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FORT CAVAZOS ANNUAL HUNTING, FISHING, AND NATURAL RESOURCE USE GUIDE

1. HISTORY. This is an administrative revision. Sections affected by this revision are listed in the summary of changes.
2. SUMMARY. This regulation prescribes the requirements for enforcement of hunting, fishing, and general recreation within the boundaries of Fort Cavazos.
3. APPLICABILITY. This regulation applies to all persons on Fort Cavazos, Texas, unless otherwise exempted by law or regulation.
4. SUPPLEMENTATION. Supplementation of this guidance is prohibited without prior approval of Directorate of Public Works (DPW) Natural and Cultural Resources Management Branch (NCRMB).
5. SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS. The proponent of this guidance is DPW NCRMB. Send comments, suggested revisions, or improvements to Commander, III Corps and Fort Cavazos, ATTN: AMIM-CAP-E, Fort Cavazos, Texas 76544-5028.

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Summary of Changes:

- Throughout – updated section headings and formatting.
- 2(b) – emphasized permit fees are non-refundable.
- 2(b) – standardized permits fees for all users except youth
- 2(b) – changed general recreation permit fee from \$5 to \$15
- 3 – table of penalties removed; this is outlined in FC Reg 210-25.
- 3 – updated appeals process for administrative penalties.
- 4 – deleted statements regarding confiscation of permits during suspensions.
- 4 – moved paragraph about harvest limits and check station process to hunting section on page 23
- 4 – removed the “Game Warden Reminders” and “General Reminders” sections. Added the reminders into the appropriate sections throughout the document. Under the “reminders” sections, made the following changes:
 - Game Warden Reminder – clarified that names on feeders must match the information in the iSportsman system.
 - Game Warden Reminder – clarified that feeder marking must be visible and readable by person at ground level when in place.
 - Game Warden Reminders – changed dates when feeders are authorized to be placed in field from 15 Sep-31 Jan to 1 Sep-31 Jan.
 - Game Warden Reminders – clarified multiple vehicle range pass requirements.
 - General Reminders – added that permit holder must contact iSportsman staff to make changes to their customer type.
 - General Reminders – clarified that iSportsman system will automatically check out users if they fail to check out on time and will subsequently place a hold on their account.
 - General Reminders – clarified restriction against gathering resources for personal use or sale.
 - General Reminders – clarified use of tracking dog requirements.
- 4(a) – changed prohibited hours of recreation from between midnight and 0400 to 2200 and 0400
- 4(a) – clarified model boat restrictions.
- 4(b) – deleted reference to accessing Area 8 North as this is no longer a “no check-in/check-out” fishing area.
- 5(a) – clarified need to display Vehicle Range Pass in windshield of vehicle.
- 5(a) – updated dates of fall hunting season that restricts Gen Rec activity.
- 5(a) – changed hours for no recreational activity from between midnight to 0400 hours to between 2200 and 0400.
- 5(a) – updated latest check out time from 2359 to 2159.

- 5(a) – deleted “Use of game/hunting/trail cameras are authorized in the training areas for the purpose of capturing images of wildlife for personal use.”
- 5(c) – clarified requirements for horse owners.
- 6(a) – clarified requirement for vehicle range pass to be displayed in dash/window.
- 6(a) – added clarification for BLORA, Leon River and TA8 fishing requirements.
- 6(a) – added clarification for checking in/out participants.
- 6(a) – deleted reference to extension fishing permit as it is no longer applicable.
- 6(a) – deleted statements regarding confiscation of permits during suspensions.
- 6(a) – updated check out time from 2359 to 2159
- 6(a) – updated dates for requirement to wear orange.
- 6(a) – clarified each vehicle at Cantonment B must have a Vehicle Range Pass
- 6(a) – added clarification of activities authorized with a fishing permit.
- 6(b) – clarified prohibition of trotlines etc. and shocking devices.
- 6(b) – deleted minimum fine statement for littering.
- 6(b) – added Gray and Bratcher Lake to prohibited list.
- 6(b) – removed references to FH areas for cantonment area ponds.
- 7(a) – updated validity dates for hunting permits.
- 7(a) – deleted reference to disabled hunting permit, verification requirements, and disability definition.
- 7(a) – clarified Vehicle Range pass display requirement.
- 7(a) – updated dates for requirement to wear orange.
- 7(a) – added requirement to mark temporary blinds/stands for safety.
- 7(a) - changed dates when feeders are authorized to be placed in field from 15 Sep-31 Jan to 1 Sep-31 Jan.
- 7(a) – clarified that feeder marking must be visible and readable by person at ground level when in place.
- 7(a) – clarified that names on feeders must match the information in the iSportsman system.
- 7(b) – clarified weapons and firearms restriction for “No Hunting areas” Archery Only areas and airfields.
- 7(b) – added standoff distance for PT track in TA70
- 7(b) – deleted references to concurrent reservations as system automatically prohibits it.
- 7(b) – updated hours when recreation is not authorized to between 2200 and 0400.
- 7(b) – updated dates that feeders are permitted to 1 Sep – 31 Jan.
- 7(c) – Removed requirement for Guest/Observer permit.
- 7(d) – divided Spring and Fall turkey into separate activities.
- 7(d) – clarified numbers of participants for fall turkey hunting.
- 7(e) – added and clarified the activity specific check-in/check-out times.

