



Powderhorn State Park

Background

Powderhorn State Park is 2,253 acres of freshwater and brackish wetlands, coastal prairies, and mature live oak forests adjacent to Powderhorn Wildlife Management Area, Powderhorn Lake, and Matagorda Bay in Calhoun County on the central Texas coast. The main entrance is through Powderhorn WMA, 5 miles west of Port O'Connor on FM 1289. The hunter check station is at Powderhorn WMA headquarters, located 1.6 miles inside of the property. Powderhorn State Park, Texas' newest state park, was acquired by the department in 2021. Public access is extremely limited while the park is awaiting development.

Objectives

The department desires to restore and maintain healthy populations of native flora and fauna in natural habitats and to provide for compatible public use. The park has a large population of exotic animals that are competing heavily with native white-tailed deer. Hunters may take unlimited feral hogs. The goal is to reduce competitive pressure on the whitetail herd and to reduce or stop habitat destruction and alteration by the exotic species.

Hunting Information

- All park rules and regulations must be adhered to unless superseded by hunting regulations. Permitted hunters and standby hunters should report to the WMA check station by 10:30 a.m. on the first day of their assigned hunt period to complete the application process. Hunters must contact the park as soon as possible if they are unable to attend their accepted hunt or not able to arrive on the first day for orientation. The park will not accept any standby hunters.
- Following a brief orientation, Texas Parks and Wildlife personnel will direct hunters to their assigned hunting blinds or compartments. Hunters will provide their own transportation to and from their hunting blind and hunters must stay within their assigned area. Four-wheel drive vehicles are recommended, especially during wet conditions but are not necessary to participate in the hunt.
- 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.
- Baiting is allowed and encouraged on deer and exotic hunts. Corn must be certified for livestock and wildlife consumption (aflatoxin free).
- Use of dogs is prohibited.

- Non-permitted visitors and family members will not be allowed on the park and WMA during hunts except that a non-hunting adult assisting a permitted hunter with mobility disabilities will be allowed.
- Hunters may not enter restricted areas of the park at any time during the hunt.
- Hunters will be responsible for the reasonable care of their game after harvest. Facilities for cleaning and skinning are available at the WMA check station. No facilities for storage are available, but commercial facilities are available in Victoria.
- Hunters are reminded that they must have a valid Texas Hunting License as required by statute. Hunter Safety Education is required of Texas hunters born on or after September 2, 1971 (see the TPWD Outdoor Annual for more information).
- Youth Supervision: Hunters under the age of seventeen (17) must hunt under the immediate supervision of a duly permitted and authorized adult. Adults accompanying youth must be 17 years of age or older, possess a valid Texas hunting license, have completed a hunter education course or be exempt and must be within normal voice control.
- Each hunter should bring a flashlight, food, drinking water, and foul weather gear.
- Disturbance or removal of plants, rocks, artifacts, or other objects is prohibited.
- The public display or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited. Hunters may not consume or be under the influence of alcohol while hunting.
- Camping is not available on the park or WMA. Adequate lodging is available in Port O'Connor, Port Lavaca, and Victoria.

Please call (361) 557-0006 for additional information.