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Amistad National Recreation Area 2016-2017 Hunting Regulations





2016-17 Hunting Season General Hunting Information

-Hunting is allowed in 5 specific Hunt Areas; the remainder of Amistad National Recreation Area is closed to hunting.

-White-tailed deer, javelina, turkey, rabbit, exotic mouflon and aoudad sheep, exotic blackbuck, and feral hog can be hunted with compound, recurve, and long bows. Dove, quail, duck, and rabbit can be hunted with shotgun and birdshot. The species listed above are the only species allowed to be hunted in Amistad National Recreation Area.

-The use of rifles or handguns is prohibited in Amistad National Recreation Area.

-All hunters must have in their possession a valid Texas Hunting License, a National Park Service Annual Hunting Permit, a Driver's License or official photo identification card and Hunter Safety Course Certification (if required).

-The 2016 – 2017 hunting season brings a variety of new change regarding the purchases of the Amistad Annual Hunting Permit:

Option 1: Come in person to the Visitor Center and fill out the special use application form in person. The cost for a hunting permit is \$20 which can be paid with cash, credit or check. You will then be issued your hunting permit for the 2016-2017 hunting season.

Option 2: Download the special use application form from our park website, www.nps.gov/amis, and bring in the completed and signed form to the Visitor Center with the \$20 fee for the 2016-2017 hunting permit.

Option 3: Download the special use application form and mail in the completed and signed form to the park with a check for \$20. Checks must be made payable to the National Park Service. Upon receipt of the signed form and payment, a hunting permit will be mailed to you with the current Hunting Regulations booklet within 14 days. The special use application form and check can be mailed to: Amistad National Recreation Area, Attn: Hunting Permits, 4121 Veterans Blvd., Del Rio, TX 78840.

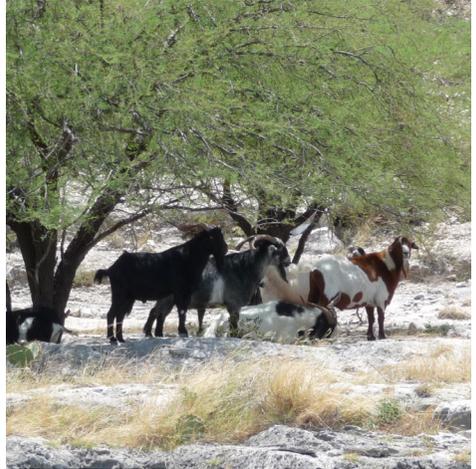
Option 4: Download the special use application form and scan and e-mail the completed and signed form to the park at amis_interpretation@nps.gov. A Visitor Use assistant will then contact you over the phone to collect the \$20 fee. Once the transaction is complete your hunting permit card along with the current Hunting Regulations booklet will be mailed to you in 14 days.

Option 5: Download the special use application form from the park website at www.nps.gov/amis. Once you have completed and signed the application form, you can give the signed form to a friend, family member, hunting partner, etc. They can then bring your signed form to the Park Visitor Center, pay the \$20 fee for you, and pick up your Annual Hunting Permit for you. They can do everything but sign the form for you. You have to be the one who signs your special use application form.

Domestic Animals--**Hunting Not Allowed**



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Rambouillet rams

Spanish goats



Photo courtesy of Harrington Ranch 2010



Photo courtesy of Devils River Lamb 2010

Boer goats

Dorper sheep

Exotic Animals--Hunting Allowed



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Aoudad sheep



Photo courtesy Texas Parks and Wildlife Department 2010,
(Chase Fountain TPWD)

