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FERAL HOG HUNTING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR DOG HUNTING PERMIT HOLDERS 2022-2023

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 feral hog 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. These include but are not limited to fishing and hunting laws and regulations. All rules and regulations contained in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 36, Chapter III, Part 3, Rules and Regulations governing the use of water resource development projects administered by the US Army Corps of Engineers must be adhered to.

Please, report violations by contacting a United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Park Ranger or the Park 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 revoke any and all future hunting privileges at Wallisville Lake Project for his or her entire hunting party.

Feral Hog Hunting with Dogs: Permit Process

Permit applications for dog hunters will be accepted year-round. Permit applications may be obtained Online at the Wallisville Lake Project website <http://www.swg.usace.army.mil/Locations/Wallisville-Lake-Project-Office/>. No more than 50 permits will be issued for dog hunting on the Project. Applicants must be 21 years of age or older, and application must contain all requested information to be accepted. All permit holders are responsible for submitting an annual harvest report after the conclusion of the season on August 31. Annual harvest reports are due by August 31 each year via email to huntwallisville@usace.army.mil Permit holders who fail to submit an annual report will not be eligible for a permit during the next season.

1. Dog hunting permit holders, are designated as Team Leaders, and must be in possession of a Wallisville Lake Project Dog Hunting Permit, a current Texas State Hunting License, and proof of hunter's education unless exempt by Texas State Law at all times. Additionally all team members must be in possession of a current Texas State Hunting License, and proof of hunter's education unless exempt by Texas State Law at all times.
2. The Permit Holder (Team Leader) will be responsible for carrying valid a US Army Corps of Engineers Wallisville Lake Project Dog Hunting Permit issued for the current month. The Team Leader will make sure all team members understand and know the rules and regulations before hunts. Anyone hunting hogs without a Team Leader being present is in violation of the rules and regulations and state laws regarding permission of land owners to hunt.
3. All permit holders are responsible for submitting an annual harvest report after the conclusion of the season on August 31. Annual harvest reports are due by August 31 each year and are to be submitted by email to: HuntWallisville@usace.army.mil. Permit holders who fail to submit an annual report will not be eligible for a permit during the next season.
4. Feral Hog Removal with dogs is restricted in areas including, but not limited to, areas around parks, areas close to I-10 or other roadways, areas close to homes, the JJ Mayes Wildlife Trace Road, the Lost Lake Oil Field, and all areas east of the Trinity River and south of I-10. For a detailed listing of prohibited areas please call the Wallisville Lake Project Office or view the map located on the Wallisville Lake Project website at <http://www.swg.usace.army.mil/Locations/Wallisville-Lake-Project-Office/>

Permit Holder's Name: _____ **Initials:** _____

7. 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. Violators are subject to citations, fines, and impoundment of motor vehicles in violation.

8. The Dog Hunting Permit holder is authorized a small caliber PISTOL (.22 or less) as a sidearm for the dispatch of captured hogs. No other firearms are allowed on US Army Corps of Engineers property while hunting hogs. Pistols must be unloaded until ready to dispatch the hog and unloaded once the harvest of the hog is completed. Pistols must be properly holstered and secured during hunting. Unauthorized weapons will result in automatic revocation of hog hunting privileges for the entire party and may result in citation.

9. Feral Hog hunting is only authorized by permitted dog hunters in possession of a valid dog hunting permit, on Wallisville Lake Project in areas not designated as restricted. The dog hunting permit is for harvesting feral hogs only while on government property. Under no circumstances will captured feral hogs be released on WLP, releasing captured feral hogs will result in loss of permit for the remainder of the hunting season. Transportation of live feral hogs is regulated by the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), dog hunting permit holders must comply with all TAHC regulations when transporting live feral hogs. A summary of TAHC rules can be found Online at: https://www.tahc.texas.gov/news/brochures/TAHCBrochure_FeralSwine.pdf. No other animals or wildlife can be hunted or trapped using this permit. Dogs shall be trained to pursue feral hogs only. The use of dogs to pursue any other animal and/or livestock is strictly forbidden.

10. Park Rangers can designate specific areas as "off-limits" to hunting, to protect and preserve property. Park Rangers may also call for certain areas to be temporarily off-limits when the need arises to maintain a safe atmosphere during special events.

11. Hunting may not disturb wildlife or other WLP visitors, deny public access or damage any environmental, historical, or cultural feature. Removal of cultural objects (artifacts), or acts of defacement and/or vandalism of signage, gates, cables, posts, monuments, or other controlling or boundary features, constitutes a VIOLATION.

12. 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 day's hunt. Waste is any litter including but not limited to: food waste, dog waste, and bait packaging. Any refuse left, will be grounds for revocation of permit.

13. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is not responsible for any loss or damage to hunter's property.

I, _____, agree to abide by all of the above rules and regulations governing feral hog hunting with dogs on Wallisville Lake Project lands.

Signature: _____, Date: _____