

What else can you do?

You can further support conservation and outdoor recreation when you ...

- Obey the laws,
- Act safely and responsibly, and
- Use the outdoors wisely.

Thank YOU for supporting conservation.

You are a valuable partner in our goal to make it easier and safer to enjoy the Texas outdoors.

Want to know more?

Visit our Web site:

www.tpwd.state.tx.us

Or call toll-free:

(800) 792-1112 (M-F, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.)



Get free e-mail updates on outdoor news, activities and promotions from Texas Parks and Wildlife, delivered right to your mailbox!

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TPWD Mission

To manage and conserve the natural and cultural resources of Texas and to provide hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation opportunities for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

For information on other outdoor opportunities:

Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept.: (800) 792-1112

To make reservations at a state park:

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Central Reservation Center: (512) 389-8900



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Partners in Conservation

IN TEXAS



Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and You

Did you know?

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) responsibilities are ...

To manage and conserve the state's natural and cultural resources, provide opportunities for hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation, and provide conservation education and outreach, and cultural/historical interpretation.

What does this mean?

It means that TPWD ...

- Regulates hunting and fishing.
- Operates and interprets state parks and historic sites.
- Operates and interprets state wildlife management areas.
- Helps communities develop their own parks, facilities and programs.
- Assists private landowners with wildlife management.
- Conducts scientific studies of fish, wildlife and their habitats.
- Enforces state fish and game laws.
- Educates the public about outdoor safety and about conservation.
- Communicates all this via TPWD's own magazine and its award-winning TV, radio and news programs.

All these activities are essential to manage and conserve Texas wildlife and cultural resources.

Why conservation?

Good conservation means ...

- Clean and abundant water;
- Healthy and abundant fish and wildlife;
- Public access to open spaces;
- More parklands;
- More hunting, fishing, boating and outdoor recreation opportunities; and
- Greater economic benefits to Texas.

Good conservation of our wildlife and cultural resources means a healthier place to live for all Texans.

THE ECONOMICS OF CONSERVATION

During 2006, Texas citizens spent at least \$2.9 billion on fishing, \$1.9 billion on hunting, and \$2.8 billion on wildlife watching.

This means a direct economic benefit to Texas of almost \$21 billion.

Source: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. 2008. 2006 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation-Texas, 81 pp.

What are the costs?

Good conservation is not cheap ...

In 2006, TPWD spent over \$210 million to meet its responsibilities mandated by the Texas Legislature.

So who pays the bills?

The money that TPWD spends comes from ...

- 1) **USERS OF THE RESOURCES**
The hunters, anglers, boaters, state park visitors and outdoor enthusiasts through:
 - Hunting and fishing licenses;
 - State park access fees; and
 - Boat registration and titles.
- 2) **STATE TAXES**
 - Sporting goods sales tax;
 - General revenue; and
 - Unclaimed motorboat fuel tax.
- 3) **PRIVATE DONATIONS**
 - Foundations;
 - Conservation organizations; and
 - Individuals.
- 4) **FEDERAL SOURCES**
 - Grants;
 - Excise taxes on sporting arms and ammunition; and
 - Excise taxes on fishing equipment and tackle.

Through their purchases and participation, resource users contribute the greatest amount of dollars to conservation in the state and nation.