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Thank you for your interest in public hunting opportunities in the Fort Worth District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. 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. We work in close partnership with Texas Parks & Wildlife Department and several other entities to provide you with safe and enjoyable hunting opportunities on approximately 185,000 acres of public land at 23 of the 25 lakes. This booklet is designed to give you a broad 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.

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. Therefore, it is important to check with us each year for possible changes in the program

The Corps of Engineers manages over 450 lakes nationwide and strives to be a good steward of your public lands and waters. As a hunting enthusiast, we invite you to visit our national website at <http://corpslakes.usace.army.mil>. This website is tailored to provide a broad overview of natural resources and recreation programs at all Corps lakes. The Fort Worth District website at <http://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/index.htm> includes links to general information for each of the 25 lakes in the District. If you enjoy camping, you might also consider visiting another website at <http://reserveusa.com>. Through this site, you can reserve a campsite at almost any Corps lake or U.S. Forest Service campground.

We hope you enjoy your visit. If you have questions, please call our Natural Resources and Recreation Management Branch in Fort Worth, Texas at 817-886-1566.

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Answers to a Few Questions About the Hunting Program

1. What are the requirements to hunt on the 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 license or personal identification certificate issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety; and (3) a valid Corps of Engineers Permit (if required).

Non-residents must carry on their person: (1) a valid State of Texas Hunting License; (2) a valid driver 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; and (3) a valid Corps of Engineers Permit (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 and Hunting Guide at the end of this booklet. 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 of Engineers 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 permits are required.

3. Why do some projects issue permits and others do not?

There are 25 Corps of Engineers Lakes in the Fort Worth District located throughout Texas. Some of these lakes have entered into a hunting permit program in order to prevent overcrowding, improve public safety, separate incompatible users, and to better manage the wildlife resources.

4. How do I obtain a Corps of Engineers hunting permit?

Corps of Engineers 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 must present proof of having taken a Hunter Education Training course and, if 18 years old or older, will be required to sign a Corps of Engineers Waiver of Liability statement. Persons age 12 -17 are eligible to obtain a permit, but can only hunt under the immediate supervision of an authorized supervising adult accompanying them at all times.

5. What are the hunter education requirements?

Corps Non-Permit Lakes: State age requirement.

Corps Permit Lakes: All hunters 12 years or older must present proof of having taken a Hunter Education Training course to be eligible for a Corps permit. Hunter education/safety certification from other states or the U.S. military is acceptable. The concealed handgun certification taught in Texas is not acceptable, nor are the bow hunter education courses available through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and other state agencies. Hunters must complete the hunter education regardless of the type of sporting arm used or species hunted.

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 hunters education certificate may hunt at a Corps permit lake under the following conditions:

- a. Persons under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a “permitted” adult 18 years of age or older.
- b. Persons 18 years of age and older must sign the “Disclaimer and Waiver of Liability” form and show proof of a valid hunter’s education card to the lake office 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 fee to hunt; however, some lakes have fees applicable to hunting. At Somerville Lake there is an administration fee for a permanent (season long) waterfowl blind permit. Lake Georgetown, Proctor and Wright Patman Lakes charge Special Activity Fees for hunting and ATV access permits. 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 our 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?

Tree blinds are prohibited at most lakes. However Georgetown, Lake O' the Pines, Sam Rayburn, Town Bluff, Waco, Whitney, and Wright Patman lakes allow non-bark penetrating portable tree stands. Free-standing blinds such as towers, platforms, natural blinds, etc., may be used and installed in hunting areas, but each blind 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 (out of town hunters shall display a local address and phone number where you can be reached) written legibly and placed at the entry point of the blind in a conspicuous location. If proper identification is not found, the structure may be impounded and/or removed.

Natural blinds may be constructed by gathering loose and dead vegetation. Cutting of grass, shrubs, trees, or any other vegetation is strictly prohibited except at Lake Georgetown where live cedar up to 4 inches in size may be cut for use.