- 7(e) – changed the permission to check into multiple areas under Small Game.
- 7(e) – clarified that pigs can be harvested under the small game/Non-Game hunting option.
- 7(e) – updated check out time from 2359 to 2159.
- 7(e) – clarified reservation availability is limited to deer, Spring turkey and pig hunters.
- 7(e) – clarified that reservation can be made starting at 1200 (noon) and can be made through 2100 the day prior.
- 7(e) – deleted prohibition against making reservations for other users.
- 7(g) – clarified requirement to check in harvested turkeys at Bldg. 1944
- 7(g) – clarified requirement to check in harvested deer at Bldg. 1944
- 7(e) & 7(g) – clarified that failure to check out by 2100 will result in automatic 15-day check-in hold.
- 7(h) – reiterated the responsibility of the hunter to know the harvest limits for the area they are hunting.
- 8 – updated map. Changed TAs 73 and 74 to allow general hunting (previously archery only) and changed TA 70 to allow archery/shotshell (previously archery only).
- 8 – Added red buffer identifying PT running tract in TA 70.
- Last page - iSportsman Access – deleted section as unnecessary.

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1. INTRODUCTION.

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

Possession of a Fort Cavazos permit (hunting, fishing, or general recreation) does not guarantee use of Fort Cavazos 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 Cavazos permits without refund and may result in criminal prosecution. Fort Cavazos complies with federal and state regulations and, in some instances, may be more restrictive.

Recreation on Fort Cavazos is open to the public. Non-DoD civilians registered in iSportsman may be eligible at the discretion of DPTMS for an extended Installation ACP pass to expedite entry onto Fort Cavazos for recreation. Visit the Marvin Leath Visitor Center website 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.*

All firearms must be registered with the Provost Marshal prior to bringing them on the installation. Proof of registration, FC Form 190-19 (Privately Owned Firearms Registration), must be carried on the person while hunting. Refer to FC REG 190-11 (Weapons) for details on registration.

Access to Fort Cavazos is subject to change without prior notice based on Force Protection requirements.

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.

2. GENERAL INFORMATION.

This guide was established in accordance with AR 200-1, AR 210-9, AR 215-1, AR 350-19, AR 200-3, FC Reg 190-5, FC REG 190-11, FC REG 210-25, and FC CIR 210-22. Fort Cavazos abides by state and federal regulations; however, the installation has the authority to be more restrictive.

The Directorate of Public Works, Natural and Cultural Resources Management Branch (NCRMB) is responsible for issuing Fort Cavazos hunting, fishing, and general

recreation permits through iSportsman. **Possession of duplicate permits or accounts is prohibited.**

NOTE: Other outdoor recreational activities, to include the skeet range, archery range, golf course, paintball course, mountain biking course, horse stables, and BLORA activities are functions of the Directorate of Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (DFMWR). Visit their website at <https://cavazos.armymwr.com/> or call (254) 287-4126 or (254) 287-1853.

All recreational users are responsible for the knowledge and understanding of:

- The Fort Cavazos Annual Hunting, Fishing and Natural Resource Use Guide
- Texas Hunting and Fishing Regulations in the Texas Parks & Wildlife Outdoor Annual
- Fort Cavazos Regulation 210-25 (Installation Hunting, Fishing, and Natural Resources Conservation)
- Fort Cavazos Circular 210- 22 (Hunting & Fishing Bag Limits and Seasons)

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

a. Weapons Information and Registration:

Firearms Registration: Personnel who are using their privately-owned firearms on Fort Cavazos are required to register their firearms online, at the Marvin Leath Visitor Center, or at the Fort Cavazos Police Station (Directorate of Emergency Services). All up-to-date information may be found at:

<https://home.army.mil/cavazos/my-fort/visitor-information/firearms-registration>

All vehicles entering Fort Cavazos 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). Fort Cavazos Form 190-19 is required to be on your person while transporting firearms on Fort Cavazos. 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 Cavazos.

TEXAS LICENSE TO CARRY LAW DOES NOT APPLY ON FORT CAVAZOS.

Individuals borrowing firearms must obtain and have the following documentation: copy of the

owner's Fort Cavazos firearm registration and a letter from the owner giving the individual (name & date of birth) permission to use the firearm. Letter must identify firearm by make, model, caliber or gauge, and serial number.

b. Permit Fees and Eligibility:

Permit fees, established in accordance with the Sikes Act, are listed in the table below. Permit fees are **non-refundable**, and it is the recreator's responsibility to know if they can meet the requirements to recreate on Fort Cavazos before purchasing a permit.

Permit Type	Cost
Hunting Permit	\$75
Youth Hunting Permit	\$20
Fishing Permit	\$25
Youth Fishing Permit	Free
General Recreation Permit	\$15
Youth General Recreation Permit	Free

Fishing Permit = ALL persons 17 years of age or over.

Youth Fishing Permit = Youth ages 9 to 16 years of age must have a Youth Fishing Permit. Children under the age of 9 do not need a permit. Youth that are licensed to drive must have a vehicle range pass.

Youth Hunting Permit = Youth is defined as anyone ages 9 to 16 years. Children under the age of 9 are not authorized to hunt on Fort Cavazos.

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.

(1) Hunter Education Certification

- a. As per AR 350-19 and AR 215-1, it is **mandatory for all hunters** to have a state-approved Hunter Education Certification.
- b. Hunter Education Certification documentation must be carried on the hunter while in the field and available to view when requested by law enforcement.
- c. Most states have approved courses available at a nominal fee and recognize each other's courses. Fort Cavazos recognizes all states' certifications.
- d. Texas Parks & Wildlife exemptions and Hunter Education deferment **do not apply** on Fort Cavazos.
- e. Bow hunter certification is not a substitution for hunter education.

3. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.

Hunting, fishing and recreational violations can result in criminal, disciplinary and administrative penalties. Administrative penalties, primarily suspension of recreational privileges, will be enforced through the iSportsman system. Suspensions (or holds) of 90 days or less may not be appealed. Suspensions greater than 90 days may be appealed in writing to the Garrison Commander.

The Game Warden will provide the recreator with a "Notification of Suspension of Installation Hunting, Fishing and Recreational Activities and Access" form that outlines the violation and penalty for the violation. The appeal process is on the form.