Feral Hog



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Mouflon sheep



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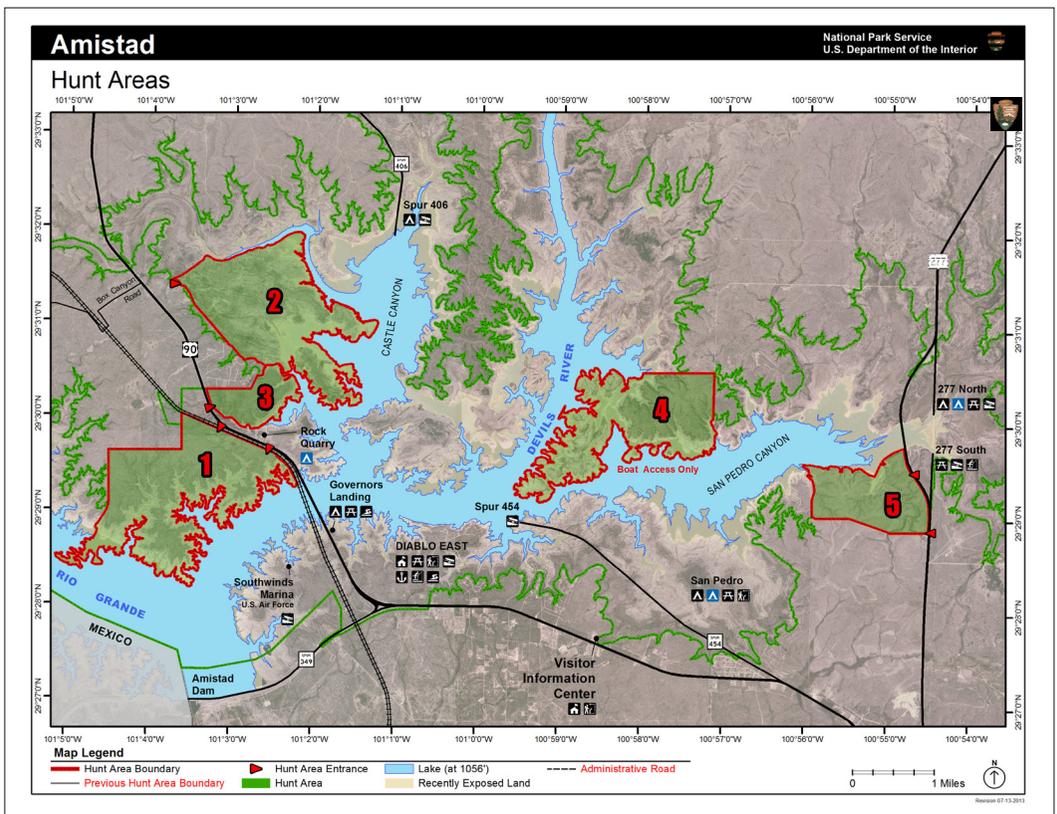
Blackbuck

The Amistad Visitor Center is located on Highway 90, six miles west of Del Rio. The Visitor Center is open every day from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. The park mailing address is: Amistad National Recreation Area, 4121 Veterans Blvd., Del Rio, TX 78840 .

-Hunt Area #2 is subject to periodic closure when the National Park Service gun range is in use for official purposes. Signs will be posted at the entrance to Hunt Area #2 to advise hunters when the area will be closed. This gun range is not open to public use.

-Safety: Use caution, be aware of your surroundings. Steep, uneven terrain, venomous snakes and spiders, spiny plants, and sinkholes are present throughout the park. To report an emergency, call 911. For non-emergencies, call Val Verde Sheriff at 830.774.7513 and request assistance of a Park Ranger. It is recommended that you carry a compass, flashlight, first aid kit, maps, water, and cell phone, and let someone know where you will be hunting and when you plan to return.

-If you have questions concerning the Hunting Program at Amistad National Recreation Area, please call the Amistad Visitor Center at 830.775.7491 ext. 0, or visit our website at www.nps.gov/amis



Hunting Season 2016-17

Migratory Game Birds

Must be HIP certified for Dove and Teal

All Hunt Areas are in the "Central Zone"

Dove

September 1, 2016 - November 6, 2016

December 17, 2016 - January 8, 2017

Daily Bag Limit: 15 mourning, white-winged and white-tipped to include not more than two-white-tips

Migratory Game Bird Stamp required

Shooting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset

September Teal-Only Season

(Blue-Winged, Green-Winged, and Cinnamon)

September 10 - 25, 2016

Bag Limit: 6 in the aggregate

Possession Limit: 18 in the aggregate

Migratory Game Bird Stamp (and Federal Duck Stamp if 16 years or older) is required.

