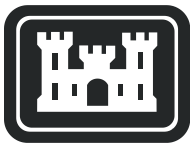


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Thank you for your interest in public hunting opportunities in the Fort Worth District of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps). We manage 25 lake projects in Texas for multiple benefits of flood damage reduction, water supply, outdoor recreation, and 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 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.erd.c.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 <https://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 <https://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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Timothy L. MacAllister".

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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; (3) a valid Corps of Engineers hunting permit (if required); and (4) a hunter education card (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; (3) a valid Corps of Engineers hunting permit (if required); and (4) a hunter education card (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?

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 age 12-16 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 <https://tpwd.texas.gov/education/hunter-education>. 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"**.

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 up to one year. A deferral may only be obtained once and is only valid until the end of the current license 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. 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 driver’s 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 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 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 <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?

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 and Wright Patman 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 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 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, 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 (Aquila Lake). 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.

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

<https://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/aquilla/>
<https://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.

Rifles, Handguns, Muzzleloaders: No

Special Restrictions:

- Deer hunting is with legal archery equipment only. Crossbows are allowed.
- 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 hunt.
- No trapping of game or furbearers.
- Night hunting is prohibited. Night is defined as; 30 minutes after sunset till 30 minutes before sunrise.
- Due to a special hunting event, Wildlife Management Area A-4 will be closed to all but the participants in the event from 01 January through 31 January 2021.

All persons seeking a hunting permit for Whitney and Aquilla Lakes should contact the Whitney Lake office for permit instructions.

Bardwell Lake

4000 Observation Drive
Ennis, Texas 75119-1339
(972) 875-5711
(972) 875-9711 (fax)

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

<https://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/bardwell/>

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. Night hunting is prohibited.

Belton Lake

3110 FM 2271
Belton, Texas 76513-7783
(254) 939-1829
(254) 939-8061 (fax)

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

<https://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/belton/>

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Legal Game: Feral Hog, dove, quail, rails, snipe, squirrel, rabbits, and waterfowl.

Season: Hunting of feral hogs is authorized from October 1 through March 31 as authorized by Texas Parks and Wildlife. Dove, quail, rail, squirrels rabbits, and waterfowl are authorized from September 1 through March 31, as authorized by Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Pistols, Modern Rifles or Muzzleloaders: Are not allowed.

Special Restrictions:

- Hunting on designated Wildlife Management Areas Only. Contact the Belton Lake Office for more details.
- Feral hog hunting is by only legal archery equipment to include bows and crossbows.
- Night hunting and spotlighting are prohibited.
- Use of dogs when hunting and taking of feral hogs is not allowed.
- Sport chasing is prohibited.
- Trapping or baiting is not allowed. Feral hog trapping permits may be granted depending on conservation needs. Contact the Belton Lake Office for more information.
- Only portable, temporary, non-bark penetrating tree stands and ground blinds are authorized. All stands and blinds must be properly labeled and removed at the end of the days hunt.

Benbrook Lake

7001 Lakeside Drive
Fort Worth, Texas 76132
(817) 292-2400
(817) 346-0021 (fax)

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

<https://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/benbrook/>

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Legal Game: Dove, quail, turkey, squirrel, rabbits, waterfowl, deer and feral hogs (archery only for deer, turkey and feral hogs).

Season: As published in the Texas Outdoor Annual and Texas Waterfowl Digest for Tarrant county. Permits valid from **September 1 through January 31**.

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, 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 carried. 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.

Canyon Lake

601 COE Road
Canyon Lake, Texas 78133-4129
(830) 964-3341
(830) 964-2215 (fax)

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
(903) 945-2922 (fax)

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

<https://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
(512) 863-4769 (fax)

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

<https://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 1 through the end of February.**

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

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

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 is required for deer and feral hogs. A \$25 non-refundable application fee is assessed for archery hunting. If drawn, archery permits are \$90. Permitted hunters are required to attend a hunter orientation meeting prior to the season opening.

Small Game and waterfowl hunting is by shotgun only. Small game and waterfowl hunting is closed during "Archery Only" season as set by TPWD. Only 50 small game permits will be issued for the season. Permits are selected by a random drawing of applicants. A \$25 non-refundable fee is assessed for small game application. No additional permit fee is required.

Contact the Lake Georgetown office at (512) 930-5253 for further details.

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

3100 Granger Dam Road
Granger, Texas 76530-5067
(512) 859-2668
(512) 859-2934 (fax)

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.

