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2025-2026 WATERFOWL BLIND RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations shall govern waterfowl blind construction and use at the Wallisville Lake Project, 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. 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 (281) 931-6471. For emergencies, dial 911. Failure to comply with any of these regulations may result in immediate withdrawal of the blind permit and/or issuance of federal citation up to \$5000.00.

1. All Federal, State and Local laws, rules and regulations must be adhered to while hunting at the Wallisville Lake Project. In addition, 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. Drunkenness, drug-use, disorderly conduct, or violation of the following regulations, CFR Title 36, or Texas State Game Laws shall be sufficient cause to expel a hunter from the project and revoke future hunting privileges.
2. The Shoreline Use Permit Holder shall be responsible for ensuring that all regulations governing the construction, use, and removal of a duck blind at the Wallisville Lake Project are adhered to.
3. Seasonal duck blind drawing applications will only be accepted between May 1 and June 30 of each year. Applicants may apply for the duck blind drawing by filling out the digital Duck Blind Permit Application Survey with their name, address, telephone number and email. This survey can be found at <https://www.swg.usace.army.mil/Locations/Wallisville-Lake-Project-Office/>. No other form of application will be accepted. All applicants must be at least 18 years old, and only one application per household address will be accepted. Application must contain all requested information to be accepted.
4. Construction of semi-permanent blinds may begin upon receiving your placard and completion of all pertaining paperwork on or around 30 days prior to early teal season opening day.
The construction of a semi-permanent or permanent blind is prohibited without a Shoreline Use Permit for duck blind construction.
 - a. Blinds may not be located on top of any shell area or attached to any live or dead tree.
 - b. Construction of a semi-permanent blind may not exceed 64 square feet and may not use native vegetation as a material.
 - c. The Blind must be free-standing or floating. Posts may be inserted into the ground or a body of water, but must be removed at the end of the season along with the blind.
 - d. The blind and the area around the blind must remain neat and clean throughout the construction and occupation of the blind.
 - e. Construction waste, shotgun shells and all trash shall be removed from the project after each time the blind is used.
 - f. The Shoreline Use Permit Holder is responsible for ensuring the blind is safe for occupants. If found unsafe by USACE personnel, the blind will not be allowed to be occupied until it is made safe to the satisfaction of USACE personnel.
5. The permit placard with the Shoreline Use Permit Number should not be altered and must be attached directly to the blind and displayed so that it can be easily seen above surrounding vegetation at the blind location at all times throughout the season. If you use a boat blind, you must still place the placard on a free-standing post at a height above the surrounding vegetation.
6. Report any blinds not displaying a valid permit placard. Unreported blinds near your permitted blind will be treated as the property of the Shoreline Use Permit Holder. Removal will be the responsibility of the Shoreline Use Permit Holder if not reported prior to USACE personnel conducting the end-of-season blind removal inspection.
7. 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.

8. 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 and possibly state and federal fines. The unauthorized occupation of a permitted blind is prohibited.

9. Shoreline Use Permit Holder or designated alternate ***must be present for blind to be occupied.***

- a. Authorization Cards must be present with the Shoreline Use Permit Holder or Alternate to occupy a permitted blind. Authorization cards are marked by the Blind Number and contain the holders name.
- b. No more than 5 hunters may occupy a blind at any time.
- c. Report unauthorized blind occupation to TPWD Game Wardens and USACE Park Rangers immediately.

10. Construction of blinds within 200 yards of restricted areas is prohibited. These areas include, but are not limited to, any areas within 200 yards of parks, day-use areas, hiking trails, roadways, parking lots, residential areas, boat ramps, the Lost Lake Oil Field, and water bird conservation areas. **Hunters shall not discharge firearms in the direction of, or within 200 yards of restricted areas.** Maps are available on the Wallisville Lake Project website <https://www.swg.usace.army.mil/Locations/Wallisville-Lake-Project-Office/>. Blinds shall not be constructed in Lake Miller as water may be too low to retrieve the blind by March 1.

11. “Pack it in – Pack it out.” Any waste generated as a result of a hunt must be removed when the hunter leaves the permitted blind at the end of each day’s hunt. Waste is any litter including but not limited to: food waste, dog waste, and shotgun shells. Any items left at a blind that can be washed away by rising water may be impounded for no more than 120 days, after which USACE will dispose of any unclaimed items. Trash dumping or bird cleaning on federal lands or waters is prohibited.

12. All duck blinds must be removed by 1 March following the conclusion of the hunting season. Failure to remove blinds may result in forfeiture of hunting privileges and issuance of a citation.

- a. The Authorized Blind Permit Holder shall be responsible for the total removal of the blind.
- b. The entire blind structure, including the support structure and all trash; must be removed from the project.
- c. Do not use Wallisville Lake Project dumpsters to dispose of blind materials. Violators will be subject to citation.
- d. Failure to remove the blind by March 1, may result in forfeiture of future hunting privileges, citations, and fines.

Any questions about these restrictions and regulations should be directed to a USACE Park Ranger at the project office.

A violation of any of the above rules and regulations or any state or federal hunting laws may subject the violator to a revocation of hunting privileges at the Wallisville Lake Project 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.