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## FORT HOOD ANNUAL HUNTING, FISHING, AND AREA ACCESS GUIDE

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**History.** This is an administrative revision. Sections affected by this revision are listed in the summary of changes.

**Summary.** This regulation prescribes the requirements for enforcement of hunting, fishing, and area access within the boundaries of Fort Hood.

**Applicability.** This regulation applies to all persons on Fort Hood, Texas, unless otherwise exempted by law or regulation.

**Supplementation.** Supplementation of this

guidance is prohibited without prior approval from the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (DFMWR).

**Suggested Improvements.** The proponent of this guidance is the DFMWR. Send comments and suggested revisions or improvements to Commander, III Corps and Fort Hood, ATTN: IMHD-MW, Fort Hood, Texas 76544-5021.  
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# HUNTRAC

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**PASSWORD** \_\_\_\_\_

Google Fort Hood Sportsmen's Center or type in  
<https://hood.armymwr.com/programs/sportsmens-center>

Scroll down to "Huntrac System" in blue letters. Click on the blue words and you will be directed to the Huntrac web site. Bookmark the web site so you do not have to search for it again.

If mobile, choose "Back to Full Site" option for best performance. This is NOT a mobile APP so performance may vary by phone and carrier.

You may now login: enter your username and password and click sign in. NOTE: You cannot use Huntrac until you purchase a valid Fort Hood permit.

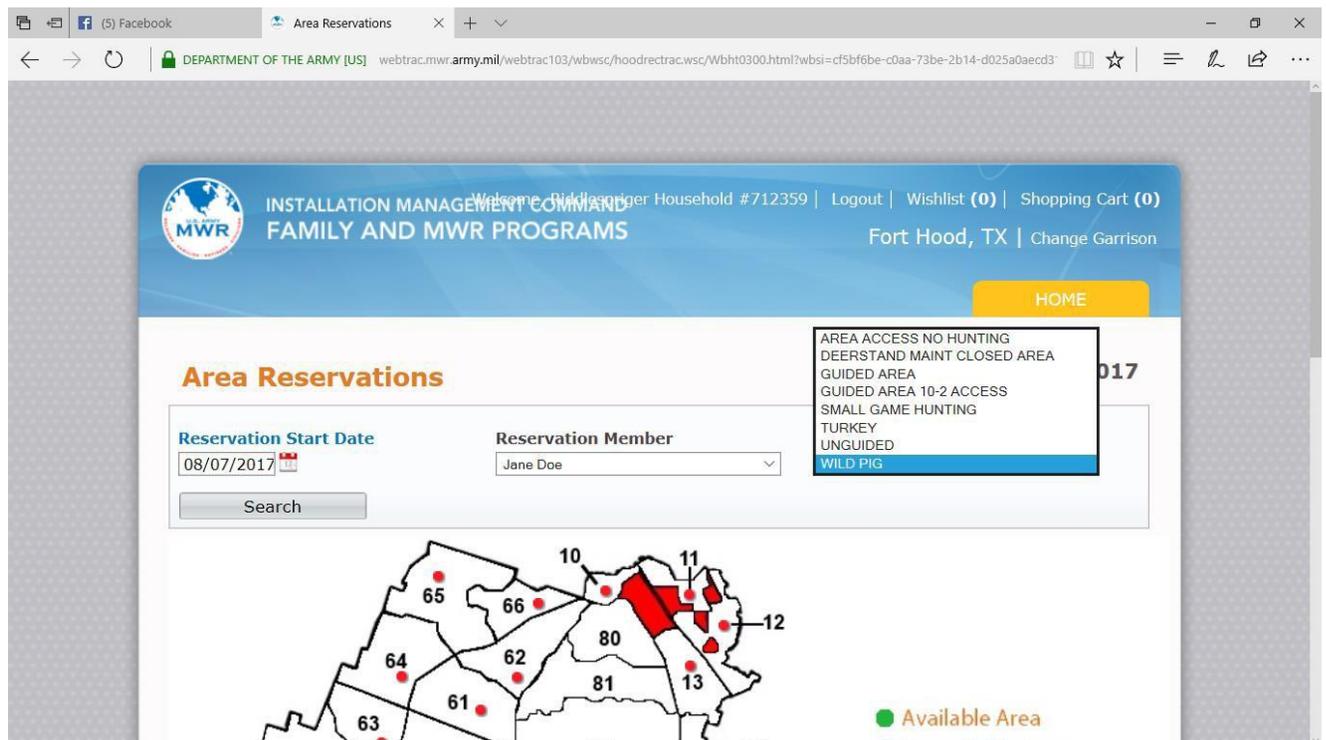
Choose "Area Checkin" compass to make a reservation or see what is available.

Choose "Area Checkout" compass when you want to clear your reservation.

**Huntrac Instructions:**

- 1) Select date
- 2) Select person for reservation (make sure the person's name appears in the box)
- 3) Select reservation category (activity)

- 4) Click on “Search” button under the date box to populate what areas are open/closed for the reservation category selected
- 5) Select Area = Green means open/Red means closed or max number of slots are full. Click on the “Green” bubble for the area of your choice.
- 6) Confirm your selection.
- 7) If you made an error, go back to the beginning and follow the steps above. If you selected the wrong area, you must checkout of that reservation to select the correct area.



**NOTICE:** The web based Huntrac system is the only means to make recreation reservations. Should Huntrac be unavailable, contact the Sportsmen’s Center for alternate procedure.

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# Summary of Changes for 2020-2021

(This list is not all-inclusive; READ the book. You are responsible for knowing the rules.)

1. Suppressors (aka “silencers”) use permitted to take any wildlife resource; however, all federal, state, and local laws continue to apply. The owner must be in possession of all required ATF forms (example: ATF Form 4 with affixed Tax Stamp). **Pending 190-11 revision**
2. The one hunter per stand rule during the general season has changed in the guided program. Now there can be two hunters per guided double-stand. Each hunter may possess a legal firearm and harvest his/her own authorized limits (such as one turkey & one deer). Hunters must notify the guide when checking-in to insure proper stand assignments. Hunters must keep in mind that double-stands (bigger stands) may not be available in their chosen or assigned area. Both hunters must make a Huntrac reservation for the same area. On “potluck only” guided hunt days, two hunters hunting the same stand must designate as such when checking-in.
3. Archery qualifications are NO longer required for hunters using archery or crossbow equipment.
4. Air guns (pre-charged pneumatic) permitted to hunt whitetail deer, furbearers, squirrel, and non-migratory game birds (except eastern turkey). Projectile must be at least .30 caliber in diameter and at least 150 grains in weight with a minimum velocity of 800 feet per second or any combination of bullet weight and muzzle velocity that produces muzzle energy of at least 215-foot pounds of energy. **Pending DES/190-11**
5. Personal equipment left in the field requires permanent or engraved markings by 15 September 2020. Any unmarked property is subject to confiscation by the game wardens.
6. Henry Lake is no longer a recreational fishing pond. The dam has self-breached.
7. Closed lakes for dam work: Engineer, Heiner, and Birdbath. Sportsmen’s Center will post re-openings as they occur on our Facebook page (Ft Hood Outdoor Adventures).
8. Persons training dogs with blank ammunition for hunting purposes will check in with Huntrac under small game hunting to authorize them to have the firearm and ammunition. Reminder: no pistols or rim fire weapons.
9. Proof of hunting or fishing license on a wireless device are acceptable as proof of TPWD licensing. It is still **MANDATORY** to carry your hunting license on your person on Fort Hood for tagging of deer and turkey.
10. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Texas Parks & Wildlife Outdoor Annual is digital this year. You can download the APP or go to [www.tpwd.com](http://www.tpwd.com) to have access to the document on 15 August 2020. **Check the TPWD Outdoor Annual for current fish lengths and bag limits.**

## Game Warden Office Reminders

1. Game Warden cell phone number only to be used for Operation Game Thief, bona fide emergencies, and reporting the tracking of deer past 8 pm. You must call the DES Police Desk for routine assistance calls (254) 287-4001. Call the Sportsmen’s Center (254) 532-4552 for routine hunting & fishing information, and reference to problems checking in or out of areas.
2. You could be charged in federal court for violating 18 United States Code (U.S.C.) 1001 and/or other applicable statutes for making a false 911 call for a non-emergency situation (Example: you got your vehicle stuck). 911 is for bona fide emergencies only, for example: a medical emergency, or your life or someone else’s life is in imminent danger.
3. If your vehicle becomes disabled, call for local towing/recovery service NOT the game wardens. The Game Warden Section does not provide towing/recovery service. Disabled

vehicles are not permitted in the training area overnight.

4. Recreationists are responsible for properly filling out their respective MWR Vehicle Access Passes and Individual Area Access Passes. Visibly display Vehicle Area Access permit in the windshield/dash of your vehicle while afield. Vehicle Pass must be **legible** at all times when displayed. Failure to do so can result in a citation in conjunction with an administrative suspension of recreational privileges. Unidentified vehicles are subject to towing and impoundment at owner's expense.
5. Recreationists are NOT to confront other recreationists in the training areas to discuss any perceived problems/issues/concerns/etc. Contact the on duty game warden (254) 206-7777 if there is imminent danger; otherwise, call the DES Police Desk to have a game warden dispatched. Only the Game Wardens have the authority and jurisdiction to enforce laws and regulations.
6. **You must leave the area immediately if asked. Interfering with military training or government business prohibited.**
7. There is NO spotlighting from any vehicle at any time while hunting.
8. Possession or consumption of alcohol in the training areas or recreational activity areas prohibited.
9. Portable stands, feeders, and cameras placed on Fort Hood for hunting remain the personal property of those who placed them and labeled with permanent or engraved markings. The intent is to make sure all personal property is physically marked with a permanent identification of the owner. Owners are encouraged to keep a record of the brand, model #, and serial # if available. Any unmarked property is subject to confiscation. Any personal property left on Fort Hood is at the owner's own risk. Fort Hood is not responsible for any damage to or theft of personal property. Owners are encouraged to remove personal property from the training area when not in use. Personal property left behind is subject to confiscation.
10. In case of an emergency, always let family or friends know where you are going. Recreationists are encouraged to use a buddy system to enhance safety in the field, avoid recreating alone.
11. Access by POV for units or official purposes must be coordinated with Range Operations, Bldg. 56000 Murphy Road. An Area Access permit obtained from the Sportsmen's Center **DOES NOT** meet the requirement.

### Other Reminders

1. Accident prevention is the number one priority. Safety is everyone's responsibility. Blatant disregard for safety rules will result in suspension of recreational privileges.
2. Collection or sale of Fort Hood resources (natural or otherwise) for personal gain prohibited. Likewise, no one may use Fort Hood lands for personal gain such as paid guide or tracking services. Persons using dogs for tracking of wounded game will have an Area Access Permit and follow all rules for authorized access. Tracking dogs will have all current shots and display current rabies vaccination. Gratuity is strictly between the provider and user. Persons cannot "advertise" for said services on Fort Hood for a fee through any form of media.
3. Off-roading (mudding/rock climbing) with vehicles NOT authorized on Fort Hood. No driving on dams or creating new trails. Any vehicles caught off-roading and/or determined to have damaged government property could be charged in federal court for violating 43CFR 9268.3, 18 USC 1361 and/or applicable statutes. Avoid driving into water for your own personal safety. Dirt Bikes and ATVs ONLY authorized in the designated ATV Area with a permit from the Sportsmen's Center. ATV safety course certification is required to purchase an ATV Permit. Dual-purpose motorcycles that are duly registered and licensed as street legal authorized in the training areas as a means of transportation; however, the "No off-roading/No mudding rule" still applies.

4. It is the permit holder's responsibility to update any changes in contact information or vehicles with the Sportsmen's Center. If attempting to contact an individual and the phone numbers are invalid, permit holder deactivation is likely pending updated contact information.
5. Antler restrictions apply on Fort Hood. Violators are subject to all of these penalties: deer confiscation, loss of deer tag, suspension of privileges, and citation. If you are unsure whether the deer meets requirements, do not take the shot.
6. Hunter education exemptions and deferments offered by the state of Texas do not apply on Fort Hood. In accordance with AR 215-1, proof of hunter education certification is required to purchase a Fort Hood hunting permit.
7. **YOU** are responsible for your hunting privileges. Only one (1) unguided deer OR turkey-hunting reservation authorized at any given time. History of abuse can result in suspensions. If changing areas, you must first check out of the area you are in before making another selection. **Huntrac DOES NOT automatically check you out of areas.**

## **Introduction**

**Hunting, fishing, hiking, and other recreational use of Fort Hood is a privilege, NOT a "right."** As such, violations of the Fort Hood policies, rules, and regulations can lead to the suspension of privileges. Fort Hood exists for military training, and other uses of the land will not interfere with that mission or other official government business. Fort Hood must ensure the sustainability of its primary military mission, which is training.

