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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 (USACE). We manage 25 lake projects in Texas for multiple benefits of flood risk management, water supply, hydropower, 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 recreational experience and a valuable natural resources 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 https://corpslakes.erdc.dren.mil/nrm.cfm. 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.usace.army.mil/About/Lakes-and-Recreation-Information/ 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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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 (Corps) 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. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Hunting Regulations can be found in their Outdoor Annual or on their website at https://tpwd.texas.gov/regulations/outdoor-annual/hunting/.

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?

Fourteen 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 17 years or older, will be required to sign a Corps of Engineers Waiver of Liability statement. Persons aged 12-16 are eligible to obtain a hunting permit but must be accompanied by a supervising adult at all times when hunting. Individuals 11 years of age and younger are not required to obtain a USACE hunting permit, but must always be accompanied by a licensed and permitted hunter. Additionally, persons younger than 17 years of age must have the Corps of Engineers Waiver of Liability signed by the accompanying adult and/or their parent/legal guardian.

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 https://tpwd.texas.gov/education/hunter-education. The minimum age of certification is 9 years.

6. What are the minimum age requirements for hunting on Corps of Engineers property?

a. Hunters under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a "permitted" hunter at all times, regardless of possessing their own valid Texas Hunting License and Hunter Education certificate. All persons 16 years of age and younger must have the liability waiver signed by the accompanying hunter and/or their parent/legal guardian. Hunters 16 years of age and younger are not required to obtain a USACE hunting permit; however, it is recommended that the Lake Office is contacted to confirm as some lakes require access permits, or a lottery system for drawn hunts. Hunters 16 years of age and younger must be accompanied by a "permitted" hunter that is 17 years of age and older when hunting within USACE public hunting areas.

b. Hunters 17 years of age or older, when required, must obtain a USACE Hunting Permit (see the Lake Information section for lakes that require USACE permits). All hunters 17 years of age or older, must sign a Liability Waiver form.

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 All-Terrain Vehicle (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 a pop-up blind and lay-out blinds for waterfowl. Some lakes also allow the use of natural blinds, towers, and platforms. For specific rules and regulations regarding these types of blinds, it is recommended that hunters contact the Lake Office for additional details and clarification. All blinds, 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 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. Pistols (centerfire or rimfire) for hunting are prohibited.

B. Buckshot 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. Use of sabot slugs is allowed, but only at those lakes where allowed. See the lake information section for details.

- Shot used for waterfowl hunting must be non-toxic/lead free.

- Use of #1 shot as well as B, BB and BBB for waterfowl, upland gamebird and/or small game is prohibited.

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

D. 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 and in accordance with TPWD regulations.

E. 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.

F. 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 https://tpwd.texas.gov/regulations/outdoor-annual/fishing/general-rules-regulations/bow-fishing-regulations 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?

Yes. All persons (hunter(s) and those accompanying them) on public hunting lands during daylight hours when hunting with firearms, where permitted, must wear at least 400 square inches of hunter orange material with orange headgear, and at least 144 square inches appearing on both chest and back. https://tpwd.texas.gov/education/hunter-education/blaze-orange-laws. Hunters exempt from these requirements are: persons hunting turkey, migratory birds (except dove hunters during concurrent hunts for quail) and alligators. It is recommended that hunters contact their local Lake Office for more information regarding the wearing of hunter orange while hunting specific Corps of Engineers property.

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

The operation of all vehicles, including, but not limited to, motorcycles, ATVs, 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 resources protection, safety, or other concerns. If approved, a special event permit specifying time and duration of hunting availability maybe issued to the disabled person.

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, 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. 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. Feral hog hunting with dogs is allowed at some lakes. Please check with the lake office for specific regulations.

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. Feral hog trapping is allowed at some lakes. Please check with the lake office for specific regulations.

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.

19. Can I carry a pistol/handgun for the purposes of self-defense when hunting?

Individuals may request a License to Carry Permit from the Fort Worth District Commander. Individuals are required to contact their local Lake Office to request and file an application. The filled in application will then be routed from the Lake Office to the Fort Worth District Office for review by the Commander or designee. Approved applicants will receive their permit to carry on USACE property via the United States Postal Service and must carry it on their person when carrying a pistol/handgun. Individuals cannot carry a pistol/handgun on their person until they have been issued a signed permit by the District Commander or designee.

- Individuals must also follow all Local and State laws regarding concealed carry of a pistol/handgun.
- Permitted individuals may only carry their pistol/handgun concealed. Open carry is NOT ALLOWED.
- Use of a pistol/handgun as a means/method for hunting on USACE Property is PROHIBITED.

While these FAQ's are general guidelines for the District Hunting Program, guidelines will vary from lake to lake as a result of site specific conditions. Please utilize the contact information contained in this guide to contact the lake of interest for specific hunting guidelines.

LAKE INFORMATION

Aquilla Lake

285 CR 3602
Clifton, TX 76634-3396
(254) 622-3332

County: Hill
Acreage: 4,000 acres
Corps Permit: Required

http://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/aquilla/

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 Hill County.

Archery: Yes

Rifles, Handguns, Muzzleloaders: No

Shotguns: Limited to the use of non-toxic #2 shot and smaller. Use of #1's, B's, BB's, BBB's, buckshot (any size), and slugs/sabots is PROHIBITED.

