

JM Ranches

Rules and Regulations

Have you signed your Disclaimer and Waiver of liability? If not call your booking guide immediately.

We try to be fair and reasonable with all hunters.

Reduced Rates are offered at our discretion.

Please ask if you have special circumstances.

When birds thin out, become more unpredictable, fly very high, when their numbers change dramatically from one day to the other and it becomes difficult for good hunters to limit, we work with the rates.

We will do an all-day hunt at a reduced rate, or will make deals to charge 1/2 the regular rate for a minimum charge, then hunters pay the balance, if it was a good hunt or you got close to your limit.

PAYMENTS:

Check or cash

REFUNDS:

Group deposits are not refundable.

Individual deposits are not refundable, except for very rare circumstances.

Canceled hunts are not refundable.

Unsuccessful hunts, (arrive late, you ran out of ammo, couldn't hit any birds, or any others reason), are not refundable.

Hunts having rain, heat, wind, high birds, or any other reasons are not refundable.

RESCHEDULED HUNTS:

Due to the nature of hunting, unpredictable weather and life's circumstances, hunts can be rescheduled at our discretion.

HUNT TIME PERIODS:

Flying times vary according to the heat, wind, rain and the very nature of migratory birds.

Morning

Sign-in begins at 6:30 a.m.

Outbound flight 7:45 am. Return flight 9-11 am.

Afternoon

Sign-in any time after 1 pm

General activity of doves 2:30-3:00

Picks up again 4-6:30

NUMBER OF HUNTERS IN THE FIELD:

Opening 2 days generally get full.

Weekday mornings always have the least hunters.

Weekday afternoons have less than weekends.

Late September, October, November and the Winter Season, rarely have the numbers of hunters as opening week. For someone concerned, with the number of hunters in the field at one time, the best time to hunt is after the first week. Those days have much lower numbers compared to opening week. Every year birds have been flying, each and every day, with few to "0" hunters in the field. Those are great days to come.

PLACEMENT OF HUNTERS:

We integrate hunters near water sources and over native fields that have green sprangletop, sunflowers, millet and other feed that doves crave. Bring chairs and mosquito spray and watch for *rattlesnakes* !

This is an operating game and cattle ranch be respectful of all wildlife, the shooting, killing or harassing of any animal other than doves will be met with a fine and report to the State and Federal Game Warden. We had an individual in years passed that thought this was a rabbit hunt ... it is not.

DAILY BIRD LIMIT

15 Dove per day

Later in season, as birds thin out, morning hunters can finish their limit the same afternoon.

Finishing a limit does not extend to the next day.

FLIGHT & HEIGHT

Each day will vary but will be very similar to previous days:

Doves fly over all parts of the ranch we have native grasses that were planted in April and so far have had lots of rain. Doves take varying paths around the ranch in all directions throughout the season.

The weather will modify paths and the feed and water sources they are going to.

They fly the ranches at various heights during the season. Doves will generally fly at the tops of the brush (14-25') and between the trees before the season opens, Most will fly at high brush levels (40-60').

They do drop down when shooting starts for cover inside the brush. But, usually, they get higher after the hunting begins. Each day is different, and each year is different.

Water

Bring plenty of drinking water to stay hydrated while you enjoy the hunt.

Kids

Minors are welcome, accompanied by an adult.

Licenses and Hunter Safety Certificate

You must have the state required licenses, stamps, and training.

Dogs

Trained gun dogs are welcome.

Bird Cleaning

We have water tanks and tables available at the bird cleaning area on-site. Please do not clean birds in the field.

Restrooms

Portable restroom facilities are available for your convenience.

Guns and Ammo

Light bird shot is best for dove hunting.

Refer to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for guidelines regarding ammo for dove hunting.

Please take shells and trash out with you, and dispose of them properly.

VEHICLES & SUVs

Vehicles in the hunting area are allowed, except certain areas.

UTV's can be used and a map with field names will be provided, please stay in your assigned hunting area

And respect other hunters areas as well.

BIRD CLEANING, SHELLS & TRASH

Trashcans are provided for trash, hulls and bird remains.

Please remove any trash and hulls from your hunting area.

Hull buckets & trashcans are provided.

Cleaning birds is not allowed in hunt area. Cleaning tables with water are available in designated areas.

BIRD DOGS:

Trained birds dogs are welcome as long as they do not interfere with other hunters.

Untrained dogs can be trained in areas away from other hunters or during weekdays and other times when there are fewer hunters.

You are hunting in the Texas South Zone

That portion of the state south of a line beginning at the International Toll Bridge in Del Rio; thence northeast along U.S. Highway 277 Spur to U.S. Highway 90 in Del Rio; thence east along U.S. Highway 90 to State Loop 1604; thence following Loop 1604 south and east, then north, to Interstate Highway 10; thence east along Interstate Highway 10 to the Texas-Louisiana Line.

LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

All migratory game bird hunters must have a valid hunting license. Non-residents under 17 years of age are designated as residents and may hunt with a resident license. Hunters 17 years of age or older must have a driver's license or personal identification certificate (issued by the Department of Public Safety) on their person while hunting. Non-residents must have similar documents issued by the agency in the state or country of which the person is a resident that is authorized to issue driver's licenses or personal identification certificates.

ENDORSEMENT REQUIREMENTS

A person 17 years of age or older must possess a migratory game bird endorsement receipt to hunt any migratory game bird in this state.

- A migratory game bird endorsements required to hunt any migratory game bird, including mourning doves.

BANDED BIRDS

Please check doves you shoot for leg bands and report them. The bands are very small and easy to overlook. Previous studies indicated two-thirds of banded doves taken by hunters were never reported. High reporting rates maximize return on hunting license dollars spent for needed management information.

Please report bands to www.reportband.gov.