

Fort Hood Circular 210-22

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SUMMARY of CHANGE

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This administrative revision, dated 31 August 2025 –

- Updates all season dates to reflect current calendar year.
- Updates means and methods.

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History. This circular (CIR) is an administrative revision. The portions affected by this administrative revision are listed in the summary of change.

Summary. This CIR sets hunting and fishing bag limits and seasons at Fort Hood.

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Chapter 1 Overview

1-1. Purpose

This circular establishes hunting controls, fishing limitations, special lake restrictions, and bag limits and seasons at Fort Hood.

1-2. References

Appendix A lists required and related publications and prescribed and referenced forms.

1-3. Abbreviations and Terms

The glossary explains abbreviations and terms used in this CIR.

Chapter 2 Hunting

2-1. Hunting Controls

This section outlines controls on weapons, seasons, hours of shooting, and possession limits at Fort Hood. Allowances do not exceed those established by the TPWD.

2-2. Game Limitations

Table 2-1 Game Limitations for Morning Dove, White Wing Dove, White-Tipped Dove			
Season	Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Licensing Endorsements
• 1 Sep 2025 - 26 Oct 2025 • 12 Dec 2025 - 14 Jan 2026 • One-half hour before sunrise to sunset • Subject to change per federal mandates	• 15 per day • Not more than 2 white-tipped dove in the aggregate	• 45	• TPWD Migratory Game Bird
Means & Methods			
• Shotgun not larger than 10-gauge with BB-size shot or smaller, plugged with a one-piece filler to a three-shell capacity, including one in the chamber • Smooth bore (shot) muzzleloaders with BB-size shot or smaller • Legal archery equipment			

Table 2-2 Game Limitations for Early Teal			
Season	Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Licensing Endorsements
• 20-28 Sep 2025	• 6 per day	• 18	• TPWD Migratory Game Bird • Federal Duck Stamp
Means & Methods			
• Shotgun not larger than 10-gauge with BB-size shot or smaller, plugged with a one-piece filler to a three-shell capacity, including one in the chamber • Smooth bore (shot) muzzleloaders with BB-size shot or smaller • Legal archery equipment • Approved non-toxic shot only			

Table 2-3 Game Limitations for Duck or Goose			
Season	Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Licensing Endorsements
• Per state and federal regulations	• Per state and federal regulations	• Per state and federal regulations	• TPWD Migratory Game Bird • Federal Duck Stamp
Means & Methods			
• Shotgun not larger than 10-gauge with BB-size shot or smaller, plugged with a one-piece filler to a three-shell capacity, including one in the chamber • Smooth bore (shot) muzzleloaders with BB-size shot or smaller • Legal archery equipment • Approved non-toxic shot only			

Table 2-4 Game Limitations for Bobwhite Quail			
Season	Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Licensing Endorsements
• 1 Nov 2025 - 28 Feb 2026	• 5 per day	• 15	• Upland Game Bird
Means & Methods			
• Shotgun not larger than 10-gauge with BB-size shot or smaller • Smooth bore (shot) muzzleloaders with BB-size shot or smaller • Legal archery equipment.			

Table 2-5 Game Limitations for Spring Turkey Season			
Season	Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Licensing Endorsements
• Spring Season 28 Mar 2026 - 10 May 2026 • Special Youth Season 21-22 Mar 2026 & 16-17 May 2026 • One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset	• 3 tom (male) turkeys • Limit 1 per hunt • Limit 3 turkeys per license year (see Fall Season in Table 2-6)	• Same as bag limit	• Upland Game Bird
Means & Methods			
• Shotgun not larger than 10-gauge with BB-size shot or smaller • Smooth bore (shot) muzzleloaders with BB-size shot or smaller • Legal archery equipment			

Table 2-6 Game Limitations for Fall Turkey Season			
Season	Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Licensing Endorsements
• Fall Season 1 Nov 2025 – 4 Jan 2026 • Archery Only Season 27 Sep 2025 – 31 Oct 2025 • Youth Only Season 24-26 Oct 2025 and 5-18 Jan 2026 • One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset	• 3 bearded turkeys • Limit 1 per hunt • Limit 3 turkeys per license year (see Spring Season in Table 2-5)	• Same as bag limit	• Upland Game Bird • Archery (required during Archery Only Season)
Means & Methods			
• Archery Only Season is limited to legal archery equipment only • Deer Option ○ Shotgun using slug load ○ Muzzleloader ○ Legal archery equipment • Turkey Option ○ Shotgun not larger than 10-gauge with BB-size shot or smaller ○ Smooth bore (shot) muzzleloaders with BB-size shot or smaller ○ Legal archery equipment			

