the check station may result in the revocation of all permits and/or other action. Archery hunting for deer is not permitted without an archery permit.

**Feral Hogs/Exotic Game:** Only archery deer hunters will be allowed to hunt feral hogs and exotic game species during the archery and general deer season set by TPWD. Persons wishing to hunt feral hogs must **submit an application that must be received by July 3** in conjunction with the application process and requirements for deer hunting. A limited number of feral hog trapping permits may be available during and/or outside of deer season with approval by the USACE Lake Georgetown Office. Location of stands and feeders will be coordinated with Corps of Engineers Lake Georgetown personnel.

**Dove:** Dove may only be hunted in the general hunting area. Dove season will correspond with the dates set by TPWD, EXCEPT during archery season for deer. During the archery season for deer (as set by TPWD), all other hunting is closed. Bag limits are set by TPWD. Small game permit is required.

**Waterfowl:** Waterfowl may only be hunted in the general hunting area. Hunters may not possess lead shot or shot larger than #2 steel while hunting waterfowl. The season for hunting waterfowl will be set by TPWD. Small game permit is required.

**Quail and Turkey:** Quail and turkey hunting are prohibited until further notice. For any questions, please contact the lake office.

**Rabbit & Squirrel:** Rabbit and squirrel may be hunted in the general hunting area at any time during dove season except during archery season for deer set by TPWD, but no later than the last day of February. Hunters are required to wear hunter orange while hunting rabbit and squirrel. Small game permit is required.

**Blinds, Stands and Feeders:** **Natural** hunting blinds made of loose materials and/or Ashe Juniper (cedar) 3" and under in base diameter, portable stands and portable blinds are authorized for hunting deer, feral hogs or waterfowl. Hunting blinds or stands may not be affixed to trees in a manner that causes penetration, damage or defacement. Damage to government property may result in revocation of archery permit, a citation or both. Portable stands may be secured to trees with rope, wire or chain. Feeders are authorized for deer and feral hog hunting. All blinds, stands and feeders must be tagged with the owner's archery permit number. Blinds, stands and feeders may be set up one month prior to the archery season and must be removed prior to or on the last day of the deer season. Hunters must report the location of their stand by GPS coordinates (decimal degrees). All property failing to meet these requirements will be impounded. **Hunters should report all property failing to meet these requirements.**

**Target shooting:** Target and skeet shooting is not allowed at any time.

**Hunting Area Boundary:** **Hunters** are responsible for knowing the hunting area boundaries. Walnut Springs Camp and Sawyer Camp begin at the eastern boundary of the general hunting area, with no hunting allowed within 300 feet of either these camps or Cedar Hollow and Tejas Camp. Hunting is also prohibited within 300 feet of the Good Water hiking trail. **HUNTING IS PROHIBITED IN ALL OTHER AREAS** including areas within 300 feet of adjoining land with occupied dwellings, developed parks, or any place where No Hunting signs are posted. All hunting except archery for deer, hogs and exotic game is prohibited in ARCHERY HUNTING ONLY areas.

**Permits:** Persons aged 12-17 are eligible to obtain a permit, but can only hunt under the immediate supervision of a licensed adult. Each person who hunts must have a permit. Small game permit applications are available at the Lake Georgetown Office early-mid July and are required to hunt dove, waterfowl, rabbit and squirrel at Lake Georgetown. Only 50 small game permits will be issued each season. Archery permits are required for deer hunting and feral hog hunting only. **Archery permit applications must be received by July 3rd. There is a \$25 non-refundable application fee for archery permits. This will be applied to a \$115 (non-refundable) permit fee for those issued permits.** *Capitol Regional Project Corps of Engineers employees and their family members are not allowed to apply for drawn permits.*

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) rules and regulations apply; additional information is available at 1-800-792-1112.

Title 36, CFR, Chapter III, Part 327, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers rules and regulations apply. Violations of these and other laws or regulations can result in prosecution and/or revocation of hunting Permits.

Contact 512-930-5253 for more information about hunting at Lake Georgetown.  
To speak with a Park Ranger, contact 512-930-2283.

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