



Hunting Information and Regulations



Welcome to Lake Meredith National Recreation Area. Game species found here include dove, turkey, quail, duck, goose, whitetail and mule deer. To help improve game harvest estimates, and management of big game species, hunters should notify a National Park Service Ranger or Texas Game Warden after taking a deer.

General Information

The National Park Service wants all hunters to have a safe hunt. All hunters are required to have a Texas State Hunting License with appropriate endorsements to match the game being hunted. A Federal Duck Stamp is also required for those hunting migratory waterfowl.

Two areas in the Lake Meredith National Recreation Area are open to off-road vehicles (ORV): Blue Creek and Rosita Flats. Vehicle use in the Blue Creek area is to be confined to the creek bed. Rosita begins at the Park Boundary and ends at Chicken Creek. No motorized vehicles of any kind are permitted past Chicken Creek.



Seasons, Bag Limits and Regulations

Hunting seasons and bag limits for Lake Meredith National Recreation Area are outlined in our annual hunting brochure, available at park headquarters, or from any NPS ranger.

It is the responsibility of the hunter to be aware of applicable federal regulations on federal lands.

Fall Turkey Season as outlined in the Texas Parks and Wildlife Outdoor Annual is not observed at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area.

As outlined in our annual hunting brochure, only Gobblers may be harvested on Lake Meredith National Recreation Area.

Spring Turkey Season is Shotgun and Archery—Gobblers Only.

Safety

HUNTER ORANGE: During General Deer Season and Youth Whitetail Seasons, all hunters are required to wear hunter orange clothing, consisting of 400 square inches of daylight florescent orange with 144 square inches appearing on both chest and back, and daylight florescent orange headwear must be worn. **NOTE:** Migratory bird hunters on the waters of Lake Meredith are exempt.

WEATHER: Sudden changes in weather are common. Hunters should be equipped for severe weather. Always check local forecasts prior to hunting. Boaters should avoid lake areas exposed to severe winds, and wait in a sheltered area for calmer, safer conditions.

FIRES: Fires are permitted in established camping areas unless a burn ban is in effect. Fires should not be left unattended; they must be extinguished completely with water before leaving camp. No fires are permitted in the backcountry.



The employees and volunteers at Lake Meredith NRA want you to have a SAFE and enjoyable hunting experience.

Prohibited Activities

The following are PROHIBITED:

1. Poaching of out-of-season game. These incidents should be reported to a Park Ranger or a Texas Game Warden immediately.
2. Hunting of non-game animals. Exemption: rabbits, coyotes and raccoons may be hunted during quail season.
3. Baiting animals.
4. Use of artificial lighting (i.e. spotlighting) for hunting.
5. Hunting or releasing feral livestock within the boundaries of the park.
6. Permanent stands or blinds. Temporary blinds must have the hunter's name and telephone number on the blind, and the blind must be removed within 24 hours of hunt.
7. Discharge of a weapon other than legal taking of game, including target shooting or weapon sighting. Exemption: Primitive weapons may be discharged prior to transportation.
8. Carrying a handgun while archery hunting.
9. Loaded weapons inside a vehicle, on an ORV, or on vessels, unless the vessel on the water is not being propelled and is being used as a shooting platform.
10. Hunting or shooting from or across a roadway.
11. Traveling off designated roadways.
12. Operating an ORV outside designated areas.
13. Camping for more than 14 days. However, between October 1 and December 31, camping for hunting activities for up to thirty calendar days will be allowed if the equipment is identified with the hunter's name and telephone number.
14. Leaving a camp unattended for more than 24 hours.
15. Digging or leveling the ground for a camp area.
16. Firewood, such as pallets with nails/hardware, unless the hazards are removed before burning.



For further information about Lake Meredith National Recreation Area facilities, services and programs, write or call:

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In case of emergency, telephone 911.
For non-emergencies, telephone Borger
Dispatch at (806) 273-0930.