



**CENTRAL TEXAS**  
**HUNTING & FISHING**

**A GUIDE TO WHERE, WHEN, AND WHAT TO HUNT & FISH  
IN CENTRAL TEXAS THROUGHOUT 2023-2024**

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# 2023-2024 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!



<b>ALLIGATOR</b>	<b>22 Counties &amp; special properties (Core):</b> Sep. 10-30, 2023 <b>All Other Counties (Non-core):</b> Apr. 1, 2024 - June 30, 2024		
<b>CHACHALACA</b>	<b>Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr &amp; Willacy Counties:</b> Oct. 28, 2023 - Feb. 25, 2024		
<b>DOVE</b>	<p><b>North Zone</b> Sep. 1, 2023 - Nov. 12, 2023 &amp; Dec. 15-31, 2023</p> <p><b>South Zone</b> <b>Regular season:</b> Sep. 14, 2023 - Oct. 29, 2023 &amp; Dec. 15, 2023 - Jan. 21, 2024 <b>Additional days for Special White-winged Dove season:</b> Sep. 1-3, 2023 &amp; Sept. 8-10, 2023</p> <p><b>Central Zone</b> Sep. 1, 2023 - Oct. 29, 2023 &amp; Dec. 15, 2023 - Jan. 14, 2024</p>		
<b>DUCK</b>	<p><b>North Zone</b> <b>Regular season:</b> Nov. 11-26, 2023 &amp; Dec. 2, 2023 - Jan. 28, 2024 <b>Youth &amp; Veterans:</b> Nov. 4-5, 2023</p> <p><b>South Zone</b> <b>Regular season:</b> Nov. 4-26, 2023 &amp; Dec. 9, 2023 - Jan. 28, 2024 <b>Youth &amp; Veterans:</b> Oct. 28-29, 2023</p> <p><b>High Plains Mallard Management Unit (HPMMU)</b> <b>Regular season:</b> Oct. 28-29, 2023 &amp; Nov. 3, 2023 - Jan. 28, 2024 <b>Youth &amp; Veterans:</b> Oct. 21-22, 2023</p>		
<b>GALLINULE, RAIL, MOORHEN</b>	Sep. 9-24, 2023 & Nov. 4, 2023 - Dec. 27, 2023		
<b>GOOSE</b>	<p><b>East Zone</b> <b>Early Canada goose:</b> Sep. 9-24, 2023 <b>Light &amp; Dark geese:</b> Nov. 4, 2023 - Jan. 28, 2024 <b>Light goose conservation order:</b> Jan. 29, 2024 - Mar. 10, 2024</p> <p><b>West Zone</b> <b>Light &amp; Dark geese:</b> Nov. 4, 2023 - Feb. 4, 2024 <b>Light goose conservation order:</b> Feb. 5, 2024 - Mar. 10, 2024</p>		
<b>JAVELINA</b>	<p><b>North Zone:</b> Oct. 1, 2023 - Feb. 25, 2024 <b>South Zone:</b> Sep. 1, 2023 - Aug. 31, 2024</p>		
<b>MULE DEER</b>	<p><b>General Season</b> <b>Panhandle:</b> Nov. 18, 2023 - Dec. 3, 2023 <b>Trans-Pecos:</b> Nov. 24, 2023 - Dec. 10, 2023</p>	<p><b>Archery Season</b> <b>59 of 254 counties:</b> Sep. 30, 2023 - Nov. 3, 2023</p>	
<b>PHEASANT</b>	<b>Panhandle:</b> Dec. 2-31, 2023		
<b>PRONGHORN ANTELOPE</b>	<b>41 of 254 counties:</b> Sep. 30 - Oct. 15, 2023		
<b>QUAIL</b>	<b>Statewide:</b> Oct. 28, 2023 - Feb. 25, 2024		
<b>RABBITS &amp; HARES</b>	No closed season.		
<b>SANDHILL CRANE</b>	<b>Zone A:</b> Oct. 28, 2023 - Jan. 28, 2024	<b>Zone B:</b> Nov. 24, 2023 - Jan. 28, 2024	<b>Zone C:</b> Dec. 16, 2023 - Jan. 21, 2024
<b>SNIPE</b>	Nov. 4, 2023 - Feb. 18, 2024		
<b>TEAL</b>	<b>September Teal only / Statewide:</b> Sep. 9-24, 2023		



