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Summary. This regulation outlines rules governing hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Applicability. All individuals permitted to hunt, fish, or participate in outdoor recreational activities on the installation will comply with this regulation.

Proponent and Exception Authority. The proponent of this regulation is the Director of Public Works (DPW) Natural Resources Management Branch. Only the Garrison Commander may approve changes to this regulation. The Garrison Commander's Hunting and Fishing Advisory Council (GCHFAC) reviews the regulation annually and recommends changes.

Suggested Improvements. Send comments and suggested improvements on a DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) or a written letter through channels to the Commander, United States Army Garrison, ATTN: AMIM-BEP-EN/ Chief, Natural Resources Management Branch, Environmental Division, DPW, Fort Benning, Georgia 31905.

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Chapter 1 Introduction

1-1. Purpose.

This regulation sets forth policies and procedures that govern hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities such as cycling, camping, and boating.

1-2. References.

A list of required, related, prescribed, and referenced publications and forms are in Appendix A.

1-3. General.

The Commanding General, United States Army Maneuver Center of Excellence, and Garrison Commander of Fort Benning, intend to maximize hunting and fishing opportunities on Fort Benning consistent with the military mission and the Fort Benning Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan, which produces sound environmental and natural resources management practices. Hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreation activities are permitted when consistent with the military mission and safety requirements. Be aware that Fort Benning Regulations may be more restrictive than either Alabama or Georgia State Hunting and Fishing Regulations in order to mitigate safety hazards. The primary mission of Fort Benning is to train our nation's Soldiers. Access to the natural resources on Fort Benning comes second to the safe execution of our training mission.

Chapter 2 Responsibilities

2-1. Directorate of Public Works (DPW). The DPW:

- a. Manages fish and wildlife resources consistent with governing laws, regulations, and the Fort Benning Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan as amended per the Sikes Act.
- b. Develops policies and determines the direction of the Natural Resources Management program and is the proponent of this regulation.
- c. Chief, Environmental Management Division (EMD), DPW, coordinates the funding and implementation of the natural resources management program.
- d. Chief, Natural Resources Management Branch (NRMB), EMD, DPW, supervises and manages the wildlife program. This includes management and oversight of the <https://benning.isportsman.net/> system which issue online sales of Fort Benning hunting, fishing, and recreational use permits.

2-2. Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization & Security (DPTMS). The DPTMS:

- a. Maximizes opportunities for hunting and fishing consistent with training and safety requirements.
- b. Range Division (DPTMS) opens and closes areas for hunting and fishing via the <https://benning.isportsman.net/> system, up to three days in the future. However, based of emergent training requirements, a reduction of areas available and/or notification of immediate closings may occur.
- c. Subject to manpower availability, Range Division personnel opens locked gates to allow access to areas open for recreational use.

2-3. Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR). The DFMWR:

- a. Facilitates permit validation at the DFMWR Fort Benning Outdoor Recreation and Equipment Resource Center, Uchee Creek Country Store and Recreational Shooting Complex.
- b. Ensures that only those individuals allowed to hunt and fish on the installation have their permits and access passes validated.
- c. Ensures hunters provide proof of an approved Hunter Education Course or previous installation hunting permit within the past 2 seasons.
- d. Ensures that updated 1:55,000-scale Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing Maps are available for review or purchase upon request.

2-4. Directorate of Emergency Services (DES). The DES:

- a. Enforces the provisions of this regulation and all state/federal laws and regulations.
- b. Reports violations of this regulation to the NRMB Chief and Staff Judge Advocate (SJA) Military Hearing Officer, and logs violations into iSportsman.
- c. Maintains records of permit holders cited for hunting and fishing violations.

2-5. Office of the Staff Judge Advocate (OSJA). The OSJA:

- a. Provides a Hearing Officer to conduct administrative appeals of suspensions or revocations of hunting and fishing privileges and makes recommendations to the Garrison Commander regarding administrative penalties.
- b. Will file appeals through the hearing officer who will package the information for the Executive Council of the Garrison Commander's Hunting and Fishing Advisory Council. The Executive Council will review the case and make recommendations to the Garrison Commander accordingly.
- c. Will prosecute criminal violations in federal court as applicable.

2-6. Garrison Commander's Hunting and Fishing Advisory Council (GCHFAC). The GCHFAC:

- a. Is established by the GCHFAC charter and governed through the GCHFAC by-laws approved by the Garrison Commander.
- b. Receives comments, suggestions, and concerns from Soldiers and other personnel authorized to hunt and fish on Fort Benning and represents their interests to improve hunting and fishing on the installation.
- c. Provides advice on the management of hunting and fishing on Fort Benning and makes recommendations to improve hunting and fishing to the Garrison Commander.
- d. Maximizes (in accordance with GC intent) the opportunities for hunting and fishing on Fort Benning consistent with training requirements, safety, and governing laws, regulations, and the Fort Benning Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan.
- e. Annually reviews and provides the Chief, NRMB with proposed changes to FB Regulation 200-1; Hunting, Fishing, And Recreation.

2-7. Executive Council of the Garrison Commander's Hunting and Fishing Advisory Council (GCHFACEC). The GCHFACEC:

- a. Roles and responsibilities are established in the GCHFAC charter and by-laws.
- b. Assesses regulation proposals made by the GCHFAC prior to review by the Garrison Commander.
- c. Assesses risk as it pertains to the Fort Benning Hunting/Fishing community in terms of safety, resource management, and adherence to state and federal law.
- d. Considers appeals for administrative violations and penalties, and when appropriate, makes recommendations to the Garrison Commander to lessen or expunge a penalty. The Executive Council, with guidance and support from the OSJA Hearing Officer, will advise the Garrison Commander regarding all violations and penalties. The Garrison Commander will retain complete command authority for final determination and may choose to adopt the Executive Council and Hearing Officer's recommendations or make an alternate determination.

2-8. Permit Holders. Permit Holders:

- a. Understand and comply with all laws, policies, and regulations concerning authorized activities, including those related to personal weapons, hunting, fishing, and recreation on the Installation.
- b. Ensure they have all valid and necessary state hunting and/or fishing licenses, valid documentation of completion of a Hunter Education Course, and required Fort Benning documents before hunting or fishing on Fort Benning.

c. Are encouraged to lock and are required to permanently mark all personal property (stands, trail cameras, etc.) with information unique to the owner (name and telephone number) and/or record/maintain serial numbers and photos of personal property as appropriate so that reasonable effort can be made to recover stolen property and facilitate enforcement actions. Any hunter may use another hunter's stand; however, it is expected that prior to doing so, the hunter will call the individual whose name is on the stand, consistent with common courtesy and hunter etiquette. If a hunter fails to call the owner of a marked stand and the owner shows up the individual must vacate the stand immediately.

d. Report hunting and fishing violations to the Military Police Desk (706)-545-5222, iSportsman incident reporting, or email usarmy.benning.usag.mbx.des-game-warden@army.mil.

e. Recommend changes in accordance with "Suggested Improvements" section on page 1 to improve the management of hunting and fishing on Fort Benning.

Chapter 3 Restrictions

3-1. General.

a. The 1:55,000-scale Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing Map is used to guide the recreational use of training areas, including hunting and fishing activities. Permit holders must familiarize themselves with the most current Hunting and Fishing Map prior to hunting or fishing. Hunting is prohibited in the Fort Benning cantonment areas except as shown on the hunting and fishing map and Cantonment archery hunt maps published separately.

b. Permit holders shall adhere to the policies contained in Fort Benning Regulation 190-11 and in Fort Benning Regulation 190-13 related to the possession, registration, transport, use, and discharge of firearms and accessing the installation.

c. Hunting, fishing, and other recreational use is prohibited in posted munition duded areas and in areas and facilities posted as "restricted" or "exclusion area."

d. Game wardens, military police, and other law enforcement personnel may search or inspect vehicles anywhere on the installation consistent with applicable law.

e. Littering or dumping on Fort Benning is prohibited.

f. Use of remote/trail cameras is allowed only in areas that are designated as hunting areas. All cameras and their security cases must be permanently marked with IAW Chapter 2-8 c. of this Regulation. Taking, posting, and/or distributing photographs and/or videos of military or civilian personnel, military training, security activities, buildings, and facilities including access control points is prohibited. Any remote/trail cameras found to be in violation will be confiscated by Fort Benning Conservation Law Enforcement Officers.

3-2. Personnel authorized to hunt and fish on Fort Benning.

a. **Eligibility.** The following personnel are authorized to participate in recreational activities on Fort Benning and must submit the following documents to prove eligibility for permit validation:

(1) Active duty and retired United States Armed Forces personnel - Military ID Card.

(2) Active National Guard or Reserve Personnel - Current Leave and Earnings Statement which shows active status and Military ID Card.

(3) Disabled Veterans - Medical ID Card or DA/VA Certificate of Disability indicating a service-connected disability of not less than 30 percent.

(3) Medal of Honor Recipients - Copy of orders awarding medal and photo identification.

(5) Department of Defense Civilian employees (appropriated and non-appropriated fund) - DoD Civilian ID Card, current Leave and Earnings Statement, and photo identification.

(6) Federal Civilian Employees (other than DoD Civilian Employees) employed full-time on Fort Benning - Photo identification, current Leave and Earnings Statement, and a memorandum from a supervisor stating that the individual is employed full-time on Fort Benning and will remain in full-time status for the duration of the season. If the employee resigns, or their employment is terminated, the employee will immediately cease to be eligible to hunt or fish as an authorized individual with privileges but may instead hunt/fish as a guest when sponsored.

(7) Retired Federal Civilian Employees - A copy of the last SF 50 (Notification of Personnel Action) indicating retired status or Retirement Certificate issued by Fort Benning and photo identification.

(8) Primary dependents 16-17 years of age - Dependent ID Card and a written permission statement from the sponsor. Exemption: Gold Star Family members with a valid dependent ID card or Gold Star Installation Access Badge.

(9) Primary dependents 18 years old and older - Dependent ID Card.

(10) Primary dependents 21 years old and those less than 23 years old who are enrolled in a full-time course of education above high school level which receive over half their support from their sponsor - Dependent ID Card and a current year student ID card or a signed memorandum from the school's registrar's office stating that the individual is a full-time student.

(11) Foreign military personnel assigned to Fort Benning - Military ID card and orders assigning the individual to Fort Benning.

(12) Guests are those not included in paragraphs 3-2. a (1)-(11) above and members of the public when accompanied by an appropriate sponsor.

