

# Further Reading

## BOOKS:

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Posewitz, Jim. *Inherit the Hunt*. Falcon Publishing, Inc. Helena, MT. 1999.

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## MAGAZINES & PERIODICALS:

*Hunter's Handbook* (TPWD Hunter Education)  
*Texas Fish and Game*  
*Texas Parks & Wildlife*  
*Texas Sportsman*

## FIREARM/HUNTING SAFETY

### Shooting Safety Rules

1. Always point the muzzle or nocked arrow in a safe direction.
2. Treat every firearm or bow with the same respect you would show a loaded gun or nocked arrow.
3. Be sure of your target – what is in front of and beyond your target.
4. Unload firearms and unstring conventional bows when not in use.
5. Handle firearms, arrows and ammunition carefully.
6. Know your safe zone-of-fire and stick to it.
7. Control your emotions when it comes to safety.
8. Wear hearing and eye protection.
9. Don't drink alcohol or take drugs before or while handling firearms or bow and arrows.
10. Be aware of additional circumstances which require added caution or safety awareness.

## HUNTER EDUCATION

Every hunter (including out-of-state hunters) born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, must successfully complete a Hunter Education training course. Minimum age of certification is 12 years and cost is \$15.

If you were born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, and you are:

- under 12 years of age, you must be accompanied\*.
- age 12 through 16, you must successfully complete a hunter education course, or you must be accompanied\*.
- age 17 and over, you must successfully complete a hunter education course; or purchase a "Hunter Education Deferral," and you must be accompanied\*.

### **Hunter Education Deferral** (cost: \$10)

Allows a person 17 years of age or older who has not completed a hunter education program to defer completion for up to one year. A deferral may only be obtained once and is only valid until the end of the current license year. A person who has been convicted or has received deferred adjudication for violation of the mandatory hunter education requirement is prohibited from applying for a deferral. Take the course by August 31 of the current license year and receive a \$5 discount.

**\*Accompanied means: By a person who is at least 17, who is licensed to hunt in Texas, who has passed hunter education or is exempt (born before Sept. 2, 1971), and you must be within normal voice control. Proof of certification or deferral is required to be on your person while hunting. Note: Certification is not required to purchase a hunting license.**

**Bowhunter Education** - Certification is required on certain areas of Texas (Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge, Pottsboro and Camp Bullis, San Antonio). **Note:** Bowhunter education does not substitute for Hunter Education certification.

For course information, please consult the TPWD Web site ([www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntered](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntered)) or call toll-free (800) 792-1112 (menu 63) or call (512) 389-4999.

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Web site:**

[www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us)



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## RESOURCE INFORMATION LIST

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Where  
to go



**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department  
Regional Law Enforcement Offices:**

Brownsville	(956) 546-1952
Corpus Christi	(361) 289-5566
Fort Worth	(817) 831-3128
Houston (North)	(281) 931-6471
Lubbock	(806) 761-4930
Mt. Pleasant	(903) 572-7966
Rusk	(903) 683-2511
San Angelo	(325) 651-4844
San Antonio	(210) 348-7375
Temple	(254) 778-2851

## Clubs & Associations

### TEXAS HUNTING CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Texas Wildlife Association	(210) 826-2904
Dallas Safari Club	(972) 980-9800
Houston Safari Club	(713) 666-7171
Texas Game Warden Association	(800) 322-8492
Texas State Rifle Association	(972) 889-8772
Texas 4-H Shooting Sports	(409) 845-1214
Becoming an Outdoors-Woman	(512) 389-8198
Texas Youth Hunting Program	(800) 460-5494

### PRIVATE LAND HUNTING LEASE REGISTRIES

Texas Hunting Directory	(800) 453-8257
Texas Wildlife Association	(210) 826-2904

### INTERNATIONAL/NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

National Rifle Association (Hunter Services)	(703) 267-3785
National Shooting Sports Foundation	(203) 426-1320
Women's Shooting Sports Foundation	(719) 638-1299
International Hunter Education Association	(303) 430-7233
Safari Club International	(606) 620-7220
National Skeet Shooting & Sporting Clay Assoc. (National Gun Club)	(800) 877-5338
Ducks Unlimited	(800) 453-8257

Quail Unlimited	(915) 823-3347
Pheasants Forever	(651) 773-2000
National Wild Turkey Federation	(800) 843-6983
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	(800) 225-5355
Foundation for North American Wild Sheep	(307) 527-6261
Big Horn Society	(806) 745-3822

## Events

- **National Hunting and Fishing Day**  
4th Saturday in September – Annually (Statewide)
- **Texas Parks & Wildlife Expo**  
1st weekend in October (Austin) – *Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Headquarters*
- **Special Youth Hunting Season for white-tailed deer and Rio Grande turkey**  
Last weekend in October and 3rd weekend in January  
(Consult current TPWD "Outdoor Annual" for specific dates.)

## HUNTING LICENSE

- **License sales by phone:** 1-800-TX LIC 4 U (1-800-895-4248) 24-hrs/day, VISA/MasterCard. ext. 2 – License Sales
- **Hunting licenses and stamps** Valid September 1 or the date issued through August 31. Temporary hunting licenses-limited time frames.

## PUBLIC HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES

- low cost
- a multitude of wildlife species
- access over 1 million acres
- family oriented
- properties owned and leased
- dove areas near urban centers
- **A \$48 Annual Public Hunting Permit (Youth under 17 FREE with permitted adult)** Map booklet of over 200 areas available where licenses are sold.
- **A \$15 Daily Hunting Permit (Youth under 17 FREE with permitted adult)**
- \$3-\$10 application fees for special hunts for deer, alligators, exotics, feral hogs, javelina and turkey.

- Enter the Big Time Texas Hunts, including the Texas Grand Slam drawing, Texas Exotic Safari, Texas Whitetail Bonanza (10 winners), Texas Waterfowl Adventure, Big Time Texas Bird Hunt, Texas Premium Buck Hunt and the Texas Gator Hunt – each \$10 per application. Available where licenses are sold.

Further Information: (800) 792-1112, ext. 4505

**TEXAS HUNTING REGULATIONS**– See Texas Parks and Wildlife Department "Outdoor Annual" available each year around August 1st for hunting regulations beginning September 1st.

**Texas Migratory Hunting Regulations** – Dove and Teal Hunting Regulations are contained within the "Outdoor Annual."

Duck, merganser, coot, goose, sandhill crane, woodcock and snipe hunting dates and bag limits are not in the "Outdoor Annual," but they are made available in October of each year.

**Report Bird Bands:** call (800) 327-BAND

### Harvest Information Program HIP for Migratory Bird Hunters

- A few migratory bird questions will be asked of you at time of license purchase.
- HIP certification is required of all migratory game bird hunters nationwide.

### SPECIAL PERMITS FOR LANDOWNERS

- **Managed lands deer (MLD) permits**  
For further information call: (512) 389-4505.
- **Landowner Assisted Management Plan (LAMPS)**  
For further information call: (409) 489-0823.

**HUNTER ORANGE** – Hunters on public land must visibly wear at least 400 square inches of hunter orange material with orange headwear and at least 144 square inches appearing on both chest and back during daylight hours at times when hunting with firearms is permitted. For more information and exemptions, call (512) 389-4505.

**OPERATION GAME THIEF** – If you know a poacher or know of poaching activity, report these violations to Operation Game Thief by calling (800) 792-GAME and help preserve our wildlife resources. Information leading to the arrest and conviction of a poacher may result in a cash reward up to \$1,000.

