Waterfowl Blind and Public Hunting Area Rules and Regulations on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Managed Lands at Somerville Lake

**Important Note – These rules only apply to blind permit holders and Corps public hunting areas, not State hunting areas. For more information on State hunting areas including Flag Pond, contact Lake Somerville State Park- Nails Creek State Unit (979-289-2392) or Birch Creek Unit (979-567-7763).*

Blind Permit Holder Rules and Regulations

1. Blind posts are fluorescent orange markers with silver numbers on them.
2. Only blind permit holders and those individuals listed on the Lakeshore Use Permit are permitted to hunt in the waterfowl blind area and may do so only in their designated blind location.
3. When placing your blind, it must be placed in front of the marker a reasonable distance into the water and not to the left or the right of the marker. A reasonable distance is not to exceed 25 yards. Blinds that are not placed correctly will be removed and the entire deposit forfeited.
3. A blind placed on land rather than water, must be within 10 yards of the marker
4. Hunters can construct their blinds immediately after completion of the drawing and identification of blind locations. The use of metal (t-posts, re-bar, or pipe), PVC, plastic posts, and other non biodegradable material is prohibited in the construction of blinds. Use only wooden posts and materials that are environmentally friendly in the construction of your blind.
5. Construction of a blind is not required and hunting utilizing existing natural vegetation found at the marker is allowed. However, trees, cane, or any other materials may not be cut or removed.
6. All materials for the blind must be brought in from areas off of Government Property; i.e. no cutting of trees, or vegetation on Government Property.
7. Waterfowl blinds must be removed by 28 February 2007. After the blind is removed, hunters may apply for a refund of $40.00 of their blind deposit.
8. Anytime the blind is used, one of the individuals listed on the permit must be present.
9. Blind hunters may utilize a boat for hunting, but may only do so within 25 yards of blind post.
10. Applications for refund of the deposit must be received no later than 14 March 2007 or they will not be processed and the deposit will be forfeited.
11. To apply for your refund, call the Somerville Lake Office at 979-596-1622 and let Russell Meier know the blind has been removed.
12. On permits, hunters must indicate on the Lakeshore Use Permit, the names of (5) individuals who will be authorized to hunt from or use the blind. Additions or deletions can be made during the hunting season by calling the Somerville Project office weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 979-596-1622 or 1624.
13. Hunters must posses a valid hunting license with state and federal waterfowl stamps.

14. Hunters must also posses a valid hunter education card if born on or after September 2, 1971.
15. Hunters must obey all state and federal hunting regulations.
16. Steel shot must be used.
17. Blinds 1 – 17 (one thru seventeen) will be closed for the weekend of the Challenged Hunter Program Deer Hunt (1st, 2nd and 3rd of December 2006). That is if there is a conflict with the Challenged Hunter Deer Hunt and waterfowl season.
18. All blinds will also be closed and permits will become invalid if the lake elevation goes above 246.00ft.msl (or 8 foot above conservation pool) or below 232.00ft.msl (6 foot below conservation pool). Blind permit holders will be notified by mail if this occurs.

Public Day Hunting Area

1. The public day hunting area is located on the western side of Pecan Lake Park, 340 yards west of the boundary fence where the marker is placed, around to where the other marker is placed near the boundary of Nails Creek State Park.
2. Day hunting is allowed only in this area.
3. There are to be no permanent or semi-permanent blinds constructed in the day hunting area.
4. Blinds must be portable and removed daily if they are to be used.
5. Any abandoned permanent or semi-permanent blinds found in this area will be removed and person(s) responsible for the placement of these structures will be subject to prosecution under Title 36.
6. Hunting is restricted to the shoreline, with no exceptions.
7. Hunting along creeks is not permitted.
8. The public hunting area will close as well if the lake elevation goes above 246.00ft.msl (or 8 foot above conservation pool) or below 232.00ft.msl (6 foot below conservation pool).