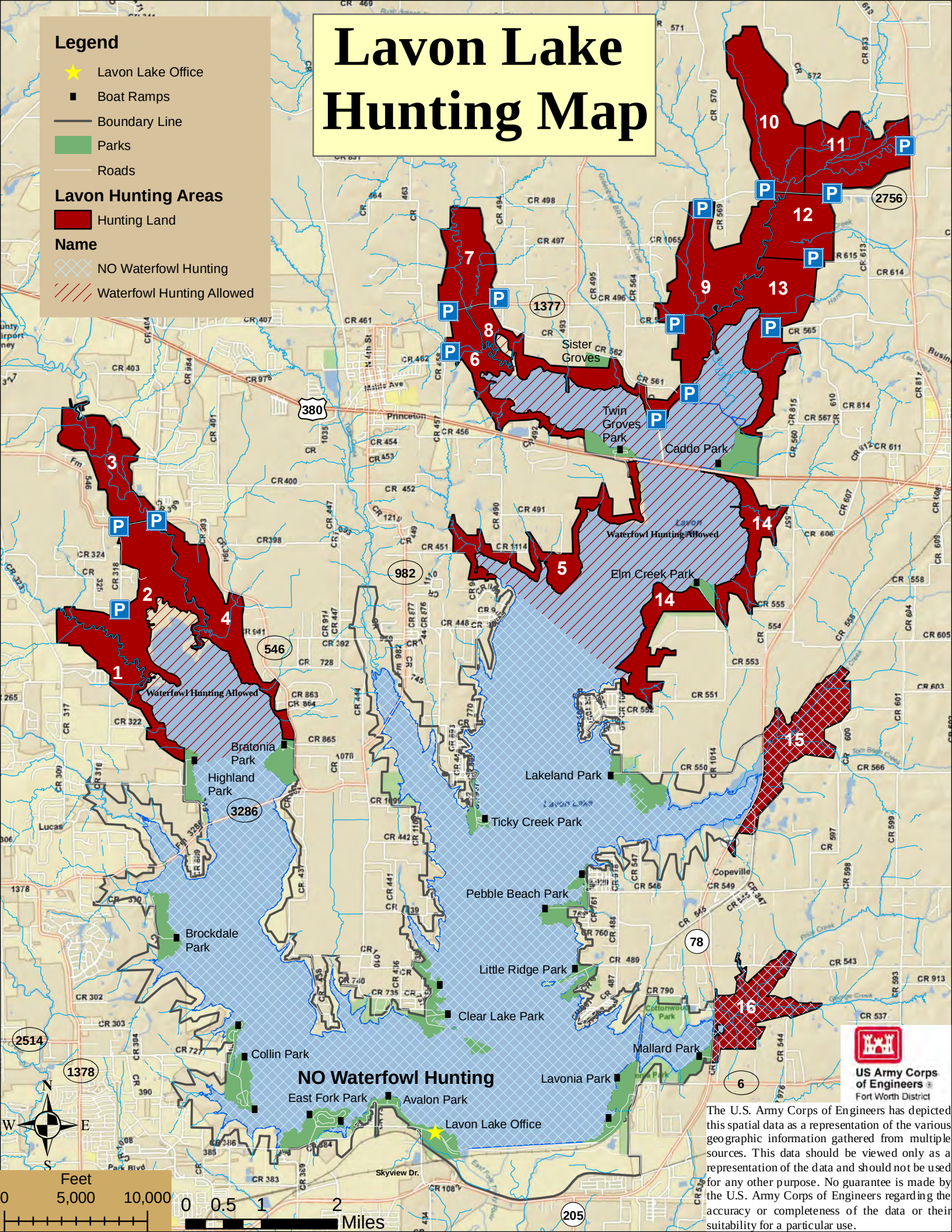
Lavon Lake Hunting Map



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LAVON LAKE HUNTING POLICY

http://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/lavon/hunting.htm

AREAS. Approximately 6,500 acres in Collin County are available for public hunting. Hunting is not the exclusive use of these areas. Some areas may be used by hikers, equestrian riders, bird watchers, etc., so please exercise caution. While much of the boundary is fenced and marked, some areas are not. It is the hunter's responsibility to become familiar with the area and the limits of public lands. Hunting on public land does not give any person the right to cross or enter private property and you could be charged with trespassing if you do so.

PERMITS. Hunting permits will only be issued from **15 August 2026 – 15 November 2026**. No Hunter Education exemptions offered through TPWD will be recognized. Permit periods run concurrent with the Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD) hunting license renewal dates. The permit requires a hunter's education safety card, and a complete and signed liability waiver. **Failure to provide any of the above items will result in the application being denied.** Hunters must complete a hunter activity survey on-line in order to renew permit; survey will automatically be prompted during renewal of hunting permit. Returning hunters with the previous year's Lavon Lake Hunting Permit **MUST** go on-line at https://lavonlakehunting.tamu.edu/permit/returning to renew their permit. If new, a minor, or you did not receive the previous year's permit you may mail the hunting permit application waiver form, and Hunter Education certification to: **Lavon Lake, USACE Attn: Hunting Coordinator 3375 Skyview Drive Wylie, TX 75098.** You may also email the hunting permit application waiver form, and Hunter's Education certification to: Email address: **Lavon-Lake-Hunting-Permits@usace.army.mil** with the subject line: Lavon Lake Hunting Application 2026-2027. All permitted hunters will receive a permit card and vehicle tag. All hunters must have this card on their person and the vehicle tag displayed when hunting at Lavon Lake. By accepting this hunting permit, hunters acknowledge receipt and understanding of hunting regulations and applicable State laws. These requirements apply to all hunters regardless of season or game hunted. **Hunting without a valid hunting permit may result in issuance of a citation and revocation of future hunting privileges.**