Possession of a Fort Hood permit (hunting, area access or fishing) does not guarantee use of Fort Hood property for recreational activity. Authorizations may be limited; access to game, fish or other resources without advance notice or refund. Failure to comply with applicable statutes and regulations or falsifying permit information is grounds for revocation of Fort Hood permits without refund, and may result in criminal prosecution. Restrictions comply with federal and state regulations and, in some instances, may be more restrictive.

The Fort Hood Sportsmen's Center encourages and furthers the interest of its patrons in hunting, fishing, sport shooting and other outdoor recreational activities. We are dedicated to providing quality programming and customer service.

This facility and its' programs are open to the public. Non-DoD civilians registered with the Sportsmen's Center may be eligible for an extended pass to expedite entry onto Fort Hood for recreation. Present the memo (obtained from the Sportsmen's Center), owner's valid vehicle registration and insurance to the Visitor Center at the main gate. Privately owned firearms require registration at the main gate Visitor's Center. Access policies are subject to change without prior notice based on Force Protection requirements.

All participants must be environmentally conscientious, adhere to all safety regulations, practice sound ethics, and be courteous, responsible sportsmen/women. Good sportsmanship includes being respectful of others and practicing hunter etiquette (if it is not your personal property; leave it alone). Everyone should strive NOT to do anything illegal, immoral or unethical.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

This guides established in accordance with AR 200-1, AR 210-9, AR 215-1, AR 350-19, AR 200-3, FH REG 210-3, FH REG 190-11, and FH REG 210-25. Fort Hood abides by state and federal regulations; however, has the authority to be more restrictive.

The Sportsmen's Center is responsible for issuing Fort Hood hunting, area access, fishing, and ATV permits and conduct the Fort Hood Hunt Program and the Area Access Program. No by mail, Fort Hood permits issued. Possession of duplicate permits prohibited.

As these publications apply, all recreational users **will be** responsible for the knowledge of:

- a) DFMWR Annual Hunting, Fishing and Area Access Guide
- b) Texas Hunting and Fishing Regulations in the Texas Parks & Wildlife Outdoor Annual
- c) Fort Hood Circular 210-YY-22 (Hunting & Fishing Bag Limits and Seasons)

DPW/Natural Resource Management Branch (NRMB) determines the annual deer and turkey harvest limits based on current statistics. Based on Regional Quotas, each person may harvest a maximum of two bucks meeting criteria, one doe, and three turkeys on Fort Hood, **one of each species per hunting session (a morning hunt and an afternoon hunt are (2) different hunting sessions)**. It is the hunter's responsibility to know whether an area he/she is hunting is a buck or doe area; all initial harvest limits can be found, posted at the Sportsmen' Center and updated as harvests change. The hunt proceeds until reaching harvest limits, the last scheduled hunt day, or as determined by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (DFMWR). Individual areas can close even though they have not met their harvest limit if their assigned region has met or exceeded its quota. However, there are NO harvest limits for wild pigs. A hunter may harvest as many wild pigs as desired year round by authorized means.

**Firearms Registration:** Personnel who are using their privately owned firearms on Fort Hood are required to register their firearms at the main gate Visitor Center or at the Fort Hood Police Station (Directorate of Emergency Services). Personnel must declare any firearm they are carrying or in possession of upon entering any Access Control Point (ACP) and making contact with any access control officer on Fort Hood. Firearm registrations have a four-year expiration date.

All vehicles entering Fort Hood are subject to random inspection and search. Fort Hood Form 190-19 required on your person while transporting firearms on Fort Hood. Firearms must be unloaded during transport and the ammunition must be stored separately from the firearm. Firearms may be stored in the passenger compartment of a vehicle as long as the firearm is secured in a locked box or container designated.

Firearms must not be readily accessible by persons in the vehicle during transport. Any changes to these procedures based on force protection levels will be posted at the Sportsmen's Center. Archery equipment and crossbows do not require registration or declaration on Fort Hood. **TEXAS LICENSE TO CARRY LAW DOES NOT APPLY ON FORT HOOD, INCLUDING RECREATIONISTS.**

Individuals borrowing firearms must obtain and have the following documentation: copy of the owner's Fort Hood firearm registration and a letter from the owner giving the individual (name & date of birth) permission to use the firearm. Letter must identify firearm by make, model, caliber or gauge, and serial number.

# Chapter 1

## Area Access Program

(Huntrac Reservation Category “Area Access no Hunting”)

(Rules and Prohibited Activities)

**The entering of a Training Area or unimproved area of Fort Hood for any purpose without required permits or proper clearances is prohibited and constitutes trespassing.**

### Training Area Access:

#### A note to all users

- Public use of Fort Hood’s natural resources is a controlled activity, and potentially closed without advance notice for training, safety, security (Force Protection), or at the convenience of the government.
- Uncontrolled or unscheduled outdoor recreational activities within the installation’s training complex are prohibited. Contractual activities and certain guided outdoor and recreational activities permitted.
- The Area Access Permit is only for recreation purposes. Access by POV for units or official purposes must be coordinated with Range Operations, Bldg. 56000 Murphy Road.
- Area Access Permits will:
  - Not be loaned to another person
  - Not be utilized by unauthorized individuals
  - Be safeguarded to prevent loss
- A person requesting registration of a minor who is not their son, daughter, stepchild, grandchild or adopted child, must present a Fort Hood Form 210-9-1, signed by the parent or legal guardian of the minor
- Fort Hood airspace prohibits flying above or within the live fire training and maneuver training areas. The following devices/equipment are unauthorized:
  - a) Civilian aircraft
  - b) Hang gliders
  - c) Homebuilt aircraft, ultralights, etc.
  - d) Model rocketry
  - e) Nonmilitary remote or wire controlled aircraft including drones.

### Activities Prohibited by Fort Hood Regulation

1. Interfering with military training or government business.
2. Possession or consumption of alcohol while in the training areas or in cantonment areas while conducting recreational activities.
3. Leaving juveniles under 15 years of age in the training areas without adult supervision. Adult defined as someone 18 years and older that has appropriate permits.
4. Use of metal detectors and removal of scrap metal or cultural artifacts
5. Excavating, digging for or otherwise removing, archeological resources or cultural artifacts.
6. Recreational cave or rock shelter exploration. Do not enter caves, disturb cave sites or fauna found in them, dump trash in caves, or vandalize/tamper with cave gates. Due to inherent dangers, all unauthorized personnel must remain 50 ft. away from all rock shelters and caves.
7. Trailblazing or construction of new roads except as surveyed and approved by DPW. Use existing roads and tank trails.

8. Driving vehicles on dam slopes and parking on dam right of ways.
9. Remote, or radio-controlled model watercraft, propelled by gasoline on all ponds or lakes.
10. Recreational use of off road autos is restricted to transportation to and from authorized recreation activities listed in this guide only (No mudding or off-roading.)
11. Operating dirt bikes and any all-terrain vehicles (ATVs or UTVs) outside of designated ATV Area. ATV permit fees apply and purchased at the Sportsmen's Center.
12. Carrying of firearms or storage of firearms in vehicles unless on an authorized hunt or to and from any authorized privately owned firearms range.
13. Target practice of any kind in the training areas or unimproved cantonment areas to include any types of: firearms, archery equipment, BB guns, pellet guns, airsoft, or paintball guns. Only authorized ranges and paintball course may be used.
14. ANY ground fires in any training areas. Authorized fires at no check in/out bodies of water must be contained and controlled within a diameter no larger than three feet, in a commercial fire pit (off the ground). Commercial camp stoves and barbeque grills, provided you observe appropriate safety precautions. No open fires of any kind during a Burn Ban or range condition red.
15. Camping except as authorized at
  - a. Belton Lake Outdoor Recreation Area (BLORA)
  - b. By reservation in Camp Finlayson and Camp Arrowhead
16. The cutting of standing trees, the gathering of downed/dead wood for removal as firewood, except for use in authorized contained/controlled fire pits in designated fishing areas. Willful destruction or damage to trees by vehicle or other means. IAW FH200-1 & FH210-25, NO tree cutting at all from 15 March thru 15 August. Special circumstances may be approved by Natural Resources Management Branch (NRMB) on a case by case basis (Example; construction and maintenance of hunting stands); may require NRMB on-site presence if approved. Absolutely no posting of any trees at any time of year (Example: making cedar posts). Spray paint at the cut to prevent oak wilt on any trimmed oak trees. This applies to ANY size branches on oak trees.
17. Entry into contaminated, designated impact area (Permanent Duded Area 94 in the live fire training area). Area 94 will remain off-limits to all recreational activities.
18. Swimming in any natural waters of Fort Hood, except within BLORA at designated beach area. To include being on horseback in the water.
19. Littering. Protect natural resources by properly disposing of any trash. If no trash receptacles are available or if they are full, take it home with you. You are responsible for any items you bring.
20. Digging or otherwise removing living plants, sod, topsoil, sand, rocks, fossils, or artifact resources.
21. Digging or other means of soil excavation without a DPW digging permit (FH Form 200-X10) IAW FH REG 200-1, to include soil preparation for wildlife food plots. You must obtain a digging permit in advance. In addition, seed mixtures used for approved food plots must contain only native species or annual non-persistent species (such as oats or wheat) that have been specifically approved by Natural Resources Management Branch, Bldg. 1939 Rod & Gun Club Loop, 254-287-2885.

**WARNING: Never enter the Live Fire Training Areas without approval from Range Operations, 254-287-3321, or a personal visit (Bldg. 56000) to receive authorization as applicable. Range Operations will determine authorization period..**

- Penalties for failure to clear area/areas:
  - First Offense: warning
  - Second Offense: 7 days suspension
  - Third Offense: suspension of privileges for remainder of permit validation or other designated period of time
  
- Accessing training areas for recreational activities without authorization, or obtaining clearance under false pretenses from AACCC and/or Range Operations, and failure to obey applicable laws and regulations will subject violator to: arrest by Game Warden, citations, and suspension of recreational access privileges.
  
- Violation of rules, regulations or laws can result in suspension. Individual suspended will be required to turn in all permits to the Sportsmen's Center. Sportsmen's Center will lock the Huntrac account until suspension is over. Game Wardens will confiscate all permits issued by the Sportsmen's Center when violations are found and warrant a suspension of privileges. The Game Warden Office will provide suspension memo and permits to the Sportsmen's Center and provide circumstances to the suspension. If the Game Wardens confiscate the permits, the individual will then contact the Sportsmen's Center to confirm their reinstatement date. Generally, individuals must come to the Sportsmen's Center in person to have their privileges restored on the next business day after the suspension period ends to retrieve their documents. Suspension period ends at 6 pm on the last day of suspension.
  
- Typical recreational activities authorized in the training areas include, but are not limited to:
  - a) Bird watching and/or photography
  - b) Dog running/walking/training. Dog training for hunting purposes also requires the trainer to have a valid State hunting/trapping license and Fort Hood hunting permit. All dogs (including hunting dogs) brought on the installation must meet all current vaccination requirements as set forth by the Texas Health & Safety Code or Fort Hood Regulation 40-5. This includes wearing a current rabies vaccination tag.
  - c) Hiking, jogging, running, marching
  - d) Hunting and related activities such as scouting
  - e) Fishing in authorized waters by authorized means
  - f) Gathering of edible plant material (e.g. pecans, berries) for personal use authorized, but unauthorized for commercial purposes or resale. Gather pecans from the ground only. Gathering plant material by climbing or thrashing trees, or using mechanical equipment, or any other practice that could in any way damage trees unauthorized. Possession limit for edible plant material is one gallon per person per day.
  - g) Picnicking
  - h) Photography
  - i) Rappelling
  - j) Remote controlled cars
  - k) Mountain biking/bicycling
  - l) Horseback riding; owners must have proof of: negative Coggins test, Tetanus, and Rabies in their possession. Due to abrupt and significant depth changes, there is no swimming in the ponds, lakes, rivers, and streams in Fort Hood training areas. This includes persons on horseback and persons leading horses into the water.
  
