



## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# 2018 Archery Deer Hunting Regulations and Information

## Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge

Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge, about 75 miles north of Dallas, Texas on Lake Texoma, will hold an archery hunt for white-tailed deer, by special permit only, through a drawing process. Three areas will be open to hunting, approximately 3,475 acres. A total of 150 permits will be issued through a lottery drawing process. A preference point system is in place. Units open for 2018 hunt are Goode, Meyers and Harris.

### Archery Hunt Applications and Permits

To insure a quality and safe hunt; the number of permits issued each year will change in accordance with the number of acres available to hunt. For the 2018 hunt, applications will be accepted at Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge beginning May 1 and ending May 31. Applications may not be postmarked before May 1 or after May 31. There is a \$5 application fee (non-refundable) per person and each person may enter only one time.

**\*NEW THIS YEAR:** You are not required to have completed a bowhunter education (BHE) course to be eligible to apply, however you **MUST** have completed a BHE course before you will be allowed to hunt. **Your BHE card must be shown at hunter check-in.**

Hunters may list up to one buddy on the application and may be selected for a maximum of one deer segment per season. To apply, send your name, address, e-mail address, bowhunter education number, and phone number for each hunter on an index card to:

2018 Archery Deer 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.

To obtain a Special Use Permit to use a crossbow for the Hagerman NWR archery deer hunt:

1) You must provide the refuge with a signed statement of fact from a licensed physician (not a physician's assistant, medical technician/aide, or nurse) that documents an upper-limb disability that has resulted in a **permanent** loss of the use of fingers, hand, or arm in a manner that renders you incapable of using a longbow, compound bow, or recurved bow.

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

<http://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/hunt/>

Hunters who qualified for automatic selection by harvesting an adult doe or 2 adult hogs in 2017 must apply as above for the 2018 hunt.

### Significant 2018 Dates

Accept applications: May 1 to May 31  
Drawing: June 8  
Hunt fee & scorecard deadline: July 13

### Hunt Dates A, B and C:

Segment A	Friday Morning to Sunday Evening	Nov 2 Nov 4
Segment B	Friday Morning to Sunday Evening	Nov 16 Nov 18
Segment C	Friday Morning to Sunday Evening	Nov 30 Dec 2

### Hunt Fees

If drawn, the permit fee is \$50.

### Hunter Requirements

**Proficiency:** Successful completion of a proficiency test, dated May 1, 2018 or later, with a score of 80% or more is required. The test must be taken on a standard archery testing course (10-8-5-0 scoring) with no target more than 30 yards and a minimum of 14 targets. A tournament scorecard, signed by a tournament range officer, will suffice as proof of proficiency.

**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.

**Bowhunter Education Card.** You will be required to present your bowhunter education card at registration and/or check in.

### Hagerman NWR Hunting Permit:

Selected hunters must submit their \$50 fee and proficiency test score by the deadline to receive their permit. Each hunter must present their permit at the pre-hunt orientation session. This permit is required to register and to hunt. **You will not be allowed to hunt without it!** This permit must also be in the hunters possession at all times while hunting on the refuge.

### 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).

### Regulations

- By signing the permit, the hunter certifies that he/she has read and understands all rules in the permit.

- Any violation of regulations may result in disqualification from the hunt.

- Hunters using the refuge are subject to inspections of permits, licenses, hunting equipment, bag limits, vehicles, and their contents by Refuge and State law enforcement.

- We do not allow baiting or hunting over bait.
- We do not allow possession of alcohol during a hunt.

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

- No game cameras allowed.

- We do not allow collecting shed antlers.

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

- Only permitted hunters allowed in the field during the hunt.

**Legal Game:** Deer and feral hogs.

**Bag Limits:** As per state regulations. Deer may be harvested in any order.

**Feral Hogs:** No limit. Harvesting of hogs is greatly encouraged.

**Incentive:** Any hunter harvesting an **adult** doe or two (2) adult feral hogs (must be brought to check station) will be issued a receipt entitling exemption from random drawing for next year's (2019) hunt. The adult doe must be shot cleanly in the lung/heart/liver region to qualify for a receipt. Incentive limited to one (1) year consecutive.

**Reporting:** All harvested game must be taken to the Hunter Check Station.

**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 Thursday before their hunt segment begins, but first must check-in and attend a hunt orientation at 8:00 am. **Hunters may not enter any hunt unit until 9:00 a.m. and must leave the unit by 2:30 p.m. on Thursday.**

Any hunter entering the unit before 9:00 a.m. or still in the unit after 2:30 p.m. to place their stand will be disqualified from the hunt. Those unable to attend the orientation must read and sign a copy of information covered during orientation. Photo ID, hunting license, bowhunter education card, and hunt permit are required for registration.

### Hours of Access

Check-in time each morning of the hunt will be 5 a.m. Hunters must check-in in person each day they hunt, but can call to check-out each evening (actual hunter only). Check-out time all three days is one hour after legal hunting time.

## 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.

## Unit Rotation Schedule

Hunt units will be rotated as follows in order to 'rest' units and provide a quality hunt:  
 2018—Goode, Meyers & Harris Creek  
 2019—Meyers, Harris Creek & Big Mineral  
 2020—Harris Creek, Big Mineral & Sandy

## 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.  
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