

PLEASE REVIEW REGULATIONS BELOW ON HUNTING THE REFUGE. ALL UNITS ARE WALK-IN ONLY AND HAVE OTHER RESTRICTIONS ON THIS GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.

Trinity River Refuge Upland Game (Squirrel and Rabbit) Hunt Announcement

Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge will be accepting applications on a **first come, first served** basis for a public Upland Game hunt starting August 25, 2008. (**Any application received before that date will NOT be accepted.**) A total of 50 permits will be given out for the two areas listed below. You will be able to hunt squirrel and rabbit only during our mini 23-day season (Oct 4 to Oct 26, 2008). Review the [application form](#) for unit choices and fees. **READ UNIT DESCRIPTIONS BELOW CAREFULLY AS THEY ONLY ALLOW CERTAIN WEAPONS. FOR INSTANCE, IF YOU ONLY HUNT WITH A RIFLE YOU CAN ONLY APPLY FOR BRIERWOOD UNIT, BUT A SHOTGUN CAN BE USED ON BOTH UNITS.** The hunter will be allowed to bring up to two youth (age 12 to 17) hunters at no additional cost. Youths must be 12 years old by Oct 1, 2008. You must be 18 or older to apply. The first 50 applicants will be notified by mail within 10 days and given a refuge hunt permit with a full list of refuge regulations and map. You may stop by our office during normal business hours to purchase a permit if any remain. You are advised to call to make sure someone is in the office to give you an Upland Game permit. Our office is located at 1351 North Main, Liberty and we can be reached at 936-336-9786.

Hunt Unit Description:

The [Brierwood unit](#) is located west of Gaylor Lake, south of Highway 105. All legal weapons allowed except handguns. Total acres 1,800. Number of permits to be issued - 30. **Only unit which will allow limited all-terrain vehicle use for disabled hunters (with appropriate documentation).**

The [McGuire unit](#) is located near McMurtry Road (CR 2087). Shotgun only. Total acres 550. Number of permits to be issued - 20.

Regulations:

Hunting will be in accordance with all applicable Federal and State regulations during this 23-day mini season (Oct 4-26, 2008).

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We do not allow the use of dogs, feeders, baiting, campsites, fires, bicycles, horses, or all-terrain vehicles (ATV) (except one unit which will allow limited ATV use for medically documented disabled hunters). Carts or wagons rolled in are okay, but this area is usually wet and muddy during winter months.

You must hunt within the confines of the boundary as defined by the map, signs, and boundary paint. You are allowed to scout the area one week before season starts. You should have a compass or GPS. Cell phones may not work. Hunters may be expected to walk long distances to reach some areas available to hunting. No weapons will be allowed during the designated scouting week.

Minimum distance between hunt parties is 200 yards. **Hunters must visibly wear 400 square inches of hunter orange above the waist AND a hunter orange hat or cap.**

Youth hunters must be under the **direct and visual** supervision of an adult 18 or older. Permit holder **MUST** be hunting on same days with guest or youth hunter.

You must enter and park in designated areas only, near entrance gate.

Hunters may enter the Refuge no earlier than 5:00 a.m. Hunting will be permitted from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

Permit holders may set portable, free-standing, and **Non-Damaging** climbing blinds during the designated scouting week before the hunt. The Refuge is not responsible for anything left on the property over night. Driving nails, spikes, or other metal objects into trees or hunting from trees that require removing branches greater than one inch in diameter is prohibited. No flagging or markers are to be used. The use of paint for marking is prohibited. Blinds must be labeled with name of permit holder. **No hunting or erection of blinds along main roads or trails winding through the unit.**

To get accurate hunt data, we **will require** all hunters that are selected to submit a **data log card** that will be sent with the hunt permit. Those failing to return a completed card will not be allowed to hunt the following year. **YOU MUST DISPLAY THIS CARD ON DASHBOARD WHILE HUNTING.** This will allow us to spot check parking areas for permitted hunters.

[CLICK HERE FOR THE BIG GAME HUNT APPLICATION](#)

CLICK BELOW FOR THE DESIRED UNIT FOR THE BIG GAME HUNT.

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