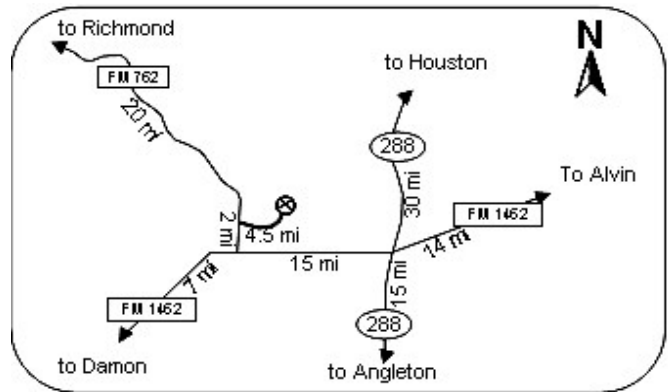




Brazos Bend State Park

Background

Brazos Bend State Park consists of 4975 acres located approximately 20 miles southeast of Richmond-Rosenberg in Fort Bend County. Most of the Park is in the Brazos River floodplain with bottomland habitat. Waterproof footwear is recommended for hunter comfort. Populations of White-tailed deer have increased to excessive numbers and public hunts were instituted as a population control measure.



Hunting Information

All park rules and regulations must be adhered to unless superseded by hunting regulations.

All selected hunters must attend a mandatory one-hour hunter orientation/safety training class at 12:00 p.m. on the first day of an assigned hunt period. The park will not be accepting any standby hunters.

The hunter check station is located at the group banquet hall in the interior of the Park. Permitted hunters should report to the Park headquarters by 11:00 a.m. on the first day of their assigned hunt period. A mandatory safety / rules orientation (First day of hunt -Tuesday from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.) will be provided to all hunters prior to hunting. Following the safety and rules orientation, Texas Parks and Wildlife personnel will take hunters to a pre-selected blind. Hunters are to remain in the blind until hunt personnel pick them up. Hunting will end at 10:30 a.m. on the final day of the assigned hunt. Hunters must contact the area as soon as possible if they are unable to attend their accepted hunt.

Hunters must wear a minimum of 400 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material with at least 144 square inches appearing on both chest and back and orange headwear.

Only one legally permissible means per hunter will be allowed into the hunt area. Rifles with center fire ammunition are the only permissible firearms to be used. Rimfire ammunition and use of dogs are prohibited.

Non-permitted visitors and family members will not be allowed on the Park during hunts except that a non-hunting adult assisting a permitted hunter with mobility disabilities will be allowed.

Hunters will be responsible for the reasonable care of their game after harvest, and cleaning stations will be available for skinning and quartering. No facilities for deer storage will be available on the Park, but commercial facilities are available in West Columbia and Needville.

A legal buck deer is defined as having a hardened antler protruding through the skin AND: at least one unbranched antler; or an inside spread measurement between main beams of 13 inches or greater.

Hunters are reminded that they must have a valid Texas Hunting License and any required stamp as required by statute. It is no longer necessary to use a hunting license tag on a deer taken during a Special Permit drawn hunt however, a TPWD Legal Deer Tag, issued at the area, must be attached to a harvested deer prior to leaving the hunt area. Hunters 17 years of age and older must have in their possession a valid I.D. Each hunter should also bring a flashlight, food, drinking water and foul weather gear.

Hunter Safety Education is required of Texas hunters born on or after September 2, 1971. (See the Texas Parks & Wildlife Outdoor Annual for more information.)

Disturbance or removal of plants, rocks, artifacts or other objects is prohibited.

The public display or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited. Hunters may not consume or be under the influence of alcohol while hunting.

Camping in the park's shelter area and the water and electric sites will be available at the park for permitted hunters. For camping information, call (512) 389-8900. The normal overnight camping fee will be charged to those hunters using the Park's facilities. Adequate lodging is available in Richmond-Rosenberg area. For information about the park, call (979) 553-5102.