



Wallisville Lake Project

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WATERFOWL HUNTING RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations shall govern waterfowl hunting 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. For enforcement issues contact a park ranger or the park manager at 409-389-2285 and call 911 for local law enforcement agencies. For game and fish violations contact a Texas Parks and Wildlife game warden at 281-842-8100.

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 3, Rules and Regulations governing the use of water resource development projects administered by the US Army Corps of Engineers must be adhered to. Drunkenness, disorderly conduct, or violation of CFR Title 36 shall be sufficient cause to expel a hunter from the project.
2. All hunters 17 years of age and older must obtain and be in possession of a Wallisville Lake Project Hunting Permit in addition to a valid TX State Hunting Licenses. All hunters 16 years of age and younger must be accompanied by a hunter of at least 21 years age who is in possession of a valid Hunting Permit and a TX State Hunting License.
3. All hunters must have in their possession, in accordance with state and local laws, a current Texas State hunting license, Federal Duck stamp, State duck stamp, and proper identification (driver's license, etc.). Blind holders must have possession of their primary/alternate hunting permit. Primary/Alternate blind holders must be present in the blind for it to be occupied.
4. The construction of a seasonal, semi-permanent blind is prohibited without a Seasonal Blind Permit. 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. Blinds are not to be located on top of any shell area, attached to any live or dead tree, and must not be constructed of nearby vegetation. Defacement, destruction, removal, or injury to federal property is prohibited. Your permit with the seasonal blind permit number must be displayed so that it can be easily seen at the blind location. All blind must be completely removed each day unless it has a seasonal blind permit. Permitted blinds should be removed by March 1, after the season ends. Failure to remove blinds may result in forfeiture of hunting privileges and fines.
5. Hunters may hunt within 200 yard of an unoccupied permitted blind. However if the blind is occupied or becomes occupied by the permit holder the hunter must move immediately to at least 200 yards away from the permitted blind. The occupation of an unoccupied permitted blind is prohibited.
6. Decoy spreads, with the exception of spreads located a permitted blinds, must be removed at the end of each days hunt.
7. Hunting locations may be accessed by boat or by foot only. The use of motorized wheeled vehicles off of maintained roadways is prohibited. There should be no trespassing on private property to gain access to the project without the landowner's permission.
8. Hunting in **restricted** areas is prohibited. These 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, the Lost Lake Oil Field, and all areas east of the Trinity River and south of I-10. Hunters shall not discharge firearms in the direction of any public and primitive camping areas, the Wallisville townsite, the Ranger Station and Visitor Center, any boat ramp, Interstate 10, and any residential housing areas around the Project boundaries. For a detailed listing of prohibited areas please visit the Wallisville Lake Project Office.
9. Hunting hours at the Wallisville Lake Project shall begin at ½ hour before sunrise and shall conclude at 12:00 noon.

10. Shotguns are the only firearms allowed on the project and only during waterfowl hunting season by permit holders. Shotguns must be unloaded while in transit to the hunting location. This includes while walking or boating to a hunting location. A shotgun may be loaded if “jumping hunting” on foot or in a boat if the boat is not under power and is secured. No free shooting or sky busting is allowed. Hunting hours are ½ hour before sunrise until noon daily. All shotguns must be removed from the project by 1p.m. Only steel or non-toxic shot may be used for hunting.
11. 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 including retrieval dog waste and shotgun shells. Trash dumping or bird cleaning on federal lands or waters is prohibited.
12. Violations of state and federal hunting laws are sufficient cause to expel a hunter from the project and to terminate the blind permit for his or her hunting party.
13. All hunting violations should be promptly reported to the state game wardens or USACE park rangers.
14. Any questions about these restrictions and regulations should be directed to a USACE park ranger at the project office.
15. A violation of any of the above rules and regulations may subject the violator to a withdrawal 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.

Seasonal Duck Blind Drawing

1. Seasonal duck blind drawing applications will be accepted between May 1 and June 30 of each year. Duck blind applications can be obtained online and must be sent using the form available in its original format. Send blind applications to HuntWallisville@USACE.army.mil. Applications sent by other formats will not be accepted at any time.
2. Applications will be found at the Wallisville Website starting May 1.

<http://www.swg.usace.army.mil/Locations/Wallisville-Lake-Project-Office/>