

2016 FORT KNOX QUOTA GUN DEER HUNTING GUIDELINES

Note: Changes from 2015 are in italics.

1. All hunters are required to enter their hunting area as identified on the area guide contact sheet included in your packet. The meeting location point is marked on the map included in the packet. Hunters will be permitted to enter the access points or their hunting area no earlier than **5:30 AM** and may arrive at their hunting area no later than **3:30 PM**. **All hunters must sign in** on the roster with the area guide prior to hunting and **must sign out** prior to leaving the area. Contact your area guide if you are not clear on where in the hunting area he/she will be to sign in on the roster.
2. The following completed documents must be in your possession at all times while in the hunting areas:
 - a. Kentucky State Hunting License (out-of-state hunters need an annual non-resident license)
 - b. Kentucky State Deer Permit (out-of-state hunters need a non-resident deer permit)
 - c. Fort Knox Gun Deer Hunt Permit/tags
 - d. State-issued Hunter Education Certificate for hunters age 12-60. The one-time hunter education exemption is acceptable but the hunter must be accompanied by an adult that meets the hunter education requirements above.
 - e. Hunters 18 years of age and older must have photo ID.

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.

* A Hunter Information/Liability Release form (IMSE-KNX-PW Form 3553) **must** be turned in to the Area Guide prior to hunting.

3. You must hunt **only** in your assigned hunting area on the assigned dates. Hunters are only authorized the most direct route from their hunting area to access points and to the deer check station as directed on the contact sheet. 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). Cruising the training complex is not permitted. All vehicles and hunters are subject to search at any time by Military Police.
4. Legal hunting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise and all hunters must be cleared from their hunting area by their area guide by **5:30 P.M.**
5. **Bag Limits:** 1 antlerless deer and 1 deer of either sex (antlerless or antlered with an overall antler spread of at least 12 inches) may be taken per hunter. **A hunter shall not take, or attempt to take, an antlered deer with an outside antler spread of less than 12 inches. 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.** One additional antlerless tag per hunter may be purchased and is valid **only** on 19-20 November. Harvested deer **must** be tagged according to the Deer Tagging Procedures instruction sheet attached to each tag. Killing a deer for another hunter is prohibited. Eligible gun deer hunters may also harvest 1 bobcat on Fort Knox starting 26 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 appropriate Fort Knox Deer Check Station. 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.
6. Before departing your assigned hunting area, you **must** turn in your vehicle area number and then check out with your area guide. Tier 1 and 2 hunters may leave their hunting area and return to hunt that day (by 3:30 PM), for all other hunters clearing out of their area terminates hunting for the day.
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, or 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 Methods 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. ***All hunters are required to use a safety harness when utilizing a tree stand at Fort Knox.***

12. Report harvest to your area guide, then proceed to the appropriate Deer Check Station (Bldg. No. 9297, 4916 Wilson Road or Mt. Eden North), depending on your area assignment. Failing to check your deer at the check station will be grounds for suspension of hunting privileges and prosecution by Fort Knox officials.

13. 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). **Persons hunting in Hunting Areas 16, 18, or 19 are required to stay outside the off limits area surrounding the ammo supply point as indicated on their map.** 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.

14. Hunters that have a Vehicle Methods Exemption Permit may utilize an off-road vehicle (ORV) to participate in the Fort Knox Quota Gun Deer Hunt. However, the **ONLY** person authorized on the vehicle is the person named on the Vehicle Methods 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.

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. Deer driving and stalking deer in hunter groups is prohibited. Stand and individual still hunting are the only authorized deer hunting techniques.

18. Do not tamper with duds or any other objects and report duds to your area guide.

19. Watch for open wells and don't cross any streams during high water periods.

20. Hunters **must** have the **map** of their area provided in their packet and a **flashlight** in their possession while hunting. Previous map editions may be obsolete. 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.

21. 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.

22. 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.

23. The sportsmen's code of ethics will be exercised at all times: A hunter is expected to take a shot that will result in a clean, quick kill. Hunters will be cautious and considerate of other hunters at all times.

Privately-owned vehicles are not authorized on unimproved roads, trails, or firebreaks in the hunting areas. Vehicles which cannot be extricated by the owner will be removed by commercial wrecker at the owner's expense. Do not park in front of gates or block access to buildings and leave gates as you found them. 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.