



What to Expect From An Offsite Dove Hunt

For dove hunting, Spread Oaks Lodge partners with wing shooting outfitter *La Casa de Palomas*, which is based in El Campo and about a 35-minute drive north of the ranch. After their daily scouting, our friends at *La Casa de Palomas* will meet you at a planned location and drive you to the shooting grounds via ATVs. You should schedule 4 to 5 hours for a morning or afternoon dove hunt, including prep time and transportation.

El Campo is a major white wing dove corridor. Hunting is best during the first two weeks of the season, which usually begins in mid-September. There *can* be very good dove hunting later in the season, which (with splits) lasts into January, but it is inconsistent. If you would like us to check on the dove flight before your visit, simply let us know.

Guns and Ammo: The ranch can provide you with 12-gauge and 20-gauge 2 3/4" shells. If you are using another gauge, or prefer other shot types (i.e., bismuth, tungsten, etc.) you will need to bring your own ammunition. We can also provide water, shooting vests, orange caps, hearing protection, sunscreen, and bug spray, as well as over-and-under 12-gauge shotguns for guests who do not want to transport their own.

Costs: The *La Casa de Palomas* charges the ranch \$175 per gun plus a 15% gratuity. If you elect for Spread Oaks Lodge to provide your ammunition, we can add that to your invoice.

After the Hunt: Either the outfitter or Spread Oaks Ranch guides will skin and ice your birds. All you need to do is let us know who in your party wants them.