- These are roads that afford passage to the public through the Maneuver Training Areas. An Area Access Permit is not required, provided personnel and vehicles **do not** leave the roadway:

- Antelope Road
- Ivy Mountain Road
- Liberty Hill Road
- Manning Mountain Road
- Maxdale Road
- Nolan Creek Road
- Nolanville Road
- Royalty Ridge Road (Between West Range Rd. and Old Georgetown Rd.)
- Royalty Ridge Road to Walker/Springhill Cemetery
- Shell Mountain Road
- Brookhaven Road
- Brown's Creek Road

**NOTE:** Taylor Valley Road, Cold Springs Road, and ANY tank trail are not "Public Access" roadways. Fishermen accessing Area 8 North (as defined on the Fort Hood map) may use Taylor Valley Road as the designated direct route to 8 North fishing shoreline. All other users must use Huntrac to check in/out of areas.

#### **Area Access Special Procedures:**

- Access by organizations
  - a) Military and Civilian organizations desiring the use of Training Areas for non-military events must submit a written request through the Sportsmen's Center not less than 30 days prior to the event date. The Sportsmen's Center will initiate coordination/approval through DPW/Natural Resources Management, DPW/Environmental Section, DFMWR, Game Wardens and Range Operations.
  - b) Upon receiving approval, and prior to the start of the event, the organization may obtain Release and Hold Harmless Agreements from the Sportsmen's Center; which will be effective only for the duration of the event and will be returned to the Sportsmen's Center at the conclusion of the event. Event only Area Access permits will cost \$7 per adult 17 & older. Minors 16 & under are free under a responsible adult.
  - c) On guided hunt dates (page 29), access into the guided areas is limited to between 10 am and 2 pm. Select "Guided Area 10-2 Access" in the Huntrac system to check into the guided area. Everyone must exit the area by 2 pm and check out of the area in Huntrac.

#### **Safety:**

- Accident prevention is the number one priority. Safety is everyone's responsibility. Accomplish all recreational activities in a safe and responsible manner to avoid injuries and possible loss of life.
- Individuals are responsible for familiarity and following all applicable statutes, regulations, and procedures pertaining to proper conservation practices, training area access, and water safety.
- Beware of abandoned wells, low water crossings, duds, and venomous snakes.

# Chapter 2

## Fishing

### (Rules and Prohibited Activities)

All persons fishing lakes, ponds, and streams of Fort Hood must possess a valid Texas State Fishing License (except those exempted by the state), Area Access Permit and the Fort Hood Fishing Permit **ON THEIR PERSON**. However, only a state fishing license is required if a person is fishing the waters of Belton Lake within the confines of BLORA Park and a daily entry receipt if applicable. Only a state fishing license and Area Access Permit is required if a person is fishing the waters of Belton Lake adjacent to Training Area 8 (North & South) East of Curry Crossing and the shoreline in Training Area 104.

A state fishing license and a Fort Hood fishing permit is required to take crawfish. There is no limit on crawfish.

All persons will abide by State/Fort Hood bag limits, possession limits, and Area Access procedures as well as all State and Federal fishing regulations. An ethical angler takes only what he can use, and uses what he takes; always recycle or properly disposes of monofilament line to protect the environment and aquatic or wildlife resources; leaves no litter and doesn't pollute our waters.

Manually propelled boats authorized on most Fort Hood lakes, ponds, and streams. "NO BOATING" signs will be posted on those prohibiting boats. Fishermen may use boats propelled by electric trolling motors on all lakes and ponds except Cantonment B (Kid's Pond); boats propelled by motors must have current registration in accordance with state law. All motorized boats (including electric) must have Texas boat registration and all boating safety devices that as required by Texas Water Safety Digest.

Access to "No check in/out" fishing ponds/lakes will be by the most direct route (paved or main improved road) from the point of leaving public roadways. No fishing authorized in the ATV area.

While fishing or accompanying an authorized fisherman overnight at designated "No Check in/out" fishing ponds/lakes and Areas 8 & 104 at water's edge; only tents and canopies are authorized (no RVs or campers). Overnight fishing will not exceed three (3) consecutive nights.

While fishermen are not required to account for themselves when going to the No Check In/Out Lakes, access can be limited during emergency situations (EXAMPLE: wild fires). Fishermen are encouraged to frequently check the Sportsmen's Center Facebook page for warning notices and lake closures.

Fort Hood observes the annual State Free Sport-fishing Day which is on the first Saturday of June. State fishing licenses or Fort Hood fishing permits are not required while sport fishing on that day. Valid Area Access Permit (Fort Hood Form 210-9-1) is required. A special one-day Area Access Permit will be available free of charge from the Sportsmen's Center. Obtain a permit **prior** to participation.

- Cantonment B Pond is designated as the "Kids' Pond". Adults may fish if accompanied by at least one actively fishing youth 16 years old or under. Adults may fish if they meet the actively fishing child requirement. All must have valid Area Access Permit and adults must have valid Texas fishing license (unless exempted by the state) and Fort Hood Fishing

Permit (unless 65 years or older.) Children must be supervised (in direct sight) at all times. Children not old enough to fish (toddlers) do not meet the actively fishing child requirement. This does not preclude teens under 17 years of age (with a valid driver's license) from driving themselves to the pond to fish. Citations issued to adults caught fishing without an "actively" fishing child. The whole purpose of designating a "Kid's Pond" is to introduce youth to fishing and nurture them into outdoor activities; adults catching all the stocked fish defeats this objective.

- House Bill 1241 is still in effect and includes all Texas counties. Boats and kayaks in any body of water (not just Stillhouse or Belton Lakes) must drain and dry for at least one week or be washed with high-pressure, hot soapy water before entering any other body of water. The Texas law states, "Live fish cannot be transported in water that comes from the water body where they were caught, personally caught live bait can be used only in the water body where it was caught." For example, bait fish taken from Belton Lake and used in Nolan Lake can spread the juvenile zebra mussel. DPW Natural Resources will discontinue stocking any Fort Hood lake/pond that is infected with zebra mussels.

### **PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES WHILE FISHING**

1. Transporting live fish from one body of water to another body of water.
2. Releasing live bait in lakes and ponds. Releasing any aquatic species into Fort Hood waters without written permission from DPW, Natural Resources Management Branch.
3. Possession or consumption of any alcohol
4. Noodling/hand fishing
5. Use of any boats or flotation devices on Cantonment B Pond (Kids' Pond)
6. Use of gasoline-powered boat motors on all lakes and ponds, except Belton Lake.
7. Driving vehicles on dam slopes and parking on dam right of ways.
8. Trotlines, throw lines, jug lines, and shocking devices in lakes or ponds. Trotlines only authorized in the Cowhouse Creek East of Curry Crossing and the Leon River.
9. Swimming except at BLORA's designated beach area.
10. Littering. Users must remove all items brought to the pond/lake upon departure. Minimum fine \$125.
11. Polluting the waters
12. Use of illegal devices as identified by federal and state laws.
13. Possession of fish or aquatic life without fishing or hunting permit as required.
14. Fishing in the Live Fire Training Areas to include West of Curry Crossing (fishermen must stay east of the bridge at Curry Crossing on East Range Road).
15. Possession of any firearms, pellet gun, BB gun, or archery equipment (including crossbows) unless on an authorized hunt.
16. Taking of fish that does not meet size limits, bag and possession limits.
17. Taking of fish without a state license (unless exempt) and required Fort Hood permits.
18. Bow fishing in the community lakes, creeks, and ponds on Fort Hood. EXCEPT: legal archery equipment (IAW state law) allowed to take NONGAME fish in the Cowhouse Creek east of Curry Crossing, the Leon River, and Belton Lake.
19. Ground fires. Designated no check in/out fishing areas listed on pages 21-22 are authorized commercial fire pits, BBQs, and camping stoves. No use of fire pits when Fort Hood is in condition RED or during burn bans.

On scheduled guided hunt dates during the General Hunting Season, access into Guided Hunting Areas under the Area Access program for activities other than hunting is between 10 am and 2 pm only. Normal access during non-guided hunt dates. Exception: Fishermen still have access to “No check in/out” ponds/lakes. Fishermen must take the most direct route in/out. DPW/Natural Resources Management Branch is responsible for stocking selected lakes and ponds on Fort Hood. A current list of stockings is available at the Sportsmen’s Center, Bldg. 1937, <http://www.hoodarmymwr.com/programs/sportsmens-center> or Facebook Ft Hood Outdoor Adventures. A forecasted stocking schedule is not available.

**Table 2-1 Fishing limitations**

<b>Game species</b>	<b>Lake</b>	<b>Season</b>	<b>Size limit</b>	<b>Daily bag limit</b>	<b>Possession limit</b>	<b>Other</b>
Channel & Blue catfish	All lakes, ponds, and creeks	No closed season	Minimum: 12 inches	15	30	No archery equipment or Hand fishing (“noodling”)
Flathead catfish	All lakes, ponds, and creeks	No closed season	Minimum: 18 inches	5	10	No archery equipment or Hand fishing (“noodling”)
Crappie (white & black & hybrids)	All lakes, ponds, and creeks	No closed season	Minimum: 10 inches	25	50	
White bass	All lakes, ponds, and creeks	No closed season	Minimum: 10 inches	25	50	
All black bass	All lakes, ponds, and creeks	No closed season	Minimum: 14 inches	5 in the aggregate	10 in the aggregate	Note: Includes all black bass, largemouth, smallmouth, striped, hybrid and spotted bass.

**Table 2-2 No Check In/Out Ponds, Lakes, or River**

<b>No Check In/Out Pond, Lake or River</b>	<b>Location</b>
Shoreline of Area 104 on Belton Lake	West side of BLORA on roadway that passes BLORA Paintball Course. East of Liberty Hill Road.
Airfield lake	West of FH 37-Located behind 69 <sup>th</sup> ADA compound off N. Nolan Road.
Belton Lake At Waters Edge	TA 8 North and 8 South
Clear Creek Lake	TA 70- Only entrance is from the city of Copperas Cove. Take Old Copperas Cove Road and cross the cattle guard. Tank trail will be on the right.
Lepomis Pond PV 08817-41291	TA 70- SE of Clear Creek Lake
Copperas Cove Lake #2	TA 40-Entrance can be made off Tank Destroyer Road at cattle guard or off Georgetown Rd. See map insert for alternate route when that gate is locked.
Copperas Cove Lake #3	TA 40-Entrance can be made driving through cattle guard entrance off Tank Destroyer Road and taking the tank trail. See map insert for alternate route when that gate is locked.
Engineer Lake	TA 30-Located off N. Nolan Road
Heiner Lake	TA 35-Located off Nolanville Road. Quarry Road from Killeen side.
Larned Lake	TA 33-Located near the intersection of N. Nolan Road and Nolan Creek Road
Nolan Lake	TA 36-Located off N. Nolan Road near the BLORA Entrance
Cowhouse Creek	TA 8N & 8S-East of Curry crossing (Large Iron Bridge on East Range Road)
Cantonment Pond A	FH 102-To the right of Clark Street ACP (Large Truck inspection station). Cantonment A pond will be off limits on the 4 <sup>th</sup> of July for Force Protection
Cantonment Pond B (Kids Pond)	FH 102-Across from CTC off Bell Tower exit. You must be going west on Hwy 190 and take the Bell Tower exit. The open gate is on the right before the over pass. Cantonment B (kid's pond) pond will be off limits on the 4 <sup>th</sup> of July for Force Protection.
Pershing Lake & Cantonment E pond near Kouma Village	FH 117-Lake located across from main gate entrance on south side of Hwy 190. Entrance obtained through Kouma Village. Wet weather will limit the ability to navigate safely without getting stuck in mud. Use caution. <b>Game wardens lock the gates when the roadway is hazardous. (Current access is walk-in only)</b>
Crossville Lake	TA71 – unnamed pond south of Copperas Cove Rd. East of Crossville Mountain on the map.

These No Check In/Out Ponds and Lakes designated as Catch and Release only. You cannot keep fish from these waters for consumption. Release all fish. Catch and release ponds (posted with signs) are permitted facilities. **NOTE: All plastic lined ponds on Fort Hood are not authorized fishing areas. The plastic lining is very slippery and hazardous.**

East Lake (Catch & Release only)	Located near intersection of South Range Road and Murphy Road.
Birdbath Lake (Catch and Release only)	Located off South Range Road across from Black Gap Range

# Chapter 3

## General Hunting Rules for all Hunters

(Big Game, Small Game, and Non-Game Hunting)

**All hunters** are required to have **on their person** while hunting, the following:

- Proof of Hunter Education Certification (annotated on hunting permit).
- A valid Fort Hood hunting permit
- A valid Texas hunting license with appropriate endorsements
- Valid Area Access Permit
- Fort Hood firearms registration (Fort Hood Form 190-19)

The hazards associated with hunting during the General Season and Special Late Season (November through January) necessitate the requirement for all hunters (regardless of whether guided or unguided) to wear a minimum of 400 square inches (total) of hunter's orange on the head and upper torso (minimum of hat and vest.) Archery hunters and Waterfowl Hunters must wear the required hunter orange at least to and from their hunting stands/blinds (while moving). Hunter may wear orange broken up with a camo pattern; however, majority of the garment must be hunter orange in color.

