

d. A Sikes Act fee for managing fish and wildlife resources and a family morale, welfare, and recreation (MWR) fee for managing recreational aspects of the program will be charged to patrons. The fee is included in the permit prices. The rates will be published annually.

1-7. **INSPECTIONS.** Sportsmen and women must carry their state license, post permits, and proof of identification on their persons for examination upon request by Fort Rucker GLE officers, or state game wardens. Creel and game bags will be made available for examination upon request. Sportsmen and women must have their weapon's registration in their vehicle or in a gun case as they travel on the installation with firearms.

1-8. **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS.** DFMWR will implement the provisions of the common regulatory violations and possible penalties by conducting hearings when applicable and taking necessary actions in those cases where a violator is identified (appendix B). A violator is defined as an individual who is apprehended or issued a summons by Fort Rucker GLE officers, federal game wardens, or state game wardens for violation of this regulation, state or federal laws, or other applicable Army regulations on the Fort Rucker military reservation. Violators will surrender their post hunting, fishing, or trapping permits to the officer making the apprehension, and those privileges will be suspended (appendix B). Any appeal of a suspension will be made IAW paragraph 1-9.

1-9. **RESTORATION OF PRIVILEGES.** Appeals for restoration of hunting, fishing, boating, and trapping privileges will be submitted in writing to DFMWR through DPS (for comment) within 10 calendar days from the date the penalty was issued. The community recreation officer will make a recommendation to the director, DFMWR, who will then determine if restoration of privileges is warranted or justified. Grounds for appeal include, but are not limited to, emergency beyond patron's control, citation issued improperly, or patron called back to unscheduled military duty.

Section II

HUNTING

2-1. CLEARANCE TO ENTER TRAINING AREAS.

a. During all hunting seasons, all hunters must call the Range Operations briefing tape at 334-255-4086 to obtain information regarding training area closures and to complete the mandatory sign-in via the HuntTrac Hunter Control System. It is the hunter's responsibility to check training area closures each period posted daily by DPTMS Range Operations at 1100, 1600, and 2000.

b. Hunters will select an open area of choice. This selected training area assignment shall be binding. Individuals will be allowed to change areas only by calling the Range Operations briefing tape for closed areas, then changing their area through the HuntTrac Hunter Control System. This requirement exists to address safety concerns by ensuring the number of hunters does not exceed the area's capacity, and prevents recreational activities from impeding on training activities. The HuntTrac Hunter Control System will be utilized as the primary method to check into a hunting area. If the HuntTrac Hunter

Control System is inoperative, the backup hunter control system is to call ODR after 0730 at 334-255-4305 and inform them that HuntTrac is inoperative. In the unlikely event that both the primary and backup systems fail, hunters may hunt after verifying that the area is in fact open for hunting by calling the Range Operations briefing tape at 334-255-4086. The last updated briefing will be at 2000. Hunters can register the day before for an area to hunt, but not before the 2000 update of the Range Operations briefing of closed areas. Do not call the MP desk to check-in to a training area.

c. During hunting season, all hunters failing to adhere to the below listed requirements may have their hunting privileges suspended:

- (1) All hunters may only be signed in to one area at a time.
- (2) Upon entering a hunting area, do not block roads, tank trails, etc., when parking the vehicle.
- (3) Hunters must display the ODR registration card in plain view on the dashboard of the driver's side of their vehicle. The ODR card must be filled out legibly and in its entirety.
- (4) Hunters must be out of the hunting areas not later than 1900 standard time, or 2000 daylight savings time (DST). All hunters failing to check out of HuntTrac will be automatically removed by the system at 2000 DST, with the exception of raccoon hunters.
- (5) Hunters will not tamper with or otherwise remove any barricade or gate which prohibits entry into any training area that is closed for training.
- (6) Turkey hunters are not allowed to hunt with a firearm (gun) from an elevated stand.
- (7) Turkey hunters will only possess ammunition legal for hunting turkeys.

