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Thank you for your interest in public hunting opportunities within the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Fort Worth District. 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.ercd.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 any 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 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 aged 12-16 are eligible to obtain a hunting permit but must be accompanied by a supervising adult at all times when hunting. Persons aged 9 to 11 are not required to obtain a USACE hunting permit but must be accompanied by an adult at all times, have a State issued hunting license and Hunter's Education certificate. Individuals younger than 9 years of age 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 is available on the TPWD website and can be found at <https://tpwd.texas.gov/education/hunter-education>. Minimum age requirement for obtaining a Hunter's Education Certification is 9 years, per the Texas Outdoor Annual. If you were born **after** September 2, 1971 and you are:

- Under 9 years of age: **MUST BE** accompanied by a hunter who is at least 17 years of age and who is licensed to hunt in Texas, who has passed hunter education or is exempted (born before September 2, 1971) and must be within normal voice control.
- Ages: 9-16: must successfully complete a hunter education course **AND** be accompanied.
- Age: 17 and over: you must complete a hunter education course or purchase a "Hunter Education Deferral" **AND** be accompanied.
  - "Accompanied" means: by a person (resident or non-resident) who is at least 17 years of age, or older, licensed to hunt in Texas, who has passed a hunter education course or is exempt (born before September 2, 1971) and you must be within normal voice control.

**Hunter Education Deferral** : More information about Hunter Education Deferrals can be obtained at <https://tpwd.texas.gov/education/hunter-education>. Deferrals can be purchased online, at the provided website and/or any TPWD licensed vendor. Hunter Education Deferrals must be carried on a hunter's person when hunting on Corps of Engineers property.

## **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 and older, where 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.

- Permitted: Is defined as a hunter that has obtained a USACE Hunting Permit, possesses a valid Texas Hunting License and has obtained either a Hunter Education Certificate, Hunter Education Deferral or was born before September 2, 1971.

c. Individuals below the age of 9 must be accompanied by a “permitted” hunter at ALL times when in USACE public hunting areas.

## **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 the gathering of loose and/or dead vegetation. Cutting of grass, shrubs and trees or any other vegetation is strictly prohibited except at Georgetown, Grapevine and Lewisville Lakes where live cedar up to 4 inches in diameter may be cut, with no stub greater than 2 inches in height 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 (centerfire or rimfire) for hunting are prohibited.
- c. 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.
- 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.
  - 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, All Terrain Vehicles (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 (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?**

No. 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?**

No. Trapping is prohibited. The possession of traps, snares, baits, tranquilizers or scent lures are prohibited for use on Corps lands. 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

<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 this county.

Rifles, Handguns, Muzzleloaders: No

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.
- Use of buckshot (any size), #1, B, BB and BBB shotshells is prohibited.
- Sport chasing is prohibited.
- Tree stands are restricted to portable, non-bark penetrating stands, but must be removed after each hunt.
- No trapping of game or fur bearers is permitted.
- Night hunting is prohibited. Night is defined as 30 minutes after sunset until 30 minutes before sunrise.

All persons seeking a hunting permit for Whitney and Aquilla Lakes should contact the Whitney Lake Project 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<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>, as published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for this county.

Muzzleloaders: No

Rifles and handguns (centerfire or rimfire): No

Archery: Yes

Shotguns: Slugs/sabots (feral hogs) and no shot size larger than non-toxic #2 (waterfowl, 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 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<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>, as authorized by Texas Parks and Wildlife. Dove, quail, rail, squirrels, rabbits, and waterfowl are authorized from September 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>, as authorized by Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Archery: Yes

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

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

Special Restrictions:

- Hunting on designated Wildlife Management Areas Only. Contact the Belton Lake Office for more details.
- Feral hog hunting is by legal archery equipment only, 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. USACE Hunting Permits are valid from September 1<sup>st</sup> to January 31<sup>st</sup>.

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 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](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 Corps  
(512) 863-4769 (fax)

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

<https://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/georgetown/>  
<https://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/georgetown/Recreation/Hunting.asp>

Administration: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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

Season: Hunting is allowed from September 1<sup>st</sup> through the end of February.

