

# 2016 FORT KNOX EXTENDED GUN DEER HUNTING GUIDELINES

*Note: Changes from 2015 are in italics.*

- 1. Extended gun deer hunting seasons for Tier 1-2 –** 1 - 10 October (shotgun/muzzleloader)  
26 October – 14 November (shotgun/muzzleloader)  
30 November – 5 December (shotgun/muzzleloader)
- Tier 1-3 –** 14 – 16 October (muzzleloader only)  
17 – 23 December (muzzleloader only)

**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

*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.*

## **2. The following completed documents must be in your possession at all times while in the hunting areas:**

- Kentucky State Hunting License (out-of-state hunters need an annual non-resident license).
- Kentucky State Deer Permit (out-of-state hunters need a non-resident deer permit)
- Fort Knox Gun Deer Hunt Permit/tags
- State-issued Hunter Education Certificate - required for hunters age 12-60. 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.
- Recreational Area Assignment Sheet (IMSE-KNX-PW Form 2973)
- Hunters 18 years of age and older must have photo ID.

**3. Hunting Area assignment/clearance:** Hunters must report in person to the Hunt Control Office (Bldg. 9297, 4916 Wilson Road) to sign into a hunting area and obtain a Recreational Area Assignment Sheet. The pink copy of the Recreational Area Assignment Sheet **must** be placed in the driver's side windshield of vehicle and be visible from the outside. You may sign up yourself and 4 others in your tier or a lower numbered tier for an area up to 48 hours in advance, except for the weekends when sign-up will be on Friday for Saturday and Sunday. Hunters may not be signed into more than 1 area at a time. Hunting area sign-up will be at the following times: **Tier 1** - first 30 minutes of operation, **Tier 2** - beginning 30 minutes after opening, and **Tier 3** - beginning 60 minutes after opening. All personnel entering the installation are subject to search at any time by the military police.

**Tier 3** hunters that wish to archery hunt in designated gun deer hunting areas may sign-up if spaces are available beginning at 1:00 PM the day prior, but must follow hunter orange requirements identified below. All hunters **must** clear their hunting area with the Hunt Control Office daily by the prescribed clearance time. Clearance may be done either by calling the Hunt Control Office (502-624-7311 or 2712) or in person, verbally assuring to Hunt Control personnel that you are clear of the area. **Failure to clear on time is grounds for suspension of hunting privileges for 1 year.**

**4.** Hunters must **only** hunt in their assigned hunting area on the assigned dates.

**5.** Legal hunting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to 20 minutes after sunset, or as indicated on the Recreational Area Assignment Sheet. There will be no hunting or scouting on Tuesdays or days the Hunt Control Office is closed.

**6. Bag Limits:** 1 antlerless deer and 1 deer of either sex (antlerless or antlered with an overall antler spread of at least 12 inches) per hunter (quota and extended gun seasons combined). **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 furthest tip. Exception** - Youth hunters selected to hunt during the organized youth hunts and military hunters on EML, with appropriate documentation, may harvest any deer. One additional antlerless permit per hunter may be purchased. Harvested deer **must** be tagged according to the Deer Tagging Procedures instruction sheet attached to each tag. Hunters **must** check their deer at the Hunt Control Office during the extended gun season. Failing to check your deer at the check station will be grounds for suspension of hunting privileges and prosecution. Killing a deer for another hunter is prohibited. Deer harvested on Fort Knox are bonus animals and are in addition to the Kentucky deer bag limits. Eligible gun deer hunters may also harvest 1 bobcat on Fort Knox beginning 30 November. Bobcats **must** be telechecked with the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) at 1-800-245-4263 **and** checked in at the Hunt Control Office. Bobcats harvested at Fort Knox are **not** in addition to the statewide bobcat

limit. There is no limit on the number of coyotes or feral hogs that may be taken.

