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HUNTING, FISHING, AND RECREATION

Summary. This regulation outlines rules governing hunting, fishing, and other recreational activities at the United States Army Maneuver Center of Excellence (MCoE), 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). Only the Chief of Staff, MCoE, may approve changes to this regulation. The Commanding General's Natural Resources Advisory Council (CGNRAC) 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 Maneuver Center of Excellence, ATTN: IMSE-BEN-PWE-C/Chief, Conservation Branch, Environmental Division, DPW, Fort Benning, Georgia 31905-5122.

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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 off-road vehicles, camping, and boating.

1-2. References.

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

1-3. General.

The Commanding General, United States Army Maneuver Center of Excellence, intends to maximize hunting and fishing opportunities on Fort Benning consistent with mission requirements, sound environmental and natural resources management practices, and the Fort Benning Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan. Hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreation activities are permitted when consistent with the military mission and no safety hazard is created. Be aware that Fort Benning Regulations may be more restrictive than either Alabama or Georgia State Hunting and Fishing Regulations.

Chapter 2 Responsibilities

2-1. Director 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 by the Sikes Act, 1997.
- b. Develops policies and determines the direction of the wildlife program and is the proponent of this regulation.
- c. Chief, Environmental Management Division (EMD), DPW, coordinates the funding and implementation of the wildlife program.
- d. Chief, Conservation Branch (CB), EMD, DPW, supervises and manages the wildlife program.
- e. Maintains a map case at Building 5883, Harmony Church. Posts Hunting and Fishing Information Sheets at that location prior to 1000 hours daily for up to three days in the future.

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

- a. Maximizes opportunities for hunting and fishing consistent with training and safety requirements.
- b. Range Division (DPTMS) prepares and distributes the Daily Hunting and Fishing Information Sheets prior to 0900 each day. This sheet indicates the areas open for a 24-hour period, three days in the future.
- c. Range Control personnel open locked gates to permit recreational use of areas open for recreational use.

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

- a. Operates the Permit Issuing Agencies at the DFMWR Equipment Resource Center and Uchee Creek Army Campground and Marina.
- b. Ensures that only those individuals entitled to hunt and fish on the installation are issued permits and licenses.
- c. Maintains map cases at the DFMWR Equipment Resource Center, Building 1707, Gillespie Street, and Uchee Creek Army Campground and Marina. Posts Hunting and Fishing Information Sheets at those locations prior to 1000 hours daily for up to three days in the future.
- d. Ensures that updated 1:50,000-scale Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing Maps are available for review or purchase upon request.

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

- a. Enforces the provisions of this regulation.
- b. Reports violations of this regulation to the Permit Issuing Agency and Staff Judge Advocate (SJA) Military Hearing Officer.
- c. Maintains records of sportsmen involved in hunting and fishing violations.
- d. Maintains Hunting and Fishing Map cases at MPA, Sand Hill, and Malone 21. Posts Hunting and Fishing Information Sheets at those locations prior to 1000, daily for up to three days in the future.

2-5. Staff Judge Advocate (SJA).

The SJA provides a Hearing Officer to conduct administrative appeals of suspensions or revocations of hunting and fishing privileges.

2-6. Commanding General's Natural Resources Advisory Council (CGNRAC). The CGNRAC:

- a. 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.
- b. Provides advice on the management of hunting and fishing on Fort Benning. Makes recommendations to improve hunting and fishing to the Chief, Conservation Branch; Chief, Environmental Management Division; Director of Public Works; the Garrison Commander; the MCoE Chief of Staff; and the Commanding General, as appropriate.
- c. Maximizes (in accordance with CG 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.
- d. Annually reviews and provides the Chief, Conservation Branch, with proposed changes to MCoE Regulation 200-3, Hunting and Fishing Regulation.

2-7. Sportsmen and recreational users.

- a. Understand and comply with all laws, policies, and regulations concerning recreational activities and authorized activities, including those related to personal weapons and hunting and fishing on the installation.
- b. Report hunting and fishing violations to the Military Police Desk (545-5222).
- c. Recommend changes in accordance with "Suggested Improvements" section to improve the management of hunting and fishing on Fort Benning.

Chapter 3 Restrictions

3-1. General.

- a. The 1:50,000-scale Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing Map is used to control recreational use of training areas, including hunting and fishing activities. Sportsmen will familiarize themselves with the most recent 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 special archery hunts published separately.
- b. Hunters shall adhere to the policies contained in MCoE Regulation 210-5 related to the possession, registration, transport, use, and discharge of firearms (see paragraphs 5-5 and 5-6 below).
- c. Hunting and fishing is prohibited in posted dud areas and in areas and facilities posted as "restricted" or an "exclusion area."
- d. Game wardens, military police, and other authorized personnel may search or inspect vehicles entering, traveling through, occupying, or exiting hunting and fishing areas, training areas, and all other areas on the installation.
- e. Littering or dumping on Fort Benning is prohibited.

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

a. Hunter Education Course Requirements. All hunters 12 years of age and older are required to show proof of completion of a hunter education course to hunt on Fort Benning. All hunters 16 years of age and older must purchase a Georgia and/or Alabama License and Fort Benning Post Hunting Permit to be eligible to hunt on Fort Benning. Evidence of completion includes presenting a valid hunter education card at time of license purchase. Valid hunter education cards include those obtained by completing a hunter education course approved by the State of Georgia; this includes hunter education courses certified or mandated by any state wildlife agency or Canadian province. For persons born before 1 January 1961, they must show evidence of successful completion of any hunter education course approved by the State of Georgia or view the Fort Benning Hunter Safety Film and possess a Fort Benning Hunter Education Card (FB Form 18).

b. The following personnel are authorized to hunt and fish on Fort Benning:

- (1) United States Armed Forces active duty personnel.
- (2) United States Armed Forces retired personnel.
- (3) Veterans having a service connected disability of not less than 30 percent.
- (4) Medal of Honor recipients.
- (5) Department of Defense Civilian Employees (appropriated and non-appropriated fund) working full-time or equivalent status regardless of where they work.
- (6) Retired Department of Defense Civilian Employees regardless of where they worked.
- (7) Federal Civilian Employees working full-time or equivalent status on Fort Benning to include, but not limited to, U.S. Postal Service, U.S. Customs Service, and U.S. Army Engineer District, Savannah.
- (8) Retired Federal Civilian Employees (same as paragraphs 3-2b (6) above) who were employed at this installation immediately prior to retirement.
- (9) National Guardsmen and Reservists who are on active status regardless of where they are assigned. See Glossary, Section II for a definition of active status.
- (10) Surviving spouses of military personnel who possess a valid dependent ID card.
- (11) Foreign military personnel assigned to Fort Benning.
- (12) Primary dependents of sponsors listed in paragraphs 3-2.b.(1)-(11) above. A primary dependent is defined as a lawful spouse or an unmarried child (including step children) 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, and any child, regardless of age, living as a dependent due to disability. (See paragraph 3-2b (13) for a discussion of other Family members who may qualify as special guests.) To obtain a hunting or fishing permit, Family members of persons defined in para 3-2b (3-11), without a Government Dependents ID card, shall be accompanied by the sponsor, who must sign a declaration or affidavit attesting to the relationship.
- (13) Guests. Properly approved guests may hunt and fish on the installation, subject to the rules, laws, and other provisions applicable to other hunters, provided they obtain a FB Form 200-3-2 (Fort Benning Guest Permit). Any individual who meets the requirements set forth in paragraphs 3-2.b. (1)-(12) 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.

Note: Contractors are not authorized to hunt or fish unless an authorized person sponsors the contractor and the contractor obtains a FB Form 200-3-2.

c. To obtain a Fort Benning hunting and/or fishing permit, applicants submit the following documents to prove eligibility.:

- (1) Active duty and retired United States Armed Forces personnel - Military ID Card.
- (2) Disabled Veterans - Medical ID Card or DA 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.
- (4) Department of Defense Civilian employees (appropriated and non-appropriated fund) - DoD Civilian ID Card, current Leave and Earnings Statement, and photo identification.
- (5) Federal Civilian Employees (other than DoD Civilian Employees) employed full-time on Fort Benning - Photo identification, current Leave and Earnings Statement and memorandum from supervisor stating that the individual is employed full-time on Fort Benning, and will remain in a 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.
- (6) Retired Federal 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.