Properly approved guests may participate in recreational activities, subject to the rules, laws, and other provisions applicable to other recreationists, provided they obtain a Fort Benning Guest Permit. Any individual who meets the requirements set forth in paragraphs 3-2. a. (1)-(11) above and who is 18 years or older may sponsor up to three guests per day to hunt and fish on Fort Benning. There is no limit to the number of guests an individual may sponsor in a year, but no more than three may accompany the individual at one time. Contractors are not authorized to hunt or fish unless an authorized person sponsors the contractor, and the contractor obtains a Guest Permit, or the individual is otherwise authorized in paragraphs 3-2 a. (1)-(11). To obtain a validated Guest Permit, the sponsor must be present and obtain the pass for the guest. Persons classified as guests in paragraph 3-2 a. (12) above are subject to all sponsor/guest provisions discussed elsewhere throughout this regulation. In cases where the guest is simply a spectator, no <https://benning.isportsman.net/> account, FB permit, state license, or hunter safety certification is required.

b. **Hunter education requirements.** All hunters 16 years of age and older, who were born on or after 1 January 1961, are required to show proof of completion of a hunter education course to hunt on Fort Benning; see Chapter 6-2 a. & b. for specific youth hunter requirements. All hunters 16 years of age and older must possess a Georgia or Alabama license and purchase a Fort Benning Post Hunting Permit to be eligible to hunt on Fort Benning. Evidence of completion includes presenting a valid hunter education card or hunter education number on a state approved hunting license with the hunter ID number annotated on it at the time of Post Hunting Permit purchase. If an individual previously purchased a Post Permit in the past two years, the individual does not have to present the hunter education card or number again. Valid hunter education cards include those obtained from any state wildlife agency or Canadian province. All hunters must view and confirm completion of the Fort Benning Hunter Safety Brief while logged into their user account on the Fort Benning <https://benning.isportsman.net/> website.

3-3. Use of privately owned vehicles (POV) or off-road vehicles (ORV) when hunting or fishing.

a. All personnel entering Fort Benning in a vehicle must do so through a manned Access Control Point. A valid Department of Defense ID card, State Driver's License, State ID Card, or Passport must be presented to gain access.

b. Off-road vehicles (ORV) are prohibited on Fort Benning, unless installation authorities grant an exception based upon demonstrated medical disability. Disabled hunters may not hunt from a moving ORV. Disabled hunters may submit applications for exception to this policy to the Chief, NRMB at the address listed in suggested improvements on page 1. The application must document the medical disability by a certified physician.

c. Bicycles and electric bicycles (e-bikes) are authorized for use but are held to the same standard as motor vehicles and cannot bypass closed or locked gates.

d. Individuals shall not block roads or park a vehicle in a manner so as to prevent another vehicle from passing on either a maintained or unimproved road. However, an individual may temporarily block another vehicle's passage when picking up or dropping off equipment and/or game.

- e. Vehicles cannot be operated off of established roads and trails.

3-4. Areas, boundaries, and access restrictions for hunting and fishing.

a. **Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing Map.** The most current 1:55,000-scale Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing Map, published by NRMB, DPW is the only authorized edition for use. The map is available for purchase at DFMWR Outdoor Recreation Equipment Resource Center, Building 1707, Gillespie Street (behind Lucas Cinemas Theater); the Recreational Shooting Complex; and at the Country Store, Uchee Creek Army Campground and Marina. The Georgia-Alabama boundary shall be the western side of the Chattahoochee River channel (based on channel marker locations). Either a Georgia or Alabama Fishing License may be used to fish in the Chattahoochee River. The Chattahoochee River and its impoundments are always considered open for fishing unless otherwise announced.

b. **Alphanumeric designations.** The Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing Map is divided into alphanumeric compartments, or areas. Exclusion, cantonment, and duded impact areas are permanently closed to hunting. Other areas will open and close depending on scheduled training and other events.

c. **Area-specific restrictions and weapons authorized to hunt in them.** The following areas have specific hunting restrictions:

(1) **Bow-only areas.** Permit holders shall only use weapons identified in paragraph 6-5.b. Archery-only hunting areas include S03, S04, S09, S10, S12, S31, S32, S33, S34, S35, S41, S46 and S49. Also included in this list are Hamlet Creek, Custer Road, Chattahoochee River, Sand Hill, and Weatherby Field. In addition to archery hunting in these areas, migratory waterfowl may be hunted with shotguns in the Custer Road, Weatherby Field, S03, and S04 Archery Areas during appropriate seasons. Waterfowl hunters can check into these areas as they would to bow hunt.

(2) **Shotgun/muzzle loader areas.** Permit holders may only use weapons identified in paragraph 6-5.c. Shotgun areas include: C01, C02, C05, N01, S16, S38, S39, S40, and S42.

(3) **Rifle areas.** Hunting areas not listed in subparagraphs (1) and (2) above are designated as rifle areas. Hunters may only use weapons identified in paragraph 6-5.d in these areas.

(4) **Areas designated as open for archery hunting concurrent with training.** Archery hunting concurrent with training will never be permitted in areas affected by LFX and SDZs. On <https://benning.isportsman.net/>, all of these areas have the letters "CT" following the alphanumeric compartment name. Any hunter who attempts to check into an "CT" Area will receive a message which they must acknowledge that restates the requirements for hunting in these areas that are listed herein. Archery hunters participating in this program must understand that safety and training remain the commanders' top priorities. Under this program, archery hunters cannot hunt within 200 meters of any military equipment, personnel, or training event. If a training unit moves inside the 200-meter buffer zone, it is the hunter's responsibility to make an effort to leave the area without interfering with the training event as soon as possible. Archery hunters must pay particular attention to where and how they park their vehicles in these areas. Archery hunters will not park in a manner that would prevent either military vehicles from passing or the training event to be conducted. Archery hunters who fail to comply with the special requirements of this program will be suspended IAW penalties listed in Table 8-1. Note – Because the list of areas available for this program is subject to change at any time with the development of ranges or implementation of weapons systems, a listing of areas available for this program is not published here. Hunters should check iSportsman at <https://benning.isportsman.net/> to determine the eligible areas.

(5) **Named pond areas.** The following named ponds on post (Hedley's, Snelling, and Weems) have a designated code required for checking in to hunt waterfowl. Hunting is prohibited on Armory, Kings, Russ Pond and Pool, Sand Hill Duck Pond, Twilight, and Victory Ponds.

(6) **Disabled hunter areas.** Several areas on post have been set aside for hunting by disabled hunters only. In all cases a written explanation of disability from the VA or personal physician is required and must be presented to NRMB for review and determination of qualification. For use of these areas and this paragraph only, "disabled" is defined as an impairment of a permanent and total nature and is certified as such by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, Social Security Administration, Medicaid, Medicare, or Railroad Retirement System. Eligibility is considered on a case-by-case basis to maximize participation in outdoor sports by all qualified individuals.

(7) **Quality deer management.** All of Fort Benning is set aside as a Quality Deer Management (QDM) hunting area, with the exception that youth hunters, 15 years of age and younger, may harvest one antlered deer per season that does not meet antler restriction requirements. Youth hunters may only harvest their one non-QDM antlered deer within the respective Alabama and Georgia youth hunting seasons, or during the mandatory Fort Benning deer check station days for the respective state, as described elsewhere in this regulation. **ALL ANTLERED DEER HARVESTED WILL HAVE AT LEAST FOUR POINTS (ONE INCH OR LONGER) ON ONE SIDE OF ANTLERS.** Any hunter who harvests an antlered deer that does not meet the QDM requirements will be penalized IAW Table 8-1. In addition to mandatory check stations listed in Chapter 10-1, check stations may be established at random locations throughout Post to collect harvest data.

d. **Accessing the Installation.** Permit holders must verify that the area is open and the weapon they are intending to use is authorized in that area. Permit holders may verify open areas on <https://benning.isportsman.net/> as area classifications and open/closed statuses are subject to change. Permit holders will not bypass sentries, road guards, roadblocks, or closed and locked gates or cables in a vehicle even if the area is open for hunting or fishing. Unauthorized use of official keys to unlock gates or cables for the purpose of hunting also is prohibited. Permit holders may bypass sentries, road guards, roadblocks, or closed and locked gates or cables on foot if that area is listed as open for hunting or fishing. All persons entering the installation in a privately owned vehicle are required to enter or exit the installation at manned access control points, with the exception that hunters may enter an open hunting compartment on the Fort Benning boundary in Georgia or Alabama from off post by foot without having entered through a manned access control point.

e. **Duded impact areas.** Hunting or fishing in designated exclusion and duded impact areas is prohibited. All recreational users must check the 1:55,000-scale Hunting and Fishing Map to identify the location of exclusion and duded impact areas. Duded impact areas are strictly off limits to all permit holders, no entry is allowed. Permit holders may drive through exclusion areas on an established road or trail to get to an open area, provided that no road guard, gate, cable, or other such barrier is bypassed, and the exclusion area is not occupied for training. To access an adjacent open area, a permit holder may walk through an exclusion area that is not occupied for training only on established roads or trails that are depicted on the hunting and fishing map, so long as their weapons are unloaded while within the boundaries of the exclusion area. Permit holders may not park in an exclusion area.

3-5. Cultural resources. Individuals may not disturb archeological sites or historic structures on Fort Benning. The use or possession of metal detectors or any other device to locate or collect artifacts is prohibited.

Chapter 4

Safety

4-1. General. Restrictions on recreational activities exist to ensure that they are accomplished in a safe and responsible manner. Anyone discovering or having knowledge of an accident or incident occurring on the installation should call 911 for emergencies and (706) 545-5222 for the MPs otherwise. Additional points of contact for various information can be found in Table 4-1.

a. **Feral swine precautions.** Feral swine can transmit diseases to humans and domestic animals. Hunters should wear plastic gloves when field-dressing feral swine, wash their hands with soap and water as soon as possible after contact, avoid direct contact with the animal's blood and reproductive organs, and cook the meat thoroughly.

b. **Safety light.** Many hunters travel to and from their hunting area, tree stand, or blind just before dawn and after dusk. Hunters should use a small light while traveling to and from their stands or hunting area in periods of limited visibility to help hunters identify one another during low light conditions.

4-2. Policies

- a. **Hunter orange.**

(1) Hunters must wear an outer garment which shows a minimum of 500 square inches of hunter orange (commonly called blaze or fluorescent orange) material above the waist and must also wear solid orange headgear while hunting. The orange headgear may be removed once the hunter is elevated (hunting from a tree stand or elevated platform). Hunter orange must be of solid color and visible from any angle. Only hunter orange is allowed. The various shades of red as well as camouflage-pattern orange are prohibited.

(2) The requirement to wear hunter orange is year-round, both day and night, and in every season except when hunting waterfowl in archery-only areas, hunting doves on designated fields, archery hunting in archery-only areas, hunting crows in designated dove fields and hunting turkey. Archery hunters are not required to wear hunter orange when hunting in an archery-only area including areas designated as archery hunting only concurrent with training. Waterfowl hunters must wear the prescribed amount of hunter orange only when walking to or from a waterfowl hunting site, or while hunting along streams or creeks located inside or between areas open for firearm hunting.

(3) Persons accompanying a hunter must meet the same hunter orange requirements as the hunter.

