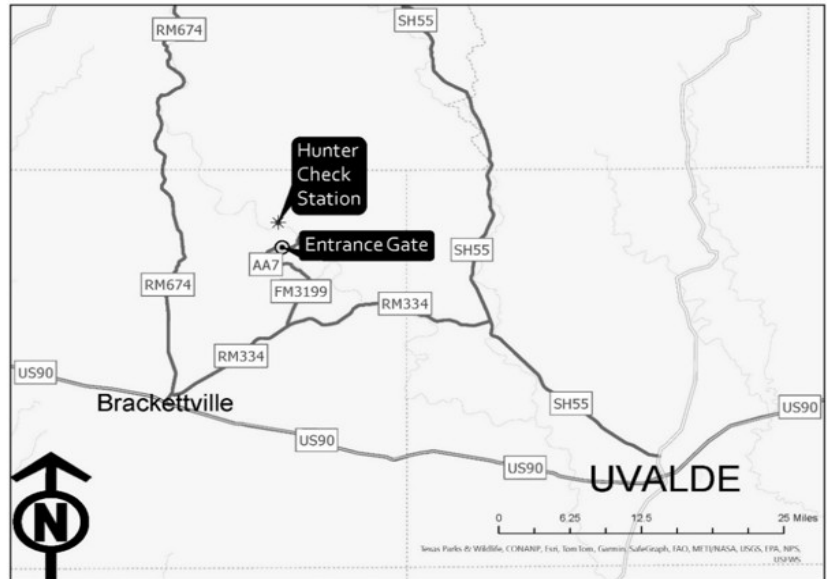




Silver Lake State Park

Background

Silver Lake State Park is located at 11217 Tularosa Road (FM 3199), Brackettville, 78832, (29.51775° N, 100.27051° W) approximately 20 miles northeast of Brackettville in Kinney and Edwards Counties. It consists of 54,000 acres and is defined by rolling topography, the West Nueces River, and smaller creek corridors. The park has rugged habitats that include scrubby brushlands, grassy openings, juniper and oak woodlands, and rocky outcroppings.



Silver Lake was acquired by TPWD in 2026 using the Centennial Parks Conservation Fund. This will be the first public hunt occurring on the new property.

Objectives of the Department are to restore and maintain healthy populations of native fauna and flora in their natural habitats and to provide compatible public use. The preferred method of managing native wildlife game populations is with public hunts. Public hunts are also an important opportunity to control and manage populations of exotic, invasive wildlife such as feral hogs.

Orientation

The Hunt Headquarters Check Station is located at the park's homestead complex ~2.5 miles north of the park entrance gate on Tularoosa Rd. Permitted hunters should report to the hunter check station at **10:00 a.m. on the first day of their assigned hunt period (one hour prior to orientation)**. Hunters arriving after the start of scheduled orientation may not be permitted into the park. Following a brief orientation, hunters will be assigned to a compartment designated by Parks and Wildlife personnel. Hunters must hunt only in assigned compartments. Hunting will end at noon on the final day of the assigned hunt. All park rules and regulations must be adhered to unless superseded by hunting regulations. Standby hunting is not offered.

Hunting Information

It is recommended that hunters have a four-wheel drive vehicle or a rough country high clearance vehicle to participate in this hunt. A jeep or four wheeled drive vehicle that has an elevated seat in the bed of the vehicle or on the back of a jeep, is strictly prohibited.

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.

During hunts, only one legally permissible means per hunter will be allowed into the hunt area.

Non-permitted visitors and family members will not be allowed in the hunt area during hunts except that a non-hunting person 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 Brackettville.

Hunters are reminded that they must have a **Special Permit, valid Texas Hunting License**. It is no longer necessary to use a hunting license tag or bonus tag for a deer taken during a Special Permit drawn hunt. However, a TPWD Legal Deer Tag, issued at the area, must accompany a harvested deer prior to leaving the hunt area. Hunters 17 years of age and older, born on or after September 2, 1971, must have in their possession a **valid Hunter Safety Education Certification** (see the Texas Parks & Wildlife Outdoor Annual for more information).

Each hunter should also bring a flashlight, food, drinking water, and foul weather gear.

Hunters should bring their own portable blinds as blinds will not be provided.

Hunters may bring corn; corn must be labeled for wildlife use (aflatoxin less than 20 ppb) and in its original container. No other types of baits allowed.

Hunters' vehicles will be allowed into the hunt area only on designated roads. Operation of off-road vehicles such as UTVs and ATVs is prohibited, except by hunters with a mobility disability or an adult directly assisting a hunter with a mobility disability. **Any hunter with a mobility disability that wishes to bring a UTV/ATV (or is seeking any other accommodation) must contact the park prior to the scheduled hunt orientation.**

Disturbance or removal of plants, rocks, artifacts, or other objects is prohibited. According to TPWD's Rules and Regulations "It is an offense for any person to take, remove, destroy, deface, tamper with, or disturb any rock, earth, soil, gem, mineral, fossil, or other geological deposit except by permit issued by the director. "Also, "It is an offense for any person to take,

remove, destroy, deface, tamper with, disturb, or otherwise adversely impact any prehistoric or historic resource, including but not limited to, buildings, structures, cultural features, rock art, or artifacts, except by written order of the director.”

This is a newly-acquired State Park without existing camping infrastructure, so camping at Silver Lake State Park is not possible. Camping reservations may be available (in advance) at Kickapoo Caverns State Park (approx. 1 hour drive). Private motels are available in the surrounding towns of Brackettville and Uvalde.

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.

To contact the park, please reach out to SilverLakeSP@tpwd.texas.gov.