Shooting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset

Waterfowl

For hunting season dates and bag limits see 2016-2017 Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Waterfowl Guide.

Season and bag limits not available at time of print. Visit the Visitor Center on Highway 90 West or go to www.nps.gov/amis for updates.

Migratory Game Bird Stamp (and Federal Duck Stamp if 16 years or older) is required.

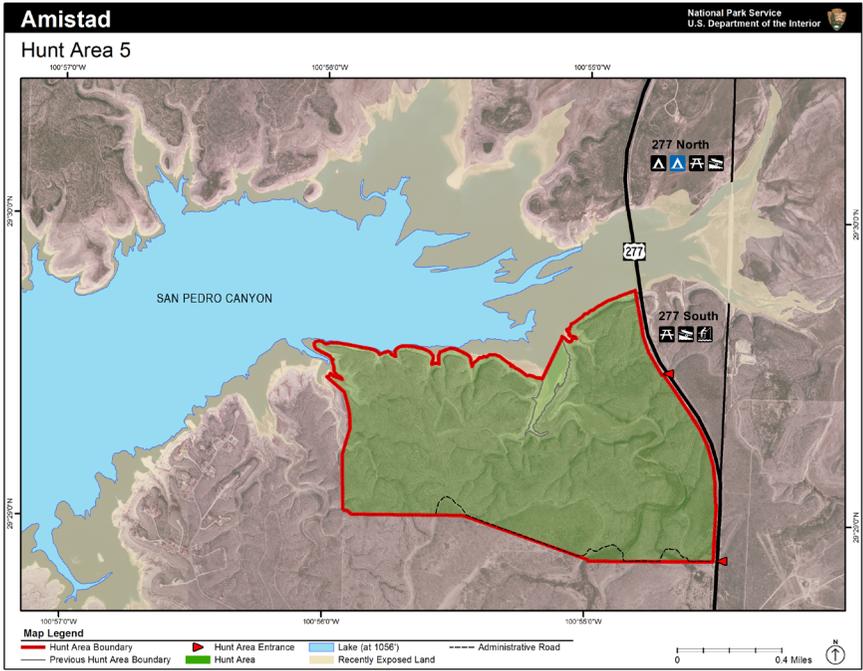
Shooting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset

Javelina

Archery Season: October 1, 2016 - February 26, 2017

Bag Limit: 2 per year

Shooting Hours: 1/2 hr before sunrise to 1/2 hr after sunset



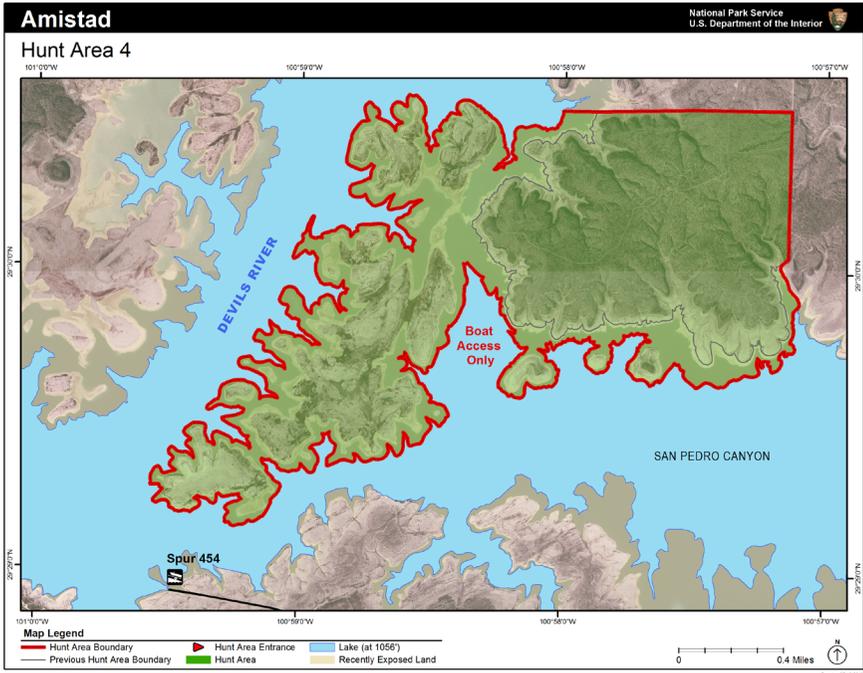
Hunt Area 5

Information: Walk-in and boat access available.