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 \$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 are by shotgun only.
- Small game and waterfowl hunting are 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.

- **Application Process:** Archery hunting applications are normally accepted from the beginning of May through the beginning of July. Small game hunting applications are accepted starting in July. Applications must be mailed or filled out at the lake office. Additional Information to apply will be posted on the Lake Georgetown website.

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<sup>st</sup> to the end of February. Specific hunting seasons are published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for Williamson County.

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

Rifles, Pistols and Muzzleloaders: No

Shotguns: Limited to the 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.

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 (E-POSTCARD) that is done online. 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.

Archery: Yes

Rifles, Pistols and Muzzleloaders: No.

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

### **Deer Hunting Permits:**

- ARCHERY ONLY. Permits will be issued in a lottery system.
- Quota permits for deer will be issued based on current best management practices for White Tail Deer populations, and harvest guidelines.
- 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, 2021 and July 31, 2021. Permit winners will be notified and mailed their permits as well as the others on their application.
- There will be no redraw.
- Each deer hunter must submit their hunter survey by February 28, 2022 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: October 2, 2021 to January 2, 2022 with late season going from January 3, 2022 to January 16, 2022. See TPWD Outdoor Annual for restrictions and bag limits. Hunters must follow all Federal and State hunting laws and regulations.

### **Special Youth Only Deer Hunting Permits (archer 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.
- SEASON DATES: October 2, 2021 to January 2, 2022 plus a special late season of January 3, 2022 to January 16, 2022. See the TPWD Outdoor Annual for additional restrictions. Hunters must follow all Federal and State hunting laws and regulations.

### **Waterfowl Hunting Permits:**

- 500 Waterfowl Hunting Permits will be issued on a first-come first-serve basis. Permits will be issued to applicants with a properly filled out Grapevine Waterfowl Hunting Application.
- Applications will be accepted and issued starting August 2, 2021 until all 500 permits have been issued. The applications must be submitted on-line, see the GrapevineLake website for application. **Shooting hours end at noon each day of the season.** (See TPWD Outdoor Annual for specific season dates). 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 16, 2021 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.) Hunters must follow all Federal and State hunting laws and regulations.

### Special Restrictions:

- White-tailed Deer and feral hog hunting are by archery only.
- All other legal game may be hunted with 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), slugs, and sabots are PROHIBITED.
- You must be 600 feet from private residences, developed parks, public/private roads and farm/ranch yards while hunting. This includes Trophy Club Park and Shoreline.
- Discharging of firearms and/or archery equipment for recreational shooting not related to hunting (target practice) is STRICTLY PROHIBITED.
- Night hunting is not allowed.
- Trapping is not allowed.
- 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 hunter 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 the 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. Bowfishing is prohibited at Hords Creek Lake due to the proximity to park areas and limited shoreline.

### **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 Camp, Harrison, Marion, Morris, and Upshur counties.

Season: 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, BBB's, 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. 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, 2021. 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 is PROHIBITED.
- Use of rim-fire or air rifles is PROHIBITED.
- Hunting feral hogs with dogs and/or night hunting for feral hogs is PROHIBITED.
- All hunting is prohibited from June 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 19, 2021 to November 21, 2021 for Wheeling' Outdoorsman Hunt and January 8, 2022 to January 9, 2022 for a Youth Only 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 #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.

## 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

[www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/lavon/](http://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.

Feral Hogs:

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

Archery: Yes, feral hogs only; see Special Restrictions for additional details.

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, and buckshot (any size) is PROHIBITED. Use of slugs and/or sabots are allowed for feral hogs only; see Special Restrictions below.