When a suspension or hold is activated for a user, the suspension of privileges applies to ALL recreation INCLUDING "no check-in/check-out" fishing.

4. GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ALL RECREATORS

a. Requirements and Reminders:

(1) All individuals must possess the following when recreating on Fort Cavazos:

a. A valid Fort Cavazos iSportsman permit.

1. Possessing a General Recreation permit authorizes recreators to participate only in general recreation activities – hunting and fishing is NOT permitted under this permit.

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

(2) A valid vehicle range pass issued through iSportsman. Recreators are responsible for updating and maintaining current vehicle information in iSportsman prior to accessing Fort Cavazos. **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 your vehicle while in the field. Your 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 owner's expense.

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

(4) The primary mission for Fort Cavazos is military training and military readiness. **All recreators (including anglers at “no check-in/out” ponds) must stay at least 500 meters from military units, military personnel, and equipment.** 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.

(5) The recreator is responsible for iSportsman account access. Sharing login ID/password information is NOT recommended. Unauthorized use of another recreator’s permit information is prohibited and may result in loss of recreational privileges (e.g. checking- in participants without their permission).

(6) 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 or email to request changes. If NRMB staff try to contact an individual and the phone numbers are invalid, the account will be placed on hold until contact information can be updated in iSportsman.

(7) Entering a training area or unimproved area of Fort Cavazos for any purpose without required access 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 you are not authorized, and failure to obey applicable laws and regulations will subject violator to: arrest by Game Wardens, citations, and suspension of recreational access privileges.

(8) Game Warden cell phone number only to be used for Operation Game Thief and reporting the tracking of animals past 2000 hrs. You must call the DES Police Desk for routine assistance calls.

(9) If your vehicle becomes disabled, call for local towing/recovery service. The Game Warden Section does not provide towing/recovery service. Disabled vehicles are not permitted in the training area overnight.

(10) Recreators are NOT to confront other recreators in the training areas to discuss any perceived problems/issues/concerns/etc. Contact the on-duty game warden (254) 206-7777 or 9-1-1 if there is imminent danger; otherwise, call the DES Police Desk to have a Game Warden dispatched. Only the Game Wardens have the authority and jurisdiction to enforce laws and regulations.

(11) Recreators are NOT to disturb any equipment that does not belong them. Any equipment found in the training areas may be reported to Game Warden but should not be removed.

(12) You must leave the area immediately if asked by law enforcement or government personnel. Interfering with military training or government business is prohibited.

(13) Uncontrolled or unscheduled outdoor recreational activities within the installation's training areas is prohibited. Contractual activities and certain guided outdoor and recreational activities may be permitted. See "Access by Organizations" section below.

(14) 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 Violations and Penalties section). In case of an emergency, always let family or friends know where you are going. Recreators are encouraged to use a buddy system to enhance safety in the field, avoid recreating alone.

(15) Off-roading (mudding/rock climbing) with vehicles is NOT authorized on Fort Cavazos. No driving/parking on dams, driving in dry/running creek beds (crossing creek is okay) 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. Dirt Bikes and ATVs are prohibited. Dual-purpose motorcycles that are duly registered and licensed as street legal authorized in the training areas as a means of transportation; however, off-roading and mudding are prohibited.

(16) Fort Cavazos 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 Fort Cavazos Natural and Cultural Resources Facebook page and on iSportsman so recreators can be informed. Personal property used/left on Fort Cavazos is at your own risk.

b. Prohibited Activities:

(1) Interfering with military training or government business.

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

(3) Leaving juveniles under 15 years of age in the training areas or other unimproved areas without adult supervision. "Adult" is defined as someone 18 years and older. The adult must have appropriate permits.

(4) Use of metal detectors and removal of scrap metal or cultural artifacts.

(5) Magnet “fishing”.

(6) 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.

(7) Excavating, digging for, or otherwise removing, archeological resources or cultural artifacts.

(8) 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 ft. away from all rock shelters and caves.

(9) Trailblazing or construction of new roads. Recreators must use existing roads and tank trails.

(10) Possess a handgun on Fort Cavazos except when legally stored at a domicile or in legal transit to and from a range activity.

(11) 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.

(12) Intentionally harassing, assaulting, or otherwise hindering recreational opportunity of other recreators.

(13) Remove any equipment from areas that is not the property of the permitted recreator.

(14) Take or capture any wildlife species or natural resource from Fort Cavazos for commercial purposes.

(15) Live-capture any wildlife species for personal ownership (i.e. capturing wildlife to keep as a pet).

(16) Possess, pick up, move, or otherwise harass fawn deer or any other juvenile wildlife.

(17) 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.

(18) Introduce or release any species or individual animals on Fort Cavazos without written permission from DPW NCRMB.

- (19) Pursue, drive, flush, or otherwise harass wildlife with vehicles.
- (20) Recreation between 2200 and 0400 hours.
- (21) Recreation including hunting and fishing in the live-fire area of the Installation.
- (22) Harassing, assaulting, or otherwise hindering the duties of government and contract employees while on duty.
- (23) Damaging, destroying, or threatening to damage or destroy, government property in the field.
- (24) Willful damage or destruction of trees and brush using vehicles or other means.
- (25) Christmas tree cutting.
- (26) Littering and dumping. (Protect natural resources by properly disposing of any trash. If no trash receptacles are available or if they are full, take it home with you. You are responsible for any items you bring on to the installation.
- (27) Campfires.
- (28) Operate remote or radio-controlled model watercraft propelled by gasoline on all ponds, lakes, or streams.
- (29) Fly UAVs or drones.
- (30) Driving vehicles on dam slopes and parking on dam right of ways/slopes.
- (31) Camping, EXCEPT as authorized at BLORA, or Camps Finlayson or Arrowhead.
- (32) Swimming in any lakes, ponds, rivers, or streams on Fort Cavazos, except within BLORA at designated beach area. This includes being on horseback in the water.
- (33) Digging or otherwise removing living plants, sod, topsoil, sand, rocks, fossils, or artifact resources.
- (34) Digging or other means of soil excavation without a DPW digging permit (FC Form 200-10) IAW FC REG 200-1, to include soil preparation for wildlife food plots. You 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 NCRMB, Bldg. 1939 Rod & Gun Club Loop.

