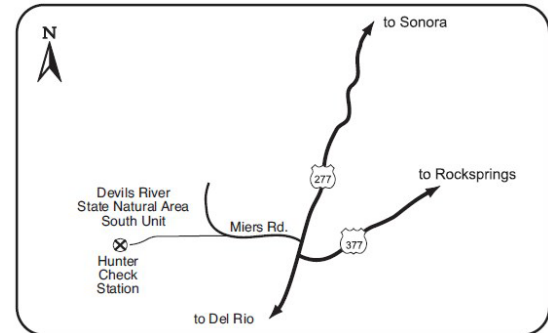




Devils River State Natural Area Dan Allen Hughes Unit

Background

Devils River State Natural Area Dan Allen Hughes Unit consists of 17,000 acres located approximately 25 miles north of Del Rio in Val Verde County. Deer hunts were conducted on the acreage under private ownership through the 2010 hunting season and reinstated under Department ownership during the 2012 season.



Objectives of the Department are to restore and maintain healthy populations of native fauna and flora in natural habitats and to provide for compatible public use. Exotics found on the park escaped from enclosures when the area was under private ownership. The exotic population is scattered and sparse. Hunting is a practical and preferred method of controlling deer and exotics to prevent them from impacting the ecosystem. For more information call (830) 313-0681

Information on Special Permit Hunts

Permitted hunters should report to the Park Headquarters by 10:00 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. Hunters are allowed to arrive on the Thursday before the day of their respective hunt but are restricted to the airstrip camping area (No scouting of site). Following a mandatory orientation, hunters will be directed to an area pre-selected by TPWD personnel. Hunters must hunt only in assigned compartments but may come and go from their compartments at their leisure. Hunting will end at 1:00 p.m. on the final day of the assigned hunt.

The area's terrain is extremely rugged and remote. The use of a 4-wheel drive high ground clearance vehicle is STRONGLY recommended and is required in certain areas. The terrain is rough and steep in places making walking difficult. Road access to and within each hunting area varies greatly. Hunters should anticipate extensive walking / hiking either to access and/or once inside their assigned hunting areas as vehicle access is limited to designated roads (no off-road driving in vehicles is allowed) The vegetation is dense and will scratch vehicle finishes. Only street legal vehicles will be allowed in the area – no ATV's or ORVs allowed except by qualified hunters with mobility disabilities and those assisting qualified hunters with mobility disabilities.

Please review the rules to ensure you have the proper documentation and equipment **before** arriving.

Hunters, except on archery only hunts and hunts for turkey or migratory birds only, 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.

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

Baiting is not allowed. Hunters will be responsible for the reasonable care of their game after harvest. No facilities for game storage will be available on the Park.

Hunters are reminded that they must have a valid Texas Hunting License, as required by statute. Hunters 17 years of age and older must have in their possession a valid I.D. Texas Hunter Education certification is required of Texas hunters born on or after September 2, 1971 (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 and punishable by law. The public display or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.

Primitive camping(no electricity or water) will be allowed along the paved airstrip on the Natural Area. Private motels and campgrounds are available in the surrounding towns of Del Rio, Amistad Lake-Rough Canyon Area and Sonora.

The Dan Allen Hughes Unit is not currently fully open to the public. Hunters will receive an email containing additional hunt details and logistical information soon after they are drawn for this hunt. For more information call (830) 313-0681