

Prairie Waterfowl Hunts Based In Eagle Lake

Prairie Waterfowl Hunts take place in Eagle Lake, 60 miles west of Houston and 150 miles east of San Antonio. Davis Waddell and Harlan Boettcher, owners and guides, have lived and hunted this prairie land for many years.

Their hunting grounds include rice fields and roost ponds especially prepared for migrating waterfowl. All of this is just minutes away from the town of Eagle Lake.

Their guarantee to you, the

hunter, is to have an enjoyable hunting experience on some of the most productive hunting grounds in Texas.

Their objective is to show you a memorable and enjoyable hunting

experience.

In the past, they have made many lifelong friends hunting the prairies of Eagle Lake and hope to add your name to this list.

Davis is the third generation of

Waddell hunters and feels confident with his knowledge and experience of waterfowl to produce top quality hunts.

"Harlan and I are looking forward to meeting you."

Davis Waddell

Try Squirrel Hunting For A Day Of Hunting Fun

Picture it: flashes of rusty brown and gray bouncing along a limb high overhead and the rustling of damp leaves under a big oak followed by the unmistakable crack of an acorn shell.

For many generations of Texans, squirrels have provided an introduction to hunting.

This autumn has the potential to both rekindle squirrel hunting memories and create new ones.

"Unlike hunting many other game species, which require a greater level of patience and skill, squirrel hunting success can be achieved at a casual pace," said

Mike Berger, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department wildlife division director.

"That's what makes it an ideal pursuit for young people and newcomers to hunting. It's a great way to pass along the hunting tradition."

Because squirrels rely mainly upon hardwood mast, (acorns, pecans and hickory nuts), as their primary food source, East Texas offers the most hunting opportunity.

But pecan-timbered river bottoms and creek in other parts of Texas also hold plenty of squirrels.

"All you have to do as a starting

squirrel hunter is find a locale with good oaks where you can get around and see," said Carl Frentress, a TPWD biologist and lifelong squirrel hunter.

"Go out at daylight and just sit still and listen and look for movement. Some prefer to walk and locate squirrels that way, but if you pick a good spot sometimes they'll come to you."

There are two species of squirrel in Texas — the gray squirrel (or cat squirrel) and the fox squirrel.

The fox squirrel has the widest range and can be found along creek and river bottoms throughout much of Texas. Ideal fox-squirrel habitat

in East Texas is mature mixed pine and hardwood forests.

Cat squirrels are limited to the eastern portion of Texas and can be found in abundance in mature stands of hardwoods.

They tend to be early risers, so hunters working the bottoms for cat squirrels should plan on getting afield early to catch the cat squirrels in action.

Fox squirrels on the other hand tend to forage later in the mornings. And according to seasoned squirrel hunters you don't necessarily have to be in prime bottomland hardwoods to get in the squirrels.

Although squirrels do the best in habitats dominated by mature hardwoods, squirrels can exist in a variety of wooded habitats.

This means even an enjoyable day in the woods may be a close as your neighbor's woodlot, (with their permission of course)!

Some hunters prefer to use shotguns loaded with No. 6 or No. 4 shot, but the serious hunter may opt for a .22 rimfire rifle.

Frentress prefers a rifle for a couple of reasons.

"If you really want to have a great time and enjoy yourself and see a lot of squirrels, hunt them with a rifle," he suggested.



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Hunting the Eagle Lake and Garwood Prairies in Texas

General Information:

✓Suggested Clothing:

- *Rubber Boots, Waders
- *Camouflage Clothing Cold Weather Clothing
- *Rain Gear

✓Transportation:

- *Your responsibility

✓Accommodations:

- *Available in Eagle Lake
- *Made upon your request

✓Guns & Ammo:

- *Steel shot only. Available in Eagle Lake
- *Bring your favorite gun
- *12 gauge and larger suggested

✓Sporting Goods:

- *Available in Eagle Lake

✓Bird Processing:

- *Available through Prairie Waterfowl Hunts

More Information:

✓Reservations

- *Make in advance *Confirmed with 50% deposit
- *Harlan Boettcher: 979-335-6012 (Home)
- *Harlan Boettcher: 281-687-0624
- *web: www.prairiewaterfowlhunts.com

✓Cancellation Policy:

- *30 Day notice (100% refund)
- *10 Day notice (50% refund)

✓Licenses:

- *TEXAS RESIDENTS:
- *License *State Stamp *Federal Stamp
- *OUT OF STATE
- *Five (5) Day Permit
- *State Stamp *Federal Stamp

✓Sandhill Crane Permits:

- *No charge but must be obtained prior to arrival.
- Contact Texas Parks & Wildlife: Phone 1-800-792-1112; or write: 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas 78744.

Available Guided Hunts:

✓Goose & Duck:

- *Guide Dog, Decoys and Parkas Furnished Minimum Four (4) Hunters
- *Monday through Friday: \$150 per person
- *Weekends: \$175 per person

✓Teal:

- *Camouflage attire suggested Guide and *Decoys Furnished
- *Minimum three (3) hunters
- *Monday through Friday & Weekends \$100 per person

✓Sandhill Crane:

- *TPW permit required (No cost: 800-792-1112)
- *Minimum three (3) hunters
- *Monday through Friday & Weekends \$150

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