

## City of Denton Hunting Program – FY 2021-2022

City of Denton Parks and Recreation offers hunting on over 1,600 acres within Clear Creek Hunting/Wildlife Management Area with some restrictions intended to protect hunters and park visitors alike. Before you head out to hunt, please review the rules and permit requirements. Along with the general park property rules, hunters must comply with the following:

**Hunting Zones:** Denton Parks and Recreation permits hunting with a valid hunting permit. Hunting area Denton project lands closed to hunting are marked on map. It is the hunter's responsibility to observe property lines and beware of the boundaries of the hunting area they use. In addition, hunting or shooting within 600 feet of homes or developed parks is prohibited. Reminder: It is illegal to shoot across both roadways and property lines. Hunting is restricted to the property east of the Elm Fork of the Trinity River and setback from Greenbelt boundary is 100 yards.

**Open Season:** Hunting on Denton project lands is permitted from September 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022, in accordance with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department seasons for Denton County specifically for legal game listed in these regulations.

Hunting Seasons	Legal Game	Permit Pricing	Purchase Dates
Sept. 1 – Oct. 29 (Limit 200 permits)	Dove and Feral Hogs	\$30 Resident (City of Denton) \$50 Non-Resident	<u>Residents:</u> Aug. 23 at 10 a.m. <u>Nonresidents:</u> Aug. 25 at 10 a.m.
YOUTH-ONLY Oct. 30-31, Jan. 8-9 & Jan. 15-16 (Limit 50 permits/ weekend)	Turkey and waterfowl	No Cost; limited to permitted hunters with family member 17 or younger; open to residents and non-residents	Oct. 18 at 10 a.m.
Nov. 15 – Jan. 2 (Limit 200 permits)	Turkey and waterfowl	\$30 Resident (City of Denton) \$50 Non-Resident	<u>Residents:</u> Oct. 18 at 10 a.m. <u>Nonresidents:</u> Oct. 25 at 10 a.m.
Feb. 1-May 31 (Limit 200 permits)	Feral Hogs and small game	\$30 Resident (City of Denton) \$50 Non-Resident	<u>Residents:</u> Jan. 17 at 10 a.m. <u>Nonresidents:</u> Jan. 24 at 10 a.m.

**Special Permits:** Hunters must have in their possession a **valid state hunting license** and a **Denton Parks and Recreation (DPARD) hunting permit** while hunting within the Clear Creek Hunting/Wildlife Management Area. To obtain a hunting permit from DPARD a valid hunter education certificate or proof of exemption from Texas Parks and Wildlife is required. Hunters must display a DPARD vehicle permit on the dashboard of their vehicle while hunting on Denton project lands.

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**Purchase a Permit:** Hunting permits per hunting season are available on a first come, first served basis. Permits will be issued to applicants with a properly filled out City of Denton Hunting Application. Applications are accepted and issued beginning 1-2 weeks prior to season open date until they are all issued. Registration is available online via Denton Parks and Recreation [reservation software](#); hunters must create an account through this system in order to register and obtain a permit. In-person registration is also available at the **Denton Civic Center, 321 E. McKinney St., Denton, TX 76201**, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. and closed Saturday and Sunday. Permit and parking placards are available for in-person pick-up at the Denton Civic Center one week after purchase.

**Legal Game:** Dove, feral hogs, waterfowl, turkey, and small game. **Deer hunting is prohibited on project lands.**

**Bag Limits:** Bag limits are the same as those listed in the Texas Parks and Wildlife Hunting Guide for the 2021-2022 season.

**Parking:** Hunter parking on Rockhill Road is restricted to parking lot approximately one half-mile north of US-380. You will receive a card and a parking placard. Keep the card with your Hunting License and place the placard on your rearview mirror when hunting. Unlike the USACE permit, the City of Denton hunting permit is only valid for the timeframes indicated. **Any hunter blocking emergency access gates or driveways is subject to having hunting permit revoked.**

**Means and Methods Restrictions:** Muzzleloaders, Rifles, and Pistols are NOT allowed. Trapping is prohibited. Archery (includes crossbows) only for feral hogs, all other legal game may be taken with a shotgun using shot size no larger than #2. Non-toxic shot is required when hunting waterfowl. Calls may be used for legal species listed but must follow state and federal regulations.

### **Special Restrictions:**

- Non-bark penetrating tree stands, as well as temporary free-standing blinds such as towers, platforms, tent-style, and natural blinds are allowed. However, each blind, regardless of use, must be completely removed from the land or water upon completion of each day.
- Motorized Vehicles of any kind are not allowed on US Army Corps of Engineer property.
- Hunters must wear at least 400 square inches of hunters' orange material when hunting and are also required to wear some type of orange head wear. Hunters exempt from this requirement are: persons hunting turkey, waterfowl, or migratory birds.



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**Hours of Operation:** Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. (Closed Saturday and Sunday)