Special Restrictions:

- Deer and feral hog hunting are by archery only. Crossbows are allowed.
- Shotgun may be used to hunt dove, squirrel, rabbit, waterfowl, and turkey, but no shot larger than #2 may be used or carried.
- Sport chasing is prohibited.
- Tree stands are restricted to portable, non-bark penetrating and must be removed after each hunt.
- The trapping or snaring of game or furbearers is prohibited.
- Night hunting is prohibited. Night is defined as 30 minutes after sunset until 30 minutes before sunrise.
- Target practice or the "sighting in/zeroing" of any weapon is strictly prohibited.
- Hunters 17 years and older must purchase a permit through Recreation.gov. Permits are valid for all authorized game and seasons for Whitney and Aquilla Lakes. Hunters 12 to 16 years old must be accompanied by a

permitted adult but are not required to purchase a permit. Children 12 years old and younger may accompany a permitted hunter but are prohibited from actively hunting.

Bardwell Lake

4000 Observation Drive
Ennis, Texas 75119-1339
(972) 875-5711

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

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

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Legal Game: Dove, squirrel, rabbits, waterfowl, snipe, rails, and feral hogs.

Season: Hunting for legal game (listed above) is allowed as published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for Ellis County.

Muzzleloaders: No

Rifles and handguns (centerfire or rimfire): No

Archery: Yes (Crossbows are allowed)

Shotguns: Slugs (rifled or sabots) may be used for feral hogs. No shot size larger than non-toxic #2 may be used for waterfowl, migratory game birds, upland game birds and small game. Use of #1's, B's, BB's, BBB's and buckshot (of any size) is PROHIBITED.

Special Restrictions:

- Hunting of feral hogs is only permitted north of State Highway 34 by use of archery or by shotguns with slugs.
- Dogs will not be used for hunting of feral hogs.
- Night hunting is prohibited.
- Hunting with a firearm within 600 feet, or archery equipment within 100 feet of a boundary line, developed parks, roads, fishing piers or platforms, outlet structures, emergency spillways, or other areas is prohibited unless otherwise stated or posted.

Belton Lake

3110 FM 2271
Belton, Texas 76513 - 7783
(254) 742-3050

Counties: Bell/Coryell
Acreage: 2,692
Corps Permit: Required for White-Tailed Deer

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

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Legal Game: Feral hog, white-tailed deer (permit only), dove, quail, rails, snipe, squirrel, rabbits, and waterfowl.

Seasons: Hunting of feral hogs is year-round except during lake permitted deer season. Dove, quail, rail, squirrels, rabbits, and waterfowl are authorized from September 1st through March 31st, as authorized by Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD). See lake website for established deer season.

Means and Methods: Legal archery equipment is permitted for feral hog and white-tailed deer only. Shotguns are permitted for all other species. Muzzleloaders, rifles, pistols, and shotguns with slugs or shot larger than #2 common are prohibited at all times.

Special Restrictions:

- Hunting is allowed during daylight hours in designated areas only, as shown on website's *Belton Lake Mobile Hunting Map*.
- Night hunting, sport chasing, spotlighting, trapping, and target practice are prohibited.
- Only portable, temporary, non-bark penetrating tree stands, and ground blinds are authorized. All stands and blinds must be removed at the end of the days hunt.
- Baiting is limited to permitted deer hunters only. Feeders and baiting mechanisms/devices, and electronic calling devices are prohibited.
- Hunting with a firearm within 600 feet, or archery equipment within 100 feet of a boundary line, developed parks, roads, fishing piers or platforms, outlet structures, emergency spillways, or other areas is prohibited unless otherwise stated or posted.
- Waterfowl hunting is allowed on land in designated Wildlife Management Areas only. Hunting on water is allowed as authorized by TPWD Regulations and in compliance with spacing distances listed above.

- Hunting feral hog is allowed with archery equipment only, during daylight hours, and permitted year-round except during permit deer hunting season. Hunting feral hogs with dogs is prohibited. Feral hog trapping permits may be granted by lake office depending on conservation needs.

- Deer hunting is archery only during specified season. Permits are issued through a lottery system. Visit the *Belton Lake Archery Deer Hunt Permits* site on Recreation.gov or contact the lake office for more information.

- Bow fishing will not be allowed within 600 feet of homes, developed parks, roads, fishing piers, fishing platforms, or at any other areas posted at the project. Bow fishing is prohibited within the outlet structure and emergency spillway areas. TPWD regulations and bag limits apply.

- Dogs may be used to hunt/retrieve migratory game birds in compliance with TPWD regulations. Hunting rabbits and squirrels with dogs may be authorized with a lake activity permit. Any hunter using dogs in legal hunting activities must exercise control over their dog(s), may not exceed 6 dogs per handler, must use GPS tracking collars on each dog, and must always wear a hunter orange safety vest.

- All hunters (and those accompanying them) on public hunting lands must wear at least 400 square inches of hunter orange material with orange headgear, and at least 144 square inches appearing on both chest and back. Waterfowl and migratory bird hunters do not have to wear hunter orange once in established location.

- All hunters, and those accompanying them, must possess a valid hunter education certificate (or Hunter's Education Deferral), Texas State Hunting License, and applicable stamps or endorsements as authorized by TPWD. State Annual Public Hunting (APH) permits are not required.

Benbrook Lake

7001 Lakeside Drive
Fort Worth, Texas 76132
(817) 292-2400

County: Tarrant
Acreage: 1,400 acres
Corps Permit: Required

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

Legal Game: Dove, quail, turkey, squirrel, rabbits, waterfowl, deer, and feral hogs.

Season: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual and Texas Waterfowl Digest for Tarrant County. USACE Hunting Permits are valid from September 1st to January 31st.

Archery: Yes

Pistols, Rifles (centerfire or rimfire) and Muzzleloaders: No

Shotguns: Limited to use of non-toxic #2 shot and smaller. Use of slugs, sabots, #1's, B's, BB's, BBB's and buckshot (any size) is PROHIBITED.