Table 4-1. Point of Contact Information (referenced in paragraph 4-1)

Information	Office	Phone / Website
Automated check in/out of hunting areas to check the status of an area	https://benning.isportsman.net/ Hunter Control System	https://benning.isportsman.net/ 866-401-1448
On-line access for areas open on Fort Benning for hunting and fishing	https://benning.isportsman.net/	https://benning.isportsman.net/
On-line Fort Benning hunting and fishing	Natural Resources Management Branch	http://www.benning.army.mil/garrison/DPW/EMD/wildlife.htm
On-line FB Regulation 200-1, Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing Regulation	Natural Resources Management Branch	https://benning.isportsman.net/.net/Regulations.aspx
Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing Permits Fort Benning Hunter Access Passes Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing Maps	DFMWR Equipment Resource Center, Bldg. 1707, Gillespie St, Fort Benning Mon 8am-4pm, Tues-Wed 9am-4pm, Thurs-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 8am – 1pm, closed Sun & holidays	706-545-7978 https://benning.armymwr.com/programs/hunting-fishing
Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing Permits Fort Benning Hunter Access Passes Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing Maps Boater Safety Cards	Uchee Creek Country Store Open 7 Days per week (except some holidays) Mon-Sat 8am-5pm, Sun 8:30-5pm	706-545-4053 or 7238 https://benning.armymwr.com/uchee-creekcampground
Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing Permits Fort Benning Hunter Access Passes Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing Maps	Recreational Shooting Complex, Bldg. 2973, COL Ralph Puckett Pkwy, Fort Benning Closed Monday--Wednesday Thurs-Fri 11am-6pm Sat - Sun 9am-6pm Closed on Holidays and during Block Leave	706-545-6158 http://benningmwr.com/recreational-shooting-complex/
To request military police To contact game warden (via MP Desk) to report hunting or fishing violations/incidents To request an ambulance or to report a fire	Military Police Desk (24 hrs.)	For Emergencies – Dial 911 Non-Emergencies – 706-544-5222(3) usarmy.benning.usag.mbx.des-game-warden@army.mil
Fort Benning telephone numbers Fort Benning operator assistance	Post Operator (24 hrs.) (both automated and operator assist)	706-545-2011 or 0110
Local and national directory assistance	National Directory Assistance (24 hrs.) Note: charges apply – rates vary	411
Fort Benning Staff Duty Officer	MCoE Staff Duty Office (24 hrs.)	706-545-2218 or 6814
Exceptions to post hunting and fishing policy Post hunting and fishing regulation questions Post fish and wildlife management questions Post hunting seasons and bag limits	Chief, NRMB, Environmental Management Division, Directorate of Public Works	520-674-0449 or 0594
Post controlled burning, forestry, planting	Operations Chief, NRMB, DPW	520-674-0474 or 0594
Timber harvesting, firewood permits	Forester, NRMB, DPW	520-674-3588 or 0594
Range operations, duds, range incidents Assistance if locked behind range gate/barrier Reporting troops in an open hunting area	Radio Room, Range Division, (DPTMS), MCoE (24 hrs.)	706-544-6291
Suspension of hunting/fishing privileges Hearing officer for filing appeals	Staff Judge Advocate, Administrative Law Division	706-545-1564
Fort Benning rifle, pistol, and skeet shooting range Ammo & hunting items for purchase	Fort Benning Recreational Shooting Complex Bldg. 2793, Coursen Range, Dixie Road Mar-Nov, 11am-6pm Thu-Fri, 9am-6pm Sat-Sun Nov.-Mar., 11am-5pm Thu-Fri, 9am-5pm Sat-Sun Closed Holidays and Block Leave	706-545-6158 http://www.benningmwr.com/range.php
Bass Club activities Bass fishing tournaments	Benning Bass Club	https://www.facebook.com/benning.bassclub.3/
Fort Benning firearm registration	Firearm Registration Office Bldg. 18 or 215	706-545-5222 or 5223

Georgia hunting and fishing education classes, licenses, laws GA boating regulations, ramps, registration	Georgia Wildlife Resource Division, Dept. of Natural Resources	770-918-6416 http://www.georgiawildlife.com/
Alabama hunting and fishing education classes, licenses, laws	Alabama Division of Wildlife and Fisheries, Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources	334-242-3465 http://www.outdooralabama.com/
Alabama boating regulations, registration, and ramp locations	AL Marine Resources Division, Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources	http://www.outdooralabama.com/
Note: Do not call the Military Police Desk to check-in or out of an area. Do not call the Range Division (DPTMS), to open a locked gate in an open area.		

(4) Hunters are not required to wear hunter orange when traveling in a vehicle or when on foot no more than ten (10) meters from a vehicle.

(5) Even when not required by this regulation, hunters should consider wearing hunter orange, particularly when changing locations or removing game from the field.

b. **Safety harness.** All persons are required to use a safety harness while hunting from an elevated stand.

c. **Duds.** Duds, i.e., unexploded ordnance or ordnance remnants, can be found in many areas and must not be handled. Do not touch, pick-up, transport, or remove duds. All duds should be immediately reported to Range Operation, 706-544-6291/6371. Hunting and fishing are prohibited in posted duded areas and in those ranges and facilities posted "restricted" or "exclusion area" for safety reasons.

d. **Alcohol and drugs.** Hunters will not be intoxicated, possess alcohol on their person, or consume alcoholic beverages while hunting. Hunters will not be under the influence of illegal drugs or possess them while hunting. Hunters will not be under the influence of prescription drugs that alter decision making processes while hunting.

e. **Railroad tracks.** Railroad tracks and their right of ways are off limits to foot and vehicular traffic.

Chapter 5

Licenses, Permits, and Fees

5-1. General. When hunting or fishing on either the Georgia or Alabama side of Fort Benning, you must have the appropriate licenses, permits, and personal identification in your possession at all times.

5-2. Federal license. If the wildlife you are hunting requires the purchase of a federal license, permit, or stamp, then you must have that license, permit or stamp in your possession at the time you are hunting. For example, if you are hunting migratory birds, then you must have a Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (federal duck stamp) and the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program Permit (HIP). The Federal Duck Stamp must be signed in ink across the face.

5-3. State license. Anyone who hunts or fishes on Fort Benning must have appropriate hunting or fishing licenses from Alabama or Georgia, subject to the following:

a. **Active-duty personnel.** Active-duty personnel assigned to Fort Benning and who reside in Georgia may use their Georgia license to hunt/fish on both Georgia and Alabama sides of the installation. Active-duty personnel assigned to Fort Benning and who reside in Alabama may use their Alabama license to hunt/fish on both sides of the installation. Active-duty personnel are bound by state bag limits and seasons respectively. Any harvest taken on either side of the installation will count toward a person's Fort Benning bag limit. All active-duty personnel must possess a state harvest card for the state (Georgia or Alabama) in which they are hunting and complete the harvest card IAW each state's specific requirements. Harvest cards can be printed free of charge from each state's website; however, permit holders may utilize the online harvest card of the state they are licensed with. Family members, sponsored guests, DoD civilian employees, retirees, and all other persons authorized to hunt or fish on Fort Benning are excluded from this agreement. This exception is authorized by a cooperative agreement between authorities in Georgia and Alabama.

b. **Georgia.** To hunt on the Georgia side of the installation, all hunters must meet all requirements for (age, residency, and proof of hunter safety course) and purchase a Georgia State Hunting License.

(1) **Big game license.** A Georgia Big Game License is required to hunt deer or turkey. All other game may be hunted with only a small game license.

(2) **Residency.** For the purposes of hunting and fishing, the State of Georgia considers all full-time military personnel assigned to active duty at a Georgia military base (and their dependents) to be Georgia residents who may therefore purchase Georgia resident hunting and fishing licenses.

c. **Alabama.** Hunters must have an Alabama State Hunting License to hunt on the Alabama side of the installation and meet Alabama requirements (age, residency, proof of hunter safety course) to obtain these licenses.

(1) **Active-duty personnel exceptions.** Alabama allows active-duty service members who are on leave and are residents of the state to hunt or fish in Alabama at no cost. Those who meet these requirements may also hunt and/or fish on the Alabama portion of the installation without an Alabama license while they are on leave. These personnel are required to possess a Fort Benning Permit, a Hunting/Fishing Access Pass, Harvest Card, meet the hunter safety course requirements, and carry in their possession a valid military leave form in order to hunt or fish on the Alabama portion of the installation. These personnel must also present a military identification card, a valid leave form for the period they are hunting or fishing, and documentation that verifies that they are Alabama state residents (a current leave and earnings statement, a current Alabama state tax document indicating that they are a resident of the state, or a notarized affidavit indicating that they are a resident of the state of Alabama). Personnel who are hunting or fishing in this status are not entitled to hunt or fish on the Georgia portion of the installation.

(2) **Alabama residents 65 years of age and over.** Alabama residents 65 years of age and over are exempt from buying hunting licenses provided said resident has a driver's license or proof of permanent Alabama residence and age on their person. However, these persons are required to possess a Fort Benning Permit, a Hunting/Fishing Access Pass, State Harvest Card and meet the hunter safety course requirements.

5-4. Fort Benning permits.

a. **Annual permits.** Personnel authorized to hunt and/or fish on Fort Benning in accordance with paragraph 3-2 must purchase a hunting and/or fishing permit online at <https://benning.isportsman.net/> using a valid debit/credit card. Annual permits are valid for 365 days from the date of purchase and may be renewed up to 30 days prior to expiration. The online Fort Benning <https://benning.isportsman.net/> system allows recreational users to register, create an account, purchase permits, check into and out of training areas to hunt or fish, and to record all harvest of deer, pigs, turkeys, and fish. Permits must be printed and validated at either DFMWR Outdoor Recreation Equipment Resource Center, Building 1707, the Recreational Shooting Complex, or at the Country Store, Uchee Creek Army Campground and Marina. Permits are not valid until stamped at one of the locations listed.

(1) **Hunting permits.** All persons hunting on Fort Benning must obtain a Fort Benning Hunting Permit. Any user who intends to hunt on Fort Benning must view and acknowledge completion of the Fort Benning Hunting Safety Brief ("My Safety Brief" tab on <https://benning.isportsman.net/>) before they will be allowed to purchase a Post Hunting Permit.

(2) **Fishing permits.** A Fort Benning Fishing Permit is required for any person aged 16 or older to fish in any waters (pond or stream) on Fort Benning. However, the Chattahoochee River may be fished from a boat or the bank without a Fort Benning fishing permit. Fishing in streams that flow into

the Chattahoochee River or backwaters areas of the Chattahoochee River do not require a permit if fishing from a boat, but bank fishing in these areas requires a Fort Benning fishing permit.

