



CENTRAL TEXAS HUNTING & FISHING

A GUIDE TO WHERE, WHEN, AND WHAT TO HUNT & FISH
IN CENTRAL TEXAS THROUGHOUT 2017-2018

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2017-2018 HUNTING SEASON

Texas is a sportsman's paradise with abundant opportunities for hunting and fishing all over the Lone Star state. Anglers and hunters who live in Texas or arrive for outdoor adventures must obtain licenses. Texas uses 100 percent of the revenue from license fees to fund Texas Parks & Wildlife conservation programs.

Enjoy your fresh air adventure outdoors and the time honored tradition with family and friends!

ALLIGATOR	22 Counties & special properties: Sep. 10 - 30, 2017 All Other Counties: Apr. 1 - June 30, 2018		
CHACHALACA	Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr & Willacy Counties: Oct. 4, 2017 - Feb. 25, 2018		
DOVE	<p>North Zone Sep. 1 - Nov. 12, 2017 & Dec. 18 - 31, 2017</p> <p>Central Zone Sep. 1 - Nov. 5, 2017 & Dec. 15, 2017 - Jan. 7, 2018</p> <p>South Zone Regular season: Sep. 22 - Nov. 8, 2017; Dec. 15, 2017 - Jan. 21, 2018</p> <p>Special White-winged Dove Area Sep. 2, 3, 9, 10 (special regulations apply)</p>		
DUCK	<p>North Zone Regular season: Nov. 11 - 26, 2017 & Dec. 2, 2017 - Jan. 28, 2018 Dusky duck: Nov. 16 - 26, 2017 & Dec. 2, 2017 - Jan. 28, 2018 Youth-only: Nov. 4 - 5, 2017</p> <p>South Zone Regular season: Nov. 4 - 26, 2017 & Dec. 9, 2017 - Jan. 28, 2018 Dusky duck: Nov. 9 - 26, 2017 & Dec. 9, 2017 - Jan. 28, 2018 Youth-only: Oct. 28 - 29, 2017</p> <p>High Plains Mallard Management Unit (HPMMU) Regular season: Oct. 28 - 29, 2017 & Nov. 3, 2017 - Jan. 28, 2018 Dusky duck: Nov. 6, 2017 - Jan. 28, 2018 Youth-only: Oct. 21 - 22, 2017</p>		
GALLINULE, RAIL, MOORHEN	Sep. 9 - 24, 2017 & Nov. 4 - Dec. 27, 2017		
GOOSE	<p>East Zone Early Canada goose: Sep. 9 - 24, 2017 Light goose: Nov. 4, 2017 - Jan. 28, 2018 Light goose conservation order: Jan. 29 - Mar. 18, 2018 White-fronted goose: Nov. 4, 2017 - Jan. 28, 2018</p> <p>West Zone Light & dark geese: Nov. 4, 2017 - Feb. 4, 2018 Light goose conservation order: Feb. 5 - Mar. 18, 2018</p>		
JAVELINA	<p>North Zone: Oct. 1, 2017 - Feb. 25, 2018 South Zone: Sep. 1, 2017 - Aug. 31, 2018</p>		
MULE DEER	<p>General Season Panhandle: Nov. 18 - Dec. 3, 2017 SW Panhandle: Nov. 18 - 26, 2017 Trans-Pecos: Nov. 24 - Dec. 10, 2017</p>	<p>Archery Season Sep. 30 - Nov. 3, 2017</p>	
PHEASANT	Panhandle: Dec. 2 - 31, 2017		
PRONGHORN ANTELOPE	Sep. 30 - Oct. 8, 2017		
QUAIL	Statewide: Oct. 28, 2017 - Feb. 25, 2018		
RABBITS & HARES	No closed season.		
SANDHILL CRANE	Zone A: Oct. 28, 2017 - Jan. 28, 2018	Zone B: Nov. 24, 2017 - Jan. 28, 2018	Zone C: Dec. 16, 2017 - Jan. 21, 2018
SQUIRREL	<p>East Texas: Oct. 1, 2017 - Feb. 25, 2018 & May 1 - 31, 2018 Other Open Counties: Sep. 1, 2017 - Aug. 31, 2018 Special Youth Season: Sep. 23 - 24, 2017</p>		
SNIPE	Oct. 28, 2017 - Feb. 11, 2018		
TEAL	Sep. 9 - 24, 2017		



TURKEY	Rio Grande Turkey	
	Fall Season North zone: Nov. 4, 2017 - Jan. 7, 2018 South zone: Nov. 4, 2017 - Jan. 21, 2018 Brooks, Kenedy, Kleberg & Willacy counties: Nov. 4, 2017 - Feb. 25, 2018 Archery-Only: Sep. 30 - Nov. 3, 2017	Spring Season North zone: Mar. 31 - May 13, 2018 South zone: Mar. 17 - Apr. 29, 2018 One-turkey counties: April 1 - April 30, 2018 Spring Youth-Only North zone: Mar. 24 - 25, 2018 & May 19 - 20, 2018 South zone: Mar. 10 - 11, 2018 & May 5 - 6, 2018
	Eastern Turkey	
	Spring Season East Texas: Apr. 15 - May 14, 2018	
WHITE-TAILED DEER	General Season North Zone: Nov. 4, 2017 - Jan. 7, 2018 South Zone: Nov. 4, 2017 - Jan. 21, 2018 Special Late Season North zone: Jan. 8 - 21, 2018 South zone: Jan. 22 - Feb. 4, 2018 Youth-Only Seasons Early Season: Oct. 28 - 29, 2017 Late Season: Jan. 8 - 21, 2018	Archery Season Sep. 30 - Nov. 3, 2017 Muzzleloader-Only Season Jan. 8 - 21, 2018
	WOODCOCK	Dec. 18, 2017 - Jan. 31, 2018