Season: Hunting is allowed from **September 1 through February 28**. Specific hunting seasons are published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for Williamson County.

Archery: (archery only for deer, turkey 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 (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.
Grapevine, Texas 76051-2028
(817) 865-2600
(817) 865-2601 (fax)

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

<https://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.

Archery Deer Hunting permits will be issued in a lottery system. Quota permits for deer will be issued based on current best management practices for White Tailed Deer populations, and harvest guidelines. DUE TO COVID-19 we have moved the lottery to an online system for this hunting season! Applications must be submitted via email or mailed to the office located at 110 Fairway Drive, Grapevine, TX 76051 between 1 July - 31 July 2020. Permits winners will be mailed their permits as well as the others on their application. There will be no redraw this year. Each deer hunter must submit the hunter survey at the end of the season 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 gets thrown out. SEASON DATES: 3 Oct. 2020 - 3 Jan. 2021, plus special late season 4 Jan. 2021 -17 Jan. 2021 (See TPWD Outdoor Annual

for restrictions and bag limits). Hunters must follow all Federal and State hunting laws and regulations.

Special Youth only Archery Deer Hunting permits Due to COVID-19 and looking out for the safety and well-being of hunters and staff, we will not be issuing permits for Youth Archery Deer Hunting this season. Youth 16 years or younger may archery only hunt White-tailed Deer this 2020-2021 hunting season without a permit. We want to promote youth in the outdoors. 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. Accompanied means by a person who is at least 17, who is licensed to hunt in Texas and who has passed hunters education. SEASON DATES: 3 Oct. 2020 - 3 Jan. 2021, plus special late season 4 Jan. 2021 -17 Jan. 2021 (See TPWD Outdoor Annual for restrictions). Hunters must follow all Federal and State hunting laws and regulations.

500 Waterfowl hunting permits are first come-first serve permits will be issued to applicants with a properly filled out Grapevine Waterfowl Hunting Application. Applications will be accepted and issued from 17 August 2020 until they are all issued. The application can be submitted in person to 110 Fairway Drive, Grapevine, TX 76051, 8:00am – 4:30pm, Monday to Friday excluding federal holidays until the last of the 500 permits is issued. **Shooting hours end at noon each day of the season.**

There will be 800 General hunting permits issued first come-first served for all legal game identified by TPWD for Denton County (excluding whitetail deer and waterfowl). Applications will be accepted and issued from 17 August 2020 until they are all issued. The application can be submitted in person to 110 Fairway Drive, Grapevine, TX 76051, 8:00am – 4:30pm, Monday to Friday excluding federal holidays until the last of the 800 permits is issued.

Special Restrictions

- White-tailed Deer and feral hog hunting are by archery only (includes crossbows).
- All other legal game may be taken with a shotgun using shot size not larger than #2.
- You must be 600 feet from homes, developed parks, roads and farm/ranch yards while hunting
- Shooting for fun, practice or at targets is prohibited. This includes Trophy Club Park and Shoreline!
- Trapping of any kind is prohibited
- Sport chasing with dogs is prohibited
- Non-bark penetrating portable tree stands as well as free standing stands are allowed. However, any blinds/tree stands used must be completely removed from project lands upon completion of each hunting day
- HUNTERS ORANGE: Hunters must wear at least 400 square inches of hunters orange material 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/waterfowl and migratory birds. Hunter orange is highly recommended for hunter's safety.

- Possession of manual or electronic varmint calling devices, baits, or lures is prohibited while hunting. Waterfowl decoys are allowed!

Hords Creek Lake

230 Friendship Park Road
Coleman, Texas 76834-8741
(325) 625-2322
(325) 625-5079 (fax)

County: Coleman
Acreage: 936 acres

<https://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

P.O. Box 872
Cedar Hill, Texas 75106-0872
(972) 299-2227
(972) 299-2228 (fax)

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

<https://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) 665-2336
(903) 665-8441 (fax)

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

<https://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/lakeopines/>

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: 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 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 **September 1, 2020**. ATV rider certification (available at ATV dealers) is also required to qualify for an ATV permit. Antlerless deer may be harvested during the archery only and muzzleloader only seasons. During the October and January Youth-Only Seasons, antlerless deer may be harvested by youth in accordance with TPWD restrictions. 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, use of rim-fire firearms, use of dogs for feral hog hunting and night hunting for feral hogs is prohibited. All hunting is prohibited from **June 1 through August 31**. 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, tentatively, from **November 20, 2020 thru November 22, 2020** for Outdoorsman Hunt and **January 9th and 10th, 2021** for Youth Hunt. Please call or write the lake office for additional information.