(35) The cutting of standing trees and the gathering of downed/dead wood for removal. No gathering firewood. No tree cutting from 15 March through 15 August. Special circumstances may be approved by NCRMB on a case-by-case basis in writing. Absolutely no posting of any trees at any time of year (Example: 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.

c. 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:

- (1) Antelope Road
- (2) Ivy Mountain Road
- (3) Liberty Hill Road
- (4) Manning Mountain Road
- (5) Maxdale Road
- (6) Million Dollar Road (TA73)
- (7) Nolan Creek Road
- (8) Nolanville Road
- (9) Royalty Ridge Road (between West Range Road and Old Georgetown Road)
- (10) Royalty Ridge Road to Walker/Springhill Cemetery
- (11) Shell Mountain Road
- (12) Brookhaven Road
- (13) Brown's Creek Road

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

d. 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 (RFMSS). This can be done by visiting Range Operations at Bldg. 56000.

e. Safety

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.

(1) Individuals are responsible for familiarity and following all applicable statutes, regulations, and procedures pertaining to proper conservation practices, training area access, and water safety. Please take special note of FC REG 210-25, FC CIR 210-22, and any other regulation or reference on the iSportsman page.

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

(3) Do not use drugs or alcohol while recreating on Fort Cavazos

(4) All recreators must wear a minimum of 400 square inches (2,581 square centimeters) (total) of safety orange on the head and upper torso 28 September 2024 through 31 January 2025.

5. GENERAL RECREATION AND GENERAL RECREATION PERMIT INFORMATION

a. Requirements and Reminders:

(1) All persons participating in general recreation activities on Fort Cavazos must possess a valid vehicle range pass displayed in the windshield/dash of their vehicle and have a Fort Cavazos iSportsman Permit **ON THEIR PERSON**.

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

(3) 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.

(4) Vehicle Range Passes will:

a. Not be loaned to another person.

- b. Not be utilized by unauthorized individuals.
- c. Be safeguarded to prevent loss.

(5) General Recreation activities listed below are prohibited in some training areas during the Fall Hunting Season (25 September 2024 – 31 January 2025). During this timeframe, expect recreational activities to be limited or prohibited due to safety. No recreational activities are permitted between 2200 and 0400 hours.

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

(7) **iSportsman Check-out:** All recreators must check-out NLT 2159. ***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 in order to check-out.*** You cannot check-out for someone else through your account!

b. Prohibited Activities

See Section 4.1 above.

c. General Recreation Permit Activities

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

- a. Bird watching.
- b. Dog running/walking/training. Dog training for hunting purposes also requires the trainer to have a valid State hunting/trapping license and Fort Cavazos hunting permit. 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 Fort Cavazos Regulation 40-5. This includes wearing a current rabies vaccination tag.
- 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 one gallon 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. Due to abrupt and significant depth changes, there is no swimming in the ponds, lakes, rivers, and streams in Fort Cavazos training areas. This includes persons on horseback and persons leading horses into the water.
- h. Kayaking or canoeing (must follow Clean, Drain, Dry procedures are found at Appendix C of FC REG 210-25).
- i. **Hunting and fishing activities are not authorized under the general recreation permit.**

6. FISHING AND FISHING PERMIT INFORMATION

a. Requirements and Reminders:

(1) All persons fishing lakes, ponds, and streams of Fort Cavazos must possess a valid Texas State Fishing License (except those exempted by the state) and the Fort Cavazos Fishing Permit **ON THEIR PERSON** as well as a vehicle range pass displayed in the dash/window of their vehicle. Below are specific exceptions to this requirement:

- a. BLORA - For the waters of Belton Lake within the confines of BLORA Park, 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. **HOWEVER**, a change to regulation now requires all fishermen to check-in and check-out of TA 8N and 8S though the iSportsman system. These areas are **NOT** "no check-in/check-out" areas.

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

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

(4) A state fishing license and a Fort Cavazos fishing permit is required to take crawfish. There is no limit on crawfish.

(5) All persons will abide by State and Fort Cavazos bag limits (see FC CIR 210-22), possession limits, and access procedures as well as all State and Federal fishing regulations. Ethical anglers:

- a. Take only what they can use and uses what they take.
- b. Always recycle or properly dispose of all fishing line to protect the environment and aquatic or wildlife resources.
- c. Leave no litter and doesn't pollute our waters.

(6) Manually propelled boats are authorized on most Fort Cavazos lakes, ponds, and streams except Cantonment B (Kid's 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. In Texas public waters, all motorized boats (including electric) must have Texas boat registration and all boating safety devices that are required by Texas Water Safety Digest. NO gasoline powered motors allowed on any lake or pond on Fort Cavazos, except Belton Lake.

(7) **iSportsman Check-In:** Valid permit holders must login to the Fort Cavazos iSportsman site with their username and password. Anglers may check into an area starting at 0400. Anglers may check-in up to 2 "participant" anglers who also have valid permits.

Participants: When checking into an area, angler may check in a "participant" permittee(s) as well. 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 in order to check-out. You cannot check-out for someone else through your account!***

(8) **iSportsman Check-out:** All anglers must check-out NLT 2159. ***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. You cannot check-out for someone else through your account!***

(9) 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.