Special Restrictions:

- The number of applicants is limited, and hunters are encouraged to call the lake office for details.
- Deer, hog, and turkey hunting is by archery only.
- A random 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 in the hunters possession.
- Sport chasing is prohibited.
- Tree stands are restricted to portable non-bark penetrating stands only and must be removed after each hunting permit period.
- All persons seeking a permit should contact the Benbrook Lake office for permit instructions. Hunting permit information for Benbrook Lake is located at the above website.
- Hunting with a firearm within 600 feet, or archery equipment within 100 feet of a boundary line, developed parks, roads, fishing piers or platforms, outlet structures, emergency spillways, or other areas is prohibited unless otherwise stated or posted.

Canyon Lake

601 COE Road
Canyon Lake, Texas 78133-4129
(830) 964-3341

County: Comal
Acreage: 0

http://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/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
Sulphur Springs, Texas 75482-3501
(903) 945-2108

Counties: Delta/Hopkins
Acreage: 9,460 acres
Corps Permit: Not Required

http://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/cooper/

https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/hunt/wma/find_a_wma/list/?id=6

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
Georgetown, Texas 78633-8238
(512) 930-5253

County: Williamson
Acreage: 3,000 acres
Corps Permit: Required

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: Hunting is allowed from September 27th through January 11th.

Specific hunting seasons are published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for Williamson County.

Archery: Yes

Rifle, Pistol and Muzzleloaders: No

Shotguns: Limited to non-toxic #2 shot and smaller. Use of #1's, B's, BB's, BBB's, Buckshot (any size) and slugs/sabots is PROHIBITED.

Special Restrictions:

- Deer and feral hog hunting is by archery only.
- A random drawing is held for deer and feral hog permits.
- An archery proficiency test and hunter safety certification are required for deer and feral hogs.
- A $10 non-refundable application fee is assessed for archery hunting. If drawn, archery permits are $100. Permitted hunters are required to attend a hunter orientation meeting prior to the season opening.
- Small game and waterfowl hunting are by shotgun only.
- Other Small Game and Waterfowl permits will be issued for the season through Recreation.gov. Permits are selected by a random drawing of applicants. A $10 non-refundable fee is assessed for small game application and an additional $15 recreation fee for the permit is required.
- **Application Process**: Archery hunting applications are submitted through Recreation.gov. Lake Georgetown Archery Deer Hunt Permits, normally accepted from June 1st through the end of June. Small-game and waterfowl hunting applications are submitted through Recreation.gov starting July 1st through the end of July. Please reference Recreation.gov for site specific details. Additional information to apply will also be posted on the Lake Georgetown website.

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

3100 Granger Dam Road
Granger, Texas 76530-5067
(512) 859-2668

County: Williamson
Acreage: 10,887 acres
Corps Permit: Not Required

https://tpwd.texas.gov/

Administration: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Legal Game: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for this county. White-tail Deer Hunting is by Texas Parks and Wildlife E-postcard hunting permit only.

Season: Hunting is allowed as listed in the Texas Parks and Wildlife Public Hunting Guide and as published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for Williamson County.

Special Restrictions:

- Hunting is allowed in designated hunting areas only. Contract Texas Parks and Wildlife for additional details.
- Night hunting and spotlighting are prohibited.
- Use of dogs when hunting and taking of feral hogs is prohibited.
- Sport chasing is prohibited.
- Trapping is prohibited.
- Target shooting is prohibited.
- All hunters accessing the area are required to login using the **Electronic On-Site Registration (eOSR) through the Texas Hunt & Fish App or online at https://apps.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntharvest/home.faces**

Archery: (archery only for deer and feral hogs).

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

General: Wildlife management and hunting lands on this project are licensed to TPWD as part of their Annual Public Hunting 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.
Grapevine, Texas 76051-2028
(817) 865-2600

County: Denton
Acreage: 2,300 acres
Corps Permit: *Required

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

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Legal Game: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for Denton County.

Season: Specific hunting seasons for the legal game listed above are published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for Denton County.

Means and Methods Restrictions: Muzzleloaders, Rifles of any kind and Pistols will NOT be allowed to hunt with or to carry. Deer and feral hogs may be hunted with archery equipment ONLY. Shotguns with shot size larger than #2 is prohibited. Pistols will only be allowed with the District Commander's approval; a permit can be obtained by contacting the Grapevine Project Office.

Hunting with a firearm within 600 feet, or archery equipment within 100 feet of a boundary line, developed parks, roads, fishing piers or platforms, outlet structures, emergency spillways, or other areas is prohibited unless otherwise stated or posted.

Deer Hunting Permits:

- ARCHERY ONLY. Permits will be issued in a lottery system.
- Applications must be submitted via email, mailed, or dropped off in person to the office located at 110 Fairway Drive, Grapevine, TX 76051 between July 1st and July 31st, 2026. E-MAIL IS PREFERRED. Permit winners will be notified late August/Early September and e-mailed their permits. Any handwritten submissions need to be legible to be valid.
- There will be no redraw.
- Each deer hunter must submit their post-season hunter survey by 11:59 PM on March 1st, 2027, to be eligible for the next season.
- Each application must be filled out completely and the waiver of liability must be signed by each person on the application or the whole permit application for the lottery will be invalid and not entered in the lottery.

SEASON DATES: See TPWD Outdoor Annual for season dates, restrictions and bag limits, Grapevine Lake hunting area is located with Denton County. Hunters must follow all Federal and State hunting laws and regulations.

Special Youth Only Deer Hunting Permits (archery only):

- Individuals 16 years of age and younger may archery hunt White-tail Deer without a permit. While we want to promote youth in the outdoors, a waiver of liability must still be filled out prior to hunting. Waivers must be signed by the hunter's parent and/or legal guardian. Please see the hunting section of the Grapevine Lake website for this form. Applicants that are 16 years old must have proof of hunter's education or be accompanied. Applicants that are 15 years old or younger must be accompanied.

