

Before hunting at Amistad National Recreation Area, read these regulations. Hunters must obtain their \$20.00 National Park Service Annual Hunting Permit in person at the park Visitor Information Center. There are five specific hunt areas. The remainder of the park is closed to hunting. 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**). Do not park on or cross private property to gain access to a hunt area without the consent of the landowner. All archeological features and artifacts are protected by Federal law.

**Violation of any hunting or non-hunting regulation (State or Federal) may result in a fine, the immediate revocation of your Annual Hunting Permit, the loss of park hunting privileges during the next hunting season, and/or the permanent loss of your park hunting privileges. [36CFR 1.6(h)]**

**Safety:** There are poisonous reptiles and insects, plants with thorns and spines, caves and sinkholes present throughout the park. Use caution and pay attention to your surroundings. **To report an emergency, call 911. For non-emergencies, call the Val Verde Sheriff at 830-774-7513 and request the assistance of a Park Ranger.** We recommend that you carry safety items such as a flashlight, compass, first aid kit, maps, and water.

## HUNTING REGULATIONS

1. The hunting season within Amistad National Recreation Area (Amistad NRA) extends from the first day of Dove hunting season to the last day of Quail 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; 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 archery equipment in accordance with Texas Parks and Wildlife Regulations to take White-tailed Deer, Turkey, Javelina, exotic Mouflon and Aoudad sheep, exotic Blackbuck, Feral Hog, and Cottontail Rabbit during the White-tail Deer season. The park has a special extended exotic game season for Mouflon Sheep, Aoudad Sheep and Blackbuck from January 04, 2010 to February 28, 2010 (new). You can use shotguns with birdshot only to take Dove, Quail, Waterfowl (Duck), and Cottontail Rabbit (shotguns can only be used to take Rabbit during the Dove and Quail season). [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 (new park regulation).** Authorized (upper-limb disability) crossbow hunters in the hunt areas may not walk or move from a stationary position with the bolt loaded in the crossbow (new park regulation). [36CFR 1.6(g)(2)]
6. Shotguns with birdshot may be possessed and/or used only during Dove, Quail and Waterfowl season. Possession of buckshot or slugs in the hunt areas is prohibited. [36 CFR 1.6(g)(2)]; [36CFR 2.2(b)(2)]
7. **All rifles and handguns are prohibited.** [36CFR 1.6(g)(2)] Concealed weapons are prohibited within the recreation area. [36CFR 2.4(a)(1)(i)/(ii)/(iii)]
8. Shotguns must be unloaded (empty chamber and magazine) while crossing an area "closed to hunting" within the park to reach an area "open to hunting" in the park. [36CFR 1.6(g)(2)]

9. All weapons must be unloaded and unavailable for immediate use (rendered temporarily inoperable or packed, cased, or stored) while traveling in a vehicle or boat. [36CFR 2.4(a)(3)]
10. 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)]
11. 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)]
12. 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)]
13. Possession or consumption of an alcoholic beverage while in an area open to hunting is prohibited. [36CFR 2.35(a)(3)(i)]
14. Feeding or baiting of wildlife is prohibited. **The possession of baiting material while inside a hunt area is prohibited.** (new park regulation) [36CFR 2.2(a)(2)]
15. Hunting over a baited area is prohibited. [36 CFR 2.2(b)94]
16. 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. [36CFR 2.22(a)(2)]
17. Target practice (skeet shooting and archery) is prohibited within Amistad NRA. [36CFR 2.4(a)(1)(iii)]
18. Camping within the boundaries of a hunt area is prohibited during the hunting season. [36CFR 2.10(a)]
19. The display of harvested game in the Amistad NRA campgrounds is prohibited. [36CFR 2.10(a)]
20. The gutting of deer is prohibited in or near the hunt area parking lots. [36CFR 2.2(d)]
21. 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 our park website ([www.nps.gov/amis](http://www.nps.gov/amis)) to assist you with identification.
22. Hunters using shotguns in the hunt areas are required to carry out their spent shotgun shells.
23. All hunters must return their completed *Hunter Data Sheet* by March 15, 2010 showing hunt dates, hunt areas, targeted game, and game harvested. The Hunter Data Sheet will still be accepted from March 16, 2010 to August 1, 2010, but a processing fee of \$10.00 will be assessed when the next season's hunting permit is purchased. If the Hunter Data Sheet has not been turned in by August 1, 2010, an administrative fee of \$100 will be assessed when the next season's hunting permit is purchased. [36CFR 1.6(h)]

# AMISTAD NATIONAL RECREATION AREA



## HUNTING REGULATIONS 2009- 2010

