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Thank you for your interest in public hunting opportunities in the Fort Worth District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. We manage 25 lake projects in Texas for multiple benefits of flood damage reduction, water supply, outdoor recreation, and environmental stewardship of federal lands and waters. Hunting activities are one of the many tools that the Corps utilizes in the management of our natural resources. We work in close partnership with Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD) and several other entities to provide you with safe and enjoyable hunting opportunities on approximately 188,000 acres of public land at 23 of the 25 lakes. This booklet is designed to give you an overview of the rules and regulations that apply to the public hunting program as well as a few specific facts about each lake. If you are interested in finding more information about any particular lake, we encourage you to contact that lake directly and speak with one of our park rangers or natural resources specialists. Look in the "Lake Information" section for contact addresses and phone numbers.

If you have enjoyed hunting at Corps lakes in past years, you are probably aware that the public hunting program is dynamic and continues to change as a result of public comment, and in reaction to changes in state and federal wildlife rules and regulations. Our lakes differ substantially from one another as do our stewardship responsibilities. Therefore, it is important to check with us each year for possible changes in the program. Also, please realize every lake will have its own rules with regard to type of game taken, method of hunting, dates, permits, etc.

Your safety is our concern. Hunting on public lands is a unique recreation experience and a valuable natural resource management tool. However, since it is public land, the safety of our visitors is our main priority. Hunters are required to follow all safety regulations set forth in this guide as well as those issued by the lake staff where you are hunting and state law. They are not meant as a hindrance, but as a way to ensure that the hunting program continues to be a safe and enjoyable experience for years to come.

As a hunting enthusiast, we invite you to visit our national website at http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil. This website is tailored to provide a broad overview of natural resources and recreation programs at all Corps lakes. The District website at http://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/index.htm includes links to general information for each of the 25 lakes in the District. If you enjoy camping, you might also consider visiting another website at http://www.recreation.gov. Through this site, you can reserve a campsite at most Corps, U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service and other Federal recreation agency campgrounds.

We hope you enjoy your visit. Remember to take your children and grandchildren with you as you enjoy our project lands. If you have questions, please call our Natural Resources and Recreation Section in Fort Worth, Texas at 817-886-1530.

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Fort Worth District

Frequently Asked Questions About the Hunting Program

1. What are the requirements to hunt on Corps of Engineers lakes?

Hunters are required to comply with the Corps of Engineers requirements and all state and federal hunting laws. Hunters are advised to call or write to the individual Corps lake offices for specific hunting requirements for that lake.

Residents: While hunting, persons 17 years of age or older must carry on their person: (1) a valid State of Texas hunting license; (2) a valid driver's license or personal identification certificate issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety; and (3) a valid Corps of Engineers hunting permit (if required).

Non-residents must carry on their person: (1) a valid State of Texas hunting license; (2) a valid driver's license or personal identification certificate issued by the agency in their state or country of residence that is authorized to issue driver licenses or personal identification certificates; and (3) a valid Corps of Engineers hunting permit (if required).

2. What is a Corps of Engineers valid hunting permit?

A Corps of Engineers hunting permit is required to hunt at many of the lakes listed in the Lake Information section of this guide. A hunting permit is a document issued by the Corps at the respective Corps of Engineers lake offices. The permit is valid only at the lake office where issued and authorizes written permission for a hunter to hunt on Corps managed land. A permit is valid only when used by the individual named on the document, while hunting in the proper area(s) and during the proper open hunting season. Failure to comply with permit conditions, or violation of state hunting regulations on Corps land, will result in revocation of the permit and loss of hunting privileges for up to two years at all Fort Worth District lakes where hunting permits are required.

3. Why do some projects issue permits and others do not?

14 lakes in the Fort Worth District currently require some type of Corps of Engineers hunting permit. The permits are necessary for a variety of reasons including prevention of overcrowding, improvement of public safety, separation of incompatible users, better management of the wildlife resources, or to offer special opportunities.

4. How do I obtain a Corps of Engineers hunting permit?

Corps hunting permits are issued at individual lake offices and are valid only at the lake where issued. Hunters are advised to call or write to Corps lake offices to obtain hunting information, maps, and permit applications. Hunters who are required by state law to complete a Hunter Education training course must present proof of course completion and, if 18 years or older, will be required to sign a Corps of Engineers Waiver of Liability statement. Persons age

12-17 are eligible to obtain a permit, but can hunt only under the immediate supervision of an authorized supervising adult accompanying them at all times.

5. What are the hunter education requirements?

The State of Texas requires every hunter (including out-of-state hunters) born after September 2, 1971, to successfully complete a Hunter Education training course. The basic hunter education information available on the TPWD website can be found at http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/learning/hunter_education/required.phtml. The minimum age of certification is 9 years. If you were born **after** September 2, 1971 and you are:

- Under 9 years of age, you must be **accompanied***.
- Age 9 through 16, you must successfully complete a hunter education course, or you must be **accompanied***.
- Age 17 and over, you must successfully complete a hunter education course; or purchase a **"Hunter Education Deferral"**, and you must be **accompanied***.

Hunter Education Deferral (cost: $10) Allows a person 17 years of age or older who has not completed a hunter education program to defer completion for one year. A deferral may only be obtained once and is only valid until the end of the current year. A person who has been convicted or has received deferred adjudication for violation of the mandatory hunter education requirement is prohibited from applying for a deferral. Take the course by August 31 of the current license year and receive a $5 discount. The one-time Hunter Education Deferral is available at license vendors and went into effect September 1, 2004.

