

Fort Hood Regulation 210-25

Installation Hunting, Fishing, and Natural Resources Conservation

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SUMMARY of CHANGE

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This administrative revision, dated 31 August 2026 –

- Combines Fort Hood Regulation 210-25, Fort Hood Circular 210-22, and the Hunting, Fishing, and Natural Resources Use Guide into one document.
- Updates season dates throughout the document in accordance with state law.
- Requires recreator to carry an operational cell phone while recreating (para. 4-1.d)
- Updates the permit fees and eligibility (Table 2-1)
- Clarifies feeder marking rules (para. 7-1.n)
- Updates Chapter 3 violations and Penalties section, including administrative penalties (Table 3-1)
- Adds crossing fences to access recreation areas is prohibited (para. 7-2.f)
- Clarifies recreators must have a printed paper copy of their Fort Hood permit on their person while recreating. (para. 1.b)
- Clarifies authorized harvests by check-in activity (para 7-2.ggg; para 7-3.i; Table 7-1; para. 7-4.b; para 7-7.a)
- Updates Fishing Locations, Limitations, and Special Restrictions in the added Appendix B.
- Updates Hunt Seasons, Bag Limits, Possession Limits, Means & Methods, and Endorsements in the newly Appendix C.
- Updates Contacts and Resources in the added Appendix D.
- Updates the Clean, Drain, and Dry Procedures in the added Appendix E.

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History. This regulation is an administrative revision. The portions affected by this administrative revision are listed in the summary of change.

Summary. This regulation implements policy for hunting, fishing, and natural resources conservation on the installation.

Applicability. This regulation is available in electronic media only and is intended for the Regular Army, the Army National Guard/Army National Guard of the United States, and the U.S. Army Reserve; personnel assigned, attached, or employed by Fort Hood; and to all personnel authorized access to the natural resources of Fort Hood military reservation including the bordering Corps of Engineers land extending to the shoreline of Belton Reservoir. Penalties for violations of this regulation apply to military and civilian personnel and include the full range of statutory and regulatory sanctions, encompassing criminal prosecution under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) for personnel subject to its provisions, as well as adverse administrative action and other adverse actions authorized by applicable sections of the United States Code (USC), Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPWD), and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Supplementation. Local supplementation of this regulation is prohibited without prior approval by the Directorate of Public Works (DPW).

Suggested improvements. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) directly to the Commander, United States Army Garrison, ATTN: AMIM-HDP-E, Fort Hood, Texas 76544-5002.

Distribution. This regulation is available in electronic media only and is intended for the Regular Army, the Army National Guard/Army National Guard of the United States, and the U.S. Army Reserve; personnel assigned, attached, or employed by Fort Hood; and to all personnel with authorized access to the natural resources of Fort Hood military reservation including the bordering Corps of Engineers land extending to the shoreline of Belton Reservoir.

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Chapter 1

Introduction

a. Fort Hood must ensure the sustainability of its primary military mission, which is training. **Hunting, fishing, and other recreational use of Fort Hood is a privilege, not a right.** As such, violations of the Fort Hood policies, rules, and regulations can lead to the suspension or termination of privileges. Fort Hood exists for military training, and other uses of the land will not interfere with that mission or other official government business.

b. Possession of a printed paper copy of a valid Fort Hood iSportsman permit (hunting, fishing, or general recreation) does not guarantee use of Fort Hood property for recreational activity. Authorizations may be limited. Access to game, fish, or other resources may be closed without advance notice or refund. Failure to comply with applicable statutes and regulations or falsifying permit information is grounds for revocation of Fort Hood permits without refund and may result in criminal prosecution. Fort Hood complies with federal and state regulations and, in some instances, may be more restrictive.

c. Recreation on Fort Hood is open to the public. Non-Department of Defense civilians registered in iSportsman may be eligible at the discretion of Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) for an extended installation access control pass to expedite entry onto Fort Hood for recreation. Visit the Marvin Leath Visitor Center website, <https://home.army.mil/hood/my-fort/visitor-information>, for more information regarding access to the installation. **Recreators must ensure they qualify to access the Installation prior to purchasing permits to recreate, as those permits are non-refundable.**

d. All firearms must be registered with the Provost Marshal prior to bringing them on the installation. Proof of registration, FH Form 190-19, Fort Hood Firearms Registration Form, must be carried on the person while hunting. Refer to III Corps and Fort Hood Regulation (FH Reg) 190-11, Weapons, for details on registration.

e. Access to Fort Hood is subject to change without prior notice based on force protection requirements.

f. All participants must be environmentally conscientious, adhere to all safety regulations, practice sound ethics, and be courteous, responsible recreators. Good sportsmanship includes being respectful of others and practicing hunter etiquette.

Chapter 2

General Information

2-1. Purpose

a. This regulation establishes policy and promulgates rules and necessary procedures that must be followed for hunting, fishing, and other consumptive and non-consumptive uses of natural resources on the Fort Hood military installation. This regulation was established in accordance with (IAW) Army Regulation (AR) 200-1, Environmental Protection and Enhancement; AR 600-55, The Army Drive and Operation Standardization Program; AR 215-1, Military Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Programs and Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities; AR 350-19, The Army Sustainable Range Program; FH Reg 190-5, Traffic Code; and FH Reg 190-11, Weapons. Fort Hood abides by state and federal regulations; however, the installation has the authority to be more restrictive.

b. The Directorate of Public Works (DPW) Natural and Cultural Resources Management Branch (NCRMB) is responsible for issuing Fort Hood hunting, fishing, and general recreation permits through iSportsman. **Possession of duplicate permits or accounts is prohibited.**

c. Other outdoor recreational activities, to include the skeet range, archery range, golf course, paintball course, mountain biking course, horse stables, and Belton Lake Outdoor Recreation Area (BLORA) activities are functions of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (DFMWR). Visit their website at <https://hood.armymwr.com/> or call (254) 287-2523 or (254) 287-8303.

d. All recreational users are responsible for the knowledge and understanding of-

- (1) FH Reg 210-25, Installation Hunting, Fishing, and Natural Resources Conservation.
- (2) Texas Hunting and Fishing Regulations in the Texas Parks and Wildlife Outdoor Annual.

e. If the iSportsman system is unresponsive due to system outage, the recreator may leave a message on the iSportsman duty phone (254) 535-3295 to report the outage. **The recreator is still responsible for checking out of an area once iSportsman is active.**

2-2. Weapons Information and Firearms Registration

a. Personnel who are using their privately-owned firearms on Fort Hood are required to register their firearms online, at the Marvin Leath Visitor Center, or at the Fort Hood Military Police Desk DES, Bldg. 23020, 58th Street. All up-to-date information may be found at <https://home.army.mil/hood/my-fort/visitor-information/firearms-Registration>.

b. All vehicles entering Fort Hood are subject to random inspection and search. Recreators must declare any firearm they are carrying or in possession of upon entering any Access Control Point (ACP). FH Form 190-19 is required to be on their person while transporting firearms on Fort Hood. Firearms must be unloaded during transport and the ammunition must be stored separately from the firearm. Firearms may be stored in the passenger compartment of a vehicle, as long as the firearm is secured in a locked box or designated container. Firearms must not be readily accessible by persons in the vehicle during transport. Any changes to these procedures based on force protection levels will be posted on the iSportsman website. Archery equipment, crossbows, and air rifles do not require registration or declaration on Fort Hood. **Texas License to Carry Law does not apply on Fort Hood.**

c. Individuals borrowing firearms must obtain and have the following documentation: copy of the owner's Fort Hood firearm registration and a letter from the owner giving the individual (name and date of birth) permission to use the firearm. Letter must identify firearm by make, model, caliber or gauge, and serial number.

2-3. iSportsman, Permit Fees, and Eligibility

a. All users are required to register with iSportsman. Based on data provided, eligibility for permits will be determined in accordance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations within the system. Individuals are responsible for knowing and understanding the requirements for entry onto Fort Hood PRIOR TO purchasing a permit on iSportsman. Eligibility for entry onto the installation is determined by DES Physical Security. Failure to read and understand Fort Hood entry requirements is not the fault of DPW NCRMB and refunds will not be issued. Visit the Marvin Leath Visitor Center website, <https://home.army.mil/hood/my-fort/visitor-information>, for more information regarding access to the installation.

b. Possession of a printed paper copy of a valid Fort Hood iSportsman permit (hunting, fishing, or general recreation) does not constitute authorization to access the installation to hunt, fish, or use natural resources, nor does it guarantee a reservation for such. The paper copy may not be laminated and may not be reduced or enlarged in size.

c. Authorizations may be limited; access to game, fish, or other resources may be closed without advance notice or refund.

d. Failure to comply with applicable statutes and regulations or falsifying permit information is grounds for revocation of Fort Hood permits without refund and other administrative actions and may result in criminal prosecution.

e. Valid permits that are lost or destroyed may be replaced through iSportsman.

f. Possession of multiple paper copies of permits is prohibited.

g. Fort Hood permits are not issued by mail.

h. Permit fees, established IAW the Sikes Act and approved by the Garrison Commander, are listed in the table below. **Permit fees are non-refundable**, and it is the recreators' responsibility to know if they can meet the requirements to recreate on Fort Hood before purchasing a permit.

i. Permit fees are collected via iSportsman and deposited with the Finance Accounting Officer for credit to the Fort Hood Fish and Wildlife Propagation Fund.

j. Recreators are required to complete an online unexploded ordinance (UXO) briefing annually. This must be completed before permits may be purchased. UXO briefing certification expires 1 year from the date the recreator took the training and may not exactly coincide with the recreator's permit expiration date.

Table 2-1 Permit Fees & Eligibility		
Permit Type	Cost	Eligibility
Hunting Permit	\$90	• All persons 17 years of age or over. • Hunting Permit authorizes recreator to participate in General Recreation, and a separate General Recreation is not required.
Youth Hunting Permit	\$20	• Youth ages 9 to 16 years of age must have a Youth Hunting Permit. • Children under the age of 9 are not authorized to hunt on Fort Hood. • Children under the age of 9 are authorized to accompany a parent or guardian hunting but do not need a permit. • Youth that are licensed to drive must have a vehicle range pass.
Fishing Permit	\$40	• All persons 17 years of age or over. • Fishing Permit authorizes recreator to participate in General Recreation, and a separate General Recreation is not required.
Youth Fishing Permit	Free	• Youth ages 9 to 16 years of age must have a Youth Fishing Permit. • <i>Children under the age of 9 do <u>not</u> need a youth fishing permit or an account in iSportsman.</i> • Youth that are licensed to drive must have a vehicle range pass.
General Recreation Permit	\$30	• All persons 17 years of age or over must have a General Recreation Permit, if they do not have a Hunting or Fishing Permit.
Youth General Recreation Permit	Free	• Youth ages 9 to 16 years of age must have a Youth General Recreation Permit, if they do not have a Youth Hunting or Fishing Permit. • <i>Children under the age of 9 do not need a permit or an account in iSportsman.</i> • Youth that are licensed to drive must have a vehicle range pass.

k. Eligibility for youth-specific permits will be verified in iSportsman. When a youth turns 17, it is the individual's responsibility to contact iSportsman staff to change the user type for the next permit year.

l. Hunter Education Certification:

(1) As per AR 350-19, The Army Sustainable Range Program, and AR 215-1, Military Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Programs and Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities, it is **mandatory for all hunters** to have a state-approved Hunter Education Certification.

(2) Hunter Education Certification documentation must be carried on the hunter while in the field and available to view when requested by law enforcement.

(3) Most states have approved courses available at a nominal fee and recognize each other's courses. Fort Hood recognizes all states' certifications.

(4) Texas Parks and Wildlife exemptions and Hunter Education deferment **do not apply on Fort Hood.**

(5) Bow hunter certification is not a substitution for hunter education.

Chapter 3 Violations and Penalties

3-1. Violation of Regulations, State Laws, and Federal Statutes

When a violation of this regulation, Texas state laws, or federal statutes is observed, all personnel should immediately notify the Fort Hood DES Police Desk. When any Fort Hood recreation permit is purchased, the permittee is responsible for the knowledge of all applicable rules, laws, and regulations that pertain to the activity in which the permittee is conducting or participating. Violations of said rules, laws, and regulations are punitive and violators are subject to all or parts of the following: citation, prosecution, suspension, or revocation of privileges.

