



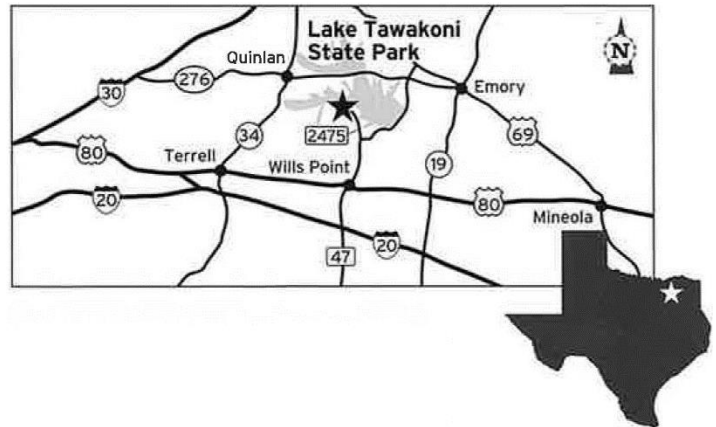
# Lake Tawakoni State Park

## Youth Only Gun Deer Either Sex

### Background

Lake Tawakoni State Park is in Hunt County, North of IH-20, on Hwy 47 through Wills Point to FM 2475. The park opened in 2002, is 376 acres in size, and is located on the southern shore of Lake Tawakoni.

This public hunt will be conducted in assigned deer blinds. A deer feeder will be placed near each deer blind prior to the hunt. Park staff will drive hunting groups to and from their deer blinds at assigned times throughout the hunt period.



Public hunts are being conducted to control the impact to natural resources on the park. Access to the park will be limited to drawn hunt participants. Hunters may use park camping facilities for which the standard fee is charged.

For more information, contact the Park headquarters at (903) 560-7123.

### Objectives

The department desires to restore and maintain healthy populations of native fauna and flora in natural habitats and to provide for compatible public use. Where game populations exceed carrying capacities of the habitats, the preferred method of reduction is public hunting. The hunts are designed to implement a biologically sound management practice.

We hope to reduce pressure on available browse species and thereby reduce competitive pressure on the park's deer herd, as well as reduce or stop habitat destruction and alteration caused by exotic species. **While the opportunity to harvest mature bucks will be possible, this will be a management hunt intended to control deer populations.**

### General Information

All park rules and regulations must be adhered to unless superseded by hunting regulations. The Parks and Wildlife Department retains the right to cancel permits, alter bag limits or stop the hunt at any time.

- Permitted hunters and supervising adults should report to the park headquarters by 11:00 a.m. on the first day of their assigned hunt period. 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. Standby hunt applicants should report before 10:00 a.m. to complete the application process prior to drawing for any available Standby hunt positions. Following a brief orientation, hunters will be assigned a hunt blind and feeder. Texas Parks and Wildlife personnel will transport hunters to their assigned blinds.
- Hunts will begin on day one, following the 11:00 a.m. orientation, and end 30 minutes after sunset on the second day.
- Only the youth hunter and one supervising adult will be allowed in the hunting area. A permitted, supervising, adult is required to accompany any hunter under the age of 17.
- Adult supervisors must be 18 years of age or older and must have in their possession a valid I.D. Hunter Safety Education is required for Texas hunters born on or after September 2, 1971 (See the Texas Parks & Wildlife Outdoor Annual for more information).
- All hunters and adult supervisors must have a valid Texas hunting license.
- Only hunters with permits will be admitted. No substitutions will be allowed within drawn hunt positions.
- Only youth may harvest game during youth hunts.
- The bag and possession limits for the Youth Gun Deer Either Sex hunts will be two white-tailed deer. Legal means include shotguns with slugs or buckshot.
- All participants 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 and orange headwear.
- Hunters will be responsible for the reasonable care of their game after harvest. No facilities for game storage will be available at the park.
- Vehicular access is restricted. Vehicles may not proceed beyond the designated staging area unless written approval is obtained from the Park Superintendent.
- Use of dogs and horses is prohibited.
- Disturbance or removal of plants, rocks, artifacts, or other objects is prohibited. The display or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
- Camping will be available at the park. Normal Park fees will be charged to those hunters choosing to camp overnight in the park. Call (903) 560-7123 for more information.