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

(8) Primary dependents 16-17 years of age - Dependent ID Card and a written permission statement from the sponsor to obtain permits and licenses.

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

(10) Primary dependents 21 years old or less than 23 years old enrolled in a full-time course of education above high school level and receiving 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. To obtain a Guest Permit (FB Form 200-3-2), the sponsor must be able to show that the guest has an Alabama or Georgia hunting and/or fishing license. Guests are classified into two categories as follows:

(a) Family Members – Family members of persons defined in paragraphs 3-2b, (1)-(11) above may be sponsored by an **authorized sponsor** and purchase an annual guest hunting/fishing permit at the rate of individuals Sergeant and above. A Family member is defined as a son/daughter (including step children), brother/sister, father/mother (including in-laws) and grandchildren. Proof of relationship will be established by an affidavit or affirmation signed by both the sponsor and guest and witnessed by personnel from the permit issuing agency. Blank forms for this purpose are available at the permit issuing agency. Sponsoring an ineligible person as a Family member will result in permanent revocation of sponsors hunting privileges.

(b) Non-Family Members - Persons not described in paragraph 3-2,(13),(a) above may be sponsored as guests and purchase guest hunting/fishing permits on a daily, weekly or monthly basis at guest hunting/fishing rates established for non-Family members by DPW, Conservation Branch and DFMWR.

(c) Persons classified as guests in paragraphs (a) and (b) above are subject to all sponsor/guest provisions discussed elsewhere throughout this regulation.

(d) The Family member guest of an individual who holds an honorary installation hunting or fishing permit will pay the fee that the honorary member would have paid, but for the honorary status.

3-3. Use of privately owned vehicles 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 Drivers License, State ID Card or Passport must be presented to gain access. No vehicle decals or visitor passes are required on any vehicle entering the installation.

b. Off-road motorized 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 requests for exception to this policy in accordance with paragraph 3-2,c above. Documentation of the medical disability must be submitted with this request and must be resubmitted each year to verify no change in status.

c. 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. When picking up or dropping off equipment and/or game, however, an individual may temporarily block another vehicle's passage.

d. Individuals cannot park on or within 200 feet of a construction project.

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

a. **Fort Benning hunting and fishing map.** The June 2011 edition of the 1:50,000-scale Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing Map, published by Range Division, DPTMS, supersedes all previous editions, which are not authorized for use due to significant changes. The map is available for purchase at DFMWR Equipment Resource Center, Bldg 1707, Gillespie Street (behind Wynnsong Theater), and at the Country Store, Uchee Creek Army Campground and Marina.

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

(1) Closed Areas. Areas are closed for recreation on days when they are designated as closed.

(2) Open Areas. These areas are open for hunting with the designated weapons. Prior to entering open areas for recreational activities sportsmen must verify that areas are open by checking the following website: <http://www.benningmwr.com/openareas.php>

for designation and publication of areas open for recreation. Range Division, (DPTMS), prepares Hunting and Fishing Information Sheets designating areas open for hunting (including scouting) and fishing for up to 3 days in the future. These sheets are posted before 1000 daily at the following locations as well for hunters who cannot check the website:

- DFMWR Equipment Resource Center, Building 1707, Gillespie Street, Main Post (behind Wynnsong Theater)
- Provost Marshal's Office, Building 215.
- Conservation Branch, Kiosk, First Division at Tank Trail
- Malone Range 21, Buena Vista Road.
- Country Store, Uchee Creek Army Campground.

c. Range Division designates areas "open" or "closed" for recreational use based upon mission requirements. Hunters and fishermen must verify open areas by checking the Hunting and Fishing Information Sheets posted on the map boards at various locations around the installation or online at: <http://www.benningmwr.com/openareas.php>

d. Sportsmen, persons, individuals in a vehicle, will not bypass sentries, road guards, roadblocks, or closed and locked gates or cables even if the area is open for hunting or fishing. Sportsmen 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.

e. All persons are required to enter or exit the installation at designated access points. All personnel hunting the Georgia side of post will enter and exit through designated, manned access points except that hunters can enter an open hunting compartment on the Fort Benning boundary from off post by foot

f. Hunting or fishing in designated exclusion areas is prohibited. Sportsmen must check the 1:50,000-scale Hunting and Fishing Map to identify the location of exclusion areas. Sportsmen may drive through the exclusion area on an established road or trail to get to an otherwise 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 by foot is permitted provided that weapons are unloaded while within the boundaries of the exclusion area. Sportsmen may not park in an exclusion area.

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

(1) **Archery-only areas.** Sportsmen shall only use weapons identified in paragraph 5-5.b. Archery-only hunting areas include A1, W6, W7, W8, Y1, AA1, AA2 and western portion of AA5. 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 and W-7, W8 and Y1 Archery Areas during appropriate seasons. Waterfowl hunters can check into these areas as they would to bow hunt.

(2) **Shotgun areas.** Sportsmen may only use weapons identified in paragraph 5-5.c. Shotgun areas include: A2, A3, A4, A5, BB1-BB10, S1, S3, S4 and AA3.

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

(4) **Areas designated as open for archery hunting concurrent with training.**

(a) Archery hunting, concurrent with training and other area closures, is permitted in non-live fire exercise (LFX) and non-surface danger zone (SDZ) affected training areas. Archery hunting is defined elsewhere in this regulation.

(b) Under this program areas will be designated as follows:

(I) On the "areas open to hunting" web site and computer generated 'color' Hunting and Fishing Information Sheets by using the color code system described below:

RED - Areas shaded in red are closed for all hunting.

NUMBERED AREA W/PINK BACKGROUND - Areas shaded in pink are closed to fire-arms hunting access for training or other conservation activities, but open for ARCHERY HUNTING ONLY.

NUMBERED AREA W/WHITE BACKGROUND - Areas not shaded (white background) are open for all authorized weapons in that area.

CRIMSON - Areas shaded in crimson are closed for an extended period.

(II) On the map boards and computer generated 'black and white' Hunting and Fishing Information Sheets by using the color code system described below:

BLACK – Areas shaded in black are either impact areas, closed for an extended period of time, or closed for all hunting on that day.

NUMBERED AREA W/WHITE BACKGROUND – Numbered areas with white backgrounds are open for all authorized weapons in that area.

NUMBERED AREA W/GREY BACKGROUND - Numbered areas with grey backgrounds are closed to firearms hunting due to training or other conservation activities, but are open for ARCHERY HUNTING ONLY.

(c) Archery hunters who want to sign into an Archery Hunting Concurrent With Training designated area are required to enter a "9" before the 4-digit training area code.

(d) Archery hunters participating in this program must understand that safety and training remain the commander's top priorities. Under this program, archery hunters cannot hunt within 200 yards of any military equipment, personnel or training event. If a training unit moves inside the 200 yard buffer zone, it is the hunter's responsibility to immediately leave the area without interfering with the training event. 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.

(e) Archery hunters who fail to comply with the special requirements of this program will be suspended for one year from date of incident.

(f) 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 the Hunting and Fishing Information Sheets to determine the eligible areas.

(5) **Named pond areas.** The following named ponds on post (Kings, Weems, Hedleys, and Snelling) have a designated code for checking in to hunt waterfowl. Hunters must check into that pond using the assigned code to hunt waterfowl on the pond.

(6) **Multiple use compartments.** Training compartments on post which are divided by boundaries that separate open to normal hunting and archery only hunting can be checked into for either use. Hunters must be in the correct section of the compartment for the weapon being used for hunting as depicted on the hunting and fishing map.

(7) 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 Conservation Branch for review and determination of qualification. Disabled is defined as: Any person who is restricted to a wheelchair, or is not ambulatory without walking aids (such as, walkers, crutches, and so forth) or a prosthesis, has lost a limb or a vital organ (such as, lung, or is otherwise impaired to the extent that they cannot hunt alone; unassisted, or in a normal manner. Eligibility considered on a case by case basis, to maximize participation in Outdoor Sports by all qualified individuals. All hunters must coordinate with Conservation branch to obtain access a minimum of two days ahead of expected hunt date.