The south and east boundary is along and in line with a fence line marked with NPS boundary signs. The west boundary is in line with an old fence line and is marked with signs labeled “No Hunting/Trapping Beyond This Point.” The remaining boundary is the shoreline of the San Pedro Arm extending eastward to the Highway 277 Bridge. The hunt area does not extend out on to the exposed dry riverbed of San Pedro Creek.

Total Acreage: 592 acres at 1118 ft lake level, 628 acres at 1080 ft lake level, and 640 acres at 1056 ft lake level. Check lake levels at the Visitor Center or at www.nps.gov/amis

Parking: Vehicle parking is at the southeast corner adjacent to Highway 277 N about one mile south of the Highway 277 N Bridge. A second parking area is farther north on the left side of Highway 90 just before the Highway 277 N Bridge.



Hunt Area 4

Information: Hunt Area only accessible by boat.

Hunt Area 4 is accessible by boat only. Boats must be secured properly to shoreline. Strong, gusty winds are common. Hunt Area 4 is on the end of Long Point, the peninsula between Devils River and San Pedro Arm. The north and east boundaries are marked along and in line with a fence line extending from Devils River to the San Pedro Arm, and is marked with NPS boundary markers and no hunting/trapping beyond this point signs. The remainder of the boundary is exterior shoreline unless otherwise posted.

Total Acreage: 430 acres at 1118 ft lake level, 563 acres at 1080 ft lake level, and 1272 acres at 1056 ft lake level. Check lake levels at the Visitor Center or at www.nps.gov/amis

Parking: There is no parking. Area 4 is only accessible by boat or watercraft.

White-tailed Deer

North Zone

Archery Season: October 1, 2016 - January 1, 2017

Special Late Antlerless Season Jan. 2- Jan. 15, 2017

Bag Limit for all seasons combined: 5 deer (no more than 2 bucks)

Shooting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset

Mouflon Sheep, Aoudad Sheep, Blackbuck, & Feral Hog

Archery Season: October 1, 2016 - January 15, 2017

Special Park Late "Exotic Game" Season:

January 16 - February 26, 2017

No bag limit for mouflon sheep, aoudad sheep, blackbuck, or feral hog

Photos are available on pages 13 and 14 to assist you with identification. (Photos also available at www.nps.gov/amis)

Shooting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset

Turkey

Archery Season: October 1, 2016 - January 1, 2017

Bag Limit for all seasons combined: 4 (either sex)

Upland Game Bird Stamp required

No Spring Turkey Season offered at Amistad

Shooting hours 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset

Quail

October 29, 2016 - February 26, 2017

Daily Bag Limit: 15 per day

Possession Limit: 45

Upland Game Bird Stamp required

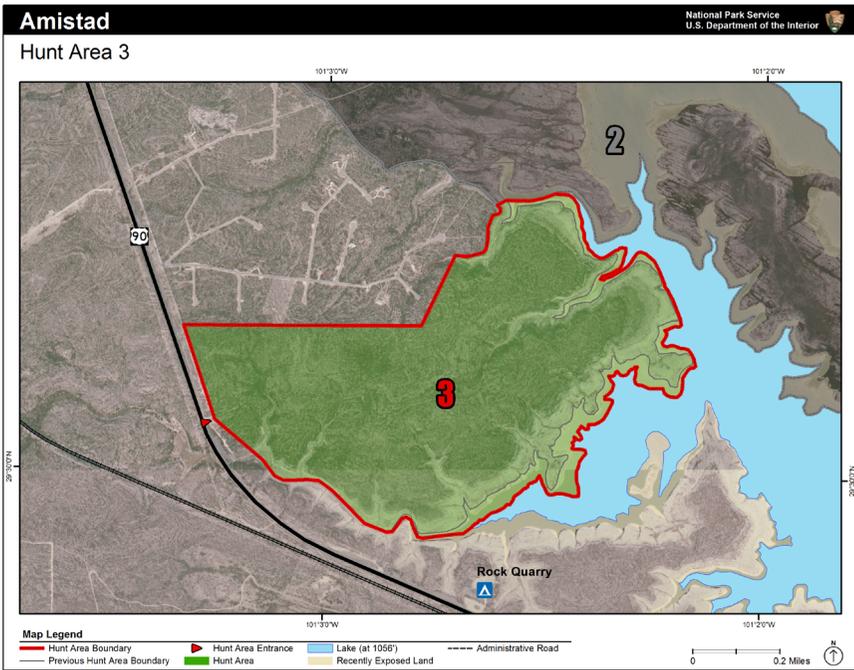
Shooting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset



Hunting Regulations 2016-17

State of Texas hunting season dates and regulations apply except where the following Amistad National Recreation Area Regulations are more restrictive (Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations).

1. The hunting season within Amistad National Recreation Area extends from the first day of Dove Hunting Season to the last day of Quail Hunting Season. Hunting at any other time or in any other manner than prescribed in this set of regulations is prohibited. [36CFR 1.6(g)(2)]; [36CFR 2.2(b)(2)]; [36CFR 7.79(a)(2)]
2. The following items must be in your possession while hunting at Amistad NRA: a current Amistad National Recreation Area Annual Hunting Permit, a State of Texas Hunting License, photo identification such as a Driver's License or an official personal identification certificate issued by a State Department of Public Safety or similar State agency authorized to issue a driver's license, appropriate State and/or Federal stamps, and a Hunter Safety Course Certification (if required). [36CFR 1.6(g)(2)]; [36CFR 2.2(b)(2)]
3. Hunting is authorized in five specific, designated hunting areas as shown on the attached map. The remainder of the park is closed to hunting. [36CFR 2.2(b)(2)]
4. The Amistad Annual Hunting Permit entitles you to use compound, recurve, and long bows in accordance with Texas Parks and Wildlife Regulations to take white-tailed deer, turkey, javelina, exotic mouflon and aoudad sheep, exotic blackbuck, and feral hog during the White-tailed deer Season. The park has a special extended exotic game season for mouflon sheep, aoudad sheep, feral hog, and blackbuck from January 16, 2017 to February 26, 2017. You can use shotguns with birdshot only to take dove, quail, waterfowl (duck), and rabbit (shotguns can only be used to take rabbit during the Dove and Quail Hunting Seasons). [36CFR 2.2(b)(2)]; [36CFR 7.79(a)(2)]
5. The possession or use of crossbows is prohibited in Amistad NRA Hunt Areas, except by those hunters with an upper-limb disability as defined by Texas Parks and Wildlife Regulations. Authorized (upper-limb disability) crossbow



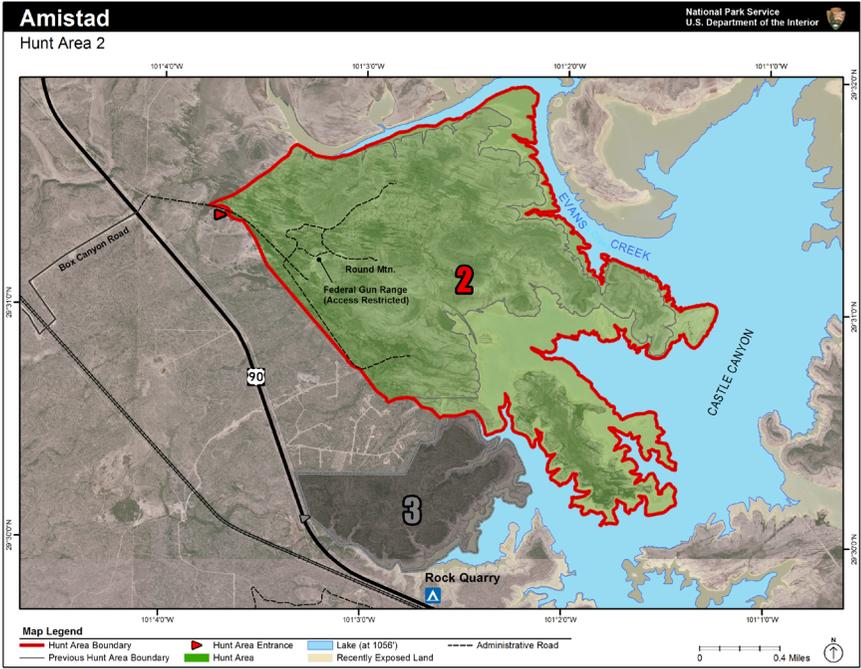
Hunt Area 3

Information: Walk-in and boat access available.