***Accompanied** means: By a person who is at least 17, who is licensed to hunt in Texas, who has passed hunter education or is exempt (born before September 2, 1971), and you must be within normal voice control. Proof of certification or deferral is required to be on your person while hunting. Note: Certification is not required to purchase a hunting license.

6. What minimum age restrictions are in effect on public hunting areas?

Corps Non-Permit Lakes: No age requirement.

Corps Permit Lakes: Any person with a valid hunter's education certificate may hunt at a Corps permit lake under the following conditions:

a. Persons under the age of 17 must be accompanied by a "permitted" adult 17 years of age or older.

b. Persons 17 years of age and older must sign the Corps of Engineers Waiver of Liability statement and show proof of a valid hunter's education card to the lake office or proof of exemption, e.g. state drivers license, to obtain a valid hunting permit.

7. How much does it cost to hunt on Corps of Engineers property?

At this time the Corps does not charge a user fee to hunt; however, some lakes charge an administrative fee applicable to the hunting program. Somerville Lake charges an administrative fee for a permanent (season long) waterfowl blind permit. Lake Georgetown and Wright Patman Lake charge Special Activity Fees for hunting and ATV access permits. These fees are lake specific. For more information, see the specific lake section in this guide or contact the lake office.

8. Are the seasons, bag limits, application times, and time limit the same as in State Regulations?

The State of Texas sets the bag limits and seasons. However, the Corps of Engineers may further restrict any of the above in an effort to better manage the resources. Hunters are advised to call or write to the individual Corps lake offices for specific hunting requirements.

9. Can I build a blind or have a tree stand?

All lakes allow temporary non-bark penetrating portable tree stands, as well as temporary free-standing blinds such as towers, platforms, tent-style, and natural blinds. However, each blind, regardless of use, must be completely removed from the land or water upon completion of each hunting day or as specified at individual lakes. All blinds must have the hunter's name, date of installation, address, and phone number written legibly and placed at the entry point of the blind in a conspicuous location. If proper identification is not present, the structure may be impounded and/or removed.

Natural blinds may be constructed by gathering loose and/or dead vegetation. Cutting of grass, shrubs, trees, or any other vegetation is strictly prohibited except at Georgetown, Grapevine and Lewisville Lakes, where live cedar up to 4 inches in size may be cut for use with no stub greater than 2 inches remaining above ground.

Temporary blinds for deer or waterfowl do not require a fee. A limited number of permanent (season long) waterfowl blinds are allowed only at Somerville Lake; however, hunters must obtain a special lakeshore use permit from the Somerville Lake Office to install these blinds. Refer to the information on Somerville Lake for specific requirements.

10. Are there weapons and/or means and methods restrictions on public hunting areas?

The "Means and Methods" restrictions as required under state law apply to all Corps of Engineers hunting areas with the following additional requirements:

a. Hunting or shooting within 600 feet of homes, developed parks, roads, fishing piers or platforms, farm and ranch yards, outlet structures, emergency spillways, or other areas is prohibited unless otherwise stated or posted.

b. Pistols are prohibited.

c. Buckshot (any shot size large than #2 shot) is prohibited anywhere on government

property. Buckshot is prohibited due to increased public safety concerns. Shotguns with rifled slugs are allowed when hunting deer and feral hogs except at those lakes which restrict deer and feral hog hunting to archery only.

d. Crossbows may be used in accordance with state law when hunting deer and feral hogs unless prohibited at specific lakes.

e. Muzzleloaders: Muzzle-loading shotguns may be used at any lake which allows the use of a conventional legal shotgun as defined by state law. Muzzle-loading rifles may be used only at Lake O' the Pines, Town Bluff, Sam Rayburn, and Wright Patman Lakes as stated in the Lake Information section of this guide.

f. The use of conventional center-fire or rim-fire rifles is prohibited at all lakes, except Lake O' The Pines and Wright Patman Lake as stated in the Lake Information section of this guide.

g. The use of pellet, BB, or any other type of air gun is prohibited at all lakes.

h. Archery equipment for bow fishing must comply with TPWD regulations http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/pwdpubs/pwd_lf_t3200_1559/ and will not take place within 600 feet of homes, developed parks, roads, farm and ranch yards, outlet structures, emergency spillways, or other areas.

11. Must I wear hunter orange?

Corps Non-Permit Lakes: No, but the proper wearing of hunter orange is highly recommended for hunter safety. Please refer to the information for Sam Rayburn Lake for specific requirements on wearing hunter orange.

Corps Permit Lakes: Yes. 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 this requirement are: persons hunting deer/turkey/feral hog during the archery only season and persons hunting turkey, waterfowl, or migratory birds (except dove hunters during concurrent hunts for quail).

12. What vehicle restrictions are in effect on Corps of Engineer areas?

The operation of all vehicles, including, but not limited to, motorcycles, all terrain vehicles (ATV's), bicycles, automobiles, trucks, and any other vehicles (see CFR Title 36, Section 327.2 (a) for vehicle definition) off authorized roadways is prohibited. Exception: ATV permits are available at Wright Patman Lake.

Vehicles must be parked on Corps designated areas or along roadsides on Corps property without blocking the passage of other vehicles or gate openings. Parking on other public roadways is at your own risk and contacting local law enforcement is recommended. Access to

the interior of designated hunting areas is authorized by foot or boat only.