7. All hunters are required to **wear a solid blaze orange hat and vest, jacket, or coveralls** at all times while in the hunting areas. Camouflage orange is **not** acceptable at Fort Knox. 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.
8. Authorized firearms are 12, 16, or 20 gauge shotguns (**slugs only**), muzzleloading rifles (.38 caliber minimum and .58 caliber maximum), muzzleloading shotguns with a single projectile slug, and archery equipment. Muzzleloader powder charges are limited to a maximum of 100 grains, with no restrictions on priming method. Smokeless powder is prohibited for use in muzzleloaders. Bows must have a minimum 40-pound draw weight; longbows, recurves, or compounds only. Crossbows are prohibited except for hunters that have a valid crossbow Method Exemption Permit printed from the KDFWR website and signed by a physician; or are 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. **Rifles and handguns are prohibited in the hunting areas.**
9. You may have no more than **10 slugs or 10 balls and equivalent black powder** in your possession per hunting day. If you have 10 slugs or muzzleloader bullets on your person and 10 more in your vehicle, you have violated the Fort Knox regulation by having 20 slugs or muzzleloader bullets in your possession.
10. Magazined shotguns will be plugged to hold a **maximum of three slugs**. Over and under shotgun/rifle combinations are prohibited. Failure to have shotguns plugged will be grounds for suspension.
11. Only portable tree stands are permitted. Screw in steps, spikes, and nails that injure trees are prohibited. Tree stands must be removed from the installation by the end of the archery deer season. ***All hunters are required to use a safety harness when utilizing a tree stand at Fort Knox.***
12. All shotguns and muzzleloaders will be unloaded **and fully encased** while at or in a vehicle, and there will be no hunting within 100 yards of an improved road (asphalt or rock based), structure, checkpoint, or airstrip (HAs 6, 13, 35, and 89). No person shall discharge any firearm, bow, or crossbow upon, over, or across any improved roadway or airstrip. Muzzleloaders that are loaded with powder and ball, but not primed, are considered unloaded.
13. Hunters that have a Vehicle Methods Exemption Permit may utilize an off-road vehicle (ORV) to participate in the Fort Knox Extended Gun Deer Hunt. However, the **ONLY** person authorized on the vehicle is the person named on the Vehicle Method Exemption Permit, others are **not** allowed on the vehicle and helmets are required for vehicles not equipped with seat belts and rollcages. There will be no riding around the hunting area; violators will be removed from the installation.
14. Consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages or any intoxicant in the hunting areas or hunting under the influence of any intoxicant is **strictly prohibited**. Glass containers of any type are prohibited in the hunting areas.
15. Baiting wildlife, such as placing grains, *minerals, salt*, fruits, *vegetables, hay*, or any other food materials, whether natural or manufactured, that may lure, entice or attract wildlife, or the possession of such items in the hunting areas is prohibited.
16. Deer driving and stalking deer in hunter groups is prohibited. Stand and individual still hunting are the only authorized deer hunting techniques. Hunters will be cautious and considerate of other hunters at all times.
17. Do not tamper with duds or any other objects and report duds to the Hunt Control Office. Watch for open wells and don't cross any streams during high water periods.
18. All hunters are **required** to possess a current Fort Knox Hunting and Fishing **map** and a **flashlight** while hunting. Maps can be purchased at the Hunt Control Office. A compass and/or GPS are highly recommended, and it is recommended you carry matches/lighter to start a fire in case of an emergency.
19. Junior hunters under age 18 **must** be accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or older. Adults **must** be in a position to take immediate control of a youth's (under age 16) firearm at all times and no more than two youth hunters may hunt with one adult.
20. Privately-owned vehicles are not authorized on unimproved roads, trails, or firebreaks in the hunting areas. Do not park in front of gates or block access to buildings and leave gates as you found them. Hunters must park in or adjacent to their assigned hunting area. Accessing assigned hunting area through a non-hunting area or off-limits area is prohibited (e.g., on-post housing). No parking beyond the baseline on Ashley Range (HA 52), Kennedy and Scott Mountain Ranges (HA 54), or McKie Range (HA 59). All rivers within Fort Knox are off limits. All vehicles will be driven by the most direct, authorized route to and from the assigned hunting area; cruising the training complex is not permitted.