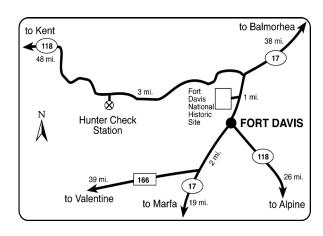


## Davis Mountains State Park Hunter Information

## **Background**

Davis Mountains State Park (DMSP) is located in Jeff Davis County, 4 miles northwest of Fort Davis, Texas, via TX Hwy. 118 to Park Road 3. DMSP is 2,708 acres in size and is located in the southeastern foothills of the Davis Mountains of West Texas. Elevations in the Park average over a mile above sea level. The Autumn season is usually dry and cool with a chance for rain showers. Vegetation is dominated by grasslands and oak-juniper in the uplands.



A campground facility is available for hunters inside the park. There are electrical, water and sewer hookups available. The hunting area in DMSP is 1,467 acres in size and is called the Limpia Canyon Primitive Area (LCPA), which is the section of the state park north of TX Hwy. 118. Hunters will have access to the entire section of the LCPA and will not be assigned a compartment. There is a 2.5-mile trail with an elevation gain of 550 feet that leads to the top of the mountain in the LCPA and connects to a 5.6-mile loop trail that is on top of the mountain. There is no potable water, electricity, trash cans or restrooms in the LCPA. There is also no public vehicle access on the roads and trails in the LCPA except for the provided parking area. The hunting area and campground must be kept clean of trash. The nearest store is three miles east of the park in the town of Fort Davis.

## **Hunter Information**

- Hunters must have a valid Texas Hunting License, an archery stamp and their permit with them at all times.
- Archery equipment is the only legal means allowed on these hunts and must meet specifications as designated by state hunting regulations.
- The Park Headquarters, which will be the Hunter Check Station, opens at 8:00 a.m. each morning and closes at 5:00 p.m. Permitted hunters and accompanying visitors must report and check in at the Park Headquarters for a brief safety orientation at 10:00 am on the first day of hunting. Hunters must contact the Hunt Coordinator at (432) 249-9866 as soon as possible if they are unable to attend their accepted hunt or not able to arrive on the first day

for orientation. Standby hunters should report to the Park Headquarters by 10:00 am to complete the application process and will be drawn as vacancies permit. Hunting begins at 12:00 noon on the first day and ends at 5:00 pm on the last day of the hunt.

- All game harvested must be processed through the check station. Only species listed on your permit may be taken.
- Hunters should plan to retrieve and carry out their own game unless a wounded animal crosses onto another land owner's property.
- A permitted authorized supervising adult must accompany hunters under the age of 17. Visitors will be allowed to accompany hunters into the field and must obtain written permission from the Hunt Coordinator. Accompanying visitors must be at least 8 years of age, be in the presence of the permitted hunter at all times while in the hunting area and have attended the safety orientation given prior to the hunt. Only one visitor will be allowed to accompany each permitted hunter.
- Hunter Education certification is required of persons born on or after September 2, 1971.
   (See the Texas Parks and Wildlife Outdoor Annual for more information.)
- In case a wounded animal is unable to be located, please report it to the Park Headquarters immediately.
- Alcoholic beverages may not be publicly consumed or displayed in the State Park hunting area or the camping area. Persons under the influence of alcohol will not be permitted to enter the hunt area.
- No firearms will be permitted.
- Hunters in the field and vehicles within the hunt area are subject to inspection by State Park Police and/or Game Wardens.
- Federal and state laws prohibit collecting plants, rocks, minerals, and artifacts from state
  parks. It is also prohibited to collect shed deer antlers or skulls. Any artifacts should be left
  as they are found. For further information, call the DMSP Headquarters at (432) 426-3337.
- The terrain at DMSP is rugged. The hunt will involve hiking in steep, rocky areas. Sturdy footwear is advised.