(3) **Vehicle access pass.** All participants must register a vehicle in <https://benning.isportsman.net/> to obtain the required Access Pass. Youth and guest hunters should enter the vehicle information for their sponsor in <https://benning.isportsman.net/> if they do not intend to bring their own vehicle on the installation. All permit holders must have a vehicle access pass including youth, disabled, and honorary permit holders. The Access Pass belongs to each individual and must be displayed so that it can be read through the front windshield from outside the vehicle while the individual is in the field at any time of the year. This includes scouting an area. A participant may park a vehicle lawfully and ride with another participant. If an individual does this, they must display their Fort Benning Vehicle Access Pass behind the windshield of the other participant's vehicle, not from the riding individual's vehicle.

b. **Honorary permits.** Honorary permits will be issued to youth hunters, Alabama or Georgia residents age 65 and over who possess their State's Senior Citizen Hunting and Fishing License or equivalent (Alabama does not require a state hunting license for residents age 65 and over), and honorably discharged veterans with a 100 percent service-connected disability. For Honorably Discharged veterans of the US Armed Services with a 100 percent service-connected disability to be issued an honorary permit, they must submit to the NRMB office a valid DA/VA ID card or a letter on DA/VA stationery, signed by their doctor, verifying they are 100 percent service-connected disabled. Fort Benning honorary permits are free of charge.

c. **Guest permits.** Guests, as defined by sub-paragraph 3- 2a (12), must be sponsored and possess an appropriate Guest Permit. Guest permits are obtained by a guest's sponsor. The primary sponsor's name will be entered on the pass at the time of validation by DFMWR personnel. If the primary sponsor is not available to accompany the guest while hunting or fishing, then any authorized sponsor who is willing to sponsor the guest can do so, provided he/she does not exceed the limit of three guests at any one time. When a guest is sponsored to hunt by a sponsor other than the primary, the guest **must** have the name and access pass number of their current sponsor available should he/she be questioned by any Conservation Officer. All sponsors are responsible for their guest(s) as set forth in this regulation. **Any guest found to be hunting/fishing without an appropriately authorized sponsor will have his/her permit revoked immediately, will be permanently disqualified from being sponsored to hunt/fish on Fort Benning, and will be subject to further penalties.**

d. **Archery cantonment area permits.** Archers may secure an archery cantonment area permit in addition to their post permit. This program is separate from the regular hunting/fishing program on post and is contingent on the Garrison Commander's approval every year. The required safety brief and flyer are available on <https://benning.isportsman.net/> under the "News" tab. Archers wishing to participate in the program must read the safety brief and send an email to the corresponding PoC. They will then be notified of the required qualification shoot dates which generally occur in the months of July and August.

e. iSportsman annual user fees. Every permit holder, to include honorary permit holders, will pay a separate mandatory iSportsman annual user fee of \$15.00 to cover the cost of the iSportsman system.

5-5. Fee and permit prices. The Garrison Commander, with advice from the GCHFAC, sets the cost of hunting and fishing permits which are subject to change. Permit costs are clearly displayed in <https://benning.isportsman.net/> during permit purchasing. iSportsman user fees are set by Installation Management Command based upon iSportsman contract costs. Users may also contact Fort Benning NRMB for current fee information.

Chapter 6 Hunting Regulations

6-1. General

a. Placing bait at any time on Fort Benning by anyone other than Fort Benning NRMB personnel, or those specifically authorized via special permit issued by NRMB, is prohibited. Bait may not be placed, exposed, or scattered so as to constitute a lure, attraction, or enticement; with the exception that salts and minerals may be used but must be fully incorporated into the soil.

b. Vehicles will not be driven through planted wildlife fields or feed strips.

c. Hunting in any open area is considered "first come, first served". No one person has a right to claim any open area as their own for the sole purpose of hunting game of any kind. Harassment of individuals of any kind should be reported immediately to Fort Benning Conservation Law Enforcement Officers.

d. Individuals will not remove, destroy, or mutilate the head of a deer until it is processed or delivered to a facility for storage and processing.

e. It is unlawful to capture, take, or possess any game bird or animal for use as a pet. It is unlawful to release into the wild or import any fish or wildlife without first coordinating with the Chief, NRMB, DPW, and obtaining a permit from the appropriate state agency. The only exception is, that from the end of deer rifle season to the end of quail season, hunters can put out pen-reared bobwhite quail for purposes of training, pointing, flushing, and retrieving dogs in training compartments C30-C35 on days when the compartments are open to hunting.

f. Individuals may use falcons or other birds of prey on Fort Benning provided they comply with applicable Georgia or Alabama law.

g. Named ponds may be utilized for waterfowl hunting with the exception of Armory, Russ Pond and Pool, Sand Hill Duck Pond, Twilight, Kings and Victory Ponds.

h. Stand hunting, Still hunting or Stalking are the only approved methods for hunting deer and swine.

i. Authorized hunters who sponsor guests must directly supervise their guest(s) while on Fort Benning. Sponsors and guests are authorized to travel separately to Cantonment Areas only, as delineated on the Hunting and Fishing Map, before traveling to the hunting location. Sponsors must accompany the guest throughout the visit. Therefore, guests must travel to and from the hunting location with the sponsor either in the same vehicle or in a separate vehicle traveling directly behind the sponsor. Sponsor and guest must be signed into the same area. Sponsors are directly responsible for the actions of their guest(s) and must ensure their guest(s) understand(s) and comply(ies) with all Fort Benning regulations and policies. On the day of the hunt, sponsors (who may not necessarily be the guest's primary sponsor) who fail to directly supervise their guests properly are subject to penalties described in Table 8-1.

j. Hunters may not guide hunt in exchange for money or other compensation on Fort Benning.

k. Hunting stands, both portable and constructed may be used on Fort Benning. All hunters are required to use a safety harness while hunting off the ground. Stands will not be attached on any tree marked with a single or double white/orange band (Red-cockaded Woodpecker Endangered Species Site). All stands left in the field must be marked with the individual's name, phone number, and season date. Stands shall not be placed on utility poles. Stands no longer used or that are structurally unsafe should be dismantled and removed from the area.

l. Mandatory deer checks will be conducted on specified dates at check station locations as indicated in Chapter 10. Hunters must bring all deer harvested to the check station on specified mandatory deer check dates.

m. There is no requirement to physically tag harvested animals. In addition to all Georgia or Alabama harvest reporting requirements, hunters must also report game harvested through the <https://benning.isportsman.net/> website or automated phone service, as stated in Chapter 11 of this regulation. Persons transporting game harvested by another hunter must possess, in writing, the complete name, address, telephone number, Fort Benning Hunting Permit number, and State License number of the person who harvested the animal(s).

n. Harvested game must be transported with respect to the animal and in good taste to minimize the impact on the non-hunting community. If transported in view of the public, the harvested game will be transported with the chest cavity closed and the head and legs folded naturally towards the body of the animal as if the animal is lying down. If the animal cannot be transported with the chest cavity closed and the head and legs folded in, hunters must use a tarp to cover the animal. Hunters must take every effort to minimize blood on the vehicle. Transportation of harvested game on the front or roof of a vehicle will only be used if no other option exists.

o. Any deer harvested in one state may not be transported to another state unless all meat has been deboned and skull plates and hides completely cleaned of all brain and spinal cord tissue.

p. Hunting deer or feral swine on the installation with dogs is prohibited. Dogs used for other legal forms of hunting must have a collar bearing the owner's name, phone number, and proof of vaccination. Individuals with authorized hunting privileges on Fort Benning may train or condition dogs on any designated dove field, landing zone or drop zone, year-round, except during turkey season or when dove hunters are present during dove season, provided that the area is open for firearm hunting. Individuals working with dogs must stay within the boundaries of the said field while training. Hunters can use live pigeons or pen-reared quail for training purposes and can shoot live ammunition from shotguns using size 7½ shot or smaller to harvest those training birds over dogs or use blank ammunition in pistols or shotguns. Individuals must wear hunter orange while training dogs in these areas as described in 4-2 of this regulation. Use of dogs during daylight hours is allowed for hunting doves, quail, woodcock, waterfowl, squirrels, and rabbits. Dogs may be used to hunt bobcats, foxes, and raccoons only at night.

q. Trapping on Fort Benning (other than the re-trapping of lost falconry birds of prey) is prohibited. Trapping birds of prey and removal of eggs from their nest is prohibited on Fort Benning unless an exception has been granted through a special permit issued by the NRMB. The use of any pitfall, deadfall, snare, catch, trap, net, exposed salt or minerals, live decoy, or baited hook to take game is prohibited. Game wardens and installation wildlife management personnel may trap for predator control, pest control, and medical purposes only. Game wardens may trap dogs and other domestic animals, as required.

r. In accordance with AR 200-1, Environmental Protection and Enhancement, and the Endangered Species Act, it is unlawful for any person subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. to harass, harm, or capture any federally endangered or threatened species on Fort Benning. Fort Benning is home to many unique and protected species, including the endangered Red-cockaded Woodpecker (RCW) and the Gopher Tortoise. Permit holders must be aware that it is a serious violation of federal law to infringe upon the habitat of an endangered species. Violators will be prosecuted in federal court. Hunters and other recreational users are urged to be sensitive to environmental concerns and ensure that their actions are consistent with good wildlife management practices. Permit holders should report violations of this or any other regulation or law to the Military Police Desk at 706-545-5222. Hunters may hunt or establish portable hunting stands within an RCW cluster site on any tree in the cluster not marked with a single or double white or orange band. Vehicles, of any type, are prohibited from entering or driving through an RCW cluster site on other than established and maintained roads or trails. All permit holders in vehicles must be aware of Gopher Tortoises and try to avoid them if they are encountered while crossing roadways.

s. The use or possession of any electronic call capable of producing real or imitation calls is prohibited. (except that electronic calls may be used to hunt crows, coyotes, and feral swine.)

t. Hunters may use cell phones, pagers, two-way radios, Global Positioning System (GPS) position location devices, and bionic ear devices while hunting.

u. Taking a deer while it is in a river, lake, stream, or pond is prohibited.

v. All decoys are prohibited for the first 10 days of the turkey season on the Alabama portion of the installation. The use of electronic or mechanical decoys is always prohibited on the Alabama portion of the installation.

w. Only battery-powered lights or fuel-type lanterns may be carried by hunters while night hunting.

x. Butchering harvested game at on-post quarters in public view is permitted; however, hunters should use good judgment while butchering game to minimize adverse public reactions.

y. Licensed Falconers may conduct Falconry in open hunting areas in accordance with State and Federal Regulations.

(1) Kite/Balloon training associated with the training of raptors is prohibited.

(2) Extended falconry seasons and bag limits are listed in the current Georgia and Alabama Hunting Regulations.

6-2. Youth requirements

a. Persons younger than 12 years of age must be with a sponsor while hunting and are not authorized to carry a weapon. These hunters may harvest game with the sponsor's weapon while under the direct supervision of an adult sponsor 18 years old or older.

b. Persons 12-15 years of age must be under the direct adult supervision of a sponsor 18 years old or older. Carrying a weapon or weapons for hunting is permitted only if the youth hunter, 12-15 years of age, has successfully completed the hunter education requirement. Otherwise, hunters 12-15 years of age are not authorized to carry a weapon but may harvest game with their sponsor's weapon. To hunt on the Georgia side of the installation, persons 12-15 years of age are not required to possess a Georgia hunting license if they are considered to be a Georgia resident. If they are not considered a Georgia resident, then they will need to purchase a non-resident hunting license to hunt deer or turkey on the Georgia side of the installation (they are exempt from the big game license requirement). To hunt big game on the Alabama side of the installation persons 12-15 years of age are not required to possess an Alabama hunting license.

c. Primary dependents who are 16 years of age or older must obtain a Fort Benning Hunting Permit to hunt on the installation and may carry a weapon to hunt on their own without a sponsor present. All persons 16 years of age or older who hunt must have the appropriate license for the game they are hunting.

d. Primary dependents 16-17 years of age require written permission from the sponsor to obtain a Fort Benning Hunting Permit.

e. Primary dependents age 18 years old or older are authorized to sponsor up to a maximum of three guests per day to hunt and fish on Fort Benning if they possess a current post permit and the appropriate state license.

f. Adult sponsors of persons younger than 16 years of age must be authorized to hunt and fish on the installation per paragraph 3-2 a (1)-(12) and possess a current post permit and the appropriate state license.

g. In both Georgia and Alabama, youth hunters must possess a hunter harvest record. These harvest records are available free of charge from both states.

h. In all cases of youth hunting, the youth hunter must have an <https://benning.isportsman.net/> account, license, and Vehicle Access Pass. A youth hunter's Vehicle Access Pass should use the same vehicle as their direct supervisor. In cases where the youth is simply a spectator, no <https://benning.isportsman.net/> account, FB permit, state license, or hunter safety certification is required. Proof of hunter safety certification can be in the form of a physical card or a hunter education number on the state license card.

