

2012 FORT KNOX ARCHERY DEER HUNTING GUIDELINES

1. 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 Archery Deer Hunt Permit/tags
 - d. 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.

Additionally, all Tier 4 archery hunters must turn in a Hunter Information/Liability Release form (IMSE-KNX-PW Form 3553) to the Hunt Control Office. Proof of military status for military category hunters and photo ID for residency status must be shown when purchasing permits.

2. Legal hunting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to 20 minutes after sunset, or as indicated on the Recreational Area Assignment Sheet (IMSE-KNX-PW Form 2973). **Season dates are 8 September - 12 November, 28 November - 3 December, and 12 December - 6 January.** There will be no hunting or scouting on Tuesdays or days the Hunt Control Office is closed.

3. **Hunting Area assignment/clearance:** Hunters must report in person to the Hunt Control Office (Bldg. 112, 11th Ave. and Binter St.) 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 for an area up to 48 hours in advance, except for the weekends when sign-up will begin 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:

- First thirty minutes of operation (0900 or 1000) - **Tier 1** - Active duty military and their family members
- Beginning thirty minutes after opening (0930 or 1030) - **Tier 2** - Disabled American Veterans with $\geq 50\%$ service-connected disability as designated by the Veterans Administration (VA), and their family members
- Beginning 60 minutes after opening (1000 or 1100) - **Tier 3** - Retired military, Members of the Reserve Components, current or retired Department of the Army Civilian Personnel, and their family members.
- Beginning 2 hours after opening (1100 or 1200) - **Tier 4** - Members of the general public.

Tier 3 archery hunters may also archery hunt in areas designated for the extended gun deer season on a space-available basis. Sign-up for these areas begins at 1300 the day prior, **after** Tier 1-2 have signed up. **All** hunters hunting in the extended gun season areas **must** wear blaze orange. The dates for this season and sign-up procedures are listed in the Fort Knox Extended Gun Deer Hunting Guidelines.

4. When signing into a hunting area, **record an accurate local phone number, preferably a cellular phone, on the area assignment sheet where you can be reached for emergency purposes and/or clearance verification.** All personnel entering the installation are subject to search at any time by the military police.

5. 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 and 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.**

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) 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 at any time. 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 permit per hunter may be available for purchase for use in specified areas, depending on population levels and if harvest quotas are not met. Harvested deer **must** be tagged according to the Deer Tagging Procedures instruction sheet attached to each tag. Hunters **must** check their deer at the Deer Check Station, which is located at the Hunt Control Office during the archery season. Failing to check your deer at the check station will be grounds for suspension of hunting privileges and prosecution by Fort Knox officials. Deer harvested on Fort Knox are bonus animals and are in addition to the Kentucky deer bag limits. Archery deer hunters may also harvest 3 turkeys (fall archery and gun seasons combined, one bird per day and no more than one bird may have a beard length of 3 inches or longer), provided they have a Kentucky Fall Turkey Permit and a Fort Knox Fall Turkey Permit. Turkeys **must** also be checked in at the Hunt Control Office. Archery hunters may take an unlimited

number of coyotes and feral hogs.

7. The final phase of the archery deer season will be conducted 12 December - 6 January. Hunters eligible to hunt during this phase of the archery season are Tier 1-3 hunters and Tier 4 hunters that were drawn for the early archery hunt that have not harvested the bag limit. Archery deer hunters eligible to hunt during the period 28 November - 6 January may also harvest 1 bobcat at Fort Knox. Bobcats **must** be telechecked with the 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.

8. **Legal Hunting Equipment:** Bows **must** have a minimum 40-pound draw weight; longbows, recurves, or compounds only. Bows may not have any device that holds an arrow at full or partial draw without the aid of the archer. Crossbows are prohibited except for hunters that have a valid crossbow Method Exemption Permit printed from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife website and signed by a physician. Only razor sharp broadhead arrows not less than 7/8" in width are permitted. Chemically treated arrows or broadheads are prohibited. Mechanical broadheads are permitted.

9. Only portable tree stands are permitted. The use of 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 season.

10. All archery 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.

11. 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 streams during high water periods. Be **ABSOLUTELY** sure of your target before you draw your bow. Crush out all cigarettes and no open fires allowed. Always wear a safety belt while in a tree and never climb a tree with your bow, use a pull string.

12. Junior hunters under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult. No more than 2 junior hunters with one adult.

13. No hunting within 100 yards of an improved road (asphalt or rock based), structure, or checkpoint. No person shall discharge any firearm, bow and arrow, crossbow, or other similar device upon, over, or across any improved roadway.

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

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. Firearms or ammunition are not allowed in your possession while archery deer hunting on Fort Knox.

18. 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. 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.

19. Baiting wildlife, such as placing grains, fruits or other natural or manufactured food materials, or the possession of such items in the hunting areas is prohibited.

20. Hunters that have a Vehicle Methods Exemption Permit may utilize an ATV to participate in the Fort Knox Archery Deer Hunt. However, the **ONLY** person authorized on the ATV is the person named on the Vehicle Methods Exemption Permit, others are not allowed on the ATV. There will be no riding around the hunting area; violators will be removed from the installation.

21. Persons that desire to hunt at Fort Knox release the U.S. Government and its agents from liability as identified in the Individual Release of Liability/Hold Harmless Agreement posted in the Hunt Control Office.