(8) Quality Deer Management area.

(a) All training areas, lying within the area bounded by Buena Vista Road to the south, Upatoi Creek to the west and the north and east boundaries of Fort Benning, have been set aside as a Quality Deer Management (QDM) hunting area. The training areas included are Kilo 1-3, Kilo 10-16, and Kilo 19-37 as delineated on the June 2010 Hunting and Fishing Map.

(b) LEGAL BUCKS WILL HAVE AT LEAST FOUR POINTS (ONE INCH OR LONGER) ON ONE SIDE OF ANTLERS.

(I) Any hunter who harvests a spike buck with greater than three inches of antler above the hairline will be punished with an immediate 30-day suspension of hunting privileges from date of incident.

(II) Any hunter who harvests an antlered buck that does not meet the QDM requirements will be punished with an immediate one year suspension of hunting privileges from date of incident with no appeal.

(c) Hunters are encouraged to harvest at least two does when hunting in the QDM area.

(d) In addition to mandatory check stations listed in chapter 10-1, check stations will routinely be established within the QDM area(s) to collect harvest data. Successful hunters leaving the area are encouraged to stop so data can be collected on their animal.

3-5. Cultural Resources. Individuals may not disturb archeological sites 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. To avoid injuries and possible loss of life, hunting, fishing, and all other recreational activities must be accomplished in a safe and responsible manner. Many restrictions on hunting and fishing activities are based upon safety considerations. Anyone discovering or having knowledge of an accident or incident occurring on the installation will notify the appropriate authorities by the fastest means available.

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. It is recommended that hunters use a small light while traveling to and from their stands or hunting area in periods of limited visibility. Use of a small light will 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 are recommended to wear orange headgear while hunting. 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) This requirement to wear orange is year round 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 on

the Georgia and Alabama portions of the installation during the respective state turkey seasons. The requirement to wear hunter orange extends to all hunters and to all archers during archery season. 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.

(4) Hunters are not required to wear hunter orange when traveling in a vehicle or when on foot no more than twenty (20) feet from a vehicle.

(5) While not required, turkey hunters are encouraged to wear hunter orange when changing locations in the field or when carrying a harvested turkey out of the field.

b. Hunter Control check-in and harvest information. All hunters must check-in to hunting areas. This requirement exists to ensure the number of hunters does not exceed the area's capacity. Hunters may check into up to two hunting areas simultaneously. There is no requirement to check-out of an area at the end of the day, but hunters must check-out of an area before entering a third area in the same day. Hunters will use the automated TELTRACK Hunter Control (545-8387) as the primary method to check-in to a hunting area. The back-up Hunter Control system is a 24-hour answering machine that will be used if the automated TELTRACK system is inoperative. Calls automatically transfer from the automated TELTRACK Hunter Control system to the answering machine backup system. In the unlikely event that both the primary and backup hunter control systems fail, then hunters may hunt after verifying that the area is in fact open for hunting by checking the Daily Hunting and Fishing Information Sheet. Do not call the Military Police Desk to check into an area. Detailed procedures for check in to an area or recording game harvested are provided in chapter 11.

c. Duds. Duds can be found in many areas and must not be handled. Do not pick-up, transport, or remove duds. Hunting and fishing are prohibited in posted dud 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.

e. Safety straps. All persons are required to use a safety strap or harness while hunting off the ground in stands, trees, and other structures.

f. Weapons. Paragraph 5-5 specifies safety restrictions on weapons and ammunition. Paragraph 5-6 reiterates Fort Benning policies on the possession, registration, storage, transport, and discharging of weapons.

Chapter 5 Hunting Regulations

5-1. General

a. Hunters will not hunt within 200 yards or within sight of an area that has been baited unless the bait has been removed completely for ten (10) or more days. A baited area is defined as any place which contains or has contained within the previous ten (10) days, feed, grains, or other consumptive substances capable of luring game.

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

c. 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.

d. 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 wildlife without first coordinating with the Chief, Conservation Branch, DPW, and obtaining a permit from the appropriate state agency, with the exception that from the end of deer rifle season to the end of quail season, hunters can put out pen reared bobwhite quail in the Echo training compartments on days when the compartment is open to normal hunting. Individuals may use Falcons or other birds of prey on Fort Benning provided they comply with applicable Georgia or Alabama law.

e. Named ponds may be utilized for waterfowl hunting with the exception of Russ Pond and Pool, Sand Hill Duck Pond, Twilight Pond, and Victory Pond. Hunting hours on ponds shall end two hours after official sunrise for morning shooting and will not commence earlier than one hour before official sunset for afternoon shooting.

f. Hunters may drive hunt for deer in addition to still/stalk hunting. One person should be designated as being responsible for the drive and ensure that all members are briefed on safety and shooting zones.

g. Individuals sponsoring a guest must accompany that guest while the guest is hunting. For a sponsor to "accompany" a guest, the sponsor must be physically present and/or participating in the hunt and be signed into the same area or areas as the guest. If signed into multiple areas and both sponsor and guest are not occupying the same area, the areas must be adjacent to each other and share a common boundary. If a sponsor and guest travel in separate vehicles, the sponsor and guest can travel separately to a mutually agreed location and meet. Sponsors must ensure that their guests understand and adhere to the policies, regulations, and laws governing hunting, fishing, vehicles, and the possession and use of weapons on Fort Benning. Sponsors whose guests violate these rules are subject to punishment as set forth in Table 8-1, Violations and Penalties.

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

i. Hunting stands, both portable and constructed, may be used on Fort Benning. All hunters are required to use a safety strap or harness while hunting off the ground in stands, trees, and other structures. Stands will not be attached on any tree marked with a single or double white band (Red Cockaded Woodpecker Endangered Species Site). Constructed stands must be marked with the individual's name, phone number, and season date; and will not be placed on utility poles. Stands no longer used or that are structurally unsafe should be dismantled and removed from the area. Hunting must be positioned in an area so that a hunter can legally fire or discharge his or her weapon in accordance with paragraph 5-6(5a-e).

j. Any hunter may use another hunter's constructed stand; however, it is expected that prior to doing so, the hunter will make a courtesy call to the individual whose name is on the stand, consistent with common courtesy and hunter etiquette.

k. 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 the mandatory deer check dates.

l. Tagging game. There is no requirement to tag harvested animals. In addition to filling out either Alabama's Antlered Buck and Turkey Harvest Record (prior to field dressing or moving) or Georgia's Deer Harvest Record (before moving carcass), hunters must report game harvested as per chapter 11 of this regulation. Persons transporting a deer or turkey harvested by another hunter must possess, in writing, the complete name, address, telephone number, Fort Benning Hunting License Number and permit number of the person who harvested the deer or turkey.

m. Training and hunting with dogs.

(1) Dogs are prohibited from use in hunting deer or feral swine on the installation. Dogs used for other legal forms of hunting must have a collar bearing the owner's name, phone number, and proof of vaccination.

(2) Individuals authorized hunting privileges on Fort Benning may train or condition dogs on any designated dove field, LZ or DZ, year-round, except during turkey season and 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 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 7 ½ shot or smaller to harvest those training birds over dogs or use blank ammunition in pistols or shotguns. Individuals must wear hunter orange as described elsewhere in this regulation while training dogs in these areas.

(3) Dogs may be used to hunt bobcat, fox, raccoon and coyote only at night. Use of dogs during daylight hours is allowed for hunting doves, quail, woodcock, waterfowl, squirrel, and rabbits.

n. Trapping on the Fort Benning Military Reservation (other than the separately approved and managed program to eradicate Feral Swine) is prohibited. 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 and medical purposes

only. Game wardens may trap dogs and other domestic animals, as required.

o. Endangered and threatened species.

(1) In accordance with AR 200-1, Environmental Protection and Enhancement,, it is unlawful for any person subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. to harass, harm, or capture any endangered species within the U.S.

