

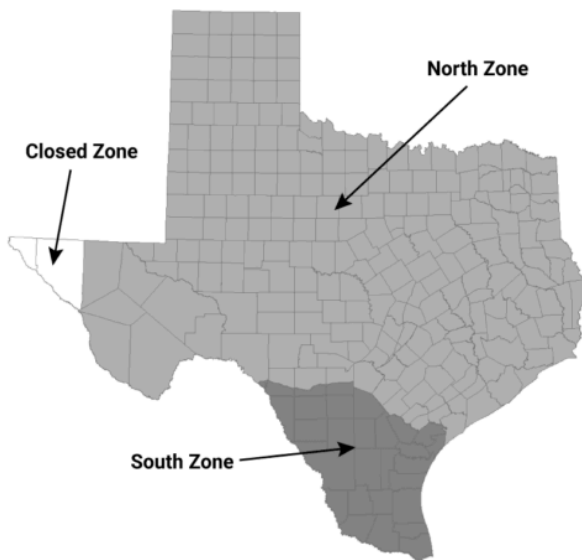
The Hunt Has Begun: Nov. 6 Marks Opening of Rifle Deer Hunting Season

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Texas rifle deer hunting season opened on Nov. 6, with updated regulations designed to promote wildlife conservation and ensure a sustainable ecosystem. The changes, [introduced by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department \(TPWD\)](#), require hunters to follow new guidelines regarding bag limits, tagging, and reporting requirements.

The updates include mandatory deer harvest reporting in certain counties, expanded restrictions for mule deer, and adjusted definitions for buck and antlerless deer. These measures aim to strike a balance between preserving Texas's wildlife and maintaining traditional hunting practices.

As of Nov. 6, hunters can use rifles to pursue deer. Archery season began earlier on Oct. 2. Among the new regulations, hunters in Collin, Dallas, Grayson, and Rockwall counties must report all white-tailed deer harvests within 24 hours using the My Texas Hunt Harvest mobile app or online portal.



Additional changes include expanded mule deer antler restrictions in 21 Panhandle counties, an extended general mule deer season in 15 southwestern Panhandle counties, and the establishment of mule deer antler restrictions in Terrell County.

Texas Parks and Wildlife officials emphasize that these measures are crucial for maintaining a healthy balance in the state's ecosystems. Compliance with these guidelines will help ensure that hunting opportunities remain available for future generations.

For many Texans, however, hunting season is about more than just the game. Junior communications major Luke Boyers describes it as a time for connection and tranquility.

“Hunting season is more about the stories around the campfire and being in the woods with family than the killing,” Boyers said. “It’s a different level of peace, sitting in the woods with no noise and no distractions.”

Fort Worth resident and sophomore finance major Doyl Brown echoed this sentiment, emphasizing the importance of sustainability. “I think that Texas Parks and Wildlife does a fantastic job with establishing bag limits and regulations. Deer season is huge for my family

every year. It's about spending time with family and enjoying the great outdoors that the state of Texas provides," he said.

While some hunters eagerly await the opportunity to add a new mount to their collection, others look forward to the camaraderie and shared experiences that come with the season.

More information about the 2022-23 hunting season, including complete regulations and season dates, is available in the Texas Outdoor Annual or on the [TPWD website](#).

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