13. Are there any special allowances for individuals with disabilities?

Persons with permanent walking disabilities (a disability that permanently prevents walking) may apply for permission to enter a hunting area by means other than foot. The applicant must present a physician's certification of that condition to qualify for vehicle use inside a hunting area. Site managers have the discretion to approve or deny any application based on natural resource protection, safety or other concerns. If approved, a special event permit specifying time and duration of hunting availability may be issued to the disabled person. Additionally, site managers have the option to allow the use of crossbows for persons with an upper limb disability to hunt deer and turkey only during the "Archery Only" Season as defined by TPWD and any lake specific seasons. An upper limb disability is defined, as a permanent loss of the use of fingers, hand, or arm in a manner that renders a person incapable of using a bow and documentation, as described above, is required.

14. What authorized (legal) game may be hunted on Corps of Engineers lands?

The only authorized game allowed to be taken is those game species listed in the "Legal Game" section for each lake. Hunting game species not listed in the information guide is prohibited, including species such as rattlesnakes, skunks, crows, English sparrows, grackles, coyotes, javelina, etc. Note: Possession of manual or electronic varmint calling devices, baits or lures is prohibited while hunting.

Sport chasing is allowed for raccoons, foxes and coyotes only, except where prohibited under the Lake Information section of this guide (Aquilla & Waco Lakes). Possession of a firearm, archery equipment, or any other weapon while sport chasing these animals is prohibited. Possession of calling devices, baits or lures is prohibited while sport chasing the animals.

Dogs may be used to hunt rabbit, squirrels, game birds, and migratory game birds in compliance with TPWD regulations. The use of dogs to hunt deer is prohibited.

15. May I target shoot on Corps of Engineers lands?

Shooting for practice or at targets is prohibited. Discharging any weapon (including archery equipment) is allowed only during authorized hunting activities and only during the attempt to take game.

16. May I trap animals on Corps of Engineers lands?

Trapping is prohibited. The possession of traps, snares, baits, tranquilizers or scent lures are prohibited for use on Corps lakes.

17. Who enforces the hunting laws and regulations on Corps of Engineers lands?

State and Federal Game Wardens, as well as local law enforcement personnel, enforce the state and federal hunting laws respectively. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Park Rangers implement the regulations and safety requirements of the Corps of Engineers hunting program at each lake.

18. Is baiting allowed on Corps of Engineers hunting lands?

A hunter may **not** hunt migratory birds with the aid of bait or on or over any baited area. Contact the site manager of a specific lake for information on using corn to bait deer or other game animals. Note: Hunters are responsible for knowing whether an area is baited or not.

LAKE INFORMATION

Aquilla Lake

285 CR 3602
Clifton, TX 76634-3396
(254) 694-3189
www.CorpsLakes.us/Aquilla
http://whitneylakehunting.tamu.edu/

County: Hill
Acreage: 4,000 acres
Corps Permit: Yes, all species

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Legal Game: Dove, squirrel, rabbit, waterfowl, turkey, feral hog, and deer.
Season: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for these counties.
Muzzleloaders and Crossbows: No
Special Restrictions: Deer hunting is by archery only. Other game may be hunted with a shotgun, but no shot larger than #2 may be used or carried. Sport chasing is prohibited. Tree stands are restricted to portable non-bark penetrating stands only and must be removed after each day's hunt.

Bardwell Lake

4000 Observation Drive
Ennis, Texas 75119-1339
(972) 875-5711
(972) 875-9711 (fax)
www.CorpsLakes.us/Bardwell
www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/bardwell/

County: Ellis
Acreage: 2,528 acres
Corps Permit: Not Required

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Legal Game: Dove, squirrel, rabbits, waterfowl and feral hogs.
Season: From September 1 through March 31 as published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for this county.
Muzzleloaders and Crossbows: No
Special Restrictions: Hunting of feral hogs permitted only north of State Highway 34 by use of archery or by shotguns with slugs. Dogs will not be used for hunting of feral hogs.

Belton Lake

3740 FM 1670
Belton, Texas 76513-7783
(254) 939-2461
(254) 939-8150 (fax)
www.CorpsLakes.us/Belton
www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/belton/

Counties: Bell/Coryell
Acreage: 3,900 acres
Corps Permit: Not Required

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Legal Game: Dove, quail, squirrel, rabbits, and waterfowl.
Season: From September 1 through 30 March as published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for these counties.
Muzzleloaders and Crossbows: No

Benbrook Lake

P.O. Box 26619	(mailing address)	County:	Tarrant
Fort Worth, Texas 76126		Acreage:	1,400 acres
		Corps Permit:	Yes
7001 Lakeside Drive	(physical address)		
Fort Worth, Texas 76132			
(817) 292-2400			
(817) 346-0021 (fax)			
www.CorpsLakes.us/Benbrook			
www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/benbrook/			

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Legal Game: Dove, quail, turkey, squirrel, rabbits, waterfowl, and deer.
Season: From September 1 through January 25 as published in the Texas Outdoor Annual and Texas Waterfowl Digest for Tarrant county. No spring season for turkey hunting.
Muzzleloaders and Crossbows: No muzzleloaders. Crossbows are only allowed following TPWD hunting regulations.
Special Restrictions: The number of applicants is limited and hunters are encouraged to call the lake office for details. Deer and turkey hunting is by archery only. A computer drawing is held to determine the hunters for each season. Other game may be hunted with a shotgun, but no shot larger than #2 may be used or carried. Sport chasing is prohibited. Tree stands are restricted to portable non-bark penetrating stands only and must be removed after each day's hunt. All persons seeking a permit should contact the Benbrook Lake office for permit instructions.