(2) Fort Benning is home to many unique and protected species, including the endangered Red-Cockaded Woodpecker (RCW) and the Gopher Tortoise. Sportsmen 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 are urged to be sensitive to environmental concerns and ensure that their actions are consistent with good wildlife management practices. Sportsmen should report violations of this or any other regulation or law to the Military Police Desk at 545-5222.

(3) Hunters may hunt within an RCW cluster site and portable hunting stands may be used on any tree in the cluster not marked with a single or double white band. RCW clusters are marked by white signs designating the area as an Endangered Species Site. Vehicles, of any type, are prohibited from entering or driving through an RCW cluster site on other than established and maintained roads or trails.

(4) All sportsmen in vehicles must keep a watchful eye for Gopher Tortoises and try to avoid them if they are encountered while crossing roadways.

p. The use of any electronic call is prohibited (except that electronic calls may be used to hunt crows, coyotes and feral swine.) The possession of any electronic calling device capable of producing real or imitation calls of any type except when hunting crows or a coyote is prohibited.

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

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

s. Use of electronic or mechanical decoys for turkey hunting is prohibited on the Alabama portions of the installation.

t. Only battery powered lights not exceeding 6 volts or fuel type lanterns may be carried by hunters while night hunting.

u. 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.

5-2. Minimum age requirements

a. Persons younger than 12 years of age must be with a sponsor while hunting, but 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 supervision of an adult sponsor 18 years old or older. Carrying a weapon or weapons for hunting is permitted. To hunt on the Georgia side of the installation, persons 12-15 years of age are not required to possess a Fort Benning Hunting Permit or a Georgia hunting license, if they are considered to be a Georgia resident, except that a Junior Deer Harvest License is required (available at no cost). If they are not considered a Georgia resident, then they will need to purchase a non-resident hunting license to hunt deer 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 a Fort Benning Hunting Permit or an Alabama hunting permit.

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 that hunt must have the appropriate state 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. "Direct adult supervision" is defined as within sight or hearing of a person 18 years old or older.

f. 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.

g. 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.

h. Adult sponsors may not have more than two (2) hunters 12-15 years of age carrying weapons while under their supervision at one time.

5-3. Hunting seasons. Hunting seasons on the Georgia and Alabama side of the installation are in accordance with the respective state seasons and bag limits, with few exceptions, and are listed in chapter 10.

5-4. 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) will be determined by the appropriate federal agency. Hunting waterfowl on ponds shall end two hours after official sunrise for morning shooting and will not commence earlier than one hour before official sunset.

(2) Raccoons, opossums, fox, bobcats, and coyotes may be hunted at night (see table 10-2, chapter 10).

b. Night hunters must check-in through hunter control using the TELTRACK Hunter Control System (automated). Night hunters may not enter an area to hunt at night until one-hour after sunset and must exit the area not 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 reservation.

5-5. 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 by the respective Georgia or Alabama Fish and Game Authorities, except:

(1) The use of buckshot is prohibited for hunting on Fort Benning.

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

(3) It is unlawful to hunt with a bow or gun that has any light source attached that is capable of casting a beam of light forward of the bow or gun or to have in possession such a light source adapted for attachment to a bow or gun, except while hunting legal game at night within the legal night hunting hours. 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 which project a beam or light onto the target are prohibited at all times.

(4) Firearm silencers may not be used for hunting.

(5) Shotguns must be plugged to a maximum capacity of three (3) shells (magazine and chamber combined) except for deer and feral swine hunting. For deer and feral swine, shotguns are limited to five (5) shells.

(6) 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.

(7) Archery hunters may not use or have in their immediate possession a firearm at any time while hunting in an archery-only area. Firearms may be temporarily secured in a vehicle in accordance with MCoE Reg 210-5 while the hunter is parked in an archery only hunting area. In all other areas the following applies:

(a) On the Georgia side of the installation, archers may also carry any approved firearm in accordance with the open season and 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.

(b) 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, bird or animal, except during deer firearms season and subject to restrictions on weapons in certain areas.

b. Legal weapons in Archery-only Areas. Long bows, 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 MCoE Reg 210-5 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 are shotguns, muzzleloaders, bows, and handguns in the following calibers: .357 magnum, .38 special, .41 magnum, .44 magnum, .45 ACP, .454 Casull, 480 Ruger, .45 Long Colt, 9mm parabellum/luger, and 10mm auto.

d. Legal weapons in Rifle Areas. Rifles, muzzleloaders, shotguns, bows, and handguns 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 in accordance with the applicable state's open season and Fort Benning hunting restrictions:

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

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

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

(4) Primitive weapons are bows, to include crossbows (scopes allowed in Georgia but not allowed in Alabama), and muzzleloaders (scopes are allowed in both Alabama and Georgia).

g. Legal weapons for feral swine.

Feral swine may be hunted year round with any weapon approved in accordance with area and training restrictions except during Deer Primitive Weapons (muzzleloading) Season and Turkey Season. During Deer Primitive Weapons Season, they may only be hunted with primitive weapons. During Turkey Season they may only be hunted with approved archery weapons.

h. Legal weapons for turkey.

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

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

(2) Any smoothbore muzzleloading firearm with No.2 or smaller shot.

(3) Any approved archery weapon as defined below:

(a) In Georgia - Any approved archery weapon to include crossbows (scopes allowed).

(b) In Alabama - Any approved archery weapon except crossbows.

i. Legal weapons for waterfowl. Waterfowl may be hunted with any 10-gauge or smaller shotgun loaded with federally approved non-toxic shot of size "T" or smaller. No lead shot may be used or in possession while hunting waterfowl.

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

5-6. Weapons Policies. Fort Benning weapons policies are provided in MCoE Regulation 210-5. The temporary policy is available on the Conservation Branch and DFMWR Outdoor Recreation Websites. Hunters are responsible for reading and complying with Fort Benning weapons policies. Sighting of firearms is strictly prohibited in Cantonment and training areas and is only permitted on approved ranges operating under an opening code obtained from Range Control.

**Chapter 6
Fishing Regulations**

6-1. General.

a. Sponsors must accompany their guests at all times while they are fishing on Fort Benning.

b. Children less than 16 years of age are not required to purchase a Fort Benning Fishing Permit; however, children less than 12 years of age must be accompanied by a sponsor.

c. The Russ Pond/Pool area and the Sand Hill Duck Pond are reserved for children's fishing only. Only children 15 years of age and younger may fish in these areas. 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. Please be aware, signs will be posted when these ponds are closed to fishing.

d. It is unlawful to park within 50 feet of a boat ramp or in such a fashion that will impede others from either launching or retrieving their boat.

6-2. 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 area 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. Fishing with more than two lines is prohibited, except for the areas in which trotlines are allowed. In those areas, state fish and game laws limit the number of trotlines.

d. Seining in streams or ponds is prohibited.

e. Use of fish traps, snatch hooks, or spears is prohibited and will not 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 to gig for frogs.

g. Bows and arrows may be used to take non-game fish in the same areas where trotlines are allowed.

h. Possession of minnows is not allowed in or around any named (managed) pond on the installation, with the exception of Kings and Twilight Ponds.

6-3. Creel limits. Table 6-1, Creel limits, shows limits by species for all waters on Fort Benning other than the Chattahoochee River and its tributaries, where state regulations apply.

Table 6-1. Creel limits (referenced in para 6-3).

SPECIES OF FISH	DAILY LIMIT MINIMUM	SIZE LIMIT
Largemouth Bass Weems* All Other Ponds**	5 15	restrictions below 12" None
Bream (all species)	15	None
Catfish (all species)	8	None
*Weems Pond restrictions - only one bass ≥ 15" per day		
** All other ponds restrictions - only two bass ≥ 14" per day		
NOTE: For all other species, state sport fishing regulations apply. These limits are subject to change. Changes will be posted at the ponds where they apply.		

6-4. Seasons. All ponds and streams on Fort Benning are open to fishing throughout the year, unless closed for management or training. Opening and closing of Averetts, Victory, Snelling, Kings, Weems and Hedley's ponds are designated on the Hunting and Fishing Information Sheets. For other locations, signs at the ponds will state whether fishing is permitted there.