Individual hunters may not have multiple weapons in their possession/vehicle while hunting to include interchangeable barrels. For example: no shotgun while guided rifle hunting and no rifle while unguided hunting. No firearms are authorized at all while archery hunting. Pistols not authorized on Fort Hood for hunting.

Any violation of hunting or recreational access procedures or regulations (Fort Hood, Federal, or State) can be grounds to suspend or revoke Fort Hood land use privileges.

All area designations, access to Fort Hood lands and hunting schedules are subject to change without prior notice based on current Force Protection status or at the convenience of the government.

Legal shooting hours for all Game Animals and Non-migratory Game Birds: from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset unless otherwise stated. Legal shooting hours for Migratory Game Birds is from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. You may hunt Non-Game animals (Rabbits, Wild Pigs, and Coyotes) at any hour following the rules of this guide.

If training areas are closed, hunters may maintain **EXISTING** equipment (stands, feeders, and cameras) by choosing Huntrac reservation category "Deer Stand Maint. In Closed Area". This is **NOT** an option for placing new equipment unless you are a volunteer guide for the area. You must take the most direct route in/out to your existing equipment. You may not use this option for driving through the area for scouting. Troops have priority; you may not interfere with military/government operations. If asked to leave, you will comply immediately. You must stay 500 meters away from troops, bivouac areas, contractors, and government employees. **Anyone abusing this option will have their recreational privileges suspended.** Existing equipment maintenance does not apply to Live Fire Areas; Range Operations still controls access to Live Fire.

You may use feeders and food plots in the unguided and guided areas (except for hunting migratory birds and "No Feeder Areas". Food plots require an approved dig permit. Forms are available at the Sportsmen's Center (Bldg. 1937) or DPW/Natural Resources Management Branch (Bldg. 1939). Throw and grow seed is only type authorized in Live Fire areas.

Hunters are responsible for bringing their antlers to the Sportsmen's Center if they want to participate in the Big Buck Contest and the youth contest. Winners selected from the antlers submitted. There is no additional cost to participate.

Hunters must bring all harvested deer, turkey, pigs, and exotics directly to the Natural Resources Management Branch/Game Check Station (Bldg. 1944) for inspection and recording. Deer, pigs, and exotics must be field dressed in the hunting area. Turkeys must remain whole for inspection and recording. Check-in turkeys, pigs, and exotics by filling out the form at the kiosk in front of Bldg. 1944 when the Game Check Station is closed. Instructions posted on-site regarding proper procedure. Hunters will report their harvest using their hunting permit number NOT their Area Access number. **Write legibly.** Hunters who would like to have their harvest weighed and measured may return to the check station during normal hours on the next business day.

Tag all whitetail deer and turkeys in the field (including the harvest log on the back of the license). All hunters hunting turkey must have a State Upland Game Bird Endorsement indicated on their hunting license (except for youth). The hunter is ultimately responsible to make sure his/her state tag and log are properly completed and attached to the game.

Hunters may harvest more than one big game animal per species per day; however, check-in the first animal prior to harvesting the second. Do not leave carcasses in the field or remove deer or turkey from the installation without clearing the DPW/Natural Resources Management Branch Game Check Station, Bldg. 1944. Wild pigs classified as non-game animals and there is no harvest limit on wild pigs.

Hunters 15, 16, & 17 years of age may sit by themselves on any unguided or guided hunt EXCEPT for during the Youth Only Season.

Protection of endangered species and habitat:

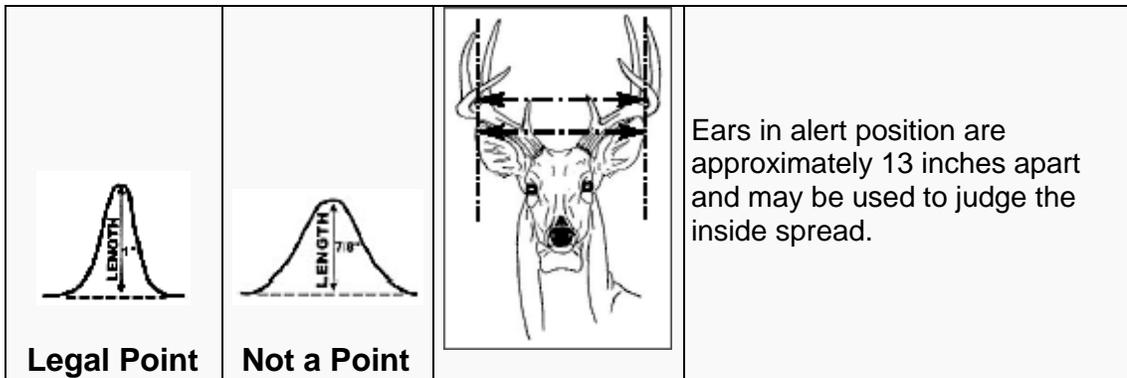
- IAW FH200-1 & FH210-25, NO tree cutting from 15 March thru 15 August. Special circumstances may be approved by Natural Resources Management Branch (NRMB) on a case by case basis (EXAMPLE: construction and maintenance of hunting stands); may require NRMB on-site presence if approved.
  - Absolutely no posting of any trees at any time of year. (Example: making cedar posts)
  - Seal any trimmed oak trees with spray paint at the cut to prevent oak wilt. This applies to **ANY** size branches on oak trees.
- What you can harvest for each hunting reservation category (all seasons and bag limits apply). You may only have the authorized ammunition for the reservation category you have in Huntrac.

Reservation Category	What you can harvest
Guided Hunt	deer, turkey, wild pigs, small game, non-game, unprotected wildlife
Unguided Hunt	deer, turkey, wild pigs, small game, non-game, unprotected wildlife
Guided Area 10am-2pm Access	small game, non-game, wild pigs, unprotected wildlife
Small Game Hunting	small game, non-game, wild pigs, unprotected wildlife
Turkey	turkey, small game, non-game, wild pigs, unprotected wildlife
Wild Pig	wild pigs, non-game, unprotected wildlife

- **“No hunting dates” will be posted on the Sportsmen’s Center Facebook page**
  - Spring cleanup week
  - Designated Memorial Day cemetery visitation. Must obtain a one-day Area Access permit (at no charge) from the Sportsmen’s Center for training areas. Range Operations controls access into the Live Fire Areas.
  - Fall cleanup week

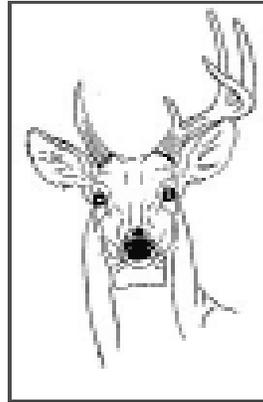
**SPECIAL ANTLER RESTRICTIONS:** There are special restrictions for buck deer on Fort Hood. The bag limit is two bucks per Fort Hood Big Game Hunting Permit:

- (One) buck must have a hardened antler protruding through the skin AND at least one unbranched antler
- (One) buck must have an inside spread measurement between main beams of 13 inches or greater
  - To determine if a buck has an inside spread measurement of at least 13 inches, look at the distance from ear-tip to ear-tip on a buck with ears in the alert position (see illustration). This is only a field guide. **If in doubt, do not shoot.**
  - Definition of a point: A point is a projection that extends at least one inch from the edge of a main beam or another tine. The tip of the main beam is also a point.
  - Special Late Season: Adults may harvest only antlerless and “unbranched antlered” deer. An unbranched antlered deer is a buck deer with at least one unbranched antler.





**Legal:** at least one unbranched antler



**Legal:** at least one unbranched antler



**LEGAL**-Inside spread of 13 inches or greater



**NOT LEGAL**-This buck meets none of the criteria: Antlers are not outside the ears; therefore the inside spread is not 13 inches or greater

## PROHIBITIONS FOR ALL HUNT PROGRAMS

1. Shoot in an unsafe manner. Hunters WILL NOT shoot unless the target clearly identified and lane of fire is clear.
2. Interfere with training, contractors, or government employees. Must use most direct route in/out of areas and stay 500 meters away from training, contractors, and government employees. If approached to vacate the area, you must do so immediately.
3. Possess a loaded weapon in or on vehicles.
4. Access training areas by boat for the purpose of hunting, except when hunting waterfowl.
5. Access Fort Hood training areas for the purpose of hunting by crossing/climbing Fort Hood boundary fences.
6. Hunt from a vehicle, boat, flotation device, or aircraft or airborne device, except as authorized for legal waterfowl hunting.
7. Hunt frogs, reptiles, turtles, mountain lions, fox and bobcat.
8. Shoot from a vehicle. NOTE: The Sportsmen's Center may authorize an individual with a bona fide disability and physician's certification to use a vehicle as a shooting stand. Accomplish prior coordination with the Sportsmen's Center and the authorization letter must be on your person while hunting.
9. Shoot, or possess a firearm in an "Archery Only" area except as designated in this guide.
10. Hunt by any means in a "No Hunting" area or within 330 yards (300 meters) of Gray Army Airfield or Hood Army Airfield.
11. Shoot or aim toward any boundary, person, building, structure or vehicle that is within range of the weapon or load; projectiles cannot cross any perimeter boundary.
12. Shoot on, along, or across any maintained road or reservation boundary.
13. Hunt within 330 yards (rifle) or within 110 yards (limited range firearms) or 55 yards (archery/crossbow) of maintained roads, reservation boundaries, borders or fence lines, Camp Finlayson and Camp Arrowhead except as authorized on the guided rifle or guided limited range hunt. BLORA paintball course has its own hunting boundary limitations (see hand out map).
14. Hunt within 550 yards (500 meters) of troops bivouacked, training, and/or maneuvering on the installation.
15. Hunt within 164 yards (150 meters) of Natural Resources Management Branch wild pig traps.
16. Shoot at birds or animals on utility lines or supporting poles.
17. Shoot at or hunt protected birds to include: hawks, owls, eagles, all nongame birds, and all songbirds. See TPWD Outdoor Annual for unprotected birds.
18. Possess a handgun on Fort Hood while hunting.
19. Hunt with or possess a rifle in live fire or maneuver training areas except as authorized on the guided rifle hunt.
20. Hunt with a rim fire rifle.
21. Possess a firearm while archery deer or turkey hunting.
22. Trap, except fur-bearing animals.
23. Hunt with and/or run dogs/ birds of prey without a valid Fort Hood hunting permit and appropriate state and federal permits. Hunting dogs only authorized for game birds, rabbits, and raccoons.
24. Engage in or participate in the act of hunting while consuming alcohol or drugs, while impaired or intoxicated. Any person who is determined to have consumed alcohol less than eight (8) hours prior to hunting activity will not hunt. Refusal to consent to a blood alcohol test or breathalyzer

test will result in an immediate suspension of hunting privileges.

25. Hunt migratory game birds with the aid of bait (minerals, vegetative material, or any other food substance placed to lure/entice). It is the hunter's responsibility to know if an area contains bait.
26. Pursue, drive, flush, or otherwise harass wildlife and livestock with vehicles.
27. Harass other hunters while hunting.
28. Hunt with or possess a privately owned firearm, archery equipment (includes crossbows), or pellet rifle within unimproved areas without a valid Texas hunting license, Fort Hood hunting permit, AACC permit, firearm registration (as applicable), proof of hunter education certification, and proper clearance through Huntrac.
29. Hunt with shotgun slug load within unimproved areas without a valid Huntrac reservation.
30. Hunt with buckshot within unimproved areas EXCEPT for wild pig hunting.
31. Discharge a firearm into, across, or at water surface except when legal waterfowl hunting.
32. Hunt game animals or non-game animals from any vehicle with any light source.
33. Use chemicals, smoke, or petroleum products to evict or "gas" snakes and other reptiles or amphibians from caves, crevices, sinkholes, or other den sites.
34. Possess or use BB, airsoft, or paintball guns in training areas. Paintball only authorized at BLORA Paintball Course.
35. Shoot targets in any area with firearms, pellet guns, BB guns, archery, crossbow equipment. You can only target practice at authorized ranges.
36. Transport muzzle-loading weapon with percussion cap/primer attached to the weapon (made ready to fire).
37. Trapping wild pigs.
38. Hunt wild pigs with dogs.
39. Hunt non-game species of reptiles and amphibians (to include frogs and turtles.)
40. Release or introduce animals of any species on Fort Hood without written permission from DPW/Natural Resources Management Branch.

