

2016 FORT KNOX DEER HUNTING INFORMATION

Application periods:

- Archery - 1-15 August (Tier 4 only)
- Gun - 15-31 August (All Tiers)
- Youth - 15-31 August (Under age 16)

** Changes from 2015 are in italics.*

All firearms brought onto Fort Knox must be registered with the Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) prior to the hunt. Fort Knox Form 2759-E (Registration of Privately-Owned Weapons) must be used to register firearms. For more information and the registration form go to: <http://www.knox.army.mil/Garrison/des/psd/firearmsregistration.aspx> or call 502-624-6118 or 6818. Firearms registration will be valid for 3 years and firearms must be declared at access points upon entering the installation.

Deer hunters at Fort Knox are categorized as:

- Tier 1** - Active duty military and members of the Reserve Components, and their family members (see FK Reg. 200-3 for definition of family member)
- Tier 2** - Disabled veterans with $\geq 50\%$ service-connected disability (designated by the VA) and retired military (including the Reserve Components), and their family members
- Tier 3** - Current or retired Department of the Army Civilian Personnel, and their family members
- Tier 4** - Members of the general public

Deer Hunting Seasons:

- Archery – 10 September - 14 November, 30 November - 5 December, and 14 December - 8 January
- Youth – 22 - 23 October and 17 - 19 December
- Quota Gun Hunt – 19 - 20 November, 26 - 27 November, and 10 - 11 December

- Additional seasons for Tier 1-2** – 1 - 10 October (shotgun/muzzleloader)
26 October - 14 November (shotgun/muzzleloader)
30 November - 5 December (shotgun/muzzleloader)

- Additional seasons for Tier 1-3** – 14 - 16 October (muzzleloader only)
17 - 23 December (muzzleloader only)

(See the Extended Gun Deer Hunting Guidelines for hunting area sign-up for the additional seasons.)

- Fort Knox active duty military within 90 days pre/post deployment or on Environmental and Morale Leave (EML) may use shotguns or muzzleloaders from 10 September - 31 January in areas identified for shotgun or muzzleloader hunting on a first-come, first-served space-available basis on days the Hunt Control Office is open. Eligible hunters must show proof of leave status. Hunters may hunt with archery equipment during the extended gun season in areas open for gun, but must wear hunter orange.
- The Fort Knox deer bag limit is 1 antlerless deer and 1 deer of either sex with an archery permit **and** 1 antlerless deer and 1 deer of either sex with a gun permit. The bag limit for the cantonment area either-sex archery quota hunt (Tiers 1-3) and youth hunt is 1 either-sex deer per hunt. One additional antlerless permit is available for purchase for the archery season and one for the gun season. All hunters must possess the appropriate Kentucky Hunting License and Kentucky Deer Permit. Deer harvested on Fort Knox are bonus animals and are in addition to the Kentucky deer bag limits.

Antlered deer – A hunter shall not take or attempt to take an antlered deer with an outside antler spread of less than 12 inches at any time during the general archery or gun deer seasons. An antlered deer is a deer with at least one antler 4 inches long, or longer, as measured from the skin at the base of the antler to the furthestmost tip. Exception - Youth hunters selected to hunt during the organized youth hunts and military hunters on EML, with appropriate documentation, may harvest any deer.

SPECIAL NOTE: A state-issued Hunter Education Certificate is required for hunters age 12-60, however, the one-time Kentucky hunter education exemption is acceptable, but the hunter must be accompanied by an adult that meets the hunter education requirements above.

Application Instructions: Application forms for the Archery, Quota Gun, and Youth Hunts may be obtained from the Hunt Control Office, located at Bldg. 9297, 4916 Wilson Road, the website at www.knox.army.mil/fw, or by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, ENV MGT DIV (IMKN-PWE), DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC WORKS, BLDG 9297, HUNT CONTROL, 125 6TH AVE STE 320, FORT KNOX, KY 40121-5719. Be sure to use the appropriate application for the hunt in which you wish to participate. Each hunter's name, age, DOB, driver's license number and state, address, and appropriate fee must be included. For the Archery and Quota Gun Hunts, no more than 5 hunters may apply on one application. Applications with more than 5 names will **not** be considered for the drawing. Names that appear on more than one application will result in the disqualification of those applications. Permit fees for each hunter must be included with the application along with a self-addressed stamped envelope. Submit only one application with the appropriate fees for that application in an envelope. Envelopes containing more than one application or money orders combining the amounts of

more than one application will be disqualified from the drawing. The Hunt Control Office will not be responsible for lost or misdirected mail. Applicants selected for the Archery and/or Quota Gun Deer Hunt will be notified no later than two weeks prior to the hunt. Applications should be sent to the address above.