There are no roads in Area 3 and very few defined trails. The north and west boundaries are along and in line with the fence line marked with NPS boundary signs, and the remainder of the boundary is the exterior shoreline unless otherwise posted. On the south and southeast boundary, the water has receded due to low lake levels. The hunt area boundary is where the shoreline closest to the hunt area side used to be.

Total Acreage: 227 acres at 1118 ft lake level, 267 acres at 1080 ft lake level, and 311 acres at 1056 ft lake level. Check lake levels at the Visitor Center or at www.nps.gov/amis

Parking: Vehicle parking is available on the north side of Highway 90 one mile west of the NPS Rock Quarry Group Campground.



Hunt Area 2

Information: Walk-in and boat access available.

Area 2 has roads and trails that can be easily navigated. The north, west and south boundaries of the hunt area are along a fence line marked with signs labeled “NPS Boundary” or “No Hunting/Trapping Beyond This Point.” The remainder of the boundary is the shoreline along Evans Creek, Castle Canyon, and Guajia Bay sections of the lake unless posted otherwise. This hunt area is subject to closure on short notice when the National Park Service Gun Range is in use by authorized personnel for official purposes. The closure will be posted with a sign at the gate at the entrance to the hunt area access road.

Total Acreage: 505 acres at 1118 ft lake level, 1009 acres at 1080 ft lake level, and 1513 acres at 1056 ft lake level. Check lake levels at the Visitor Center or at www.nps.gov/amis

Parking: From Highway 90 West, turn right at flashing yellow light across from Box Canyon Rd and follow gravel access road to the right which leads to parking area. Do not block the gate on the hunt area access road.

hunters in the hunt areas may not walk or move from a stationary position with the bolt loaded in the crossbow. [36CFR 1.6(g)(2)]

6. The use of any firearms within any of Amistad NRA's designated hunt areas except as allowed in the Amistad Hunting Regulations is prohibited. [36CFR 2.4(a)(iii)]

7. Waterfowl may be hunted by boat within 100 yards of the exterior shoreline boundary of all hunt areas. Shooting must be directed toward the hunt area shoreline when duck hunting by boat. Waterfowl may also be hunted from the shoreline of the hunt areas and at interior ponds located within the hunt areas. [36CFR 2.2(b)(2)]

8. While waterfowl hunting, only non-toxic shot approved by the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service may be possessed. Possession of lead shot while waterfowl hunting is unlawful. [36CFR 1.6(g)(2)]; [36CFR 2.2(b)(2)]

9. The use and/or possession of hunting dogs is allowed for hunting of game birds only. Bird dogs must remain under the owner's control at all times. [36CFR 2.2(b)(2)]

10. Possession or consumption of an alcoholic beverage while in an area open to hunting is prohibited. [36CFR 2.35(a)(3)(i)]

