



SHIELD RANCH BARTON CREEK

Shield Ranch Barton Creek Family & Guest Hunting

White-tailed Deer Season Dates: General season is typically 1st Saturday in November through 1st Saturday in January (check TPWD website for exact dates each year). An extended Managed Lands Deer Permit (MLDP) season may be available, depending on harvest numbers. Please contact Land Steward if you'd like to hunt beyond in January and February.

The Land Steward will provide tags at the skinning shed. Each family member is allowed 2 mature bucks. Doe harvest is currently limited. Tags for additional animals may be available after December 15th.

Feral and Exotic ungulates: Harvest of fallow, axis, and feral pigs is encouraged. Other than white-tailed deer, these feral and exotic animals are the only wildlife allowed to be harvested. Shooting of other wildlife species is strictly prohibited.

Reserve your hunting blind: You no longer need to call anyone to schedule a hunt. Please use the Google calendar (Hunting Reservations — Field Blind & Upland Blind) to reserve your spot. If you don't already have access to this calendar, please contact Meredith Reid and she will send you an invitation to join the calendar. Please also adhere to the following protocol:

- Add your reservation to the "Hunting Reservations" Google calendar by putting your name and the number of guests in the event title. Include your approximate arrival and departure times and indicate in the description which blind you would like to use: "Upland Blind" or "Field Blind."
- You may reserve both blinds if you are bringing a guest.
- Please make your reservation at least 24 hours in advance, if possible.
- If you decide to cancel, please release the reservation by deleting the entry on the calendar.

Before arrival at the Ranch, all guests (hunters and non-hunters) must complete and sign a release form. These can be found on the [Shield Ranch Family website](#). Waivers are located there for all three Ranches. You can choose to download a .pdf, sign it, and email it to the Land Steward. Or you can have your guest complete the online form – no printing required.

All hunters must possess a valid Texas hunting license.

All white-tailed deer must be tagged, and harvest information recorded on the Managed Lands Deer Permit (MLDP) data sheet immediately upon arrival at the skinning shed. Also, immediately contact the Land Steward so that he can meet you at the skinning shed to take measurements. Taking measurements and completing the paperwork are TPWD requirements!

It is the responsibility of the family and guest hunters to process their game and to arrange for its disposition. Any distribution of meat locally by Land Steward must be arranged prior to harvest.

Safety:

- Always reserve a blind using Google Calendar prior to hunting.
- Never have a loaded gun in vehicles.
- Alcohol and firearms do not mix.
- Before taking a shot, clearly identify your target and shoot only in a safe direction.
- Remember that we have lease hunters on the Ranch, so know the boundaries and always stay within the family-designated hunting area. To ensure the safety of family, staff and guests, hunting is only allowed at the two blinds located in the South Pasture – the Field Blind and the Upland Blind.