Violation of rules, regulations or laws can result in suspension of recreational privileges. Individual suspended will be required to turn in all permits to the Sportsmen's Center and locked out of the Huntrac system. The suspension of privileges will begin once Sportsmen's Center receives the permits. Game Wardens will confiscate all permits issued by the Sportsmen's Center when violations are found and warrant a suspension of privileges. The Game Warden Office will provide suspension memo and permits to the Sportsmen's Center and provide circumstances to the suspension. If the Game Wardens confiscate the permits, the individual will then contact the Sportsmen's Center to confirm their reinstatement date. Individuals must come to the Sportsmen's Center in person to have their privileges restored on the next business day after the suspension period ends to retrieve their documents. Suspension period ends at 6 pm on the last day of suspension.

Hunting violations can result in one or more of the following penalties:

- ❖ 7 days suspension
- ❖ 30 days suspension
- ❖ Criminal prosecution and/or suspension/revocation of **ALL** recreational privileges for a designated period of time or indefinitely

# Chapter 4

## Small Game, Unprotected Wildlife, and Non-Game Hunting

(Huntrac reservation category “Small Game Hunting” OR “Guided Area 10-2 Access”)  
(Rules and Prohibited Activities)

All small game, unprotected wildlife, and non-game hunters will abide by rules and prohibitions listed in Chapter 3, seasons, bag limits, and authorized weapons as well as all State and Federal hunting laws and regulations.

All hunters must check into an area before entering the area to hunt. Huntrac users will select small game hunting from the reservation category drop down menu or Guided Area 10-2 Access if hunting a guided area on a guided hunt date. All hunters must log out with Huntrac system when they have finished hunting.

If the Sportsmen’s Center is closed and the Huntrac system is unresponsive due to system outage, you may leave a message on the Area Access phone (254) 287-5847 to report the outage. There is no Big Game (Deer & Turkey) hunting when the Sportsmen’s Center is closed. However, you may hunt for small game, unprotected wildlife, and non-game animals using the Huntrac system.

**All small game, unprotected wildlife, and non-game hunters will make reservations for one day only. Exception: night hunters will make reservations for 2 consecutive days (as areas are open). Hunters will clear both days in Huntrac at the conclusion of their hunt.**

Unless otherwise prescribed by the Sportsmen’s Center, small game, unprotected wildlife, and non-game hunters can check-in to Guided Areas between 10 am and 2 pm or 10 pm and 3 am, on scheduled guided hunt dates. Use Huntrac “Small Game Hunting” option for normal authorized access during non-guided hunt dates and when guided areas have reached their harvest limit.

**You will NOT harvest deer when checked in for small game, unprotected wildlife, and non-game hunting.**

Hunters taking or hunting migratory game birds must have all appropriate endorsements on their Texas State Hunting License. Fort Hood regulations govern waterfowl hunting on streams and impoundments within Fort Hood and that portion of the Leon River that borders the military installation. Fort Hood regulations do not regulate waterfowl hunting on Belton Lake or that portion of Cowhouse Creek east of East Range Road (Curry) Crossing, provided access to these locations is by boat and hunters do not exit the boat. Huntrac controls access to hunt on the Belton Lake shoreline. Hunters must use non-toxic shot loads for all waterfowl hunting on Fort Hood. There is NO HUNTING at Cantonment A, Cantonment B, Birdbath Lake, East Lake, Pershing Lake, Cantonment E Pond in Kouma Village, Airfield Lake, Landfill Lake or any other named or unnamed bodies of water in cantonment areas.

Persons wishing to train their dogs by releasing purchased birds such as quail; must first receive approval from the Natural Resources Management Branch. Health certificate for birds is required and you may not shoot the birds out of season. You must have all applicable state licenses, endorsements, and Fort Hood hunting permit.

There is no closed season for exotics (Aoudad sheep, Axis Deer, Sika Deer, emu, ostrich) on Fort Hood. Hunters may harvest exotics by means outlined in Table 2-3 (Appendix D) for guided or unguided hunting and area designation limitations. These animals are not indigenous to Texas and introduced by landowners. However, sightings are rare. Exotic ONLY hunters will select Huntrac option "small game hunting." A hunter may harvest (1) exotic animal at a time.

Waterfowl hunters will pick reservation category "Small Game Hunting" in Huntrac. Waterfowl hunting reservations are for one day only. You may choose a maximum of 3 open areas.

You can use electronic calling devices for hunting non-game animals (e.g. coyotes) or calling for recreational purposes other than hunting such as photography.

Area 70 is Archery Only for ALL hunting. **NO firearms authorized in Area 70. The only exception is the area designated as 70A on the color coded hunt map.**

### **WILD PIGS**

(Huntrac Wild Pig reservation category)  
(Rules and Prohibited Activities)

Wild pigs (unlimited harvest) harvested during the General Season are required to be brought directly to the check station for weighing, inspection, and recordkeeping by DPW/ Natural Resources Management Branch (NRMB). Bring wild pigs harvested outside of the General Season to the check-in station as well during normal business hours (7:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday- Friday). Other than normal hours, when the check station is not manned, hunters must register their harvest by completing the appropriate paperwork that will be located in a drop box in front of the check station within 48 hours. Instructions posted on-site regarding proper procedure. Hunters who would like to have their harvest weighed and measured may return with their harvest during normal business hours for NRMB to take the data. Report your harvest using your hunt permit number **NOT** your Area Access number. **Write legibly on the form!**

### **FUR-BEARING ANIMALS**

Hunters and trappers of fur-bearing animals must possess a valid Texas Trapper's License and a Fort Hood Hunting Permit if they are NOT selling the fur. A Texas Parks and Wildlife Department non-game permit is required if you intend to sell the fur. You can use ONLY live traps on Fort Hood. You CANNOT use foot holding (steel leghold or Conibear), deadfall, snare, pit- fall, or net traps. Each trap must be marked in an indelible medium with the trapper's name, address, and Fort Hood Area Access Permit number, and be checked a minimum of once every 36 hours.

# Chapter 5

## Unguided Big Game Hunting

(Huntrac reservation category “Unguided”)  
(Rules and Prohibited Activities)

**All Unguided Big Game Hunters will abide by rules and prohibitions listed in Chapter 3, seasons, bag limits, and authorized weapons as well as all State and Federal hunting laws and regulations.**

You cannot have more than one unguided deer or turkey hunting Huntrac reservation at any given time. You CANNOT have concurrent reservations for big game hunting and small game hunting. If any hunter obtains dual hunting clearances for the same and/or different hunt areas for big game hunting and small game hunting, the big game hunting reservation will be automatically invalid.

### **UNGUIDED DEER & TURKEY HUNT PROGRAM**

Unguided Deer & Turkey Hunt Program conducted concurrently with the Guided Deer & Turkey Hunt Program and will follow the same safety and procedural guidelines with the following exceptions:

- a) Unguided Program will be available 7 days a week as area availability allows except when the Game Check Station is closed. Reservations for Friday Unguided Hunting is 6 pm on Thursday.
- b) Unguided Program will be with limited range weapons as indicated in the Table 2-3 (Appendix D). **NO RIFLES AUTHORIZED IN THE UNGUIDED PROGRAM.**
- c) Unguided hunters must have a valid area reservation through the Huntrac system. Hunters may go to their assigned area anytime between 4 am and 9 pm on their valid reservation date.
- d) Unguided hunters must know the authorized deer harvest limit in the area they are hunting. Deer harvest limits updated on the DEER QUOTA HOTLINE 254-532-9425, Facebook (Ft Hood Outdoor Adventures), and posted at the Sportsmen’s Center as information received from Natural Resources. Unguided hunters NOT penalized if the quota changes while they are hunting.
- e) Unguided hunters may take a registered (Area Access Permit) **non-hunting, unarmed observer** to an unguided area while hunting. Observers 17 and older must check in/out of the area by selecting Huntrac reservation category “Area Access No Hunting.” Observers 16 & under must be registered with Area Access under a parent or guardian but **DO NOT** check in/out of Huntrac. Observer defined as an individual not actively participating in the hunt; only present to watch. All children observers must be in the sponsor’s direct line of vision. This authorization established to introduce novices to hunting and to accommodate persons with disabilities who require assistance.

### **Stand Policy for the Unguided Hunt Programs**

1. This policy will encompass **ALL** forms of unguided hunting.
2. There will be a limit of three (3) permanent stands on Fort Hood per valid hunting permit. See definition of permanent stand #13.
3. No locks or any other means (i.e. screwing door shut, chain ladders) to prevent use of the permanent stands.
4. No permanent stands authorized in trees.

5. Hunters will register their permanent unguided stands with the Sportsmen's Center annually by 20 September. Locations verified even if stands not moved. Unguided hunters placing new or moving permanent stands will turn in 10- digit MGRS grid coordinates of their permanent stands to the Sportsmen's Center within 3 days of placement; however, label the stand with permanent or engraved markings on day of placement.
6. Any permanent deer stand placed in the unguided areas found locked or secured by other means to prevent use, **will** have the locks/means removed. There is no guarantee to any individual hunting in an unguided area, that any specific deer stand will be available to him/her on any given hunt day. Hunter ethics, hunter etiquette, good sportsmanship, and respect for other hunter's property are strongly encouraged.
7. No permanent stands/blinds or feeders are authorized in Unguided Areas 20, 40, 111, and 116. Portable blinds allowed but removed daily. Corn thrown on the ground. **Any stand, blind, or feeder left in these areas is subject to confiscation by the game wardens.**
8. Report malicious damage/vandalism incurred to personal equipment to the Game Warden Section using the same procedures as damage caused to government property. Verified violators could be subject to prosecution under 18 USC 1361 or TPC 30.05 (assimilated under federal law), and/or other applicable statutes. DFMWR will not be responsible for any damage to personal equipment (stands, blinds, cameras, or feeders) used in the unguided areas. Owners leave their equipment at their own risk.
9. **Definition of permanent deer stand:** Any type of stand/blind handmade or purchased intended for placement in a "fixed" position, not intended for daily removal.
10. **Definition of portable stand:** Any type of hand-made or purchased stand/blind intended for temporary placement (whether on the ground or in a tree), intended for daily removal.
11. **Guided deer stands are property of MWR and is government property.**

### **UNGUIDED BIG GAME HUNTER ASSIGNMENT WITH HUNTRAC**

User must log into Huntrac to make a reservation. Select the date for the reservation, select the name for the reservation, select the reservation category "Unguided" for deer or "Turkey", then click the "Search" button located under the date, finally select the area. Open areas will be annotated with "Green" bubbles; click on the green bubble for the area you choose. If the land release shows an area is "open" but the bubble is Red, the area has met its max number of reservations. You WILL NOT harvest deer when checked in for turkey. You may harvest turkey when checked in for deer.

**Archery Only Season:** Commencing at 6 pm on 2 October 2020, hunters wishing to participate in the Archery Only Season will be able to login to Huntrac and obtain a slot to hunt opening day. Hunter assignments will be valid for the next day from 4 am to 9 pm. Thereafter, unguided reservations are available at midnight for the next hunt day. Reminder: Only (1) unguided deer or turkey reservation at any given time.

**General Season:** Commencing at 6 pm on 6 November 2020, hunters wishing to participate in the Unguided Hunt Program will be able to obtain a Huntrac slot to hunt in an unguided area. Hunter assignments will be valid for the next day from 4 am to 9 pm. Thereafter, unguided reservations are available at midnight for the next hunt day. Reminder: Only (1) unguided deer or turkey reservation at any given time.

All hunters must clear their hunting area by 9 pm daily. Huntrac **DOES NOT** automatically check you out. After 9 pm, any hunters not cleared referred to the Game Warden Section. The first offense will result in a warning, second offense 7 days suspension and a third offense will result in suspension of privileges for remainder of permit validation or other designated period of time. Hunters tracking game after 8 pm must notify the Game Warden on duty (254) 206-7777.

## **UNGUIDED BIG GAME ARCHERY (DEER & TURKEY) HUNT PROGRAM**

During the Archery Only Season, all available training areas as well as the Archery Only areas utilized for archery hunting; however, there will be no Archery hunting authorized in the Guided areas during the Youth Hunt on 31 October & 1 November 2020 and once the General Season starts on 7 November 2020. If you wish to continue archery hunting in a guided area on guided hunt dates, you must coordinate archery stand location with the chief guide of the area. Final approval for archery stands in guided areas during the General Season determined by the chief guide. Proposed archery stand locations must not interfere with already established and approved guided stands. Hunters must keep in mind that lanes of fire established for gun hunting.

