



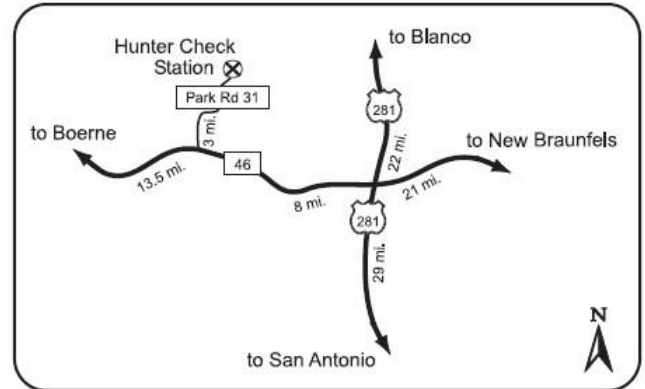
Honey Creek State Natural Area

Background

Honey Creek State Natural Area consists of 2,279 acres located approximately four miles southwest of Spring Branch in Comal County. The property was acquired by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department during 1985 from the Texas Nature Conservancy and is preserved as a natural area.

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.



Hunting Information

All park rules and regulations must be adhered to unless superseded by hunting regulations.

Permitted hunters should report to Park Headquarters at 9:00 a.m., but no later than 9:15 a.m. to complete paperwork on the first day of their assigned hunt. Mandatory orientation begins promptly at 11:00 a.m. **Hunters must contact the park as soon as possible if they are unable to attend their accepted hunt. Additionally, only one orientation will be provided –failure to appear prior to 9:15 a.m. will cause a forfeit of your hunt.**

Standby positions will be available should a slot not be filled by the lottery draw. However, there are no guaranteed standby slots. Please call (830) 438-2656 to check on the status the day prior to the scheduled hunt. If available, the standby drawing will take place at 9:15 a.m. at the front gate entrance to the park.

Directions to the park entrance: take State Highway 46 approximately 8 miles west from the intersection of U.S. Highway 281 and State Highway 46, turn north (right) onto Park Road 31 and go approximately 3 miles. The entrance is well marked.

Orientation for the hunt begins promptly at 11:00 a.m. at the Amphitheater, located behind the Discovery Center building. Following the orientation, Texas Parks and Wildlife personnel will take hunters to their assigned blinds. Hunting will end 30 minutes after sunset 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.

Legal means are **center-fire rifles** only.

Hunters will be responsible for the reasonable care of their game after harvest. No facilities for deer storage are available, but a cleaning station is available at the park. Commercial facilities are available in Boerne and New Braunfels.

Hunters must have a valid Texas Hunting License and any required stamp per 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 park, must be attached to a harvested deer prior to leaving the hunt area. Hunters 17 years of age and older must have in their possession a valid I.D. Hunter Safety Education is required of Texas hunters born on or after September 2, 1971 (see the Texas Parks and Wildlife Outdoor Annual for more information).

Each hunter should bring a flashlight, food, drinking water, a folding chair if you don't want to sit on a wooden bench, and inclement weather gear. **Be prepared to hike up to ½ mile to your assigned blind.**

Disturbance or removal of plants, rocks, artifacts, or other objects is prohibited.

The public display or consumption of alcoholic beverages is **prohibited**. No hunter shall consume or be under the influence of alcohol while in the field hunting or on park property.

Hunters' vehicles will not be allowed into the hunt area, except hunters with mobility disabilities 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. Park Superintendent approval is needed prior to ATV or ORV use.

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 will be available at the park for permitted hunters. Multi-purpose campsites with electricity, water and tent pads are available. Be prepared to pay campsite fees in-person at check-in. Additional lodging opportunities are available nearby in Bulverde and/or Boerne. For more information about the park call (830) 438-2656.

Any guests wishing to camp with the hunter must be approved by the Park Superintendent prior to arrival. Guests will not be allowed to accompany hunters to the blinds unless it is to facilitate a disability. Youth hunters, as defined by the State of Texas, are any person under the age of 17. During youth hunts, all youth hunters must be always accompanied by one adult.