Canyon Lake

601 COE Road	County:	Comal
Canyon Lake, Texas 78133-4129	Acreage:	0
(830) 964-3341	Corps Permit:	No
(830) 964-2215 (fax)		
www.CorpsLakes.us/Canyon		

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Legal Game: None
Season: **CLOSED TO HUNTING**

Cooper Dam (Jim Chapman Lake)/Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Cooper

WMA

828 CR 4795	Counties:	Delta/Hopkins
Sulphur Springs, Texas 75482-3501	Acreage:	9,460 acres
(903) 945-2108	Corps Permit:	Not Required
(903) 945-2922 (fax)		

www.CorpsLakes.us/Cooper
http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/hunt//wma/find_a_wma/list/?id=6
http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_bk_w7000_0112a_731.pdf

Administration: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Legal Game: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for these counties.
General: Wildlife management and hunting lands on this project are licensed to TPWD as part of their Public Hunting Lands Program. For hunting information on this area please write or call TPWD at:

Public Hunting
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, Texas 78744-3218
(800) 792-1112 (512) 389-4800

Lake Georgetown

500 Lake Overlook Drive	County:	Williamson
Georgetown, Texas 78633-8238	Acreage:	1,200 acres
(512) 930-5253	Corps Permit:	Yes
(512) 863-4769 (fax)		

www.CorpsLakes.us/Georgetown
www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/georgetown/

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Legal Game: Dove, squirrel, rabbits, waterfowl, deer, and feral hogs.
Season: From September 1 through February 29 as published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for this county.
Muzzleloaders: No
Special Restrictions: Deer and feral hog hunting are by archery only. A computer drawing is held for deer and feral hog permits. All hunting except archery hunting for deer is closed during "Archery Only" season as set by TPWD. An archery proficiency test and hunter safety certification is required for deer and feral hogs. A $10 non-refundable application fee is assessed for archery hunting. Archery permits are $100. All other permits are issued first-come, first-serve at the lake office for $50. Contact the lake office for further details.

Granger Lake/Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)/ Granger WMA

3100 Granger Dam Road	County:	Williamson

Granger, Texas 76530-5067	Acreage:	10,887 acres
(512) 859-2668	Corps Permit:	Not Required
(512) 859-2934 (fax)		

www.CorpsLakes.us/Granger
http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/hunt/wma/find_a_wma/list/?id=9
http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_bk_w7000_0112a_709.pdf

Administration: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Legal Game: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for this county.
General: Wildlife management and hunting lands on this project are licensed to TPWD as part of their Annual Public Hunting (APH) Permit and Public Hunting Drawing System Programs. For hunting information on this area please write or call TPWD at:

Public Hunting
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, Texas 78744-3218
(800) 792-1112 (512) 389-4800

Grapevine Lake

110 Fairway Dr.	County:	Denton
Grapevine, Texas 76051-2028	Acreage	2,300 acres
(817) 865-2600	Corps Permit:	*Yes
(817) 865-2601 (fax)		

www.CorpsLakes.us/Grapevine
www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/grapevine/

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Legal Game: Dove, quail, squirrel, rabbits, waterfowl, feral hogs, and deer.
Season: Hunting is allowed between the last day of August and June 30th. The hunting season is split into two distinct periods. Period ***one*** is reserved for white-tailed deer, quail, waterfowl, feral hog, dove and turkey hunting and will last from the September 1st, 2009 to the first Sunday of February. Period ***two*** is reserved for the hunting of feral hog, squirrel, rabbit, and Rio Grande turkey and will last from the second Monday of February to June 30th.
Selection process: Hunters will be selected from a list of registered applicants through a computer-based lottery system. Only one entry will be allowed for each individual hunter for each period. Individuals wanting to hunt are required to register in person for the lottery at the Grapevine Project Office between July 1st and the second Friday in August. They must provide a valid photo identification, a current hunting license and, if born after September 2, 1971, a hunter's safety card or waiver. The Lottery will be held on the first working day after the end of the registration period and winners will be notified by mail. A total of seventy-five (75) hunters will be selected to hunt period ***one***, and a total of Fifty (50) hunters will be selected to hunt period ***two***. Selection for period ***one*** does not preclude or guarantee selection for period ***two***. No hunting will be authorized or permitted for the period of 1 July

to 30 August 2010.
Muzzleloaders: No
Crossbows: Handicap exception allowed with appropriate documentation per TPWD guidelines and restrictions.
Special Restrictions:

1. Deer and feral hog hunting are by archery only.
2. Shotguns using #3 or smaller shot may be used during appropriate turkey seasons.
3. All waterfowl hunters are required to be in or on the water while hunting waterfowl. "In or on the water" is defined as being at least six (6) feet into the water from the shoreline, either wading, in a floating blind, or in a boat. Shore-based blinds are not permitted.

If you are a selected hunter for the 2009-2010 season, a hunter survey must be returned to the Grapevine Lake office to be eligible to obtain a permit for the following year. The hunter survey must be received by the Grapevine Lake office no later than July 1, 2010.

Hords Creek Lake

230 Friendship Park Road	County:	Coleman
Coleman, Texas 76834-8741	Acreage:	936 acres
(325) 625-2322		
(325) 625-5079 (fax)		
www.CorpsLakes.us/HordsCreek		

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Legal Game: None
Season: **CLOSED TO PUBLIC HUNTING**. Hunting is restricted to organized events for disadvantaged youth.