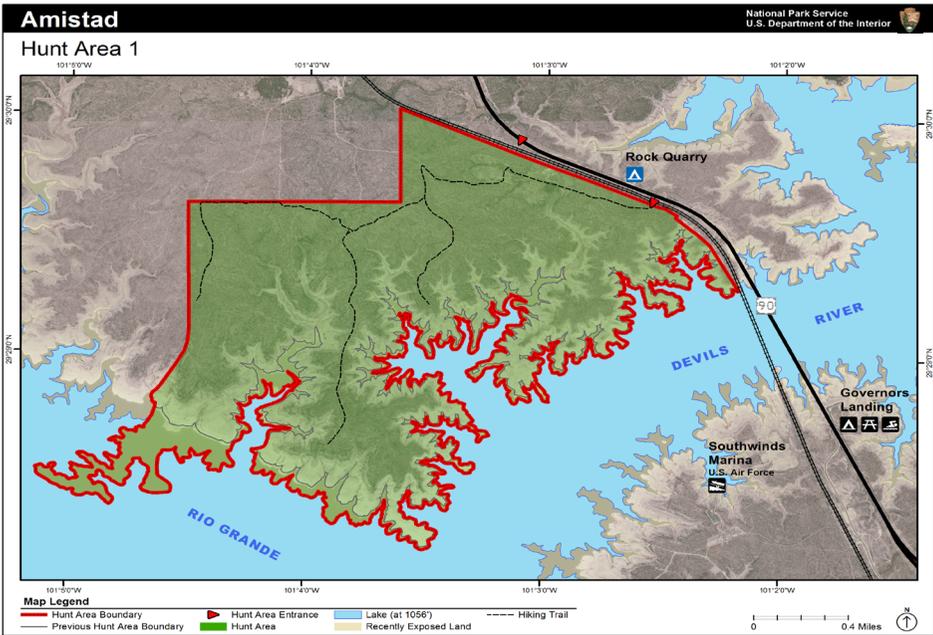
11. Feeding or baiting of wildlife is prohibited. The possession of baiting material while inside a hunt area is prohibited. [36CFR 2.2(a)(2)]

12. Hunting over a baited area is prohibited. [36 CFR 2.2(b)94)

13. Portable deer stands or blinds may be used, but they must not be left unattended for longer than 48 hours. [36CFR 2.22(a)(2)] Construction or use of permanent stands or other structures is prohibited. [36CFR 5.7] Ground blinds are acceptable, but construction is limited to the use of vegetation that is both dead and down. Cutting vegetation is prohibited. Deer stands may not penetrate the bark of the tree. [36CFR 2.1(a)(1)(ii)] You are required to label your portable deer stand or blind with your permit number. Deer stands that are unmarked or unattended for over 48 hours will be confiscated by Amistad NRA. [36CFR2.22(b)(1)]



14. Target practice (firearms and archery) is prohibited within Amistad NRA. [36CFR2.4(a)(1)(iii)]
15. Camping within the boundaries of a hunt area is prohibited during the hunting season. [36CFR 2.10(a)]
16. The display of harvested game in the Amistad NRA campgrounds is prohibited. The gutting of deer is prohibited in campgrounds. Skinning and quartering must be out of sight of the public.[36CFR 2.10(a)] The gutting, skinning, and quartering of deer is prohibited in or near the hunt area parking lots. [36CFR 2.2(d)]
17. Hunting domestic livestock is prohibited. It is your responsibility to know how to recognize the difference between exotic mouflon or aoudad sheep and domestic goats and sheep. Photos are available on pages 13 and 14 to assist you with identification. (Photos also available at www.nps.gov/amis and at the Visitor Center.)
18. Hunters using shotguns in the hunt areas are required to carry out their spent shotgun shells. [36CFR2.14(a)(1)]
19. Do not park on or cross private property to gain access to a hunt area without the consent of the landowner.
20. All archeological sites, features and artifacts are protected by Federal law. Do not disturb or remove them.
21. You will be hunting on Federal land. Violations of State or Federal law and/or Recreation Area regulations may result in a fine and/or suspension or permanent loss of your hunting privileges.



Hunt Area 1

Information: Walk-in and boat access available.

Area 1 has the largest amount of shoreline with trails leading to two main peninsulas. The north and west boundaries are along and in line with a fence line marked with signs labeled “NPS Boundary” or “No Hunting/ Trapping Beyond This Point.” The eastern boundary is the shoreline of the Devils River arm of the lake. The southern boundary is the shoreline of the Rio Grande arm of the lake.

Total Acreage: 912 acres at 1118 ft lake level, 1375 acres at 1080 ft lake level, and 1626 acres at 1056 ft lake level. Check lake levels at the Visitor Center or at www.nps.gov/amis

Vehicle Parking: Just after crossing the Highway 90 West main bridge, one parking area is across from the NPS Rock Quarry Group Campground, and the second is 1/2 mile farther west on Highway 90.