



## Village Creek State Park Special Permit Deer Hunts

**Background:** Village Creek State Park is 2,466 acres location in Hardin County outside the city of Lumberton, 10 miles north of Beaumont. The park takes its name from Village Creek, a free-flowing stream that flows next to the park and the edge of the Big Thicket.

**Hunting Information:** All park rules and regulations must be adhered to unless superseded by hunting regulations.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 11:00 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. Following a brief orientation, hunters will be assigned a hunt blind. Hunting will end at 11:00 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 for Archery Deer hunts includes archery equipment only.
- Legal means for Gun Deer hunts includes Centerfire Rifles .243 or Larger only.
- Only youth may harvest game during youth hunts. A permitted supervising adult is required to accompany hunters under the age of 17 at all times.
- All hunters and adult supervisors must have a valid Texas hunting license.
- Non-permitted visitors and family members will not be allowed in the park during hunts except that a non-hunting adult directly assisting a permitted hunter with mobility disabilities will be allowed.
- Hunters will be responsible for the reasonable care of their game after harvest. No facilities for storage will be available within the park. Commercial facilities are available in the surrounding cities.
- Hunters are reminded that they must have a Special Permit. Only hunters with permits will be admitted. No substitutions will be allowed within drawn hunt positions.
- Adult Supervisors must be 18 years of age or older and must have in their possession a valid I.D. Hunter Safety Education is required of Texas hunters born on or after

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- Each hunter should bring a flashlight, food, drinking water, and inclement weather gear.
- Hunters must bring their own chairs and a shooting stick for pop-up blinds is also recommend
- Disturbance or removal of plants, rocks, artifacts, or other objects is prohibited.
- The public display or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited. Hunters may not consume or be under the influence of alcohol while hunting.
- Garbage must be disposed of in receptacle provided on park grounds or taken out with the hunter.
- 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 handicapped hunter.
- Camping will be available in the park for permitted hunters. Multi-purpose campsites with electricity, water, and -tent pads will be available for use. For site information call the Park at (409) 755-7322. The normal overnight camping fees will be charged to hunters. Adequate lodging is available in nearby cities.