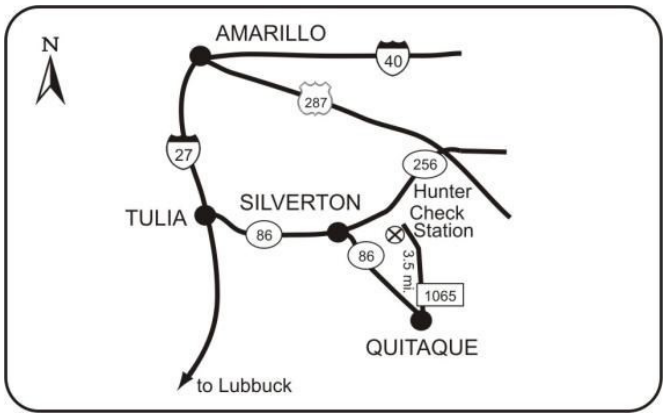
Caprock Canyons State Park
Public Hunting Information

Background

Caprock Canyons State Park is named for the scenic and rugged escarpment that separates the tablelands of the Southern High Plains from the Rolling Plains to the east. The 13,960-acre park is located in southeastern Briscoe County near the community of Quitaque, Texas. Although the park is bordered on the north by State Highway 256, the entrance is on the south and is accessible to Quitaque on Farm-to-Market Road 1065. For more information call (806) 455-1492.



Objectives

The department desires to restore and maintain healthy populations of native fauna and flora in natural habitats and to provide for compatible public use. Where game populations exceed carrying capacities of the habitats, the preferred method of reduction is public hunting. The hunts are designed to implement a biologically sound management practice by reducing the aoudad and feral hogs within the park. We hope to reduce pressure on available browse species and thereby reduce competitive pressure on the park's mule deer herd, as well as reduce or stop habitat destruction and alteration caused by exotic species.

General Information

- Permitted hunters should report to the Park headquarters by 9:00 a.m. on the first day of their assigned hunting period. **Hunters must contact the area as soon as possible if they are unable to attend their accepted hunt or not able to arrive on the first day for orientation.** Standby hunt applicants should report at 8:00 a.m. to complete the application process prior to the drawing any available Standby hunt positions. Hunters will report to the hunt staging area no later than noon on the third day of the hunt period to check out and vacate the area.
- All park rules and regulations must be adhered to unless superseded by hunting regulations.
- The Parks and Wildlife Department retains the right to cancel permits, alter bag limits, or stopping the hunt at any time.

- The bag and possession limits for the will be as printed on your Special Access permits.
- Hunters must visibly 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.
- Hunters will be responsible for the reasonable care of their game after harvest. No facilities for game storage will be available on the Park.
- Use of dogs, horses, and ATV/UTVs are prohibited.
- Non-permitted visitors and family members will not be allowed on the Park during hunts, unless a non-hunting adult is assisting a permitted hunter with mobility disabilities or a permitted youth hunter.
- Hunters are reminded that they must have a valid Texas Hunting License, any required stamp and appropriate tags, or bonus white-tailed deer tag(s) as required by statute.
- Hunters born on or after September 2, 1971 are required to have completed the Hunter Education Certification. See the Texas Parks & Wildlife Outdoor Annual for more information.
- Disturbance or removal of plants, rocks, artifacts, or other objects is prohibited.
- The display or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in public areas.
- Caprock Canyons State Park is the home of the Official Bison herd of the state of Texas. This historic herd roams the entire park and are protected. Hunters may encounter bison in assigned compartments. Please stay at least 50 yards away from the bison at all time for your safety as well as theirs.
- Camping will be available on the park for **permitted** hunters only. Multi-use campsites with electricity and water will be available for use. Normal park use fees will be charged to those hunters using the Park's facilities.
- Vehicular access is restricted to established roadways. Hunters are responsible for driving to their compartment.
- Because of the extremely rugged terrain in portions of the park, hunters should be prepared for a very strenuous hunt that may occur during severe winter conditions such as freezing rain or snow. Also, the removal of the harvested animal from portions of the park to the nearest road or pickup point can be very strenuous because of the terrain and size of the larger animals (200 lbs. Plus).
- 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.

Call (806) 455-1492 for more information on the Park.