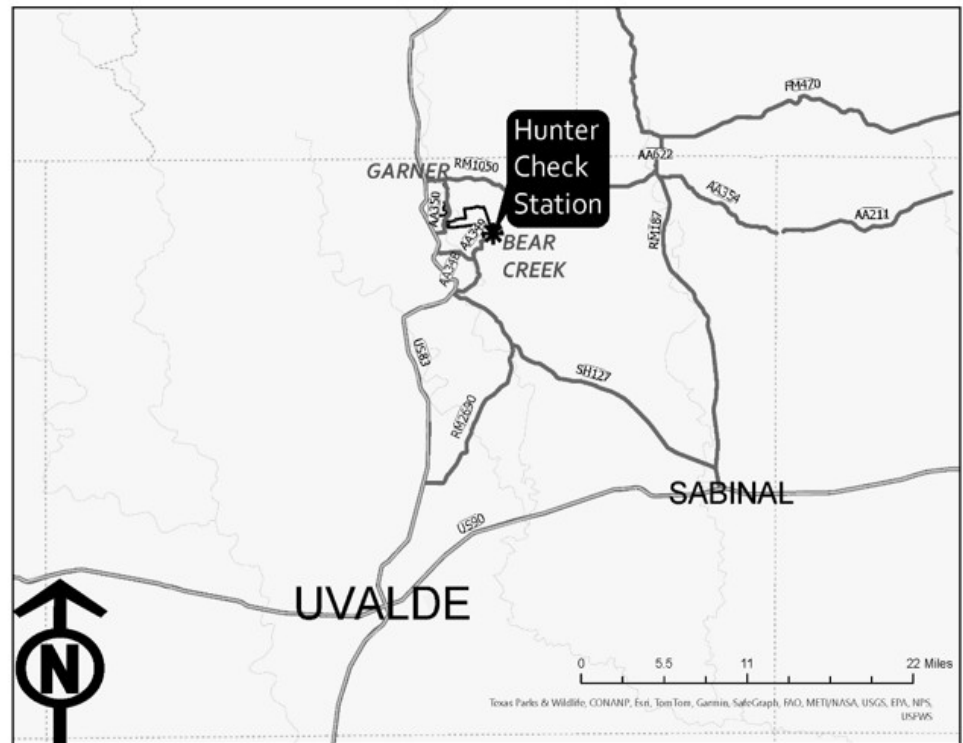




Bear Creek State Park

Background

Bear Creek State Park is located at 2503 County Road 349, Concan, 78838, approximately 20 miles northwest of Sabinal in Uvalde County. It consists of 1,720 acres and has a mixture of level floodplains with savannas and grasslands and steep woodlands. Bear Creek was acquired by TPWD in 2025 as part of the Centennial Parks Conservation Fund. This will be the first 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.

Hunting Information

The Hunt Headquarters Check Station is located at the park's homestead complex less than one quarter of a mile west of the park entrance gate on County Road 349. Permitted hunters must report to the Hunt Headquarters **one hour before the scheduled orientation** on the first day of their assigned hunt period. Hunters are required to attend the scheduled orientation for their hunt. Hunters arriving after the start of scheduled orientation will not be permitted entrance to the park. Following a brief orientation, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department personnel will guide hunters to their assigned blind locations. 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 All park rules and regulations must be adhered to unless superseded by hunting regulations.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.

- 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 in the Park, but commercial facilities are available in Uvalde, Sabinal, Hondo, and Utopia.
- Hunters are reminded that they must have a **Special Permit, and a 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 bring a flashlight, food, drinking water, and foul weather gear.
- Disturbance or removal of plants, rocks, artifacts or other objects is prohibited. The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
- Hunters should bring their own portable blinds as blinds will not be provided.
- Areas surrounding designated blind locations will be pre-baited during the weeks leading up to hunts. 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 are 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.**
- Accommodation for hunters with disabilities on public hunt sites vary between areas. If you would like to request accommodation, please contact the park directly at least 2 weeks in advance of your hunt to discuss the options that may be available.

This is a newly acquired State Park without existing camping infrastructure, so camping at Bear Creek State Park is not possible. Camping reservations may be available (in advance) at Garner State Park (approx. 30 minute drive). Private motels are available in the surrounding towns of Sabinal, Uvalde, and Hondo.

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