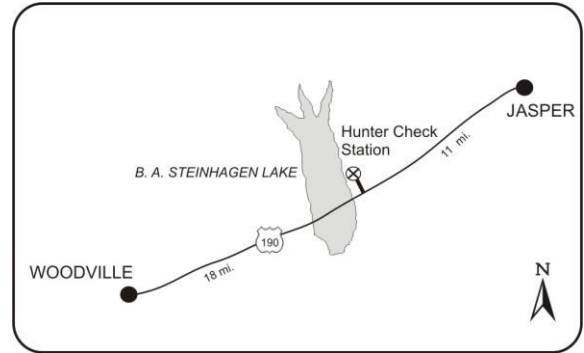




# Angelina Neches/Dam B Wildlife Management Area Alligator Management Hunt

## 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. State Park and the Magnolia Ridge Army Corps.

## Public Hunting

Permitted hunters should report to the hunt headquarters by 5:00 p.m. 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 hunt or not able to arrive by 5 p.m. 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 \$126 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 three alligators during the hunt. Only alligators 5 feet long or less will be allowed in this selective hunt category.

Legal methods for taking alligators will include (1) archery with retrieval line, (2) hand-held snare and (3) hand-held harpoon or gig. Shotshells may be used to dispatch alligators secured on line or snare but may not be used to shoot at free-swimming alligators.

The following is required for each hunting party:

- One or more of the following legal means and methods of taking an alligator:
  - Archery - longbow, recurve bow, compound bow and crossbows with reel device and arrows with line of at least 300# test securely attached to the barbed fish point.
  - Hand-held or Pole 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.
- Arrows, hand-held snares, harpoons 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 8 inches in diameter if the float is spherical or 6 inches by 6 inches by 8 inches if the float is not spherical.
- Bullets and slugs may not be used to dispatch alligators. Shotshells fired from shotguns, handguns or rifles may be used for dispatching alligators secured on line or snare. Non-toxic shot is preferred on the WMA and light shotshell loads with #8 or smaller are adequate.
- 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. Larger boats will access the rivers and deeper sloughs and streams, but a smaller boat may be useful to reach some hunting areas. Airboats 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 and hunt compartment 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, gun with shotshells, knife, insect repellent, drinking water, extra pre-

made replacement snares, ice and large cooler (i.e. 150-quart). 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.