Nutria, a non-native, invasive species, may be harvested during daylight hours of any designated hunting season by shotgun (using #4 non-toxic shot or larger) or archery equipment (using an arrow retrieval system). A trapper's license is required to take or attempt to take nutria, except that a person who possesses a hunting license may take and possess nutria, provided the nutria (or any part thereof) is not to be sold. Reasonable efforts must be taken to retrieve harvested nutria and remove them from the lake, and Government property, upon the end of the hunt.

Lavon Lake

3375 Skyview Drive
Wylie, Texas 75098-5798
(972) 442-3141
(972) 442-1109 (fax)

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

<https://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. At this time 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 and sabot 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 source to locate Wildlife. **Feral hog hunting is NOT allowed in any area during archery and general deer season dates as noted for Collin County (2 October 2020 through 18 January 2021).**

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 wear a full Blaze Orange Safety Vest at all times. Raccoons, foxes, 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 other 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 (Slugs only, including sabot slugs). 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 USFWS approved shot is required for all 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.*

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. 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.

**A hunter survey must be completed online in order to obtain a permit for the following year.*

Lewisville Lake

1801 N. Mill St.
Lewisville, Texas 75057-2311
(469) 645-9100
(469) 645-9101 (fax)

County: Denton
Acreage: 9,348 acres
Corps Permit: *Required

<https://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/lewisville/>

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Legal Game: Dove, quail, squirrel, rabbits, 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.

Means and Methods Restrictions: Muzzleloaders, Rifles, and Pistols will NOT be allowed.

Special Restrictions: Archery (includes crossbows) 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 or proof of exemption (born before September 2, 1971). Please refer to the Lewisville Lake Office or website for specifics regarding new online Lewisville Lake Hunting Permit process. 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
Purdon, Texas 76679-3187
(254) 578-1431
(254) 578-1166 (fax)

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

<https://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/navarro/>

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Legal Game: Dove, squirrel, rabbits, raccoons, waterfowl, and feral hog. Deer by permit only.

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

Rifles, Handgun, Muzzleloaders: Not permitted.

Shotgun: Yes, slugs and shot size not larger than #2. See Restrictions.

Archery / Crossbows: Yes, in accordance with TPWD regulations.

Special Restrictions:

- Deer hunting is by archery only and requires a permit. Applications will be processed from August 1- September 30. Due to COVID-19 precautions, the lake office is closed to the public and cannot provide application forms as in previous years. A copy of Hunters Education certificate, or proof of exemption (born before September 2, 1971), must be included. Bag limits for white-tail deer are followed in accordance with those posted by TPWD for Navarro County (this includes the western areas that cross into Hill County). Completion of post season surveys are required. Permit holders who do not return surveys will be disqualified to receive a permit for the following season.
- The hunting of feral hogs is restricted to archery only during any open white-tail deer season. Permit not required.
- Based on management needs, a limited number of feral hog trapping permits may be available. Contact the lake office for more information.
- The use of dogs when hunting is not permitted during any open white-tail deer season.
- Night hunting and spotlighting are not permitted
- Baiting is limited to hand spreading during issued permit period only. Feeders and baiting mechanisms/devices are prohibited. Electronic calling devices prohibited.
- Tree stands are restricted to portable, non-bark penetrating stands and may be left up for a period of no more than 72 hours. Stands must be clearly marked with owners name, address, phone number, and date of placement.

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
San Angelo, Texas 76901-2638
Hunting Coordinator – Jarrett Miller

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

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

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
Comanche, Texas 76442-7410
(254) 879-2424
(254) 879-2341 (fax)

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

<https://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/proctor/>

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

Permits: All hunters 17 years of age and older must obtain a permit (free of charge) each year.

Legal Game: Migratory game birds, squirrel, rabbit, and feral Hog.

Season: Squirrel, rabbit, and feral hog is from **February 1-August 31**, all else as published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for Comanche county.

Muzzleloaders / Rifles / Pistols: No.

Archery / Crossbows: Yes (Refer TPWD guidelines).

Shotgun: Yes (Refer TPWD guidelines and Proctor Lake Hunting Policy).