d. During deer and turkey hunting seasons, hunters must utilize the collection stations. Collection stations are located across from Range Operations headquarters for training areas north of Highway 27, across from the GLE office south of Highway 27 (Main Post) by the primary boat launch for Lake Tholocco, and at the Newton gate. All hunters must fill out their deer and/or turkey harvest record, to include newly required confirmation number, before removing the animal/bird from the installation. All deer and turkeys must be physically taken to the collection stations to be weighed, measured, and logged in (instructions are posted at all collection stations). Failure to do so will result in a 30-day suspension. Hunters wounding game will make every effort to track down the animal or bird. They will notify the GLE officers (334-255-4735/4213) of lost game. Tracking wounded game into the impact area is prohibited. Tracking for game is not allowed in areas known or suspected to contain UXOs.

e. During turkey season, hunting will be allowed with shotgun shot sizes 6, 7, 7.5 or 8 in bow-only Areas A1, E, F, and I during weekdays. Hunters must register for an area and sign into the area through the HuntTrac System, as depicted on the map issued to hunters. Hunters must call Range Operations briefing tape at 334-255-4068 to obtain information regarding training area closures.

f. Feral hog hunting will be allowed on Fort Rucker in training areas open for hunting IAW the following:

(1) From the beginning of bow deer season until the beginning of gun deer season, hogs may be hunted by bow and arrow only.

(2) From the beginning of gun deer season until the end of gun deer season, hogs may be hunted by:

(a) Rifles or pistols using center-fire ammunition in Areas 1 through 21 only, with the exception of 19E; there are no firearms permitted in 19E.

(b) Shotguns or muzzleloaders in any gun area.

(c) Bow and arrow in any hunting area.

(d) Stalk hunting only; no dogs.

(3) From the end of deer season until the beginning of spring turkey season, hogs may be hunted by:

(a) Rifles or pistols using center-fire ammunition in Areas 1 through 21 only, with the exception of 19E; there are no firearms permitted in 19E.

(b) Shotguns or muzzleloaders in any gun area.

(c) Bow and arrow in any hunting area.

(d) Stalk hunting.

(4) During spring turkey season, no hog hunting is allowed.

(5) From the end of turkey season until the beginning of bow deer season, hogs may be hunted by:

(a) Rifles or pistols using center-fire ammunition in Areas 1 through 21 only, with the exception of 19E; there are no firearms permitted in 19E.

(b) Shotguns or muzzleloaders in any gun area.

(c) Bow and arrow in any hunting area.

(d) Stalk hunting.

(6) Only shotguns with buckshot (no slugs) will be used during wild hog drives.

(7) Only adults (18 years of age or older) are permitted to participate in wild hog drives.

g. All hunters must check in to a specific area using HuntTrac. All hunters must read and comply with section II, paragraphs 2-1a and b, prior to hunting or entering a training area regardless of the season.

h. Blacks Mill Creek is the dividing line for Training Area 15 for hunting purposes. Hunters using Training Area 15 will check in to either the east or west area via HuntTrac.

i. Physical fitness training is not authorized in Fort Rucker training areas.

j. Hunters in area C will not park automobiles on Artillery Road.

k. Firearms: Legal arms and ammunition for hunting on Fort Rucker will be IAW the state hunting regulations. Rifles and pistols using center-fire, mushrooming-type ammunition are authorized for hunting only in Areas 1 through 21, with the exception of 19E; there are no firearms permitted in 19E. Black-powder, muzzle-loading rifles, pistols (.40-caliber or larger) and shotguns (10-gauge or smaller, using buckshot or slugs) are authorized for deer hunting in all gun areas (numbered training areas). Small game hunters may use .22-caliber rimfire firearms (177-caliber pellet or larger) in all gun areas. Handguns will not be concealed at any time.

l. There are three collection stations on the installation. Please utilize them.

(1) Site #1- Bldg. 24204, below the Game Warden Office.

