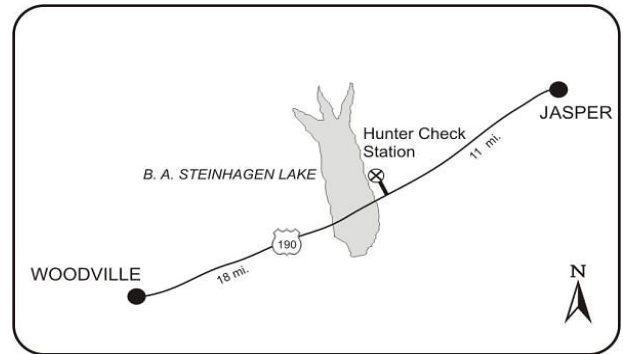




# Angelina Neches/Dam B Wildlife Management Area Alligator Hunts

## Background

The Angelina Neches/Dam B Wildlife Management Area is located 11 miles west of the city limits of Jasper, in Jasper and Tyler Counties, Texas. The Hunt headquarters is located on the north side of US Highway 190, on the Walnut Ridge Unit of Martin Dies Jr. State Park (location may change due to fluctuating lake levels please call (936) 639-8620 prior to hunt for location). The Management Area is a 12,705-acre block of fresh water and bottomland habitat interspersed with upland pine ridges. All access is by boat only. Public boat ramps and information stations are located at Bevilport, the Walnut Ridge and Cherokee Units of Martin Dies Jr. SP and the Magnolia Ridge Army Corps of Engineers Park.



## Public Hunting

Permitted hunters should report to the hunt headquarters by 11:00 am on the first day of their assigned hunt period. Hunters must contact the hunt manager (936) 639-8620 as soon as possible if they are unable to attend their accepted hunt or not able to by 11:00 am for orientation. All hunters will be required to undergo a brief orientation session immediately prior to the beginning of each hunt. During this check in and orientation, hunters will be informed of hunt guidelines. No refunds or hunter substitutions are permitted. Only hunters listed on the permit will be allowed to accompany the hunt party. Camping is not permitted at the WMA, but camping is available at Martin Dies Jr. State Park (409) 384-5231 and commercial lodging may be obtained nearby if desired.

Your alligator hunt permit and hunting license must be presented upon check in. Each hunter, regardless of age, must possess a hunting license which can be purchased at any license vendor. These licenses are sold at the State Park; however, to save with processing time, we advise you purchase your license before arrival. An additional \$125-\$150 tag fee will be assessed in the event you are successful in harvesting an alligator and opt to sell the alligator in the commercial market. (No tag fee for personal use.) Each hunter listed on the permit will be allowed to harvest one alligator during the hunt.

Legal methods for taking alligators will include (1) hook and line, (2) archery with retrieval line, (3) hand-held snare, and (4) handheld harpoon or gig. Shotguns with birdshot may be used to

dispatch alligators secured on line or snare but may not be used to shoot at free-swimming alligators. Pre-baiting for alligators is strictly prohibited.

The following is required for each hunting party -- one or more of the following legal means and methods of taking an alligator:

- Hook and Line (limit of 1 set per hunter) -- non-stainless steel hook of at least 9-0 size, 3 to 6 feet of leader material (at least 300# test) and 50-100 feet of rope (at least 300# test) per set, one pound of bait per set (beef spleen or 1/2 chicken), sledgehammer or single blade axe for driving stakes. Area staff will supply one cane pole per set (return required).
- Archery - longbow, recurve bow, compound bow or crossbow with reel device and arrows with line of at least 300# test securely attached to the barbed fish point.
- Hand-held Snare - size No. 4 or larger with integral locking mechanism attached to 50 feet of at least 300# test line and a long pole.
- Hand-Held Harpoon or Gig - may be used only when a line of at least 300# test is securely attached to the hook or head of the device in such a manner to prevent separation from the hook or head until the carcass is retrieved. The other end of the line must be attached to a stationary or floating object capable of maintaining the line above water when an alligator is attached.

**\*Notice:** A line of at least 300-pound test must be securely attached to all taking devices. Unattended hook-bearing lines must be attached to a stationary object capable of maintaining a portion of the line above water when an alligator is caught on the line. A line attached to an arrow, snare or gig must have a float attached when used to take alligators. The float shall be no less than six inches by six inches by eight inches or, if the float is spherical, no less than eight inches in diameter.

- A shotgun is recommended for dispatching alligators secured on line or snare. Non-toxic shot is preferred on the WMA and light shotshell loads with #4 or #6 shot are adequate. Rifles, handguns, and slugs are prohibited.
- The Angelina Neches/Dam B WMA contains a mixture of rivers, oxbow sloughs, shallow lake and small stream systems. A boat approximately 14 feet in length equipped with a motor of at least 10 horsepower, six gallons of fresh gasoline, and all required safety equipment is recommended. Airboats, canoes/kayaks, and inflatable boats are prohibited. All hunters should be prepared for shallow water travel and aquatic vegetation. Access can be limited by aquatic vegetation and water conditions.
- Detailed area maps will be available for hunter use via the **free** version of the "Avenza Maps" app. The app is available through both the iTunes App Store and the Google Play store for Android users. Download is recommended for all hunters, especially if unfamiliar with the area.

- The following additional equipment is considered necessary for alligator hunters: Paddles, push poles, extra propeller and shear pins, fuel for 20 miles of travel, hip boots or waders, rain gear, flashlight, shotgun with shotshells, knife, insect repellent, and drinking water. Be prepared for heavy mosquito infestation.

If you have further questions, call the hunt manager at (936) 639-8620. **All persons entering the area do so at their own risk.** The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department assumes no responsibility for personal injury or property damage.