Waterfowl Hunting Permits:

- 500 Waterfowl Hunting Permits will be issued in a lottery system. Permits will be issued to applicants with a properly filled out Grapevine Waterfowl Hunting Application.

- Applications must be submitted via email, mailed, or dropped off in person to the office located at 110 Fairway Drive, Grapevine, TX 76051 between July 1, 2026 and July 31, 2026. E-MAIL IS PREFERRED. Permit winners will be notified late August/early September and mailed their permits. Shooting hours end at noon each day of the season. (See TPWD Outdoor Annual for specific season dates, Denton County). Hunters must follow all Federal and State hunting laws and regulations.

General Hunting Permits:

- 800 General Hunting Permits will be issued on a first-come first-serve basis for all legal game identified by TPWD for Denton County (excluding white-tail deer and waterfowl).

- Applications will be accepted, and permits issued, starting August 15, 2026, until all 800 permits are issued. The application must be submitted on-line, see the Grapevine Lake website for the application. (See TPWD Outdoor Annual for species and season dates, Denton County.) Hunters must follow all Federal and State hunting laws and regulations.

Hords Creek Lake

230 Friendship Park Road
Coleman, Texas 76834-8741
(325) 625-2322

County: Coleman
Acreage: 936 acres

http://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/hords/

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Legal Game: None.

Season: **CLOSED TO PUBLIC HUNTING**. Hunting is restricted to organized events for disadvantaged youth. Due to the close proximity to park areas and limited shoreline available, bowfishing is prohibited at Hords Creek Lake.

Joe Pool Lake

6399 FM 1382
Dallas, Texas 75349
(972) 298-2744

Counties: Dallas / Ellis / Tarrant
Acreage: 4,000 acres

http://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/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
Jefferson, Texas 75657-4635
(903) 665-3911

Counties: Camp / Harrison
Marion / Morris / Upshur
Acreage: 4,500 acres
Corps Permit: Not Required

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

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Legal Game: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for Camp, Harrison, Marion, Morris, and Upshur counties.

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

Archery: Yes

Rifles: See special restrictions below.

Pistols: No

Muzzleloaders: Yes

Shotguns: Limited to the use of non-toxic #2 shot and smaller. Use of #1's, B's, BB's, BBBs, and buckshot (any size) is PROHIBITED.

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 rifled slugs/sabots, 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. The following hunters are exempt from this requirement: 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 Vehicle (ATV) 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 September 1st, 2026. ATV rider certification (available at ATV dealers) is also required to qualify for an ATV permit.

- Antlerless deer may be harvested as allowed by published state regulations for each county in the Texas Outdoor Annual.

- 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.

- Baiting for game or non-game animals is PROHIBITED.

- Use of air rifles is PROHIBITED.

- Hunting feral hogs with dogs and/or night hunting for feral hogs is PROHIBITED.

- All hunting is prohibited from June 1st through August 31st.

- Nutria, a non-native, invasive species, may be harvested during daylight hours of any designated hunting season by shotgun (using #2 non-toxic shot or smaller, use of #1, B, BB, BBB, and buckshot of any size is prohibited, as is 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.

- Areas below the dam, and at various locations around the lake may be briefly closed for resource management activities like prescribed burning, forest management or wildlife management activities. When, and if these events become necessary, temporary closure signs will be placed in advance of those activities that clearly states the length of the closure.

- Hunting with a firearm within 600 feet, or archery equipment within 100 feet of a boundary line, developed parks, roads, fishing piers or platforms, outlet structures, emergency spillways, or other areas is prohibited unless otherwise stated or posted.

Lavon Lake

3375 Skyview Drive
Wylie, Texas 75098-5798
(972) 442-3141

County: Collin
Acreage: 6,500 acres
Corps Permit: Required

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

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Legal Game: Dove, squirrel, rabbits, waterfowl (Hunting Areas 1-14 only), snipe, and feral hog. As a part of Lavon Lake's Natural Resources Management Plan, our goal is to manage for a sustainable White Tail Deer population. Currently there is no biological data supporting a deer harvest for the management of a sustainable population. Until further notice, deer hunting, harvesting, and taking by any means are illegal on Lavon Lake Corps property. We will continue to work with Texas Parks and Wildlife in efforts to quantify on-site populations and implement harvest criteria when supportable census data presents itself.

Feral Hogs: All hunting areas may be hunted with archery equipment (bow and arrow and/or crossbow). Areas 6-13 may be hunted using archery and/or shotguns (slug only). Rifled shotgun barrels with slugs are permitted. Hunting is permitted 24 hours. Spotlighting is not allowed; however, the use of artificial light to light up stationary hunting area is allowed. Spotlighting is the use of an artificial light that casts or reflects a beam of light onto or otherwise illuminates a game animal or bird. This includes using the headlights of a motor vehicle for this purpose. **Feral hog hunting is NOT allowed in any area during archery and general deer season dates as noted for Collin County in the TPWD Outdoor Annual.**

Dog(s): Dogs may be used to hunt rabbits, squirrels, game birds, feral hogs (Areas 6-13 only), and migratory game birds in compliance with TPWD regulations. Any hunter using dogs in legal hunting activities must exercise control over their dog(s), may not exceed 6 dogs per handler, must use GPS tracking collars on each dog, and must always wear a full Blaze Orange Safety Vest. Raccoons, fox, and coyotes may be chased for sport. Trapping or snaring all animals is prohibited. Dog(s) may not be used for Feral Hogs in any areas.

Season: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for this county.