All hunters must have a valid State Archery Endorsement indicated on the Texas State License (Required for Archery Only Season) except for youth.

### **SPRING BIG GAME (TURKEY) HUNT PROGRAM**

(THIS PROGRAM IS UNGUIDED)

**Reminder: Only (1) turkey reservation at any given time.**

Hunters wishing to participate in this program will be responsible for clearing their assigned hunting area by 9 pm daily. Hunters not cleared by 9 pm referred to the Game Warden Section. As in the Fall Unguided Deer & Turkey Hunt Program **NO RIFLES** authorized to harvest spring turkeys.

In an effort to give the youth a better chance of harvesting a turkey during the Special Youth Season 27 & 28 March 2021, adults pre-scouting for turkey MAY NOT call turkeys for these two days. Commencing at 6 pm on 26 March 2021, youth hunters may make a reservation using "Turkey" option in Huntrac for the Youth Season opening day. Commencing at midnight 26 March 2021, reservations for 28 March will be available.

Commencing at 6 pm on 2 April 2021, turkey hunters may make a reservation using "Turkey" option in Huntrac for opening day. Thereafter, hunters may make a reservation at midnight for the next day.

The following Archery Only areas are authorized turkey hunting with shotguns with shot shells: 8A & 8B (North & South), 10, 37, 70A, and 71.

Hunters desiring to hunt in the Live Fire Training Areas must be on or escorted by an individual whose name appears on the Live Fire Access Roster. Contact the Sportsmen's Center for the requirements to get on this access roster. Live Fire Spring Turkey hunting parties will not exceed 4 persons. All hunters hunting turkey in the Live Fire Training Areas (LFTAs) must be clear of the LFTAs from 10 am to 2 pm. Lone hunters and designated hunting party POCs (if hunting as a group of 4 or less) must call Range Operations each and every time they occupy, re-occupy, and depart the LFTAs. All hunters must be clear of LFTAs at 9 pm. If an emergency situation prevents you from following these rules, notify Range Operations immediately. Persons violating established procedures may have hunting privileges suspended.

Bearded hens authorized harvest during the Fall Season only.

# Chapter 6

## Guided Deer & Turkey Hunt Program

(Huntrac reservation category “Guided Area”)  
(Rules, prohibited activities and guidelines)

**All Guided Hunters will abide by rules and prohibitions listed in Chapter 3, seasons, bag limits, and authorized weapons as well as all State and Federal hunting laws and regulations.**

All guided hunts start at the Sportsmen’s Center. All hunters must physically check in at the Sportsmen’s Center. The Sportsmen’s Center may be open for breakfast at 3 am on guided hunt dates for the first Youth Hunt weekend and the month of November **dependent on the COVID-19 pandemic status at the time. Status posted on the Sportsmen’s Center Facebook page prior to season’s opening.**

Empty slots for scheduled guided hunts, and afternoon only guided hunts assigned by “Potluck” drawing (no reservations). “Potluck” means hunters given a number and the numbers randomly drawn to fill available slots. Hunters **do not** get to choose an area during the Potluck drawing except youth for the Youth Hunt assignment on 29 October 2020 at 6 p.m. Special Late Season Guided hunter assignments will be by Potluck only with youth assigned first, then adults.

Guides will lead hunters participating in this program to their assigned hunting area and post hunters to their stands. Any special needs exceptions approved in writing by the Sportsmen’s Center. Hunters may request a specific stand and guides will try to accommodate based on range, vehicle type, quota, stand rotation and weather. However, the guide has the final say on stand assignment. There will be no stalking of game during the Guided Hunt. Guided hunters must remain at their assigned deer stand. When tracking wounded game, hunters will not leave sight of their stand or 100 yards; whichever is the shorter distance. If wounded game goes beyond this limitation, hunters should mark the last spot where the wounded game seen and wait for their guide to assist in tracking.

Guides will meet with posted hunters at their deer stands or at designated rendezvous points as closest to the designated pick up time as tracking of game and other duties allow. Even if the Guide is considerably late, **hunters not authorized to leave their assigned hunting stand or rendezvous point.** The Guide will make every effort to pick up hunters in a timely manner barring any unforeseen circumstances Guides will return with all hunters who have harvested game to the Game Check Station where game inspected and recorded. Hunters who have not harvested any game released from the Guide’s designated rendezvous point. **The released hunter/hunters must immediately leave the area; at no time will he/she reenter the training area for ANY reason once released.**

Hunters will drive their privately owned vehicle (POV) to the Guided Hunting Area. Hunters making reservations for LFTAs must have a 4-wheel drive vehicle. Potluck hunters without 4- wheel drive vehicles accommodated based on Sportsmen’s Center and LFTA guide discretion. Hunters driving their POV escorted to the assigned hunting area and posted by a Guide in his own POV. The Guide will designate a rendezvous point after the predetermined hunt period has concluded. To ensure the safety of all participants, **hunters may not leave their assigned area unless released by the guide. Failure to comply will result in a 7 day suspension.** Leaving an assigned stand beyond limits established by the guide (including the pursuit of wounded game) prohibited and can also result in suspension of hunting privileges. Hunters must obey their guide’s instructions on hunting rules, safe lanes of fire, shooting hours, harvest limits, and other restrictions.

No more than two (2) hunters allowed in a double-stand. Each hunter may possess a legal firearm and harvest his/her own authorized bag limits during the hunting period (morning hunt & afternoon hunt).

Hunters with disabilities assigned hunting areas by the same procedures as other hunters. If hunting from a vehicle, the hunter must pre-register with the Sportsmen's Center and the Game Warden Section. Not every area may be accessible to hunters with disabilities; specific assigned areas are available on the day of the hunt. Use of ATV's not authorized. Hunters hunting from a vehicle (prior written approval required) assigned an approved gridded location in the assigned area. Hunters requiring special assistance can be escorted by an adult 18 years of age or older provided by the hunter. Designated non-hunting escorts must have an Area Access Permit.

The Sportsmen's Center does not provide any corn to bait the guided areas. Guides are not required to buy any corn to bait their assigned areas. Hunters are more than welcome to bring their own corn to bait where they are hunting for the day. But keep in mind that areas can meet their harvest quota in the morning and you may not get to hunt your corn in the afternoon.

The hunt proceeds until harvest limits met, the last scheduled hunt day, or as determined by the DFMWR.

### **GUIDED BIG GAME LIMITED RANGE HUNTS**

Authorized limited range firearms indicated in the Table 2-3 (Appendix D) located in the back of this guide. All other guidelines as outlined in the Guided Deer & Turkey Hunt Program above pertain to this hunt program. The Guided Deer & Turkey Limited Range Weapon Hunt Program conducted in the same manner as the Guided Deer & Turkey Hunt Program except for the weapons limitation.

### **GUIDED DEER & TURKEY HUNTER ASSIGNMENT** **(Huntrac reservation category "Guided Area")**

Beginning November 5, 2020 at 6 pm, hunters wishing to participate in the Guided Hunt Program can make a reservation for opening weekend. Thereafter, hunters may make guided reservations commencing at 6 pm on the Thursday prior to the weekend. **Note: For Thanksgiving week, reservations begin Wednesday.**

Hunters must log-in to Huntrac to make a reservation. **Only one guided hunt reservation authorized at any given time.** If a hunter wishes to change his/her area selection, the hunter must log out of the current reservation then make another area selection. Hunters must keep in mind that the area they wish to change to may not have any slots available.

There can be 2 hunters per guided double-stand. Each hunter may possess a legal firearm and harvest his/her own authorized limits (such as 1 turkey & 1 deer). Guide will make stand assignment after hunters check-in. Hunters must keep in mind that double-stands (bigger stands) may not be available in their chosen or assigned area. Both hunters must make a Huntrac reservation for the same area. On "potluck only" guided hunt days, 2 hunters hunting the same stand must designate as such when checking-in.

Hunters assigned to any areas that change from an open status to a closed status due to troop movement and training, as determined by Range Operations, will be able to login to Huntrac to clear

the original reservation and make another selection as slots are available or go Potluck.

Morning guided hunters must check in with the area guide at the Sportsmen's Center by 3 am opening weekend (4 am thereafter) and afternoon guided hunters must check in by 2 pm. Any hunters failing to check in with their area guide at the proper time must go potluck in order to hunt. Promptness will avoid a missed hunting opportunity. If you have difficulty locating the guide for your selected area please ask for assistance.

Potluck hunters will fill all no-show hunting slots. Order of assignment will be determined by a random drawing. Hunters are responsible for reporting at their assigned location at designated departure time.

Guided hunters must clear the Huntrac system first in order to make another guided reservation. Huntrac does not automatically clear reservations. There is no penalty for not clearing a guided hunt reservation since it is a controlled hunt; however, guided hunters are encouraged to clear their reservation when the hunt is completed. **Hunters on a guided hunt may clear their reservation at 10 am on their reservation date, still hunt the afternoon hunt, and make another reservation for the next hunt day.**

Guided hunters desiring to only hunt in the afternoon must first make a reservation through Huntrac reservation category Guided Area; then call the Sportsmen's Center so we can annotate this request. The reservation will be lost if the Sportsmen's Center is not notified since the Huntrac system does not have an a.m. or p.m. designation.

# **Chapter 7**

## **Youth Only Hunting Programs**

**All Youth hunters and Escorts will abide by rules and prohibitions listed in Chapter 3, seasons, bag limits, and authorized weapons as well as all State and Federal hunting laws and regulations. ONLY youth may hunt; escorts are NOT authorized to hunt during Youth Only seasons. Hunters must be between the ages of 9 and 16 on the Youth Hunt dates. An unarmed escort 18 years or older must accompany each youth hunter. Escort and youth must both possess a valid Fort Hood Hunting Permit, Area Access Permit, State Hunting License and Hunter Education Certification.**

### **YOUTH ONLY UNGUIDED BIG GAME HUNT PROGRAM** (Limited Range Weapons-NO Rifles)

Youth hunters should register prior to 6 pm on 29 October 2020. Unguided Youth hunters assigned by random drawing at the Sportsmen's Center at 6 pm on 29 October 2020 (NO RESERVATIONS). The youth need not be present for the area assignment but the escort or designated representative must be present with the youth's Fort Hood hunting permit. Any youth hunter that fails to register may still purchase permits during regular Sportsmen's Center business hours on the days of the Youth Season. Late comers will select an area as slots are available through Huntrac reservation category "Unguided".

Youth hunters will use the "Unguided" reservation category in Huntrac for reservations during the Late Youth Season 4-17 January 2021.

### **YOUTH ONLY GUIDED BIG GAME HUNT PROGRAM** (Rifle or Shotgun)

Youth hunters should register with the Sportsmen's Center prior to 6 pm on 29 October 2020 in order to have adequate guides. Unassigned youth hunters who show up on the days of the Youth Hunt accommodated as slots are available.

Hunters selected for each day of hunting, 31 October & 1 November, 2020, by random drawing. Youth hunters do not have to be present for area assignment; however, the escort or designated representative must be present with the youth's Fort Hood hunting permit. Youths of guides automatically assigned to the guides' area (if the area is open) and will not be part of the assignment process. If the guide's area is not open the youth assigned just like all other youth hunters.

Area of preference established by the hunter at the time of assignment. No hunter will be allowed to participate in this program without an adult escort 18 years or older. Youth hunters who do not have an available escort may request a volunteer guide escort at time of registration.

Any hunter wanting to hunt the PM only period must make his/her wishes known at the time of area assignment and report to Sportsmen's Center (Bldg. 1937) prior to 2 pm on the day of the assigned hunt. Hunters assigned to areas as openings are available. Guides, at the conclusion of assignment, will instruct hunters and escorts. Guides will instruct hunters/escorts on all aspects of the hunt and on the assembly time and location at the Sportsmen's Center on the day of the hunt. Guides will meet hunters at the Sportsmen's Center and lead them to their hunting area. Harvest limits during the Youth Hunt Program, will be determined by DPW/NRMB and the Sportsmen's Center based on the

deer census.

The Sportsmen's Center will be open for breakfast at 3 a.m. on Youth Hunt days 31 October and 1 November 2020 depending on the COVID-19 pandemic status.

### **YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNT PROGRAM**

The Duck Stamp is not required for youth hunters 15 years and younger.

