



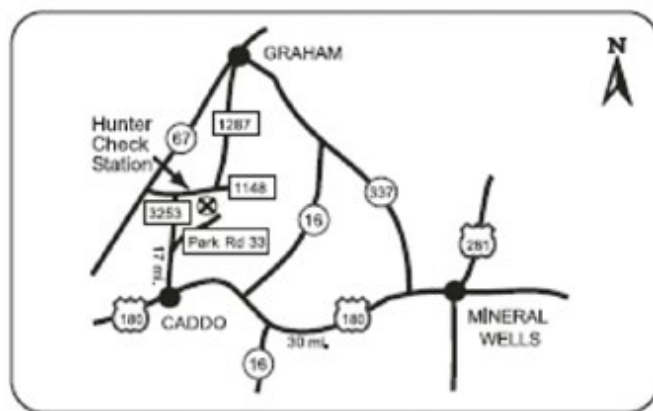
Possum Kingdom State Park Drawn Hunts

Background

Possum Kingdom State Recreation Area is located in northwest Palo Pinto County, 32 miles northeast of Breckenridge in the rugged canyon country of Palo Pinto County and the Brazos River valley. The park borders Possum Kingdom Lake and is located in the Cross Timbers and Prairies Ecological Region of Texas. The terrain is rugged and dominated by dense stands of juniper and live oak. The deer population is high. The park will be closed to visitors

during the public hunt and the entrance fee

is waived for hunt participants. Hunters may use the park facilities for which the standard fee is charged. For information call (940) 549-1803. To reach the park, take U.S. 180 from Breckenridge to Caddo then go north on Park Road 33 for 17 miles.



Objectives

The objective of the Department is to maintain healthy populations of native wildlife fauna within the carrying capacity of the land and to provide compatible use of the wildlife resources found on State owned lands. Where game animal populations exist in numbers at or near the carrying capacity, public hunting is the preferred method to be used in managing these renewable resources.

Hunting Information

All park rules and regulations must be adhered to unless superseded by hunting regulations.

- Permitted hunters should report to the Park Headquarters at 11:00 a.m. on the first day of their assigned hunt period. **Hunters must contact the area 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 a.m. on the first day of the desired hunt period to complete the application process. Standby hunters will be drawn as vacancies permit at 11:00 a.m.

- Non-permitted visitors and family will not be permitted to enter the Possum Kingdom State Recreation Area while hunts are in progress except a non-hunting adult directly assisting a permitted hunter with mobility disabilities will be allowed.
- Legal means include centerfire firearms only. Hunters will be responsible for the reasonable care of their game after harvest. No facilities for deer storage will be available in the park.
- Hunters are reminded that they must have a valid Texas Hunting License, and any required stamp as required by statute. It is no longer necessary to use a hunting license tag or bonus tag for 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 or older must have in their possession a driver's license or personal identification certificate. Texas hunters born on or after September 2, 1971, are required to take Hunter Education. (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 public display or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
- Hunters' vehicles will not be allowed into the hunt area, except that disabled individuals may hunt from a stationary motor vehicle. Gun deer hunters will be assigned and taken to a specific blind by department personnel. **Walk Hunting Will Not Be Permitted.**
- All permitted hunters must visibly wear a minimum of 400 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material with 144 inches appearing on both the chest and back and orange headwear.
- All participants must visibly 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.
- In case of emergency, persons participating in the public hunt may be contacted by telephone at the Park Headquarters by calling (940) 549-1803.