



CASTAWAY LODGE

2026 TEXAS ALLIGATOR SEASON

Hunt Pricing & Experience Guide

Hunt “Wild” Texas Alligators

Experience the thrill of pursuing wild Texas alligators in the coastal marsh systems surrounding Matagorda Island and San Antonio Bay. These hunts are raw, authentic, and built around real-world conditions—just the way it should be.



■ Base Hunt Pricing

\$1,250 per hunter

Includes alligators up to 7'6"

Alligator pricing adjusts in 6-inch increments based on final measured length.

■ Trophy Fee Schedule (Additional)

| Size | Trophy Fee |
|-------|------------|
| 6'-7' | Included |
| 8' | \$250 |
| 9' | \$500 |
| 10' | \$750 |
| 11' | \$1,250 |
| 12' | \$2,250 |
| 13' | \$3,750 |

Trophy fees are applied based on final size as harvested.

■ Archery Hunts

Flat Rate: \$2,500

Required Post-Harvest Package





■ Important Hunt Details

Wild Animal Reality

These are wild Texas alligators. Natural scarring and imperfections are common and often highly desirable for leather and trophy applications.

Trophy Hunting Expectations

Trophy sizes cannot be pre-selected

State law requires immediate harvest once an alligator is caught

Hunters pursuing larger animals should budget accordingly (up to \$3,750 in trophy fees)

Alligators over 11' are rare

Optimal Size for Leather

For leather goods, 6'–8' gators offer the best hide pattern and usability.

■ Observers

Non-hunting guests may attend:

\$150 per person

■ Deposit & Booking

\$500 non-refundable deposit required to secure dates

Valid Texas Hunting License required



■■ Dead on Line (DOL) Policy

In rare cases, an alligator may expire on the line prior to arrival.

25% discount if you choose to keep the animal

50% charge if you pass and continue hunting another gator

This ensures fairness while complying with Texas regulations.

■ Tail Damage & Measurement

Occasionally, natural interactions may result in partial tail loss.

Guides will estimate total length based on standard proportions

Measurements are rounded down in the client's favor (industry standard)



■ Post-Harvest Packages

Package A – \$350

Harvest Only

No hide, meat, or product retention

Package B – \$650

Raw Hide & Head

Skinning & prep

10 lbs of meat

Head & hide shipped (untanned)

Ideal for clients using their own taxidermist

Package C – \$1,000

Taxidermy & Leather Package

Tanning (includes \$150 deposit)

Shipping to tannery

10 lbs of meat

Green or European mount (Euro add-on: \$250)

Return shipping included

Final tanning costs may vary depending on size

Mini Package C – \$650

For alligators under 6'

Package D – \$1,650

Hornback Trophy Tan

Premium trophy skin finish

Includes tanning deposit

5 lbs of meat

Head mount + return shipping



■ Build the Ultimate Coastal Adventure

September on the Texas coast offers something few places can match.

Combine your alligator hunt with:

- Afternoon redfish & trout fishing
- Early season teal hunts
- Dove hunts around the lodge
- Night vision hog hunting
- Flounder gigging under the lights

■ The “Iron Man” Experience

For a limited window in September:

Teal Hunt → Gator Harvest → Bay Fishing → Dove Hunt

All in one day.

It's been done—and it's one of the most unique outdoor experiences in Texas.



■ Plan Your Trip

Alligator season dates are limited and fill quickly—especially during opener.

Contact us to:

Check availability

Build a custom itinerary

Combine hunts & fishing into one trip

Castaway Lodge – Seadrift, Texas

Where the Texas coast still feels wild.