**Chapter 7
Licenses, Permits, and Fees**

7-1. General.

a. 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 that time.

b. A quick information reference is provided in table 7-1, Point of Contact Information.

7-2. 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.

7-3. State license. Anyone who hunts or fishes on Fort Benning must have appropriate hunting or fishing licenses from Alabama or Georgia and must comply with state laws, subject to the following.

a. Active duty personnel. Active duty personnel assigned to Fort Benning who have either a Georgia or Alabama hunting license may hunt on either the Georgia or Alabama side of the installation with that license, but are bound by the rules, such as bag limits and season dates, of the state where they are hunting. Family members, sponsored guests of active duty personnel, 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. Hunter education course requirements. All hunters, 12 years of age and older, are required to show proof of completion of a hunter education course to hunt on Fort Benning. All Hunters 16 years of age and older must purchase a Georgia and/or Alabama License and Fort Benning Post Hunting Permit to be eligible to hunt on Fort Benning. Evidence of completion includes presenting a valid hunter education card at time of license purchase. Valid hunter education cards include those obtained by completing a hunter education course approved by the state of Georgia, this includes hunter education courses certified or mandated by any state wildlife agency or Canadian province. For persons born before 1 January 1961, they must show evidence of successful completion of any hunter education course approved by the State of Georgia or view the Fort Benning Hunter Safety Film and possess a Fort Benning Hunter Education Card (FB Form 18).

c. 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, but not to hunt feral swine.

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

d. 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.

Note: Alabama license exceptions

(1) Military personnel. 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. Active-duty personnel that meet the criteria of the Alabama state law license exemption 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, adhere to 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, or 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 that are hunting or fishing in this status are not entitled to hunt or fish on the Georgia portion of the installation.

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

e. For the purposes of hunting, the Georgia-Alabama boundary shall be the western side of the Chattahoochee river channel (based on channel marker locations).

f. **Fishing in Chattahoochee River.** 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.

Table 7-1, Point of Contact Information (referenced in para 7-

Information	Office	Phone / Website
Automated check in/out of hunting areas To check the status of an area	TELTRACK Hunter Control System (automated)	545-8387
On-line access for areas open on Fort Benning for hunting and fishing	DFMWR Outdoor Recreation	http://www.benningmwr.com/openareas.php
On-line Fort Benning hunting and fishing	Environmental Management Division	http://www.benning.army.mil/garrison/DPW/EMD/wildlife.htm
On-line MCoE Regulation 200-3, Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing Regulation	Environmental Management Division	http://www.benning.army.mil/garrison/DPW/EMD/wildlife.htm
GA hunting and fishing licenses Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing Permits Fort Benning Hunter Access Passes Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing Maps Fort Benning Hunter Safety Cards / Film	DFMWR Equipment Resource Center, Bldg 1707, Gillespie St, Fort Benning Mon 8am-5pm, Tues-Thurs 9am-5pm, Fri 8am-6pm, Sat 8am – 1pm, closed Sun & holidays	545-7978 http://www.benningmwr.com/odr-huntingandfishing.php
GA hunting and fishing licenses Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing Permits Fort Benning Hunter Access Passes Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing Maps Boater Safety Cards	Country Store, Uchee Creek Marina and Campground Mon-Thu 9am-6pm, Fri-Sun 8am-6pm	545-4053 or 7238 http://uchee.benningmwr.com/
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 Dial 545-5222 or 5223 or 5224
Fort Benning telephone numbers Fort Benning operator assistance	Post Operator (24 hrs) (both automated and operator assist)	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)	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, Conservation Branch, Environmental Management Division, Directorate of Public Works	544-7516 or 7319 or 7077
Post controlled burning, forestry, planting	Chief, Land Management Br, DPW	544-7081 or 7075
Timber harvesting, firewood permits	Forester, Forest Resources, USACOE	544-6169
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)	544-6291
Suspension of hunting/fishing privileges Hearing officer for filing appeals	Staff Judge Advocate, Administrative Law Division	545-1564
Fort Benning rifle and pistol shooting range Purchasing rifles and pistols	Fort Benning Rifle & Pistol Club, English Range, Dixie Road Tue, Thu, Fri 12pm – 6:30pm Sat 9am – 5pm, Sun 12pm – 5pm	689-3371 www.rpcrange.com/
Bass Club activities Bass fishing tournaments	Benning Bass Club	http://www.benningbassclub.com/
Fort Benning firearm registration	Vehicle and Firearm Registration Office Bldg 215	545-5223 or 5224
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.		

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7-4. Fort Benning permits.

a. Annual permits. Personnel authorized to hunt and fish on Fort Benning in accordance with paragraph 3-2 above, and who possess a valid State license, may purchase annual hunting and fishing permits. Permits are valid for one (1) year from the date of issuance. All Fort Benning permits (annual or special) are available at the DFMWR Equipment Resource Center, Building 1707, or at the Country Store, Uchee Creek Army Campground and Marina.

(1) Hunting Permits. Persons hunting on Fort Benning, who are 16 years of age or older, must obtain a Fort Benning Hunting Permit. To obtain this permit, a state hunting license is required.

(2) Fishing Permits. A Fort Benning Fishing Permit is required for any person age 16 or older to fish in any waters (pond or stream) on Fort Benning except that the Chattahoochee River may be fished from a boat or the bank without a 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 permit.

(3) Hunting/Fishing Access Pass. The Fort Benning Hunting/ Fishing Access Pass will be issued to all individuals hunting or fishing on Fort Benning, including youth, disabled and honorary permit holders who would not otherwise have to purchase a post permit, for a nominal fee. The pass belongs to each individual hunter/fisherman and shall be displayed so that it can be read through the front windshield from outside the vehicle while the individual is afield at any time of the year. While hunting, scouting or fishing, the Hunting and Fishing Access Pass shall be displayed so that it can be read through the front windshield from the outside of the vehicle while hunting or scouting at any time of the year. All individuals engaging in hunting, scouting, or fishing that are riding in the vehicle are required to display their Hunting/Fishing Access Passes. A hunter may park a vehicle lawfully and ride with another hunter to the hunting site. If a hunter does this, the hunter will display the Fort Benning Hunting/Fishing Access Pass behind the windshield of the second vehicle, not from the parked vehicle.

b. Honorary Permits. Individuals who are eligible to hunt on Fort Benning and who qualify for an honorary state hunting license in either Georgia or Alabama may get an honorary Fort Benning Hunting Permit to hunt on that respective side of the reservation.

c. Guest Permits. Guests, as defined by sub-paragraph 3-2a (13), must be sponsored and possess an appropriate Guest Permit (FB Form 200-3-2). Guest permits are obtained by a guest's sponsor. Guest Permits (FB Form 200-3-2) can be purchased and issued as annual permits for family members or daily passes, monthly weekend passes, or in periods of time of up to 30 consecutive days for non-family member guests. The primary sponsor's name will be entered on the pass at the time of purchase. 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 3 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 Conversation Officer. All sponsors are responsible for their guest as set forth elsewhere in this regulation. **Any guest found to be hunting/fishing without an appropriate authorized sponsor will have his/her permit revoked immediately, be subject to penalties as set forth in this regulation, and be permanently disqualified from being sponsored to hunt/fish on Fort Benning.**

7-5. Fee and permit prices. The CGNRAC, with approval of the Garrison Commander and the Commanding General, set the cost of hunting and fishing fees and are subject to change. Contact the DFMWR Equipment Resource Center, Building 1707 (545-7978) or the Country Store, at Uchee Creek Army Campground and Marina (545-4053) for current fee information.

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

8-1. General. This regulation does not preempt or replace applicable Federal or State laws regarding hunting and fishing. Violations of the provisions of this regulation, State laws (either Georgia or Alabama, depending on location), or Federal laws, may result in severe disciplinary and administrative penalties.

a. As a result of a violation, individuals may lose hunting and 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.