Special Restrictions:

- Corps Hunting Permit required for hunting within the Wildlife Management Areas.
- Trapping or baiting is not allowed. Feral hog trapping permits may be granted depending on conservation needs. Contact Proctor lake office for more information.

- All hunters and anyone accompanying the hunter on federal property MUST wear 400 square inches of daylight florescent orange with 144 square inches appearing on both chest and back, and daylight florescent orange headwear must be worn. Hunters are allowed to take off daylight florescent orange gear ONLY when actively hunting at a fixed location.
- Hunting blinds regardless of use must be completely removed from the land or water upon completion of each hunting day. 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.
- Persons 17 years of age and older must sign the Army 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 driver's license, to obtain a valid Corps hunting permit.
- Persons under the age of 17 must be accompanied by a Corps hunting permitted adult 17 years of age or older.
- Deer, Turkey, and Upland Game birds are not allowed to be harvested.

A permit is required to hunt within Upper Leon and Sabana Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs). All applicants that wish to apply must do so in person at the Proctor Lake Office located at 2180 HWY 2861, Comanche, TX 76442, during the application window, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday excluding federal holidays. Applications can be obtained online or at the Proctor Lake Office. All permits will be issued at the time of application. Migratory game bird application window is from the first Monday in May until the last Friday in September. General hunting application window is from the first Monday in May until the last Friday in January. No permits will be issued after the close of the application window. All permitted hunters must submit a hunting survey prior to being issued a new hunting permit.

No permit is required for hunting migratory game birds within the designated hunting areas on the main lake. Hunting of squirrel, rabbit, and feral hog is limited to the Wildlife Management Areas. For additional information please visit: <https://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/proctor/Recreation/Hunting.asp> or 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.
Lewisville, Texas 75057-5057
(469) 645-9100

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

<https://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 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

7696 RR 255 West
Jasper, Texas 75951-9511
(409) 384-5716
(409) 384-6076 (fax)

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

<https://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 during the archery only and muzzleloader only seasons. During the October and January Youth-Only Seasons, antlerless deer may be harvested by youth in accordance with TPWD restrictions. 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. 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) 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.

Feral Hogs may be harvested as long as 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. The use of traps to take feral hogs is prohibited.

Somerville Lake

1560 Thornberry Drive
Somerville, Texas 77879-6347
(979) 596-1622
(979) 596-1493 (Fax)

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: Seasonal waterfowl blind locations and feral hog hunting compartments are by **permit** only. Somerville Lake also offers a public waterfowl hunting area that is first-come, first-serve and free of charge. 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.asp>

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

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/>

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
Belton, Texas 76513-7783
(254) 939-2461
(254) 939-8150 (fax)

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

<https://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil.stillhouse/>

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Legal Game:

- Dove, quail, rails, snipe and waterfowl.
- 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.

Season: From September 1 through the end of goose season as authorized by Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Modern Rifles, Pistols, Muzzleloaders, Bows, and Crossbows: Are not allowed.

Special Restrictions:

- Hunting on designated Wildlife Management Areas Only. Contact Stillhouse Hollow Lake Office for more details.
- Night hunting and spotlighting are prohibited.
- Sport chasing is prohibited.
- Trapping or baiting is not allowed. Feral hog trapping permits may be granted depending on conservation needs. Contact the Stillhouse Hollow Lake Office for more information.
- Hunting is limited to dove, quail, rails, snipe and waterfowl.
- Legal game may only be taken with shotgun using shot size not larger than #2.
- Only portable, temporary, non-bark penetrating ground blinds are authorized. All blinds must be removed at the end of the days hunt.

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 unauthorized.

Town Bluff Dam & B.A. Steinhagen Lake

5171 FM 92
Woodville, Texas 75979-9631
(409) 429-3491
(409) 429-3188 (fax)

Counties: Jasper / Tyler
Acreage: 875 acres
Corps Permit: Not Required

<https://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.

Muzzleloaders and Crossbows: Yes.

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. During the October and January Youth-Only Seasons, antlerless deer may be harvested by youth in accordance with TPWD restrictions. 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.

Nutria, a non-native, invasive species, may be harvested during daylight hours of any designated hunting season by shotgun (using #4 non-toxic shot or larger) or archery equipment (using an arrow retrieval system). A trapper's license is required to take or attempt to take nutria, except that a person who possesses a hunting license may take and possess nutria, provided the nutria (or any part thereof) is not to be sold. Reasonable efforts must be taken to retrieve harvested nutria and remove them from the lake, and Government property, upon the end of the hunt.

