

Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing FAQ's 2014-2015 Season

1. **What are some primary things I need to do before going hunting/fishing on Fort Benning**
 - a. Read MCoE 200-3; Hunting, Fishing and Recreation and MCoE 190-11; Weapons Policy.
 - b. If you are going to hunt make sure you have a copy of a valid certificate showing successful completion of a hunter education course.
 - c. Purchase a state license (you can only purchase a resident license for the state in which you reside) and Post permit.
2. **When do Fort Benning Hunting and Fishing Permits expire?**
 - a. Permits expire 15 June each year, regardless of date of purchase. They can be purchased as early as 16 May each year. This process ensures all hunters receive a valid harvest card to coincide with each deer and turkey season.
3. **Who is eligible to hunt/fish autonomously on Benning?**
 - a. *Active Duty and Retired Military, Veterans with 30% service disability, Medal of Honor recipients, DoD Civilians, Retired DoD Civilians, other federal employees working on Post, federal employees retired from Post, Guard/Reserves on Active Status, Surviving Spouses, foreign military personnel assigned to Benning and primary dependants of all above (spouse or child under 21, 23 if in college).*
4. **Who can sponsor a guest?**
 - a. *All individuals 18 years of age or older referenced in question #2 above.*
5. **How many guests can I sponsor?**
 - a. *No limit to the number of guests an individual can sponsor per year but can only sponsor a maximum of three hunters/fishermen **PER DAY**.*
6. **What qualifies me as a family member guest?**
 - a. *Son/daughter (including steps), brother/sister, father/mother (including in-laws), grandchild.*
7. **What is reciprocity for active duty soldiers?**
 - a. *Soldier assigned to Benning can hunt either side of the installation with a valid license from either GA or AL. Must hunt IAW respective states' seasons and bag limits. **THIS ONLY APPLIES TO ACTIVE DUTY SOLDIERS!***
8. **Who is eligible for an honorary post permit?**
 - a. *Anyone eligible for an honorary state license.*
9. **Can youth hunt on Fort Benning?**
 - a. *Yes. Under 12 YOA- must be under direct supervision of a sponsor and cannot carry their own weapon. 12-15 YOA – must be under direct supervision of a sponsor and can carry their own weapon as long as they have successfully completed a state certified hunter education course. No hunter education = Can't carry weapon!*
 - b. *Youth hunter must possess an access pass and honorary state harvest card!*
10. **What state seasons do I abide by?**
 - a. *The respective state you are hunting in, i.e. Georgia or Alabama.*
11. **When do I have to wear hunter orange?**
 - a. *Always, except during turkey season or if you are archery hunting in a bow only or archery hunting concurrent with training area. Read MCoE 200-3 to find other exceptions pertaining to waterfowl and dove hunting.*
12. **How do I know what weapons are authorized for a training area?**
 - a. *Check the most up to date hunting and fishing map, open areas spreadsheet and MCoE 200-3 for weapons restrictions during certain seasons.*
13. **How many deer can I harvest per season/per day?**
 - a. **12 total** on the installation (GA and AL combined) per season, only two of which can be bucks. **BOTH** of the bucks **MUST** have at least 4 points, 1 inch or longer on one side of their antlers; limited exceptions available for

youth hunters. **Read MCoE 200-3 for Quality Deer Management policies.**

- b. Georgia – theoretically you could harvest all 12 in one day, 10 does and 2 bucks,
- c. Alabama – 2 deer per day, only one of which can be a buck.

14. How many turkeys can I harvest per season/per day?

- a. **3 total** on the installation (GA and AL combined) for the season. In AL you can only harvest 1 turkey per day, theoretically you could harvest all 3 in GA on one day as long as you don't exceed the season bag limit of 3.

15. How many pigs can I harvest per year?

- a. There is no limit; feral swine are not considered a game species!

16. Is there any time of the year I cannot hunt feral swine?

- a. You **CANNOT** hunt feral swine with firearms during turkey season or deer muzzleloader season within each state's respective seasons. You **CAN** hunt feral swine with archery year round **EXCEPT** during turkey season.

17. How do I record my harvest?

- a. **All deer, turkeys and feral swine harvested must be reported through the TELTRACK system.**
- b. Post – All deer and turkeys must be recorded on your Post harvest card before you move the carcass.
- c. Georgia – All deer harvested must be recorded on your GA deer harvest record before you move the carcass.
- d. Alabama – All deer harvested must be recorded on AL buck harvest record before you move the carcass. All turkeys harvested must be recorded on your AL turkey harvest record as well.

18. What are legal hunting weapons?

- a. Varies by species, season and area you are hunting in. **Read MCoE 200-3.**

19. Are there any times I cannot hunt with a rifle?

- a. Yes, during turkey season and deer primitive weapons (muzzleloader) season in each state.

20. How do I know where I can hunt on any given day?

- a. Check the TELTRACK open areas website or hunting and fishing information Kiosks.

21. How do I check-in to go hunting?

- a. Call into the TELTRACK automated check-in system – 706-545-8387.

22. What do I do if the TELTRACK system is down?

- a. Leave message on backup system, confirm that the area is open by checking open areas spreadsheet and go hunting.
- b. If you harvest game, record your harvest the next time you call in and realize TELTRACK is running. **DO NOT** record your harvest on the backup answering machine.

23. What if TELTRACK is down and the backup answering machine is full?

- a. Confirm that the area is open by checking open areas spreadsheet and go hunting.

24. How do I check into an archery hunting concurrent with training area?

- a. Frequently, individuals report that TELTRACK will tell them the area is closed when it is scheduled for archery hunting concurrent with training. **YOU MUST** Dial a 9 before the 4 digit compartment code in order to check in or you will get that message!

25. What if I reserve an area for the next day, do I still have to confirm I am checked in and the areas is open before going to hunt?

- a. Per the regulation you do not. However, it is in your best interest to do so. If for some reason the area ended up being closed you may be forced to leave the area in the middle of your hunt.

26. Does the GA closed doe days portion of the season apply on Fort Benning?

- a. No. Does can be harvested until 15 Jan in GA and 31 Jan in AL IAW post and state bag limits.

27. Who do I contact for additional information about hunting and fishing on Fort Benning?

- a. Call the Fort Benning Conservation Branch at 706-544-7516/6428.