Temporary blinds for deer or waterfowl do not require a fee. Permanent (season long) waterfowl blinds are allowed at Somerville Lake; however, hunters must obtain a special lakeshore use permit from the Somerville Lake Office to install these blinds.

10. Are there weapons restrictions on public hunting areas?

Hunting or shooting within 600 feet of homes, parks, and farm and ranch yards is prohibited unless otherwise stated or posted. Pistols are prohibited. Hunters are allowed to carry and/or use only the following weapons and ammunition:

- a. Shotgun with rifled slug when hunting deer. Buckshot is prohibited anywhere on government property. Buckshot is prohibited due to increased public safety concerns and to reduce crippling loss of deer. NOTE: Some lakes restrict the use of shotguns when hunting deer. Check with the lake office for restrictions.
- b. Shotgun with shot no larger than #4 lead when upland game bird hunting (including turkey). Note: Hunters may not possess shotgun shells containing slugs while engaged in hunts exclusively for game birds.
- c. Shotgun with non-toxic shot when hunting waterfowl.
- d. Bow and arrow with broad head hunting point when hunting turkey and all game animals, other than squirrel, dove and quail.
- e. Crossbows may be used when hunting deer during the general deer season, unless prohibited in the Lake Information and Hunting Guide or specifically restricted areas by Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD).
- f. Muzzle loading rifle, .45 caliber or larger, may be used for taking deer, turkey, or feral

hogs, if stated in the Lake Information and Hunting Guide.

g. The use of rifles is prohibited at all lakes, except the use of rifles for deer hunting is allowed at Lake O' The Pines and Wright Patman.

11. Must I wear hunter orange?

Corps Non-Permit Lakes: No

Corps Permit Lakes: Yes. Hunters (and anyone accompanying the hunter) must wear at least 400 square inches of fluorescent 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 Engineer areas?

All vehicles including motorcycles, all terrain vehicles (ATV's), bicycles, automobiles, trucks, and any other vehicles (see CFR Title 36, Section 327.2 for vehicle definition) are prohibited off of developed roadways. 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 passage of other vehicles or blocking gate openings. Parking on other public roadways is at your own risk, 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 physicians certification, of that condition, to qualify for vehicle use inside a hunting area. Lake managers have the discretion to approve or deny any application based on natural resource 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, Lake 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 that is allowed to be taken are those game species listed in the “Legal Game” section for each lake in the Lake Information and Hunting Guide. Hunting game species not listed in the information guide is prohibited, including species such as rattlesnakes, skunks, crows, English sparrows, grackles, 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 and Hunting Guide. Possession of a firearm, archery equipment, or any other weapon while sport chasing these animals is prohibited. Possession of calling devices, baits or lures is prohibited while sport chasing the animals.

Dogs may be used to hunt rabbit, squirrels, game birds, and migratory game birds in compliance with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department regulations.

15. May I target shoot on Corps of Engineers lands?

Shooting for practice or at targets is prohibited. Discharging any weapon (including bows and arrows) 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.

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.

LAKE INFORMATION AND HUNTING GUIDE

Aquila Lake/TPWD Area

285 CR 3602	County:	Hill
Clifton, TX 76634	Acreage:	4,000 acres
(254) 694-3189	Corps Permit:	Not required

Administration: Texas Parks and Wildlife

Legal Game: Contact TPWD

General: Hunting areas on this project are licensed to Texas Parks and Wildlife as part of their Public Hunting Lands Program. For hunting information on this area please write or call Texas Parks and Wildlife at:

Public Hunting
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, Texas 78744
1-800-792-1112 1-512-389-4505

Bardwell Lake

4000 Observation Drive	County:	Ellis
Ennis, Texas 75119	Acreage:	2,528 acres
(972) 875-5711	Corps Permit:	Yes

Administration: Corps of Engineers

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

Season: From September 1 through March 31 as published in the Texas Hunting Guide for this county.

Muzzleloaders and Crossbows: No

Special Restrictions: Hunting of feral hogs permitted only west of State Highway 34 by use of archery or by shotguns with slugs. Dogs will not be used for hunting of feral hogs. Permit required.

