Lavaca-Navidad River Authority Wildlife Management Program
Waterfowl Management Hunting

Consistent with management's goals and objectives for wildlife management, as part of the Lavaca-Navidad River Authority's responsibility to provide public access to project lands, LNRA is expanding its Fish and Wildlife Resource Management Program and will implement waterfowl hunting on Lake Texana. The areas above US 59 and below SH 111 have been designated as Waterfowl Management Areas.

The waterfowl hunting program is based on a draw system. The rules for the draw are as follows:

RULES FOR THE DRAW

1. Nine (9) Hunt Areas will be made available for the 2026-2027 season. One (1) individual will be selected for each Hunt Area. Each drawn individual will be allowed three (3) guest hunters per hunt.

2. Each person wanting to enter will pay a five (5) dollar entry fee for a chance to be drawn.

3. Initially, LNRA is limiting the draw for selection of a Hunt Area to Jackson County residents.

4. Only one entry per hunter is allowed. If more than one entry is found the drawn hunter will forfeit and a new name will be drawn. Two (2) alternates will be drawn in case of dismissals.

5. The drawn individual does not need to be present at the draw.

6. Those individuals not drawn will be awarded one preference point each year they are not drawn. The individual must participate in the next years drawing or preference points will be forfeited.

7. The first individual drawn will have first pick of Hunt Area. The last individual drawn will be assigned the final Hunt Area remaining.

8. LNRA will contact the Drawn Hunters to arrange a meeting to cover rules and expectations.

9. All paperwork and payment must be turned in no later than Thursday October 30, 2026, by 4:30 p.m. at the LNRA main office. Failure to do so will result in a forfeiture of the hunting area. The site will be awarded to an alternate hunter.

10. Happening again in the 2026-2027 hunting season, LNRA will be hosting a youth waterfowl hunt with the Texas Youth Hunting Program. Lessee's will not be allowed to hunt the weekend of December 12-13, 2026, due to the youth waterfowl hunt.

GENERAL HUNTING RULES

1. Each drawn hunter will pay a $500 deposit for the year. At the end of the hunting season, if the participant's Hunt Area is kept clean, temporary blinds removed, and final harvest report turned in. The drawn hunter will receive half of their deposit back. All harvest logs are due by February 8, 2026 or you will forfeit your $250 refund at the end of the season.
2. Each drawn hunter may invite up-to three (3) guests per hunt.
3. All drawn hunters must obtain a permit from the LNRA office prior to hunting. Each drawn hunter will need to present a valid Texas Drivers license, if applicable, and a current TPWD Hunting license with waterfowl designation.
4. ALL guest hunters must be on a Guest Log In Sheet to be filled out by the lessee.
5. The drawn hunter must be present during all hunts. Guests cannot hunt without him/her being there.
6. Hunters must limit hunting to their assigned Hunt Area. Encroachment into another Hunt Area without permission will not be allowed or tolerated.
7. Hunting is permitted every day of the hunting season.
8. Hunting will cease at 12:00 noon at all locations.
9. All applicable migratory bird laws will be obeyed. Drawn hunters will complete a harvest report, recording the number and species of waterfowl taken after each hunt, these will be turned into LNRA monthly. For each month that a report is not filled out and returned to LNRA a $25.00 fee will be deducted from the deposit refund at the end of the season. Harvest reports will be considered late if not submitted within one-week after the end of the month.
10. Access to Hunt Area will be conducted from Boat Ramp No. 4 (boat ramp off US 59 on Edna side of the lake) and Boat Ramp No. 1 (Simons boat ramp).
11. Hunting may be conducted out of boat blinds, temporary structures, or through use of natural cover in standing water.
12. Only two (2) boats per group may be used.
13. NO airboats will be used.
14. Hunters are asked to collect spent shells and litter in their respective area. Hunt Area may be inspected for trash/litter anytime by LNRA. If a site contains excessive trash the party may be warned or subject to dismissal.
15. If applicable, certification of completion of a hunter's safety course must be provided or on the hunter.
16. Use of a bird dog is at your own risk. Alligators are prevalent.
17. No commercial hunting (guides).
18. Use of boats to and from hunting sites only.
19. Check-in and Check-out procedures will be given to drawn hunter.
20. Misuse of stated regulations will result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.

General Hunt Day Check-in and Check-out Procedures

1. Morning of hunt, Drawn Hunter will call LNRA Security to advise of intended hunt.

2. Drawn Hunter will provide names of guest hunter(s) and their LNRA permit number. Guest hunters are not allowed to hunt unless on a lessee's guest log sheet.

3. Access to Hunt Area(s) is from Boat Ramp 1 and 4.

4. For the hunter's safety, Drawn Hunter will call LNRA Security upon leaving to advise that group is safe and out of the Hunt Area.