



## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# General Hunting Information

## Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge

- \$80.00 hunt fee for each hunt period.
- The application period for all hunts is only during the month of August.
- “Scouting periods” are November 1–2 and November 8–9, 2014.
- Hunters must be at least 9 years of age by the hunt date. Hunters that are 9–17 years of age must hunt under the direct supervision of an adult 21 years of age or older who also has a hunt permit for that hunt.

### Archery Hunts

*Permits:* Issued on a first-come, first-served basis in person or by mail. Issued Monday–Friday, 7:30–4, August 1–31 or until sold out. A total of 800 permits may be issued for the archery season.

*Application:* You may apply for a maximum of two archery hunts. Submit the \$80.00 hunt fee for each hunt you apply for with your application. Cash, check or money orders are accepted in person. Checks and money orders are accepted via mail.

*Legal Weapons:* Bow and arrow only, as defined by Texas state hunting regulations for the Archery-Only open season.

Crossbows may be used by hunters with an upper limb disability but a special use permit is required.

Contact Assistant Refuge Manager by October 31, to apply for a special use permit.

*Note:* No permit will be issued if a mailed application is not postmarked during the month of August or if all permits have already been issued. Checks and money orders will be returned if mailed in and a hunt is full.

*Bag Limit:* Two white-tailed deer: one female and one male or two females. Unlimited feral hogs and nilgai antelope.

### Archery Hunt Dates:

Hunt #1 is November 12–16, 2014 (May set up stands November 11, 2014).

Hunt #2 is November 30–December 6, 2014 (May set up stands November 29, 2014).

Hunt #3 is January 7–11, 2015 (May set up stands January 6)

\* stand set up the day before the hunt will be from official sunrise to official sunset

### Firearm Hunts

*General:* Five hunts (each hunt is three consecutive days, starting at 8:00 a.m. the 1st day and ending at sunset on the 3rd day of your scheduled hunt).

*Permits:* 175 total permits, 35 hunters per hunt. Hunters will be selected by computer random drawing in early September. Successful applicants will be notified by mail and assigned to a hunt period.

*Application:* You may submit one application for the firearm hunts between August 1 and August 31. Mailed applications must be postmarked within the month of August. DO NOT mail fee with your application. A maximum of three people may be listed on each application. Applicants listed on more than one “Firearm Hunt” application will result in those applications being voided.

### Orientation

Orientations are mandatory for all firearm hunts. Orientation is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on the first day of your selected hunt.

### Firearm Hunt Dates:

Hunt #1 is November 21–23, 2014

Hunt #2 is December 12–14, 2014

Hunt #3 is December 19–21, 2014

Hunt #4 is December 27–29, 2014

Hunt #5 is January 2–4, 2015

*Bag Limit:* Two white-tailed deer: one female and one male or two females. Unlimited feral hogs and nilgai antelope.

*Legal Weapons:* Only shoulder-fired modern rifles, muzzle-loading black powder (or equivalent powder) firearms, and crossbows are allowed. Black powder firearms must be .40 caliber or larger and modern firearms must be center-fire and .22 caliber or larger. Shotguns are not allowed.

Texas State Hunting Regulations apply to hunting on the Refuge. We encourage you to contact the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department at 1-800/792-1112 or [www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us) for complete information.

### For Additional Information

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