(10) Fishing at "No Check-in/Check-out" fishing ponds/lakes between 28 September 2024 and 31 January 2025 requires the angler wear a minimum of 400 square inches (2,581 square centimeters) (total) of safety orange on the head and upper torso.

(11) 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 (EXAMPLE: wildfires or training). Fishermen are encouraged to frequently check the iSportsman page for warning notices and lake closures.

(12) 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 Cavazos Fishing Permit. Children must be supervised (in direct sight) at all times. Children not old enough to fish (infants & 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 “Kid’s Pond” is to introduce youth to fishing.

(13) House Bill 1241 is still in effect and includes all Texas counties. Boats, kayaks and trailers in any body of water (not just Stillhouse or Belton Lakes) must be clean off all plant, mud and foreign objects, drain all water including the motor, bilge, live wells and bait buckets and dry for at least one week or be washed with high-pressure, hot soapy water before entering any other body of water. The Texas law states, “Live fish, including personally caught live bait, cannot be transported in water that comes from the water body where they were caught. Personally caught live bait can be used only in the water body where it was caught.” This includes bait that was captured in another body of water and frozen before use. For example, bait fish taken from Belton Lake and used in Nolan Lake could spread the microscopic, juvenile zebra mussel. DPW Natural Resources will discontinue stocking any Fort Cavazos pond that is infected with zebra mussels. Clean, Drain, Dry procedures are found at Appendix C of FC REG 210-25.

(14) DPW NCRMB is responsible for stocking selected lakes and ponds on Fort Cavazos. A current list of stockings is available on the iSportsman website.

(15) Individuals that possess a fishing permit may also check-in for general recreation. However, hunting activities are NOT authorized under a fishing permit.

b. Prohibited Activities

- (1) Fishing plastic lined ponds.
- (2) Transporting live fish from one body of water to another body of water.
- (3) Releasing live bait in lakes and ponds.
- (4) Releasing any aquatic species into Fort Cavazos waters without written permission from DPW, Natural Resources Management Branch.
- (5) Possession or consumption of any alcohol or illegal substances.
- (6) Noodling/hand fishing.

- (7) Magnet “fishing”.
- (8) Use of any boats or flotation devices on Cantonment B Pond (Kids’ Pond).
- (9) Use of gasoline-powered boat motors on all lakes and ponds, except Belton Lake.
- (10) Driving vehicles on dam slopes and parking on dam right of ways/slopes.
- (11) Trotlines, throw lines, and jug lines in all lakes, ponds, and streams. The exception is in Cowhouse Creek East of Curry Crossing and the Leon River.
- (12) Shocking devices.
- (13) Swimming except at BLORA’s designated beach area.
- (14) Leaving trash at pond areas, littering, dumping, or otherwise polluting the waters. Users must remove all items brought to the pond/lake upon departure.
- (15) Use of illegal devices as identified by federal and state laws.
- (16) Possession of fish or aquatic life without fishing or hunting permit as required.
- (17) 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).
- (18) Possession of any firearms, pellet gun, or BB gun.
- (19) Bow fishing in the lakes, creeks, and ponds on Fort Cavazos. 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.
- (20) Taking of fish that does not meet size limits, bag and possession limits (See FC CIR 210-22).
- (21) Taking of fish without a state license (unless exempt) and required Fort Cavazos permits.
- (22) Ground fires and campfires.
- (23) Fishing in Landfill Lake, Gray Lake, or Bratcher Lake

c. No Check-In/Check-Out Fishing Locations

No Check-in/Check Out Locations	Location Description
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Airfield Lake	West end of FC 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 off Tank Destroyer Road at cattle guard or off Georgetown Road.
Copperas Cove Lake #3	TA 40 – Entrance can be made driving through cattle guard entrance off Tank Destroyer Road and taking the tank trail.
Engineer Lake	TA 30 – Located off North Nolan Road
Heiner Lake	TA 35 – Located off Nolanville Road. Quarry Road from Killeen side.
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 4 th of July celebrations for Force Protection. These celebrations happen near the 4 th of July, but not always on that exact date.
Cantonment B Pond (Kids Pond)	Across from CTC off Bell Tower exit. You 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 4 th of July celebrations for Force Protection. These celebrations happen near the 4 th of July, but not always on that exact date.
Pershing Lake and Cantonment E Pond near Kouma Village	Lakes located 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

The below ponds are No Check-In/Check-Out ponds but are designated as Catch and Release only. For safety reasons, no fish may be kept or consumed from these ponds.

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

7. HUNTING AND HUNTING PERMIT INFORMATION

a. Requirements and Reminders:

(1) This section applies to big game, small game, and non-game hunting. All area designations, access to Fort Cavazos 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 Cavazos, Federal, or State) can be grounds to suspend or revoke Fort Cavazos land use privileges.

(2) Hunting permits are valid from the date of purchase in iSportsman through August 31, 2025.

(3) All hunters are required to have **ON THEIR PERSON** while hunting, the following:

- a. Proof of Hunter Education Certification. [see (5) below]
- b. A valid Fort Cavazos hunting permit obtained through iSportsman.
- c. A valid Texas hunting license with appropriate endorsements.
- d. Fort Cavazos firearms registration (Fort Cavazos Form 190-19) if required.

(4) 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 vehicle information in iSportsman prior to accessing Fort Cavazos.

(5) Hunter education exemptions and deferments offered by the State of Texas do not apply on Fort Cavazos. In accordance with AR 215-1, proof of hunter education certification is required to be on the hunter's person while hunting.

(6) All recreators must wear a minimum of 400 square inches (2,581 square centimeters) (total) of safety orange on the head and upper torso 28 September 2024 through 31 January 2025. 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.