Authorized Weapons: Hunting the legal game noted above is permitted in designated hunting areas only. In areas 6-13 feral hogs may be hunted with Shotguns. In all other areas' **Feral hogs: bow and crossbow only.** Anyone hunting with a shotgun may not use or possess any shot larger than #2 (by size).

The use of non-toxic U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approved shot is required for all waterfowl hunting. All weapons must be unloaded when transported to, from, or between hunting sites.

Rifles, handguns, airguns, larger than #2 shot, and muzzleloaders are prohibited. *Applies to all hunting area unless specifically noted above.*

Hunting Permits will only be issued from 15 August 2026 to 15 November 2026.

Permits: All hunters 17 years of age and older must obtain a permit. Hunters 16 and under are not required to obtain a permit but must be with a permitted adult. All hunters hunting independently must have a permit, as well as hunter's education. No Hunter's Education exemptions nor deferrals offered through TPWD will be recognized. Hunters are not permitted to "set-up" or hunt within 250 feet of another hunter. Any hunter found hunting within this safety area may be cited and permit revoked/blocked for two years.
You may reregister on-line at https://lavonlakehunting.tamu.edu/ if you are a returning hunter. If new, or a minor, please refer to the Lavon Lake hunting page at https://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/lavon/Recreation/Hunting.asp for permit

application.

Special Restrictions:

- Permit required for all species.
- Archery only for feral hogs except in areas 6-13.
- No special permission will be granted for the use of motor vehicles in designated hunting areas.
- Trapping and/or Baiting is not allowed.
- Hunter's Safety Orange must be worn at all times while in hunting areas.
- **EXCEPTION**: Waterfowl and migratory bird hunters do not have to wear the Hunter's Safety Orange once they are in an established location.
- Hunting with a firearm within 600 feet, or archery equipment within 100 feet of a boundary line, developed parks, roads, fishing piers or platforms, outlet structures, emergency spillways, or other areas is prohibited unless otherwise stated or posted.

Lewisville Lake

1801 N. Mill St.
Lewisville, Texas 75057-2311
(469) 645-9100

County: Denton
Acreage: 9,138 acres
Corps Permit: *Required

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

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Legal Game: White-tail deer (with permit), Dove, Quail, Squirrel, Rabbit, Snipe, Rails, Feral hogs, Waterfowl, Turkey,and Coyotes.

Season: Hunting for legal game (listed above) allowed as published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for Denton County, excluding white-tail deer which will be further outlined if drawn for a permit.

Archery: Yes

Rifles, Pistols and Muzzleloaders: No

Shotguns: Limited to #2 shot and smaller.

Special Restrictions:

- Archery only for feral hogs.
- All other game may be hunted with shotguns, limited to #2 shot and smaller.
- To obtain a hunting permit for Lewisville Lake, a valid hunter education certificate and Texas State Hunting License are required (No Hunter's Education exemptions nor deferrals offered through TPWD will be recognized).
- Please refer to the Lewisville Lake website and office phone number, listed above for information regarding to how to apply for a USACE Lake Lewisville hunting permit.
- The area north of Highway 380 has been leased to the City of Denton and any hunting in that area will be administered by the City of Denton. Hunting information for that area can be obtained by calling (940) 349-8230.
- Hunting with a firearm within 600 feet, or archery equipment within 100 feet of a boundary line, developed parks, roads, fishing piers or platforms, outlet structures, emergency spillways, or other areas is prohibited unless otherwise stated or posted.

Permits:

Each permitted hunter is allowed to bring one guest 18 years old or older. Hunters 17 years of age and younger are not required to obtain a permit but must be with a permitted adult. All hunters hunting independently must have a permit, as well as a hunter's education verification.

Archery White-tailed Deer Hunt in the Hickory Creek Area:

- Archery deer hunting permits will be issued in a lottery system.
- Applications will be posted on the Lewisville Lake website, https://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/lewisville/Recreation/hunting.asp on July 1st 2026 and will be available until July 31st 2026.
- Permit winners will be mailed a package explaining the hunt, details regarding a mandatory pre-hunt meeting, hunt regulations, and a map.

- Each deer hunter must provide the following prior to the hunt at the pre-meeting:
    - proof of hunter's education,
    - valid Texas hunting license,
    - photo ID
- Each deer hunter must provide the following post hunt:
    - harvest report submittal and a TPWD incidental day light survey to ceswf-hunt-lewisville@usace.army.mil no later than one week after the end of the hunt.
    - If the listed items are not received the hunter will not be eligible to apply for the lottery the following season.

SEASON DATES: Refer to website listed below for updates.

https://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/lewisville/Recreation/Hunting.shtml

Navarro Mills Lake

1175 FM 667
Purdon, Texas 76679-3187
(254) 578-1431

Counties: Hill / Navarro
Acreage: 5,500 acres
Corps Permit: Required for deer only

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

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Legal Game: Deer, Dove, squirrel, rabbits, waterfowl, and feral hog.

Season: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for Hill and Navarro counties.

Archery: Yes

Rifles, Pistols and Muzzleloaders: No

Shotguns: Use of slugs/sabots for feral hogs is permitted, outside of published deer seasons (please refer to the TPWD Outdoor Annual). All other game; limited to the use non-toxic #2 shot and smaller. Use of #1's, B's, BB's, BBBs, and buckshot (any size) is PROHIBITED.

Special Restrictions:

- Deer hunting is by archery only and requires a permit. Please visit the website provided above for printable forms and further information or call the lake office at (254) 578-1431. Completion of post-season survey is required by all permit holders.

- Bag limits for all legal game are followed in accordance with those posted by TPWD for Navarro and Hill counties.

- The hunting of feral hog is restricted to archery only during any open white-tailed deer season as posted within the TPWD Outdoor Annual. No permit needed for feral hog hunting.