Joe Pool Lake

P.O. Box 872	Counties:	Dallas/Ellis/Tarrant
Cedar Hill, Texas 75106-0872	Acreage	4,000 acres
(972) 299-2227		
(972) 299-2228 (fax)		
www.CorpsLakes.us/JoePool		

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Legal Game: None.
Season: **CLOSED TO HUNTING**
Special Restrictions: Field trials with dogs may be authorized by special event permit. Contact the lake office for further information and permit conditions.

Lake O' the Pines

2669 FM 726	Counties:	Camp/Harrison/

Jefferson, Texas 75657-4635		Marion/Morris/Upshur
(903) 665-2336	Acreage:	4,500 acres
(903) 665-8441 (fax)	Corps Permit:	Not Required
www.CorpsLakes.us/LakeOPines		
www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/lakeopines/		

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Legal Game: Mourning dove, bobwhite quail, squirrel, rabbit, waterfowl, feral hogs, white-tailed deer, and eastern wild turkey.
Season: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for these counties.
Muzzleloaders and Crossbows: Yes
Special Restrictions: Rifle hunting for deer or feral hogs is only authorized for hunting areas south of the dam and west of Cypress Creek and for hunting areas north of Highway 155. For all other areas, hunting for deer or feral hogs is restricted to shotguns with slugs, muzzle loading rifles, and legal archery equipment. 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 this requirement 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.) Subject to certain restrictions, permits to use all terrain vehicles (ATVs) at the hunting area south of the dam and west of Cypress Creek will be available for persons with a "permanent, ambulatory disability" and permits will be available beginning 8 September 2008. ATV rider certification (available at ATV dealers) is also required to qualify for an ATV permit. Anterless deer may be harvested only during archery season. 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. All hunting is prohibited from 1 June through 31 August. Due to a special white-tailed deer hunting event held for physically challenged hunters, the hunting area south of the dam and west of Cypress Creek will be closed to all other users from 15 December 2009 through 21 December 2009. Please call or write the lake office for additional information.

Lavon Lake

3375 Skyview Drive	County:	Collin
Wylie, Texas 75098-5798	Acreage:	6,500 acres
(972) 442-3141	Corps Permit:	Yes
(972) 442-1109 (fax)		
www.CorpsLakes.us/Lavon		
www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/lavon/		

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Legal Game: Dove, squirrel, rabbits, waterfowl, and feral hog.
Muzzleloaders: No
Feral Hogs: Bow and crossbow only.

Season: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for this county.
Special Restrictions: Permit required for all species. Archery only for feral hogs. **A hunter survey must be returned to the Lavon Lake office to obtain a permit for the following year*. A limited number of Special Methods Hog Hunting Permits will be issued by drawing in January 2010. Special Methods permits will be valid from February 1, 2010 through April 30, 2010. See the Lavon Lake website for details, maps, and hunting regulations.

Lewisville Lake

1801 N. Mill St.	County:	Denton
Lewisville, Texas 75057-2311	Acreage:	8,000 acres
(469) 645-9100	Corps Permit:	*Yes
(469) 645-9101 (fax)		
www.CorpsLakes.us/Lewisville		
www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/lewisville/		

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Legal Game: Dove, quail, squirrel, rabbits, feral hogs, waterfowl and turkey.
Season: Hunting for legal game (listed above) allowed as published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for Denton County. The hunting area will open September 1, 2009 and close August 31, 2010 to allow archery hunting for turkeys during the Denton County spring hunting season for gobblers and year-round archery hunting for feral hogs.
Means and Methods Restrictions: Muzzleloaders, Crossbows, Rifles and Pistols will NOT be allowed.
Special Restrictions: Archery only for feral hogs, all other legal game may be taken with a shotgun using shot size not larger than #2. To obtain a hunting permit for Lake Lewisville a valid hunter education certificate is required regardless of age. You may get a one time waiver, which may be obtained through Texas Parks and Wildlife. Requests for hunting information should be directed to the Lewisville Lake Office at 469-645-9100. The area north of Highway 380 has been leased to the City of Denton and any hunting in that area will be administered by that city. Hunting information for that area can be obtained by calling (940) 349-8230.

Navarro Mills Lake

1175 FM 667	Counties:	Hill/Navarro
Purdon, Texas 76679-3187	Acreage:	5,500 acres
(254) 578-1431	Corps Permit:	Not Required
(254) 578-1166 (fax)		
www.CorpsLakes.us/NavarroMills		
www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/navarro/		

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Legal Game: Dove, squirrel, rabbits, waterfowl, and feral hogs.
Season: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for these counties.
Muzzleloaders and Crossbows: No

Special Restrictions: A limited amount of feral hog trapping will be available from September 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010 on a first come, first served basis by contacting the lake office. The hunting of feral hogs is by archery only during the general gun season for deer. A restricted number of archery-only deer hunting permits will be issued this fall. Call the lake office at (254) 578-1431 or check our website for details.

