

## Lake Georgetown Hunting Policy

<u>Seasons</u>: 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.

<u>Deer:</u> White-tailed deer may be hunted with archery equipment only. Those persons wishing to hunt deer must complete an application as instructed on the Lake Georgetown Hunting Page, https://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/georgetown/Recreation/Hunting.asp. Hunters will be required to possess a USACE hunting permit, hunter safety card, if 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 <u>general hunting area</u> as well as the <u>archery hunting only area</u>. 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, per Managed Land Deer Permit (MLDP) regulations. Harvest recommendations are made by TPWD annually. Antler restrictions are in effect. Only deer meeting requirements per landowner consent may be harvested. All deer harvested will be tagged using Lake Georgetown's MLDP tags. All deer harvested must be taken to a designated hunter check-in station 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 permitted 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** in conjunction with the application process and requirements for deer hunting. Location of stands and feeders will be coordinated with Corps of Engineers Lake Georgetown personnel.

<u>Dove:</u> Dove may only be hunted in the <u>general hunting area</u>. 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.

<u>Waterfowl</u>: Waterfowl may only be hunted in the <u>general hunting area</u>. 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 is prohibited until further notice. For any questions, please contact the Lake Georgetown project 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 hunting 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 must be removed prior to or on the last day of the deer season. Hunters must report the location of their stand by compartment. All property failing to meet these requirements will be impounded. Hunters should report all property failing to meet these requirements.

<u>Target shooting:</u> Target and skeet shooting is not permitted at any time.

<u>Hunting Area Boundary</u>: Hunters are responsible for knowing the hunting area boundaries. 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. Hunting is not permitted within 300 ft of boundary lines with a residence or boundary lines that are posted with "No Hunting" signs or are marked as such. Hunting is prohibited within 300 feet of the Good Water hiking trail. All hunting except archery for deer, hogs and exotic game is prohibited in ARCHERY HUNTING ONLY areas.

Permits: Small game permit applications are available at the Lake Georgetown Project Office starting July 10th, 2023, and are required to hunt dove, waterfowl, rabbit and squirrel at Lake Georgetown. Only 50 small game permits will be issued each season. Small game permits will be administered through an application and random drawing process. Applicants successful in the draw will be notified and required to come to the Lake Georgetown Project Office with credit card only. A fee of \$25 is required for small game permits, and can only be purchased at the Lake Georgetown Project Office.

Archery permits are required for deer hunting and feral hog hunting only. Archery permit information, please refer to https://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/georgetown/Recreation/Hunting.asp. There is a \$10 non-refundable application fee for ALL archery permits. For archery permits, this will be applied to a \$100 (non-refundable) permit fee for those successful in the lottery draw.

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.