(7) For safety reasons, hunters must mark with safety orange flagging their temporary stands/pop-up 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.

(8) 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 Cavazos.

b. Prohibited Activities

(1) 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 NCRMB on a case-by-case basis in writing. Absolutely no posting of any trees at any time of year (Example: 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.

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

(3) Interfere with training, contractors, or government employees. Must use most direct route in and out of areas and **stay 500 meters away from military training activities, military personnel, contractors, and government employees.** If approached by military or government personnel to vacate the area, you must do so immediately.

(4) Possess a loaded weapon in or on vehicles.

(5) Access training areas by boat for the purpose of hunting, except when hunting waterfowl.

(6) Access Fort Cavazos training areas for the purpose of hunting by crossing/climbing Fort Cavazos boundary fences.

(7) Hunt from a vehicle, boat, flotation device, or aircraft or airborne device, except as authorized for legal waterfowl hunting.

(8) Shoot from a vehicle. NOTE: DES may authorize an individual with a mobility disability and physician's certification to use a vehicle as a shooting stand. Accomplish prior coordination with DES Game Wardens and the authorization letter must be on your person while hunting.

(9) Hunt frogs, reptiles, turtles, mountain lions, foxes or bobcats.

(10) Possess a firearm in an "Archery Only" area.

(11) Possess a weapon in a "No Hunting" area.

(12) Hunt with a firearm within 330 yards (300 meters) of Robert Gray Army Airfield or Yoakum-Defrenn Army Heliport.

(13) Shoot or aim toward any boundary, person, building, structure or vehicle that is within range of the weapon or load; projectiles cannot cross any perimeter boundary.

(14) Shoot on, along, or across any maintained road or reservation boundary.

(15) 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.

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

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

(18) Shoot at birds or animals on utility lines or supporting poles.

(19) 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.

(20) Possess a handgun on Fort Cavazos while hunting.

(21) Hunt with, or be in possession of, a rifle while hunting.

(22) Possess a firearm while archery deer or turkey hunting.

(23) Trap, except fur-bearing animals.

(24) Hunt with and/or run dogs or birds of prey without a valid Fort Cavazos hunting permit and appropriate state and federal permits. Hunting dogs only authorized for game birds, rabbits, and raccoons.

(25) Engage in or participate in the act of hunting while 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.

(26) 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.

(27) Pursue, drive, flush, or otherwise harass wildlife and livestock with vehicles.

(28) Harass hunters while they are hunting.

(29) 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 Cavazos hunting permit, vehicle range pass, firearm registration (as applicable), proof of hunter education certification, and proper clearance through iSportsman.

(30) Possess shotgun slug load or buckshot within unimproved areas without a valid iSportsman reservation.

(31) Use of buckshot ammunition, except as authorized for pig hunting during the fall season.

(32) Discharge a firearm into, across, or at water surface except when legal waterfowl hunting.

(33) Hunt game animals or non-game animals from any vehicle with any light source.

(34) Use chemicals, smoke, or petroleum products to evict or "gas" snakes and other reptiles or amphibians from caves, crevices, sinkholes, or other den sites.

(35) Possess or use BB, airsoft, gel, or paintball guns in training areas. Paintball only authorized at BLORA Paintball Course.

(36) Shoot targets in any area with firearms, pellet guns, BB guns, archery, and/or crossbow equipment. You may only target practice at authorized ranges.

(37) Transport muzzle-loading weapon with percussion cap/primer attached to the weapon (made ready to fire).

(38) Trapping wild pigs.

(39) Hunt wild pigs with dogs.

(40) Release or introduce animals of any species on Fort Cavazos without written permission from DPW NCRMB.

(41) Hunt or fish outside of the approved hours of recreation. No hunting or fishing will be allowed between 2200 and 0400 hours.

(42) Hunt in the live fire area of the installation.

(43) 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.

(44) Use permanent stands on Fort Cavazos. All stands and blinds are pack in, pack out daily.

(45) No one may use Fort Cavazos lands for personal gain such as paid guide or tracking services. Persons using dogs for tracking of wounded game must be registered in iSportsman, possess a valid Fort Cavazos Hunting Permit, and must be checked into the area (check-in under Deer Hunting or Small Game Hunting required). Tracking dogs will have all current shots and display current rabies vaccination. Persons cannot “advertise” for services to be performed on Fort Cavazos for a fee. No person may charge for such service.

(46) Utilize game/hunting/trail cameras on the installation. Use of cameras in the training areas is prohibited.

c. Legal Shooting Hours, Equipment, and Miscellaneous Information:

(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 guide.

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

(5) Feeders are only authorized 1 September to 31 January annually. Feeders must be removed outside these dates. Feeders are only authorized to hang from trees, no tripod or freestanding feeders allowed. Feeding on the ground is authorized year-round. Feeders must be physically marked with the identification of the owner (must match information in the iSportsman system) and the date the feeder was placed in the field. Markings on equipment must be clear and easy to read when in place by persons standing at ground level.

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

(7) Portable stands and temporary feeders on Fort Cavazos remain the personal property of those who placed them. Feeders must be physically marked with the identification of the owner (must match information in the iSportsman system) and the date the feeder was placed in the field. Markings on equipment must be clear and easy to read when in place by persons standing at ground level. Any personal property left

on Fort Cavazos is at the owner's own risk. Fort Cavazos 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 pack in/pack out.* Feeders hanging from trees (no legs) may be left in the field 1 September to 31 January ONLY. Any unmarked property or property left in the field outside the allowable timeframe is subject to confiscation. Items confiscated will be destroyed or otherwise disposed of at the discretion of DPW Natural Resources personnel.