6-3. Hunting seasons. Hunting seasons on the Georgia and Alabama side of the installation are listed in the FB 200-1 Supplement – Table 10-1, Season dates and bag limits (IAW state law).

6-4. Hunting hours.

a. The legal hunting hours for hunting on Fort Benning are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset with the following exceptions:

(1) Legal hours for migratory bird hunting (such as duck and dove) begin 30 minutes before sunrise and end at sunset except on the opening day of dove season when the season opens at 1200 CST in Alabama.

(2) Raccoons, opossums, foxes, and bobcats may be hunted at night (see Supplemental Table 10-2).

b. Night hunters must check-in in using the <https://benning.isportsman.net/> Hunter Control System (automated). Night hunters may not enter an area to hunt at night until 30 minutes after sunset and must exit the area no later than one hour before sunrise. Dogs may not be used for hunting after 3 AM during the Alabama Turkey Season on the Alabama portion of the installation.

6-5. Legal weapons and ammunition.

a. Wildlife may be hunted on the Georgia or Alabama side of the installation with any weapon approved for that purpose, except for restrictions listed herein:

(1) The use of buckshot and full metal jacketed ammunition is prohibited for hunting on Fort Benning.

(2) Bows must have a minimum draw of 40 lbs. Longbows, recurve bows, compound bows, and crossbows are all considered bows in this regulation.

(3) Crossbows must have a working safety device. Crossbow bolts or arrows cannot be treated with any type of chemical or carry any type of chemical pod attachment.

(4) Exploding broadheads are prohibited on Fort Benning.

(5) Archery hunters may not use or have in their immediate possession a firearm at any time while hunting in an archery-only area or during archery-only deer season. Firearms may be temporarily secured in a vehicle in accordance with FB Reg.190-11 while the hunter is parked in an archery-only hunting area. In all other areas, the following applies. On the Georgia side of the installation, archers may also carry any approved firearm in accordance with the open season and are subject to restrictions on weapons in certain areas; however, archers may not have in their immediate possession a firearm at any time while hunting deer during the archery-only season or in an archery only compartment. On the Alabama side of the installation, archers are prohibited from having in their immediate possession both a gun and a bow while hunting any species of game, except during deer firearms season, and are subject to restrictions on weapons in certain areas.

(6) It is unlawful to hunt with a bow or gun that has any light source attached that can cast a beam of light forward of the bow or gun. It is also unlawful to have in possession such a light source adapted for attachment to a bow or gun. Hunters may not possess equipment that uses electronics to increase the ability to see in the dark (night vision equipment) while hunting any species of wildlife. Laser sighting devices that project a beam of light onto the target are prohibited at all times.

(7) Firearms suppressors are prohibited for hunting on Fort Benning. Hunters with a doctor-validated medical condition that requires noise mitigation may seek an exception to policy (ETP) from the Garrison Commander. Applications for exception to this policy must be submitted to the Chief, NRMB (520-674-0449, 0594). Applications can be found at <https://benning.isportsman.net/news.aspx>

(8) Shotguns must be plugged to a maximum capacity of three (3) shells (magazine and chamber combined) excluding deer and swine hunting for which the limit is five (5) shells. There is no magazine capacity for rifles and pistols.

b. Legal weapons in Archery-only Areas. Longbows, recurve bows, compound bows, and crossbows are the only weapons permitted in archery-only areas. Firearms may be temporarily secured in a vehicle in accordance with FB Reg. 190-11 while the hunter is parked in an archery-only hunting area.

c. Legal Weapons in Shotgun Areas. Legal weapons during open game seasons in "shotgun-only" areas include shotguns, all primitive weapons, and handguns/rifles in the following calibers: .357 magnum, .38 special, .40 cal., .41 magnum, .44 magnum, .45 ACP, .454 Casull, .480 Ruger, .45 Long Colt, 9mm parabellum/luger, and 10mm auto. Air guns: any air rifle .30 caliber or larger on the Georgia side and .40 caliber or larger on the Alabama side of the installation.

d. Legal Weapons in Rifle Areas. Rifles, shotguns, handguns, and all primitive weapons may be used in rifle areas.

e. Legal Weapons in Archery Hunting Concurrent with Training Areas. Legal weapons in areas open for Archery Hunting Concurrent with Training are long bows, recurve bows, compound bows, and crossbows.

f. Legal Weapons for deer. Deer may be hunted with the following weapons IAW with the applicable state's open season and Fort Benning hunting restrictions:

(1) Rifles and handguns centerfire .22 caliber or larger with expanding bullets.

(2) Pre-charged pneumatic air guns .30 caliber or larger and air bows.

(3) Shotguns 20-gauge or larger with slugs only. Buckshot is not allowed.

(4) Muzzleloaders that are .44 caliber or larger on the Georgia side and .40 caliber or larger on the Alabama side of the installation.

(5) Primitive weapons or bows, including crossbows (scopes are allowed in both Georgia and Alabama), muzzleloaders (scopes are allowed in both Alabama and Georgia), Pre-charged pneumatic air guns .30 caliber or larger, and air bows.

g. Legal weapons for feral swine. See Table 10-2.

h. Legal weapons for turkey. Handguns, rifles, and muzzle-loading rifles with ball ammunition may not be used to harvest a turkey. Turkey may be hunted with the following weapons:

(1) Shotguns with No.2 or smaller shot.

(2) Any smoothbore muzzle-loading firearm with No.2 or smaller shot.

(3) Any air rifle of at least .30 caliber or air bow utilizing unignited compressed gas or air.

(4) Any approved archery weapon in both Georgia/Alabama.

i. Legal weapons for waterfowl. Waterfowl may be hunted with any 10-gauge or smaller shotgun loaded with a federally approved nontoxic shot of size "T" or smaller. No lead shot may be used or be in a hunter's possession while hunting waterfowl.

j. Legal weapons for furbearer (small game) animals. Due to varying regulations between Georgia and Alabama, hunters must check the appropriate state regulation to determine the legal weapons to hunt furbearer (small game) animals.

6-6. Weapons policies. Fort Benning weapons policies are provided in FB Regulation 190-11. Individuals must review FB 190-11 for specific details on, registration, transportation, storage, and discharge of privately owned weapons.

6-7. Cantonment Archery Hunting. Hunting deer and feral swine in certain cantonment areas is allowed through a special-use program requiring additional permits and authorizations. An informational flyer and safety brief are uploaded to <https://benning.isportsman.net/alerts.aspx> annually for participants.

a. Compliance with Chapter 6-1 of this Regulation is required, except as noted below:

(1) Participants must hunt in an elevated position, at least ten (10) feet above the ground. No screw-in pegs, nails, or other permanent steps may be used to reach the elevated stand (strap-on steps, ladders, and climbing sticks are allowed). Safety harness must be utilized when a participant is elevated. Stands will not be attached on any tree marked with a single or double white/orange band (Red-cockaded Woodpecker Endangered Species Site). All stands left in the field must be marked with the individual's name, phone number, and season date. Stands shall not be placed on utility poles. Stands no longer used or that are structurally unsafe should be dismantled and removed from the area.

(2) No stands may be placed within 200 feet of any houses, roads, walking trails, schools, school grounds, or other occupied infrastructure.

(3) Participants must check-in to <https://benning.isportsman.net> when scouting. During deer season, scouting is only allowed from 1100-1400.

(4) Participants are not allowed to have firearms of any type in their possession while participating, to include weapons stored in their vehicle IAW FB 190-11.

(5) Participants must vacate the area immediately if non-hunters or training units are present.

b. Eligibility and Qualification

(1) Only authorized individuals as stated in Chapter 3-2 a. (1-12) of this Regulation are eligible to participate. No guest hunters are allowed to participate.

(2) Participants must review the current Cantonment Archery safety brief annually.

(3) Participants must qualify every two (2) years with the bow they will be hunting with in the cantonment areas. Qualification shoots are held annually through the Natural Resources Management Branch, DPW. Once eligible participants have reviewed the annual safety brief, they can schedule a time to qualify.

(4) To qualify, archers must place 2 of 3 arrows in an 8" target at 30 yards from an elevated platform with a compound bow or crossbow. Archers shooting traditional bows must place 2 of 3 arrows in an 8" target at 20 yards from an elevated platform. Archers will be allowed one attempt per qualification session, with a maximum of two attempts per archer per year. Arrows must be equipped with broadheads (practice mechanicals allowed).

(5) Participants must have a current Cantonment Area Archery Qualification Card/Access Pass (CAAQCAP), post hunting permit, and Georgia hunting license.

c. Game Harvest & Removal Requirements:

- (1) All harvested game must be recorded on state harvest card and at <https://benning.isportsman.net>
 - (2) No QDM harvest requirement for deer harvested in Cantonment Archery Areas; only state limits and restrictions apply. Participants should place emphasis on harvesting does.
 - (3) No harvest limit on feral swine or coyotes.
 - (4) Harvested game should be removed from the area discreetly, and no field dressing of harvested game inside any cantonment area.
 - (5) If wounded or harvested game is tracked outside of designated cantonment archery hunting area, contact the Fort Benning Military Police at 706-545-2222 before proceeding.
- d. Violations of ANY program requirement will result in a one (1) year suspension from hunting and fishing on Fort Benning AND a three (3) year restriction from participation in the cantonment archery hunting program.

Chapter 7 Fishing Regulations

7-1. General.

- a. Sponsors must accompany their guests at all times while they are fishing on Fort Benning.
- b. Anglers fishing in Ponds listed in 7-4 below must check in, record their harvest, and checkout through <https://benning.isportsman.net/>.
- c. Children less than 16 years of age must obtain a Fort Benning Fishing Permit via <https://benning.isportsman.net/> and may do so free of charge.
- d. Children less than 12 years of age must be accompanied by a sponsor.
- e. Russ Pond and Russ Pool are reserved for children's fishing only. Children 15 years of age and younger may fish in these areas without a post fishing permit. Sponsors may assist children in baiting their hook, casting, and removing fish from their line. Sponsors are not required to have a Fort Benning Fishing Permit or fishing license when accompanying children in these areas. Signs will be posted when the ponds are closed.
- f. It is unlawful to park near a boat ramp in a manner that will impede others from either launching or retrieving their boat.
- g. Alligators may be present in or around any water bodies in the area. It is unlawful to feed wild alligators, and caution should always be used when recreating near water, especially with young children and pets.

