



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

2015 Feral Hog Hunting Regulations and Information

Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge

Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge will hold a limited-permit feral hog hunt in March 2015. A total of 170 permits will be available. Shotguns, muzzleloaders, and bow and arrow are allowed as hunting weapons. The Big Mineral, Sandy, Godwin, Harris and Goode Units will be open to feral hog hunting. Hunters may select which unit they wish to hunt, however the *Goode Unit will be open to archery hunting only*. The Meyers Unit will be closed to hunting.

Hunt Applications and Permits

For the 2015 hunt, applications will be accepted at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge beginning January 5th and ending January 23rd, 2015. The first 170 hunters to apply will be issued a permit. There is a \$5 application/processing fee (non-refundable) and a \$25 permit fee per hunter. Once all 170 permits have been issued, the application period will close.

To apply, send your name and address on an index card to:

2015 Feral Hog Hunt
Hagerman NWR
6465 Refuge Road
Sherman, TX 75092

You may also come to the Refuge Headquarters Monday–Friday, 7:30–4:00 and apply in person. **Cash will not be accepted. You must bring a check or money order made out to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.**

If you have a preference of Segment A or Segment B, please note this on your application card, or inform Refuge staff if applying in person.

Note: All applicants who will be hunting with a bow must have completed a Bowhunter Education Course* before applying for the hunt and must provide their Bowhunter Education Certificate Student Number when applying.

*IBEP courses are conducted locally and statewide. Contact your local bow shop or contact the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, Hunter Education Division at 1-800/792-1112 or see internet site: www.tpwd.state.tx.us.

Significant Dates

Hunt Dates for Segment A and B:

Segment A. Friday Morning March 6 to
Sunday Evening March 8, 2015

Segment B. Friday Morning March 20 to
Sunday Evening March 22, 2015*

* If fewer than 75 applications are received, all hunters will hunt during Segment A

Hunt Fees

There is a \$5 application/processing fee and a \$25 permit fee per hunter. Check or money-order only made out to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be accepted for payment. *Cash will not be accepted.*

Hunter Qualifications

License & Tags: A valid State of Texas hunting license is required. All Texas State regulations apply. **Note:** The Refuge has no licenses or stamps for sale. Photo ID, hunting license, and hunt permit are required for registration.

Hunter Education. In accordance with State regulations.

Bowhunter Education Card. Required if hunting with a bow.

Firearms

Persons possessing, transporting, or carrying firearms on National Wildlife Refuges must comply with all provisions of state and local law. Persons may only use (discharge) firearms in accordance with Refuge regulations (50 CFR 27.42 and specific refuge regulations in 50 CFR Part 32). Units will have a hunting type of weapon restriction (long gun, shot gun, or archery) due to safety concerns.

Regulations

- Only lead free, non-toxic (steel, bismuth, copper or tungsten) bullets, slugs, or 00 buckshot may be used and possessed while hunting feral hogs on the Refuge.

- We do not allow baiting or hunting over bait.

- Permitted hunters only allowed in the field during the hunt.

- We do not allow possession of alcohol during a hunt.

- No trees or limbs greater than one inch may be cut.

- We do not allow collecting shed antlers.

- We do not allow camping on the refuge; public camping facilities are available off refuge.

- A complete set of hunting regulations will be provided to selected hunters.

Legal Game. Feral hogs.

Bag Limits: There is no bag, age, sex, or size limit on hogs

Reporting: All harvested hogs must be checked at or reported to the Hunter Check Station the day harvested. 903/786-2826

Methods: Hunting is from stands, blinds or by stalking (still hunting) only. Only one (1) stand per hunter is allowed. Only portable blinds and stands are allowed and must be removed at the close of the hunt segment. The hunt units will be closed to public entry the day prior to each hunt segment. Permitted hunters will be allowed to place hunt stands on trees the day before their hunt segment begins, **but must first check in at the hunter check station (anytime after 7:00 am) and must leave the unit by 2:00 pm.** Any hunter that has not left the hunt unit by 2:00 p.m. on stand placement day will be disqualified from the hunt.

Hours of Access

A self-serve check station will be used for the hunt. All hunters MUST check-in and check-out daily. You may check-in beginning at 5:00 a.m. each of the three hunt days. Check-out time each day is one hour after legal sunset.

Scouting

Scouting is encouraged (daylight hours only), but is not allowed during hunt segment, including the day before each segment. No weapons may be discharged except when hunting.

For Further Information

Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge
6465 Refuge Road
Sherman, TX 75092-5817
903/786-2826
Monday thru Friday, 7:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

January 2015