Belton Lake

3740 FM 1670	County:	Bell/Coryell
Belton, Texas 76513	Acreage:	3,900 acres
(254) 939-2461	Corps Permit:	Yes, Waterfowl Only

Administration: Corps of Engineers

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

Season: From September 1 through the end of goose season as published in the Texas Hunting Guide and pamphlets for these counties.

Waterfowl Permit: A free waterfowl permit must be obtained from the lake office.
Muzzleloaders and Crossbows: No

Benbrook Lake

P.O. Box 26619 Fort Worth, Texas 76126 (817) 292-2400	County: Acreage: Corps Permit:	Tarrant 1,400 acres Yes
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Administration: Corps of Engineers

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

Season: From September 1 through January 31 as published in the Texas Hunting Guide for this county.

Muzzleloaders and Crossbows: No

Special Restrictions: Archery only for deer. Computer drawing. All hunters are required to wear 400 square inches of hunter orange regardless of species hunted. This is a special requirement for hunter safety.

Canyon Lake

601 COE Road Canyon Lake, Texas 78133 (830) 964-3341 (830) 964-2215 (fax)	County: Acreage: Corps Permit:	Comal 620 Yes
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Administration: Corps of Engineers

Legal Game: None

Season: None for 2004-2005.

Cooper Dam (Jim Chapman Lake)/TPWD Area

Rt. 3 Box 597 Sulphur Springs, Texas 75482 (903) 945-2108	Counties: Acreage: Corps Permit:	Delta/Hopkins 9,460 acres Not Required
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Administration: Texas Parks and Wildlife

Legal Game: Contact TPWD

General: Wildlife management and hunting lands on this project are licensed to Texas Parks and Wildlife as part of their Public Hunting Lands Program. For hunting information on this area please write or call Texas Parks and Wildlife at:

Public Hunting
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, Texas 78744

1-800-792-1112 1-512-389-4505

Georgetown Lake

500 Cedar Breaks Road	County:	Williamson
Georgetown, Texas 78628	Acreage:	1,200 acres
(512) 930-5253	Corps Permit:	Yes
(512) 863-4769 (fax)		
www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/georgetown/Gthunting.html		

Administration: Corps of Engineers

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

Season: From the opening of dove season to the end of February.

Muzzleloaders: No

Special Restrictions: Archery only for deer and feral hogs. Computer drawing for deer and feral hogs permits. All hunting except Archery hunting for deer is closed during “Archery Only” season as set by TPWD. Archery proficiency test and hunter safety certification required for deer and feral hogs. A \$10 non-refundable application fee is required for archery hunting. Archery permits are \$100. All other permits are issued first-come, first-serve at the lake office for \$50. Contact the lake office for further details.

Granger Lake/TPWD area

3100 Granger Dam Road	County:	Williamson
Granger, Texas 76530	Acreage:	10,887 acres
(512) 859-2668	Corps Permit:	Not Required

Administration: Texas Parks and Wildlife

Legal Game: Contact TPWD

General: Wildlife management and hunting lands on this project are licensed to Texas Parks and Wildlife 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 Texas Parks and Wildlife at:

Public Hunting
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, Texas 78744
1-800-792-1112 1-512-389-4505

Grapevine Lake

110 Fairway Dr.	County:	Denton
Grapevine Dr., Texas 76051	Acreage:	2,300 acres

(817) 481-4541
(817) 481-5244 (fax)

Corps Permit: Yes

Administration: Corps of Engineers

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

Season: September 1 through February 28 as published in the Texas Hunting Guide for Denton County.

Muzzleloaders and Crossbows: No

Special Restrictions: There will be no lottery drawing for Grapevine Lake for the 2004-05 season. Archery only for deer and feral hogs. Hunting on Grapevine and Lewisville Lakes will be combined into one permit that will include both lakes. Requests for hunting information for either lake should be directed to the Lewisville Lake Office at 972-434-1666.

