

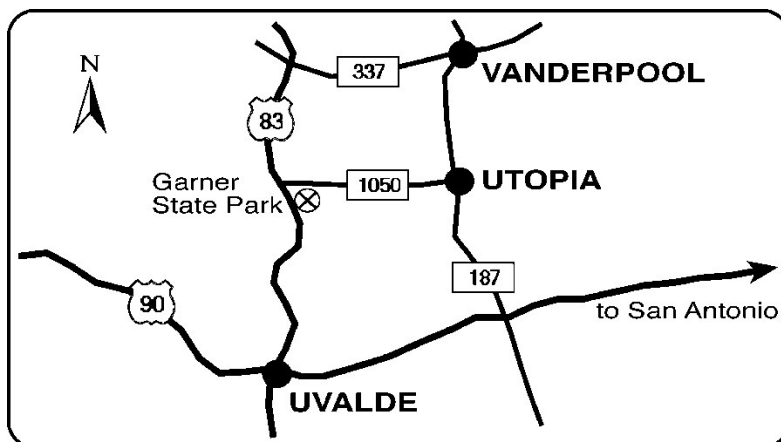


Garner State Park

Background

Garner State Park consists of 1,774 acres located 31 miles north of Uvalde and ten miles south of Leakey on U.S. 83 to Ranch Road 1050. This Park is located along the Frio River in the Edwards Plateau region of the State. Habitat consists of oak and mesquite bottomland surrounded by steep limestone hills, covered with dense juniper and oak woods. Interesting fauna of this Park include the endangered black-

capped vireo and golden cheeked warbler. Populations of white-tailed deer and exotic animals have increased unchecked under total protection to excessive numbers.



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. Where game populations exceed the carrying capacity of the habitat, the preferred method of reduction is public hunting. For more information call (830) 536-6132.

Hunting Information

All park rules and regulations must be adhered to unless superseded by hunting regulations.

Permitted hunters should report to the Park headquarters by 11:00 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.** Standby hunters should report to the park by 10:00 a.m. on the first day of the desired hunt period to complete the application process. Standby hunters will be drawn as vacancies permit at 11:00 a.m.

Gun Hunts: Following brief orientation, Texas Parks and Wildlife personnel will take hunters to a pre-selected blind. Hunters are to remain in the blind until hunt personnel picks them up. Legal means include centerfire rifles only. Hunters' vehicles will not be allowed into the hunt area, except for hunters with mobility disabilities who may hunt from a stationary motor vehicle. Operation of an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or off-road vehicle (ORV) is prohibited, except by

hunters with mobility disabilities or an adult directly assisting the permitted hunter with mobility disabilities.

Archery Hunts: Following brief orientation, hunters will be issued a map to their drawn compartment and given instructions on how to check in/out during the hunt. All legal archery season equipment will be allowed.

All Hunters: Hunting will end at 11:00 a.m. on the final day of the assigned hunt.

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.

Use of dogs is prohibited.

Non-permitted visitors and family members will not be allowed on the Park during hunts except that a non-hunting adult 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 Uvalde and Leakey.

Hunters are reminded that they must have a Special Permit and valid Texas Hunting License. It is no longer necessary to use a hunting license tag or bonus tag for on a deer taken during a Special Permit drawn hunt however a TPWD Legal Deer Tag, issued at the area, must be attached to a harvested deer prior to leaving the hunt area. Only hunters with permits will be admitted. No substitutions allowed within drawn hunt positions.

Hunters 17 years of age and older must have in their possession a valid I.D. Hunter Safety Education is required of Texas hunters at least 17 years old and 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.

The public display or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited. Hunters may not consume or be under the influence of alcohol while hunting.

Camping will be available on the park for permitted hunters. Shelters, and multi-purpose campsites with electricity, water will be available for use. For site information call the Park at (830) 232-6132. The normal overnight camping fees will be charged to hunters. Adequate lodging is available in Leakey and Uvalde.