



**US Army Corps
of Engineers** ®
Galveston District

Wallisville Lake Project Waterfowl Hunting Regulations 2023-2024



All Federal, State and Local laws, rules and regulations must be adhered to while hunting at the Wallisville Lake Project (WLP). The following rules and regulations shall govern waterfowl hunting on the Wallisville Lake Project, located in Chambers and Liberty Counties, Texas. Texas state laws and local ordinances for Chambers and Liberty counties apply on the Wallisville Lake Project.

All rules and regulations contained in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 36, Chapter III, Part 327, Rules and Regulations governing the use of water resource development projects administered by the US Army Corps of Engineers must be adhered to.

Any emergency changes to regulations during the season will be posted on the Wallisville Lake Project web-page at www.swg.usace.army.mil/Locations/Wallisville-Lake-Project-Office/

Failure to abide by or excessive violation of these regulations, federal regulations, or state laws may result in revocation of your hunting privileges by the Project Manager.

Please, report violations by contacting a United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Park Ranger or the Project Manager at (409) 389-2285 and/or contact a Texas Parks and Wildlife Game Warden at (512) 389-4848. For emergencies, dial 911.

Any drunkenness; drug-use; disorderly conduct; or violation of the following regulations, CFR Title 36 or Texas State and Federal game laws shall be sufficient cause to expel a hunter from the project and to revoke hunting and blind privileges at Wallisville Lake Project for his or her entire hunting party and/or a citation from the US Army Corps of Engineers for a violation of the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 36, Chapter III, Part 327, Rules and Regulations Governing Public Use of USACE Water Resources Development Projects; which may carry a fine of up to \$5,000.00 and/or six month imprisonment. In addition, violators may be subject to citations, fines and penalties from other Federal, State and Local enforcement agencies having authority over hunting activities at the Wallisville Lake Project.

Project Specific Hunting Regulations:

- Waterfowl Hunting Permits may be obtained 30 days before early teal season (about 15-20 of Aug) of each year and expire on March 1 of following year.
- All hunters must obtain a Wallisville Lake Project (hunting Permit and vehicle hang tag. All hunters must place permit hang tags where they can easily be seen inside their vehicle at all times while hunting.
- Persons under 17 years of age may hunt without certification if accompanied by a person 21 years of age or older who is licensed to hunt in Texas in accordance with the Parks and Wildlife Code, is in compliance with applicable hunter education requirements, and has obtained a valid hunting permit from Wallisville Lake Project.
- Hunters are responsible for knowing the hunting season, and applicable state game laws of the game in which they hunt. Hunters are allowed to take waterfowl species allowed by state law under the waterfowl hunting Permit from Wallisville Project Lands.

Project Specific Hunting Regulations continued

- All hunters must have in their possession their issued WLP waterfowl hunting permit, a current Texas state hunting license, a federal duck stamp, state migratory game bird endorsement, and proper identification, driver s license, etc. Hunters born after 1971 must have proof of hunters education. Hunters are required to provide proof of applicable permits, licenses, and ID when asked by Park Rangers or Law Enforcement.
- Hunting in restricted areas is prohibited. These areas include, but are not limited to any areas within 200 yards of any parks, day-use areas, hiking trails, roadways, parking lots, residential areas, boat ramps, the Lost Lake Oil Field, water bird conservation areas. Hunters shall not discharge firearms in the direction or within 200 yards of restricted areas or other hunters. Maps are available Online at www.swg.usace.army.mil/Locations/Wallisville-Lake-Project-Office/.
- There should be no trespassing on private property to gain access to the project without the landowner's permission. Entry is by boat or foot, only. Motorized vehicles will not be allowed off of maintained roadways on any USACE property including Hugo Point and Trinity River Island boat ramps. Violators are subject to citations, fines, and impoundment of motor vehicles in violation.
- Hunting hours at the Wallisville Lake Project shall begin at 1/2 hour before sunrise and shall conclude at 12:00 p.m. (noon), daily during state authorized hunting periods.
- A WLP hunting permit is required to legally possess a firearm or ammunition on WLP property. Shotguns are the only firearms allowed on the property under the Waterfowl Hunting Permit. Shotguns must be unloaded while in transit to the hunting location. This includes while walking or boating to a hunting location. "Sky busting" and "free shooting" is prohibited. All shotguns must be removed from the project by 1 p.m. All ammunition must be legal for the game being taken. No lead shot is allowed on federal properties.
- Pack it in - Pack it out. Any waste generated as a result of a hunt must be removed when the hunter leaves the project, at the end of each days hunt.