(2) Site #2- Bldg. 24314, Range Operations Off of Highway 27 (POW Range).

(3) Site #3- Inside the Newton gate.

2-2. SAFE OCCUPANCY LIMITS FOR HUNTING/TRAINING AREAS.

a. All hunters must sign in through the HuntTrac Control System to utilize training areas (appendix D). If for any reason HuntTrac is not working, you must call the DPTMS Range Operations briefing tape at 334-255-4086 to verify the training area's status (open/closed).

b. Access to the tree stands require registering for specific tree stands at ODR during regular business hours.

c. Hunter occupancy in Training Areas A1, E, F, and I, is reduced by two-thirds during turkey season. Hunter occupancy is reduced by half in all other training areas during turkey season.

2-3. **HUNTING SEASON.** Hunting on Fort Rucker will be IAW the seasons set forth by the state of Alabama. The Fish and Wildlife Section, DPW, has the authority to close, limit, or restrict hunting seasons and bag limits in any hunting area on the installation for wildlife management/biological reasons. Any changes will be published in the official section of the Weekly Bulletin, posted on the MWR Web site <http://rucker.armymwr.com/us/rucker>, and published in the Army Flier.

2-4. WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION.

a. Firearms.

(1) Only .22-caliber firearms are permitted to dispatch hogs caught in hog traps in any bow only areas with the exception of turkey and quail hunting seasons. There are specific bow only areas that you will be allowed to hunt turkey and quail with a firearm. See para 2-1-e for this regulation.

(2) Legal arms and ammunition for hunting on Fort Rucker will be IAW the state hunting regulations. Rifles and pistols using center-fire, mushrooming-type ammunition are authorized for hunting only in Areas 1 through 21, with the exception of 19E; there are no firearms permitted in 19E. Black-powder, muzzle-loading rifles, pistols (.40-caliber or larger), and shotguns (10-gauge or smaller, using buckshot or slugs) are authorized for deer hunting in all gun areas (numbered training areas). Small game hunters may use .22-caliber or smaller rimfire firearms or air guns in all gun areas. Only .22-caliber rimfire firearms are authorized to dispatch trapped animals in the approved lettered training areas (see appendix G). Handguns will not be concealed at any time.

(3) IAW Army Regulation 190-11, Physical Security of Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives, 5 September 2013, all firearms, to include black powder, (except air guns) brought onto Fort Rucker or into its training areas will be registered with the desk sergeant at the MP Station (Bldg 5001). Do not bring the weapon(s) into the MP Station.

(4) The transporting of a loaded firearm in a vehicle is prohibited. A firearm is considered loaded when an unexpended round is in the chamber and/or magazine. Muzzleloaders are considered unloaded when the cap is removed or flash pan is empty.

(5) Properly registered privately owned firearms may be transported only when traveling to or from a bona fide hunting or sporting activity, as outlined in this regulation, or for authorized storage in unit arms rooms or quarters. The firearm must be transported unloaded in the trunk of the vehicle. The only exception to this provision is a vehicle without a trunk. In these circumstances, the firearm must be transported unloaded, either in a locked compartment or cased and in plain view.

(6) Transporting privately owned firearms on motorcycles is authorized if the firearm is secured in a separate lockable container from ammunition; e.g., saddlebag or lockable faring container.

(7) Transportation of a loaded firearm on Fort Rucker by credentialed police officers is authorized pursuant to performing law enforcement duties.

b. Bow and Arrow.

(1) Bow and arrow equipment will be IAW state regulations. Hunters will not hunt within 200 yards of any housing area, school, riding stable, Ammunition Supply Point (ASP) in Area 19E, or area being utilized for recreational activities.

(2) IAW Alabama State law during bow deer season, hunters are not allowed to have in their possession a bow and firearm (gun).

2-5. **GROUP HUNTS.** A group hunt is defined as a cooperative effort by five or more individuals hunting game on Fort Rucker. Group hunts on Fort Rucker are only allowed for hog hunts and must be approved by the Garrison Commander or his/her delegated authority prior to the hunt. Deer drives, by any number of individuals, are not authorized on Fort Rucker.