8-2. Policies.

a. Inspections. All individuals must have their state hunting or fishing licenses, Fort Benning permit, 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 enforcement person.

b. Report of violations. Sportsmen are encouraged to report any observed violations of this regulation and/or State and Federal laws to the Military Police Desk (545-5222).

c. Administrative actions.

(1) Individuals observed or reported to be 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. If the individual disagrees and believes that he did not commit an offense, he must, within seven (7) days, file an appeal with the Installation Hearing Officer, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate (545-5234). Failure to contact the Installation Hearing Officer within seven (7) days will constitute waiver of the right to appeal and the suspension will stand.

(2) If an individual files an appeal, he may request a hearing with the Installation Hearing Officer. At this hearing, an individual may present evidence that could help in considering the appeal.

(3) Although an appeal is filed, the suspension remains in effect until the matter is decided. Similarly, privileges remain suspended until the case is decided pending trial in Magistrates Court or U.S. District Court.

(4) The Installation Hearing Officer will consider each case and recommend a decision within two weeks. This recommendation will be forwarded through the Staff Judge Advocate for review and then to the Garrison Commander for action. The Installation Hearing Officer will provide notice of the Garrison Commander's decision to the individual and to the Permit Issuing Activity, the Conservation Branch, DPW, and the Provost Marshal. While there is no further right to appeal of this decision, the hearing officer and the Garrison Commander, may, for good cause shown and in their complete discretion, consider requests for reconsideration.

(5) 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 final action.

(6) A list of the standard Administrative Penalties for various infractions is at table 8-1, Violations and penalties.

(7) A program is established whereby the installation may restore hunting privileges if offenders perform qualified voluntary supervised community service. Table 8-1 indicates the offenses eligible for this program. The offender must request the hearing officer approve participation in this program. The community service shall consist of tasks performed voluntarily under supervision that will benefit the hunting, fishing or outdoors recreation or sports activities. Upon completion of the community service (and after completion of an appropriate Safety Course, if required), offenders may apply to regain their hunting/fishing privileges. Participation in this program is at the complete discretion of the Hearing Officer, and subject to the availability of supervisors.

Table 8-1. Violations and penalties (referenced in para 8-2.c.(6) and (7))

VIOLATION	FIRST OFFENSE	SECOND OFFENSE
Illegal use of artificial light for locating game or hunting [table 10-2, 6]	***Permanent Revocation	N/A
Possession on person or use of drugs or alcoholic beverages while hunting [4-2,d]	***Permanent Revocation	N/A
Guide Hunting for compensation [5-1,h]	***Permanent Revocation	N/A
Unauthorized use of traps, snares, pitfalls, or similar devices to take game [5-1,n]	***Permanent Revocation	N/A
Discharging a weapon from a vehicle [5-6]	***Permanent Revocation	N/A
** Transporting a loaded weapon in a motorized vehicle [5-6]	2 years	*** 5 years
Possession of illegally shot game [table 10-1]	1 year	***5 years
* Hunting in an exclusion area [3-1,c]	1 year	***2 years
Permitting another to fraudulently use your state or post hunting/fishing license/ permit	***Permanent Revocation	N/A
Erecting or affixing a deer stand to a marked RCW cavity tree [5-1,o,(3)]	***Permanent Revocation	N/A
Exceeding creel/bag limits [table 10-1]	1 years	***5 years
Hunting over or taking of game from a baited area [5-1,a]	1 year	***2 years
Bypassing a roadblock, cable, or gate with a vehicle [3-4,d]	1 year	***2 years
** Hunting out of season	1 year	***5 years
** Possession of firearms while hunting deer during archery only season in violation of Paragraph 5-5,a,(7) [5-5, a,(7)]	1 year	***2years
Removal of deer head prior to processing [5-1,c]	1 year	3 years
Removal of deer head prior to processing [5-1,c]	1 year	
Hunting without the prescribed amount of fluorescent orange [4-2,a]	1 year	* 2 years
Hunting/fishing without a valid state license or permit [7-3]	6 months	***1 year
Hunting/running deer or hogs with dogs [5-1,m]	1 year	*** 2 years
Unauthorized use of off-road all-terrain (i.e., 3 or 4 wheelers, etc.) vehicle [3-3,b]	1 year	***2 years
** Carrying a concealed weapon[5-6]	***1 year	***2 years
* Failure of guest to be accompanied by a sponsor [7-4,c]	***1 year	***2 years
* Discharging a weapon across or within 200 feet of a maintained road, infrastructure , construction projects or within 200 yards in the direction thereof [5-6]	1 year	***2 years
Littering and/or dumping [3-1,e]	6 months	***1 year
Failure to complete Georgia license regarding deer harvest before moving the carcass	1 year	2 years
** Hunting with unauthorized weapon or ammunition [5-5,a-i]	1 year	***2 years
Hunting ducks without the appropriate duck stamps [7-2]	1 year	2 years
* Hunting in a closed area [3-4,b]	1 year	***2 years
** Shooting before or after legal hours [5-4,a-b]	1 year	***2 years
Taking of fish by unauthorized means [6-2,a-b]	1 year	***2 years
* Failure to check-in an area through hunter control[chapter 11]	1 year	***2 year
Improper/inadequate safety equipment on boats [9-1,c]	30 days	90 days
Illegal use of combustion engine powered boat on ponds [9-1,d]	60 days	90 days
Failure to display and/or present Vehicle Access Permit [7-4,a,(3)]	60 days	6 months
Failure to check deer during mandatory deer check [5-1,k]	1 year	***2 years
Failure to register harvested game using TELTRACK [chapter 11, 11-2,e]	1 year	***2 years
Failure to adequately supervise guest [5-1,g]	Loss of privilege to sponsor any guest for 90 days.	Loss of privilege to sponsor any guest for 1 year and a 6 month suspension of sponsor's privileges.
Sponsoring an ineligible person as a family member guest [3-2,c,(12),(a)]	***Permanent Revocation	N/A
Failure to comply with special provisions of the Archery Hunting Concurrent With Training program [3-4,g,(4),(a-g)]	1 Year	***2 Years
*Failure to wear safety strap [4-1,e.]	***30 days	***6 months

Table 8-1. Violations and penalties (continued from previous page)

NOTE: Violation of any provision of this regulation for which there is no specific penalty set out above or violation of any State or Federal law relating to hunting or fishing, may result in a suspension of privileges deemed appropriate by the Garrison Commander.

*Indicates a safety violation of Post specific regulation

** Indicates a violation of state regulation. If an offense or violation constitutes a state violation and is denoted with **, the hunter must retake an installation approved hunter safety course and show new Hunter Safety Class Card before hunting privileges can be restored, regardless of whether the period of suspension has passed.

*** A community service program exists whereby hunting privileges may be restored if offenders perform certain qualified, voluntary, supervised services. Offenses indicated by <***> are not eligible for this program. The offender must request the hearing officer to approve participation in this program. The community service shall consist of assigned tasks, performed voluntarily under supervision, which will benefit hunting, fishing or outdoors recreation or sports activities. Upon satisfactory completion of the appropriate combination of suspension and/or community service and successful completion of an appropriate Safety Course if required, offenders may apply to regain their hunting/fishing privileges. Participation in this program is at the discretion of the Hearing Officer and is subject to the availability of supervisors.

Chapter 9 Use of Boats, Motorized Land 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 in accordance to either the State of Georgia or the State of Alabama law, as appropriate.

b. A personal flotation device (vest) is required for each passenger in the boat. This device must be U.S. Coast Guard approved and the appropriate size for the passengers.

c. Any person operating any watercraft on the waters of the installation shall comply with the applicable Federal, Georgia, and Alabama safety rules and regulations relative to boat equipment, operation, lights, and navigation rules.

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, except that 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 ponds and other streams.

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

9-2. Motorized land 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, Conservation Branch (545-7319). 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 is only authorized at King's Pond and at the Uchee Creek Army Campground. Loaded firearms are prohibited in all camping areas. Recreational Vehicle (RV) Camping is allowed only at the Uchee Creek Army Campground. Primitive camping is allowed only at the Uchee Creek Army Campground and King's Pond.