(8) DPW NCRMB determines the annual deer and turkey harvest limits based on current data and historical trends. Based on regional, area, and personal tag limits, each person may harvest a maximum of two bucks meeting legal criteria, one doe, and three turkeys on Fort Cavazos. Specifically, a recreator can harvest one of each species, but the harvest must be checked in at the check station (Building 1944) before returning to the field for another hunt for the same species. It is the hunter's responsibility to know whether an area he/she is hunting is a buck- or doe-only area. Available harvest limits can be found on the Fort Cavazos 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 FC 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.

(9) Hunters must bring all harvested deer, turkey, and pigs, directly to the NCRMB Game Check Station (Bldg. 1944) for inspection and recording. 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 (west "Game Warden" entrance) of Bldg. 1939. If no answer, or if after business hours, utilize the kiosk outside Bldg. 1944 and follow directions that are posted. 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 check station during normal hours on the next business day.

(10) 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.

(11) 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. 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.

(12) **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 in order to check-out.*** You cannot check-out for someone else through your account!

- (13) Limits for participant check in by activity is as follow:
- a. Deer hunting – hunter + 1 participant or guest/observer
 - b. Spring Turkey hunting – hunter + 2 participants (not more than 1 guest/observer)
 - c. Fall Turkey hunting – hunter +1 participant or guest/observer
 - d. Pig hunting – hunter + 1 participant or guest/observer
 - e. Small/Non-Game hunting – hunter + 2 participants (not more than 1 guest/observer)

(14) **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. Eligibility to recreate as an observer is as follows:

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

(15) 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.

(16) This permission is established to introduce novices to hunting and to accommodate persons with disabilities who require assistance.

d. Hunt Seasons, Bag Limits, Possession Limits, Means & Methods, and Endorsements

Mourning Dove, White Wing Dove, White-Tipped Dove

Season	1 September 2024 – 27 October 2024 and 13 December 2024 – 14 January 2025. One-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Subject to change per federal mandates.
Bag Limit	15 per day, not more than 2 white-tipped dove in the aggregate.
Possession Limit	45

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.
Licensing Endorsements	Migratory Game Bird

Early Teal

Season	14-29 September 2024
Bag Limit	6 per day
Possession Limit	18
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 (shot) muzzleloaders with BB-size shot or smaller; legal archery equipment; approved non-toxic shot only
Licensing Endorsements	TPWD Migratory Game Bird Federal Duck Stamp

Duck or Goose

Season	Per state and federal regulations.
Bag Limit	Per state and federal regulations.
Possession Limit	Per state and federal regulations.
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
Licensing Endorsement	TPWD Migratory Game Bird Federal Duck Stamp

Bobwhite Quail

Season	26 October 2024 - 23 February 2025
Bag Limit	5 per day
Possession Limit	15
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..
Licensing Endorsement	Upland Game Bird

Turkey (Spring and Fall)

Spring Turkey Season

Season	Spring: 29 March 2025 -11 May 2025. Special youth season: 22-23 March 2025 and 17-18 May 2025. One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
Bag Limit	3 tom (male) turkey. Limit 1 per hunt. Limit 3 turkeys per license year (see Fall Season below).
Possession Limit	Same as bag 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.
Licensing Endorsement	Upland Game Bird

Fall Turkey Season

Season	Fall: 2 November 2024 – 5 January 2025. Archery Only season: 28 September 2024 - 1 November 2024. Youth Only season: 25-27 October 2024 & 6-19 January 2025. One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset
Bag Limit	3 bearded turkey. Limit 1 per hunt. Limit 3 turkeys per license year (see Spring Season above).
Possession Limit	Same as bag limit.
Means & Methods	Archery Only season: legal archery equipment only Big Game hunting option: Shotgun using slug load; muzzleloader; legal archery equipment. 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.
Licensing Endorsement	Upland Game Bird Archery (required during Archery Only Season)

White-Tailed Deer

Season	General season: 2 November 2024 – 5 January 2025 Archery Only season: 28 September 2024 -1 November 2024 Youth Only season: 25-27 October 2024 & 6-19 January 2025 Special Late (antlerless and unbranched antler) season: 6-19 January 2025
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	One-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
Bag Limit	3 white-tailed deer – not more than: 1 antlerless, 1 buck with unbranched antler, and 1 branch antlered buck with inside spread 13 inches ¹ or greater.
Possession Limit	Same as bag limit.
Means and Methods	Archery Only season: legal archery equipment only Shotgun using slug load; muzzleloader; legal archery equipment.
Licensing Endorsement	Archery (required during Archery Only Season)

Furbearing Animals

Season	Trapping season: Per state regulation.
Bag Limit	Per state regulation.
Possession Limit	Per state regulation.
Means and 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.

Squirrel or Rabbit

Season	No closed season.
Bag Limit	10 per day.
Possession Limit	20
Means and 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.

Unprotected Wildlife

Season	No closed season.
Bag Limit	No limit.
Possession Limit	No limit.
Means and 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.

Wild Pig

Season	No closed season.
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Bag Limit	No limit.
Possession Limit	No limit.
Means and 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. <i>(Deer and Pig hunting options only available (~Oct-Jan))</i> Small/Non-Game & Turkey hunting options: 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.

e. iSportsman Check-in/Check-out and Reservations

(1) 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 the “[Hunt Seasons, Bag Limits, Possession Limits, Means & Methods, and Endorsements](#)” section above for authorized ammunition by species and seasons.

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, non-game, unprotected wildlife
Small Game/Non-Game Hunting	Small game, non-game (including pigs), unprotected wildlife
Pig Hunting	Pig, non-game, unprotected wildlife

(2) **Check-In:** Valid permit holders must login into the Fort Cavazos iSportsman site with their username and password. Once in the system, users will select an activity to determine the availability of the hunting opportunity. (See [iSportsman navigation instruction](#) below) Hunters may check into an area starting at 0400. 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. You cannot be checked in for more than one activity at a time.