3–2. Suspension and Revocation of Fort Hood Recreation Privileges

a. This regulation does not preempt or replace applicable UCMJ, State laws, or Federal laws regarding recreation on Fort Hood. Violations of the provisions of this regulation, UCMJ, State laws, or Federal laws may result in severe disciplinary and administrative penalties.

b. As a result of a recreation or administration violation, individuals may lose privileges and have their personal equipment confiscated. Additionally, individuals may face criminal charges in U.S. Magistrate Court or District Court. In these cases, in addition to the loss of recreation privileges, individuals may have to pay a fine and/or appear before the U.S. District Court and face more serious penalties.

c. Individuals violating any regulation or law relating to hunting, fishing, or recreating on Fort Hood will have their privileges suspended immediately and their permit may be revoked. If an individual is cited for committing any criminal offense, privileges will immediately be suspended and/or revoked until the case is decided by forfeiture of collateral or pending trial in U.S. Magistrate Court or District Court.

d. The DES Game Warden will inform DPW NCRMB of the citation.

e. When a suspension is activated for a user, the suspension of privileges applies to all recreation including “no check-in/check-out” fishing.

f. When a recreator receives a citation from law enforcement, they must immediately vacate the premises.

g. The Environmental Division, NCRMB, may prevent individuals from purchasing a permit to recreate on the installation, or revoke recreational privileges once a permit is purchased, due to misconduct, dishonesty, harassment, or other unbecoming conduct regarding the hunting, fishing, and general recreation program. Any individual known to have made threatening or harassing comments, or comments that threaten non-compliance with the laws, regulations, and rules expressed in this regulation through any form of communication is grounds for permanent revocation of recreation privileges on Fort Hood. This also includes threatening or harassing comments regarding the program, its staff members, or government equipment or resources.

h. A person suspended or banned will be notified in writing through the iSportsman system and may file an appeal to the Garrison Commander. **Any suspension of 90 days or less may NOT be appealed.** For suspensions over 90 days, the recreator must send correspondence to the email address listed on the iSportsman site, <https://fthood.isportsman.net/Contact.aspx>, with the detailed reason for the appeal. DPW NCRMB will staff the appeal to the Garrison Commander and will respond to the recreator once a decision has been made.

i. Restrictions comply with federal and state regulations and, in some instances, may be more restrictive.

3–3. Violations and Penalties

a. Violations of this regulation need only to be proven by preponderance of the evidence to impose administrative action. The suspension of recreation privileges is an additional administrative action in conjunction with any judicial or punitive actions.

b. Violators are on suspension starting at the time the violation is cited through the end of the duration of the administrative penalty. Administrative penalties will begin after the violation is legally adjudicated in court or a ticket has been paid. Proof of adjudication or payment must be submitted to the email address listed on the iSportsman site at <https://fthood.isportsman.net/Contact.aspx>.

c. In the instance of a UCMJ action, a DA4833 Commander's Report of Action must be submitted to the email address listed on the iSportsman site at <https://fthood.isportsman.net/Contact.aspx>. This may come directly from the Commander or DES Crime Records, Bldg. 23020.

d. Receipt of a ticket or notice to appear in court is not required for an administrative penalty to be assessed or implemented. Administrative penalties may be assessed for verbal or written warnings.

e. If a violation is not adjudicated by midnight on 31 August, the associated administrative penalties will be assessed under the current hunting season/year's FH Reg 210-25. Administrative penalties will not be retroactive to the previous hunting season/year's regulation.

f. There will be no refunds for permits for any recreator suspended based on a violation citation.

g. Repeat or multiple violations may result in the revocation of recreation privileges on the installation.

h. Table 3-1 provides a list of common violations; however, other violations not listed may be cited or penalized administratively. This is not an all-inclusive list.

Table 3-1 Common Violations			
Violation	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense
Failure to check-out of an area on iSportsman <i>Note: This penalty may not be appealed without a screenshot of a confirmation number at check-out.</i>	15 days	30 days	180 days
Operating a vessel without a proper Personal Flotation Device (PFD) per the state requirements.	15 days	30 days	180 days
Failure to call in or notify DES Police Desk that individuals will be tracking an animal after hours.	15 days	90 days	1 year
Hunting from a stand that has been abandoned in the field. Hunting from any stand that was not packed in/out by the recreator is prohibited.	30 days	180 days	1 year
Hunting, fishing, or pursuing game or otherwise recreating in any area other than the assigned area the recreator is checked in, OR the recreator is not checked in to an area on iSportsman. <i>Note: Taking/harvesting wildlife may result in an indefinite revocation of privileges on the first offense.</i>	45 days	1 year	Indefinite
Shooting an undersized buck, shooting a buck in a “doe only” area, or shooting a doe in a “buck only” area.	60 days	1 year	Indefinite
Damaging or destroying trees or other vegetation. This includes, but is not limited to, using permanent or semi-permanent climbing pegs, or clearing for line of sight outside the allowances of the regulation. <i>Note: Damages exceeding a value of \$5000 as determined by the Fort Hood Agronomist will result in an indefinite revocation of privileges on the first offense.</i>	90 days	180 days	Indefinite
Use of unauthorized ammunition for the check-in activity type.	90 days	180 days	Indefinite
Failure to use the most direct route to and from the assigned area or the check station as required.	90 days	1 year	Indefinite
Possessing a weapon in unimproved areas or training areas without being signed in for authorized hunting activities in iSportsman.	90 days	1 year	Indefinite
Leaving hanging feeders in the field outside allowable date range (1 September – 31 January) or not labeling feeders correctly.	90 days	1 year	Indefinite
Off-roading or mudding.	90 days	1 year	Indefinite
Use of another recreator’s permit information without the permit holder’s authorization.	90 days	1 year	Indefinite
Not possessing a Texas State Hunting or Fishing permit.	90 days	1 year	Indefinite
Failure to bring deer, pig, or turkey harvested directly to game check station.	180 days	1 year	Indefinite
Leaving any deer stand or blind in the training areas overnight.	180 days	1 year	Indefinite
Littering or illegal dumping.	180 days	1 year	Indefinite

Table 3-1 Continued. Common Violations			
Violation	1st Offense	2nd Offense	3rd Offense
Damaging, destroying, or threatening to damage or destroy, government property in the field. <i>Note: Damages exceeding a cost of \$5000 to the government will result in an indefinite revocation of privileges on the first offense.</i>	180 days	1 year	Indefinite
Participating in, or otherwise involved in, tournament hunting, including “varmint” or “predator” hunting contests and tournaments on the installation.	180 days	Indefinite	
Harassing, assaulting, or otherwise hindering the duties of government and contract employees while on duty. <i>Note: Assault will result in an indefinite revocation of privileges on the first offense.</i>	180 days	Indefinite	
Harassing, assaulting, or otherwise hindering other recreators while in the field. <i>Note: Assault will result in an indefinite revocation of privileges on the first offense.</i>	180 days	Indefinite	
Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while recreating.	180 days	Indefinite	
Utilizing game/trail cameras or other photographing equipment without express written permission of Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS) Force Protection.	1 year	Indefinite	
Intentionally disturbing any aspect of trapping operations including pest control, animal control, or wildlife management.	1 year	Indefinite	
Recreating or trespassing in the live fire or impact area.	1 year	Indefinite	
Use of unauthorized weapon(s).	1 year	Indefinite	
Transporting a loaded weapon in or on a vehicle, or possession of more than one weapon.	1 year	Indefinite	
Hunting from a vehicle.	1 year	Indefinite	
Failure to abide by instructions of Game Wardens or other law enforcement in the field.	1 year	Indefinite	
Firing any weapon in an unsafe direction or manner.	1 year	Indefinite	
Use or possession of narcotics or any other recreational drugs while recreating.	Indefinite		
Withholding information, or conspiring with another to withhold information, hindering or otherwise obstructing law enforcement officers.	Indefinite		

Chapter 4

General Information for all Recreators

4-1. Requirements and Reminders

a. For fishing, hunting, or otherwise recreating on Fort Hood individuals must possess a printed paper copy of a valid Fort Hood permit obtained through iSportsman, a valid Texas hunting license or fishing license or special license with applicable endorsements, if applicable for the activity, and a valid vehicle range pass issued through iSportsman. Recreators must maintain a printed paper copy of their Fort Hood permit on their person while recreating on Fort Hood. The paper copy may not be laminated and may not be reduced or enlarged in size.

(1) Possessing a General Recreation permit authorizes recreators to participate only in general recreation activities – ***hunting and fishing is not permitted with a General Recreation permit.***

(2) Possessing a Hunting or Fishing iSportsman permit authorizes recreators to also participate in general recreation activities.

b. A valid vehicle range pass issued through iSportsman. Recreators are responsible for updating and maintaining current contact, address, and vehicle information in iSportsman prior to accessing Fort Hood.

Note: Recreators are responsible for the accuracy of the information printed on their vehicle range pass. Visibly display vehicle range passes in the windshield/dash of the recreator's vehicle while in the field. The recreator's vehicle range pass must always be legible and visible. If a recreator has multiple vehicles, each vehicle must be registered in the iSportsman system. A vehicle range pass should be printed for each specific vehicle. Instructions can be found on the iSportsman website. Failure to do so can result in a citation in conjunction with an administrative suspension of recreational privileges. Unidentified vehicles are subject to towing and impoundment at the owner's expense.

c. Natural resource access is denied to persons who: are barred from the military installation, violate resource conservation regulations, or use these resources for commercial gain.

d. Recreators must have, on their person, an operational cellular phone with information associated with their iSportsman account while checked in for recreation. This is for safety purposes and accountability in emergency situations.

e. Public use of Fort Hood's natural resources is a controlled activity and may be closed without advanced notice for training, safety, security, or at the convenience of the government.

f. The primary mission for Fort Hood is military training and military readiness. ***All recreators, including anglers at "no check-in/out" ponds, must stay at least 500 meters (550 yards) from military units, military personnel, and military equipment/vehicles.*** If military personnel are in the same training area while checked in for hunting, the hunter must exit the area and notify the Game Warden and Range Operations immediately. ***Do not confront the military personnel.*** If training is occurring in an adjacent training area, no recreational activity may occur within 500 meters (550 yards) of military units, military personnel, and military equipment/vehicles.

g. The recreator is responsible for his/her individual iSportsman account access. Sharing login ID/password information is discouraged. Unauthorized use of another recreator's permit information (e.g. checking-in participants without their permission) is prohibited and may result in loss of recreational privileges.

h. It is the permit holder's responsibility to update any changes to contact information or vehicles in iSportsman. Changes to customer type can only be changed by iSportsman staff and require the permit holder to contact the iSportsman staff via phone, (254) 535-3295, or send correspondence to the email address listed on the iSportsman site, <https://fthood.isportsman.net/Contact.aspx>, to request changes. If DPW NCRMB staff attempt to contact an individual and the phone numbers are invalid, the account will be placed on hold and all recreational activity authorizations suspended until contact information is updated in iSportsman.

i. Entering a training area or unimproved area of Fort Hood for any purpose without required access authorization, documentation, permits, and clearances is prohibited and constitutes trespassing. Accessing training areas for recreational activities without authorization, entering the training area under false pretenses, participating in an activity for which the recreator is not authorized, and failure to obey applicable laws and regulations will subject the violator to arrest, citations, and suspension of recreational access privileges.

j. If the recreator's vehicle becomes disabled, call for local towing/recovery service. The Game Warden Section does not provide towing/recovery service. Disabled vehicles are not permitted to remain

in the training area overnight.

k. **Recreators are not to** confront other recreators in the training areas to discuss any perceived problems/issues/concerns/etc. Contact the DES Police Desk (254) 287-4001 and request Game Warden assistance. If there is imminent danger, dial 9-1-1. Only law enforcement personnel have the authority and jurisdiction to enforce laws and regulations.