Camp fires are permitted for recreational purposes or cooking food for immediate human consumption. The fire must be in an approved camping area and in a fire pit or ring. 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.

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. Dates: 22 - 23 Oct 2011 and 5 - 6 Nov 2011. Location: Building 5883, Harmony Church.

b. Alabama. Dates: 19 and 20 Nov 2011. Location: Uchee Creek Recreation Area.

c. Additional mandatory deer check in dates, for Georgia and Alabama, will be 25-27 Nov 2011. Location: Building 5883, Harmony Church.

10-2. Season dates and bag limits.

It is the sportsman'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 limit are explained in table 10-1. Table 10-2 explains the seasons and bag limits.

Chapter 11 Hunter Check-in and Game Harvest Reporting Procedures

11-1. General.

All hunters must check in through Hunter Control and report game harvest. The automated TELTRACK Hunter Control System (545-8387) is the primary method to check-in an area and report harvests. The back-up Hunter Control system is a 24-hour answering machine that will be used if the automated TELTRACK system is inoperative. Only touch-tone or cellular telephones may be used to connect to the automated TELTRACK Hunter Control system. Do not call the Military Police Desk to check-in an area.

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

a. Determine which areas are open for hunting.

(1) Review the Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing Map and identify the area you will hunt. The land on Fort Benning has been divided into a number of designated areas as is depicted on the 1:50,000 scale Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing Map.

(2) Review the Daily Hunting and Fishing Information Sheets to verify that the areas you intend to hunt are open for recreational use and for the type weapons you intend to use. Range Division, G-3, prepares Daily Hunting and fishing Information Sheets that note areas open for hunting and fishing for up to 3 days in the future. Officials post these sheets beside the Hunting and Fishing Maps before 1000 daily at the locations listed in chapter 3-4 b(2).

(3) On-line Access. Hunting and Fishing Area Information Sheets are also available on-line at the following website: <http://www.benningmwr.com/openareas.php>

b. Determine the 4 or 5-digit conversion number of the area. The areas on the Hunting and Fishing Map are depicted as letters and numbers (such as area "A1") and must be converted to 4 or 5-digit numbers to use the automated check-in system. The designations for conversion can be found in table 11-1. To obtain a 4 or 5-digit number to check-in an area, combine with the two-digit number listed in the table with the corresponding letter and number of the hunting area.

Examples - For normal hunting convert to a 4-digit number as depicted below:

A09 converts to 0109 W4 converts to 2304

A12 converts to 0112 BB1 converts to 2801

Note: For access to an Archery Hunting Concurrent With Training eligible compartment for the purpose of archery hunting only the conversion would be to a 5-digit number (4-digit number preceded by a '9') and the recording will indicate the hunter is signed in to the respective area for "archery hunting only." Failure to use this 5-digit

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	10 Sep 11 – 14 Oct 11	- Season limit is 10 antlerless deer and 2 antlered deer. - 1 of 2 bucks must have at least 4 points one-inch or longer on one side of antlers Note 1, table 10-2	15 Oct 11 – 14 Nov 11	Same bag limits as GA except: 2 per day; only one of which may be antlered Note 1, table 10-2
Deer (Special Youth Hunt)	15 Oct 11-21 Oct 11		11 Nov 11 – 14 Nov 11	
DEER Primitive Weapon (Muzzleloader & Archery)	15 Oct 11- 21 Oct 11		14 Nov 11 – 18 Nov 11	
DEER Firearm (Firearms, Muzzleloader & Archery)	22 Oct 11 – 15 Jan 12		19Nov 11 – 31 Jan 12	Same bag limits as GA except: 2 per day; only one of which may be antlered Note 1, table 10-2
FERAL SWINE Archery	No Closed Season	No Limit	No Closed Season	No Limit
FERAL SWINE Small Game Firearms and Primitive Weapons	Year round except during Turkey Season	Note 2, table 10-2	Year round except during Turkey Season	Note 2, table 10-2
FERAL SWINE Firearms (Centerfire Firearms)	Year round except during Deer Primitive Weapons (muzzleloader) and Turkey Seasons		Year round except during Deer Primitive Weapons (muzzleloader) and Turkey Seasons	
TURKEY Special Youth Hunt	N/A	3 gobblers per season Note 3, table 10-2	10 Mar 12 – 11 Mar 12	1 per day 3 gobblers per season Note 3, table 10-2
TURKEY Special Disabled Hunt	N/A		14 Mar 12	
TURKEY	24 Mar 12 – 15 May 12		15 Mar 12 – 30 Apr 12	
SQUIRREL	15 Aug 11 – 29 Feb 12	12 per day	1 Oct 11 – 29 Feb 12	8 per day 8 in possession
DOVE	03 Sep 11 – 18 Sep 11 8 Oct 11 – 16 Oct 11 24 Nov 11 – 7 Jan 12	15 per day 30 in possession Note 4, table 10-2	03 Sep 11 – 2 Oct 11 22 Oct 11 – 5 Nov 11 10 Dec 11 – 3 Jan 12	15 per day 15 in possession Note 4, table 10-2
RABBIT	12 Nov 11 – 29 Feb 12	12 per day Note 5, Table 10-2	1 Oct 11 – 29 Feb 12	8 per day 8 in possession Note 5, table 10-2
QUAIL	12 Nov 11 – 29 Feb 12	12 per day	12 Nov 11 – 29 Feb 12	12 per day 12 in possession
CROW	5 Nov 11 – 29 Feb 12	No Limit	Year round except during Turkey Season	No Limit
FOX	1 Dec 11 – 29 Feb 12	No Limit Note 6, table 10-2	15 Oct 11 – 31 Jan 12	1 per day 1 in possession
BOBCAT	1 Dec 11 – 29 Feb 12		15 Oct 11 – 30 April 12	Check Alabama regulations for more details
OPOSSUM	15 Oct 11 – 29 Feb 12		1 Sep 11 – 29 Feb 12	No Limit
COYOTE Small Game Firearms & Archery	Year round except during Turkey Season		Year round except during Turkey Season	Note 6, table 10-2
COYOTE Firearm	Year round except during Deer Primitive Weapons and Turkey Seasons		Year round except during Deer Primitive Weapons and Turkey Seasons	
RACCOON	15 Oct 11 – 29 Feb 12	3 per day Note 6, table 10-2	1 Sep 11 – 29 Feb 12	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	10 Dec 11 – 23 Jan 12	3 per day	18 Dec 11 – 31 Jan 12	3 day/6 possession
BEAR	Closed	N/A	Closed	N/A
ALLIGATOR	Special Permit Only	Note Table 10-2	Special Permit Only	Note Table 10-2

Table 10-2. Explanation of seasons and bag limits (referenced in para 10-1 and table 10-1).

