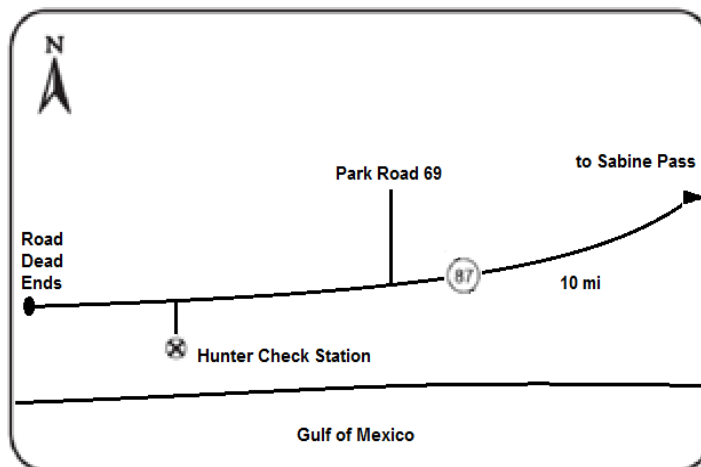




Sea Rim State Park

Background

Sea Rim State Park is located 10 miles west of Sabine Pass, Jefferson County, Texas on the upper gulf coast. The Headquarters is located on the south side of State Highway 87, three-quarter mile west of Park Road 69. The 4,500-acre park has over 5 miles of beach bordering the Gulf of Mexico. The park's Marsh Unit borders J.D. Murphree Wildlife Management Area and McFaddin National Wildlife Refuge. The brackish marsh is primarily managed to maintain waterfowl habitat and secondarily to provide public recreation through kayaking, hunting and sport fishing.



Public Hunting – Youth Alligator

Properly equipped youth alligator permitted hunters should report to the J.D. Murphree WMA headquarters by 11:00 am on the first day of their assigned hunt period. Youth Alligator Hunter Orientation will be held at J.D. Murphree WMA before coming to Sea Rim State Park.

Hunters must contact the park as soon as possible if they are unable to attend their accepted hunt or not able to arrive on the first day for orientation. There will be no Youth Alligator Standby permits. All hunters will be required to attend an orientation session before their hunt. During this check-in and orientation, hunters will be assigned a hunt area. No refunds or hunter substitutions are permitted. Only hunters listed on the permit will be allowed to accompany the hunt party. A 6-person cabin and camping is available at the park and commercial lodging is available nearby.

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 in Texas where hunting licenses are sold. An additional \$126 tag fee will be assessed in the event you are successful in harvesting an alligator and opt to sell the alligator on the commercial market. (There is no tag fee for personal use.) Each hunter listed on the permit will be allowed to harvest one alligator during the hunt.

Any legal method for taking alligators is permitted during this hunt. Shotguns should be used to dispatch alligators secured on line or snare. It is unlawful to shoot free swimming alligators during the September Alligator Season. Only one method of take may be used at a time by each permitted hunter.

1. The following are legal means and methods for taking an alligator:
 - a. 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 and 100 feet of rope (at least 300# test) per set, approximately one pound of bait per set (beef spleen or 1/4 chicken) and a tool for driving stakes. Staff will supply one pole and stake per hunter (return required).
 - b. Archery - longbow, recurve bow or compound bow with reel device and arrows with line of at least 300# test securely attached to the barbed fish point. **Crossbows are prohibited.**
 - c. Hand-held Snare - Size No. 4 or larger with integral locking mechanism attached to 100 feet of at least 300# test line and a long pole.
 - d. 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.
2. Arrows, hand-held snares and gigs must be attached to a stationary or floating object capable of maintaining the line above water when an alligator is attached. If a non-stationary floating object is used, it must be at least six inches by six inches by eight inches or if the float is spherical, no less than eight inches in diameter.
3. Only a shotgun is accepted for dispatching alligators secured on line or snare. Use of non-toxic shot is preferred on the park. A shotgun with light shot shell loads of #6 shot or slugs is adequate. **Rifles and handguns are strictly prohibited as a means of dispatching alligators.**
4. The following equipment is necessary for hunters on the park: flashlight, food, drinking water, foul weather gear, mosquito repellent, hip boots or waders, knife and a shotgun with appropriate ammunition. Be prepared for heavy mosquito infestation. A boat is not required to access the alligator hunt area. Disturbance or removal of plants, rocks, artifacts or other objects is prohibited.
5. **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. If you have further questions, call Sea Rim State Park headquarters at (409) 971-2559.

Public Hunting – Feral Hog

Properly equipped feral hog permitted hunters should report to the Sea Rim State Park headquarters by 11:00 am on the first day of their assigned hunt period. Feral Hog Hunter Orientation will be held at Sea Rim State Park.

Hunters must contact the park as soon as possible if they are unable to attend their accepted hunt or not able to arrive on the first day for orientation. Drawn hunters must pay their Special Permit hunt fee by the deadline specified in their drawn hunt notification. Feral Hog standby hunters should report to the park headquarters by 10:00 am to complete the application process and will be drawn at 11:00 am as vacancies allow. Hunters must be present to participate in the drawing. All hunters will be required to attend an orientation session before their hunt. During this check-in and orientation, hunters will be assigned a hunt area. No refunds or hunter substitutions are permitted. Only hunters listed on the permit will be allowed to accompany the hunt party. A 6-person cabin and camping is available at the park and commercial lodging is available nearby.

Each hunter, regardless of age, must possess a hunting license, which can be purchased in Texas where hunting licenses are sold. Each hunter listed on the permit will be allowed to harvest an unlimited number of feral hogs. Persons under 17 years of age must hunt under the supervision of a permitted authorized adult. Hunter Education is required of Texas hunters born on or after September 2, 1971 (see the Texas Parks & Wildlife Outdoor Annual for more information).

Hunting will only be from assigned compartments along the park's east beach. Hunter placement in compartments will be as assigned by the hunt supervisor. There are no cold storage facilities at the park. All hunters are required to visibly wear at least 400 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange clothing with 144 square inches on the front and back above the waistline and orange headwear.

The only legal method for taking feral hogs during this hunt is with a shotgun using slugs or buckshot. No other method may be used. The use of dogs, ATVs or UTVs is prohibited. Baiting is allowed and encouraged. Corn must be certified for livestock and wildlife consumption (aflatoxin free). Rifles and handguns are strictly prohibited as a means of dispatching hogs.

The following equipment is necessary for hunters on the park: flashlight, food, drinking water, foul weather gear, mosquito repellent, rubber boots, knife and a shotgun with appropriate ammunition. Be prepared for heavy mosquito infestation. A boat is not required to access the hunt area. Four-wheel drive vehicles are recommended, especially during high tide conditions but are not necessary to participate in the hunt. Driving on the dunes or vegetation is strictly forbidden. Disturbance or removal of plants, rocks, artifacts or other objects is prohibited.

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