2-6. **TREE STANDS.**

a. Construction of a tree stand in no way implies ownership. Permission must be obtained from ODR as to the location prior to construction. All tree stands constructed by private individuals become community property of all patrons/personnel who are authorized to hunt on the installation and will be

used on a first-come, first-served basis. The Fort Rucker installation assumes no responsibility for the construction, condition, or maintenance of tree stands constructed by private individuals. Hunters will use them at their own risk.

b. Temporary tree stands (i.e., ladder stands) will have a placard attached with information denoting the owner's name, the owner's phone number, and the date the stand was emplaced. The placard will be a minimum of 3x5 inches and contained within a waterproof and transparent plastic bag, attached to either the stand or tree in a readily visible location.

c. Falls from tree stands are the most common hunting accidents. Anyone who hunts from an elevated stand is required to use a full-body style safety harness.

d. DFMWR will establish procedures for allocating ODR tree stands. A limited number of tree stands may be erected and maintained by ODR in designated hunting areas. Hunters may not use these areas or tree stands without contacting ODR. The method of assignment and control of these stands is maintained by ODR. A fee will be charged for the use of these tree stands. This does not include privately built tree stands. All hunting regulations and requirements put forth in the main body of this regulation apply to hunting from stands controlled by ODR.

(1) ODR has the overall responsibility for building, maintaining, assigning, and collecting fees for the use of these tree stands.

(2) ODR will be responsible for registering hunters, in person, for the use of tree stands located in Training Area 11.

(3) ODR and Range Operations will be responsible for selecting tree stand construction sites.

(4) The hunter will request his/her assigned tree stand from ODR. ODR personnel will brief the hunter on any special/unusual requirements, and can be contacted at 334-255-4305.

(5) Hunters must park in the designated parking area assigned to the tree stand. Hunters can only hunt in the tree stand that is assigned to the area and hunter.

(6) Should the area be subsequently closed for training, the tree stand fee will be refunded. There will be no refunds for stands not canceled a minimum of 24 hours in advance by the hunter.

(7) Some stands are large enough for one adult and one child. If the additional person is going to hunt, he must meet all the requirements for hunting on Fort Rucker. Stands are not designed for and will not be occupied by two adults.

e. No tree stands will be built or located in the impact area.

2-7. QUALITY DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. Fort Rucker has implemented a Quality Deer Management Program. The Environmental and Natural Resources Division, DPW, will conduct an annual review of harvest data, fawn recruitment, and other biological data pertaining to the deer population on Fort Rucker. A recommendation will be made to the Garrison Commander for his/her

approval about harvest quota, antlerless harvest, and necessary hog and coyote depredation control. An announcement will be made not later than 31 August, prior to the beginning of deer season, detailing the changes to harvest restriction and training area availability for that season.

- a. Antlerless Deer Harvest: None by gun or bow.
- b. Buck Harvest:
 - (1) One buck per day, three points on one side minimum.
 - (2) Two each per season maximum.

2-8. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. On 11 September 2001, Fort Rucker implemented 100 percent access control. All roads and trails, with the exception of Daleville, Enterprise, Faulkner, and Ozark Gates, will be blocked or barricaded. All recreational users must gain access to Fort Rucker through an authorized entry point. Failure to do so could result in loss of recreational privileges.

b. Electronic calls are authorized for varmint hunting, including hogs. Electronic calls can only be used during daylight hours.

c. Hunter orange requirements are:

(1) During the entire State of Alabama firearm deer season, all individuals using training areas, including bow hunters, must wear vests or jackets and headgear of hunter orange (blaze orange, 10-mile cloth) while in a designated gun area (numbered training areas). The vest or jacket must be a minimum of 144 square inches of solid hunter orange and visible from any angle. The headgear must be of solid hunter orange and visible from any angle. A small logo and/or printing is permitted on the front of the headgear.