l. **Recreators are not** to disturb any equipment that does not belong to them. Any unauthorized recreator equipment found in the training areas may be reported to Game Warden through the DES Police Desk or to the email address listed on the iSportsman site, <https://fthood.isportsman.net/Contact.aspx>, but should not be removed by the recreator.

m. Recreators must leave the area immediately if asked by law enforcement or government personnel. Interfering with military training or government business is prohibited.

n. Uncontrolled or unscheduled outdoor recreational activities within the installation's training areas are prohibited. Contractual activities and certain guided outdoor and recreational activities may be permitted. See para. 4-4, "Access by Organizations."

o. Accident prevention is the number one priority. Safety is everyone's responsibility. Blatant disregard for safety, rules, and regulations will result in suspension of recreational privileges. See Chapter 3, "Violations and Penalties." In case of an emergency, always let family or friends know where the recreator is going. Recreators are encouraged to use a buddy system to enhance safety in the field, and to avoid recreating alone.

p. Off-roading (mudding/rock crawling) with vehicles is **not authorized on Fort Hood**. No driving/parking on dams, driving in dry/running creek beds (crossing a creek is permitted) or creating new trails. Any vehicles caught off-roading and/or determined to have damaged government property could be charged in federal court for violating 43CFR 9268.3, 18 USC 1361 and/or applicable statutes.

q. Dirt bikes and All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) are prohibited. Dual-purpose motorcycles that are duly registered and licensed as street legal are authorized in the training areas as a means of transportation; however, off-roading and mudding are prohibited.

r. Fort Hood conducts prescribed burns throughout the year, and wildfires are a regular occurrence during the year. Damage to personal property (Example: temporary feeders) left in the areas is a possibility. Prescribed burns are posted on the U.S. Army Fort Hood Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/forthoodarmy>, and on the iSportsman page to keep recreators informed. Personal property used/left on Fort Hood is at the recreator's own risk.

s. Prior to accessing Fort Hood, FH Form 190-19, Fort Hood Firearms Registration Form, must be obtained when in possession of a firearm.

t. Training and construction that includes excavation, earthmoving, or any turning of the soil requires an approved dig permit, FH Form 200-10, Coordination of Land Excavation and Water Use, as required by FH Reg 200-1, Environmental and Natural Resources. Return disturbed areas to original condition at project completion.

u. Food plots and other planting activities require a dig permit, FH Form 200-10, Coordination of Land Excavation and Water Use, and will be in accordance with DPW NCRMB regulations. Any plant species planted on Fort Hood must be approved, in writing, by DPW NCRMB. Food plots may not be fenced.

v. Report uncontrolled wildfires to the DES Fire Department. See Appendix D, "Contacts and Resources," for telephone numbers.

w. When in endangered species habitat, follow training guidelines and the approved Endangered Species management plan.

x. Do not disturb fish and wildlife management or soil conservation projects, such as wildlife food plots, trap sites, survey lines, fish habitat enhancements, flood control or silt retention sites.

y. Damage to fences or other structures will be repaired by the unit or persons responsible and will be subject to citation by DES.

z. Access to the recreation areas is only authorized via official entry points on trails or roadways. Climbing fences or cutting fences to access recreation areas is prohibited.

4-2. Prohibited Activities

a. Interfering with military training or government business.

b. Possession or consumption of alcohol while in the training areas or other unimproved areas while participating in recreational activities.

c. Leaving juveniles 15 years of age and under in the training areas or other unimproved areas without

adult supervision. An adult is defined as someone 18 years and older. The adult must have appropriate permits.

- d.* Use of metal detectors and removal of scrap metal or cultural artifacts.
- e.* Magnet “fishing”.
- f.* Collect or possess raptor feathers, migratory bird feathers, or any bird eggs, nests, or other bird parts. This does not include feathers from legally harvested game birds.
- g.* Excavating, digging for, or otherwise removing, archeological resources or cultural artifacts.
- h.* Cave or rock shelter exploration. Do not enter caves, disturb cave sites or fauna found in them, dump trash in caves, or vandalize/tamper with cave gates. Due to inherent dangers, all unauthorized personnel must remain 50 feet away from all rock shelters and caves.
- i.* Trailblazing or construction of new roads. Recreators must use existing roads and tank trails.
- j.* Possess a handgun on Fort Hood except when legally stored at a domicile or in legal transit to and from a range activity.
- k.* Target practice of any kind in the training areas or unimproved cantonment areas to include any types of firearms, archery equipment, BB guns, pellet guns, airsoft, or paintball guns. Only authorized ranges and paintball course may be used.
- l.* Intentionally harassing, assaulting, or otherwise hindering recreational opportunity of other recreators.
- m.* Remove any equipment from areas that is not the property of the permitted recreator.
- n.* Take or capture any wildlife species or natural resources from Fort Hood for commercial purposes or financial gain.
- o.* Live-capture any wildlife species for personal ownership (i.e. capturing wildlife to keep as a pet).
- p.* Possess, pick up, move, or otherwise harass fawn deer or any other juvenile wildlife.
- q.* Use chemicals, smoke, or petroleum products to evict or “gas” snakes and other reptiles, amphibians, or bats from caves, crevices, sinkholes, or other den sites. Intentionally killing snakes, reptiles, amphibians, or bats is prohibited.
- r.* Introduce or release any species or individual animals on Fort Hood without written permission from DPW NCRMB.
- s.* Pursue, drive, flush, or otherwise harass wildlife with vehicles.
- t.* Recreation between 2200 and 0400 hours.
- u.* Recreation including hunting and fishing in the live-fire area of the Installation.
- v.* Harassing, assaulting, or otherwise hindering the duties of government and contract employees while on duty.
- w.* Damaging, destroying, or threatening to damage or destroy, government property in the field.
- x.* Willful damage or destruction of trees and brush using vehicles or other means.
- y.* Christmas tree cutting.
- z.* Littering and dumping. Protect natural resources by properly disposing of any trash. If no trash receptacles are available or if they are full, recreators must take it home with them. Recreators are responsible for any items they bring on to the installation.
- aa.* Campfires.
- bb.* Use of remote or radio-controlled watercraft on all ponds, lakes, or streams.
- cc.* Use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) or drones.
- dd.* Driving vehicles on dam slopes and parking on dam right of ways/slopes.
- ee.* Camping, except as authorized at BLORA, or Camps Finlayson or Arrowhead.
- ff.* Swimming in any lakes, ponds, rivers, or streams on Fort Hood, except within BLORA at designated beach area. This includes being on horseback in the water.
- gg.* Digging or otherwise removing living plants, sod, topsoil, sand, rocks, fossils, or artifact resources.
- hh.* Digging or other means of soil excavation without a dig permit, FH Form 200-10, Coordination of Land Excavation and Water Use, IAW FH Reg 200-1, Environmental and Natural Resources, to include soil preparation for wildlife food plots. The recreator must obtain a digging permit in advance. In addition, seed mixtures used for approved food plots must contain only native species or annual non-persistent species (such as oats or wheat) that have been specifically approved by DPW NCRMB, Bldg. 1939, Rod & Gun Club Loop.
- ii.* Any tree cutting must be approved by DPW NCRMB before the cutting occurs. There will be no cutting of trees for the creation of brush blinds. Downed or fallen limbs and debris may be used. The cutting of standing trees and the gathering of downed/dead wood for removal as firewood. No tree cutting

from 15 March through 15 August. Special circumstances may be approved by DPW NCRMB on a case-by-case basis in writing. No posting of any trees at any time of year (i.e. making cedar posts). Spray paint at the cut to prevent oak wilt on any trimmed oak trees. Any removal of any wood (dead or living) from the installation is prohibited – no wood products may leave the installation.

jj. Possessing a weapon in unimproved areas or training areas without being signed in for authorized hunting activities in iSportsman.

kk. Spotlight wildlife from any vehicle while hunting and/or in possession of weapons, firearms, archery equipment, or pellet guns.

ll. Use of another recreator's permit information without prior authorization from that permit holder.

mm. Recreation at and around Landfill Lake, to include fishing at Landfill Lake. Fishing at Gray or Bratcher Lakes.

nn. Possessing multiple/duplicate recreation permits and/or creating multiple profiles within iSportsman.

oo. Recreational Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) activities including, but not limited to trail riding, cross country driving, mudding, and hill and rock crawling.

4–3. Access to Recreation Areas

There are roads that offer passage to the public through the training areas. A vehicle range pass is not required, as long as individuals and vehicles do not leave the roadway. These roads include:

- a.* Antelope Road
- b.* Ivy Mountain Road
- c.* Liberty Hill Road
- d.* Manning Mountain Road
- e.* Maxdale Road
- f.* Million Dollar Road (TA73)
- g.* Nolan Creek Road
- h.* Royalty Ridge Road (between West Range Road and Old Georgetown Road)
- i.* Royalty Ridge Road to Walker/Springhill Cemetery
- j.* Shell Mountain Road
- k.* Brookhaven Road
- l.* Brown's Creek Road

Note: Taylor Valley Road, Cold Springs Road, and ANY other tank trails are not “public access” roadways.

4–4. Access by Organizations

Any organizations desiring the use of training areas for any purpose other than hunting, fishing, or general recreation must book the area in the Range Facility Management Support System. This can be done by visiting Range Operations, Bldg. 56000, Murphy Road

4–5. Safety

a. Accident prevention is the number one priority. Safety is everyone's responsibility. Conduct all recreational activities in a safe and responsible manner to avoid injuries and possible loss of life.

b. Individuals are responsible for familiarity and following all applicable statutes, regulations, and procedures pertaining to proper conservation practices, training area access, and water safety.

c. Beware of abandoned wells, low water crossings, duds/unexploded ordinance, and venomous snakes.

d. Do not use drugs or alcohol while recreating on Fort Hood.

e. All recreators must wear a minimum of 400 square inches (2,581 square centimeters) (total) of safety orange on the head and upper torso 30 October 2026 through 31 January 2027. The only exception to the safety orange requirement is when fishing at Airfield Lake, Clear Creek Lake, and all cantonment area bodies of water.

f. Do not leave maintained roads without a vehicle range pass.

g. Report found munitions in the field to DPTMS, Range Operations. Do not touch or disturb.

Chapter 5

General Recreation and General Recreation Permit Information

5-1. Requirements and Reminders

a. All general recreators are required to have on their person while recreating on Fort Hood, the following:

(1) A valid printed paper copy of their Fort Hood iSportsman permit. The paper copy may not be laminated and may not be reduced or enlarged in size.

(2) A valid iSportsman vehicle range pass displayed in the windshield/dash of their vehicle.

(3) A cellular phone with information associated with their iSportsman account. This is for safety purposes and accountability in emergency situations.

b. General Recreation permits are valid 365 days (1 year) from the date of purchase in iSportsman.

c. The General Recreation Permit is only for recreation purposes. Access by POV for units or official purposes must be coordinated with Range Operations, Bldg. 56000, Murphy Road.

d. Vehicle Range Passes will:

(1) Not be loaned to another person.

(2) Not be utilized by unauthorized individuals.

(3) Be safeguarded to prevent loss.

e. General Recreation activities listed below are prohibited in some training areas during the Fall Hunting Season, 30 October 2026 through 31 January 2027. During this timeframe, expect general recreational activities to be limited or prohibited due to safety. No general recreational activities are permitted between 2200 and 0400 hours.

f. **iSportsman Check-In:** Valid permit holders must login into the Fort Hood iSportsman site with their username and password. Recreators may check into an area starting at 0400 hours. Recreators may check-in up to 2 "participant" recreators who also have valid permits.

g. **iSportsman Check-out:** All recreators must check-out NLT 2159 hours. All recreators, whether they checked themselves in or were checked in by someone else as a participant, are responsible for themselves and must login to their own account to check out. Recreators cannot check out for someone else through their account! Failure to check out will result in a 15-day check-in hold. The check-in hold may not be appealed (except with confirmation number provided at check-out).

5-2. Prohibited Activities

Refer to para. 4-2, "Prohibited Activities."

