



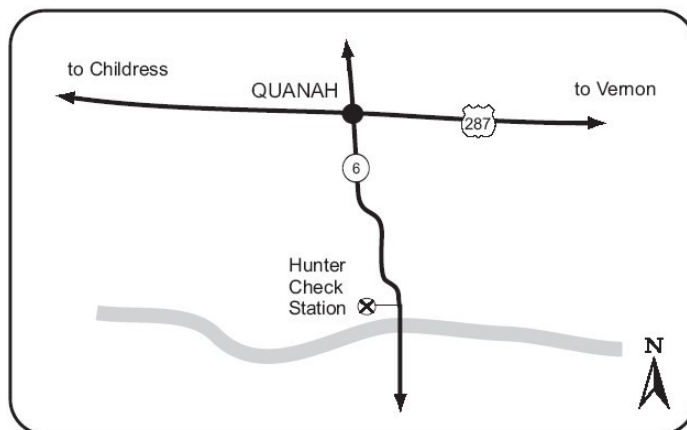
Copper Breaks State Park

Public Hunting Information

Background

Copper Breaks State Park consists of 1956 acres, 12 miles south of Quanah or 9 miles north of Crowell, in Hardeman County. The park was acquired by purchase from a private owner in 1970 under the State Parks Bond Program and was opened in 1974. The park features rugged, scenic beauty with mixed grass/mesquite-covered mesas and juniper breaks. North Texas wildlife abounds at Copper Breaks State Park. Roadrunners, great blue herons,

many species of ducks, meadow larks, quail, doves, cardinals, owls, flickers, bluebirds, kites, hawks and mockingbirds are just a few of the many species of birds found in the park. Most species of mammals in the park are best viewed during the early morning and late evening hours. The public hunts are being conducted to control the impact to natural resources on the park. Access to the park will be limited to drawn participants. Hunters may use park camping facilities for which the standard fee is charged. For more information, contact the Park headquarters (940) 839-4331.



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. We hope to reduce pressure on available browse species and thereby reduce competitive pressure on the park's deer herd, as well as reduce or stop habitat destruction and alteration caused by exotic species.

Orientation

Deer Hunts: Permitted hunters must report to the Park headquarters by **10:00 a.m. the day before** the first day of their scheduled hunt for **mandatory** orientation. **No latecomers will be accepted.** No standbys. Hunters should be able to show proof of hunting licenses, any required stamps, tags and/or APH permit during orientation. **Hunters must contact the area as soon as possible if they are unable to attend their accepted hunt.** Deer Hunts will begin one half

hour before sunrise on the first day and end at noon on the last day of their scheduled hunt period. 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 at all times regardless of species hunted.

Waterfowl Hunts: Permitted hunters must report to the Park headquarters by **10:00 a.m. on the first day** of their scheduled hunt for **mandatory** orientation. No standbys. Hunters should be able to show proof of hunting licenses, any required stamps, tags and APH permit during orientation. **Hunters must contact the area as soon as possible if they are unable to attend their accepted hunt.** Hunters are recommended to bring pop up blinds or layout blinds for waterfowl hunts. Shotguns with non-toxic shot are the only legal means for waterfowl. Retrieving dogs are allowed during the hunt only, while in camp retrieving dogs must be kept on a leash and supervised at all times.

Hunt Information

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 stop the hunt at any time.

1. Hunters will be responsible for the reasonable care of their game after harvest. No facilities for game storage will be available at the Park.
2. Before leaving hunters need to check out at the designated checkout station.
3. Use of dogs and horses is prohibited.
4. ATV's, UTV's are not allowed.
5. Non-permitted visitors and family members will not be allowed on the Park during hunts, unless a non-hunting adult assisting a permitted hunter with mobility disabilities.
6. Hunters are reminded that they must have a valid Texas Hunting License, any required stamp and appropriate tags 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.
7. Disturbance or removal of plants, rocks, artifacts or other objects is prohibited.
8. The display or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
9. 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. Call (940) 839-4331 for more information about the Park.
10. Vehicular access is restricted to established roadways. Vehicles may not proceed beyond the designated Staging area/parking lot, unless written approval is obtained from the Park Superintendent.

11. 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.

For more information, please contact the Copper Breaks State Park headquarters at (940) 839-4331.