- Use of dogs for feral hog hunting is prohibited during published white-tail deer season(s), please refer to the TPWD Outdoor Annual for published seasons. Dogs may be used outside of deer seasons during daylight hours and in compliance with TPWD regulations. Handlers must always exercise control over dogs. Sport-chasing is prohibited.

- A limited number of feral hog trapping permits may be granted depending on conservation needs. Visit website provided above for more information or call the Navarro Mills Lake Office at (254) 578-1431.

- **Spotlighting** is not permitted at any time.

- Baiting is limited to hand spreading during issued permit period only. Feeders and baiting mechanisms/devices, and electronic calling devices are prohibited.

- Tree stands are restricted to portable, non-bark penetrating stands. Stands must be clearly marked with owner's name, address, phone number, and date of placement.

- All property must be clearly marked and removed within 72 hours. Items left longer than the 72-hour period are subject to confiscation, citation, and disqualification for future permits.

- Navarro Mills Lake is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

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

3900-2 Mercedes Ave.
San Angelo, Texas 76901-2638
(325) 949-4757

County: Tom Green
Acreage: 4,000 acres
Corps Permit: Not Required

https://tpwd.texas.gov/

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 portion of O.C. Fisher are licensed to TPWD. For hunting information on this area please write or call TPWD at:

San Angelo State Park
3900-2 Mercedes Avenue
San Angelo, Texas 76901-2638
Hunting Coordinator – Michael Leon

O.C. Fisher Lake / ASU Area

7495 Grape Creek Rd
San Angelo, Texas 76901
(325) 942-2027

County: Tom Green
Acreage: 4,645 acres
ASU Permit: Required
Fee: Yes

http://www.angelo.edu/dept/agriculture/wildlife_hunts.php

Administration: Angelo State University

Legal Game: White-tail deer, Turkey, and Javelina.

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
Comanche, Texas 76442-7410
(254) 879-2424

County: Comanche
Acreage: 2,500 acres
Corps Permit: Required

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

https://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/proctor/Recreation/Hunting.asp

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Proctor Lake

Permits: All hunters 17 years of age and older must obtain a free permit each year to hunt the three designated wildlife management areas. Certain areas of the main lake do not require a permit for waterfowl hunting. Permits can be obtained in person at the lake office or through the mail throughout the year. See the Special Restrictions section for more specific permit information.

Legal Game: Waterfowl, dove, squirrel, rabbit and feral hog. Harvesting deer, turkey, bobcat, and quail birds is prohibited.

Season: Seasons as published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for Comanche County.

Archery: Yes, including crossbows.

Rifles, Pistols and Muzzleloaders: No

Shotguns: Limited to the use of non-toxic #2 shot and smaller. Use of #1's, B's, BB's, BBB's, buckshot (any size) and rifled and sabot slugs is PROHIBITED.

Special Restrictions:

- A hunting permit grants the holder and up to two (2) guests access to the Sabana and Upper Leon Wildlife Management Areas and Rush Creek Hunting Area. A permit is not required to hunt waterfowl in the designated areas on the main lake.

- Dogs may be used to aid hunters retrieving downed migratory game birds. The use of dogs for chasing and capture is prohibited.

- Target shooting is prohibited.

- Non-bark penetrating tree stands and "pop-up" style blinds are permitted, provided they are removed at the end of the day. Cutting of vegetation to construct blinds is prohibited.

- Hand-broadcasting bait for feral hogs is permitted outside of all migratory bird hunting seasons. Baiting during migratory bird hunting seasons is strictly prohibited.

- Motorized vehicles are prohibited in hunting areas, apart for boats and vessels in waterways. Bicycles and other non-motorized vehicles are permitted.

Permits: Proctor Lake will issue one standardized hunting permit available throughout the year. Permits can be obtained in person at the lake office or through the mail. The following guidelines must be followed to obtain a permit:

- ***In-Person Permit:***
    - Prospective hunters must arrive at Lake Office during normal business hours (Mon-Fri, 0800-1630)
    - Hunters must fill out a hunting permit form (available on the lake website or at the lake office). Hunters must include an email address, mailing address, and phone number. Permit holders from the previous year must fill out a hunting survey as well.
    - Hunters must provide a photo ID and either proof of hunter's safety OR a valid Texas hunting license.
    - Hunters may not apply for a permit on behalf of another person.
    - Hunters will be able to leave with their permit and hunting policy after completing everything above.
- ***Mail-In Permit:***
    - Prospective hunters must send all items in an envelope to the Proctor Lake Office at 2180 Hwy 2861, Comanche, TX 76401
    - Hunters must include a completed permit application form (available of the lake website for download). Hunters must include an email address, mailing address, and phone number. Permit holders from the previous year must also include a completed copy of the hunting survey.
    - Hunters must include a copy of their photo ID and either their hunter's safety card OR a valid Texas hunting license. Copies will be destroyed once permit is issued.
    - Hunters must include a self-addressed envelope with valid postage (stamps). The Lake Office will send their permit and hunting policy in this envelope. The Lake Office will be unable to issue a permit without this envelope included.

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

1801 N. Mill St.
Lewisville, Texas 75057-5057
(469) 645-9112

Counties: Cooke / Denton / Grayson
Acreage: 11,811 acres
Corps Permit: Not Required

http://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/rayroberts/

https://tpwd.texas.gov/

Administration: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Legal Game: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for Cooke, Denton and Grayson 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 onthis area please visit the websites listed above.

Sam Rayburn Dam and Reservoir

7696 RR 255 West
Jasper, Texas 75951-9511
(409) 384-5716

Counties: Angelina / Jasper / Nacogdoches / San Augustine / Sabine
Acreage: 6,000 acres
Corps Permit: Not Required

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: Allowed during General Season and Muzzleloader only season. Refer to Texas Outdoor Annual for these counties and dates.