5-3. General Recreation Permit Activities

Typical recreation activities authorized in the training areas include, but are not limited to:

a. Bird watching.

b. Dog running/walking/training. All dogs (including hunting dogs) brought on the installation must meet all current vaccination requirements as set forth by the Texas Health & Safety Code or FH Reg 40-5, Authorized Veterinary Care and Animal Control Programs. This includes wearing a current rabies vaccination tag. Dog training for hunting purposes also requires the trainer to have a valid State hunting/trapping license and Fort Hood hunting permit.

c. Hiking, jogging, running, marching, etc.

d. Gathering of edible plant material (e.g. pecans, berries) for personal use is authorized, but recreators cannot use the plant material for commercial services or resale. Recreators may gather pecans from the ground only. Gathering plant material by climbing or thrashing trees, using mechanical equipment, or any other practice that could in any way damage trees is unauthorized. Possession limit for edible plant material is 1 gallon (3.8 liters) of plant material per person per day.

e. Picnicking.

f. Mountain biking/bicycling.

g. Horseback riding: owners must have proof of the horse's negative Coggins test as well as tetanus and rabies vaccinations in their possession.

h. Kayaking, canoeing, and all other watercraft activities must follow the Clean, Drain, and Dry procedures in Appendix E.

i. **Hunting and fishing activities are not authorized under the general recreation permit.**

j. For organizations, groups, or units who would like to request special event access for recreational

use of ORVs, that are, 4x4 or 4x2 vehicles, dirt bikes, 3-wheel, and 4-wheel ATVs, utility vehicles (UTVs), and e-bikes, requests must be submitted to the email address listed on the iSportsman site at <https://fthood.isportsman.net/Contact.aspx>. Requests will be reviewed by DPTMS, DES, and DPW, and the senior commander will be the ultimate decision maker for approval and authorized use of ORVs that may operate only on designated approved trails. ORV use in endangered species habitat and riparian (creek beds) areas is prohibited at any time. Any command-authorized activity described above must also perform an environmental assessment at the cost of the requestor IAW the National Environmental Policy Act for each individual ORV event according to FH Reg 200-1, Environmental and Natural Resources.

Chapter 6

Fishing and Fishing Permit Information

6–1. Requirements and Reminders

a. This section applies to the streams and surface water impoundments within Fort Hood. The section does not regulate use of the portion of the Leon River that borders the military installation, nor does it regulate use of Belton Reservoir and that portion of Cowhouse Creek east of Range Road (Curry Crossing). Access restrictions do apply, and a valid vehicle pass must be present.

b. Fishing permits are valid 365 days (1 year) from the date of purchase in iSportsman.

c. All fishermen are required to have on their person while fishing, the following:

(1) Printed paper copy of a valid Fort Hood fishing permit obtained through iSportsman. The paper copy may not be laminated and may not be reduced or enlarged in size.

(2) A valid Texas fishing license as required by the state.

(3) A current vehicle range pass issued through iSportsman.

(4) An operational cellular phone with information associated with their iSportsman account while checked in for recreation. This is for safety purposes and accountability in emergency situations.

(5) Below are exceptions to this requirement:

(a) BLORA - For the waters of Belton Lake within the confines of BLORA, only a State Fishing License and daily entry fee receipt is required.

(b) Leon River - Only a state fishing license and vehicle range pass is required if a person is fishing the Leon River (TAs 10, 11, and 12). Anglers still must check-in and out through iSportsman.

(c) TA8 North & South - Only a state fishing license and vehicle range pass is required if a person is fishing the waters of Belton Lake adjacent to Training Area 8 (North & South) east of Curry Crossing. All fishermen must check-in and check-out of TA 8N and 8S through the iSportsman system. These areas are not “no check-in/check-out” areas.

d. Children under the age of 9 years do not need a Fort Hood permit or an account in iSportsman. They are allowed to participate with an adult parent or guardian and must remain in proximity (within direct sight and within 50 yards) of the adult at all times.

e. Recreators are responsible for updating and maintaining current contact, address, and vehicle information in iSportsman prior to accessing Fort Hood.

f. Military personnel and military training have priority; recreators may not interfere with military/government operations. Recreators must stay 500 meters (550 yards) away from military personnel, bivouac areas, contractors, and government employees. If asked to leave, recreators must comply immediately.

g. A state fishing license and a Fort Hood fishing permit is required to take crawfish. There is no limit on crawfish.

h. All persons will abide by State and Fort Hood bag limits (see Appendix B, “Fishing Locations, Limitations, & Special Restrictions”), possession limits, and access procedures as well as all State and Federal fishing regulations. Ethical anglers:

(1) Take only what they can use and use all they take.

(2) Always recycle or properly dispose of all fishing lines, hooks, and lures to protect the environment and aquatic or wildlife resources.

(3) Leave no litter and don’t pollute any waters.

i. Manually propelled boats are authorized on most Fort Hood lakes, ponds, and streams except Cantonment B (Kids Pond). Fishermen may use boats propelled by electric trolling motors on lakes and ponds; boats propelled by motors must have current registration in accordance with state law.

j. All motorized boats (including electric) must have Texas boat registration and all boat safety devices

that are required by state law. This includes PFDs on both manually propelled and motorized vessels for each person on board. No gasoline powered motors allowed on any lake or pond on Fort Hood, except Belton Lake.

k. All boats, kayaks, or flotation devices used in water anywhere on Fort Hood must follow the Clean, Drain, and Dry procedures in Appendix E.

l. iSportsman Check-In: Valid permit holders must login to the Fort Hood iSportsman site with their username and password. Anglers may check into an area starting at 0400 hours. Anglers may check-in up to 2 “participant” anglers who also have valid permits. Each person who checks in (including “participants”) must possess a permit and license for the activity in which they are participating.

m. **iSportsman Check-out:** All anglers must check-out NLT 2159 hours. **All anglers, whether they checked themselves in or were checked in by someone else as a participant, are responsible for themselves and must login to their own account in order to check-out. Anglers cannot check-out for someone else through their account.** Failure to check-out will result in a 15-day check-in hold. The check-in hold may not be appealed (except with confirmation number provided at check-out).

n. Access to “No Check-in/Check-out” fishing ponds/lakes will be by the most direct route (paved or main improved road) from the point of leaving public roadways.

o. Fishing at “No Check-in/Check-out” fishing ponds/lakes between 30 October 2026 through 31 January 2027 requires the angler wear a minimum of 400 square inches (2,581 square centimeters) (total) of safety orange on the head and upper torso. The requirement to wear safety orange does not apply to Airfield Lake, Clear Creek Lake, and all cantonment area bodies of water.

p. While fishermen are not required to check into iSportsman when going to the “No Check-in/Check-out” ponds and lakes, access can be limited during emergency situations (i.e. wildfires or training). Fishermen are encouraged to frequently check the iSportsman page for warning notices and lake closures.

q. Recreators accessing a no check-in pond must be actively fishing. No general recreation is permitted at the no check-in ponds unless the recreator is checked in to the area through the iSportsman system.

r. Cantonment B Pond is designated as the “Kids Pond”. Adults may fish if accompanied by at least one actively fishing youth under 17 years old. Adults may ONLY fish if they meet the actively fishing child requirement. Each vehicle must have valid Vehicle Range Pass and adults must have valid Texas fishing license (unless exempted by the state) and Fort Hood Fishing Permit. Children must be supervised (in direct sight and within 50 yards) at all times. Children not old enough to fish (infants and toddlers) do not meet the actively fishing child requirement. This rule does not prevent teens under 17 years of age (with a valid driver’s license) from driving themselves to the pond to fish. Citations will be issued to adults fishing without an actively fishing child. The purpose of designating a “Kids Pond” is to introduce youth to fishing.

s. Texas Administrative Code (31 TAC §57.112) prohibits the possession, transport, and introduction of a list of exotic or potentially harmful fish, shellfish, and aquatic plants. In order to comply with this law, the following requirements and restrictions are enforced:

(1) Clean, Drain, Dry Procedures

(a) All types and sizes of boats whether powered or not, sailboats, kayaks/canoes, and any flotation device are required to drain all water from their vessels and on-board receptacles (includes live wells, bilges, motors, bait buckets, and any other receptacles) upon leaving the water body. Additionally, boaters must clean off all plants, mud and foreign objects, and allow the vessel and receptacles to dry for at least one week or be washed with high-pressure, hot (>140 degrees Fahrenheit) soapy water before entering any other body of water.

(b) A vessel may be transported from one access point to another on the same water body during the same day without water being drained, provided the vessel is transported via the most direct route.

(2) Bait Restrictions

(a) Live bait may not be transported from the water body where the fish were caught in or aboard a vessel in water from the water body where the fish were caught (e.g., bait fish caught in Belton Lake may not be transported in water from Belton Lake to Nolan Lake). Transport and use of live bait in lake water while fishing from a vessel on that same water body is allowed. Personally caught live bait can be used in the water body where it was caught.

(b) Commercially purchased live bait that has come into contact with water from a public water body can only be used on that same water body. Commercially purchased live bait that has not

come into contact with lake water may be transported in a receptacle in water from a source other than a public water body and used elsewhere, provided persons in possession of the bait have a dated receipt that identifies the source of the bait.

(c) Frozen personally caught bait fish is prohibited.

t. DPW NCRMB is responsible for stocking selected lakes and ponds on Fort Hood. A current list of stockings is available on the iSportsman website.

u. Individuals that possess a fishing permit may also check in for general recreation. However, hunting activities are not authorized under a fishing permit.

6–2. Prohibited Activities

- a. Fishing plastic lined ponds.
- b. Transporting live fish from one body of water to another body of water.
- c. Releasing live bait in lakes and ponds.
- d. Fishing with or dumping bait that was caught fresh from another body of water, whether fresh or frozen.
- e. Releasing any aquatic species into Fort Hood waters without written permission from DPW NCRMB.
- f. Possession or consumption of any alcohol or illegal substances.
- g. Noodling/hand fishing.
- h. Magnet “fishing”.
- i. Use of any boats or flotation devices on Cantonment B Pond (Kids Pond).
- j. Use of gasoline-powered boat motors on all lakes and ponds, except Belton Lake.
- k. Driving vehicles on dam slopes and parking on dam right of ways/slopes.
- l. Trotlines, throw lines, and jug lines in all lakes, ponds, and streams. The exception is Cowhouse Creek East of Curry Crossing and the Leon River.
- m. Shocking devices.
- n. Swimming except at BLORA’s designated beach area.
- o. Leaving trash at pond areas, littering, dumping, or otherwise polluting the waters. Users must remove all items brought to the pond/lake upon departure.
- p. Use of illegal devices as identified by federal and state laws.
- q. Possession of fish or aquatic life without fishing or hunting permit as required.
- r. Fishing in the Live Fire areas to include West of Curry Crossing (fishermen must stay east of the bridge at Curry Crossing on East Range Road).
- s. Possession of any firearms, pellet gun, or BB gun.
- t. Bow fishing in the lakes, creeks, and ponds on Fort Hood. EXCEPT: legal archery equipment (IAW state law) allowed to take NON-GAME fish in the Cowhouse Creek east of Curry Crossing, the Leon River, and Belton Lake.
- u. Taking of fish that does not meet size limits, bag and possession limits. See Appendix B, “Fishing Locations, Limitations, & Special Restrictions.”
- v. Taking of fish without a state license (unless exempt) and required Fort Hood permits.
- w. Ground fires, portable fire pits, and campfires.
- x. Fishing in Landfill Lake, Gray Lake, or Bratcher Lake.
- y. Failure to have required personal flotation device while boating.
- z. Use of UAVs or drones.
- aa. Use of remote or radio-controlled watercraft on all ponds, lakes, or streams.

