

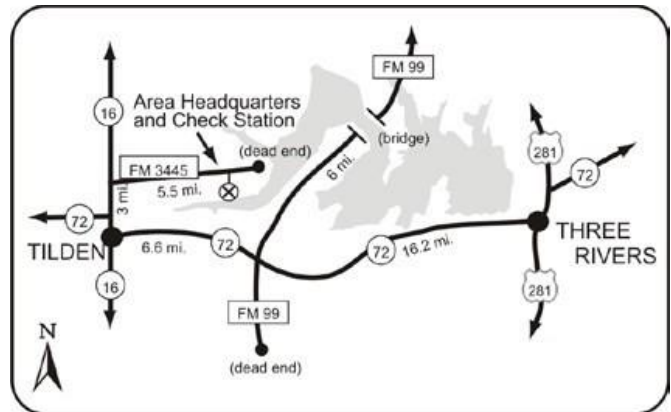


Choke Canyon State Park – North Shore Unit E-Post Card – Feral Hog Hunts

Overview

Choke Canyon State Park is located in Live Oak County of South Texas. The terrain is gently rolling and vegetated with extremely dense thorny brush dominated by mesquite, black brush and cacti. Choke Canyon Reservoir lies on the Frio River approximately 3.5 miles west of the town of Three Rivers along Highway 72 to Tilden. Constructed as a water supply for the City of Corpus Christi by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the reservoir consists of 26,000 surface acres represented

by the conservation pool at elevation 220.5 feet above sea level. Public hunts are conducted on the 1,700-acre undeveloped North Shore Park Site. Objectives of the Department are to maintain healthy populations of native fauna and flora in natural habitats and to provide for compatible use. Where game populations exceed the carrying capacity of the habitat, the preferred method of reduction is public hunting.



Hunt Information

This area is accessible only by boat, then significant hiking by foot. Daily Boat Launching Fees Apply. Boats should be large enough to cross Choke Canyon Reservoir in windy conditions. Hunters may access hunt area from a boat at all times throughout the hunt period provided that boats are launched from public boat ramps. Hunters should take this into consideration before applying for this hunt. Hunters are encouraged to bring portable blinds.

Only specific areas identified during orientation will be open to hunting. No hunting on or near the dam, spillway or outlet works. Developed park areas are also closed to hunting. The hunter check station is at the James E. Daughtrey Wildlife Management Area (WMA) headquarters, located north of Tilden on FM 3445. All hunters must attend a mandatory orientation at 11:00 a.m. on the first day of the hunt period. Hunt ends at noon on the last day of the hunt period.

Camping is available at the State Park's Calliham Unit and reservations are recommended. The normal overnight camping fee will be charged to those hunters using the park facilities. Private motels are also available in the Tilden and Three Rivers area. A primitive campground is located at the WMA area headquarters and will open the evening before the start of the hunt. Please

contact the WMA if you intend to arrive early to use the campground prior to the hunt. Drinking water and electrical hookups are not available. A limited number of fire rings and picnic tables are provided on a first come, first served basis. There are no cold storage facilities available on-site.

Other restrictions as follows:

- At orientation all hunters must have on their person a valid e-Post Card confirmation, valid state issued driver's license or ID card, Annual Public Hunting Permit, a Texas hunting license and any special stamp as required by statute. Only hunters drawn for the E-post Card hunt will be admitted.
- Hunters 17 years of age and older must have in their possession a valid state issued I.D. Hunter Education is required of all hunters born on or after September 2, 1971. (See Outdoor Annual for more information).
- **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; daylight fluorescent orange headwear is also required regardless of hunt method.**
- **Youth Supervision:** A permitted supervising adult must accompany hunters under the age of 17. Adults accompanying youth must be 17 years of age or older, possess a valid Texas hunting license, have completed a hunter education course or be exempt and must be within normal voice control. A permitted supervising adult must accompany hunters under the age of 17. Non-permitted visitors will not be allowed to accompany hunters into the field.
- **Daily Electronic On-Site Registration (eOSR) is required.** Check in, check out, and harvested animals will be recorded through the My Texas Hunt Harvest app. (See staff for more Information).
- For the Feral Hog Hunt only legal archery equipment, shotguns with slugs or muzzleloaders are allowed. No centerfire rifles or pistols allowed. No night hunting.
- Each hunter should also bring a flashlight, food, drinking water, and foul weather gear.
- Bag Limit: Unlimited feral hogs. No other animal game or non-game may be taken or possessed.
- Portable stands are encouraged, and baiting is permitted. Corn must be certified less than 20 ppb aflatoxin free. **All equipment must be removed before the end of the hunt period. All equipment must be labeled with hunter's name and phone number.**
- Alcoholic beverages may not be publicly displayed or consumed on the park unit and persons under the influence of alcohol/drugs will not be permitted to enter the hunt area. All open container DUI and DWI regulations will be enforced.

- Hunters in the field, including boats, are subject to inspection by WMA/State Park Personnel and/or Game Wardens. Vehicles and boats must also display a parking permit and be registered at the area headquarters.
- Do not take any plants, animals (other than legally taken game) or artifacts from the park unit, including shed deer antlers or skulls. Any artifact found must be left as they are.
- Hunting from a vehicle is prohibited, 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 a hunter with mobility disabilities.

For further information contact Choke Canyon State Park at (361) 786-3868; WMA personnel at (361) 274-3573 and (830) 879-5496; or please visit the Daughtrey WMA Facebook page at www.facebook.com/DaughtreyWMA.