Youth Waterfowl hunter will sign into the hunt area using "Small Game Hunting" reservation category in Huntrac and the observer will sign into the area using "Area Access no Hunting" reservation category in Huntrac..

### **LATE YOUTH DEER & TURKEY HUNT PROGRAM**

(This program is available Guided and Unguided)

Areas available to assign hunters based on Harvest Limits reached and area availability. Youth hunters will have priority assignment for late season guided hunting (Potluck Only). Youth Hunters will use "Unguided" reservation category in Huntrac. Observers will sign into the hunt area using "Area Access no Hunting" reservation category in Huntrac. Youth may harvest 1 deer, 1 turkey, and unlimited wild pigs when checked in for unguided hunting.

During Late Youth Deer Season, Youth may harvest any deer which was legal during General Season and within Fort Hood per hunter limits. DPW Natural Resources determines remaining deer harvest limits.

### **YOUTH ONLY SPRING TURKEY HUNT PROGRAM**

(Unguided/Shotgun)

Youth Turkey hunter will sign into the hunt area using "Turkey" reservation category in Huntrac and the observer will sign into the hunt area using "Area Access no Hunting" reservation category in Huntrac. Youth Only Spring Turkey Season Hunt dates are 27 & 28 March and 22 & 23 May 2021.

# APPENDIX A

## HUNT SCHEDULE FOR 2020-2021

**Archery Only Season:** October 3 thru November 6, 2020 (unguided deer & turkey)

**Youth Seasons:** October 31 & November 1, 2020 (guided & unguided)  
January 4 – 17, 2021 (unguided deer & turkey)  
January 9 & 10, 2021 (guided deer)  
January 16 & 17, 2021 (guided deer)  
March 27 & 28, 2021 (unguided Spring Turkey)  
May 22 & 23, 2021 (unguided Spring Turkey)  
November 7 – 8, 2020 Waterfowl Youth Season

### **Full Day Guided Hunts**

November 2020: 7 & 8, 10 & 11 (Veteran's Day Holiday Period), 14 & 15, 21 & 22, 27 - 29 (Thanksgiving weekend)

December 2020: 5 & 6, 12 & 13, 19 & 20, 26 & 27

January 2021: 2 & 3, 9 & 10, 16 & 17

**Half Day Guided Hunts (afternoons only):** 21, 28 December

Guides and hunters must report to the Sportsmen's Center **prior** to 2 pm. Half Day Hunts are Potluck only; NO reservations.

NOTE: Scheduled starting time for the morning guided hunts will be 3 am for opening weekend and 4 am thereafter. Scheduled starting time for the afternoon guided hunts will be 2 pm.

**Unguided Big Game Hunt Program:** conducted 7 days a week as areas are available except for the following dates that the Game Check Station is closed: Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day. Wild pig, small game, unprotected wildlife, and non-game hunting authorized on these dates with appropriate Huntrac reservation.

**Early Teal Season:** Sep 12 - 27, 2020

**Spring Turkey Season:** Apr 3 – May 16, 2021

**Dove:** Sep 1 - Nov 1, 2020 & Dec 18, 2020 – Jan 14, 2021

**Quail:** Oct 31, 2020 - Feb 28, 2021

**Duck:** Nov 14 - Nov 29, 2020 & Dec 5, 2020 – Jan 31, 2021

**Wild Pigs, rabbits, squirrels, unprotected wildlife, and non-game species:** No closed season.

## AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR DEER SEASONS

**Guided Live Fire Training Areas:** 80/81, 82 East, 82 West, 83/84, 85, 86/87N, 87S/88, 89, 90, 91, 92/93

Range Operations has the final determination on whether a Live Fire Area is open or closed.

**Guided Rifle Areas:** 30, 31, 32, 33/34, 35, 36, 41, 42, 43/44, 45/46, 47/48, 72, 73, 75. Multiple areas put together are considered one guided area.

**Guided Shotgun with Slug or Muzzle-loading Areas:** 10, 11/12, 13, 74. Multiple areas put together considered one guided area.

**Unguided Areas/Shotgun with slug, Muzzle-loading, Archery or Crossbow (Rifles not authorized):** 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 50, 51, 52, 53, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66

**Archery Only Areas:** 8A (North), 8B (South), 37, 100, 101, 102, 104, 105, 108 includes the land between Tank Destroyer and Georgetown Road and Texas HWY 9, 109, 110, 111, 116, 118, 70, 71

Note #1: Turkey hunters may use shotguns with bird shot in Area 8 (A =North & B=South), 10, 37, 70A north of Old Copperas Cove Rd, 71

Note #2: For Area 71, no hunting authorized in Camp Finlayson or the solar farm area.

Note #3: All recreational users will stay out of the "free dig sites" in areas 110 & 111.

Note #4: Areas 104 (mountain bike trails/archery range/paintball course) & 105 (horse trails) are **co-use** areas adjacent to Belton Lake Outdoor Recreation Area. **Hunters must ensure they positively identify the target and what lies beyond. These established activities have the right of way. Hunters must stay 100 yards from these activities boundaries (see hand out map).**

Note #5: Area 70A north of Old Copperas Cove Rd authorized shotgun with shot shells for turkey and small game hunting. NO slugs or buckshot.

**Unguided No permanent stands and No feeders areas:** 20, 40 (all limited range weapons); 111 & 116 (Archery Only). You may utilize portable stands or blinds; however, you **must** take out every day. You may utilize natural blinds (cedar limbs for example) but you must take down every day. No feeders authorized in these areas; however, you may throw bait on the ground. Game wardens will confiscate any stands/blinds/feeders left in these areas.

**Small Game Areas:** During the General Season, all available unguided big game areas will have joint utilization with small game hunters. Guided areas will have access between 10 am and 2 pm & 10 pm to 3 am on guided hunt dates. Regular access is available on non-guided hunt dates. Big Game Archery Only areas authorized to have small game hunters hunting with shotguns/shot shells for small game are: 8N, 8S, 10, 37, 70A, 71. **All other designated Archery Only Areas are not authorized firearms at any time.**

# APPENDIX B

## VOLUNTEER GUIDES

### Hunting Guides:

- Hunting guides should be familiar with FH REG 210-25, III Corps & FH Circular 210-YY-22, Texas Annual Hunting & Fishing Guide, and the DFMWR Annual Hunting, Area Access & Fishing Guide.

### Summary:

- This appendix provides instructions for guides during the ALL guided hunts.

### Appointment:

- The volunteer guides selected by the Guide Selection Committee. The Guide Selection Committee is comprised of: Sportsmen's Center Manager, NRMB representative, Range Operations representative, Head Chief Guide, and Game Warden representative.
- Beginning on 1 February of each year through March 31<sup>st</sup>, persons may submit a guide application; only exception is for Soldiers who may submit an application at any time. Active duty applicants after the due date placed on a waiting list. All applications submitted for a background check through the Fort Hood Game Warden Section. Persons with game violations within 2 years of the application date automatically disqualified. Qualified applicants assigned areas as slots are available.
- A chief guide and an appropriate (determined by Sportsmen's Center) number of assistant guides are appointed to each guided hunting area utilized, not to exceed 6 total guides.

### Qualifications:

- The position of hunting guide is strictly voluntary and a position of responsibility and authority not of privilege. Guides will support the overall Hunt Program and not seek special considerations for themselves or their particular assigned hunting area.
- Guides must set an outstanding example of personal conduct and sportsmanship while participating in the Fort Hood Hunt Program and executing their duties. **Guides can be dismissed for failure to comply with all regulations and policies and/or unsportsmanlike behavior.**
- Guides must have complete knowledge of the assigned hunting area to include:
  - ❖ Authorized stand locations, to include routes to and from stands.
  - ❖ Entry and exit of area.
  - ❖ Area boundaries.
  - ❖ Safe firing lanes for each deer stand.
- Guides must possess a thorough knowledge of state and installation hunting regulations and comply with the same.
- Guides must possess a Texas hunting license, a Fort Hood hunting permit, and an Area Access Permit. Guides must be certified in a state approved Hunter Education Course. The only exception is if a guide is not going to hunt, then the requirements are Hunter Education Course certification and an Area Access Permit.
- Guides **must not** have had any violation of state or federal game laws within 2 years of the application. Other violations considered on a case-by-case basis.
- Guides must have at least 2 years of guide experience prior to applying for a Chief Guide position. Selection made by the Guide Selection Committee.

- Guides are courteous and helpful to all hunters at all times, but are not required to render personal service to hunters, such as cleaning game.
- Guides must be 18 years of age or older on 1 September of the year requesting to guide.
- Chief guides must be at least 21 years of age.
- A guide's performance to include attendance, stand conditions, and any incidents considered during the selection process. Seniority will not be the sole criteria for selection.
- Live Fire Training Area guides must have use of a four-wheel drive vehicle and a cell phone.

#### **Duties and Responsibilities:**

- Duties and responsibilities of guides listed in this paragraph are not all inclusive. Many duties evolve due to a guide's position of responsibility.
- Guides must be present at the designated time and place of meeting when their assigned area is open for hunting. The Chief Guide will notify the Sportsmen's Center before noon the Thursday prior if no guide will be available that weekend.
- Orient assigned hunters to state and installation hunting regulations, emphasizing safety and prohibitions.
- Check assigned hunters before departure for proper documentation and that firearms and ammunition conform to Fort Hood hunting regulations. All weapons must be empty (unloaded), cased, or have bolts open until the hunter is on a stand.
- Hunters may not possess or be under the influence of intoxicants. Report violations to the Sportsmen's Center prior to departure.
- All hunters must wear 400 square inches of hunter orange (not red) on head and torso. Hunter orange broken up by a camo pattern is acceptable as long as majority of the garment is hunter orange. Hunters not wearing orange not allowed to depart for the hunting areas.
- Escort assigned hunters to the hunting area and assign hunters to stands. Instruct hunters on authorized harvest, shooting hours, the safe area in which hunters may shoot or move about, and unloading weapons before the guide returns.
- Inform hunters that they will be picked up as soon as possible after legal shooting hours at the end of each hunting period and at no time are they (hunters) authorized to leave the hunting area without being released by the guide.
- Inform hunters of the designated meeting place after the hunt, and account for all hunters. Only release hunters who have not harvested game once accounted for. Inform released hunters that they not authorized to reenter the training area for any reason once released.
- The designated guide for each area will present to the Hunt Control Office, a completed FH Form 210-X3 (furnished by Hunt Control), including hunting permit number, name, and assigned stand of every individual assigned to each area. **Guides are not authorized a hunting guest.** Only the Hunt Control Office representative assigns additional hunters to an area and records the name and hunting permit number on the FH Form 210-X3.
- Records the harvest of each hunter on the FH Form 210-X3. Turn in these forms to Hunt Control at the end of each hunt day. Fill out FH Form 210-X3 (harvest card) in its entirety. Also annotate no harvests. Guides must sign the 210-X3.
- **Report any emergencies to the Sportsmen's Center immediately. If not an emergency, report any incidents to the Sportsmen's Center at the conclusion of the hunt period. Take notes on the back of the harvest card.**
- Guides will not place hunters in "OFF LIMITS" or "NO HUNTING" areas as indicated on the official hunting map.
- Do not place hunters on stands with the field of fire covering any portion of the reservation boundary fence, Belton Reservoir, cantonment areas, recreation and picnics areas, and maintained roads.
- Supervise tracking and recovery of wounded animals and instruct hunters **not** to track

wounded game beyond the hunter's safe area before the guide returns. "Safe Area" defined as sight of deer stand or 100 yards, whichever is the shorter distance. **If tracking game after 8 pm, notify the Sportsmen's Center and the game warden on duty. LFTA guides will immediately report game tracking to Range Operations FIRST, then Game Warden and Sportsmen's Center.**

- Instruct hunters to avoid taking long shots or running shots and to report all shots fired. Look for signs of possible hits even if the hunter thinks the shot missed.
- Report unsuccessful attempts to track wounded game to Natural Resource Branch or Sportsmen's Center.
- Must carry a good, strong flashlight on afternoon hunts to aid in recovery of wounded game.
- Ensure that hunters complete their state license as required. Ensure that hunters properly affix their state tag to all big game harvested while in the field. Escort hunters with a harvest to the Natural Resource Management Branch Game Check Station (Bldg. 1944) for weighing and record keeping.
- The chief guide of each guided area is responsible to the Hunt Control Office for scheduling of guides for each scheduled hunt day that the area is open for hunting. Failure to have a guide available on a hunt day without prior arrangements considered during the guide selection process. Chief guide will notify Sportsmen's Center if no guide is available for his/her area before noon, Thursday prior to the weekend hunt.
- The chief guide for each numbered training area is responsible for the construction and maintenance of deer stands. Furnishes Hunt Control with MGRS grid coordinates of numbered hunting stands by 20 September. Only identified hunting stands authorized during the guided hunt program. Chief guides are responsible for the removal of old stand material to the Fort Hood trash dump.
- Must report violations of state or installation regulations to a Game Warden and the Sportsmen's Center.
- Guides may hunt while on duty, subject to the limitations prescribed for all other hunters.
- You must label personal equipment left in the field with permanent or engraved markings. . The intent is to make sure all personal property is physically marked with a permanent identification of the owner. Markings should be large enough to easily be read and in locations easily found. Owners are encouraged to record the brand, model #, and serial # if available. Must have name, area placed in and date placed (phone number is optional). Unmarked personal equipment is subject to confiscation by the game wardens.
- Guides should be cognizant (aware) of archery hunters during prime hunting times and try to avoid disturbing the archery hunters while maintaining stands in their assigned area.
- **Deer stand construction.** Minimal requirements for any deer stand constructed by any guide for use during the guided hunt program:
  - ❖ All stands: at least 4 feet x 4 feet
  - ❖ Roof and four sides to block wind and rain
  - ❖ Doors constructed to where the hunter does not have to crawl into the stand (i.e. ground blind needs 4 foot door).
  - ❖ Solid floor
  - ❖ Emergency contact information inside the stand within easy sight: stand number, grids, and emergency phone numbers.
  - ❖ At least 1 handicap stand in each area. Can be grid for popup blind/vehicle location.
  - ❖ Safe entry and exit of stand. (i.e. no shaky/wobbly steps)
  - ❖ Sound in construction.