Shotguns: Sabots/slugs may be used for white-tail deer and feral hog hunting during the General Season as published by TPWD. All other game is limited to the use of non-toxic #2 shot and smaller. Use of buckshot (any size), #1's, B's, BB's, and BBB's is strictly PROHIBITED.

Centerfire and Rimfire rifles and pistols: Use of centerfire and/or rimfire rifles and pistols is prohibited.

Special Restrictions:

- Antlerless deer may be harvested in accordance with local County regulations as published by TPWD.

- 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.

- Hunting cannot take place within 600 feet from a: private residence, privately owned structure, designated campground or leased facility.

- Hunting cannot take place over roadways, trails (hiking/biking/equestrian), or within designated recreation areas (campgrounds, day-use areas and leased facilities).

- 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.

- Use of campfires outside of designated areas is prohibited.

- Baiting for any species is prohibited, including feral hogs and white-tail deer.

- 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 (#4, #3, and #2) or archery equipment (using an arrow retrieval system). A trapper's license is required to take or attempt to take nutria, except 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.

- Feral Hogs may be harvested if a valid Texas hunting license is possessed.

- Dogs may be used to aid in the harvest of feral hogs outside of ANY open

white-tail deer season from one half hour before sunrise till one half hour after sunset.

- Night Hunting of feral hogs (or any legal game species) is PROHIBITED. Use of dogs for hunting white-tailed deer is PROHIBITED.

- The use of traps and snares for the purposes of harvesting feral hogs and any other animal (to include, but not limited to, published game species and non-game species) is PROHIBITED.

Somerville Lake

1560 Thornberry Drive
Somerville, Texas 77879-6347
(979) 596-1622

Counties: Burleson / Washington
Acreage: 3,000 acres
Corps Permit: Required

https://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/somerville

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.

Special Restrictions: Season-long waterfowl blind locations and feral hog hunting compartments are by **permit** only. Waterfowl blinds are assigned through a random lottery online at https://www.recreation.gov/permits/5282828.
Somerville Lake also offers a public waterfowl hunting area that is first-come, first-serve and free of charge, however, the use of permanent blinds are not permitted in this area. Please contact the lake office for further details or by visiting the following link for any of these hunting opportunities.

https://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/somerville/Recreation/Hunting.shtml

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

14222 Park Road 57
Somerville, Texas 77879-6418
(979) 535-7763

Counties: Burleson / Lee
Acreage: 3,180 acres
Corps Permit: Not Required

Administration: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department - https://tpwd.texas.gov/

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
Belton, Texas 76513-7783
(254) 939-2461

County: Bell
Acreage: 4,451 acres
Corps Permit: Not Required

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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

Legal Game:

- Dove, quail, rails, snipe, and waterfowl. As populations allow, there will be a year-by-year determination for turkey draw hunts. There is **NOT** an open turkey season.

Season: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for Bell County.

Archery: No

Rifles, Pistols and Muzzleloaders: No

Shotguns: Shot type dependent per species according to state law. Refer to the Texas Outdoor Annual for more information.

Special Restrictions:

- Hunting on designated Wildlife Management Areas only. Contact Stillhouse Hollow Lake Office for more details.
- The hunting and taking of deer, feral hog, or any other game not listed above,by any method, is unauthorized and illegal until further notice.
- It is against the State law to hunt on the waters of Stillhouse Hollow Lake

in Bell County or land adjacent to the reservoir owned by the federal government, except for game birds hunted with a shotgun.

- Hunting within 600 feet of a private property line is NOT AUTHORIZED.
- All blinds must be removed at the end of the day's hunt.
- Feral hog trapping permits may be granted depending on conservation needs. Contact the Stillhouse Hollow Lake Office for more information.

Town Bluff Dam & B.A. Steinhagen Lake

5171 FM 92
Woodville, Texas 75979-9631
(409) 429-3491

Counties: Jasper/Tyler
Acreage: 875 acres
Corps Permit: Required

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.

Archery: Yes.

Rifles and Pistols: No.

Muzzleloaders Yes.

Shotguns: Limited to the use of non-toxic #2 shot and smaller. Use of #1's, B's, BB's, and BBB's is PROHIBITED. Use of buckshot (any size) for feral hogs and white-tail deer is PROHIBITED. Use of slugs/sabots for feral hogs and white-tail deer is allowed during General Season as published in the TPWD Outdoor Annual.

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

Special Restrictions:

- Antlerless deer may be harvested during the archery only and muzzleloader only seasons as listed in the TPWD Outdoor Annual. During the October and January Youth-Only Seasons,antlerless deer may be harvested by youth in accordance with TPWD restrictions.
- Baiting for any species is prohibited, including feral hogs and white-tail deer.

- 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.

- Hunting outside of designated hunting seasons is prohibited. Hog hunting is allowed only during deer season in most areas. (Exception: Feral Hogs may be hunted year-round only in designated hunting areas south of HWY 190 and North of Camper's Cove. A permit from the lake office is required for out-of-season hunting areas.)

- 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 (#4, #3 and #2) or archery equipment (using an arrow retrieval system). A trapper's license is required to take or attempt to take nutria, except 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 with a firearm within 600 feet, or archery equipment within 100 feet of a boundary line, developed parks, roads, fishing piers or platforms, outlet structures, emergency spillways, or other areas is prohibited unless otherwise stated or posted.