Table 2-7 Game Limitations for White-Tailed Deer			
Season	Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Licensing Endorsements
• General Season 1 Nov 2025 - 4 Jan 2026 • Archery Only Season 27 Sep 2025 - 31 Oct 2025 • Youth Only Season 24-26 Oct 2025 & 5-18 Jan 2026 • Special Late (antlerless and unbranched antler) Season 5-18 Jan 2026 • One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset	• 3 white-tailed deer - not more than: ○ 1 antlerless ○ 1 buck with unbranched antler ○ 1 branch antlered buck with inside spread 13 inches¹ or greater	• Same as bag limit	• Archery (required during Archery Only Season)
Means & Methods			
• Shotgun using slug load • Muzzleloader • Legal archery equipment • Archery Only Season is limited to legal archery equipment only			

Notes: ¹ 13 inches = 331 millimeters

Table 2-8 Game Limitations for Fur-Bearing Animals		
Season	Bag Limit	Possession Limit
• Trapping Season: Per state and federal regulations	• Per state and federal regulations	• Per state and federal regulations
Means & Methods		
• Shotgun not larger than 10-gauge with BB-size shot or smaller • Smooth bore (shot) muzzleloaders with BB-size shot or smaller • Legal archery equipment		

Table 2-9 Game Limitations for Squirrel or Rabbit		
Season	Bag Limit	Possession Limit
• No closed season	• 10 per day	• 20
Means & Methods		
• Shotgun not larger than 10-gauge with BB-size shot or smaller • Smooth bore (shot) muzzleloaders with BB-size shot or smaller • Legal archery equipment • Legal air rifle per state regulations that is at least .177 caliber but not greater than .25 caliber		

Table 2-10 Game Limitations for Unprotected Wildlife		
Season	Bag Limit	Possession Limit
• No closed season	• No limit	No limit
Means & Methods		
• Shotgun not larger than 10-gauge with BB-size shot or smaller • Smooth bore (shot) muzzleloaders with BB-size shot or smaller • Legal archery equipment		

Table 2-11 Game Limitations for Wild Pig		
Season	Bag Limit	Possession Limit
• No closed season	• No limit	No limit
Means & Methods		
• Pig Hunting Option ○ Shotgun using slug load or buckshot ○ Muzzleloader ○ Legal archery equipment • Deer Hunting Option ○ Shotgun using slug load ○ Muzzleloader ○ Legal archery equipment ○ Archery Only Season is limited to legal archery equipment only		
• Small/Non-Game & Turkey Hunting Option ○ Shotgun not larger than 10-gauge with BB-size shot or smaller ○ Smooth bore (shot) muzzleloaders with BB-size shot or smaller ○ Legal archery equipment [Deer and Pig hunting options only available approximately Oct – Jan]		

Chapter 3 Fishing

Table 3-1
Fishing limitations for lakes and ponds on Fort Hood

Game Species	Lake	Season	Size Limit	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Other
Channel & Blue Catfish	All lakes, ponds, and creeks	No closed season	No minimum	15 total • Only 5 greater than 20 inches ¹ • Only 1 greater than 30 inches ²	30	• Archery equipment is prohibited • Hand fishing ("noodling") is prohibited
Flathead Catfish	All lakes, ponds, and creeks	No closed season	Minimum: 18 inches ³	5	10	• Archery equipment is prohibited • Hand fishing ("noodling") is prohibited
All Black Bass	All lakes, ponds, and creeks	No closed season	Minimum: 14 inches ⁴	5 in the aggregate	10 in the aggregate	Includes all black bass; largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass
Crappie (White Perch)	All lakes, ponds, and creeks	No closed season	Minimum: 10 inches ⁵	25	50	
White Bass	All lakes, ponds, and creeks	No closed season	Minimum: 10 inches ⁵	25	50	

Notes:

¹ 20 inches = 508 millimeters

² 30 inches = 762 millimeters

³ 18 inches = 457 millimeters

⁴ 14 inches = 356 millimeters

⁵ 10 inches = 254 millimeters

Table 3-2
Special restrictions for lakes and ponds on Fort Hood

Lake	Restriction
Cantonment B (Kids Pond)	Boats or flotation devices are prohibited at all times. Pond is designated as kids-only fishing. All adults must be accompanied by at least one (1) fishing child 16 years old or younger.
East Lake	Catch and release only. No fish from this pond may be kept for consumption. All fish must be released. This pond is a permitted facility.
Birdbath Lake	Catch and release only. No fish from this pond may be kept for consumption. All fish must be released. This pond is a permitted facility.
Landfill Lake	Per III Armored Corps Garrison Safety, fishing is not permitted in Landfill Lake.
Gray & Bratcher Lakes	Per Directorate of Aviation Operations, fishing is not permitted at Gray or Bratcher Lakes.
Plastic Lined Ponds	Fishing is not permitted in the plastic lined ponds.

Appendix A References

Section I Required Publications

Fort Hood Regulation 210-25

Installation Hunting, Fishing, and Natural Resources Conservation

Texas Park and Wildlife Code

Section II Related Publications

Annual Hunting, Fishing, and Natural Resources Use Guide

Section III Prescribed Forms

This section contains no entries.

Section IV Referenced Forms

FH Form 1853

Fort Hood Distribution Scheme

Appendix B

Glossary

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