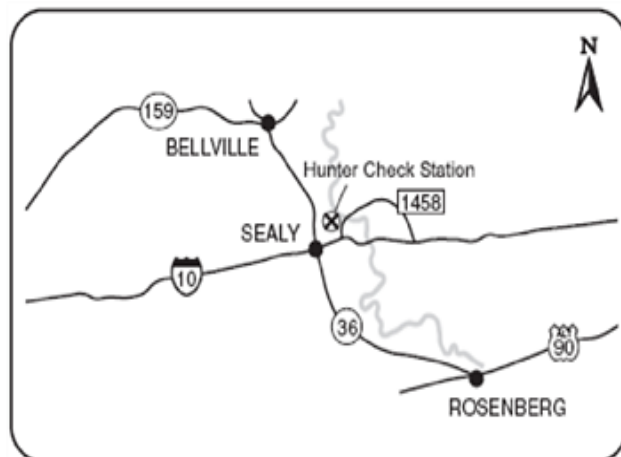




Stephen F. Austin State Park

Background

Stephen F. Austin State Park covers 473 acres in Austin County and is located approximately 5 miles east of Sealy in the town of San Felipe. To access the park, take FM 1458 north of I-10, then Park Road 38. Stephen F. Austin State Park is primarily Brazos River bottomland with mature pecan, elm, and cottonwood trees throughout, with open relatively open understory. Objectives of the public hunts are to manage the deer herd nearer the carrying capacity, while providing public hunting opportunity. Access to the Park will be limited to participants of the public hunt.



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All park rules and regulations must be adhered to unless superseded by hunting regulations.

Muzzleloaders or Shotgun w/ slugs only, no high power rifles, or pistols allowed.

Permitted hunters should report to the Park Headquarters by 10:30 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 at 10:30 a.m. as vacancies permit. Orientation and safety meeting will start at 11:00 am. **Permit fees are paid by check or money order only.**

The bag limit will be **as specified on your Special Permit.**

Camping will be permitted on the park for permitted hunters only and normal camping fees will apply. Contact Stephen F. Austin State Park (979-885-3613) 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.

Hunters are reminded that they must have a valid Texas Hunting License and any stamp required by statute. Hunters should obtain their hunting license prior to the hunt. The park does not issue hunting licenses. It is not necessary to use a hunting license tag on 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, only one firearm per designated blind is allowed.

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 fluorescent orange headwear. Each hunter should bring a flashlight, food, drinking water, and foul weather gear. Texas hunters born on or after September 2, 1971 are required to take Hunter Education (see Outdoor Annual for more information).

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

Department personnel will assign deer hunters a specific hunting location. **Walk hunting will not be permitted.**

In case of emergency, persons participating in the public hunt may be contacted by telephone at the Park Headquarters by calling **(979-885-3613)**.