O.C. Fisher Lake/Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)

3900-2 Mercedes Ave.	County:	Tom Green
San Angelo, Texas 76901-2638	Acreage:	4,000 acres
(325) 944-7085	Corps Permit:	Not Required
(325) 944-1418 (fax)		

www.CorpsLakes.us/OCFisher
http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_bk_w7000_0112a_1166.pdf

Administration: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Legal Game: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for this county.
General: Wildlife management and hunting lands on this project are licensed to TPWD. For hunting information on this area please write or call TPWD at:

San Angelo State Park
3900-2 Mercedes
San Angelo, Texas 76901-2638
Hunting Coordinator – Pat Bales
(325) 949-4757

O.C. Fisher Lake/ASU Area

3900 Mercedes Ave.	County:	Tom Green
San Angelo, Texas 76901-2638	Acreage:	4,645 acres
(325) 949-4757	ASU Permit:	Yes
	Fee:	Yes

http://www.angelo.edu/dept/agriculture/hunting.html

Administration: Angelo State University
Legal Game: Turkey and deer.
Season: As set by Angelo State University
Special Instructions: Apply to Deer Hunt Research Project, Box 10888, ASU Station, San Angelo, TX. 76909. Hunters may call (325) 942-2027 or 2389. Hunters are chosen by public drawing for three hunts each year.

Proctor Lake

2180 FM 2861	County:	Comanche
Comanche, Texas 76442-7410	Acreage:	2,500 acres

(254) 879-2424 Corps Permit: Yes
(254) 879-2341 (fax)
www.CorpsLakes.us/Proctor
www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/proctor/

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Legal Game: Dove, quail, squirrel, rabbits, and waterfowl.
Season: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for this county.
Muzzleloaders and Crossbows: No
Special Restrictions: Archery and rifles are prohibited. A permit is required to hunt waterfowl in developed wetland areas. No permit is required for hunting waterfowl on the main lake. A random drawing is administered to determine hunters for each wetland area. Application forms are available at the Proctor Lake office or online. For additional information regarding permit requirements or to insure receipt of an application packet for the 2009-2010 seasons, please contact the lake office at (254) 879-2424.

Ray Roberts Lake/Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)/Ray Roberts Lake WMA

1801 N. Mill St. Counties: Cooke/Denton/Grayson
Lewisville, Texas 75057-5057 Acreage: 11,811 acres
(469) 645-9100 Corps Permit: Not Required
www.CorpsLakes.us/RayRoberts
http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/hunt/wma/find_a_wma/list/?id=20
http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_bk_w7000_0112a_501.pdf

Administration: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Legal Game: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for these counties.
General: Wildlife management and hunting lands on this project are licensed to TPWD as part of their Public Hunting Lands Program. For hunting information on this area please write or call TPWD at:

Public Hunting
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, Texas 78744-3218
(800) 792-1112 (512) 389-4800

Sam Rayburn Dam and Reservoir

Rt. 3, Box 486 Counties: Angelina/Jasper/
Jasper, Texas 75951-9511 Nacogdoches/Sabine/
(409) 384-5716 San Augustine
(409) 384-6076 (fax) Acreage: 6,000 acres
Corps Permit: Not Required
www.CorpsLakes.us/SamRayburn

www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/samray/

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Legal Game: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for these counties.
Season: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for these counties.
Muzzleloaders and Crossbows: Yes
Special Restrictions: Antlerless deer may be harvested only during archery season. 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. 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 requirement 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). Camping outside designated areas is prohibited.

Somerville Lake

P.O. Box 549 1560 Thornberry Drive Somerville, Texas 77879-0549 (979) 596-1622 (979) 596-1493 (fax)	Counties: Acreage: Corps Permit: Admin. Fee:	Burleson/Washington 3,000 acres Not Required Yes - for permanent blinds

www.CorpsLakes.us/Somerville
www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/somerville/
http://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/somerville/Recreation/Somerville%20Lake.pdf

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Legal Game: Waterfowl, feral hog
Season: Waterfowl and feral hog hunting as published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for these counties. **Feral hog hunting is by permit only**. Feral hog hunters can choose from a variety of methods including archery, shotgun, live trapping, and dogs. The Challenged Hunter Program will hold its annual deer hunt on Friday and Saturday, December 4th and December 5th. Hunter applications and information may be obtained by calling the Hunt Coordinator. All applications for the 2009 hunt must be returned by November 2, 2009 to be included in the drawing. For more information contact Park Ranger Russell Meier.
Duck Blind Permits: Seasonal waterfowl blind drawing applications will be accepted between May 1 and August 31 of each year. Waterfowl blind applications **must** be sent to the following address to be placed in the random drawing:

Somerville Lake Office
1560 Thornberry Drive
Somerville, TX 77879

Applicants must be eighteen (18) years old or older to apply. The duck blind application shall be a white 3" X 5" note or index card with the following information on it:

-Name as it appears on driver's license or state ID card.
-Mailing address as it appears on driver's license or state ID card, with city and zip code.
-Both daytime and evening telephone numbers.

A random drawing will be conducted for waterfowl blinds at the Somerville Lake office on September 1. Applicants whose names are randomly drawn will be notified by mail or phone and **MUST** meet at the Somerville Lake office on September 09, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. to select waterfowl blind location and complete the required forms. Those who fail to attend the meeting forfeit the opportunity to select a waterfowl blind location. Blind selection will be conducted in the order in which the cards were randomly drawn. Each blind location has a primary and an alternate. The primary and alternate **MUST** attend the selection meeting. The primary is the hunter whose name was randomly drawn and must present their driver's license or state ID prior to selection of the blind location. The alternate is the hunter who will use the blind location in the absence of the primary. Both hunters (primary and alternate) will sign the permit for the blind. Hunters selected for a blind location will be charged a **$50.00 non-refundable fee** and **MUST** be in the form of a personal or cashier's check. Blind construction may begin at anytime after the blind location has been selected. All waterfowl blinds **MUST** be removed within 30 days after the season ends. For questions or comments on this program, please contact Park Ranger Russell Meier (Hunt Coordinator) at 979-596-1622.

