



Palmetto State Park

Located in Gonzales County, six miles South of Luling and 12 miles North of Gonzales near U.S. 183. Named for the dwarf palmetto plants found throughout the park. Palmetto State Park is a 300-acre botanical wonderland riverside refuge along the San Marcos River. This riparian refuge resembles the tropics more than the surrounding brush country and attracts more than 200 species of birds and other wildlife. A historic CCC pump forces artesian water into a 1930's era cistern and water tower for release into a swampy woodland along a nature trail.

Reporting/Orientation

- **When:** 6:30 a.m. on the first day of the scheduled hunt for sign-in and mandatory orientation. Hunters must contact the area as soon as possible if they are unable to attend their accepted hunt or not able to arrive on the first day for orientation.
- **Where:** Check in Station will be the CCC Refectory on South side of the park.
- **Preparation:** Hunters should bring their valid hunting license.
- All persons afield must visibly wear a minimum of 400 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material, with at least 144 inches appearing on both chest and back and fluorescent orange headwear. When going to and from the stand.
- Only one legally permissible mean per hunter will be allowed into the hunt area.
- Baiting is allowed and encouraged. Corn must be certified for livestock and wildlife consumption (aflatoxin free).
- Non-permitted visitors and family members will not be allowed in the park during hunts.
- Hunters will be responsible for the care of their game after harvest. Facilities for cleaning and skinning deer and hogs are available. Hunters need to bring their own ice chest for game storage.
- Hunters are reminded that they must have a valid Texas Hunting License as required by statute. Hunters 17 years of age or older must have in their possession a valid I.D. Hunter Safety Education is required of Texas hunters born on or after September 2, 1971 (see the TPWD annual for more information).
- Each hunter should also bring a flashlight, food, drinking water, weather gear, mosquito repellent and hunting boots.
- All park rules and regulations still apply in the park.

- **Check Station Hours:** Opens at 6:30am on the first day of the scheduled hunt and closes at 7:00pm on the last day of the scheduled hunt.
- **Facilities:** Refrigeration is NOT available. Buc-ee's off I10 is 4 miles north of the park on U.S. 183 for deer corn and ice.
- **Check In/Out:** All hunters must check in/out with hunting staff as explained in the orientation.
- **Latecomers Check In:** Hunters unable to report in time for the mandatory orientation must still report to the check station upon arrival to the park to receive the orientation information. Those arriving after closing of the check station in the evening must report to the check station the following morning for registration and orientation prior to going to the field.

Hunting Conditions

- **Stands:** Stand locations are predetermined with a marked. Hunting areas will be assigned during orientation. There will be no bait provided, all hunters are responsible for providing their own. All hunters are required to be in a blind and at a mark location, no stalk or sit without a blind hunts allowed.
- **Means:** Muzzleloaders or Shotguns with Slugs.
- **Terrain:** All blinds are walk in only, no ATVs or UTVs allowed. Blinds will be located on easy to walk trails.
- **Camping:** Camping will be allowed in the electric side of the park for hunters and permitted family members.
- **Note:** During the dates of the hunts the park will be closed to the general public access.

Please email Jason True (Jason.True@TPWD.Texas.gov) with Texas Parks and Wildlife for additional information about this hunt.