Hords Creek Lake

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

County: Coleman
Acreage: 936 acres

Administration: Corps of Engineers

Legal Game: None

Season: CLOSED TO HUNTING

Joe Pool Lake

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

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

Administration: 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
(903) 665-2336

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

Administration: Corps of Engineers

Legal Game: Mourning dove, bobwhite quail, squirrel, rabbit, waterfowl, feral hogs, white-tailed deer, and eastern wild turkey.

Season: As published in the Texas Hunting Guide for these counties.

Muzzleloaders and Crossbows (handicap only): Yes

Special Restrictions: Rifles are also authorized for hunting. Antlerless deer may be hunted during archery season only. Feral hog hunting not allowed from May 15 through August 31. Hunting is prohibited from June 1 through August 31. Camping outside designated camping areas is prohibited. A special white-tailed deer hunting event will be held for physically challenged hunters 09 December 2004 through 12 December 2004.

Lavon Lake

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

County: Collin
Acreage: 6,500 acres
Corps Permit: Not Required

Administration: Corps of Engineers

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

Muzzleloaders: No

Feral Hogs: Bow and crossbow only.

Season: As published in the Texas Hunting Guide for this county.

Lewisville Lake

1801 N. Mill St.
Lewisville, Texas 75057
(972) 434-1666

County: Denton
Acreage: 8,000 acres
Corps Permit: Yes

Administration: Corps of Engineers

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

Season: September 1 through February 28 as published in the Texas Hunting Guide for this county.

Muzzleloaders and Crossbows: No

Special Restrictions: Archery only for feral hogs. Hunting permits required. Hunting on Grapevine and Lewisville Lakes will be combined into one permit that will include both lakes. Requests for hunting information for either lake should be directed to the Lewisville Lake Office at (972) 434-1666. *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 be obtained by calling (940) 349-8202.*

Navarro Mills Lake

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

Counties: Hill/Navarro
Acreage: 3,500 acres
Corps Permit: Not Required

Administration: Corps of Engineers

Legal Game: Dove, quail, squirrel, rabbits, waterfowl, and feral hogs.
Season: From September 1 through February 28 as published in the Texas Hunting Guide for these counties. Squirrels may also be hunted from May 1 – May 31.
Muzzleloaders and Crossbows: No
Special Restrictions: Persons wishing to hunt feral hogs with dogs must notify the Lake Office prior to the first hunt. Feral hog trapping is also available by contacting the lake Office. An archery-only deer season will open this fall for a computer generated quota of 14 hunters. Call the Lake Office at (254) 578-1431 or check our Internet site for details.

O.C. Fisher Lake/TPWD Area

3900-2 Mercedes Ave. San Angelo, Texas 76901 (915) 949-4757	County: Acreage: Corps Permit:	Tom Green 4,000 acres Not Required
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Administration: Texas Parks and Wildlife
Legal Game: Contact TPWD
General: Wildlife management and hunting lands on this project are licensed to Texas Parks and Wildlife. For hunting information on this area please write or call Texas Parks and Wildlife at:

San Angelo State Park
 3900-2 Mercedes
 San Angelo, Texas 76901
 Hunting Coordinator - John Stuart
 (915) 949-4757

O.C. Fisher Lake/ASU Area

3900 Mercedes Ave. San Angelo, Texas 76901 (915) 949-4757	County: Acreage: ASU Permit: Fee:	Tom Green 4,645 acres Yes Yes
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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 (915) 942-2027 or 2389. Hunters are chosen by public drawing.

Proctor Lake

2180 FM 2861	County:	Comanche
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Comanche, Texas 76442
(254) 879-2424

Acreage: 2,500 acres
Corps Permit: Yes

Administration: Corps of Engineers

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

Season: As published in the Texas Hunting Guide for this county.