Somerville Lake/Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)/Somerville WMA

14222 Park Road 57	Counties:	Burleson/Lee
Somerville, Texas 77879-6418	Acreage:	3,180 acres
(979) 535-7763	Corps Permit:	Not Required

http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/hunt/wma/find_a_wma/list/?id=52
http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_bk_w7000_0112a_711.pdf

Administration: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Legal Game: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for these counties.
General: Wildlife management and hunting lands on this portion of the project are licensed to TPWD as part of their Public Hunting Lands Program. For hunting information on this area please write or call TPWD at:

Public Hunting
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, Texas 78744-3218
(800) 792-1112 (512) 389-4800

Stillhouse Hollow Lake

3740 FM 1670	County:	Bell
Belton, Texas 76513-7783	Acreage:	4,451 acres
(254) 939-2461	Corps Permit:	Not Required
(254) 939-8150 (fax)		
www.CorpsLakes.us/StillhouseHollow		
www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil.stillhouse/		

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Legal Game: Dove, quail, and waterfowl.
Season: From September 1 through the end of goose season as published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for this county.
Muzzleloaders and Crossbows: No
Special Restrictions: State of Texas Outdoor Annual, Hunting and Fishing Regulations, Restricted Areas in Counties, state, "It is against the law to hunt on water of Stillhouse Reservoir or land adjacent to the reservoir owned by the federal government in **BELL** county, except for game birds hunted with a shotgun. A hunter must be 600 feet from the nearest private property line

Town Bluff Dam & B.A. Steinhagen Lake

890 FM 92	Counties:	Jasper/Tyler
Woodville, Texas 75979-9631	Acreage:	875 acres
(409) 429-3491	Corps Permit:	Not Required
(409) 429-3188 (fax)		
www.CorpsLakes.us/Steinhagen		
www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/townbluff/		

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Legal Game: Dove, quail, squirrel, rabbits, waterfowl, deer, and feral hogs. Alligators, only in conjunction with TPWD special hunts.
Season: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for these counties. Antlerless deer may be taken during archery season only. Harvesting an antlerless deer during gun season is prohibited. Hunting outside of designated hunting seasons is prohibited. Hog hunting is allowed only during deer season. Portable tree-climbing stands must be non-bark-penetrating and all stands must be removed after each day's hunt. Wearing of hunter orange is highly recommended.
Muzzleloaders and Crossbows: Yes

B.A. Steinhagen Lake/Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)/Angelina-Neches/Dam B WMA

890 FM 92	Counties:	Jasper/Tyler
Woodville, Texas 75979-9631	Acreage:	13,000 acres
(409) 429-3491	Corps Permit:	Not Required

http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/hunt/wma/find_a_wma/list/?id=27
http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/publications/pwdpubs/media/pwd_bk_w7000_0112a_707.pdf

Administration: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Legal Game: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for these counties.
General: Angelina-Neches/Dam B Wildlife Management Area lands (Unit 707) on this project are licensed to TPWD as part of their Public Hunting Lands Program. For hunting information on this area please write or call TPWD at:

Public Hunting
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, Texas 78744-3218
(800) 792-1112 (512) 389-4800

Waco Lake

3801 Zoo Park Road	County:	McLennan
Waco, Texas 76708-5559	Acreage:	2,000 acres
(254) 756-5359	Corps Permit:	Yes
(254) 756-3433 (fax)		
www.CorpsLakes.us/Waco		
www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/waco/		

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Legal Game: Dove, squirrel, rabbits, spring turkey (gobblers only), feral hogs, waterfowl, and deer.
Season: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for this county. Rabbit, squirrel and feral hogs may be hunted after deer season until 15 March.
Muzzleloaders and Crossbows: No
Special Conditions: A computer drawing is held to determine eligible hunters. Applications may be obtained at the lake office. Sport chasing is prohibited. Tree stands are restricted to portable non-bark penetrating stands only and must be removed after each day's hunt. Electronic calling devices are prohibited. Baiting is prohibited except for the hunting of feral hogs after deer season is over. Hunter safety required for all hunters regardless of age at Waco Lake.

Whitney Lake

285 CR 3602	Counties:	Bosque/Hill/Johnson
Clifton, Texas 76634-3396	Acreage:	14,000 acres
(254) 622-3332	Corps Permit:	Yes, all species
(254) 622-3243 (fax)		
www.CorpsLakes.us/Whitney		

www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/whitney/
http://whitneylakehunting.tamu.edu/

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Legal Game: Dove, squirrel, rabbit, waterfowl, turkey, feral hog, and deer.
Season: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for these counties.
Muzzleloaders and Crossbows: No
Special Restrictions: Deer hunting is by archery only. Other game may be hunted with a shotgun, but no shot larger than #2 may be used or carried. Sport chasing is prohibited. Tree stands are restricted to portable non-bark penetrating stands only and must be removed after each day's hunt. The first 14 days in November are designated for a special white-tailed deer hunting event that will be held for physically challenged hunters at Steiner Valley (H6). Beginning November 15th, the area is open to the public. All persons seeking a hunting permit for Whitney and Aquilla Lakes should contact the Whitney Lake office for permit instructions.