7-2. Methods. Only hook and line may be used for fishing except as follows:

- a. Trotlines may be used in the waters of the Chattahoochee River, Upatoi Creek, and their tributaries. Trotline use in any other areas is prohibited. All trotlines must be marked with the owner's name, address, and telephone number. Trotlines must be checked at least once every 24 hours.
- b. Setline or jug fishing is prohibited except in the areas where trotlines are authorized.
- c. State fish and game laws limit the number of trotlines.
- d. Seining (net fishing) in streams or ponds is prohibited.
- e. Use of fish traps, snatch hooks, or spears is prohibited and cannot be used on or around any of the ponds and streams on Fort Benning.
- f. Individuals may gig for frogs with a gig that has at least three prongs. A state fishing license and a Fort Benning Fishing Permit are required.
- g. Bows and arrows may be used to take non-game fish in the same areas where trotlines are allowed.
- h. Possession and use of minnows is not allowed in or around any named (managed) pond on the installation, with the exception of Kings Pond.

7-3. Creel limits. Creel and size limits by species can be found on the posted signs around fishing ponds. State regulations apply in the Chattahoochee River and its tributaries.

7-4. Seasons. All ponds on Fort Benning are open to fishing throughout the year, unless otherwise listed as closed on <https://benning.isportsman.net/> or "Pond Closed" signs are posted at the pond. Victory, Kings, Weems, Twilight, Armory, Schley, and Hedley's ponds are designated in <https://benning.isportsman.net/>. Streams are open to fishing dependent upon whether or not the training area(s) they lie in are listed as open or closed. Anglers do not have to check-in through <https://benning.isportsman.net/> to go fishing with the exceptions of Victory, Kings, Weems, Twilight, Armory, Schley, and Hedley's ponds.

7-5. Fish consumption guidelines. All ponds on Fort Benning are open to fishing throughout the year. Anglers who consume fish from these ponds should consult the "Guidelines for Eating Fish from Georgia Waters" as to any restrictions or recommendations.

7-6. Magnet fishing. Magnet Fishing is not authorized in any waters on Fort Benning to include satellite locations at Camp Merrill and the Destin Recreation Area.

Chapter 8 Violations of Fish and Wildlife Laws, Rules, and Regulations

8-1. General. This regulation does not override or replace applicable federal or state laws regarding hunting and fishing. However, many Fort Benning specific regulations are more restrictive than either state and will be enforced accordingly. Violations of the provisions of this regulation, state laws, or federal laws, may result in severe disciplinary and administrative penalties. Violations of the provisions of this regulation will result in administrative penalties. Violations of state/federal regulations will result in criminal penalties.

- a. As a result of a violation, individuals may lose hunting and/or fishing privileges, have their personal equipment confiscated, or any combination of these actions.
- b. Additionally, individuals may face criminal charges in United States Magistrates or District Court; in those cases, in addition to suffering the loss of hunting and fishing privileges, individuals may have to pay a fine and/or appear before the Federal Magistrate in United States District Court and face more serious penalties.
- c. Hunters are expected to read, understand, and comply with FB 200-1. Hunters, who are cited and suspended for three (3) serious violations, will have their Fort Benning hunting and fishing privileges permanently revoked. A serious violation is defined as any violation that results in a suspension of one year or more for any serious violation. In addition to the three strikes rule, the Garrison Commander may immediately and permanently revoke a permit holder's privileges for egregious conduct he or she deems unacceptable and damaging to the hunting and fishing program.

8-2. Policies.

- a. Inspections. All individuals must have their state hunting or fishing licenses, Fort Benning Permit, Access Pass, Weapons registration form IAW FB 190-11, photo proof of identification, and exceptions to policy (if any) on their person when hunting or fishing. These documents must be made available, upon request, to any law-enforcement officer.

b. Administrative actions.

(1) Fort Benning can and will institute administrative penalties regardless and independent of any court proceeding. Permit holders cited for violating any regulation or law relating to hunting and fishing on Fort Benning will receive a notice of suspension of installation hunting and/or fishing privileges from citing officials. Upon receipt of this notice, the individual's hunting and fishing privileges are immediately suspended for the period of time specified in the notice IAW penalties set forth in Table 8-1 and the citing officials' decision. Suspensions of 30 days or less are not appealable. For suspensions of 31 days or more, if the individual disagrees and believes that (s)he did not commit an offense, they must, within seven (7) calendar days,

file an appeal with the installation Hearing Officer, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate (706-545-1564). Failure to contact the installation Hearing Officer within seven (7) days will constitute waiver of the right to appeal and the suspension will stand. Should the offense be a state or federal specific violation it will be handled through the local court that has jurisdiction. Until the offense is resolved in court, the individual suspension will remain in place. Once the court has passed judgement, pending the outcome of any punishment, the individual may request reinstatement of their post hunting or fishing privileges. Violations of Fort Benning specific violations will be handled through the below process. Tier II Fort Benning specific violations with 30 day or less suspensions cannot be appealed, such as failing to sign in or sign out. Refer to Table 8-1.

(2) If an individual files an appeal, it will be processed by the Hearing Officer and forwarded to the Executive Council for review. Once the council completes their review, they will forward to the Garrison Commander, with their and the Hearing Officer's advice, for the Garrison Commander's final decision.

(3) Although an appeal is filed, the suspension remains in effect until the matter is decided.

(4) If the appeal is denied, the suspension will run for the time specified in the original notice. The period of suspension is calculated from the date the notice is issued, not the date of the final decision.

(5) A list of the standard Administrative Penalties for various infractions is in Table 8-1, Violations and Penalties.

(6) Any person, not listed as eligible to hunt in paragraph 3- 2 a (1)- (12), found hunting without an authorized sponsor will be prosecuted under applicable Georgia or Alabama law and issued a post exclusion letter. Any authorized sponsor who fails to properly supervise a guest will lose their privilege to sponsor guests IAW penalties set forth in Table 8-1. Any authorized sponsor whose guest is found in violation of any other provision of this regulation will be subjected to the same penalty that is applied to their guest IAW penalties set forth in Table 8-1.

c. Other recreational users who violate this or other related Fort Benning, Army regulations, or applicable state/federal laws are subject to post exclusion, citations, fines, or other enforcement action as allowable by law.

Chapter 9

Use of Boats, Off-road and All-terrain Vehicles, and Camping

9-1. Boats. Boats may be used to fish on Fort Benning, subject to the following conditions:

a. Privately owned motorboats must be registered and meet all requirements IAW either the State of Georgia or the State of Alabama law, as appropriate.

b. A personal flotation device (PFD) is required for each passenger in the boat. Each device must be U.S. Coast Guard approved, of appropriate size for the passenger(s), and readily available in case of need. Children under 13 years of age must wear PFDs aboard a moving vessel.

c. Any person operating any watercraft on the waters of the installation shall comply with the applicable jurisdiction safety rules and regulations relative to boat equipment, operation, lights, and navigation rules. Boat operators must have necessary boater education and licensing as required by Georgia and/or Alabama as appropriate.

d. Combustion-type motors will not be used to power boats on any pond or stream on Fort Benning, except on the Chattahoochee River or water accessible from the Chattahoochee River. Combustion-type motors may be used within 50 feet of a boat landing for the purpose of loading the boat onto a boat trailer. Electric motors may be used in all ponds and streams.

e. All lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams on the installation are off-limits to recreational swimming, water skiing, knee boarding, wakeboarding, aquaplaning, and scuba diving.

9-2. Off-road and all-terrain vehicles. Privately owned motorized off-road vehicles (ORV) and all-terrain vehicles (ATV) of any type (two, three, or four-wheel) are prohibited on Fort Benning. Requests for exception to this policy must be submitted along with documentation of a medical disability to the Chief, NRMB (520-674-0449, 0594). Motor vehicles used to hunt or fish on Fort Benning must meet applicable safety, licensing, insurance, and registration requirements for use on public roads.

9-3. Camping. Camping (including primitive camping) is only authorized at Kings Pond, Twilight Pond, Weems Pond, and at the Uchee Creek Army Campground. Loaded firearms are prohibited in all camping areas. Recreational Vehicle (RV) Camping is allowed only at Weems Pond and the Uchee Creek Army Campground. Campfires are permitted for recreational purposes or for cooking food for immediate human consumption. The fire must be in a fire pit or ring within an approved camping area. Fires can only include natural materials or plant growth brought in or picked up off the ground on site. No standing trees can be cut, and no treated wood, plastic, rubber, heavy oils, or synthetic material can be burned in any open fire. Campfires must be supervised and fully extinguished before leaving the site. DFMWR-BRD-ODR Manager, at their discretion, has full authority to require campers to vacate camping areas at Kings, Weems, and Twilight Ponds. Camping at Kings, Weems, and Twilight Ponds cannot exceed 30 days per year for all three sites.

Table 8-1. Violations and Penalties

State/Federal violations adjudicated off Installation
Suspension of 180 Days + Court Adjudication, and IAW 8-2.b.
Hunting ducks w/out appropriate federal duck stamp
Hunting/fishing w/out a valid state hunting license
Permitting another to fraudulently use your state hunting license
Illegal use of artificial light for spotlighting
Theft of personal property or damage of another hunter's equipment (vehicle, trail camera, tree stands, accessories, etc.)
Illegal harvest of an antlered deer (3 or more points) not meeting QDM requirement (4 on a side)
Possession of open container of alcoholic beverage on person or use of illegal drugs while hunting
Shooting before or after legal shooting hours
Possessing illegally harvested game
Discharging a firearm from a vehicle
Failure to properly record harvest IAW state requirements prior to moving animal from location of kill
Exceeding creel/bag limits
Taking fish by unauthorized means
Transporting a headless deer carcass before processing
Failure to plug shotgun as required
Erecting or affixing a tree stand to a marked RCW cavity tree
Littering or dumping in the training areas

Failure to wear the approved type and minimum amount of fluorescent orange
Improper/inadequate safety equipment on boats while hunting or fishing
Illegal harvest of an antlered deer
Fort Benning administrative violations
Tier I suspension range: 180 days to permanent suspension
Guide hunting for compensation
Hunting in a closed area or fishing in a closed pond
Bypassing roadblock, cable, or gate in a vehicle
Hunting in an exclusion/duded impact area
Unauthorized use of any all-terrain vehicle or motorcycle
Illegal use of an internal combustion engine on ponds while hunting or fishing
Failure to record harvested deer, turkey, pig, or fish using iSportsman
Failure to wear fluorescent orange headgear
Hunting/running deer or pigs with dogs
Harvest of antlered deer without at least 4 points on one side
Hunting outside of published seasons
Failure to check deer during mandatory check days
Posting or distributing unauthorized images and/or videos
Failure to return deer jawbone within required timeframe
Hunting or fishing without a valid Fort Benning Permit
Hunting or fishing while actively suspended on Fort Benning
Tier II suspension range: warning to 30-day suspension (Not Appealable)
Failure to check out properly through iSportsman * automatic 7-day suspension
Posting of a remote/trail camera in an unauthorized area
Failure to check in properly through iSportsman
Failure of guest to be supervised by a sponsor
Failure to wear a safety harness while in elevated stand
Failure to properly display or present the Fort Benning Vehicle Access Pass
Inappropriately displaying/transporting harvested game
Failure to supervise guest, with or without a guest violation

Chapter 10

Hunting Seasons, Bag Limits, and Mandatory Deer Check

10-1. Mandatory deer check.

