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SMALL GAME HUNTING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR HUNTING PERMIT HOLDERS 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 small game 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 at (409) 389-2285 and/or contact a Texas Parks and Wildlife Game Warden at (512) 389-4848. For emergencies, dial 911.

Small Game Hunting Permit Application Procedures:

Permit applications for small game hunters will be accepted from January 1 to January 31 on a first come first serve basis. Permit applications may be completed online at the Wallisville Lake Project website <http://www.swg.usace.army.mil/Locations/Wallisville-Lake-Project-Office/>. No more than 25 permits will be issued for small game 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 annual harvest report by the end of the season on May 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. 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. Hunters are responsible for knowing Texas State Game Laws. All applicable Texas State Seasons for Chambers County and Liberty County for each species apply.
3. 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 maintained roadways on any USACE property. Violators are subject to citations, fines, and impoundment of motor vehicles in violation.
4. 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. Hunters shall not discharge firearms towards open space in pipeline corridors. Maps are available at the Wallisville Lake Visitor Center.
5. 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.

6. 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.
7. From September 1 through January 31, airboat operations on project waters are restricted. All airboats must cease operation on waterways by 1pm. The only exceptions to this are USACE personnel, emergency personnel, or law enforcement operating in fulfillment of their duties.
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 spent ammunition casings. 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. Hunting hours at the Wallisville Lake Project shall begin at ½ hour before sunrise and shall conclude ½ hour after 12pm, daily. Hunters are responsible for knowing sunrise and times prior to hunting.
11. Only Rabbits, Squirrels, and Nutria are eligible for hunting under the Small Game Permit. Small game species with defined Texas hunting season dates are to be followed.
12. All hunters, 17 years of age and older, must obtain a Wallisville Lake Project (WLP) Small Game Hunting Permit. Persons under 17 years of age may hunt without hunter education 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.
13. Hunting small game from a boat is prohibited. Hunting is to be conducted by foot only. Boats may be used to access hunting areas.
14. All hunters must have in their possession their issued WLP Small Game Hunting permit, a current Texas State Hunting License, and proper identification (driver's license, etc.). Hunters born after Sept 1, 1971, must have proof of hunters' education or proof of exemption applicable by state law. Hunters are required to provide proof of applicable permits, licenses, and I.D. when asked by park rangers or law enforcement. Public hunting lands require 400 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange with 144 square inches appearing on both chest and back, and daylight fluorescent orange headwear must be worn.
15. 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 a WLP Hunting Permit. Shotguns must be unloaded while in transit to the hunting location. This includes while walking or boating to a hunting location. No lead shot is allowed on Federal Properties. Small Game may be taken by shotgun only using #4 through #8 shot. No other shot sizes are permitted. No centerfire, rim-fire, or air rifles are allowed.
16. All permit holders are responsible for submitting a harvest report by the conclusion of the season on May 31. Submissions will be done via online form that will be posted on the Wallisville website (<https://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.