<p>NOTES:</p> <p>1. DEER</p>	<p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 bucks during the entire season. 4) One of the two antlered bucks must have at least four points (one inch or longer) on one side of the antlers. 5) During firearms and archery either-sex seasons in Alabama, two deer maybe harvested per day, only one of which may be an antlered buck. <p>b. Legal primitive weapons are any approved archery or muzzleloading weapons. Muzzleloaders with scopes are legal primitive weapons in both Alabama and Georgia. Crossbows (scopes allowed in Georgia but not in Alabama) are also legal primitive weapons.</p> <p>c. Legal firearm season weapons are bows, muzzleloaders, .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.</p> <p>d. Buckshot is prohibited for deer and all other game on Fort Benning</p> <p>e. All bows must have a minimum pull of 40 lbs. Long bows, recurve bows, and crossbows are all considered as bows in this regulation.</p> <p>f. Special Youth Hunts</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Georgia: Youth Hunters, 15 years of age and younger are authorized to hunt deer with any firearm legal 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 harvest record and meet requirements of chapter 3, para 3-2 and chapter 5, para 5-2. Feral swine Cannot be hunted. 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 5, para 5-2 of this regulation. Youth hunters must have an Alabama Antlered Buck and Turkey Harvest Record. Feral swine cannot be hunted
<p>2. FERAL SWINE</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. c. Feral swine hunting is allowed year round with muzzleloading firearms 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. f. Tags from ear tagged feral swine must be returned to Conservation Branch, Bldg. 5884.
<p>3. TURKEY</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 three (3). 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 (crossbow allowed only in GA). d. Handguns, rifles, and muzzle loading rifles with ball ammunition may not be used to harvest turkey. e. Use of non-mechanical and non-electronic decoys is legal in Alabama and Georgia.
<p>4. DOVE</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. In Georgia and 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 P-3 Landfill. Hunts on P3 Landfill will be scheduled and managed by Conservation Branch.
<p>5. RABBIT</p>	<p>Dogs may be used to hunt rabbit.</p>
<p>6. BOBCAT, FOX, OPOSSUM, COYOTE, RACCOON</p>	<p>Georgia:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Bobcat, fox, opossum, coyote and raccoon may be hunted at night. Coyotes may also be hunting during daytime hours. b. Only battery powered lights not exceeding 6 volts or fuel type lanterns may be carried by hunters for locating these animals. c. These animals may be taken only with small game firearms except coyotes, which may be taken with any approved firearm consistent with season, area and training restrictions during daylight hours, and that only small game weapons may be used for coyotes at night. d. Bobcat and fox may be hunted using manual calls. Electronic calls may be used for coyotes. e. Dogs may be used to hunt bobcat, fox, raccoon and coyote at night. <p>Alabama: Check state regs for additional weapons restrictions and seasons</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Fox, opossum, raccoon may be hunted at night. Coyotes may only be hunted during daytime hours. 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 hrs 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.
<p>7. WATERFOWL</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Steel shot size "T" or smaller is required for all waterfowl hunting. b. Lead shot may not be used.

Table 10-2. Explanation of seasons and bag limits (continued from previous page).

8. 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 Conservation Branch for potential additional opportunities in recreational fish ponds.
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Table 11-1. Four-digit hunter control conversion chart (referenced in para 11-2.2).

MAP	DIGIT	MAP	DIGIT	MAP	DIGIT	MAP	DIGIT
A	01	L	12	W	23	Sand Hill	0003
B	02	M	13	X	24	Custer Road	0004
C	03	N	14	Y	25	Hamlet Creek	0005
D	04	O	15	Z	26	Molnar	0006
E	05	P	16	AA	27	AO Brown	0007
F	06	Q	17	BB	28	Shell Creek EA	0008
G	07	R	18	CC	29	Snelling Pond	3202
H	08	S	19	DD	30	Kings Pond	3204
I	09	T	20	EE	31	Weems Pond	3205
J	10	U	21	Chattahoochee River	0001	Hedleys Pond	3207
K	11	V	22	Weatherby Field	0002		

number for these areas will result in a message stating the area is “closed and off limits”.

Example: For Archery Hunting Concurrent With Training convert to a 5 digit number as depicted below

F03 converts to 90603 G01 converts to 90701
I02 converts to 90902 J03 converts to 91003

c. Access the TELTRACK Hunter Control System(automated) by calling 545-8387 (this is the only Hunter Control telephone number).

d. The system will prompt you to:

(1) Enter your Access Pass Number, followed by the pound sign(#). All hunters, including youth hunters must check in through TELTRACK.

(2) Enter the last four (4) digits of your SSN followed by the pound sign (#).

(3) Continue to follow the automated prompts to check-in an area. You may check into two areas. You may check-in for “today” or for “tomorrow,” but not for both days at the same time.

(4) Hunters must check out of an area before entering a third area in the same day. There is no requirement to check out of an area at the end of the day.

e. In addition to filling out either Alabama’s Antlered Buck and Turkey Harvest Record (prior to field dressing or moving) or Georgia’s Deer Harvest Record(before moving carcass) , hunters must register game using the TELTRACK Harvest Reporting System (Automated) before removing game from the installation. Failure to do so will result in suspension of hunting privileges for one year. To register harvests access the TELTRACK Hunter Control System (automated) by calling 545-8387, select menu item number 4, then follow the automated prompts after you enter your Access Pass Number and the last four digits of your SSN.

11-3. Backup procedures.

a. Backup check-in procedures. If the primary automated Hunter Control system is not working, hunters will be automatically transferred to a backup answering machine. All hunters will then be required to check-in an area by leaving their name, Access Pass number, area to be hunted, and state whether they are checking into or out of the area. Check-in Example: “Bob Knight checking into K12 and K13.” Hunters checking into an Archery Concurrent With Training area should also add the statement, “for archery hunting only.” Example: “Bob Knight checking into F2 for archery hunting only.”

b. Backup harvest reporting procedures. If TELTRACK is down when a hunter calls to enter game harvested, the hunter must enter

harvest information when TELTRACK comes back on line, regardless of the duration it is down. Once the hunter is aware of the fact that TELTRACK is up and running, he/she must report any unreported harvest at that time. Do not report harvest on the TELTRACK backup answering machine. Hunters are only required to check deer, turkeys and pigs into TELTRACK. Failure to do so will result in suspension of hunting privileges for one year.

c. In the unlikely event that both the primary and backup systems fail, hunters may continue to hunt but must confirm what areas are available for hunting on that day by checking the open areas website or information kiosks. Hunters are encouraged to attempt to access the system multiple times. In some instances all phone lines into the system will be busy or the system may be back up and running by the time a hunter actually goes afield, particularly if they tried to check in the day prior. Additionally, the system may be down for maintenance between 2000 and 0230 hours each day.

Appendix A References

Section I

Required and Related Publications

AR 190-5, Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision
AR 190-11, Physical Security of Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives
AR 200-3, Natural Resources-Land Management, Forest and Wildlife Management
MCoE Regulation 190-5, Vehicle Traffic Regulation

Section II

Prescribed and Referenced Forms

SF Form 50 (Notification of Personnel Action)
FB (SD) Form 18 (Fort Benning Hunter Education Card)
(referenced in para 7-3 b)
FB Form 200-3-2 (Guest Permit)
FB (MPA) Form 66 (Temporary Vehicle Permit).

Glossary

Section I

Abbreviations

AR Army Regulation
CB Conservation Branch
CGNRAC CG's Natural Resources Advisory Council
CRD Community Recreation Division
DFMWR Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation
DoD Department of Defense
DPW Directorate of Public Works
EMD Environmental Management Division
FB Fort Benning
ID Identification
MPA Military Police Activity
ORV Off-road vehicle
RCW Red-Cockaded woodpecker
RV Recreational Vehicle
SJA Staff Judge Advocate
MCoE Maneuver Center of Excellence

Section II

Terms

Accompany. To meet this requirement, the sponsor and guest must be properly checked-in through Hunter Control, the sponsor must be physically present and/or participating in the hunt and be signed into the same area or areas as the guest. If signed into multiple areas and both sponsor and guest are not occupying the same area, the areas must share a common boundary and be adjacent to each other.

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.

Baited area. Any place which contains or has contained within the previous ten (10) days feed, grains, or other substances capable of luring game.

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

Bow. A long bow, recurve bow, compound bow, or a crossbow. Bows must have a minimum pull of 40 lbs. Crossbows are prohibited for turkey hunting on the Alabama side of the installation.

Buck. A male deer with antlers (bone) visible above the hair.

Cooperative Agreement. The agreement 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.

Family member. A son/daughter, brother/sister, or father/mother.

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, 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. Roads that are not maintained consist of small roads and trails with a dirt or clay base that receive little or no maintenance and that are only wide enough for one-way vehicular traffic or narrower.

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

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.

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.

Sportsman. Any person engaged in hunting, fishing or other outdoor recreation activities on the Fort Benning, Georgia military installation. This includes those engaged in any out of season activity that would support latter hunting or fishing.

Storage of weapons: A weapon is "stored" at the normal or temporary place the hunter keeps his/her weapon. A hunter does not improperly store a weapon in a vehicle by placing the weapon in the vehicle, if he/she intends to hunt on post that day or has already hunted and will remove the weapon from the vehicle later that day. The rule also applies to other legitimate recreational, sport shooting, or other recognized functions involving the weapon.

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 uncocked crossbow with the bolt removed from the platform.

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

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