Wright Patman Lake

P.O. Box 1817	Counties:	Bowie/Cass
Texarkana, Texas 75504-8817	Acreage:	54,358 acres
(903) 838-8781	Corps Permit:	Yes, ATV permit
(903) 832-6396 (fax)		

www.CorpsLakes.us/WrightPatman
www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/wrightpatman/

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Legal Game: Mourning dove, bobwhite quail, squirrel, rabbits, waterfowl, feral hog, white-tailed deer, and eastern wild turkey.
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: Rifles are authorized for hunting in most areas. For all areas due east of the dam and north of the Sulphur River, including the area east of US Highway 59, hunting for deer or feral hogs is restricted to shotguns with slugs, muzzle leading rifles, and legal archery equipment. Antlerless deer may be harvested only during archery season. 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. Permits to use all terrain vehicles (ATVs) at Clear Springs and Big Creek Wildlife Management Areas (encompassing 3,700 acres) will be distributed at the Clear Springs Park gate house on 6 September 2009, utilizing a local drawing if needed. Permits will cost $25 per permit, for each of the archery and firearm seasons. Please call or write the Lake Office for additional information. ATV rider certification (available at ATV dealers) is required to qualify for an ATV permit. Due to a special white-tailed deer hunting event that will be held for physically challenged hunters, Clear Springs ATV area will be closed from 1 December 2009 through 7 December 2009 to all other use. In addition, a two day youth deer hunting event will be held during the youth season in January, also at the Clear Springs ATV area, the specific date to be set by the

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and the Clear Springs ATV area will be closed to all other use at that time.

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.

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)

Fort Worth District Lakes

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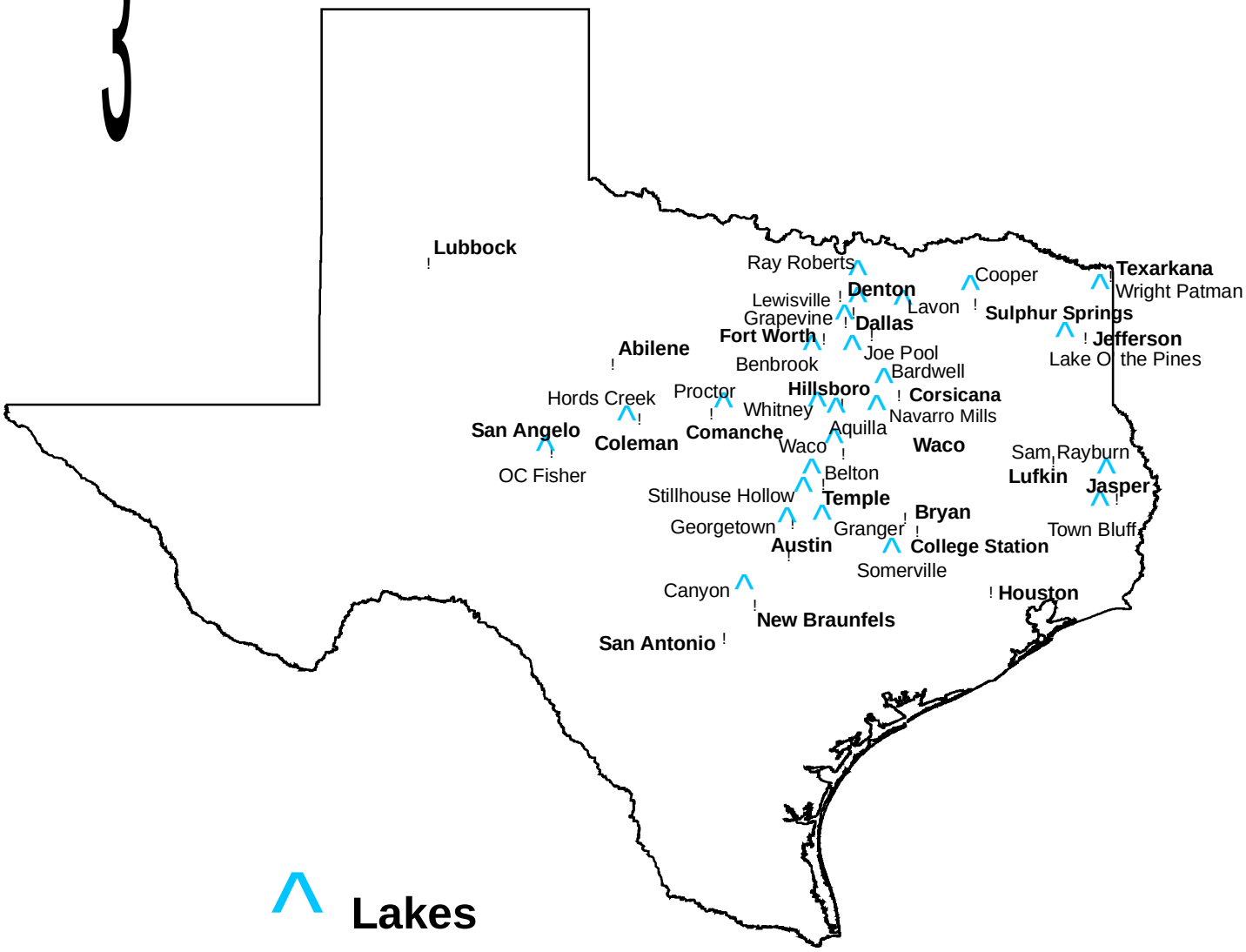

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