Fees: Permit fees for the 2016 Deer Hunts per individual are: Active duty military E1-E6 and their family members are \$15 (see FK Reg. 200-3 for definition of family member); E7-E9, W1-W2, O1-O2 and their family members are \$27; and all others are \$30. Civilian youths under age 16 are \$15. Hunters must use money orders, certified checks, or cashier's checks **made payable to the U.S. Treasury**. No refunds will be made after applicants have been selected. Hunters eligible for free Fort Knox Permits are: Military category dependents (Tier 1-3) under age 16 with verification of age and military status; Kentucky residents 65 years of age or older with KY Senior Citizen Hunting and Fishing License; Honorably discharged veterans of the U.S. Armed Services with a **100% service-connected disability** with a VA letter signed by their doctor or VA ID card stating 100% service-connected disability. **A copy showing verification of the above mentioned status must be attached to deer hunt application to receive a free permit.**

Youth Hunt registration - Up to two youths (under age 16) may apply on one application using the 2016 Youth Gun Deer Hunt Application. There is a non-refundable application fee of \$5 for active duty E1-E9, W1-W2 and O1-O2 dependents and \$8 for civilians and all other military ranks. The Fort Knox Youth Deer Permit is free, however, youth hunters age 12-15 must purchase a Kentucky Youth Hunting License and Deer Permit. The application period is 15-31 August and youth hunters selected for the hunt will be issued **1 either-sex tag**.

Archery Hunt registration - **Tier 1-3 hunters** are **not** required to submit an application, they may purchase their archery permits beginning 15 August at the Hunt Control Office. Verification of military category must be shown. **Tier 4 hunters must** apply by mail using the 2016 Fort Knox Archery Deer Hunt Application (IMKN-PW Form 1328) during the period of 1-15 August.

Quota Gun Hunt registration - All hunting parties (Tier 1-4) must submit a 2016 Fort Knox Quota Gun Deer Hunt Application (IMKN-PW Form 3605) during the period of 15-31 August. **Tier 1-3 hunters** may apply in person at the Hunt Control Office or by mail. **Tier 1-3 hunters must verify military status for everyone on their application by showing valid Identification Cards in person, or by submitting photocopies of ID cards with mailed applications.** Tier 1-3 hunters should list 10 choices of preferred hunting areas in order of preference in the space provided at the bottom of their application. **Tier 1-3 hunters who wish to hunt with Tier 4 hunters must apply as Tier 4.**

Archery Hunt: **Tier 1-3 hunters** are permitted to hunt everyday during the archery season, except Tuesdays or days the Hunt Control Office is closed. **Tier 4 hunters** will be drawn for 1 weekend during the first phase and are eligible to hunt weekdays, except Tuesdays or days the Hunt Control Office is closed, during the first phase and all days during the second and third phases. See Archery Deer Hunting Guidelines for Tier sign-up times. Hunters drawn for the Archery Hunt will be issued 1 either-sex tag and 1 antlerless tag. Hunters selected to archery hunt may also hunt turkey provided they have a Kentucky Fall Turkey Permit and a Fort Knox Fall Turkey Permit. Crossbows are prohibited except for hunters that have a valid crossbow Methods Exemption Permit printed from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources website and signed by a physician; or hunters 65 years of age or older. Only razor sharp broadhead arrows not less than 7/8 inch in width are permitted. Chemically treated arrows or broadheads are prohibited. Mechanical broadheads are permitted.

Quota Gun Hunt: **Tier 1-3 hunters** will be drawn to hunt 2 weekends. They will be assigned to an area by a computerized random drawing using the area choices listed on their application, until all hunters are accommodated. **Tier 4 hunters** will be drawn to hunt 1 weekend and will be assigned to an area and weekend by a computerized random drawing to fill available spaces. Hunters drawn for the Quota Gun Deer Hunt will be issued 1 either-sex tag and 1 antlerless tag. Authorized firearms are 12, 16, and 20 gauge shotguns (**slugs only**), muzzleloading rifles (.38 caliber minimum to .58 caliber maximum; no restrictions on priming methods; smokeless powder is prohibited), muzzleloading shotguns with a single projectile slug, or archery equipment. A solid blaze orange hat and vest, jacket, or coveralls are required during the Quota Gun Deer Hunt. Camouflage orange is **unacceptable** for Fort Knox gun deer hunting. Ground blinds may be used, but must have a blaze orange patch, a minimum of 12 inches by 12 inches (144 square inches), affixed to **all** sides of the blind. Scouting will be permitted before each specific hunt **in areas that are released for recreational use**. An area assignment sheet to scout **must** be obtained from the Hunt Control Office.

Camping at Fort Knox is permitted only at Camp Carlson for military affiliated personnel. However, nonmilitary affiliated personnel may camp there during the Fort Knox deer season (502) 624-4836.

NOTICE: Refer to the Archery Deer Hunting Guidelines and the Quota Gun Deer Hunting Guidelines for specific rules. For further information, log on to our website at www.knox.army.mil/fw or call the Hunt Control Office at 502-624-7311/2712. The Hunt Control Office is **CLOSED ON TUESDAYS**. Hours: Mon, Wed-Sun 9am-6pm.