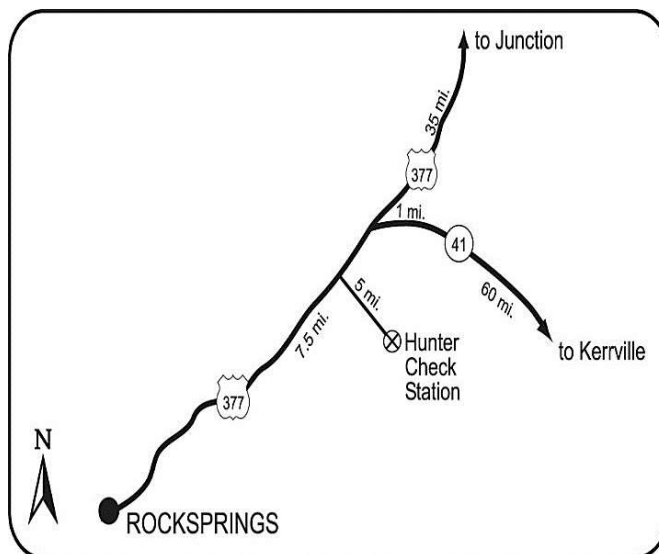


Devil's Sinkhole State Natural Area

Background

Devil's Sinkhole State Natural Area consists of approximately 1,859 acres on the Edwards Plateau about six miles northeast of Rocksprings in Edwards County off Hwy. 377. The topography of the area is gently rolling with relatively deep canyons on the extreme southern boundary. The most significant feature of the park is a vertical cave with an opening approximately sixty feet in diameter and a vertical drop of approximately 140 feet. Large numbers of Mexican Free-tailed Bats utilize this cave. Live oak represents the dominant woody vegetation on the property. The Devil's

Sinkhole State Natural Area is currently closed to public visitation and is accessible only via guided tour. The objectives of the department are to restore and maintain healthy populations of native fauna and flora in natural habitats and provide for compatible public use. Where game populations exceed the carrying capacity of the habitat the preferred reduction method is public hunting.



Hunting Information

Hunters possessing a special permit should report to the Devil's Sinkhole SNA headquarters located at 116 North Well Street, Suite B, Rocksprings, TX 78880 at 9:00 a.m. on the first day of their assigned hunt 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. Following a brief orientation, hunters will be escorted to the Devil's Sinkhole SNA and directed to a pre-selected area designated by Parks and Wildlife personnel. Hunters must hunt only in assigned compartments. Hunting will end at 11:00 a.m. on the final day of the assigned hunt. For more information call the Devil's Sinkhole SNA Superintendent at (432) 207-2855.

All park rules and regulations must be adhered to unless superseded by hunting regulations.

- Hunters must visibly wear a minimum of 400 square inches of fluorescent orange material with no less than 144 square inches plainly visible on both chest and back. Orange headgear is also mandatory.

- Special Restrictions: Centerfire rifles .243 caliber or larger are the only means which may be possessed or used during the gun hunts.
- Use of dogs is prohibited.
- Non-permitted visitors and family members will not be allowed on the State Natural Area during hunts except for a non-hunting adult assisting a permitted hunter with mobility disabilities.
- Hunters will be responsible for the reasonable care of their game after harvest. No facilities for deer storage will be available at the state natural area. Commercial facilities are available in Rocksprings.
- Hunters are reminded that they must have a valid Texas hunting license, any required stamp as required by statute. It is no longer necessary to use a hunting license tag or bonus tag on a deer taken during a Special Permit drawn hunt. However, a TPWD Legal Deer Tag, issued at the state natural area, must be attached to a harvested deer prior to leaving the hunt area.
- Hunters 17 years or under must have in their possession a driver's license or personal identification certificate. Hunter Safety Education is required of hunters born on or after September 2, 1971 (See the Texas Parks & Wildlife Outdoor Annual for more information).
- Each hunter should also bring water, food, flashlight, and foul weather gear. Drinking water is not available on the state natural area.
- Disturbance or removal of plants, rocks, artifacts, or other objects is prohibited.
- Hunting from a vehicle or the possession of a loaded firearm in or on a motor vehicle is prohibited, except as allowed by special provisions for hunters with mobility disabilities.
- It is an offense for a person to be under the influence of alcohol or consume an alcoholic beverage while engaged in hunting activities or to publicly consume or display an alcoholic beverage while on the State Natural Area.
- It is illegal to operate an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or off-road vehicle (ORV) on a State Natural Area, except as allowed by special provisions for hunters with mobility disabilities.
- 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 is not available in the State Natural Area. Commercial lodging is available in Rocksprings.

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