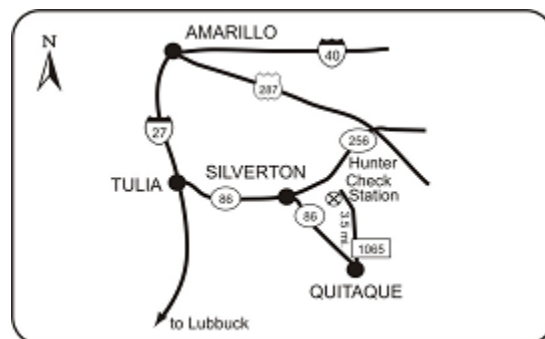




Caprock Canyons State Park E-Postcard Deer Hunt

Background

Caprock Canyons State Park (SP) is named for the scenic and rugged escarpment that separates the tablelands of the Southern High Plains from the Rolling Plains to the east. The 13,960-acre park is located in southeastern Briscoe County near the community of Quitaque, Texas. Although the park is bordered on the north by State Highway 256, the entrance is on the south and accessible from Quitaque on Farm-to-Market Road 1065. For more information call (806) 455-1492.



Objectives

The department desires 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 carrying capacities of the habitats, the preferred method of reduction is public hunting. The hunts are designed to implement a biologically sound management practice by reducing the aoudad and feral hogs within the park. We hope to reduce pressure on available browse species and thereby reduce competitive pressure on the park's mule deer and white-tail herds, as well as reduce or stop habitat destruction and alteration caused by exotic species.

General Information

- Permitted hunters should report to the Park headquarters by 9:00 a.m. on the first day of their assigned hunting 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 hunt applicants should report at 8:00 a.m. to complete the application process prior to the drawing any available Standby hunt positions. Hunters will report to the park headquarters no later than noon on the sixteenth day of the hunt period to check out and vacate the area.
- Hunters will have access to 2,400 acres of the park accessible by using County Road 29. This county road is a high clearance 4-wheel drive dirt (no gravel) road.
- Vehicular access is restricted to public roadways. Hunters are responsible for driving to their compartment.

- All park rules and regulations must be adhered to unless superseded by hunting regulations.
- The Parks and Wildlife Department retains the right to cancel permits, alter bag limits or stopping the hunt at any time.
- The bag and possession limits for the hunt period will be as printed on your Special Access permits. All harvested deer must be checked in at the designated check-in station and the park headquarters.
- Hunters must visibly 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.
- Hunters will be responsible for the retrieval and the reasonable care of their game after harvest. No facilities for game storage will be available on the park.
- Use of dogs, horses and ATVs/UTVs is prohibited
- Vehicle use is restricted to public roadways.
- Ground blinds and feeders may be left in the compartment for the duration of the hunt, however, they must be temporary structures that can be carried in and out by the hunter. ATV and UTV use will not be allowed to ferry in blinds or supplies. No alterations to vegetation and existing structures will be allowed.
- All corn must be labeled for wildlife use with aflatoxin less than 20 ppb.
- Non-permitted visitors and family members will not be allowed on the hunt area during hunts, unless a non-hunting adult is assisting a permitted hunter with mobility disabilities or a permitted youth hunter.
- Hunters are reminded that they must have a valid Texas Hunting License and any required stamp and appropriate tags or bonus white-tailed deer tag(s) as required by statute.
- Hunters are required to check harvested deer in at the Park Headquarters and the nearest Harvest Check Station.
- Hunters born on or after September 2, 1971 are required to have completed the Hunter Education Certification. See the Texas Parks & Wildlife Outdoor Annual for more information.
- Disturbance or removal of plants, rocks, artifacts or other objects is prohibited.
- The display or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
- Camping will be available on the park. Multi-use campsites will be available for use by reservation. Hunters are responsible for making campsite reservations. The Park will not hold sites for hunters. Normal park use fees will be charged to those hunters using the Park's facilities.
- Because of the extremely rugged terrain of the park, hunters should be prepared for a very strenuous hunt that may occur during severe winter conditions such as freezing rain or snow.

Hunters should be prepared for long distance shots of at least 200 yards. Also, the removal of the harvested animal from portions of the park to the nearest road or pickup point can be very strenuous because of the terrain and size of the larger animals (200 lbs. Plus).

Call (806) 455-1492 for more information on the park.