HUNTER SAFETY COURSE. All persons hunting on Corps managed land must carry proof of completing a Hunter Education Course. Hunter Education/Safety Course certifications from other states or the U.S. military will be accepted. TPWD Type 135 Deferrals, age, and military/Law Enforcement exemptions will NOT be accepted in lieu of a completed and valid Hunter Education course. Concealed handgun permits do not satisfy this requirement. *See Age Requirements*

AGE REQUIREMENTS. Persons younger than 17 years of age **must be accompanied** (within normal voice control) by a Lavon Permitted adult with a hunter's safety certification and valid Texas hunting license. 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 and Hunter Education course certification.

BLAZE ORANGE. All hunters are required to wear a minimum of 400 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange above the waist (at least 144 square inches must be visible on both the chest and back) and some type of orange head wear when in designated 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.

AUTHORIZED WEAPONS. Hunting the legal game noted below is permitted in designated hunting areas only. In areas 6-13 feral hogs may be hunted with Shotguns (slug only). Sabot slugs are now permitted. For all other areas, hunting **Feral hogs is by bow and crossbow only**. Anyone hunting with a shotgun may not use, or possess any shot larger than #2. The use of non-toxic USFWS approved shot is required for all waterfowl hunting. All weapons must be unloaded when transported to, from, or between hunting sites. **Rifles, airguns, handguns, and muzzle loaders are prohibited.**

SAFETY BUFFER. Hunting is prohibited anywhere Corps signs are posted stating "No Hunting." **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, or emergency spillways is prohibited unless otherwise stated or posted. Hunters are not permitted to "set up" or hunt within 250 feet of another hunting group.** Any person found hunting within these safety buffers may be cited and/or have their permit revoked/blocked for up to 3 years.

HUNTING BLINDS/CAMERAS. Natural hunting blinds made of loose materials or portable blinds are authorized for hunting feral hogs or waterfowl. No standing vegetation, live or dead, may be cut for any purpose. Hunting blinds may not be built in, nailed or screwed to trees. Tree stands are restricted to portable, non-bark penetrating types only. Stands must be removed when not in actual use. Screw in or nail in tree steps and spikes are prohibited. All stands and blinds must be marked with Name, Phone Number and Address. Cameras may be placed on Corps of Engineers property. Per the Fort Worth Hunting Guide and the Lake Lavon Hunting Policy, all baiting is Prohibited.

SPORT CHASING/TRAPPING. 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). Hunters may not run more than 6 dogs per dog handler. Dogs must wear GPS tracking collars at all times. Raccoons, foxes, and coyotes may be chased for sport. Dog(s) may not be used for Feral Hogs in any other area. Trapping or snaring all animals is prohibited.

LEGAL GAME/SEASONS. Dove, squirrel, rabbit, waterfowl, upland game birds, and feral hogs. Hunting seasons and bag limits are determined by TPWD. All State hunting laws apply on Corps of Engineers managed lands. Deer hunting is **ILLEGAL** on Lavon Lake Corps of Engineers Lands. **Feral Hog hunting is PROHIBITED during ALL Collin County Deer Seasons (1 October 2026- 19 January 2027).**

VEHICLES/PARKING. It is a violation of Federal regulations to drive a vehicle through, around, or beyond a restrictive sign, recognizable barricade, fence, or traffic control barrier. Use of any motorized vehicle is prohibited in hunting areas. Unauthorized use of vehicles or ATV's may result in issuance of a citation and/ or revocation of hunting privileges. Vehicles should not be parked blocking gates. All vehicles must visibly display the vehicle hunting tag.

REPORTING. Each permitted hunter must complete a hunter activity survey before the issue of the next year's permit. This survey will be used to compile information about hunting activity and harvest data at Lavon Lake. *Failure to complete a hunter activity survey will be grounds for denial of future permits.*

VIOLATIONS. Violators of any of these provisions are subject to a fine and/or loss of hunting privileges. By accepting a Lavon Lake hunting permit, hunters agree that they have been furnished a copy of and understand this policy and agree to comply with it and all applicable State hunting laws.

INFORMATION. Additional information may be obtained by calling the Lavon Lake Office at (972) 442-3141, and in the Fort Worth District Hunting Guide. This condensed hunting policy statement may not be all-inclusive. If a specific question or situation is not addressed here, contact the Lavon Lake Office for more information or clarification. **The Corps is not responsible for any private property lost or damaged while using Corps property.**