Overview
Palo Duro Canyon State Park consists of more than 29,000 acres in Armstrong and Randall Counties, south of Amarillo in the Texas Panhandle. Palo Duro Canyon is located on the southern high plains, an area called El Llano Estacado or “staked plains.” The canyon is approximately 120 miles long, 20 miles wide and 800 feet deep. The rim of the canyon is considered part of the short-grass prairie, while the elevated moisture of the canyon floor supports a greater diversity of plants, including some medium- and tall-grass species along with shrubs and trees.

The land was deeded by private owners in 1933. From 1933 until 1937, the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) sent six companies of young men and military veterans to Palo Duro Canyon to develop road access to the canyon floor as well as the visitor center, cabins, shelters and the park headquarters. The hard work of these dedicated individuals was important in the establishment of Palo Duro Canyon State Park which officially opened on July 4, 1934.

Man has inhabited Palo Duro Canyon for approximately 12,000 years. The Clovis and Folsom people first resided in the canyon and hunted large herds of mammoth and giant bison. Later, other cultures such as the Apache, Comanche and Kiowa utilized the canyon’s abundant resources.

Hunting Information
For more information about this hunt please contact the Park Superintendent or Hunt Manager designee (Jake Voigt) at (806) 488-2227.

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. Use of ATV’s and UTV’s is prohibited.
Non-permitted hunters, visitors and family members will not be allowed in the hunting zone of the Park during hunts except that a non-hunting adult 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 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. 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 appropriate clothing for extreme weather changes.

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 and other overnight stay arrangements may be available in the Park for permitted hunters. For more information, contact the Park Superintendent or Hunt Manager designee (Jake Voigt) at (806) 488-2227.