

2023-2024 Hunting Program

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Lake Meredith National Recreation Area



Turkeys in the wild. NPS Photo

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.

Special Whitetail Youth Hunts are restricted to persons 16 years of age or younger. A Special Resident Hunting (Type 169) license is required.

Camping for up to 30 days between October 1 and December 31 is allowed. The remainder of the year, there is a 14 day limit.

Two areas in Lake Meredith National Recreation Area are open to off-road vehicles (ORVs): 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.* Both, Texas State and NPS ORV permits are required.

Be Safe!

HUNTER ORANGE: During General Deer Season and Special Youth Seasons, all hunters are required to wear hunter orange clothing, consisting of 400 square inches of daylight florescent orange, worn conspicuously above the waist, and daylight florescent head-wear 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 must not be left unattended; they must be extinguished completely with water before leaving camp. No fires are permitted in the backcountry.

The water level at Lake Meredith has risen significantly, and the lake has seen an increase in visitation. Hunt only in designated areas. Maps are available at Park Headquarters, Alibates VC, and online at: www.nps.gov/lamr/planyourvisit/hunting.htm.

NPS Photo-Mule Deer

Prohibited Activities:

HUNTING IS PROHIBITED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF ALIBATES FLINT QUARRIES NATIONAL MONUMENT.

Hunting for species not listed in this brochure is prohibited within the boundaries of Lake Meredith National Recreation Area.

Hunting or releasing feral livestock within the boundaries of the park including feral pigs is prohibited.

Permanent stands or blinds are prohibited.

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.

Baiting of animals is prohibited.

Hunting or shooting from across a roadway is strictly prohibited.

Leaving a camp unattended for more than 24 hours is prohibited.

Digging or leveling the ground for a camp is prohibited.

Fires are not permitted in the backcountry.

Burning pallets with nails/hardware in them is prohibited unless the hazards are removed before burning.

Traveling off designated roads with motor vehicles is prohibited.

Use of artificial light is prohibited.

Operating an ORV outside designated areas is prohibited.

Target shooting or weapon sighting is prohibited. Weapons may only be discharged at legal game. Primitive black powder weapons may be discharged prior to transport in a motor vehicle.

Information on migratory waterfowl seasons is available from Texas Parks & Wildlife Department and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.



2023-2024 Seasons and Limits

Within the boundaries of Lake Meredith National Recreation Area the following dates and bag limits apply for the 2023-2024 hunting season. The dates have been set with consultation from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Biologists to increase populations and enhance habitat.

WHITE-TAILED DEER:

Archery Season: Sept 30, 2023-November 3, 2023

Bag Limit: 3 deer, no more than 1 buck and no more than 2 antlerless -all seasons combined.

General Season: November 4, 2023-January 7, 2024

Bag Limit: 3 deer, no more than 1 buck, and no more than 2 antlerless all seasons combined

Special Youth Seasons:

October 28-29, 2023

January 8-21, 2024

Bag Limit: 3 deer, 1 buck and 2 antlerless, all seasons combined

MULE DEER:

Archery Season: Sept 30-November 3, 2023

Bag Limit: 1 buck, both seasons combined

General Season: November 18-December 3, 2023

Bag Limit: 1 buck, both seasons combined

TURKEY: Gobblers or Bearded Hens

Fall Archery Season: September 30-November 3, 2023
(Archery ONLY) Gobblers Only

Spring Season: March 30-May 12, 2024
(Shotgun or Archery ONLY)

Special Youth Fall Seasons:

October 28-29, 2023(Shotgun or Archery Only)

January 8-21, 2024(Shotgun or Archery Only)

Youth-Only Spring Seasons:

March 23-24, 2024 (Shotgun or Archery Only)

May 18-19, 2024 (Shotgun or Archery Only)

Bag Limit: 4 (All Seasons Combined)

QUAIL:

October 28, 2023-February 25, 2024

Daily bag limit: 15 per day

Possession limit: 45

PHEASANT:

December 2, -December 31, 2023

Daily bag limit: 3 cock pheasants

Possession: 6 cock pheasants

DOVE:

September 1-November 12, 2023

December 15-31, 2023

Daily Bag Limit: 15 mourning, white-winged, and white-tipped (white-fronted) doves in the aggregate, including no more than 2 white-tipped doves per day. Possession Limit: 45 in the aggregate, including no more than 4 white-tipped doves in possession.

TEAL:

September 9-24, 2023

Bag Limit: 6 in the aggregate

Possession Limit: 18 in the aggregate

LAKE MEREDITH NATIONAL RECREATION AREA NON- GAME HUNTING SEASON:

RABBIT: October 28, 2023–February 25, 2024

COYOTE: October 28, 2023-February 25, 2024

To report hunting or game violations, contact a Park Ranger or Game Warden, or call (800) 792-GAME (4263) or 911.



Have a safe hunting season!

NPS Photo