



Lake Whitney State Park

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Look around for signs of deer by searching for hoof prints in the mud or along the water's edge. *(Image taken at Lake Whitney SP)*



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White-tailed deer can adapt to a wide variety of habitats but prefer wooded areas with open meadows for grazing. This makes Lake Whitney State Park a perfect home for deer!

The white-tailed deer is an herbivore or plant eater. A deer has four stomachs that help digest its food just like a cow!

A fawn or baby deer is born covered with white spots that help to camouflage it from predators while mom is away getting food.

When a white-tailed deer is alarmed, it may “flag,” or raise its tail and show its white underside, warning other deer in the area. When a mother deer is running, this white underside can help her fawns follow her.

White-tailed deer are very good runners. They can run at speeds of up to 30 miles per hour! How fast can you run?