Chapter 7

Hunting and Hunting Permit Information

7–1. Requirements and Reminders

a. This section applies to big game, small game, and non-game hunting. All area designations, access to Fort Hood lands, and hunting schedules are subject to change without prior notice based on current Force Protection status or at the convenience of the government. Any violation of hunting or recreational access procedures or regulations (Fort Hood, Federal, or State) can result in a citation and/or loss of privileges. Restrictions comply with federal and state regulations and, in some instances, may be more restrictive.

b. Hunting permits are valid from the date of purchase in iSportsman through August 31, 2027.

c. All hunters are required to have on their person while hunting, the following:

- (1) Printed paper copy of a valid Fort Hood hunting permit obtained through iSportsman. The paper copy may not be laminated and may not be reduced or enlarged in size.
- (2) Valid Texas hunting license or special license with applicable endorsements.
- (3) FH Form 190-19, Fort Hood Firearms Registration Form, only when in possession of a firearm.
- (4) Proof of completion of a state-sponsored hunter safety course, as required by AR 350-19, The Army Sustainable Range Program.
- (5) A valid Vehicle Range Pass issued through iSportsman must be displayed in the dash/window of the vehicle at all times when in the field. Recreators are responsible for updating and maintaining current contact, address, and vehicle information in iSportsman prior to accessing Fort Hood.
- (6) An operational cellular phone with information associated with their iSportsman account while checked in for recreation. This is for safety purposes and accountability in emergency situations.

d. Children under the age of 9 do not need a Fort Hood iSportsman permit or an account in iSportsman. They are allowed to accompany an adult parent or guardian and must remain in close proximity (eyesight and within 50 yards) of the adult at all times.

e. Hunter education exemptions and deferments offered by the State of Texas do not apply on Fort Hood.

f. All recreators must wear a minimum of 400 square inches (2,581 square centimeters) (total) of safety orange on the head and upper torso 30 October 2026 through 31 January 2027. Hunters may wear orange broken up with a camo pattern, but the majority of the garment must be hunter orange in color. Duck, turkey, and archery hunters must wear orange while moving (at a minimum, both to and from hunt site) but may remove orange while stationary in the hunt site or blind. Hunter orange must be worn while retrieving game.

g. For safety reasons, hunters must mark with safety orange flagging their temporary stands/pop-up/duck blinds for visibility by other hunters. Flagging must be attached directly to the blind/stand (not nearby tree) and be at least 12 inches in length and not less than 36 inches above ground level. Flagging must be visible on all sides of the blind/stand for other recreators to see.

h. Individual hunters may not have multiple weapons in their possession/vehicle while hunting to include interchangeable barrels. No firearms are authorized at all while archery hunting. Pistols are not authorized on Fort Hood.

i. Maps and information regarding available hunting areas are available on iSportsman.

j. All firearms must be registered with the Provost Marshal prior to bringing them on the installation. Proof of registration, FH Form 190-19, Fort Hood Firearms Registration Form, must be carried on the person while hunting. Refer to FH Reg 190-11, Weapons, for details on registration.

k. Dog training for hunting purposes requires the trainer to have a valid State hunting/trapping license and Fort Hood hunting permit.

l. All dogs (including hunting dogs) brought on the installation must meet all current vaccination requirements as set forth by the Texas Health & Safety Code or FH Reg 40-5, Authorized Veterinary Care and Animal Control Programs. This includes wearing a current rabies vaccination tag.

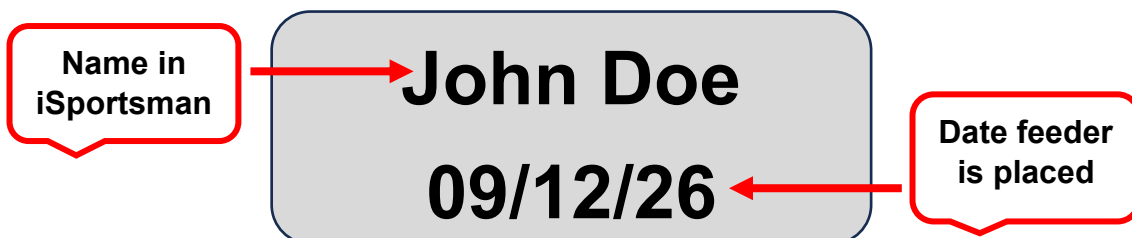


Figure 7-1. Example Feeder Tag

m. Baiting to concentrate on game is authorized; however, baiting of migratory game birds is not authorized. Feeding may occur on the ground (year-round) or by using temporary feeders that hang from trees. No fencing or permanent feeders are allowed. Use of feeders is permitted from 1 September to 31 January. All feeders and associated equipment (e.g., ropes, pulleys, hoists, etc.) must be removed prior to 1 February annually. Feeders must be clearly marked with owner's name (as entered in the iSportsman system) and date (month/day/year) of placement, as shown in Figure 7-1, Example Feeder Tag. Markings

on equipment must be clear and easy to read for the duration of the season by a person standing at ground level. Equipment must be placed by the person whose name is on the equipment. Failure to mark feeders IAW these requirements constitute unauthorized equipment. Any feeder not marked as described above is subject to confiscation.

n. Tournament or competitive hunting activities such as “predator” or “varmint” hunts are prohibited. Individuals found participating in these activities will be cited.

o. Stands, blinds, or other platforms from which hunting occurs that are left in the training areas overnight are prohibited. Any stand, blind, or other platform left overnight is subject to confiscation.

p. Confiscated stands, blinds, feeders, and fencing material will be disposed of. Items will not be stored for recreator retrieval later.

q. Tagged wildlife may be restricted from harvest. Restrictions are stated in Appendix C, “Hunt Seasons, Bag Limits, Possession Limits, Means & Methods, and Endorsements.” Bring the specimen to DPW NCRMB or report via telephone the tag number, species, date, and location of the find.

7–2. Prohibited Activities

a. Any tree cutting must be approved by DPW NCRMB before the cutting occurs. There will be no cutting of trees for the creation of brush blinds. Downed or fallen limbs and debris may be used. The cutting of standing trees and the gathering of downed/dead wood for removal as firewood is prohibited. No tree cutting will be authorized by DPW NCRMB from 15 March through 15 August except in rare, special circumstances on a case-by-case basis in writing. No posting of any trees at any time of year (i.e. making cedar posts). Spray paint at the cut to prevent oak wilt on any trimmed oak trees. Removal of any wood (dead or living) from the installation is prohibited – no wood products may leave the installation.

b. Shoot in an unsafe manner. Hunters will NOT shoot unless the target is clearly identified and lane of fire is clear.

c. Interfere with training, contractors, or government employees. Recreators must use most direct route in and out of areas and ***stay 500 meters (550 yards) away from military training activities, military personnel, contractors, and government employees.*** If approached by military or government personnel and requested to leave the area, the recreator must do so immediately.

d. Possess a loaded weapon in or on vehicles.

e. Access training areas by boat for the purpose of hunting, except when hunting waterfowl.

f. Access Fort Hood training areas for the purpose of hunting by crossing/climbing Fort Hood boundary fences.

g. Hunt or shoot from a vehicle, boat, flotation device, or aircraft or airborne device, except as authorized for legal waterfowl hunting.

h. Shoot from a vehicle. Note: DES Game Warden may authorize an individual with a mobility disability and physician’s certification to use a vehicle as a shooting stand. Recreator must obtain written approval from DES Game Warden, and the authorization letter must be on their person while hunting.

i. Hunt frogs, reptiles, turtles, mountain lions, foxes or bobcats.

j. Hunt with, shoot, or possess a firearm in an “archery only” area.

k. Possess a weapon in a “no hunting” area.

l. Hunt with a firearm within 330 yards (300 meters) of Robert Gray Army Airfield, Yoakum-Defrenn Army Heliport, and designated Landing Strips in TA36 and TA22.

m. Shoot or aim toward any boundary, person, building, structure or vehicle that is within range of the weapon or load; projectiles may not cross any perimeter boundary.

n. Shoot on, along, or across any maintained road or reservation boundary.

o. Hunt within 110 yards (100 meters) with firearms or 55 yards (50 meters) with archery/crossbow equipment of maintained roads, reservation boundaries, borders or fence lines, Camp Finlayson, Camp Arrowhead, and the PT running track in TA 70.

p. Hunt within 550 yards (500 meters) of military personnel bivouacked, training, and/or maneuvering on the installation.

q. Hunt within 164 yards (150 meters) of DPW NCRMB wild pig traps.

r. Shoot at birds or animals on utility lines or supporting poles.

s. Shoot at or hunt protected birds to include, but not limited to: hawks, owls, eagles, all nongame birds, and all songbirds. See TPWD Outdoor Annual for unprotected birds.

t. Possess a handgun on Fort Hood while hunting.

u. Hunt with, or be in possession of, a rifle while hunting.

- v. Possess a firearm while archery deer or archery turkey hunting.
- w. Trap, except fur-bearing animals, as authorized in para. 7-11, "Fur Bearing Animal," of this regulation.
- x. Hunt with and/or run dogs or birds of prey without a valid Fort Hood hunting permit and appropriate state and federal permits. Hunting dogs are only authorized for game birds, squirrels, rabbits, raccoons, and non-game animals (except pigs).
- y. Engage in or participate in the act of hunting while possessing or consuming alcohol or drugs, or while impaired or intoxicated. Refusal to consent to a blood alcohol test or breathalyzer test will result in an immediate suspension of hunting privileges.
- z. Hunt migratory game birds with the aid of bait (minerals, vegetative material, or any other food substance placed to lure/entice). It is the hunter's responsibility to know if an area contains bait.
 - aa. Pursue, drive, flush, or otherwise harass wildlife and livestock with vehicles.
 - bb. Harass hunters while they are hunting.
 - cc. Hunt with or possess a privately owned firearm, archery equipment (includes crossbows), or pellet rifle within unimproved areas without a valid Texas hunting license, Fort Hood hunting permit, vehicle range pass, firearm registration (as applicable), proof of hunter education certification, and proper clearance through iSportsman.
 - dd. Possess shotgun slug load or buckshot within unimproved areas without being checked in through the iSportsman system.
 - ee. Use of buckshot ammunition, except as authorized for pig hunting during the fall season.
 - ff. Discharge a firearm into, across, or at any water surface except when legal waterfowl hunting.
 - gg. Hunt game animals or non-game animals from any vehicle with any light source.
 - hh. Use chemicals, smoke, or petroleum products to evict or "gas" snakes and other reptiles or amphibians from caves, crevices, sinkholes, or other den sites.
 - ii. Possess or use BB, airsoft, gel, or paintball guns in training areas. Paintball guns are only authorized at BLORA Paintball Course.
 - jj. Shoot targets in any area with firearms, pellet guns, BB guns, archery, and/or crossbow equipment. The recreator may only target practice at authorized ranges.
 - kk. Transport muzzle-loading weapon with percussion cap/primer attached to the weapon (made ready to fire).
- ll. Trapping wild pigs.
- mm. Hunting wild pigs with dogs.
- nn. Release or introduce animals of any species on Fort Hood without written permission from DPW NCRMB.
- oo. Hunt or fish outside of the approved hours of recreation. No hunting or fishing will be allowed between 2200 and 0400 hours.
- pp. Hunt in the live fire area of the installation.
- qq. Use permanent feeders. Feeding may be done on the ground or by hanging a temporary feeder from a tree. The feeder cannot cause damage to the tree. Feeders are permitted between 1 September and 31 January. Feeders must be removed outside this timeframe, or they are subject to confiscation and disposal. All feeders and associated equipment (e.g., ropes, pulleys, hoists, etc.) must be removed prior to 1 February annually.
- rr. Use permanent stands on Fort Hood. All stands and blinds are pack in, pack out daily.
- ss. Use of Fort Hood lands for personal gain such as paid guide or tracking services. "Advertisement" for guide or tracking service on Fort Hood is prohibited, and no fees may be charged or accepted for the service, to include tips, donations, or gifts.
- tt. Track wounded animals without being checked in through iSportsman. The use of dogs for tracking of wounded game is permitted. Tracking dog handlers must be registered in iSportsman, possess a valid Fort Hood Hunting Permit, and must be checked into the area (under Deer Hunting or Small Game Hunting) when tracking. Tracking dogs must have all current shots and display current rabies vaccination.
- uu. Utilize game/hunting/trail cameras on the installation. Use of cameras in the training areas is prohibited. (U.S. NORTHCOM Force Protection Directive 08-059; 18 U.S.C. 795, Photographing and sketching defense installations; 18 U.S.C. 797, Publication and sale of photographs of defense installations; 18 U.S.C. 1382, Entering military, naval, or Coast Guard property)
- vv. Hunt within 300 meters (300 yards) of Clear Creek Lake or Airfield Lake.
- ww. Possess a handgun on Fort Hood except when legally stored at a domicile or in legal transit to and

from a range activity.

xx. Hunt with or possess a rifle in training areas.

yy. Hunt with a rim-fire rifle.

zz. Firing at or pointing a weapon or laser in the direction of aircraft.

aaa. Firing or pointing any weapon or laser device at another recreator.

bbb. Solicit, advertise, or participate in hunting or fishing activities in exchange for goods, services, or compensation.

ccc. Use pellet rifles or BB guns on Fort Hood, except as authorized for small game.

ddd. Spotlight wildlife from any vehicle while hunting and/or in possession of weapons, firearms, archery equipment, or pellet gun.

eee. Fencing around feeders or food plots. Existing fencing must be removed, even if previously permitted.

fff. Use of foot pegs, gear holders, or similar devices that screw into or penetrate tree.

ggg. Check-in for a hunting activity for which the recreator has already filled his/her individual bag limit for the installation (i.e. check-in for deer hunting when an individual's deer harvest limit for the installation has been met).

hhh. Collecting roadkill wildlife or their parts.