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
(409) 429-3491

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 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
Waco, Texas 76708-5559
(254) 756-5359
(254) 756-3433 (fax)

County: McLennan
Acreage: 3,000 acres
Corps Permit: Required for
shotgun deer only

<https://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/waco/>

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Legal Game: Dove, squirrel, rabbits, feral hogs, waterfowl, 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.

Crossbows: Yes.

Muzzleloaders, Rifles, and Pistols: No.

Special Conditions:

- Only shotguns and archery allowed at Waco Lake based on federal and city ordinance.
- Based on management needs, a limited number of feral hog trapping permits may be available. 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.

Deer Gun Season

Waco Lake will be accepting applications for the Annual Deer Drawing until August 15, 2020, due to current COVID Restrictions, the in person drawing has been

cancelled. Waco Lake personnel will draw the permits and notify selected hunters by August 21. A valid permit application contains between 1 to 4 hunters with valid hunter education certificate or proof of exemption (born before September 2, 1971), signed Waivers of Liability.

Hunters cannot deviate or hunt other areas once they have been drawn for a particular WMA.

Hunters may carry in bait with them. No feeders or other type of baiting equipment is allowed. Any bait should be spread by hand. Pre-scouting prior to your hunt is not advisable, unless the scouting was done before the deer general season.

All deer gun permit holders, are required to submit their hunting surveys into the Waco Lake office within one month after the close of deer season. Anyone failing to fill out and return this animal harvest tag will be removed from all drawings for the next 12 months.

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

<https://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/whitney/>
<https://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.

Rifles, Handguns, Muzzleloaders: No

Special Restrictions:

- Deer hunting is with legal archery equipment only. Crossbows are allowed.
- 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 hunt.
- No trapping of game or furbearers.
- Night hunting is prohibited. Night is defined as; 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise.

All persons seeking a hunting permit for Whitney and Aquilla Lakes should contact

the Whitney Lake office for permit instructions.

Wright Patman Lake

64 Clear Springs Park
Texarkana, Texas 75501
(903) 838-8781
(903) 832-6396 (fax)

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

<https://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/wrightpatman/>

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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

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

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

Special Restrictions:

- Hunters (and anyone accompanying the hunter) must wear at least 400 square inches of hunter orange material (144 square inches on both chest and back) when hunting and are also required to wear some type of orange head wear.
- Hunters exempt from the hunter orange requirements are: Persons hunting deer 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 most areas.
- For all areas due east of US Highway 59, hunting for deer or feral hogs is restricted to shotguns with slugs and legal archery equipment.
- Primitive Camping and Hunting Access Road maps showing emphasized No Hunting Areas are available at the Project Office and all park gate houses.
- Hunting or shooting within 600 feet of homes, developed parks, roads, fishing piers or platforms, concentrated livestock areas with holding pens, the outlet structure, the emergency spillway, or other lands and water areas posted by the Corps of Engineers is prohibited.
- 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-terrain vehicle (ATV) use is prohibited, except by permit only in the Clear Springs and Big Creek Wildlife Management Areas (encompassing 3,700 acres).
 - Permits will be distributed at the Clear Springs Park gate house on September 12, 2020, beginning at 9 am on a first come-first serve basis.
 - Only one permit per person per season will be allowed.
 - All individuals purchasing a permit MUST provide proof (certificate) at the time of purchase showing that the individual has completed a certified ATV safety course.
 - Permits are Free
- Due to two special hunting events, the Clear Springs Wildlife Management area will be closed to all but the participants in the events from October 30-November 1, 2020 and November 13-15, 2020.
- Baiting for white-tailed deer and feral hogs, by the use of corn, is allowed by hand spreading or small bucket type hanging feeders.
- Nutria, a non-native, invasive species, may be harvested during daylight hours of any designated hunting season by shotgun (using #4 non-toxic shot or larger) or archery equipment (using an arrow retrieval system). A trapper's license is required to take or attempt to take nutria, except that a person who possesses a hunting license may take and possess nutria, provided the nutria (or any part thereof) is not to be sold. Reasonable efforts must be taken to retrieve harvested nutria and remove them from the lake, and Government property, upon the end of the hunt.
- **Hunting of eastern wild turkey is not allowed at Wright Patman Lake.**

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

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: _____
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Initial)