

Wallisville Lake Project small game hunting permits available for 2026

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Galveston District's Wallisville Lake Project Office will continue issuing Small Game Hunting Permits online at the Wallisville Visitors Center for the 2026 season.

The 2026 season marks the eighth year of the Small Game Hunting Program, which provides additional public hunting opportunities at Wallisville Lake Project.

Permitting

A total of 25 Small Game Hunting Permits will be issued on a first come-first serve basis. Permits may be obtained starting February 1, 2026, and expire on May 31, 2026. Applications will open January 1, 2026.

Small Game Hunting Permits are free of charge and can be obtained by submitting an online application. Applications and instructions are available on the Wallisville Lake Project website at <https://www.swg.usace.army.mil/Locations/Wallisville-Lake-Project-Office/>. Applicants must carry proof of hunter education unless exempted by state law, a valid photo identification, their Corp issued hunting card, and a current state hunting license while hunting on Project lands. Local, state, and federal laws are enforced on all Corps-managed lands, and it's every hunter's responsibility to know and understand the rules and regulations before hunting.

Game Restrictions

Hunters are only allowed to take squirrel, nutria, and rabbit species from Wallisville Project Lands, under the Small Game Hunting Permit. Hunting hours shall begin at ½ hour before sunrise and shall conclude at 12:00 noon.

◀NEW▶ Harvest Reporting

All permit holders are responsible for submitting an annual harvest report after the conclusion of the season on May 31. Annual harvest reports are due by June 15 each year and are to be submitted via the link posted on the Wallisville website beginning in May. [Permit holders who fail to submit an annual report will not be eligible for a permit during the next season.](#)

Weapons

Shotguns are the only firearms allowed on the property under a Small Game Hunting Permit. The weapon must be unloaded while in transit to hunting locations. All shotguns must be removed from the Project by 1:00 p.m. Lead shot is not allowed on federal properties. Only shot between #4 and #8 is permitted.

Check State Regulations

The Wallisville Lake staff advises hunters to check with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department concerning state regulations, hunting seasons and bag limits; contact the Wallisville Lake Project

Office at (409) 389-2285 or view the Corps regulations at:
<http://www.swg.usace.army.mil/Locations/WallisvilleLakeProjectOffice.aspx>.

About Wallisville Lake Project

Located 40 miles east of downtown Houston at the Trinity River and Interstate 10, the Wallisville Lake Project is designed to primarily prevent the intrusion of saltwater up the Trinity River to conserve freshwater, and to protect freshwater intakes for local municipalities, including the City of Houston. In addition to protecting the freshwater supply, the Project supports navigation of commercial and recreational boats, serves as a water supply, is a favorite recreational destination among Houstonians and supports an array of fish and wildlife habitats. For more information about the Wallisville Lake Project Office, call (409) 389-2285 or visit the office website at <http://www.swg.usace.army.mil/Locations/WallisvilleLakeProjectOffice.aspx>.