All deer harvested must be brought to the check station on the following dates and locations:

a. Georgia – All deer harvested 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 22, and 23 November on the **Georgia side** of the installation must be brought to NRMB Deer Check/Cleaning area at Harmony Church. This is located off 1st Division Road near the intersection of Cusseta Road directly across HWY 27/280 from the old Harmony Church Access Control Point.

b. Alabama – No mandatory deer checks are scheduled for the Alabama side of the installation during the 2025-2026 deer season.

c. **DUE TO CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD) NO ALABAMA DEER WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE GEORGIA SIDE OF THE INSTALLATION. DUE TO CWD NO GEORGIA DEER WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE ALABAMA SIDE OF THE INSTALLATION.**

d. Hunters who arrive at the Georgia check station and find it closed must transport the harvested deer to the Provost Marshall Office on Main Post, Building 215 on Wold Avenue. The hunter must fill out a harvest data sheet and turn it into the Desk Officer. The Desk Officer will photograph the harvested deer and initial the harvest data sheet. Failure to transport the harvested deer to the Provost Marshall's Office or failure to fill out the harvest data sheet will be considered a violation of the mandatory deer check requirement. NRMB personnel will collect photos and harvest data sheets on the first duty day after a mandatory check weekend.

e. Hunters that choose not to allow check station personnel to remove a jawbone from a harvested deer will be required to sign a memorandum stating such. If the hunter fails to comply within the designated timeframe on the memorandum, they will be suspended indefinitely until it is returned.

10-2. Season dates and bag limits.

a. It is the permit holder's responsibility to comply with the hunting and fishing seasons, regulations, and bag limits for the States of Alabama and Georgia. Season dates and bag limits are explained in Supplemental Table 10-1, which will be published after the Alabama and Georgia Hunting and Fishing Regulations are finalized. Supplemental Table 10-2 explains the seasons and bag limits listed in Table 10-1. Both tables will be posted on Fort Benning's <https://benning.isportsman.net/> website home page under the Regulation Tab no later than 1 Sep.

Chapter 11

Hunter Check-in/out and Game Harvest Reporting Procedures

11-1. General.

All hunters must check-in, checkout, and report all harvested game through <https://benning.isportsman.net/>. The <https://benning.isportsman.net/> website (or phone number (866) 401-1448) are the primary methods to check into an area and report harvest. Do not call Range Division or the Military Police Desk to check into an area. **You are only allowed to check into “one” area at a time. You are not allowed to check into multiple areas.**

11-2. Check-in/out and report harvest procedure.

a. All hunters must check into and out of a hunting area when hunting or scouting. This requirement exists to ensure the number of hunters does not exceed the area's capacity and to ensure accountability for all individuals in the field. Hunters may only check into “one” area at a time. Hunters must check out of all areas at the end of the day no later than 11:59 PM/23:59hrs. Hunters will use <https://benning.isportsman.net/> website as the primary method to check into and out of an area. Do not call Range Division or the Military Police Desk to check into an area.

b. Determine which areas are open for hunting by going to <https://benning.isportsman.net/> home page and selecting the “Open Areas” link before logging into <https://benning.isportsman.net/>.

c. Access the <https://benning.isportsman.net/> web-based system by logging into your account. Select the “Check-in” button and follow all prompts to check into or out of areas. Hunters must always select the “confirm check-in” or “confirm check-out” button to complete the check-in/out process. Failure to check out will result in a 7 day-suspension. This specific offense cannot be appealed.

d. Access the <https://benning.isportsman.net/> automated phone system by calling (866) 401-1448. Select “1” to check into or out of areas, enter your Post Permit number and “4-digit PIN”, and follow prompts to check into or out of areas.

11-3. Harvesting procedures

a. In addition to filling out the State Harvest Record for deer and turkeys (prior to field dressing or moving the carcass), hunters must register deer, turkeys, and feral swine using <https://benning.isportsman.net/> before removing them from the location of kill or as soon as phone or mobile internet service is available. To register harvests, users simply need to log on to <https://benning.isportsman.net/> on the web or call the telephone number and follow the prompts to checkout out of areas and record harvest. In the event a hunter is stopped by a Fort Benning Conservation Law Enforcement Officer, prior to having the phone or mobile service necessary to record harvest via <https://benning.isportsman.net/>, the hunter will be afforded an opportunity to record their harvest, assuming they have phone or mobile internet service at that time.

b. All Alabama licensed hunters who harvest a deer or turkey in Alabama must report to the State of Alabama, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, their harvest of every whitetail deer or turkey within forty-eight hours of harvest by using one of the following methods: online at www.OutdoorAlabama.com/gamecheck, by phone at (800) 888-7690 or by the Outdoor AL app. Hunters shall follow all prompts or directions to complete the data entry requirement and enter the confirmation number provided on their Alabama state harvest record. All Georgia licensed deer and turkey hunters are required to have a paper Deer and Turkey Harvest Record in their possession while hunting and will still be required to fill out the harvest record prior to moving all deer and turkeys.

c. All hunters who harvest a deer or turkey in Georgia must report to the state of Georgia, Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Division, their harvest of every whitetail deer or turkey within 24 hours of harvest through “Georgia Game Check.” If the hunter has cell service, they are allowed to record harvest at the location of kill via the online harvest record or the Go Outdoors GA app. However, harvest must still be recorded on a paper harvest record at the location of kill if the hunter cannot complete the electronic harvest card. If a hunter records harvest on a paper harvest card, they must also record the confirmation number on paper card after recording harvest electronically.

11-4. Backup harvest reporting procedures.

a. If <https://benning.isportsman.net/> is down when a hunter attempts to enter harvest information, the hunter must enter harvest information when <https://benning.isportsman.net/> comes back online, regardless of the duration it is down. Once the hunter is aware of the fact that <https://benning.isportsman.net/> is up and running, they must report any unreported harvest at that time.

Appendix A**Section I****Required and Related Publications**

DoDI 4715.03

Army Guidance: Fish and Wildlife Conservation Fee Collection Program

AR 190-5, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision

AR 190-11, Physical Security of Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives

AR 200-1, Environmental Protection and Enhancement

FB Regulation 190-5, Vehicle Traffic Regulation

FB Regulation 190-13, Installation Access Control

Section II**Prescribed and Referenced Forms**

SF Form 50 (Notification of Personnel Action)

Section II**Terms**

Accompany. To meet this requirement, the sponsor and guest must be properly checked-in through <https://benning.isportsman.net/> (except in the case of spectating guests), the sponsor must be physically present and/or participating in the hunt and be signed into the same area as the guest.

Active status. The term “active status” means the status of a member of a reserve component who is not in the inactive Army National Guard or inactive Air National Guard or on an inactive status list.

Air bow. Weapon that uses compressed air to fire a bolt or arrow.

Antlered deer. White-tailed deer (male or female) that has visible antler (bone) above the hair.

Bait. corn, wheat, other grains, apples, or other feed meant to entice animals.

Baited area. Any place which contains feed, grains, or other substances which are exposed and available for consumption.

Big game. Deer and turkey. Feral swine are not classified as big game animals.

Bow. A long bow, recurve bow, compound bow, or crossbow. Bows must have a minimum pull of 40 lbs.

Cooperative agreement. The agreement was entered into by Fort Benning, the State of Georgia, the State of Alabama, and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Direct adult supervision. Under the command and control of a person 18 years old or older, with the minor being within sight or hearing distance of such person.

Disabled veteran. A service member who has been honorably discharged or retired from military service and who has been given at least 30% disability by the Veterans Administration.

Disabled hunter. Any individual who is restricted to a wheelchair, or is not ambulatory without walking aids (walkers, crutches, etc.) or a prosthesis, has lost a limb or a vital organ or is otherwise impaired to the extent they cannot hunt alone; unassisted; or in the usual manner.

Fish or fishing. To catch, capture, take, or kill fish and all seafood and includes all lesser acts such as attempting to catch, capture, or kill by any device or method.

Guide hunting. Receiving compensation for assisting an individual in the pursuit and taking of game.

Hunt or hunting. The act of pursuing, calling, shooting, killing, and/or capturing wildlife, or using any device in an attempt to take wildlife. Hunting shall include every action of assistance to any person in taking or attempting to take wildlife; however, accompanying a hunter as a spectator, assisting in building, maintaining, or placing stands, or assisting a hunter to locate, track, or recover wounded or harvested game is not considered hunting. Any individual possessing a bow, gun, or gun and dogs in any area where hunting is normally conducted is presumed to be hunting, except that traveling through or along a closed or exclusion area while going to or from an open area is not considered hunting. Possessing a loaded weapon under any conditions is considered hunting. Therefore, hunters entering an area before legal shooting hours, or exiting an area after legal shooting hours must unload their weapons or they will be presumed to be hunting. The only exception to this is for authorized night hunters.

Hunting season. That period of time when hunting a specific game bird or animal is permitted under the law.

Illegal possession. Possession of any wildlife or parts thereof, at any time other than during the authorized hunting season for that wildlife.

Maintained road. Maintained roads are those roads with a base consisting of pavement, concrete, gravel, or improved dirt that receive regular or periodic maintenance and are wide enough to allow at least two-way vehicular traffic.

Open area. Training areas that are available for recreational use, subject to fulfillment of an individual's permit, license, and area access pass requirements.

Permit holder. Any person who possess a Fort Benning hunting, fishing, or other recreational permit.

Primary dependent. A lawful spouse or an unmarried child who is less than 21 years old or less than 23 years old if enrolled in a full-time course of education above high school level and receives over half of his/her support from the sponsor.

Purple Heart warrior. A service member who has received the Purple Heart Medal for his/her wounds. Granted first priority for disabled hunting areas.

Size limit. The minimum length allowable for a fish in a person's possession. Fish smaller than this size must be returned to the water unharmed as soon as they are landed.

Spectating guest. Guests who are accompanied by an allowed person on Fort Benning but are not hunting, fishing, or participating in the recreational activity in any way. Spectating guests are not required to possess an <https://benning.isportsman.net/> account, Fort Benning permit, state license, or proof of hunter education, but are under the supervision and the responsibility of the individual with the <https://benning.isportsman.net/> account and Fort Benning permit.

Sponsor. A person allowed to hunt on Fort Benning who accompanies a guest while hunting or fishing.

To take an animal. To harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to do any of the above.

Unloaded weapon. A shotgun, centerfire or rimfire rifle, or handgun that does not have any ammunition in the chamber, or a loaded magazine/clip affixed to the weapon. A muzzleloader weapon that does not have a percussion cap, flint, powder or other firing device affixed to or resting on the weapon's nipple or flash pan. An un-cocked crossbow with the bolt removed from the platform.

Weapons. Firearms, bows, air-bows, air or CO2 rifles or pistols, and slingshots are considered weapons on Fort Benning.

Youth hunter. Any individual 15 years of age or younger who meets all requirements to hunt on Fort Benning.

Section III

Abbreviations Not Already Defined in This Regulation

AR	Army Regulation
ACP	Automatic Colt Pistol
CRD	Community Recreation Division
CWD	Chronic Wasting Disease
DoD	Department of Defense
FB	Fort Benning
IAW	In accordance with
ID	Identification
IOT	In order to

Regulation FB 200-1 Supplement - Table 10-1. Season dates and bag limits (referenced in para 10-1 and 10-2).

