



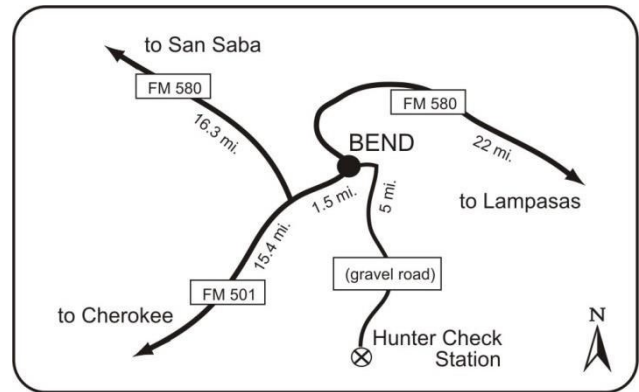
Colorado Bend State Park

Background

Colorado Bend State Park consists of 5,328 acres located approximately 4 miles south of the small community of Bend in San Saba County. Deer hunts were conducted on the acreage under private ownership through the 1986-hunting season and were reinstated under Department ownership during the 1988 season.

Hunting Information

The Hunt Headquarters is located at the park maintenance area. Permitted hunters must report to the Hunt Headquarters **one hour before the scheduled orientation** on the first day of their assigned hunt period. Camping will be available the night prior to the first day of the hunt period starting at 5:00PM. Hunters are required to attend the scheduled orientation for their hunt. Following orientation, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department personnel will guide hunters to their assigned blinds. **Hunters arriving after the start of scheduled orientation will not be permitted entrance to the park.**



Hunt Dates – Youth Only Gun Deer Either Sex:

10/31/2025 (Orientation 7:00 PM) – 11/02/2025 (Hunt ends 12:00 PM)

12/05/2025 (Orientation 7:00 PM) – 12/07/2025 (Hunt ends 12:00 PM)

Hunt Dates – Archery Deer Either Sex:

10/21/2025 (Orientation 9:00 AM) – 10/23/2025 (Hunt ends 12:00PM)

Hunt Dates – Gun Deer Antlerless/Spike:

11/18/2025 (Orientation 9:00 AM) – 11/20/2025 (Hunt ends 12:00 PM)

01/13/2026 (Orientation 9:00 AM) – 01/15/2026 (Hunt ends 12:00 PM)

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.

During hunts, only one legally permissible means per hunter will be allowed into the hunt area.

Non-permitted visitors and family members will not be allowed in the hunt area during hunts except that a non-hunting person directly assisting a permitted hunter with mobility disabilities will be allowed.

Hunters will be responsible for the reasonable care of their game after harvest. No facilities for deer storage will be available on the Park, but commercial facilities are available in Cherokee, Lampasas, Llano, Lometa and San Saba.

Hunters are reminded that they must have a **Special Permit, valid Texas Hunting License**, and any endorsements required by statute. It is no longer necessary to use a hunting license tag or bonus tag for a deer taken during a Special Permit drawn hunt. However, a TPWD Legal Deer Tag, issued at the area, must accompany a harvested deer prior to leaving the hunt area. Hunters 17 years of age and older, born on or after September 2, 1971, must have in their possession a valid I.D. and **Hunter Safety Education Certification** (see the Texas Parks & Wildlife Outdoor Annual for more information). Each hunter should also bring a flashlight, food, drinking water and foul weather gear.

Disturbance or removal of plants, rocks, artifacts or other objects is prohibited. The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.

Assigned areas contain blinds that are constructed from cattle panel with native brush coverage. Hunters may bring pop-up blinds.

Areas surrounding blinds will be pre-baited during the weeks leading up to hunts. Hunters may bring corn to bait. Bait corn must be labeled for wildlife use (aflatoxin less than 20 ppb) and in its original container. No other types of baits allowed.

Hunters' vehicles will be allowed into the hunt area only on designated roads. Vehicles with high clearance are recommended. Operation of offroad vehicles such as UTVs and ATVs is prohibited, except by hunters with a mobility disability or an adult directly assisting a hunter with a mobility disability. **Any hunter with a mobility disability that wishes to bring a UTV/ATV must obtain prior approval from the Park Superintendent.**

Accommodations for hunters with disabilities on public hunt sites vary between areas. If you would like to request accommodation, please contact each area directly at least 2 weeks in advance of your hunt to discuss the options that may be available.

Camping will be available in the Park for permitted hunters. Hunters may check-in to a campsite **no earlier than 5:00 PM the day prior to their orientation**. There are no hookups for electricity or water at the camping area, nor is there a trailer dump station available in the park. Composting/vault toilets and drinking water are available in the camping area. Campfires are allowed in the Park in designated fire rings only. The normal overnight camping fee will be charged to those hunters utilizing the park's facilities. Private motels and campgrounds are available in the surrounding towns of Lampasas, Llano and San Saba.

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