

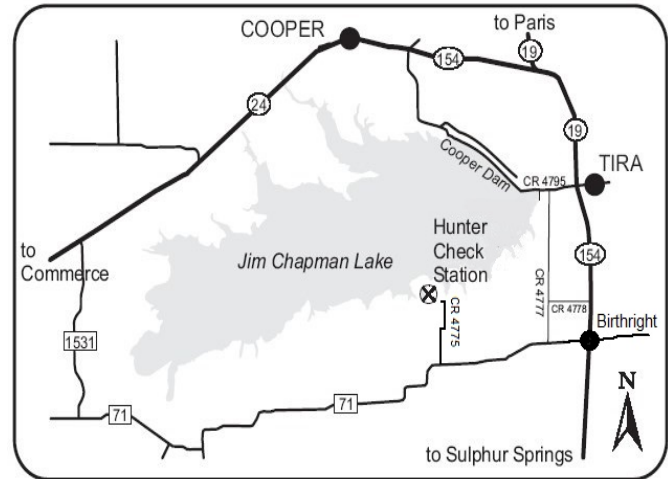


Cooper Lake State Park South Sulphur & Doctors Creek Units

Background

Cooper Lake State Park is located 70 miles northeast of Dallas in Delta and Hopkins County. It is made up of two separate units, South Sulphur and Doctors Creek.

The Area covers 3,026 acres on the periphery of Cooper Lake and is adjacent to Cooper WMA. CLSP is within the Post Oak Savannah and Blackland Prairie ecological areas of Texas with habitat consisting of bottomland hardwoods, emergent wetlands, grasslands, shrub lands and upland hardwoods.



The state of Texas leased both park units from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in January 1991. Call the Area headquarters for further information (903) 945-5256.

Reporting/Orientation

When: 11:00 a.m. on the first day of the hunt. **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.**

Where: Check Station – located at Cooper Lake State Park, South Sulphur Unit (1690 FM 3505 Sulphur Springs, TX 75482).

Preparation: Hunters should bring their valid hunting license, any stamp as required by statute and Special Permit issued from Austin. 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. Firearms should be “sighted in” prior to arriving on the Area.

All persons afield in the hunt area must visibly wear a minimum of 400 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material, with at least 144 square inches appearing on both the chest and back and orange headwear.

Check Station

Hours: Check station hours will be explained during hunt orientation.

Facilities: The nearest commercial storage/processing is 15 miles.

Check In/Out: All hunters must check in/out with Area Personnel as explained in the orientation.

Standbys

Standby hunt applicants should report to the Check Station at 10:00 a.m. on the first day of the desired hunt period to complete the application process prior to the drawing. Standby hunters will be drawn only as vacancies permit.

Latecomers

Check in: Hunters unable to report in time for the 11:00 a.m. sign-in and orientation must still report to the check station upon arrival to the Area.

Orientation: Latecomers must participate in the same orientation given to all other hunters in the Area.

Hunting Conditions

Stands: Assigned Blinds will be previously set up by staff and ready for all drawn hunters.

Firearms: Centerfire rifles are the only approved means for this hunt.

Vehicles: Transportation to and from the assigned blinds will be coordinated with park staff. ATVs or 4-wheel drive vehicles are not necessary. Area has well maintained roads for hunting blind access.

Camping Facilities

Cabins and shelters will be available at the South Sulphur Unit. For reservations call (512) 389-8900. Motel facilities are available in Sulphur Springs, Paris and Commerce.

Note: During the Special Permit Hunt periods, Cooper Lake State Park is closed to general public access.

Other Information

If you have any further questions, you may call the Cooper Lake State Park at (903) 945-5256.