

Wallisville Lake Project small game hunting permits available for 2023

WALLISVILLE LAKE PROJECT

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Galveston District's Wallisville Lake Project Office will continue issuing Small Game Hunting Permits online for the 2023 season, due to ongoing COVID-19 public health concerns. Permits will not be issued in person at the Wallisville Visitors Center.

The 2023 season marks the fifth year of the Small Game Hunting Program, which provides additional public hunting opportunities at Wallisville Lake Project.

Permitting

A total of 50 Small Game Hunting Permits will be issued on a first come-first serve basis. Permits may be obtained starting February 1 and expire on May 31, 2023.

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, and a current 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.

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 1:00p.m. Lead shot is not allowed on federal properties. Shot larger than #2, is not 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.svg.usace.army.mil/Locations/WallisvilleLakeProjectOffice.aspx>.