Muzzleloaders and Crossbows: No

Special Restrictions: A permit is required to hunt waterfowl in developed wetland areas. A "Special Activity Permit" fee of \$35.00 will be required to obtain the permit. Each applicant will be charged \$10.00 non-refundable application fee. Applicants selected by random drawing to receive a permit will be charged an additional fee of \$25.00 prior to its issuance. The fees are being implemented in an effort to recover administrative costs associated with providing this program. Contact the Proctor lake Office or go to <http://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/proctor> for information regarding permit requirements. Applications will be available by 15 September 2004.

Ray Roberts Lake/TPWD area

1801 N. Mill St.
Lewisville, Texas 75057
(972) 434-1666

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

Administration: Texas Parks and Wildlife

Legal Game: Contact TPWD

General: Wildlife management and hunting lands on this project are licensed to Texas Parks and Wildlife as part of their Public Hunting Lands Program. For hunting information on this area please write or call Texas Parks and Wildlife at:

Public Hunting
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, Texas 78744
(800) 792-1112 (512) 389-4505

Sam Rayburn Dam and Reservoir

Rt. 3, Box 486
Jasper, Texas 75951
(409) 384-5716

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

Administration: Corps of Engineers

Legal Game: Dove, quail, squirrel, rabbits, waterfowl, deer, feral hogs. (Gun doe deer hunting is prohibited)

Season: As published in the Texas Hunting Guide for these counties.

Muzzleloaders and Crossbows: Yes

Special Restrictions: Antlerless deer may be taken during archery season only. Tree stands are restricted to portable non-bark penetrating stands only and must be removed after each day's hunt.

Somerville Lake

P.O. Box 549
Somerville, Texas 77879
(979) 596-1622
(979) 596-1624

Counties:	Burleson/Washington
Acreage:	3,000 acres
Corps Permit:	Not Required
Admin. Fee:	Yes - for permanent blinds

Administration: Corps of Engineers

Legal Game: Waterfowl.

Season: Waterfowl hunting as published in the Texas Hunting Guide for these counties. The deer hunt for the Challenged Hunter Program will be held on Friday and Saturday, December 3rd and 4th, 2004. Hunter applications and information may be obtained by calling the Hunt Coordinator. All applications for the 2004 hunt must be returned by November 1, 2004 to be included in the drawing.

Duck Blind Permits: A drawing for forty blind locations will be held on Wednesday, September 15, 2004. The drawing will be held at the American Legion Hall on 8th Street in the city of Somerville. Tickets for the drawing will be issued from 6:00p.m. until 7:15p.m. the day of the drawing. The drawing will be held at 7:30 p.m. The cost of the permit is \$50. Only checks will be accepted as a form of payment. **NO CASH** will be accepted. Permittees must remove the blind by the end of February 2005, at which time \$40.00 of the cost of the permit will be refunded. Blind locations 1 through 17 will be closed December 3 through 5, 2004 (Friday through Sunday) to prevent conflict with the Challenged Hunter Program.

Somerville Lake/TPWD area

Rt. 1 Box 499
Somerville, Texas 77879
(979) 535-7763

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

Administration: Texas Parks and Wildlife

Legal Game: Contact TPWD

General: Wildlife management and hunting lands on this portion of the project are licensed to Texas Parks and Wildlife as part of their Public Hunting Lands Program. For hunting information on this area please write or call Texas Parks and Wildlife at:

Public Hunting
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, Texas 78744
(800) 792-1112 (512) 389-4505

Stillhouse Hollow Lake

3740 FM 1670
Belton, Texas 76513
(254) 939-2461

Counties: Bell
Acreage: 4,451 acres
Corps Permit: Yes, waterfowl only

Administration: Corps of Engineers

Legal Game: Dove, quail, and waterfowl.

Season: From September 1 through the end of goose season as published in the Texas Hunting Guide and pamphlets for this county.

Muzzleloaders and Crossbows: No

Waterfowl Permit: A free waterfowl permit must be obtained from the lake office.

Special Restrictions: State regulations prohibit hunting within 600 feet of fenced boundaries of the project, all park areas, and residential areas. State of Texas Special Regulations state, "On the land or water of Stillhouse Hollow Reservoir all hunting, except for birds by shotgun is prohibited."

