



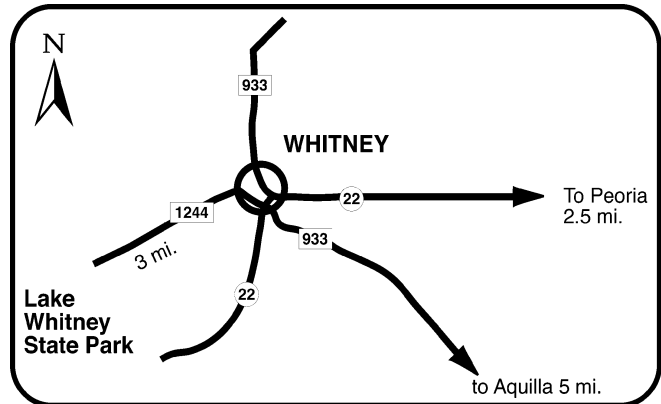
LAKE WHITNEY STATE PARK

BACKGROUND

Lake Whitney State Park consists of approximately 775 acres on the eastern shore of Lake Whitney in Hill County. The park is located 2.5 miles southwest of Whitney on FM 1244. The area consists of rolling grassland with scattered stands of mesquite, cedar elm, hackberry, live oak, and post oak. The Park will be closed to the public during the hunt. Entrance fees will be waived to drawn hunters.

An objective of the department for this hunt is to provide additional hunting opportunities for Texas sportsmen.

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All park rules and regulations must be adhered to unless superseded by hunting regulations.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 12 noon 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 front gate of the park by 12 noon the first day of the desired hunt period to complete the application process. Standby hunters will be drawn at 12:30 p.m. as vacancies permit. 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 pick them up. 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. Baiting is allowed.

Non-permitted hunters, visitors, and family members will not be allowed on the park during hunts except that a non-hunting adult assisting a permitted handicapped hunter will be allowed.

Hunters will be responsible for the reasonable care of their game after harvest. No facilities for cold storage are available on the park.

Hunters are reminded that they must have a valid Texas Hunting License, and any required stamp as required by statute. 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. 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.

Public display or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited. Hunters may not consume or be under the influence of alcohol while hunting. Disturbance or removal of plants, rocks, artifacts, or other objects is prohibited.

Camping will be available on the park for permitted hunters. The normal overnight camping fees will apply. Campsites with water and electricity will be available. A trailer dump station and rest room with showers are available in the camping area. For more information, contact the park at (254) 694-3793.

SPECIAL RESTRICTION: Muzzleloaders of .45 caliber and larger are the only weapons which may be possessed or used during these hunts. To ensure hunter and staff safety, a percussion cap will be discharged from the firearm in a safe direction at the end of each hunt.

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