



Addicks and Barker Reservoirs

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FERAL HOG REMOVAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations shall govern feral hog removal for the Addicks Field Office, Addicks and Barker Reservoirs, Harris and Ft. Bend Counties, Texas. Texas state laws and local ordinances apply in both reservoirs. These include but are not limited to fishing and hunting laws and regulations. For enforcement issues contact a United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Park Ranger or the Park Manager at 281-752-2600 and/or call 911 for local law enforcement agencies. For game and fish violations contact a Texas Parks and Wildlife Game Warden through their Houston Regional Office at (281) 931-6471.

1. All Federal, State and Local laws, rules and regulations must be adhered to while trapping at Addicks and Barker. In addition, all rules and regulations contained in the Code of Federal Regulations, *Title 36, Chapter III, Part 3, Rules and Regulations governing the use of water resource development projects administered by the US Army Corps of Engineers* must be adhered to. Drunkenness, disorderly conduct, or violation of Title 36 CFR 327 shall be sufficient cause to expel a trapper from the project and revoke any and all future trapping privileges.
2. There will be only one primary trapper for each permit. Primary trapper is allowed to add three helpers to the permit to assist in feral hog removal, provided these individuals have completed applications and filed them with the Addicks Field Office. The primary trapper will be responsible for the actions of all permitted helpers. **There must be at least 1 helper added or a permit will not be issued.** All primary trappers and helpers must be 21 years of age or older and must obtain and be in possession of a valid TX State Hunting License and have proof of State issued hunter education.
3. During feral hog removal operations all trappers must have in their possession a current Texas State Hunting License, proof of State issued hunter education and proper identification (driver's license, etc.).
4. Trapping permits are valid from NOV 1 2020 to AUG 31 2021. Only live traps will be permitted.
5. There will be no trespassing on private property to gain access to the trapping area.
6. Permittee shall meet with Corps of Engineers personnel at the Addicks Field Office to review permit conditions before feral hog removal operations begin.
7. Permittee shall provide description and license plate numbers for all vehicles used in removal operations.
8. Vehicle operation on government property is strictly limited to that which is required for immediate ingress and egress. Specific routes will be addressed during meeting with project staff.
9. Consumption, use, or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs, during feral hog removal operations is strictly prohibited. Any indication of being under the influence will result in immediate revocation of permit.
10. Camping and ground fires are not permitted.
11. Any damage to private property resulting from permittee's operation is the sole responsibility of the permittee.
12. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is not responsible for any loss or damage to permittee's property.
13. Small caliber pistols (.22 or less) are permitted for the dispatch of trapped, unmanageable hogs, only. Pistols must be unloaded, properly holstered, and secured during transport. Unauthorized weapons, or weapons stored improperly, will result in automatic revocation of hog hunting privileges for the entire party.

Permit No. _____ Permit Holder's Name: _____ Initials: _____

14. Storage of equipment, materials, or supplies is not permitted on government property. The permit is only for actual traps (furnished by the permittee) and game cameras (if desired to be used).

15. Woody vegetation (with the exception of Chinese tallow) shall not be trimmed, removed, or damaged without Natural Resource Manager's approval.

16. All traps, regardless of design, must be live traps only. Trap locations shall be out of public view and approved by Project staff prior to placement. Traps must be at a minimum of 500ft from any established hike/bike trail.

17. All traps shall be inspected at least once in a 24 hour period. All trapped hogs must be removed from Government property in a timely manner. Hog trapping activities may only occur between sunrise and sunset.

18. Trap tags must be secured to trap at all times and returned at the end of the authorized trapping period.

19. Use of bait for the purpose of luring hogs is allowed. Bait must be manipulated in such a way as not to attract deer, livestock, waterfowl, or any other animals. Shallow burial of bait is known to be an effective measure for targeting hogs and deterring other animals.

20. Trapping may not disturb wildlife, deny public access or damage any environmental, historical, or cultural feature. Removal of cultural objects (artifacts), or Acts of defacement and/or vandalism of signage, gates, cables, posts, monuments, or other controlling or boundary features are violations of Title 36.

21. By the first Monday of each month, Permit Holders shall report to the Park Rangers:

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| a. Permit Number issued, | d. If an ATV was used | g. Location and number of Feral Hogs spotted. |
| b. Number of hogs taken, | e. Locations trapped | |
| c. Number of days trapping | f. Upcoming month's GPS locations of traps. | |

Reporting will be accomplished through accessing and completing an online hog reporting form (Addicks Field Office Hog Removal Report), and sending to: Wildlife.Addicks@usace.army.mil. The first failure to turn in reports, on time, will result in a written warning. Second occurrence will result in revocation of Hog Removal Permit.

22. "Pack it in – Pack it out." Any waste generated as a result of trapping must be removed when the hunter leaves the project. Waste is any litter including but not limited to: food waste, human waste and bait packaging.

23. All hunting violations should be promptly reported to USACE Park Rangers and/or Texas Parks and Wildlife Game Wardens.

24. Any questions about these restrictions and regulations should be directed to a USACE Park Ranger at the project office.

Feral Hog Removal Permit Drawing

25. Permit drawing applications will only be accepted between Sept 15 and Oct 15. Permit applications may be obtained online and must be sent via email using the form available in its original format. Applications sent in any other formats will not be accepted at any time. Only one application will be accepted per person/per household. Application must obtain all requested information to be accepted. Applications may be found at the Addicks and Barker Reservoir Recreation Webpage starting Sept 15.

<https://www.swg.usace.army.mil/Missions/Dam-Safety-Program/Addicks-Barker-Recreation/>

I, _____, agree to all of the above rules and regulations governing

Feral Hog Removal on Addicks and Barker Project lands. Permit No.: AB-HRP-FY21-_____

Signature: _____, Date: _____

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