- Trash dumping or bird cleaning on federal lands or waters is prohibited.
- The construction of a semi-permanent or permanent blind is prohibited without a seasonal blind Permit. Floating blinds and temporary blinds are permitted but must be removed at the conclusion of each days hunt. A floating or temporary blind may not be placed closer than 200 yards from an occupied permitted blind. Blinds may not be located on top of any shell area, attached to any live or dead tree, and must not be constructed of nearby vegetation. See duck blind rules and regulations for more details.
- Hunters may hunt within 200 yards of an unoccupied permitted blind. However, if the blind becomes occupied at any time by an authorized blind user, the day-use hunter must move away at least 200 yards, immediately. Failure to move away, will result in the revocation of hunting privileges. The unauthorized occupation of a permitted blind at any time is prohibited.
- All airboats are to cease operations on Wallisville Project lands and waterways by 1 pm from 1 Sept 1 until 1 Feb. with the exception of the main waterways. These main waterways are: Trinity River, Old River, Lost River, and Lost Lake. Airboats may operate in the main waterways where they will not harass resting waterfowl during this time period. Using airboats to roost"waterfowl is prohibited. Operation of airboats across land is prohibited. Only authorized airboats such as law enforcement, game warden, and USACE airboats are exempt. Airboats are prohibited from entering designated waterfowl conservations areas at any time from 1 Sept 1 through 1 Feb. Anyone requiring access to these areas with an airboat for official purposes must gain approval prior to conducting operations. From 1 February through 1 September, airboats may operate within any waters located on the project.
- Anyone taking vessels from boat ramps on Wallisville Lake Project to hunt areas off of Federal Property must posses a WLP Waterfowl Hunting Permit in order to legally have a shotgun and ammunition in your possession on Federal Property including boat ramps and parking areas at Hugo Point and Trinity River Island Recreation Area.

- Failure to gain a permit prior to launching is a violation of Title 36 CFR 327:13a.)The possession of loaded firearms, ammunition, loaded projectile firing devices, bows and arrows, crossbows, or other weapons is prohibited unless:
 - In the possession of a federal, state or local law enforcement officer
 - Being used for hunting or fishing as permitted under 327.8, with devices being unloaded when transported to, from or between hunting and fishing sites
 - Being used at authorized shooting ranges or
 - Written permission has been received from the District Commander.

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 permit 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. This permit is subject to terms, conditions, and restrictions. Hunters will receive copies of and be expected to abide by these terms, conditions, and restrictions. A waterfowl hunting permit issued by the Corps of Engineers must be in your possession while hunting on government property. By signing this permit, hunters agree to the terms, conditions, and restrictions documented in the Wallisville Lake Waterfowl Hunting Regulations. Additionally hunter agrees to possess at all times all licenses, endorsements and stamps required by state and federal law for hunting waterfowl.

**Wallisville Lake Project
Waterfowl Hunting Permit 2023-2024**

Sign below and email a photo to huntwallisville@usace.army.mil to validate your permit.

Your signature acknowledges your understanding of all federal and state laws and Project hunting regulations pertaining to hunting on project lands, and your understanding that you are subject to inspection.

Signature of Hunter

Hunting Permits are required for all hunters over 17 years old. This permit is valid only when signed above and validated via email submission and must be carried with you at all times while on the Project. Permits are not transferable.