

2013 FORT KNOX FISHING GUIDELINES

Note: Changes from 2012 are in italics.

This guide is a summary of the regulation regarding fishing on Fort Knox. All personnel age 16 and over fishing on the Fort Knox Military Reservation are required to possess a valid Commonwealth of Kentucky Fishing License, Senior/Disabled License, or Sportsman's License, in addition to a current Fort Knox Fishing Permit (Fort Knox Fishing Permit not required at Carlson and Dickerson Lakes). A Kentucky Trout Permit is required for trout fishing in all Fort Knox waters.

- NO LITTERING, violators will be cited and permanently suspended. IF YOU CARRY IT IN, CARRY IT OUT!!

ACCESS TO THE INSTALLATION FOR FISHING:

Reference the Fort Knox 1:36,000 Hunting and Fishing Map for the lakes listed below. **A daily Recreational Area Assignment Sheet must be obtained in person at the *Hunt Control Office, Bldg. 9297, Wilson Road, 502-624-7311*, for the following lakes:**

Hunting Area	Lake	Hunting Area	Lake	Hunting Area	Lake
1	Carpenter	95	Woods	<i>112</i>	<i>Lebanon Junction</i>
40A	Marcum	95	Cundiff		
48	Duck Lake	95	Zazios		
48	Wilcox	95	Hudic		

All other rivers, creeks, streams, and any other un-named lakes or ponds also require daily sign-in/out through the Hunt Control Office. Anglers may sign into only one area at a time. Failure to clear by the time stated on the Recreational Area Assignment Sheet may be grounds for suspension of Fort Knox fishing and hunting privileges. If an angler is signed into an area, they **must** clear by phone or in person **each** day, even if they did not go fishing.

Daily clearance must be obtained from the Hunt Control Office to fish at Tobacco Leaf Lake (Hunting Area 14) and West Point Wells (Hunting Area 6); however, a Recreational Area Assignment Sheet is not required for these lakes.

The following managed lakes are open daily with no clearance through the Hunt Control Office required:

Hunting Area	Lake	Hunting Area	Lake
4	Crystal	73	Sanders Springs
9	Carlson*	80	Lower Douglas
16	Ordnance Lake 1	80	Upper Douglas
16	Ordnance Lake 2	TA 11	Dickerson*

* See FINS Section below for special regulations at these lakes.

The portion of Otter Creek 300 yards upstream of the pump station to 200 yards downstream of Camp Carlson is open during daylight hours for fishing. The boundary of this area is delineated by yellow "Trout Fishing Regulations for Otter Creek" signs.

The following lakes and rivers are CLOSED or OFF LIMITS:

Pitts Point Lake Rolling Fork River
 McCracken Springs Reservoir

MANAGED LAKES:

- Gasoline motors are permitted at idle speed only (slowest forward position of throttle).
- Only two poles may be used at one time per person.
- **Possession and use of live minnows and fish for bait are prohibited.**
- **Trotlines, juglines, limblines, seining, trapping, and bowfishing are prohibited.**
- Grass carp must be immediately returned to the waters from which they are caught.

SIZE AND CREEL LIMITS ON MANAGED WATERS (*Other than Carlson and Dickerson Lakes*)

SPECIES	SIZE	CREEL
Trout (Otter Creek): Rainbow Brown	None 12"	6, singly or combined, no more than 3 brown trout
Channel Catfish	None	5
Black Bass	15"	5
Bluegill, Redear, Sunfish	None	20*
Crappie	None	30
Hybrid Striped & Striped Bass	15"	5

* No creel limit on sunfish at Crystal Lake.

Delayed Harvest Trout Program at Otter Creek.

- The delayed harvest program applies to all of Otter Creek within Fort Knox except the portion 300 yards upstream of the pump station to 200 yards downstream of Camp Carlson; there are no restrictions on bait in this portion of Otter Creek.
- In the delayed harvest area, anglers shall use **artificial lures only** from October 1–March 31.
- All trout caught in the delayed harvest area will be immediately released back into the water during the period Oct 1-Mar 31.
- Trout may be kept and organic baits may be used during the remainder of the year.
- Refer to the “Access to the installation for fishing” above for sign in/out requirements.

FINS (Fishing in the Neighborhoods)

Carlson and Dickerson Lakes are enrolled in the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources FINS program. A Kentucky fishing license is required, but a Fort Knox fishing permit is no longer required at these lakes. Special regulations apply at these lakes and are posted on signs. Size and creel limits below:

SIZE AND CREEL LIMITS (Carlson and Dickerson Lakes)

SPECIES	SIZE	CREEL
Rainbow trout (Dickerson only)	None	5
Channel and Blue Catfish	None	4
Black Bass	15"	1
Bluegill and other sunfish	None	15

UNMANAGED LAKES, CREEKS, and STREAMS

Boats and motors are authorized for fishing. All types of bait are authorized except game fish. **Kentucky size and creel limits apply to unmanaged waters.**

-Trotlines are authorized in **unmanaged waters only**, but not more than two lines per person. Kentucky Fishing License and Fort Knox Fishing Permit required. Lines must be tagged at both ends with post Fishing Permit number. No more than 50 single or multi-barbed hooks per line and the hooks must not be closer than 18" apart. Trotlines must be checked at least once every 24 hours, **JUGLINES ARE PROHIBITED.**

-Bowfishing for rough fish is authorized in **UNMANAGED WATERS ONLY.** Kentucky Fishing License and Fort Knox Fishing Permit required. Arrows must be connected to bow by means of a line. Fishing-type arrows only in possession.

FROGGING: From noon-to-noon starting on the third Friday in May thru October 31. Daily noon-to-noon creel limit is 15, possession limit 30.

Gig: Kentucky Fishing or Hunting License and Fort Knox Fishing or Small Game Permit required.

Bow and Arrow: Kentucky Hunting License and Fort Knox Small Game Hunting Permit required. Arrows must be connected to bow by means of a line. Same type of arrows as for rough fish.

CLEARANCE PROCEDURES SAME AS IDENTIFIED ABOVE FOR FISHING ACCESS.

ADDITIONAL RULES:

- Camping at Fort Knox is not allowed, except for military affiliated personnel at Camp Carlson.
- Privately-owned vehicles are not authorized on unimproved roads, trails, dams, or firebreaks.
- There will be no fishing on Quota Gun Deer Hunting weekends, except at Camp Carlson and Dickerson Lakes.
- No open fires allowed.