

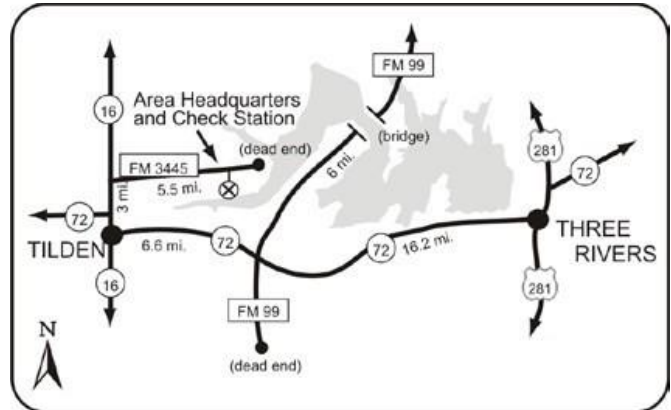


Choke Canyon State Park – South Shore Unit Special Permit Hunts

Overview

Choke Canyon State Park is located in Live Oak County of South Texas. The terrain is gently rolling and vegetated with extremely dense thorny brush dominated by mesquite, black brush and cacti. Choke Canyon Reservoir lies on the Frio River approximately 3.5 miles west of the town of Three Rivers, Texas along Highway 72 to Tilden.

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Only specific portions of the South Shore Unit will be open to hunting. The hunt will be conducted by preselected blind and hunters may be escorted to and from their hunting area. The hunter check station is at the James E. Daughtrey Wildlife Management Area headquarters, located north of Tilden on FM 3445. Primitive camping is available at the WMA. Camping is also available at the Calliham Unit and reservations are recommended. The normal overnight camping fee will be charged to those hunters using the park facilities. Private motels are also available in the Three Rivers area.

Hunt Information

All park rules and regulations must be adhered to unless superseded by hunting regulations. Permitted hunters should report to the James Daughtrey WMA Check Station by **11:00 a.m. (10:00 a.m. for Youth-Only Hunts)** on the first day of their assigned hunt period. **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.** Prospective stand-by hunters should report to the check station and register on the first day of the hunt by 10:00 a.m. for youth-only hunts and 11:00 a.m. for all other hunts. Stand-by cards may be drawn for selected

hunts. Following orientation, Department personnel will direct hunters to a preselected hunting blind. Hunters will not be allowed to move from their designated blind location. Hunting will end at dusk on the final day of the assigned hunt.

Other restrictions as follows:

- **Hunters must visibly wear a minimum of 400 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material, with at least 144 square inches appearing on both chest and back; daylight fluorescent orange headwear is also required** (Not required for archery hunts).
- Only one legally permissible means per hunter will be allowed into the hunt area. Use of dogs is prohibited.
- Non-permitted visitors and family members will not be allowed in the hunting areas during hunts; except a non-hunting adult assisting a permitted hunter with mobility disabilities or assisting a youth hunter is allowed.
- **Special Restrictions:** All animals harvested must be checked in at the Daughtrey WMA headquarters check station. Hunters will be responsible for the reasonable care of their game after harvest. No facilities for deer storage will be available at the park or WMA.
- Hunters are reminded that they must have a Special Permit, valid Texas Hunting License and any required stamp as required by statute. It is no longer necessary to use a hunting license tag or license log on a deer taken during a Special Permit drawn hunt however a TPWD Legal Deer Tag, issued at the WMA, must be attached to a harvested deer prior to leaving the hunt area.
- **Youth Supervision:** A permitted supervising adult must accompany hunters under the age of 17. Adults accompanying youth must be 17 years of age or older, possess a valid Texas hunting license, have completed a hunter education course or be exempt and must be within normal voice control.
- Hunters 17 years of age and older must have in their possession a valid state issued I.D.
- Hunter Safety Education is required of Texas hunters born on or after September 2, 1971. (See the Texas Parks & Wildlife Outdoor Annual for more information.)
- Each hunter should also bring a flashlight, food, drinking water and foul weather gear.
- Disturbance or removal of plants, rocks, artifacts or other objects is prohibited.
- The display or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited. All open container, DUI and DWI regulations will be enforced.
- Hunting from a vehicle is prohibited, except that hunters with mobility disabilities may hunt from a stationary motor vehicle. Operation of an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) or off-road vehicle (ORV) is prohibited, except by a hunter with mobility disabilities.

For more information about the park, call (361) 786-3868 or the WMA (361) 274-3573.