

## Wright Patman Lake

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Counties: Bowie/Cass  
Acreage: 54,358 acres  
Corps Permit: Yes, ATV permit

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Legal Game: Mourning dove, bobwhite quail, squirrel, rabbits, waterfowl, feral hog, and white-tailed deer.

Season: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for these counties.

Muzzleloaders and Crossbows: Yes, for white-tailed deer and feral hogs only.

Special Restrictions:

- **Hunters (and anyone accompanying the hunter) must wear at least 400 square inches of hunter orange material (144 square inches on both chest and back) when hunting and are also required to wear some type of orange head wear.**
  - **Hunters exempt from the hunter orange requirements are: Persons hunting deer/turkey/feral hogs during the archery only season, persons hunting squirrels outside of the deer firearms season, and persons hunting turkey, waterfowl, or migratory birds (except dove hunters during concurrent hunts for quail).**
  - Rifles are authorized for hunting in most areas.
  - **For all areas due east of US Highway 59, hunting for deer or feral hogs is restricted to shotguns with slugs and legal archery equipment.**
  - Primitive Camping and Hunting Access Road maps showing emphasized No Hunting Areas are available at the Project Office and all park gate houses.
  - Hunting or shooting within 600 feet of homes, developed parks, roads, fishing piers or platforms, concentrated livestock areas with holding pens, the outlet structure, the emergency spillway, or other lands and water areas posted by the Corps of Engineers is prohibited.
  - Antlerless deer may be harvested during the archery only and muzzleloader only seasons. During the October and January Youth-Only Seasons, antlerless deer may NOT be harvested by youth.
  - Tree stands are restricted to portable non-bark penetrating stands only; they are only to be left for periods of 72 consecutive hours or less and must be clearly marked with the owner's name, address, telephone number, and date of placement.
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- All terrain vehicle (ATV) use is prohibited, except by permit only in the Clear Springs and Big Creek Wildlife Management Areas (encompassing 3,700 acres).

- Permits will be distributed at the Clear Springs Park gate house on September 12, 2015 beginning at 9 AM on a first come first serve basis.
- Only one permit per person per season will be allowed.
- All individuals purchasing a permit MUST provide proof (certificate) at the time of purchase showing that the individual has completed a certified ATV safety course.
- Permits are \$35 each.
- Due to two special hunting events, the Clear Springs Wildlife Management area will be closed to all but the participants in the events from October 22-25, 2015 and November 30 – December 6, 2015.
- Baiting for white-tailed deer and feral hogs, by the use of corn, is allowed by hand spreading or small bucket type hanging feeders.
- Nutria, a non-native, invasive species, may be harvested during daylight hours of any designated hunting season by shotgun (using #4 non-toxic shot or larger) or archery equipment (using an arrow retrieval system). A trapper's license is required to take or attempt to take nutria, except that a person who possesses a hunting license may take and possess nutria, provided the nutria (or any part thereof) is not to be sold. Reasonable efforts must be taken to retrieve harvested nutria and remove them from the lake, and Government property, upon the end of the hunt.
- **Hunting of eastern wild turkey is not allowed at Wright Patman Lake.**

Special Restrictions for Bow Fishing: Bow fishing will not be allowed within 600 feet of a developed park, roadway, fishing pier, fishing platform or at any other areas posted at the project. Bow fishing is prohibited within the outlet structure and emergency spillway areas with no exceptions. Bow fishing will be allowed in those areas east of US Highway 59 below the spillway on the Sulphur River and in remote locations on Wright Patman Lake.

**For a complete copy of the 2015-2016 Fort Worth District Public Hunting Guide, please visit the Hunting Section of the Wright Patman Lake homepage at the link provided below.**

<http://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/wrightpatman/Recreation/Hunting.asp>