

# Where to go

## TPWD REGIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICES

**Brownsville** (956) 546-1952

5460 Paredes Line Rd., Suite 201 (78526)

**Corpus Christi** (361) 289-5566

5541 Bear Lane, Suite 232 (78405)

**Fort Worth** (817) 831-3128

5400 Airport Freeway, Suite E (76117)

**Houston (North)** (281) 931-6471

350 N. Sam Houston Pkwy. E., Suite 100 (77060)

**Lubbock** (806) 761-4930

1702 Landmark Lane, Suite 1 (79415)

**Mt. Pleasant** (903) 572-7966

212 South Johnson (75455)

**Rusk** (903) 683-2511

580 West 6th Street (75785)

**San Angelo** (325) 651-4844

3407 South Chadbourne (76903)

**San Antonio** (210) 348-7375

858 West Rhapsody (78216)

**Temple** (254) 778-2851

3615 So. General Bruce Drive (76504)

## Further Reading

### BOOKS

Bartlett, Dick and Joanne Krieger. *A Sportsman's Guide to Hunting in Texas*. Texas Parks and Wildlife (Library) Press. 1987.

*Today's Hunter in Texas* (Hunter Education Manual). Kalkomey Enterprises. 2008.

Leopold, Aldo. *A Sand County Almanac*. New York: Oxford University Press. 1949.

Posewitz, Jim. *Beyond Fair Chase*. Falcon Publishing, Inc. Helena, MT. 1994.

Posewitz, Jim. *Inherit the Hunt*. Falcon Publishing, Inc. Helena, MT. 1999.

Posewitz, Jim. *Rifle in Hand*. Riverbend Publishing, Helena, MT. 2004.

### MAGAZINES AND PERIODICALS

*Hunter's Handbook* (TPWD Hunter Education)

*Texas Fish and Game*

*Texas Parks & Wildlife*

*Texas Sportsman*



- Always point the muzzle or nocked arrow in a safe direction
- Treat every firearm or bow with the same respect you would show a loaded gun or nocked arrow
- Be sure of your target – what is in front of and beyond your target
- Unload firearms and unstring conventional bows when not in use
- Handle firearms, arrows and ammunition carefully
- Know your safe zone-of-fire and stick to it
- Control your emotions when it comes to safety
- Wear hearing and eye protection
- Don't drink alcohol or take drugs before or while handling firearms or bow and arrows
- Be aware of additional circumstances which require added caution or safety awareness

#### For hunter education or bowhunter education course information:

Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept.: (800) 792-1112  
[www.tpwd.state.tx.us/learning](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/learning)

#### For license sales by phone:

(800) TX LIC 4 U (800-895-4248 ext. 2 - License sales), 24-hrs/day, VISA or MasterCard

Hunting licenses and stamp endorsements are valid from September 1 or the date issued through August 31. Temporary hunting licenses have limited time frames.



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# Hunting/ Firearm Safety IN TEXAS



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# Hunter Education

Every hunter (including out-of-state hunters) born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, must successfully complete a Hunter Education training course. Proof of certification or deferral is required to be on your person while hunting. Minimum age of certification is 9 years, and cost is \$15.

If you were born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, and you are:

- under 9 years of age, you must be accompanied\*.
- age 9 through 16, you must successfully complete a hunter education course, or you must be accompanied\*.
- age 17 and over, you must successfully complete a hunter education course; or purchase a "Hunter Education Deferral," and you must be accompanied\*.

## Hunter Education Deferral (cost: \$10)

Allows a person 17 years of age or older who has not completed a hunter education program to defer completion for up to one year. A deferral may only be obtained once and is only valid until the end of the current license year. A person who has been convicted or has received deferred adjudication for violation of the mandatory hunter education requirement is prohibited from applying for a deferral. Take the course by August 31 of the current license year and receive a \$5 discount.

**\*Accompanied means:** By a person who is at least 17, who is licensed to hunt in Texas, who has passed hunter education or is exempt (born before Sept. 2, 1971), and you must be within normal voice control. Proof of certification or deferral is required to be on your person while hunting.

**Note:** Certification is not required to purchase a hunting license.

## Bowhunter Education

Certification is required on certain areas of Texas (Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge, Pottsboro, and Camp Bullis, San Antonio). Note: Bowhunter education does not substitute for Hunter Education certification.

# Events

**Annual National Hunting and Fishing Day**  
4th Saturday in September (statewide)

**Special Youth Hunting Seasons**  
[www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)  
Texas Parks and Wildlife *Outdoor Annual* (available each year in August for hunting regulations beginning September 1)

# Public Hunting Opportunities

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department**  
[www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**  
[www.corpslakes.usace.army.mil](http://www.corpslakes.usace.army.mil)  
[www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil](http://www.swf-wc.usace.army.mil)

**U.S. Forest Service**  
[www.fs.fed.us/r8/texas/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/texas/)

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**  
[www.fws.gov/south](http://www.fws.gov/south)

**National Park Service**  
[www.nps.gov/state/tx/](http://www.nps.gov/state/tx/)

**Federal Hunting Opportunities - General**  
[www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov)

# Hunter Orange

Hunters on public land must visibly wear at least 400 square inches of hunter orange material with orange headwear and at least 144 square inches appearing on both chest and back during daylight hours at times when hunting with firearms is permitted. For more information and exemptions, call (512) 389-4505.

# Clubs and Associations

## TEXAS HUNTING CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS

**Texas Wildlife Association** (800) 839-9453  
**Dallas Safari Club** (972) 980-9800  
**Houston Safari Club** (713) 623-8844  
**Texas Game Warden Association** (800) 322-8492  
**Texas State Rifle Association** (800) 462-8772  
**Texas 4-H Shooting Sports** (979) 845-5961  
**Texas Youth Hunting Program** (210) 826-2904

## PRIVATE LAND HUNTING LEASE REGISTRIES

"Hunt Texas Online"  
[https://www2.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/hunt/planning/hunt\\_lease](https://www2.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/hunt/planning/hunt_lease)

## INTERNATIONAL/NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

**National Rifle Assoc.** (Hunter Services) (703) 267-3785  
**National Shooting Sports Foundation** (203) 426-1320  
**Women's Shooting Sports Foundation** (719) 638-1299  
**International Hunter Education Assoc.** (303) 430-7233  
**Safari Club International** (606) 620-7220  
**National Skeet Shooting & Sporting Clay Assoc.**  
(National Gun Club) (800) 877-5338  
**Ducks Unlimited** (800) 453-8257  
**Quail Unlimited** (803) 637-5731  
**Pheasants Forever** (877) 773-2070  
**National Wild Turkey Federation** (800) 843-6983  
**Rocky Mountain Bighorn Society** (720) 201-3791  
**Foundation for North American Wild Sheep**  
(307) 527-6261  
**Big Horn Society** (806) 745-3822



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