

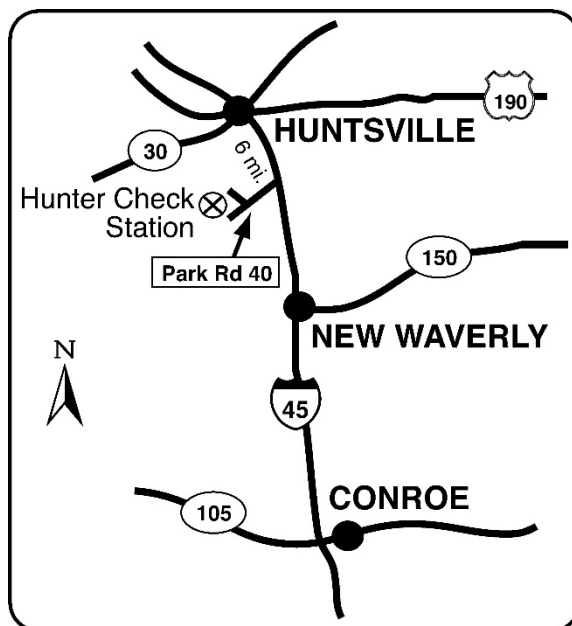
## Huntsville State Park

### Background

Huntsville State Park is in Walker County just off I-45 Exit 109 on Park Road 40. The park is located in the East Texas Piney Woods adjacent to the Sam Houston National Forest on the extreme southwestern edge of the Yellow Pine Forest. Objectives of the department are to restore and maintain healthy populations of native fauna and flora in their 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

- Permitted hunters should report to the State Park headquarters by 11:00 a.m. the day before their assigned hunt period. There will be no standby opportunities available for this hunt. **Hunters must contact the area as soon as possible if they are not able to attend their accepted hunt or arrive on the first day for orientation.** One hour before legal shooting light on the first day of hunt period, Texas Parks and Wildlife personnel will direct hunters to a hunt area. Hunters will hunt from assigned blinds or compartments and park personnel will transport hunters to and from hunt areas. Hunting will end at the end of legal shooting light on the final day of the assigned hunt.
- Non-permitted visitors and family members will not be allowed in the Park during hunts except for a non-hunting adult assisting a permitted hunter with a mobility disability.
- All park rules and regulations must be adhered to unless superseded by hunting regulations.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 daylight fluorescent orange material, with at least 144 square inches appearing on both chest and back. Orange headwear is also required.
- Hunters should bring a stool or bucket to sit on as most blinds/stands do not have chairs or seats. Use of dogs is prohibited.



- Legal means include centerfire rifles or shotguns with slugs or buckshot.
- Hunters will be responsible for the reasonable care of their game after harvest. No facilities for deer storage will be available in the Park. Commercial facilities are available in the nearby city of Huntsville.
- Hunters are reminded that they must have a valid Texas Hunting License, 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 area, 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 & 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 display or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
- Off-road vehicle use and hunting from a vehicle is prohibited. Operation of an all terrain vehicle (ATV) or off-road vehicle (ORV) is prohibited.
- 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 Facilities**

- Camping will be available in the park for permitted hunters. Multi-purpose campsites with electricity, water and tent pads will be available for use. Reservations are not required but will be accepted in advance. The normal overnight camping fee will be charged to those hunters using the Park's facilities. Phone (936) 295-5644 for more information about the park. Lodging is also available in the city of Huntsville.

**For further information, call the Huntsville State Park Headquarters at (936) 295-5644.**