MORE HUNTING SEASON SEARCH OPTIONS:

SEARCH TEXAS HUNTING SEASONS BY COUNTY:

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/regulations/outdoor-annual/hunting/seasons/county-listing/>

COUNTIES INCLUDED IN "ZONES" LISTED ABOVE: https://tpwd.texas.gov/regulations/outdoor-annual/regs/animal_listing

HUNTING & FISHING OUTFITTERS

ACADEMY SPORTS AND OUTDOORS
www.academy.com

- CEDAR PARK**
1104 C-Bar Ranch Trail Cedar Park, TX 78613 | (512) 259-6200
- CENTURY SOUTH**
801 East William Cannon Dr, #103 Austin, TX 78745 | (512) 486-6000
- COROANDO HILLS**
7513 North Interstate Highway 35 Austin, TX 78752 | (512) 407-6310
- HIGHLAND OAKS**
12250 Research Blvd Austin, TX 78759 | (512) 506-6000
- ROUND ROCK**
1351 IH-35 South Round Rock, TX 78664 | (512) 246-4600
- SUNSET VALLEY**
5400 Brodie Ln Sunset Valley, TX 78745 | (512) 891-4240

CABELA'S
15570 S IH 35 Frontage Rd, Buda, TX 78610
(512) 295-1100 | www.cabelas.com/stores/Texas/Buda/012.jsp

RIVER HILLS OUTFITTERS
9511 Scenic Bluff Dr, Austin, TX 78733
(512) 577-9592 | www.riverhillsoutfitters.net/index.html

SPORTSMAN'S FINEST
12434 Bee Cave Rd, Austin, TX 78738
(512) 263-1888 | www.sportsmansfinest.com

FISHING IN CENTRAL TEXAS

CENTRAL TEXAS AQUATIC FRESH WATER SPECIES

BLACK BASSES

Largemouth bass
Smallmouth bass
Spotted bass
Guadalupe bass

TEMPERATE BASSES

White bass
Yellow bass
Striped bass
Hybrid striped bass

CATFISH & BULLHEADS

Blue catfish
Channel catfish
Flathead catfish
Black bullhead
Yellow bullhead

CRAPPIE

Black crappie
White crappie

SUNFISHES

Bluegill
Green sunfish
Longear sunfish
Redbreast sunfish
Redear sunfish
Warmouth

CARP & MINNOWS

Common carp
Grass carp
Texas shiner
Golden shiner
Blacktail shiner
Red shiner
Fathead minnow

GAR

Alligator gar
Longnose gar
Shortnose gar
Spotted gar

SUCKERS

Bigmouth buffalo
Black buffalo
Smallmouth buffalo

OTHER FISHES

American eel
Bowfin
Chain pickerel
Freshwater drum
Red drum
Paddlefish
Rainbow trout
Rio Grande cichlid
Gizzard shad
Threadfin shad
Walleye

WHERE TO FISH?

TEXAS LAKE FINDER - INTERACTIVE MAP

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/fish/recreational/lakes/>

RIVER FISHING IN TEXAS

Texas has 191,000 miles of rivers and streams. These waters and their associated riparian ecosystems support a rich variety of plants and wildlife. They offer fine fishing and breathtaking scenery. Finding public access to rivers can be a challenge, however. Visit the link below to explore some options!

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/fish/recreational/rivers/>

STATE PARKS WITH RIVER FISHING ACCESS

Blanco	McKinney Falls (Onion Creek)
Colorado Bend	Mother Neff (Leon River)
Devil's River State Natural Area	Palmetto (San Marcos River)
Dinosaur Valley (Paluxy River)	Pedernales Falls
Garner (Frio River)	South Llano River
Goliad (San Antonio River)	Stephen F. Austin (Brazos River)
Guadalupe River	Village Creek
Lyndon B. Johnson (Pedernales River)	
Lost Maples State Natural Area (Sabinal River)	

COMMUNITY FISHING LAKES - INTERACTIVE MAP

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/fish/recreational/lakes/cfl.phtml>

NEIGHBORHOOD FISHIN' - INTERACTIVE MAP

Frequently stocked lakes in selected urban areas
<https://tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/fish/management/stocking/neighborhood-fishin.phtml>

HELPFUL LINKS

PURCHASE A HUNTING OR FISHING LICENSE ONLINE OR SEARCH FOR A RETAILER:

https://tpwd.texas.gov/business/licenses/online_sales/

HUNTING REGULATIONS:

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/regulations/outdoor-annual/hunting/>

FISHING REGULATIONS:

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/regulations/outdoor-annual/fishing/>

BIG TIME TEXAS HUNTS INFORMATION:

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/hunt/public/btth/>

WEEKLY FISHING REPORTS:

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/fishboat/fish/recreational/fishreport.phtml>



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