**Hunter to Guide Assignments:**

- All hunters assigned through the Hunt Control Office. Only the Hunt Control Office assigns hunters to guides.
- 2 hunters authorized in a double-stand. Each hunter may possess an authorized firearm and may harvest his/her harvest limits per hunt.
- All guided hunts start at the Sportsmen's Center.
- Hunters under 15 years of age must be accompanied on a stand by an individual who has a valid Fort Hood hunting permit and other required documentation, and who is 18 years of age or older. Persons under 9 years of age may not hunt in the Fort Hood Hunt Program.
- Observers (non-hunters) will be noted on harvest cards and Hunt Control form
- Guide cards (harvest cards) randomly checked for accuracy and accountability at Hunt Control discretion.

# APPENDIX C

## FORT HOOD PERMIT FEES 2020-2021

Category IA: Active Duty / E1 thru E4	<b>Total: \$53.00</b>
(1) DPW, Natural Resource Mgmt. Branch Hunting Permit Fee	\$15.00
(2) DFMWR, Hunting Recreational Activity Fee	\$38.00
Category I: Active Duty / E5 and Above	<b>Total: \$70.00</b>
(1) DPW, Natural Resource Mgmt. Branch Hunting Permit Fee	\$15.00
(2) DFMWR, Hunting Recreational Activity Fee	\$55.00
Category II: Retirees (military & DOD), Disabled Veterans 50% or more, and DOD Employees	<b>Total: \$70.00</b>
(1) DPW, Natural Resource Mgmt. Branch Hunting Permit Fee	\$15.00
(2) DFMWR, Hunting Recreational Activity Fee	\$55.00
Category III: Non-DoD Civilians	<b>Total: \$130.00</b>
(1) DPW, Natural Resource Mgmt. Branch Hunting Permit Fee	\$15.00
(2) DFMWR, Hunting Recreational Activity Fee	\$115.00
Youth, Big Game (ALL categories)	<b>Total: \$15.00</b>
(1) DPW, Natural Resource Mgmt. Branch Hunting Permit Fee	\$15.00
(2) DFMWR, Hunting Recreational Activity Fee	No charge
Youth, Small Game (age 16 and under to age 8)	<b>No charge</b>
(1) DPW, Natural Resource Mgmt. Branch Hunting Permit Fee	
(2) DFMWR, Hunting Recreational Activity Fee	
Special 5-Day Small Game/Nongame Permit	<b>Total: \$45.00</b>
(1) DPW, Natural Resource Mgmt. Branch Hunting Permit Fee	\$15.00
(2) DFMWR, Hunting Recreational Activity Fee	\$30.00
Fishing Permit	<b>Total: \$19.00</b>
(1) DPW, Natural Resource Mgmt. Branch Fishing Permit Fee	\$7.00
(2) DFMWR, Fishing Recreational Activity Fee	\$12.00
Area Access Permit (ALL categories)	<b>Total: \$14.00</b>
(1) DPW, Natural Resource Mgmt. Branch Fee	\$4.00
(2) DFMWR, Recreational Activity Fee	\$10.00

**NOTE #1:** No portion of the \$14 Area Access Permit fee refunded if a person initially purchases an Area Access Permit and at a later date purchases a Fort Hood hunting or fishing permit. It is in your best interest to decide which programs you will participate prior to making any Fort Hood permit purchase.

**NOTE #2:** All categories of hunt permits will be \$10 less starting January 18, 2021; except for the Special 5-Day Small Game/Nongame Hunting Permit and the Youth Big Game permit.

All fees are subject to change on an annual basis. DFMWR recreational activity fees utilized to support requirements for supplies, labor, facility, equipment, and other related expenses. The Sportsmen's Center does not receive any tax dollar funding and must be self-supporting.

Natural Resources Management Branch permit fees are utilized to support administration, habitat improvement, fish and wildlife management, fish stockings, and other related expenses. The fee structure for each permit year published in the DFMWR Annual Hunting, Fishing & Area Access Guide. All fees collected concurrently: DPW/Natural Resource Management Fee pursuant to the Sikes Act and the DFMWR/Recreational Activity Fee pursuant to AR 215-1. Replacements of lost or destroyed permits available at the Sportsmen's Center Pro Shop for a \$3 fee.

### **ELIGIBILITY FOR PERMIT CATEGORIES**

**Fishing Permit** = All persons. **Exceptions:** youth under 17 years of age and adults 65 years of age or older are not required to possess a Fort Hood Fishing Permit; you are required to possess an Area Access Permit and a Special State Fishing License if applicable.

#### **Hunting Permit**

**Category I** = Active duty military personnel E5 and above and their eligible family members

**Category I (A)** = Active duty military personnel E4 and below and their eligible family members

**Category II** = DoD civilian personnel, retired DoD personnel including retired military (all ranks), Disabled Veteran with VA documented service connected disability of 50% or more. APF and NAF civilian personnel including AAFES personnel, and all eligible family members from each of the listed sectors. Category II **does not** include contract personnel unless also qualified under criteria listed here.

**Category III** = All other persons including contractors, concessionaires, and their employees.

**Youth, Big Game** = All categories of youth ages 9 to 16 years

**Youth, Small Game** = All categories of youth ages 9 to 16 years. Children under 9 years of age not authorized to hunt on Fort Hood.

#### **Hunter Education Certification:**

- a) As per AR 350-19 and AR 215-1, it is **mandatory for all hunters** to have the Hunter Education Certification and present proof in order to hunt on the military installation.
- b) Most states have approved courses available at a nominal fee, and recognize each other's courses. Fort Hood recognizes all other states' certifications. You must present documented or electronic proof of certification.
- c) Texas Parks & Wildlife exceptions and Hunter Education deferment do not apply on Fort Hood.
- d) Bow hunter certification is not a substitution for hunter education.

# APPENDIX D

Table 2-3. Game Limitations

Game species	Season	Bag Limit	Possession limit	Weapons
Mourning dove; white wing dove; white-tipped dove	1 Sep – 1 Nov 2020 and 18 Dec 2020 - 14 Jan 2021. One-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Subject to change per federal mandates.	15 per day, <u>not</u> more than 2 white-tipped doves in the aggregate.	45  Note: Texas Migratory Game Bird Endorsement required (except youth)	Shotgun plugged with a one piece filler to a three shell capacity, including one in the chamber with shot smaller than No. 2; smooth bore (shot) muzzleloader.
Early teal	12-27 Sep 2020	6 per day in aggregate	18  Endorsements required same as duck or goose	Same as duck or goose
Duck or goose	Per state and federal regulations.  Note: Use only non-toxic steel shot for waterfowl hunting.	Per state and federal regulations.	Per state and federal regulations. Note: Migratory Game Bird Endorsement (except for youth) and Federal Duck Stamp required (16 & older).	Shotgun <u>not</u> larger than 10 gauge with BB-size shot or smaller, plugged with a one-piece filler to a three-shell capacity, including one in the chamber; smooth bore (shot) muzzleloaders with BB-size shot or smaller; legal archery equipment.
Bobwhite quail	31 Oct 2020 - 28 Feb 2021	5 per day	15  Note: Upland Game Endorsement required (except for youth)	Shotgun with shot smaller than No. 2; smooth bore (shot) muzzleloaders. Air gun that fires a projectile of at least .177 caliber in diameter producing a muzzle velocity of at least 600 ft. per second
Fur-bearing animals	Trapping season: per state regulation.	Per state regulation.	Per state regulation.	Shotgun (no slug load or buckshot), smooth bore (shot) muzzleloader with No. 2 shot or smaller; legal archery equipment. Air gun (see page 1)
Squirrel & Rabbit  (See page 1 for air gun specifics to hunt squirrel.)	No closed season.	10 per day	20	Shotgun (no slug load or buckshot), smooth bore (shot) muzzleloader with No. 2 shot or smaller; legal archery equipment. Pellet rifle designed to be fired from the shoulder and use the force of a spring, air, or other non-ignited compressed gas to expel a projectile of at least .177 caliber but not greater than .25 caliber, at a minimum muzzle velocity of 600 ft. per second.
Unprotected wildlife	No closed season.	No limit	No limit	Shotgun 20 gauge or larger, or smooth bore (shot) muzzleloader with BB-size shot or smaller only; Shotgun 20 gauge or larger using slug load; Muzzleloader .45 caliber or larger; Legal archery equipment. <b>NO rifles.</b>

Game species	Season	Bag Limit	Possession limit	Weapons
Wild pig	No closed season.	No limit	No limit	Regular fall season (guided hunt): Shotgun 20 gauge or larger using slug load ; muzzleloader 45 caliber or larger; legal archery equipment; rifle other than rim fire. Crossbow IAW state regulations.  Unguided: Shotgun 20 gauge or larger using slug load or buckshot; muzzleloader 45 caliber or larger; crossbow; or legal archery equipment.
Turkey	Archery Only Season: 28 Sep - 1 Nov 2019  Youth Only Seasons: 26-27 Oct 2019, 6-19 Jan 2020, 28 & 29 Mar, 23 & 24 May  Fall Season: 2 Nov 2019 – 5 Jan 2020  Spring gobbler season: 4 Apr – 17 May 2020.	3 Tom (male) Turkey. Limit 1 per hunt period. Limit 3 turkeys per license year.  May take bearded hens in the Fall	Same as bag limit.  Note: Texas State Upland Game Endorsement required (except for youth). Harvest during the regular Fall Season are cumulative with the Archery Only Season.	Shotgun 20 gauge or larger, or smooth bore (shot) muzzleloader with BB-size shot or smaller; legal archery equipment. Crossbows IAW state regulations.  See page 1 for air gun specifics.
White-tailed deer	Archery Only Season: 3 Oct – 6 Nov 2020  Youth Only Season: 31 Oct & 1 Nov  Regular Fall Season: 7 Nov 20 - 3 Jan 21  Youth Only Season: 4-17 Jan 2021  Special Late Season: 4-17 Jan 2021  One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Deer hunting may close without advance notice dependent upon Fort Hood white-tailed deer harvest limits and security.	3 white-tailed deer – <u>NOT</u> more than: 1 antlerless, 1 buck with unbranched antler, and 1 branch antlered buck with inside spread 13 inches or greater	Same as bag limit.	Archery-Only season: Texas state archery endorsement required, legal archery equipment only IAW state regulations. Crossbows IAW state regulations.  Regular Fall Season (Guided Hunt): Shotgun 20 gauge or larger using slug load; muzzleloader .45 caliber or larger; legal archery equipment; rifle other than rim fire. Crossbows IAW state regulations.  Regular Fall Season (Unguided Hunt): Shotgun 20 gauge or larger using slug load; muzzleloader .45 caliber or larger; legal archery equipment; <b>no rifles</b> .  Crossbows IAW state regulations.  See page 1 for air gun specifics.
Exotics	No closed season	No limit	One per hunt session. Must check-in first animal before harvesting another.	Same as White-tailed deer