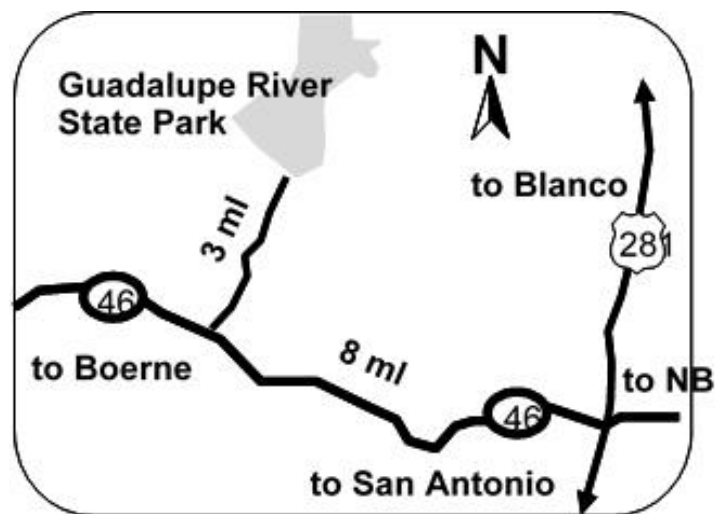




Guadalupe River State Park – Bauer Unit

Background

The Bauer Unit of Guadalupe River State Park consists of 661 acres. It is located north of the main park off of Acker Road. In the uplands away from the river, the limestone terrain is typical of the Edwards Plateau and has oak and juniper woodlands with interspersed grasslands. White-tailed deer populations exceed the carrying capacity of the area. Deer hunts were initiated in 1986 in an effort to protect the park's habitat.



Objectives of the department are to restore and maintain healthy populations of native fauna and flora in natural habitats and to provide for compatible public use. Where game populations exceed the carrying capacity of the habitat, the preferred method of reduction is public hunting.

Hunting Information

All park rules and regulations must be adhered to unless superseded by hunting regulations.

Permitted hunters should report to the Park Headquarters by 9:30 a.m. to complete paperwork on the first day of their assigned hunt so they are ready for the 10:00 a.m. orientation. **Hunters must contact the area as soon as possible if they are unable to attend their accepted hunt. Additionally, only one orientation will be provided – failure to appear for the orientation will cause a forfeit of your hunt.**

Standby positions will be available should a slot not be filled by the lottery draw.

However, there are no guaranteed standby slots. Please call (830) 438-2656 to check on the status the day prior to the scheduled hunt. If available, the standby drawing will take place at 9:00 a.m. at the front gate entrance to the main park.

To reach the main park entrance, take State Highway 46 approximately 8 miles west from the intersection of U.S. Highway 281 and State Highway 46, turn north (right) on Park Road 31 and go approximately 3 miles. The entrance is well marked.

Orientation for each hunt begins promptly at 10:00 a.m. at the Amphitheater, located behind the Discovery Center building. Following the orientation, Texas Parks and Wildlife personnel will take hunters to their assigned blinds. Hunting will end at 10:00 a.m. on the final day of the assigned 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.

Use of dogs is prohibited.

Legal means will be specific to the hunt category. Gun Deer hunts are center-fire rifles only.

Non-permitted visitors and family members will not be allowed on the Park during hunts except that a non-hunting adult assisting a permitted handicapped hunter will be allowed, along with one adult per youth hunter.

Hunters will be responsible for the reasonable care of their game after harvest. No facilities for deer storage are available but a cleaning station is available at the Bauer Unit; commercial facilities are available in Boerne or New Braunfels.

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 on 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 and older must have in their possession a valid I.D. Hunter Safety Education is required of Texas hunters born on or after September 2, 1971 (see the Texas Parks and Wildlife Outdoor Annual for more information). Each hunter should also bring a flashlight, food, drinking water, a folding chair if you don't want to sit on a wooden bench and foul weather gear.

Be prepared to hike up to ½ mile to your assigned blind.

Disturbance or removal of plants, rocks, artifacts, or other objects is prohibited.

The public display or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited. No hunter shall consume or be under the influence of alcohol while in the field hunting or on park property.

Hunters' vehicles will not be allowed into the hunt area, except that hunters with mobility disabilities may hunt from a stationary motor vehicle. Operation of an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or off-road vehicle (ORV) is prohibited, except by hunters with mobility disabilities or an adult directly assisting the permitted hunter with mobility disabilities.

Camping will be available on the Park for permitted hunters. Multi-purpose campsites with electricity, water and tent pads will be available for use. Reservations are not required but will be accepted in advance by calling (512) 389-8900.

The normal overnight camping fee will be charged to those hunters using the Park's facilities. Adequate lodging is available in Boerne. For more information about the park call (830) 438-2656.