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.
- **Feral Hogs:** Archery only for feral hogs except in areas 6-13. Areas 6-13, feral hogs may be hunted using archery and/or shotguns (slug only). Rifled shotgun barrels and sabot slugs are permitted within areas 6-13 (feral hogs only). Hunting is permitted 24 hours. Spotighting is not allowed; however, the use of artificial light to light up stationary hunting areas is allowed. Spotighting 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 (October 1, 2021 through January 17, 2022).**
- No special permission will be granted for the use of motor vehicles in designated hunting areas.
- Trapping and/or baiting is not allowed.
- **Dogs:** May be used to hunt rabbits, squirrels, game birds, feral hogs (in Areas 6-13), 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, 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.
- Hunter 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 Safety Orange once they are in an established location.
- 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.

## 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.

Archery: Yes

Rifles, Pistols and Muzzleloaders: No

Shotguns: Limited to the use 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:

- Archery only for feral hogs.
- All other game may be hunted with shotguns, limited to non-toxic #2 shot and smaller.
- To obtain a hunting permit for Lewisville Lake, a valid hunter education certificate (or Hunter's Education Deferral) and Texas State Hunting License are required.
- 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.

### **Special Limited 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> between July 1, 2021 to July 31, 2021.
- Permit winners will be mailed a package explaining the hunt itself, 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,
  - proof of archery proficiency is also required by providing a range card from a certified archery range prior to the mandatory pre-hunt orientation.
- 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](mailto: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: November 13, 2021 to November 21, 2021.
- Hunters must follow all Federal and State hunting laws and regulations.

## 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 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, BBB's, and buckshot (any size) is PROHIBITED.

Special Restrictions:

- Deer hunting is by archery only and requires a permit. Applications will be processed from August 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>. Forms must be mailed in, post marked no later than September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The lake office will not provide printed applications as in previous years. Please visit the website provided above for printable forms and further information. A copy of Hunter's Education certificate, or proof of exemption (born before September 2, 1971), must be included. Bag limits for white-tailed deer and all other legal game are followed in accordance with those posted by TPWD for Navarro and Hill counties. Completion of post-season survey is required by all permit holders. Those who do not return surveys will be disqualified to receive a permit for the next season.
- The hunting of feral hogs is restricted to archery only during any open white-tailed 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.

- Use of dogs for feral hog hunting is not allowed during published white-tail deer season(s), please refer to the TPWD Outdoor Annual for published seasons.
- Night hunting and spotlighting are not permitted.
- 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 and may be left up for a period of no more than 72 hours. Stands must be clearly marked with owner's name, address, phone number, and date of placement. 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 (TPWD).

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 leased to TPWD.

For hunting information on this area please write or call TPWD:

San Angelo State Park  
 3900-2 Mercedes  
 San Angelo, Texas 76901-2638  
 Hunting Coordinator – Jarrett Miller

**O.C. Fisher Lake / Angelo State University (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](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/>  
<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 permit (free of charge) each year.

Legal Game: Migratory game birds, squirrel, rabbit, and feral hog. Hunting deer, turkey, and upland game birds is prohibited.

Season: Squirrel, rabbit, and feral hog is from February 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>. Migratory game bird hunting season is as published in the Texas Outdoor Annual for Comanche county.

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:

- A hunting permit grants the holder and up to two (2) guests access to the Sabana and Upper Leon Wildlife Management Areas (WMA).

- Available permits:
  - ***Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit:*** is for migratory game bird hunting within the boundaries of the Wildlife Management Areas (WMA). Migratory Game bird hunting permits are not required to hunt within the main lake hunting areas.
  - ***General Hunting Permit:*** is for feral hog, squirrel, and rabbit hunting only. General hunting season at Proctor Lake is from February 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>, two (2) hours before sunrise and two (2) hours after sunset.
  - ***Feral Hog Trapping Permit:*** may be granted based on management needs. Trapping or baiting of other animals is prohibited. Contact the Proctor Lake Project Office for more information.
- Permits are obtained in person at the Proctor Lake Project Office. Permit application forms may be downloaded from the Proctor Lake website. 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.
- Applicants must show proof of valid driver's License or State issued identification card, hunter education or be exempt (born before September 2, 1971), possess a valid Texas State Hunting License and must sign the Corps Waiver of Liability statement, and be 17 years old or older. Persons under the age of 17 must be accompanied by a permitted adult 17 years of age or older.
- All permitted hunters must submit a hunting survey prior to being issued a hunting permit for the following season.
- Dogs may be used to aid hunters retrieving downed migratory game birds. The use of dogs for chasing and capture is prohibited.
- All hunters and anyone accompanying the hunter 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 can take off daylight florescent orange gear when actively hunting at a fixed location.
- Hunting blinds 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. 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.
- Hunting in the Lower Leon Wildlife Management Area (below the dam) is prohibited.
- Target shooting is prohibited.