(2) Persons bow hunting in bow hunting only areas are required to wear, at a minimum, hunter orange headgear of at least 144 square inches, visible from any angle, while moving to and from the tree stand. Once the hunter is elevated 12 feet or higher, hunter orange may be removed. Hunter orange must be on prior to descending from the elevated hunting stand.

(3) Persons duck hunting must wear hunter orange while going to and from the duck blind. It may be removed while in the duck blind.

d. Indiscriminate shooting is not allowed within the confines of the Fort Rucker military installation. Target practice is only allowed at the Privately Owned Weapon (POW) Range, located across from Range Operations. This facility is periodically closed for training; therefore, patrons/personnel should contact Range Operations for times of operation at 334-255-4303/4486. IAW U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence (USAACE) Regulation 600-1, Prohibited and Regulated

Conduct, 26 July 2010, all privately owned firearms, including black powder, must be registered using Fort Rucker Form 818-E (Registration of Privately Owned Weapons) with the MP Station. Before individuals are allowed to fire on the POW Range, they must present a stamped copy of their Fort Rucker Form 818-E and a valid state or federal ID to Range Operations personnel.

e. No discharge of a firearm is permitted within 50 yards of paved roads, gravel roads, or maintained dirt roads or within 200 yards of airstrips, recreational areas, or buildings. The firing of weapons across or along any maintained road is prohibited. Exceptions may be granted for ODR advisory council-sponsored hunts.

f. Cleaning game in housing areas is prohibited. A cleaning shed is located behind the Game Warden Office, Building 24201. For additional information concerning this facility, contact ODR at 334-255-4305.

g. Quail hunting will be allowed in Training Areas (A1, E, F, and I) following the gun deer season with shotguns, 12-gauge or smaller, using shot size 7.5, 8, or 9.

h. Dogs and Horses:

(1) Training or conditioning of hunting dogs on Fort Rucker is limited to the area south of Highway 27, and may be done during daylight hours only, with the exception of raccoon hunting. Water training may be done year-round at Engineer Beach on Lake Tholocco, Beaver Pond on Andrews Avenue near the golf course, or Beaver Lake. Dog training and/or pets are not allowed in the recreational areas at Buckhorn Lake, Ech Lake, and Parcours Lake. Personnel will call the training area briefing tape at 334-255-4086 to obtain information on areas that are available for hunting/training dogs. During the critical ground bird (wild turkey, quail, etc.) nesting and brood-raising period of 1 March to 31 July, there will be no hunting dog training of any kind, except at designated water training areas. Each individual engaged in dog training is responsible for ensuring the dogs remain within the designated area and native game are not molested. There is no training allowed for deer hunting dogs.

(2) Deer and hog hunting with dogs on Fort Rucker are prohibited.

(3) Dogs brought on the installation for hunting shall be properly immunized for rabies. Upon request by proper authorities, GLE officers, state game wardens, federal game wardens, etc., owners of hunting dogs shall make available a copy of rabies vaccination certificates.

(4) The use of horses in conjunction with hunting is prohibited.

i. Raccoon Hunting:

(1) During raccoon season, raccoon hunters will be allowed to hunt at night with dogs IAW Alabama state laws and regulations.

(2) Hunters will also be able to hunt by zones. These zones are north of Highway 27 (Training Areas 1-11), west of Highway 85 (Training Areas 12-31), and east of Highway 85 (Training Areas 32-41), with the exception of bow areas where guns are not allowed.