7-3. Check Station Requirements, Legal Shooting Hours, Equipment, & Miscellaneous Information

a. Legal hunting hours are as follows:

(1) **All game animals and non-migratory game birds:** one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

(2) **Migratory game birds:** one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

(3) **Non-game animals (e.g. rabbits, wild pigs, and coyotes):** any hour, following the rules of this regulation.

(4) **No hunting or other recreation is allowed between 2200 and 0400 hours.**

b. Use of feeders is permitted from 1 September to 31 January. All feeders and associated equipment (e.g., ropes, pulleys, hoists, etc.) must be removed prior to 1 February annually. Feeders are only authorized to hang from trees; no tripod or freestanding feeders are allowed. Feeders must be clearly marked with owner's name (as entered in the iSportsman system) and date (month/day/year) of placement, as shown in Figure 7-1, Example Feeder Tag. Markings on equipment must be clear and easy to read for the duration of the season by a person standing at ground level. Equipment must be placed by the person whose name is on the equipment. Failure to mark feeders in accordance with these requirements constitutes unauthorized equipment which is subject to confiscation. There is not a limit to the number of feeders and hunters may share equipment/sites, but it must be marked by the person placing it with the appropriate date.

c. Portable stands and temporary feeders on Fort Hood remain the personal property of those who placed them. Any personal property left on Fort Hood is at the owner's own risk. Fort Hood is not responsible for any damage to, or theft of, personal property. **No stand or blind of any kind may be left in the field. All stands and blinds are packed in/packed out daily.** Any unmarked property or property left in the field outside the allowable timeframe is subject to confiscation. Failure to properly mark items constitutes unauthorized equipment which is subject to confiscation. Items confiscated will be destroyed or otherwise disposed of at the discretion of DPW NCRMB personnel.

d. Baiting on the ground is permitted year-round for those species of which baiting is authorized.

e. Recreators may use food plots in the training areas. Food plots require an approved dig permit. Forms are available from DPW NCRMB, Bldg. 1939, Rod & Gun Club Loop. Seed mixes and any plant species planted on Fort Hood must be authorized, in writing, by DPW NCRMB (species proposed for use should be listed for approval on the dig permit). Fencing is prohibited.

f. DPW NCRMB determines the annual deer and turkey harvest limits based on current data and historical trends. Review Appendix C for Hunt Seasons, Bag Limits, Possession Limits, Means & Methods, and Endorsements on Fort Hood. The harvest must be checked in at the DPW NCRMB Game Check Station, Bldg. 1944, Rod & Gun Club Loop, before returning to the field for another hunt for the same species. It is the hunter's responsibility to know whether the hunting area is a buck- or doe-only area. Available harvest limits can be found on the Fort Hood iSportsman website and will be updated regularly. Hunting will continue until harvest limits are met, the last scheduled hunt day, or as determined by DPW NCRMB or Fort Hood Command. Individual areas can close even though they have not met their

harvest limit if their assigned region has met or exceeded its harvest limit.

g. Hunters must immediately bring all harvested deer, turkey, and pigs, directly to the DPW NCRMB Game Check Station, Bldg. 1944, Rod & Gun Club Loop, for inspection and recording and must utilize the most direct route without leaving the installation. Deer and pigs must be field dressed in the hunting area. Turkeys must remain whole for inspection and recording. Check in game during business hours by ringing the doorbell at the back door of Bldg. 1939, Rod & Gun Club Loop. If there is no answer, or if it is after business hours, utilize the kiosk outside Bldg. 1944, Rod & Gun Club Loop and follow directions that are posted for checking in turkey and pigs. All deer must be checked in by a biologist. **Kiosk use is prohibited for deer.** Do not use the kiosk if biologists are available to check in the animal. Hunters will report their harvest using their hunting permit number on their iSportsman permit. Write legibly. Hunters who would like to have their harvest weighed and measured may return to the DPW NCRMB Game Check Station, Bldg. 1944, Rod & Gun Club Loop, during normal hours on the next business day.

h. Tag all whitetail deer and turkeys in the field (including the harvest log on the back of the license). All hunters hunting turkey must have a State Upland Game Bird Endorsement indicated on their hunting license (except for youth). The hunter is ultimately responsible to make sure his/her state tag and log are properly completed and attached to the game.

i. Hunters may harvest more than one big game animal per species per day; however, check-in the first animal prior to harvesting the second. Do not leave carcasses in the field or remove deer or turkey from the installation without clearing the DPW NCRMB Game Check Station, Bldg. 1944, Rod & Gun Club Loop. Wild pigs are classified as non-game animals and there is no harvest limit on wild pigs but still must be checked in at Bldg. 1944, Rod & Gun Club Loop, first.

j. **Participants:** When checking into an area, hunter may check in a “participant” permittee(s) as well. When checked in as a “participant”, the permitted hunter may fully participate in the activity for which he is checked in for (e.g., turkey hunting or small game hunting). Each person who checks in (including “participants”) must possess a permit and license for the activity in which they are participating. **All recreators, whether they checked themselves in or were checked in by someone else as a participant, are responsible for themselves and must login to their own account to check out. Recreators cannot check out for someone else through their account.**

k. Limits for participant check in by activity is as follow:

- (1) Deer hunting: hunter + 1 participant or guest/observer
- (2) Spring Turkey hunting: hunter + 2 participants (not more than 1 guest/observer)
- (3) Fall Turkey hunting: hunter +1 participant or guest/observer
- (4) Pig hunting: hunter + 1 participant or guest/observer
- (5) Small/Non-Game hunting: hunter + 2 participants (not more than 1 guest/observer)

l. **Guest/Observer:** Hunters may take **one non-hunting, unarmed observer** to an area when hunting. **Hunters are responsible for checking both themselves and the observer in and out of the area.** An observer is defined as an individual not actively participating in the hunt, only present to watch and assist in locating, field dressing, and loading the harvest. **Observers must have valid recreation permit on their person while in the field.** Observers must stay with the hunter at all times and may not access any areas without the hunter. All children observers must be in the sponsor’s direct line of vision at all times. Observer may not be checked into iSportsman for any activity while acting as an observer with a checked-in hunter. This permission is established to introduce novices to hunting and to accommodate persons with disabilities who require assistance. Eligibility to recreate as an observer is as follows:

- (1) Must be registered in iSportsman.
- (2) Must have a currently valid recreational permit (General Recreation, Fishing, or Hunting).

m. TA 118 may only be accessed through TA 41. Therefore, if TA 41 is closed, TA 118 will also be closed due to lack of access.

7-4. iSportsman Check-in/Check-out and Reservations

a. The following is a list that hunters can harvest for each iSportsman hunting activity option (all seasons and bag limits apply). Hunters may only have the ammunition authorized for the check-in option they have checked into in iSportsman. Refer to Appendix C, “Hunt Seasons, Bag Limits, Possession Limits, Means & Methods, and Endorsements” for authorized ammunition by species and seasons.

Table 7-1 iSportsman Check-In Activity & Authorized Harvest	
iSportsman Check-In Activity Option	Authorized Harvest
Deer Hunting	Deer, turkey, pig, small game, non-game, unprotected wildlife
Turkey Hunting (Spring or Fall)	Turkey, pig, small game (excluding waterfowl), non-game, unprotected wildlife
Small Game/Non-Game Hunting	Small game (including waterfowl), non-game (including pigs), unprotected wildlife
Pig Hunting	Pig, non-game, unprotected wildlife

b. Check-in: Valid permit holders must login into the Fort Hood iSportsman site with their username and password. Once in the system, users will select an activity to determine the availability of the hunting opportunity. Hunters may check into an area starting at 0400 hours. A hunter may check-in “participant” hunters who also have valid permits. There are limits by hunting type to the number of “participants” that may be checked in with the hunter. See para. 7-3.k. above. A hunter cannot be checked in for more than one activity at a time. *Note: The hunter may NOT check in for an activity for which the hunter has met the annual bag limit for the installation (For example, if the hunter harvested all 3 deer on Fort Hood permitted in a single season, the hunter may not check-in under the Deer Hunting activity.)*

c. Check-out: All hunters must check-out NLT 2159 hours. *Note: Some activities require the hunter to be clear and check-out of the area(s) at an earlier time. (See specific hunting activities below.) All hunters, whether they checked themselves in or were checked in by someone else as a participant, are responsible for themselves and must login to their own account in order to check out.* Recreators cannot check out for someone else through their account.

d. Reservations: Deer, Spring turkey, and pig hunters may make a reservation for an activity in a particular area starting at 1200 hours (noon) and can be made through 2100 hours the day prior. Hunters may not have more than one reservation at a time. Hunters are permitted to check-in and recreate while holding a reservation for the next day but cannot check-in to more than one activity on the day of the reservation. On the day the area is reserved, hunters may check-in beginning at 0400 hours. Reservations will be held until 1159 hours at which time they will be cancelled and spots will be available to other permittees. (See “iSportsman User Guide” on the Fort Hood iSportsman Site.)

7-5. Important Dates

Fort Hood closures could occur at any time without warning for undetermined duration. The following dates will have limited hunting or no access. Dates are always subject to change. Updates will be posted on iSportsman.

- a. Fall Cleanup: 30 November - 4 December 2026
- b. Thanksgiving Day
- c. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
- d. New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day
- e. Spring Cleanup: 12-16 April 2027

7-6. Turkey Hunting

a. Hunters may check-in between 0400 and 1700 hours (fall) or 1900 hours (spring). Hunters must check out of the hunting area by 2100 hours daily. Each hunter must check-out separately (no group check-out). If the hunter fails to check-out before 2100 hours, the iSportsman system will automatically check the hunter out and subsequently apply a 15-day check-in hold to the hunter’s account which will prevent the hunter from checking in in the future. The check-in hold may not be appealed (except with confirmation number provided at check-out and approved by DPW NCRMB).

b. Turkey harvests are required to be brought whole (not gutted) directly to the DPW NCRMB Game Check Station, Bldg. 1944, Rod & Gun Club Loop, for weighing, inspection, and recordkeeping by DPW NCRMB. Harvested animals must be brought immediately to the check station and via the most direct route without leaving the installation. The game must be brought to the check station immediately upon

completion of harvest and tagging requirements. Outside normal business hours (0730-1630 hours, Monday-Friday), when the check station or Bldg. 1939, Rod & Gun Club Loop, is not open, hunters must register their harvest by completing the appropriate paperwork at the kiosk in front of the check station. There are instructions posted on-site regarding proper procedure. Hunters who would like to have their harvest weighed and measured may return with their harvest during normal business hours for DPW NCRMB to take the data. Report harvest using hunter's iSportsman permit number. **Write legibly on the form.**

c. To give the youth a better chance of harvesting a turkey during the Special Youth Season, 27-28 March 2027, **adults pre-scouting for turkey may not call turkeys for these two days.**

d. The following Archery/Shotshell areas are authorized turkey hunting with shotguns using shot shells (BB size shot or smaller): 8 (North & South), 37, 70, and 71.

e. The only time hunters may harvest bearded hens is during the Fall Season. **Note: Harvesting of beardless hens is prohibited at all times.**

