

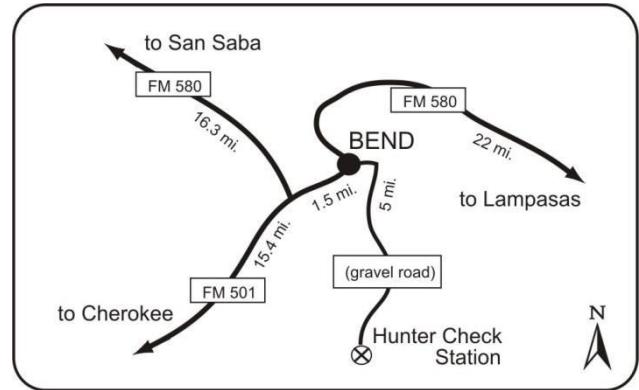


Colorado Bend State Park

Background

Colorado Bend State Park consists of 5,328 acres located approximately 4 miles south of the small community of Bend in San Saba County. Deer hunts were conducted on the acreage under private ownership through the 1986-hunting season and were reinstated under Department ownership during the 1988 season.

Objectives of the Department are to restore and maintain healthy populations of native fauna and flora in their natural habitats and to provide for compatible public use. Where game populations exceed the carrying capacity of the habitat, the preferred method of reduction is public hunting.



Hunting Information

The hunter check station is located at the park maintenance area. Permitted hunters should report to the hunter check station **one hour before the scheduled orientation** on the first day of their assigned hunt period. (See orientation times for each hunt below.) **Hunters must contact the area as soon as possible if they are not able to attend their accepted hunt or arrive on the first day for orientation.** Hunters are required to attend the scheduled orientation for their hunt. Following orientation, Parks and Wildlife Department personnel will guide hunters to their hunt compartment. Hunting will end at the time indicated below on the final day of the assigned hunt.

Hunt Dates - Youth Only Gun Deer Either Sex:

11/03/2023 (Orientation 7:30PM) - 11/05/2023 (Hunt ends 7:30PM)

12/27/2023 (Orientation 8:30AM) - 12/29/2023 (Hunt ends 11:00AM)

Hunt Dates - Gun Deer Antlerless/Spike:

11/06/2023 (Orientation 8:30AM) - 11/08/2023 (Hunt ends 11:00AM)

12/04/2023 (Orientation 8:30AM) - 12/06/2023 (Hunt ends 10:00AM)

12/06/2023 (Orientation 10:00AM) - 12/08/2023 (Hunt ends 11:00AM)

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 on the Park, but commercial facilities are available in Cherokee, Lampasas, Llano, Lometa and San Saba.

Hunters are reminded that they must have a Special Permit, valid Texas Hunting License and any stamp as required by statute. It is no longer necessary to use a hunting license tag or bonus tag for on a deer taken during a Special Permit drawn hunt however a TPWD Legal Deer Tag, issued at the area, must be attached to a harvested deer prior to leaving the hunt area. Hunters 17 years of age and older must have in their possession a valid I.D. Hunter Safety Education is required of Texas hunters born on or after September 2, 1971 (see the Texas Parks & Wildlife Outdoor Annual for more information). Each hunter should also 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' vehicles will be allowed into the hunt area only on designated roads and hunters with mobility disabilities may hunt from a stationary motor vehicle. Operation of an off-road vehicle (ORV) or all-terrain vehicle (ATV) is prohibited, except by hunters with mobility disabilities or an adult directly assisting a hunter with mobility disabilities.

Camping will be available on the Park for permitted hunters. There are no hookups for electricity or water at the camping area, nor is there a trailer dump station available on the Park. Chemical toilets and drinking water are provided in the camping area. Campfires are allowed on the Park in designated fire rings. The normal overnight camping fee will be charged to those hunters utilizing the Park's facilities. Private motels and campgrounds are available in the surrounding towns of Lampasas, Llano and San Saba. For more information on the park, call (325) 628-3240.