- (3) Hunters will only be allowed to hunt one zone at a time.
- (4) All hunters must sign in by using HuntTrac. This can be done by signing into the training area that you will begin in (i.e. Training Area 2 which is the north zone).
- (5) Hunters must still:
 - (a) Call Range Operations briefing tape at 334-255-4086, to verify the training area's status (open/closed).
 - (b) Identify the training area and zone on the Vehicle Control Card (i.e. Training Area 2 north of Highway 27)
- j. Vehicles.
 - (1) Hunting from a motor vehicle is prohibited, except as defined in State of Alabama law allowing the use of motor vehicle hunting by handicapped individuals. Motor vehicles will not traverse cross-country through wildlife openings (food plots), through utility line rights-of-way, or around locked gates and cables.
 - (2) Licensed motor vehicles are limited to operation on paved roads, gravel roads, and maintained dirt roads. Unlicensed off-road vehicles and all-terrain vehicles are prohibited; law enforcement, other official agencies, and properly registered handicapped hunters are excluded. Handicapped hunters who are interested in obtaining approval to operate off-road vehicles and all-terrain vehicles (ATV) must contact ODR at 334-255-4305 for details, requirements, and forms.
- k. Possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages and illegal narcotics are prohibited while hunting. This includes traveling to, from, and in assigned training areas.
- l. The use of explosive noise-producing devices (e.g., fireworks, blank pistols, etc.) is prohibited. Training pistols incapable of firing any ammunition but blanks may be used in training hunting dogs. State regulations apply to the use of other types of noise-producing devices (e.g., game and bird calls, rattling antlers, etc.).
- m. All official Fort Rucker regulatory signs will be strictly obeyed.
- n. Outdoor Recreation Safety.
 - (1) Weapons will be loaded only in the hunter assigned training areas. Hunters will inspect, clear, and case their weapons prior to transporting their weapons. Weapons and ammunition will be transported in separate containers and vehicle compartments.
 - (2) No discharge of a firearm is permitted within 50 yards of paved roads, gravel roads, or maintained dirt roads, or within 200 yards of airstrips, recreational areas, fishing areas, lakes, or buildings. Weapons and bows will not be fired in the direction of roads, airstrips, recreational areas, fishing areas, lakes, or buildings. Exceptions will not be granted until the requirements of DA Pam 385-30, Risk Management, 2 December 2014, para 4-5, are met.

(3) Hunters will have in their possession at all times their Alabama State license, Fort Rucker permit, and picture ID card. Sportsmen and women must have their Fort Rucker Provost Marshal weapon registration in their vehicle or in a gun case as they travel on the installation with firearms.

Section III

FISHING

3-1. **SEASONS.** All ponds, lakes, and streams, except Buckhorn Lake and those identified as in the impact area in paragraph 1-3a, will be open for fishing 24 hours a day, training activity permitting. Ponds, lakes, and streams may be closed due to military training or a restocking program. Notice will be published on the MWR Web site (<http://rucker.armymwr.com/us/rucker>) of closed ponds or lakes as well as effective dates of closing. Conspicuous signs will be displayed at all ponds or lakes when closed for any purpose.

3-2. **METHODS.**

a. Fishermen will have in their possession at all times their Alabama State fishing license, Fort Rucker fishing permit, and a picture ID card.

b. **Methods of Fishing.** Rod and reel, hook and line, cane pole, and similar methods of fishing are authorized. Fishermen are limited to two fishing poles or rods per person while fishing off of designated fishing piers on Lake Tholocco. Bait restrictions for small lakes and ponds are outlined in paragraph 3-3 below.

c. **Line Fishing.** Trotlines, throw lines, or setlines (to include jugs) are authorized only under the following conditions:

(1) All such lines will be prominently marked with the owner's last name and Fort Rucker hunting/fishing permit number.

(2) Trotlines will be prominently marked at both ends and will not be located on any span that may interfere with other fishermen's lines or watercraft.

(3) All lines will be checked each 12-hour period.

(4) Trotlines are limited to 200 feet in length and not more than 2 lines per individual.

(5) Trotlines and setlines will not be placed in a water ski area, Area 1 (appendix E).

(6) Glass and metal containers are prohibited for jug fishing. All jugs will be marked with the owner's last name and Fort Rucker hunting/fishing permit number. Jugs will be attended to prevent them drifting into recreational areas.