7-7. Deer Hunting

a. Areas are available to hunters based on harvest limit and area availability. It is the hunter's responsibility to know whether the hunting area is a buck- or doe-only area. Available harvest limits can be found on the Fort Hood iSportsman website and will be updated regularly. Hunting will continue until reaching harvest limits, the last scheduled hunt day, or as determined by DPW NCRMB or the Fort Hood command. Individual areas can close even though they have not met their harvest limit if their assigned region has met or exceeded its harvest limit. *Note: The hunter may NOT check in for an activity for which hunter has met the annual bag limit for the installation (i.e. if the hunter harvested all 3 deer on Fort Hood permitted in a single season, the hunter may not check-in under the Deer Hunting activity.)*

b. Hunters may check-in between 0400 and 1700 hours. Hunters must check out of the hunting area by 2100 hours daily. Hunters tracking wounded animals must contact the DES Police Desk (254) 287-4001 and request Game Warden assistance if they will be in the area after 2000 hours. Each hunter must check-out separately (no group check-out). If the hunter fails to check-out before 2100 hours, the iSportsman system will automatically check the hunter out and subsequently apply a 15-day check-in hold to the hunter's account which will prevent the hunter from checking in in the future. The check-in hold may not be appealed (except with confirmation number provided at check-out and approved by DPW NCRMB).

c. All harvested deer are required to be field dressed and brought directly to the DPW Game Check Station, Bldg. 1944, Rod & Gun Club Loop, for weighing, inspection, and recordkeeping by DPW NCRMB. Harvested animals must be brought immediately to the check station and via the most direct route without leaving the installation. The game must be brought to the check station immediately upon completion of harvest and any field dressing is complete.

d. During Late Youth Deer Season, youth may harvest any deer which was legal during Fall Season and within Fort Hood per hunter limits. DPW NCRMB determines remaining deer harvest limits.

e. There are special restrictions for buck deer on Fort Hood. The bag limit is two (2) bucks per Fort Hood hunting permit.

(1) One (1) buck must have a hardened antler protruding through the skin or with antler growth in velvet greater than one inch and at least one unbranched antler.

(2) One (1) buck must have an inside spread measurement between main beams of 13 inches or greater.

(3) To determine if a buck has an inside spread measurement of at least 13 inches, look at the distance from ear-tip to ear-tip on a buck with ears in the alert position. See Figure 7-2, Legal and Illegal Spread and Point. This is only a field guide. If in doubt, do not shoot.

(4) Definition of a point: A point is a projection that extends at least one inch from the edge of a main beam or another tine. The tip of the main beam is also a point.

(5) Special Late Season: Adults may harvest only antlerless and "unbranched antlered" deer. An unbranched antlered deer is a buck deer with at least one unbranched antler.

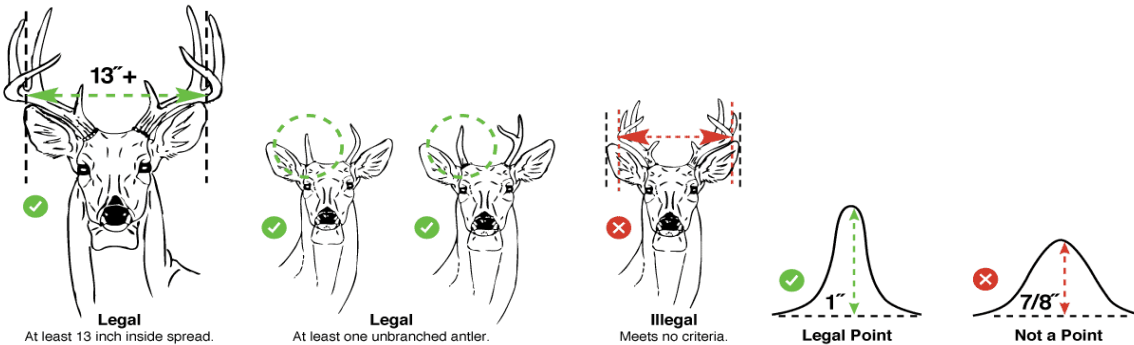


Figure 7-2. Legal and Illegal Spread and Point

7–8. Small Game, Unprotected Wildlife, and Non-Game Hunting

a. Hunters may check-in between 0400 and 2130 hours. All hunters must be checked out by 2159 hours.

b. All small game, unprotected wildlife, and non-game hunters will abide by rules and prohibitions listed in this chapter, seasons, bag limits, and authorized weapons as well as all State and Federal hunting laws and regulations. ***Under no circumstances may a hunter harvest a deer while checked into iSportsman under this option.***

c. There is no closed season for exotics (Aoudad sheep, Axis Deer, Sika Deer, emu, ostrich) on Fort Hood. Hunters may harvest exotics by means authorized by the activity type they are checked in for in iSportsman. Sightings are rare.

d. Hunters can use electronic calling devices and decoys for hunting non-game animals (e.g. coyotes) as authorized per state regulation. Use of calling equipment or other calling means is authorized for recreational purposes other than hunting.

7–9. Waterfowl and Migratory Game Birds

a. Hunters may check-in between 0400 and 2130 hours. All hunters must be checked out by 2159 hours.

b. Hunters taking or hunting migratory game birds must have all appropriate endorsements on their Texas State Hunting License.

c. Fort Hood regulations govern waterfowl hunting on streams and impoundments within Fort Hood and that portion of the Leon River that borders the military installation.

d. Fort Hood regulations do not regulate waterfowl hunting on Belton Lake or that portion of Cowhouse Creek east of East Range Road (Curry) Crossing, provided access to these locations is by boat and hunters do not exit the boat.

e. iSportsman controls access to hunt on the Belton Lake shoreline. Hunters accessing Belton Lake shoreline through Fort Hood must possess a valid hunting permit and be signed in through iSportsman.

f. Hunters must use non-toxic shot loads for all waterfowl hunting on Fort Hood.

g. ***There is no hunting at Cantonment A, Cantonment B, Birdbath Lake, East Lake, Pershing Lake, Cantonment E Pond in Kouma Village, Airfield Lake, Landfill Lake, Clear Creek Lake, or any other named or unnamed bodies of water in cantonment areas.***

h. The Duck Stamp is not required for youth hunters 15 years and younger. For active duty and veterans, refer to state regulations.

i. Persons wishing to train their dogs by releasing purchased birds such as quail must first receive written approval from DPW NCRMB. A health certificate for the birds is required, and the hunter may not shoot the birds out of season nor more than the daily bag limit for Fort Hood. The hunter must have all applicable state licenses, endorsements, and a Fort Hood iSportsman hunting permit.

j. In addition to the requirements above, waterfowl hunters must possess a valid federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp (duck stamp), unless the individual is under 16 years of age.

7–10. Wild Pigs

a. Hunters may check-in between 0400 and 2130 hours. All hunters must be checked out by 2159 hours.

b. Wild pigs (unlimited harvest permitted) are required to be field dressed and brought directly to the DPW NCRMB Game Check Station, Bldg. 1944, Rod & Gun Club Loop, for weighing, inspection, and recordkeeping by DPW NCRMB. The game must be brought to the check station immediately upon completion of harvest and any field dressing is complete via the most direct route without leaving the installation. Outside normal business hours (0730-1630, Monday-Friday), when the check station or Bldg. 1939, Rod & Gun Club Loop is not open, hunters must register their harvest by completing the appropriate paperwork at the kiosk in front of the check station. There are instructions posted on-site regarding proper procedure. Hunters who would like to have their harvest weighed and measured may return with their harvest during normal business hours for DPW NCRMB to take the data. Report harvest using hunter's iSportsman permit number. ***Write legibly on the form.***

7–11. Fur- Bearing Animal

a. Hunters may check-in between 0400 and 2130 hours. All hunters must be checked out by 2159 hours.

b. Hunters and trappers of fur-bearing animals must possess a valid Texas Trapper's License and a Fort Hood Hunting Permit if they are not selling the fur.

c. A TPWD non-game permit is required if the recreator intends to sell the fur.

d. Only live traps are authorized on Fort Hood.

e. It is prohibited to use foot holding (steel leghold or conibear), deadfall, snare, pit- fall, or net traps.

f. Each trap must be marked in an indelible medium with the trapper's name, address, and Fort Hood iSportsman hunting permit number, and be checked a minimum of once every 36 hours.

g. Although classified as fur-bearing animals per state regulations, hunting fox on Fort Hood is prohibited as stated in para. 7-2.i. above.

Chapter 8 Responsibilities

8–1. Directorate of Public Works (DPW) Environmental Division

Supervises and directs the Environmental programs on Fort Hood, including DPW NCRMB.

a. Oversees all aspects of environmental protection and coordinates review of major actions with environmental consequences to command group.

b. Signature authority for major actions regarding environmental programs including, but not limited to, suspension of recreational privileges IAW this regulation.

8–2. DPW Natural and Cultural Resources Management Branch (NCRMB)

Supervises, directs, and coordinates fish, wildlife and natural resources conservation activities on Fort Hood.

a. Manages the Fort Hood hunting and fishing programs and issues permits and vehicle range passes through iSportsman.

b. Maintains and improves fish and wildlife habitat according to the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan, AR 200-1, Environmental Protection and Enhancement; FH Reg 200-1, Environmental and Natural Resources; and the Sikes Act.

c. Determines the allowable harvest of fish and game, dates of eligible harvest, other regulatory provisions, and all other related activities based on coordination with state and federal fish and wildlife authorities.

d. Manages the program for annual big game hunts and updates and publishes FH Reg 210-25, Installation Hunting, Fishing, and Natural Resources Conservation.

e. Coordinates with DPTMS, Range Operations, regarding areas available for recreational use.

f. Coordinates with the Chief, Force Protection Division United States Army Garrison Fort Hood, to close selected fishing and hunting areas during deployment operations or based upon the existing force protection condition.

8-3. Chief, NCRMB

Under the supervision of DPW Environmental Division, the Chief, DPW NCRMB will—

- a. Serve as the senior civilian responsible for the operation of the branch, office functions, and deposits hunting and fishing permits fees.
- b. Recommends permit fees annually for approval by the Garrison Commander.
- c. Provide biological information to staff agencies on fish, wildlife, natural resources conservation, and threatened and endangered species.

8-4. Directorate of Emergency Services (DES)

- a. DES includes the Game Warden Section and enforces all water safety, hunting, fishing, and natural resources conservation laws and regulations on Fort Hood.
- b. Signature authority for major actions regarding law enforcement programs including, but not limited to, installation barment.

8-5. Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS)

DPTMS Range Operations will—

- a. Maintain a list of training areas scheduled by military units for 24-hour periods.
- b. Provide list to DPW of areas open/closed for recreation.
- c. Maintain the Surface Danger Zone for each live-fire range.
- d. Monitor vehicle range passes.
- e. Schedule non-training unit/organizational uses of range areas.