**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 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 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 Angelina, Jasper, Nacogdoches, Sabine, and San Augustine counties.

Archery: Yes

Rifles and Pistols: No

Muzzleloaders: Yes

Shotguns: Sabots/slugs may be used for white-tail deer 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.

Special Restrictions:

- Antlerless deer may be harvested during the archery only and muzzleloader only seasons (in accordance with local County regulations as published by TPWD). 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 (#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 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 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.
- 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  
(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.

Archery: Yes

Rifle, Pistol and Muzzleloaders: No

Shoguns: 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:

- 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<sup>st</sup> through the end of goose season as authorized by Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Archery: No

Rifles, Pistols and Muzzleloaders: No

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

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 and by shotgun only.
- 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 NOT AUTHORIZED.

## 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.

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.
- 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 (#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 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  
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](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.

Archery: Yes.

Rifles, Pistols and Muzzleloaders: No

Shotguns: Slugs and sabots may be used for feral hog and white-tail deer during the General Season as posted within the TPWD Outdoor Annual, see Special Restrictions below. All other game are limited to the use of non-toxic #2 shot and smaller. Use of #1's, B's, BB's, BBB's, and buckshot (any size) is PROHIBITED.

Special Restrictions:

- Hunting is restricted to shotgun (with rifled slug/sabot for feral hog and white-tailed deer) and archery only at Waco Lake.
- 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.

Annual Permit Drawing for General Season (Deer)

- Waco Lake will accept applications for the Annual Deer Permit Drawing until August 13, 2021.
- No in-person drawing will be held.
- Waco Lake personnel will notify selected hunters by August 20, 2021.

- A valid permit application may include up to four (4) hunters. Each person on the application must provide proof of valid Texas State Hunting License, hunter education certificate, or proof of exemption (born before September 2, 1971), and a signed Waiver of Liability.
- Hunters must stay within the respective boundaries of the Wildlife Management Area (WMA) indicated on the permit.
- Baiting is limited to hand spreading.
- Pre-scouting prior to your hunt is not advisable unless the scouting is done before the general deer season.
- All permit holders are required to submit a hunting survey to the Waco Lake Project Office within one month after the close of deer season. Anyone failing to fill out and return the survey will be removed from all drawings for the next 12 months.

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: 15,000 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 Bosque and Hill counties.

Archery: Yes

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

Rifles, Pistols and Muzzleloaders: NO

Special Restrictions:

- Deer hunting is with legal archery equipment only.
- All other game may be hunted with a shotgun. Use of rifled slug, sabot, buckshot (any size), #1, B, BB, or BBB is PROHIBITED.
- Sport chasing is prohibited.
- Tree stands are restricted to portable non-bark penetrating stands only and must be removed after each hunt.
- Trapping and use of snares for any animal (both game and non-game) is PROHIBITED.
- 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: Dove, squirrel, rabbits, waterfowl, feral hog, 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, BBB's, 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.
- 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 11, 2021, 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)
- Due to three special hunting events, the Clear Springs Wildlife Management area will be closed to all but the participants in the events from the first youth weekend October 29, 2021 – October 31, 2021. The second youth weekend TBD from the release of the TPWD Outdoor Annual, and a date TBD for a handicapped hunt on one of the three weekends in the first two weeks of rifle season. Dates TBD from the release of the TPWD Outdoor Annual.
- 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. 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)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_