Feral Hog Permit: **B.A. Steinhagen Lake** will issue feral hog hunting permits for out-of-season areas and will be available throughout the year. Permits can be obtained in person at the lake office. The following guidelines must be followed to obtain a permit:

- ***In-Person Permit:***

    - Prospective feral hog hunters must arrive at Lake Office during normal business hours (Mon-Fri, 0800-1600)

- Hunters must fill out a hunting permit form. Hunters must include an email address, mailing address, and phone number.
- Hunters must provide a photo ID and either proof of hunter's safety OR a valid Texas hunting license.
- Hunters may not apply for a permit on behalf of another person.
- Hunters will be able to leave with their permit and hunting policy after completing everything above.

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

890 FM 92
Woodville, Texas 75979-9631
(409) 429-3491

Counties: Jasper / Tyler
Acreage: 13,000 acres
Corps Permit: Not Required

https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/hunt/wma/find_a_wma/list/?id=27

Administration: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

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

General: Angelina-Neches/Dam B WMA 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
Waco, Texas 76708-5559
(254) 756-5359

County: McLennan
Acreage: 3,000 acres
Corps Permit: Required for All Hunting

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

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Legal Game: Dove, squirrel, rabbits, feral hogs, waterfowl, coyote and deer.

Season: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for this county. Small game may be hunted anytime except during any open deer season.

Archery: Yes

Rifles, Pistols and Muzzleloaders: No

Shotguns: Waterfowl, Dove, and Small Game are limited to the use of non-toxic #2 shot and smaller. Use of Slugs, Sabots, #1 's, B's, BB's, BBBs, and buckshot (any size) is PROHIBITED.

Special Restrictions:

- Hunting is restricted to archery only for deer, feral hog and exotics regardless of seasons.
- A limited number of feral hog trapping permits may be available based on management needs. Contact the Waco Lake Office for more information.
- No hunting is permitted or permissible around Waco Wetlands; please see Waco Lake Map for details on location.
- Sport-chasing is prohibited.
- Tree stands are restricted to portable, non-bark penetrating and must be tagged with the hunters' name, phone number, and placement date.
- Tree stand tags are valid for seven (7) consecutive days, after which the stand must be removed or re-tagged; tree stands left untagged or expired will be impounded and can result in enforcement action.
- Night hunting is prohibited. Night is defined as 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise.
- Target practice or the "sighting in/zeroing" of any weapon is strictly prohibited.

Annual Hunting Permit:

- Waco Lake is now requiring all hunters, regardless of game, to obtain a hunting permit.
- Permits will be available through Recreation.gov.

- A permit is required for all participants aged 17 and over. Hunters between the age of 13-16 must be accompanied by a permitted hunter. Hunters 12 and under are unable to hunt at Waco Lake.
- A valid permit allows for 2 registered vehicles per permit. Each permit is for one hunter only.
- Hunting is limited to any designated wildlife management area.
- Hunting permits are available for purchase beginning August 15, 2026, and are valid until August 31, 2027.

Contact the Waco Lake Project Office for information regarding application forms and hunting surveys.

HUNTERS MUST CARRY REQUIRED PERMIT WITH THEM WHEN HUNTING USACE PROPERTY.

Whitney Lake

285 CR 3602
Clifton, Texas 76634-3396
(254) 622-3332

Counties: Bosque and Hill
Acreage: 14,000 acres
Corps Permit: Required

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

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 Bosque and Hill counties.

Archery: Yes

Rifles, Pistols and Muzzleloaders: No

Shotguns: Limited to the use of non-toxic #2 shot and smaller. Use of #1's, B's, BB's, BBB's, buckshot (any size), and slugs/sabots is PROHIBITED.

Special Restrictions:

- Deer and feral hog hunting are by archery only. Crossbows are allowed.

- Shotgun may be used to hunt dove, squirrel, rabbit, waterfowl, and turkey, but no shot larger than #2 may be used or carried.

- Sport chasing is prohibited.

- Tree stands are restricted to portable, non-bark penetrating and must be removed after each hunt.

- The trapping or snaring of game or furbearers is prohibited.

- Night hunting is prohibited. Night is defined as 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise.

- Target practice or the "sighting in/zeroing" of any weapon is strictly prohibited.

- Hunters 17 years and older must purchase a permit through Recreation.gov. Permits are valid for all authorized game and seasons for Whitney and Aquilla Lakes. Hunters 12 to 16 years old must be accompanied by a permitted adult but are not required to purchase a permit. Children 12 years old and younger may accompany a permitted hunter but are prohibited from actively hunting.

Wright Patman Lake

64 Clear Springs Park
Texarkana, Texas 75501
(903) 838-8781

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

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

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Legal Game: Dove, squirrel, rabbits, waterfowl, feral hog, woodcock, and white-tailed deer.

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

Muzzleloaders: Yes

Rifles: See Special Restrictions below.

Pistols: No

Shotguns: Limited to the use of non-toxic, #2 shot and smaller. Use of #1's, B's, BB's,

BBBs, and buckshot (any size) is PROHIBITED. Use of slugs and sabots for feral hogs and deer is allowed within certain areas, see Special Restrictions for more details.

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 or feral hogs during the archery only season, persons hunting squirrels outside of the deer firearms season, and persons hunting waterfowl or migratory birds (except dove hunters during concurrent hunts for quail).

- Rifles are authorized for hunting in all areas except for all areas due east of US Highway 59. Hunting within areas due east of US Highway 59 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.

- 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.

- 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 12th, 2026, beginning at 9 a.m. 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 $20.00 per permit (Archery, Rifle 1, and Rifle 2)

- Baiting for white-tailed deer and feral hog (using 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 (#4's, #3's and #2's) 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.

Disclaimer and Waiver of Liability

This liability statement allows entry upon lands owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) for hunting. Permittee is not allowed to hunt until this statement is signed. The Corps 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 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 U.S. Army 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:

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(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Initial)