



## Spread Oaks White-tailed Deer and Wild Pig Opportunities

Welcome to the great outdoors at Spread Oaks Ranch! We have a typical mid-latitude fall/winter, meaning our weather can vary from hot to cold, dry to wet. You'll hunt along the Colorado River floodplain and its river bottom hardwoods and savannahs that provide a remarkably scenic backdrop to your hunt from one of our deer and pig blinds. In addition to a morning waterfowl hunt, your Spread Oaks Lodge hunting season package includes an afternoon hunt with the option to take **one** doe and an unlimited numbers of wild pigs and coyotes.

**Costs.** The opportunity to shoot a doe at the ranch is part of the hunting season package. All whitetail bucks 130" or less are priced at \$500. If rack is >130" we use standard high fence pricing: 131 to 139" @ \$2,000; 140 to 149" @ \$3,500; 150 to 159" @ \$5,000; 160 to 169" @ \$5,500; 170 to 179" @ \$6,500; 180 to 189" @ \$7,500; 190 to 199" @ \$8,500; racks greater than 200" priced at \$10,000. Pricing for bucks is the same for both river bottom "low fence" and high fence deer.

Our \$100 guide fee is designed for safety and to ensure that the "right" deer are harvested, however, experienced hunters can elect *not* to use a guide for either deer or hog. Staff will help you decide who, if any, in your group will need a guide.

If you wish to take your harvest with you, all you need is a cooler and we'll handle the rest. Our \$100 cleaning fee includes skinning and quartering your harvest, then reserving it for you in the walk-in cooler until your departure. Caping is available as well, and we can help with delivery of trophies to a local taxidermist. It is possible to ship your harvest on your behalf, but it is expensive. Please let us know in advance so we can provide a quote.

Hog hunting from blinds is also part of core package pricing. There is a cleaning fee of \$100 per deer/up to 3 hogs that includes quartering and packing in customer provided cooler(s).

**Spread Oaks Whitetails.** Populations of management white-tailed deer are plentiful, and they have great age and genetic structure. Trophy bucks will be 4.5 years and older, and typically weigh 160+ pounds. In contrast, management bucks are defined as a deer that does not exhibit our desired genetics, and the cull criteria will be communicated by the ranch staff before the hunt or handled in the field if you are hunting with a guide. Our season on whitetails does runs from late September through about mid-January, but bucks that have not dropped their antlers are still game into February. Very impressive high fence hunts are also available, with bucks that range from 150 to 200+ inches.

All of our blinds are spacious and comfortable, from box blinds that seat three individuals to portable "pop-up" blinds. Archery hunting is done only from pop-up blinds, and usually in close cover. All deer hunts are guided by experienced and knowledgeable guides that *know* ranch deer.

**Spread Oaks Wild Hogs.** The river corridor that is Spread Oaks Ranch has a long history of wild pig hunting, and their abundance and size is legendary. Your stay includes unlimited afternoon wild hog hunts from a blind. The ranch always guides inexperienced wild pig hunters, but if you are experienced and prefer a self-guided hunt, let us know.

There are two other hunting “styles” we can offer. The first is helicopter hog hunting through independent contractor and licensed pilot Ryan Ashcroft. This add-on adventure has been very popular over the past two seasons, and your “whirling blind” will even pick you up in front of the lodge. We handle scheduling arrangements on your behalf. Vendor charges \$1,800/hour and is payable directly to pilot – ranch cannot add these charges to your final invoice.

The second is our night-time thermal and infrared hog hunting “safaris” that we offer during the months of February through early September. You are welcome to bring your own gear, although we can provide suppressed AR-15s with Trijicon MK2 thermal scopes. Cost is \$200 per person and includes guide, weapons, and ammunition plus a \$100 cleaning fee per hog/up to 3 hogs.

**Axis Deer.** Interested in exotics? New for 2021, we are initiating a program to bring in some of the best animals in Texas. The ranch needs advance notice, and you are encouraged to contact us if you are interested, and we’ll let you know what trophies are available. Axis bucks average \$1100 and does are \$500 when available.

**What We Need to Know.** For Spread Oaks Ranch to deliver the quality you expect from your experience, we need your help with planning. Prior to your arrival, simply advise how many in your party will be hunting wild deer and/or pigs, high fence deer, and/or how many are going to be archery hunting. This helps us plan equipment, transportation, and hunting locations.

It also helps if we know who is bringing their own rifle and/or bow. Not planning on bringing either? Spread Oaks Ranch has scoped bolt action rifles chambered in .243, .270, .300, and .308, and 10-point crossbows. You are also welcomed to bring your own optics, rangefinder, and eye and ear protection, although our guides can provide these for you.

Do not hesitate to contact manager Paul Berner at [pberner@gmail.com](mailto:pberner@gmail.com) or 713-385-4024 if you have any questions. Your questions make it easier for us to provide you with a hunt of a lifetime.