8-6. Commanders and Supervisors

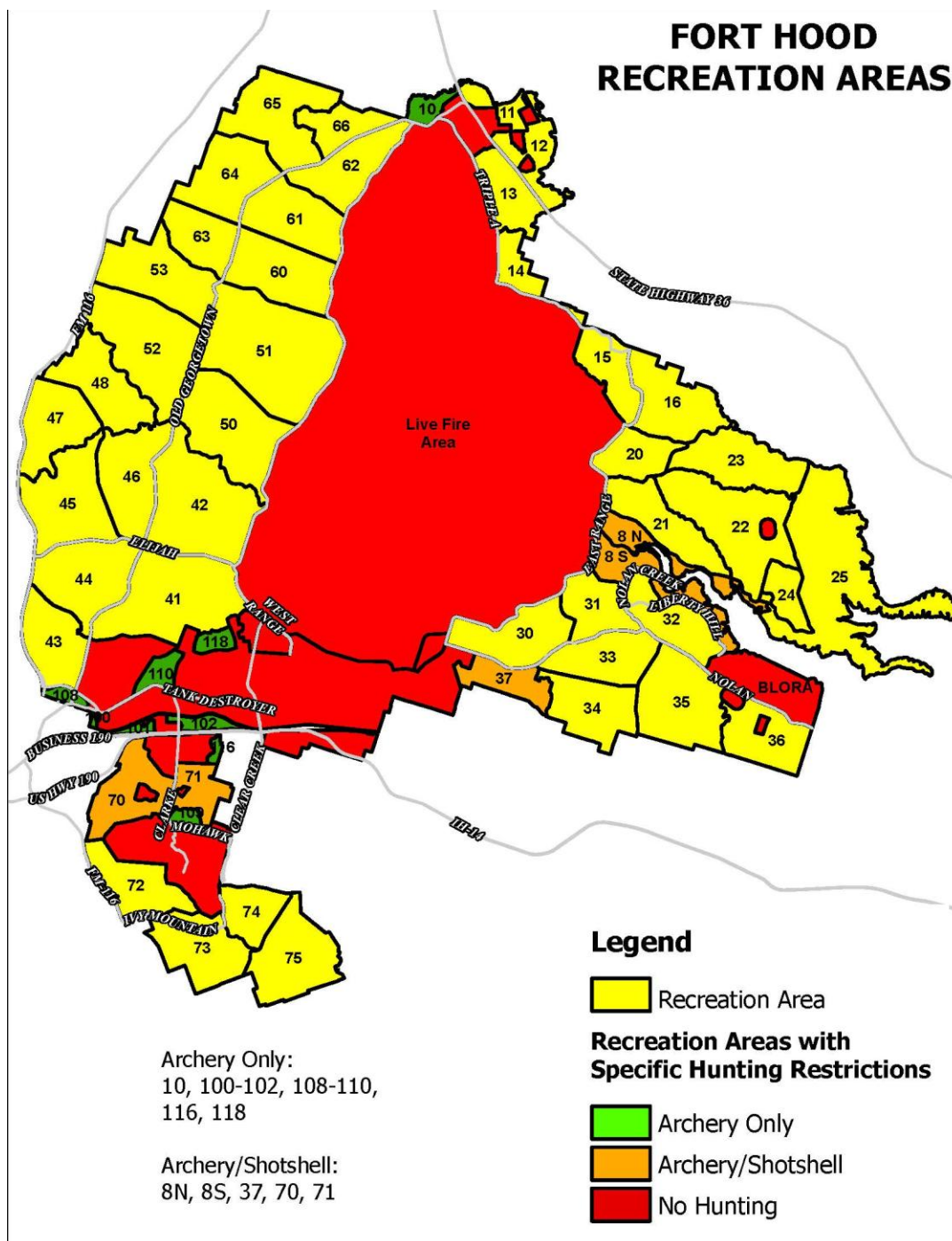
Commanders and supervisors ensure their personnel, including those engaged in training exercises, follow natural resources conservation regulations.

8-7. All Personnel

- a. All persons, military and civilian, are responsible for complying with all local, state, and federal regulations related to the conservation of natural resources for their own safety, and for the safety of the natural resources.
- b. Violations of local, state, and federal regulations are reported as stated in Chapter 3, "Violations and Penalties," of this regulation.

Appendix A
Area Designations for the 2026-2027 General Season

Figure A-1. Fort Hood area designations for the 2026-2027 general season



Note: The YELLOW areas above allow recreation IAW the regulation. The GREEN, AMBER, and RED areas on the map are areas with specific restrictions to that area. Recreators must be aware of all restrictions in the area where they are recreating.

Appendix B. Fishing Locations, Limitations, & Special Restrictions

Table B-1 No Check-In/Check-Out Fishing Locations	
No Check-in/Check-Out Locations	Location Description
Airfield Lake*	West end of FH 37, located behind 69 ADA complex off North Nolan Road.
Clear Creek Lake*	TA 70 – Only entrance is from the city of Copperas Cove. Take Old Copperas Cove Road and cross the cattle guard. Tank trail will be on the right.
Lepomis Pond	TA 70 – Southeast of Clear Creek Lake PV 08817-41291
Copperas Cove Lake #2	TA 40 – Entrance can be made west of Tank Destroyer ACP Road at cattle guard or off Georgetown Road.
Copperas Cove Lake #3	TA 40 – Entrance can be made driving through cattle guard entrance west of Tank Destroyer ACP and taking the tank trail.
Engineer Lake	TA 30 – Located off North Nolan Road.
Heiner Lake	TA 35 – Located off Nolanville Road.
Larned Lake	TA 33 – Located near the intersection of North Nolan Road and Nolan Creek Road.
Nolan Lake	TA 36 – Located off North Nolan Road near the BLORA entrance
Cantonment A Pond*	To the right of Clark Road ACP (large truck inspection station). Cantonment A pond is off limits during 4th of July celebrations for Force Protection. These celebrations happen near the 4th of July, but not always on that exact date.
Cantonment B Pond (Kids Pond)*	Across from CTC off Bell Tower exit. Must be going west on I-14 and take Bell Tower exit. The open gate is on the right before the overpass. Cantonment B pond is off limits during 4th of July celebrations for Force Protection. These celebrations happen near the 4th of July, but not always on that exact date.
Cantonment E Pond*	East of Kouman Village off Roberts Rd.
Pershing Lake*	Across from Main Gate entrance on south side of I-14. Entrance obtained through Kouma Village. Access is walk-in only.
Crossville Lake	TA 71 – south of Copperas Cove Road. East of Crossville Mountain.

Note. *These ponds do not require recreators to wear safety orange while fishing during the fall hunting season.

Table B-2 Catch and Release: No Check-In/Check-Out Fishing Locations*	
No Check-In/Check-Out Locations	Location Description
East Lake**	Located near intersection of South Range Road and Murphy Road.
Birdbath Lake**	Located off South Range Road across from Black Gap Range.

Note. * For safety reasons, no fish may be kept or consumed from these ponds.

**These ponds do not require recreators to wear safety orange while fishing during the fall hunting season.

Table B-3 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 B-4 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 C. Hunt Seasons, Bag Limits, Possession Limits, Means & Methods, and Endorsements

Table C-1 Morning Dove, White Wing Dove, White-Tipped Dove			
Season	Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Licensing Endorsements
• 1 Sep 2026 – 25 Oct 2026 • 11 Dec 2026 - 14 Jan 2027 • 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 C-2 Early Teal			
Season	Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Licensing Endorsements
• 19-27 Sep 2026	• 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 C-3 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 C-4 Bobwhite Quail			
Season	Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Licensing Endorsements
• 1 Nov 2026 - 28 Feb 2027	• 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 C-5 Spring Turkey Season			
Season	Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Licensing Endorsements
• Spring Season 3 Apr 2027 - 16 May 2027 • Special Youth Season 27-28 Mar 2027 & 22-23 May 2027 • 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 C-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 C-6 Fall Turkey Season			
Season	Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Licensing Endorsements
• Fall Season 7 Nov 2026 – 3 Jan 2027 • Archery Only Season 3 Oct 2026 – 6 Nov 2026 • Youth Only Season 30 Oct – 1 Nov 2026 & 4-17 Jan 2027 • 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 C-5)	• Same as bag limit	• Upland Game Bird • Archery (required during Archery Only Season)
Means & Methods			
• Archery Only Season 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 C-7 White-Tailed Deer			
Season	Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Licensing Endorsements
• General Season 7 Nov 2026 - 3 Jan 2027 • Archery Only Season 3 Oct 2026 - 6 Nov 2026 • Youth Only Season 30 Oct - 1 Nov 2026 & 4-17 Jan 2027 • Special Late (antlerless and unbranched antler) Season 4-17 Jan 2027 • 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 limited to legal archery equipment only			

Note: ¹ 13 inches = 331 millimeters

Table C-8 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 C-9 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 C-10 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 C-11 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 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]		

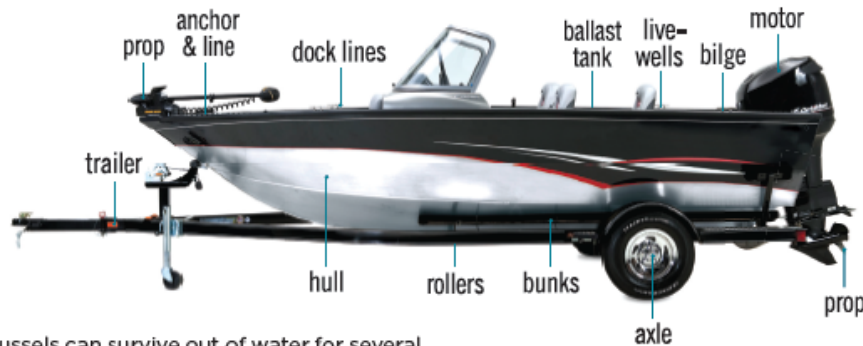
Appendix D

Contacts and Resources

Contact	Telephone Number
DPW Natural and Cultural Resource Management Branch – iSportsman Duty Phone	(254) 535-3295
DES Police Desk – Non-Emergency	(254) 287-4001
DPTMS Range Operations and UXO Reporting	(254) 287-3321 or (254) 287-3130
DES Fire Department or Police Emergency	911

Additional Contact Information & Resources
Email Address listed on iSportsman https://fthood.isportsman.net/Contact.aspx
U.S. Army Fort Hood Facebook https://www.facebook.com/forthoodarmy
Firearms Registration https://home.army.mil/hood/my-fort/visitor-information/firearms-Registration
Fort Hood Environmental Digging Permits https://home.army.mil/hood/units-tenants/Garrison-1/DPW/ENV/EDP
Outdoor Recreational Activities Offered by DFMWR https://hood.armymwr.com
Marvin Leath Visitor Center https://home.army.mil/hood/my-fort/visitor-information

ZEBRA MUSSELS HIDE HERE.



Zebra mussels can survive out of water for several days in hot weather and up to a month in cool, wet weather.

Don't be a carrier! Protect the lakes you love and prevent damage to your boat by following these three steps.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

CLEAN your boat, trailer and gear by removing plants and mud and checking all crevices for foreign objects.

DRAIN all water — including the motor, bilge, livewells, and bait buckets — it's the law! Microscopic zebra mussel larvae can hide in water in your boat.

DRY your boat, compartments, gear, and trailer for a week or more before entering another water body. If unable to dry it completely, wash it with high-pressure, hot, soapy water. If your boat has been stored on an infested lake, have it professionally cleaned.

For information on zebra mussels, visit:

www.tpwd.texas.gov/zebramussels

Text **TPWD ZM** to **GOV311** for updates on zebra mussels.

**CLEAN, DRAIN
AND DRY YOUR
BOAT, TRAILER
AND GEAR.**

IT'S THE LAW!

If you've stored your boat on an infested lake or find zebra mussels attached to your boat, call Texas Parks and Wildlife at (800) 792-4263 for guidance before moving it.

**PROTECT THE LAKES
YOU LOVE.**

Appendix F References

Section I Required Publications

AR 200-1

Environmental Protection and Enhancement

AR 215-1

Military Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Program and Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities

AR 350-19

The Army Sustainable Range Program

AR 600-55

The Army Drive and Operation Standardization Program

Endangered Species Act

FH REG 190-5

Traffic Code

FH REG 190-11

Weapons

FH REG 200-1

Environmental and Natural Resources

FH REG 40-5

Authorized Veterinary Care and Animal Control Program

Migratory Bird Treaty Act

National Environmental Policy Act

Sikes Act

Section II Referenced Forms

FH Form 1853

Fort Hood Distribution Scheme

FH Form 190-19

Fort Hood Firearms Registration Form

FH Form 200-10

Coordination of Land Excavation and Water Use

Appendix G

Glossary

AR

Army Regulation

ATV

All-Terrain Vehicle

BLORA

Belton Lake Outdoor Recreation Area

DES

Directorate of Emergency Services

DFMWR

Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation

DPTMS

Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security

DPW

Directorate of Public Works

FH Reg

Fort Hood Regulation

IAW

In Accordance With

NCRMB

Natural and Cultural Resources Management Branch

ORV

Off-Road Vehicle

PFD

Personal Flotation Device

TA

Training Area

TPWD

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

UCMJ

Uniform Code of Military Justice

USC

United States Code

UTV

Utility Vehicle

UXO

Unexploded Ordinance