Town Bluff Dam & B.A. Steinhagen Lake

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

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

Administration: Corps of Engineers

Legal Game: Dove, quail, squirrel, rabbits, waterfowl, deer, and feral hogs. Alligators, only in conjunction with TPWD special hunts.

Season: As published in the Texas Hunting Guide for these counties. Hunting outside of designated hunting seasons is prohibited. Hog hunting is allowed only during deer season.

Muzzleloaders and Crossbows: Yes

B.A. Steinhagen Lake/TPWD area

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

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

Administration: Texas Parks and Wildlife

Legal Game: Contact TPWD

General: Wildlife management and hunting lands on this project are licensed to Texas Parks and Wildlife as part of their Public Hunting Lands Program. For hunting information on this area please write or call Texas Parks and Wildlife at:

Public Hunting
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
4200 Smith School Road

Austin, Texas 78744
(800) 792-1112 (512) 389-4505

Waco Lake

3801 Zoo Park Road
Waco, Texas 76708
(254) 756-5359
(254) 756-3433 (fax)

County: McLennan
Acreage: 2,000 acres
Corps Permit: Yes

Administration: Corps of Engineers

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

Season: As published in the Texas Hunting Guide for this county. Rabbit and squirrel may be hunted after deer season until 15 March.

Muzzleloaders and Crossbows: No

Special Conditions: Computer drawing. Applications may be obtained at the lake office.

Sport chasing is prohibited. Tree stands are restricted to portable non-bark penetrating stands only and must be removed after each day's hunt.

NOTE: Impoundment of water for the Waco Lake 7-foot pool raise will begin not later than 1 October 2003. This may result in changes in access to hunting areas and their size. These changes will be noted on the permits. For the 2005-2006 hunting season there will be several changes to area designations, access points and restrictions.

Whitney Lake

285 CR 3602
Clifton, Texas 76634
(254) 694-3189
(254) 622-3243 (fax)

Counties: Bosque/Hill/Johnson
Acreage: 14,000 acres
Corps Permit: Yes, all species

Administration: Corps of Engineers

Legal Game: Dove, squirrel, rabbit, waterfowl, turkey, feral hog, and deer.

Season: As published in the Texas Hunting Guide for these counties.

Muzzleloaders and Crossbows: No

Special Restrictions: Deer hunting is by archery only. Other game may be hunted with a shotgun, but no shot larger than #4 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 day's hunt.

Wright Patman

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

Administration: Corps of Engineers

Legal Game: Mourning dove, bobwhite quail, squirrel, rabbits, waterfowl, feral hog, white-tailed deer, and eastern wild turkey.

Season: As published in the Texas Hunting Guide for these counties.

Muzzleloaders and Crossbows: White-tailed deer and feral hogs only.

Special Restrictions: Rifles are authorized for hunting in most areas. Antlerless deer may be taken during archery season only. Tree Stands are restricted to portable non-bark penetrating stands only. Applications for permits to hunt the all terrain vehicle (ATV) accessible wildlife management areas (encompassing 3,700 acres) may be obtained by writing or calling the Lake Office 60 days prior to the opening of deer season. A Special Activity Fee will be charged for the use of ATV's within these areas. A \$10.00 non-refundable application fee will be credited toward the \$35.00 permit for the successfully drawn applicants. ATV rider safety certification (available at ATV dealers) is required to qualify for an ATV permit. Due to the Special Physically Challenged deer hunt, both Clear Springs and Big Creek ATV areas will be closed from 29 November 2004 through 06 December 2004 to all ATV usage. In addition, a two-day youth deer-hunting event will be held during the last youth season in January, specific date to be set by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Disclaimer and Waiver of Liability

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

Print: _____
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

(phone) (date)

ATTACH COPY OF HUNTER SAFETY CERTIFICATE
(do not send original)

Note to applicants: We regret that we are unable to keep the Disclaimer/Waiver of Liability forms and hunter safety certificate copies from previous years. All applicants must submit these items each year to be eligible for a permit.