<b>TURKEY</b>	<b>Rio Grande Turkey</b>	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fall Season</b>  <b>North Zone:</b> Nov. 4, 2023 - Jan. 7, 2024  <b>South Zone:</b> Nov. 4, 2023 - Jan. 21, 2024  <b>Brooks, Kenedy, Kleberg &amp; Willacy counties:</b>  Nov. 4, 2023 - Feb. 25, 2024  <b>Archery-Only:</b> Sep. 30, 2023 - Nov. 3, 2023</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fall Youth-Only</b>  <b>North Zone:</b> Oct. 28-29, 2023 &amp; Jan. 8-21, 2024  <b>South Zone:</b> Oct. 28-29, 2023 &amp; Jan. 22, 2024 - Feb. 4, 2024</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Spring Season</b>  <b>North Zone:</b> Mar. 30, 2024 - May 12, 2024  <b>South Zone:</b> Mar. 16, 2024 - Apr. 28, 2024  <b>One-turkey Counties:</b> Apr. 1-30, 2024</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Spring Youth-Only</b>  <b>North Zone:</b> Mar. 23-24, 2024 &amp; May 18-19, 2024  <b>South Zone:</b> Mar. 9-10, 2024 &amp; May 4-5, 2024</p>
	<b>Eastern Turkey</b>	
	<b>Spring Season</b> <b>East Texas:</b> Apr. 22, 2024 - May 14, 2024	
<b>WHITE-TAILED DEER</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>General Season</b>  <b>North Zone:</b> Nov. 4, 2023- Jan. 7, 2024  <b>South Zone:</b> Nov. 4, 2023 - Jan. 21, 2024</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Youth Only</b>  <b>North Zone:</b> Oct. 28-29, 2023 &amp; Jan. 8-21, 2024  <b>South Zone:</b> Oct. 28-29, 2023 &amp; Jan. 8-21, 2024</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Special Late Season</b>  <b>North Zone:</b> Jan. 8-21, 2024  <b>South Zone:</b> Jan. 22, 2024 - Feb. 4, 2024</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Archery Season</b>  <b>252 of 254 counties</b>  Sep. 30, 2023 - Nov. 3, 2023</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Muzzleloader</b>  <b>90 of 254 counties</b>  Jan. 8-21, 2024</p>
<b>WOODCOCK</b>	Dec. 18, 2023 - Jan. 31, 2024	

**MORE HUNTING SEASON SEARCH OPTIONS AVAILABLE:  
SEARCH TEXAS HUNTING SEASONS BY SPECIFIC COUNTY**

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

# HUNTING & FISHING OUTFITTERS

**ACADEMY SPORTS AND OUTDOORS**

[www.academy.com](http://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

**BASS PRO SHOPS**

200 Bass Pro Dr, Round Rock, TX 78665  
(512) 876-2700 | [www.basspro.com](http://www.basspro.com)

**CABELA'S**

15570 S IH 35 Frontage Rd, Buda, TX 78610  
(512) 295-1100 | [www.cabelas.com](http://www.cabelas.com)

**RIVER HILLS OUTFITTERS**

9511 Scenic Bluff Dr, Austin, TX 78733  
(512) 577-9592 | [www.riverhillsoutfitters.net](http://www.riverhillsoutfitters.net)

**SPORTSMAN'S FINEST**

12434 Bee Cave Rd, Austin, TX 78738  
(512) 263-1888 | [www.sportsmansfinest.com](http://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](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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