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## **FERAL HOG REMOVAL RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR TRAPPING PERMIT HOLDERS 2025 - 2026**

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 Trapping Permit Application Procedures**

Permit applications for trap hunters will be accepted from September 1st to September 30th on a first come first serve basis. 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 trap 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 by the end of the season on August 31 via online submission. Permit holders who fail to submit an annual report by the deadline will not be eligible for a permit during the next season..

1. Feral Hog Trapping Permit Holders must be 21 years of age and older and must obtain and be in possession of a Wallisville Lake Project Feral Hog Trapping Permit, a current Texas State Hunting License, and proof of hunter's education unless exempt by Texas State Law. Anyone trapping feral hogs on project property without a trapping permit is in violation of the rules and regulations and state laws regarding permission of landowners to hunt. Under this permit feral hog removal on government property is only permissible by the use of traps. No animals or wildlife can be hunted using this permit. Every effort should be made to deter non target species from being captured, any non-target species caught in traps must be released upon discovery.

2. The permit holder (Team Leader) will be responsible for carrying valid a US Army Corps of Engineers Wallisville Lake Project Trap Hunting Permit. The Team Leader will make sure all team members understand and know the rules and regulations before hunts. Anyone trapping hogs without a Team Leader being present is in violation of the rules and regulations and state laws regarding permission of landowners to hunt. In addition, teams are limited to 6 individuals total, including the team leader.

3. All permit holders are responsible for submitting an annual harvest report by the conclusion of the season on August 31. Submissions will be done via online form that will be posted on the Wallisville website <http://www.swg.usace.army.mil/Locations/Wallisville-Lake-Project-Office/>. Permit holders who fail to submit an annual report will not be eligible for a permit during the next season.

4. 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.

5. The Hog Trapping 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 dispatch 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. “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.

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

10. Use of bait for the purpose of luring hogs is allowed. Bait must be manipulated in such a way as not to attract deer, livestock, waterfowl, or any other animals. Shallow burial of bait is known to be an effective measure for targeting hogs and deterring other animals. Bait may only be used by trap hunters and may not be utilized in any other form of hunting.

11. 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 season. Transportation of live feral hogs is regulated by the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), trapping 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](https://www.tahc.texas.gov/news/brochures/TAHCBrochure_FeralSwine.pdf).

12. All Traps must be live traps only, no use of snares or traps designed dispatch a hog upon capture. Trap locations shall be out of public view and approved by project staff prior to placement. All traps must be monitored at least every 24 hours when it is set to catch and captured hogs must be harvested or removed from Government property upon discovery.

13. All traps must be set only in approved location. All traps must have contact information for a current Feral Hog Trap Hunting Permit Holder. Traps that do not contain a tag with this information will be removed and the owner will be issued a citation.

14. Feral hog trapping in restricted areas will be approved on a case by case basis. Restricted areas include, but are 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, the water bird resting area (North of I-10 and South of Lost River running east to project border, and all areas east of the Trinity River and south of I-10. For a detailed listing of prohibited areas please visit 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/>