GAME	GEORGIA SEASON DATES	GEORGIA BAG LIMIT	ALABAMA SEASON DATES	ALABAMA BAG LIMIT
DEER Archery	13 SEP 25 – 11 JAN 26	Season limit is 10 antlerless deer and 2 antlered deer. Both antlered deer must have at least 4 points one-inch or longer of antlers on one side except as noted in Chapter 3-4 c. (7). Note 1, Table 10-2	01 OCT 25 – 15 JAN 26	Either Sex
DEER Extended Archery Season (Muscoogie Co.)	12 JAN 26 – 31 JAN 26		N/A	N/A
DEER Archery (Antlered deer only)	N/A		16 JAN 26 – 27 JAN 26	Antlered deer only
DEER (Special Youth Hunt)	11 OCT 25 – 17 OCT 25		31 OCT 25 – 03 NOV 25	Either Sex
DEER Primitive Weapon (Muzzleloader, Air Rifle, & Archery)	11 Oct 25 – 17 Oct 25	Note 1, Table 10-2	03 NOV 25 – 07 NOV 25	Either Sex
DEER Firearm (Either Sex)	18 OCT 25 – 11 JAN 26		08 NOV 25 – 15 JAN 26	Season limit is 10 antlerless deer and 2 QDM antlered deer (same as GA).
DEER Firearm (Antlered Deer Only)	N/A		16 JAN 26 – 27 JAN 26	Season limit is 10 antlerless deer and 2 QDM antlered deer (same as GA).
FERAL SWINE Archery	Year round except during Turkey Season	No Limit	Year round except during Turkey Season	No Limit
FERAL SWINE Small Game Weapons	Year round except during Turkey Season	Note 2, Table 10-2	Year round except during Turkey Season	No Limit
FERAL SWINE Primitive Weapon (Muzzleloader, Air Rifle, & Archery)	Year round except during Turkey Season		Year round except during Turkey Season	No Limit
FERAL SWINE Firearms (Centerfire Firearms)	Year round except during Deer Primitive Weapons and Turkey Seasons		Year round except during Deer Primitive Weapons and Turkey Seasons	No Limit
TURKEY Special Youth Hunt (Decoys Allowed)	21 MAR 26 – 22 MAR 26	1 gobbler per season	21 MAR 26 – 22 MAR 26	1 gobbler per season
TURKEY Special Mobility Impaired Hunt (Decoys Allowed)	21 MAR 26 – 22 MAR 26	Note 3, Table 10-2	24 MAR 26	Note 3, Table 10-2
TURKEY	04 APR 26 – 15 MAY 26		25 MAR 26 – 08 MAY 26	
GRAY SQUIRREL	15 AUG 25 – 28 FEB 26	12 per day	13 SEP 25 – 01 MAR 26	8 per day 8 in possession
FOX SQUIRREL	15 AUG 25 – 28 FEB 26	1 per day 1 in possession	13 SEP 25 – 01 MAR 26	1 per day 1 in possession
DOVE	06 SEP 25 – 12 OCT 25 22 NOV 25 – 30 NOV 25 19 DEC 25 – 31 JAN 26	15 per day; 45 in possession Note 4, Table 10-2	06 SEP 25 – 19 OCT 25 22 NOV 25 – 30 NOV 25 13 DEC 25 – 18 JAN 26	15 per day; 15 in possession Note 4, Table 10-2
RABBIT	15 NOV 25 – 28 FEB 26	12 per day Note 5, Table 10-2	13 SEP 25 – 01 MAR 26	8 per day 8 in possession
QUAIL	08 NOV 25 – 28 FEB 26	12 per day	01 NOV 25 – 28 FEB 26	8 per day 8 in possession
CROW	01 NOV 25 – 28 FEB 26	No Limit	Year round except during Turkey Season	No Limit
FOX	01 DEC 25 – 28 FEB 26	No Limit Note 6, Table 10-2	Year round except during Turkey Season	Check Alabama regulations for more details.
BOBCAT	01 DEC 25 – 28 FEB 26		Year round except during Turkey Season	
OPOSSUM	15 AUG 25 – 28 FEB 26		Year round except during Turkey Season	
COYOTE Small Game Weapons & Archery	Year round except during Turkey Season		Year round except during Turkey Season	
COYOTE Firearm	Year round except during Deer Primitive Weapons and Turkey Seasons		Year round except during Deer Primitive Weapons and Turkey Seasons	
RACCOON	15 AUG 25 – 28 FEB 26	No Limit Note 6, Table 10-2	Year round except during Turkey Season	5 per day Note 6, Table 10-2
WATERFOWL/SNIPE	Date to be published separately and will coincide with GA state season.	Limits published separately and coincide with GA state bag limits. Note 7, Table 10-2	Date to be published separately and will coincide with AL state season	Limits published separately and will coincide with AL state bag limits
WOODCOCK	06 DEC 25 – 19 JAN 26	3 per day; 9 in possession	13 DEC 25 – 14 DEC 25 20 DEC 25 – 31 JAN 26	3 per day
BEAR	Closed	N/A	Closed	N/A
COUGAR	Closed	N/A	Closed	N/A
ALLIGATOR	Special Permit Only	Note Table 10-2	Special Permit Only	Note Table 10-2

Regulation FB 200-1 Supplement - Table 10-2. Explanation of seasons and bag limits (referenced in para 10-1 and Table 10-1).

1. DEER	a. The maximum number of deer that may be harvested by any one person by any method on the Fort Benning Reservation (Georgia and Alabama) during the season is as follows: 1) No more than twelve (12) total deer. 2) Season limit is 10 antlerless (does or button bucks) deer and 2 antlered deer. 3) No more than two (2) of the twelve (12) may have antlers. Under no condition, shall any person take more than two antlered deer during the entire season. 4) Both antlered deer must have at least four points (one inch or longer) on one side of the antlers except as noted for youth hunters in Chapter 3, para 3-4 c. (7). 5) In Alabama, a maximum of two deer may be harvested per day, only one of which may be an antlered deer and only one of which may be an antlerless deer. b. Legal primitive weapons are any approved archery, muzzleloading weapons, or pre-charged pneumatic air guns. Muzzleloaders with scopes are legal primitive weapons in both Alabama and Georgia. Crossbows (scopes allowed in both Georgia and Alabama) are also legal primitive weapons. c. Legal firearm season weapons are bows, muzzleloaders, .30 cal or larger air rifles, .22 cal or larger centerfire rifles and handguns, and 20-gauge or larger shotguns with slugs in accordance with area or training restrictions on weapons. d. Buckshot is prohibited for deer and all other game on Fort Benning. e. All bows must have a minimum pull of 40 lbs. Long bows, recurve bows, compound bows, and crossbows are all considered as bows in this regulation. f. All air rifles must be pre-charged pneumatic air guns .30 caliber or larger. g. Special Youth Hunts. 1) Georgia: Youth Hunters, 15 years of age and younger are authorized to hunt deer with any legal firearm for hunting deer on Fort Benning during the Georgia deer Primitive Weapons Season on the Georgia side of the installation. Youth hunters must have a Georgia deer and turkey harvest record and meet requirements of Chapter 3, para 3-2 and Chapter 6, para 6-2. 2) Alabama: Same legal arms and ammunition apply as in deer firearm season. Youth hunters must meet requirements in Chapter 3, para 3-2 and Chapter 6, para 6-2 of Reg. FB 200-1. Youth hunters must have an Alabama Deer and Turkey Harvest Record.
2. FERAL SWINE	a. There is no bag limit on feral swine in either Georgia or Alabama. b. Feral swine hunting is allowed with all approved archery equipment year-round except during turkey season. c. Feral swine hunting is allowed year-round with muzzleloading firearms and air rifles in accordance with area and training restrictions except during Turkey Season. d. Feral swine hunting is allowed year-round with centerfire rifles, shotguns, or pistols in accordance with area and training restrictions except during Deer Primitive Weapons and Turkey Seasons. e. Feral swine may not be hunted at night or with dogs.
3. TURKEY	a. The maximum number of turkeys that may be harvested by any one person on the Fort Benning Reservation (Alabama and Georgia combined) during the open season shall be one (1). b. Only gobblers may be harvested in both Georgia and Alabama; hens may not be harvested. c. Gobblers can only be harvested with shotguns or smoothbore muzzle loading shotguns with No. 2 or smaller shot and any approved archery weapon. d. Handguns, rifles, and muzzle loading rifles with ball ammunition may not be used to harvest turkey. e. No Decoys allowed in Alabama during the first 10 days of the season. Use of electronic or mechanical decoys is only allowed on the Georgia side of the installation. Use of non-mechanical and non-electronic decoys is legal in both Alabama and Georgia. f. Special Youth Hunts – See applicable Alabama or Georgia Hunting Regulation for qualification and restrictions. g. Special Disabled Hunts – See applicable Alabama or Georgia Hunting Regulation for qualification and restrictions.
4. DOVE	a. In Alabama, daily shooting hours will begin at noon and end at sunset on opening day of the September season and 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset on subsequent days during the seasons b. Hunting on managed, numbered dove fields will be open daily whenever the area is open for hunting with the exception of S44 Landfill. Hunts on S44 Landfill will be scheduled and managed by Natural Resources Management Branch. Only non-toxic shot is allowed on the S44 dove field.
5. RABBIT	Dogs may be used to hunt rabbit.
6. BOBCAT, FOX, OPOSSUM, RACCOON, COYOTE	Georgia: a. Bobcat, fox, opossum, and raccoon may be hunted at night. <u>COYOTE MAY NOT BE HUNTED AT NIGHT.</u> b. Only battery powered lights or fuel type lanterns may be carried by hunters for locating these animals. c. Bobcat, Fox, Opossum, and Raccoon may be taken only with small game firearms. (No centerfire rifles or pistols) d. Coyotes may be taken with center fire weapons outside of spring turkey season and deer primitive weapons season. No baiting allowed and no night hunting. Electronic calls may be used. d. Bobcat and fox may be hunted using manual calls. e. Dogs may be used to hunt bobcat, fox, and raccoon at night. Blaze orange outer garment and hat must be worn IAW with Chapter 4-2(a). Alabama: Check state regulation for additional weapons restrictions and seasons a. Fox, opossum, raccoon may be hunted at night. <u>BOBCAT AND COYOTE MAY NOT BE HUNTED AT NIGHT.</u> b. Fox may be hunted at night with lights and dogs only. c. Raccoon and opossum may be hunted at night with dogs, lights, and .22 caliber rimfire firearms or shotguns with No. 6 or smaller shot. d. Running dogs during daylight hours or after 0300 hours during spring turkey season is prohibited. e. All bobcats are required to be tagged by an Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources representative within 14 days of harvest. Blaze orange outer garment and hat must be worn IAW with Chapter 4-2(a).
7. ALLIGATOR	By quota permit only in the Chattahoochee River and its navigable tributaries. All respective state regulations apply. There is no reciprocity for active-duty soldiers. All individuals, must have a valid hunting license from the respective state in order to obtain a quota permit from that state's lottery system. Hunters must be on the proper side of the river, in the state where the quota permit was issued from while hunting. Hunters who obtain a Georgia Quota Permit may contact Fort Benning Natural Resources Management Branch for potential additional opportunities in recreational fish ponds.
8. WATERFOWL	Steel shot size "T" or smaller is required for all waterfowl hunting (Lead shot may not be used).