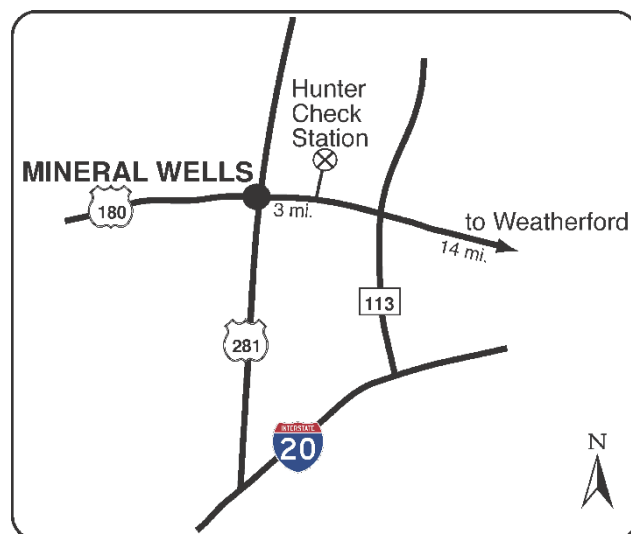


# LAKE MINERAL WELLS STATE PARK

## Background

Lake Mineral Wells State Park is located in far-west Parker County, 4 miles east of Mineral Wells on Hwy. 180. The park's 3,010 acres are primarily post oak woodlands and characteristic of the West Cross Timbers Ecological Region of North Texas. Lake Mineral Wells, containing approximately 640 acres, is located on the southern end of the park along with several campgrounds and other developed facilities. The terrain is hilly with steep sandstone outcroppings.



## Hunting Information

- The objective of the Department is to maintain a healthy population 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 carrying capacity, public hunting is the preferred method to be used in managing these renewable resources.
- All park rules and regulations must be adhered to unless suspended by hunting regulations.
- For the Adult Gun Hunt and Adult Archery Hunt, permitted hunters should report to the Park Headquarters at 10:00 a.m. on the first day of their assigned hunt period. **Hunters must contact the state 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.** 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 at 10:30 a.m. as vacancies permit.
- For the Youth Gun Hunt, permitted hunters should report to Park Headquarters at 10 a.m. on the first day of their assigned hunt period. **Hunters must contact the state park as soon as possible if they are unable to attend their accepted hunt or not able to arrive on the first day of orientation.** Standbys are not allowed for this hunt. The bag limit will be **two white-tailed deer (either sex, limit one buck).**
- Hunters with valid permits will be allowed to camp in the Park (excluding the archery hunt). Contact Lake Mineral Wells State Park at (940) 328-1171 for additional information. Hunters must be responsible for the reasonable care of their game after harvest. There are no cold

storage facilities at the park. Deer may not be hung in the campgrounds at campsites. Deer processing facilities are available in Weatherford.

- Hunters are reminded that they must have a valid Texas Hunting License and any stamp 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. Hunters under the age of 17 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian and hunt from the same blind.
- Hunters may only use center-fire rifles during the gun hunt; and legal archery equipment during the archery hunt. Archery hunters are required to complete a Bow Hunter Education Certification Course and show proof of completion to participate in the Archery Hunt.
- All hunters must wear a minimum of 400 square inches of fluorescent orange material while in the field with a minimum of 144 square inches on both chest and back **and daylight fluorescent orange headwear**. Each hunter should bring a flashlight, food, drinking water and foul weather gear. Every hunter (including out-of-state hunters) born on or after Sept. 2, 1971 must successfully complete hunter education. (see online Public Hunting>Drawn Hunts and/or current Outdoor Annual for more information).
- Disturbance or removal of plants, rocks, artifacts or other objects is prohibited.
- The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
- Hunter's vehicles will not be allowed into the hunt area, except that hunters with mobility disabilities may hunt from a stationary motor vehicle. Department personnel will assign gun deer hunters a specific hunting blind.

In case of emergency, persons participating in the public hunt may be contacted by telephone at the Park Headquarters by calling **(940) 328-1171**.