

This extensive network caters to diverse hunting activities, supported by both state initiatives and federal contributions.

For instance, the U.S. Forest Service manages several National Forests in Texas, providing different hunting prospects throughout the seasons. WMAs, controlled by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, focus on preserving wildlife habitat while allowing sustainable hunting.

Moreover, numerous state parks and natural areas, overseen by various local entities, offer additional hunting experiences, emphasizing the state's commitment to maintaining its natural landscapes and wildlife populations.

Here is a list of public property types that are governed by different entities: State Parks, State Natural Areas, State Forests, Army Corps of

Engineers Lakes, Wildlife Management Areas, National Grasslands (USFS), National Forest (USFS), National Wildlife Refuge (USFW) Popular Public **Hunting Areas in Texas**

Among the vast landscapes available to enthusiasts, certain

capture hunters' imaginations and stand out for their scenic beauty and abundant wildlife. These include:

1. Sam Houston National Forest: Covering roughly 163,000 acres, this national forest (known as "The Sam") is a haven for

hunters seeking white-tailed deer, wild turkey, and small game. Its expansive area, situated a mere 50 miles from Houston, provides a wilderness retreat and is notable for its hunting, hiking, and wildlife viewing opportunities.

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