Ray Roberts Lake State Park – Isle du Bois
Youth Only Gun Deer Antlerless/Spike

Background

Ray Roberts Lake State Park – Isle du Bois Unit is located in Denton County, ten miles east of Sanger on F.M. 455 (Sanger is 12 miles north of Denton on I-35).

This hunt will be conducted in predetermined blind locations. Blinds and Feeders will be set out prior to the hunt to help attract deer into the blind area. It is recommended hunters bring their own chairs for the hunt. Hunters will be driven to and from the blind locations via UTV or park vehicle.

These hunts are being conducted as a natural resource management tool to help protect the parks natural resources. The park will be closed to the public and entrance will be limited to hunters only for the duration of the hunt. Hunters may use park camping facilities for which the standard fee is charged.

For more information, contact the Isle du Bois Park headquarters (940) 686-2148.

Objectives

The department desires 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 carrying capacities of the habitats, the preferred method of reduction is public hunting. The hunts are designed to implement a biologically sound management practice.

We hope to reduce pressure on available browse species and thereby reduce competitive pressure on the park's deer herd, as well as reduce or stop habitat destruction and alteration caused by exotic species.

General Information

All park rules and regulations must be adhered to unless superseded by hunting regulations. The Parks and Wildlife Department retains the right to cancel permits, alter bag limits or stopping the hunt at any time.

- Permitted hunters and supervising adults should report to the Park headquarters between 9:00am-10:30 a.m. on the first day of their assigned hunt period. Hunters must contact the park as soon as possible if they are unable to attend their accepted hunt, or not able to arrive on the first day by 10:30 am. Standby hunt applicants should report before 10:30 a.m. to complete the application process prior to drawing for any available Standby hunt positions.

Following a brief orientation, hunters will be assigned a hunt blind and feeder. Texas Parks and Wildlife personnel will transport hunters to their assigned blinds.

- Hunts will begin on day one, following the hunt orientation, and end 30 minutes after sunset on the second day.
- Only the youth hunter and a supervising adult will be allowed in the hunting area. A permitted supervising adult is required to accompany hunters under the age of 17 at all times.
- Adult supervisors must be 18 years of age or older and must have in their possession a valid I.D. Hunter Safety Education is required for Texas hunters born on or after September 2, 1971 (See the Texas Parks & Wildlife Outdoor Annual for more information).
- Hunters are reminded that they must have a Special Permit. Only hunters with permits will be admitted. No substitutions will be allowed within drawn hunt positions.
- Only youth may harvest game during youth hunts.
- All hunters and adult supervisors must have a valid Texas hunting license.
- The bag and possession limits for the Youth Gun Deer Either Sex hunts will be two white-tailed deer. Legal means include shotguns with slugs and centerfire rifles only.
- 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 and orange headwear.
- Hunters will be responsible for the reasonable care of their game after harvest. No facilities for game storage will be available on the Park.
- Vehicular access is restricted. Vehicles may not proceed beyond the designated Staging area unless written approval is obtained from the Park Superintendent.
- Use of dogs and horses is prohibited.
- Disturbance or removal of plants, rocks, artifacts or other objects is prohibited. The display or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
- Camping will be available in the park. Normal park use fees will be charged to those hunters using the Park's facilities.
- 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.

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