(3) **Check-out:** All hunters must check-out NLT 2159. 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.*** You cannot check-out for someone else through your account!

(4) **Reservations:** Deer, Spring turkey, and pig hunters may make a reservation for an activity in a particular area starting at 1200 (noon) and can be made through 2100 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. Reservations will be held until 1159 at which time they will be cancelled and spots will be available to other permittees.

(See “iSportsman User Guide” on the Fort Cavazos iSportsman Site)

f. Important Dates

(1) The following dates will have limited hunting or no access. Dates are always subject to change. Updates will be posted on iSportsman.

- a. Spring Cleanup: 12-25 April 2025 (Tentative – updates will be posted on iSportsman)
- b. Fall Cleanup: 30 November – 13 December 2024
- c. Thanksgiving Day
- d. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day
- e. New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day

g. Turkey Hunting

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

(2) Turkey harvests are required to be brought whole (not gutted) directly to the check station (Bldg. 1944) for weighing, inspection, and recordkeeping by DPW NCRMB. Outside normal business hours (7:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday- Friday), when the check station or Bldg. 1939 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 NCRMB to take the data. Report your harvest using your iSportsman permit number. **Write legibly on the form!**

(3) To give the youth a better chance of harvesting a turkey during the Special Youth Season 22 & 23 March 2025, adults pre-scouting for turkey MAY NOT call turkeys for these two days.

(4) The following Archery/Shotshell areas are authorized turkey hunting with shotguns with shot shells: 8 (North & South), 37, 70, 70A, and 71.

(5) The only time hunters may harvest bearded hens is during the Fall Season.

h. Deer Hunting

(1) Areas are available to hunters based on harvest limit and area availability. It is the hunter's responsibility to know whether an area he/she is hunting is a buck- or doe-only area. Available harvest limits can be found on the Fort Cavazos 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 FC 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.

(2) Hunters may check-in between 0400 and 1700. Hunters must check-out of the hunting area by 2100 daily. Hunters tracking wounded animals must contact the DES Game Wardens (254-206-7777) if they will be in the area after 2000 hours. Each hunter must check out separately (no group check-out). If you fail to check-out before 2100, the iSportsman system will automatically check you out and subsequently apply a 15-day check-in hold to your account which will prevent you from checking in in the future. The check-in hold may not be appealed (except with confirmation number provided at check out).

(3) All harvested deer are required to be field dressed and brought directly to the check station (Bldg. 1944) for weighing, inspection, and recordkeeping by DPW NCRMB.

(4) During Late Youth Deer Season, youth may harvest any deer which was legal during Fall Season and within Fort Cavazos per hunter limits. DPW Natural Resources determines remaining deer harvest limits.

(5) Special Antler Restrictions

a. There are special restrictions for buck deer on Fort Cavazos.

b. The bag limit is two (2) bucks per Fort Cavazos hunting permit.

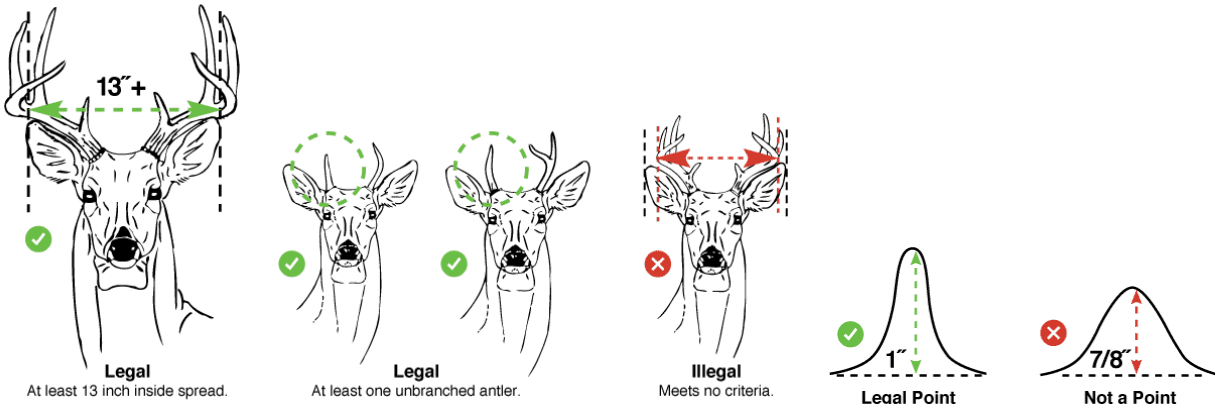
1. One (1) buck must have a hardened antler protruding through the skin or with antler growth in velvet greater than one inch AND at least one unbranched antler

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

(a) 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 illustration). This is only a field guide. **If in doubt, do not shoot.**

(b) 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.

(c) 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.



i. Small Game, Unprotected Wildlife, and Non-Game Hunting

(1) Hunters may check-in between 0400 and 2130. All hunters must be checked out by 2159.

(2) 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.

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

(4) You can use electronic calling devices for hunting non-game animals (e.g. coyotes).

j. Waterfowl and Migratory Game Birds

(1) Hunters may check-in between 0400 and 2130. All hunters must be checked out by 2159.

(2) Hunters taking or hunting migratory game birds must have all appropriate endorsements on their Texas State Hunting License. Fort Cavazos regulations govern waterfowl hunting on streams and impoundments within Fort Cavazos and that portion

of the Leon River that borders the military installation. Fort Cavazos 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. iSportsman controls access to hunt on the Belton Lake shoreline. Hunters must use non-toxic shot loads for all waterfowl hunting on Fort Cavazos. 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.

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

(4) Persons wishing to train their dogs by releasing purchased birds such as quail must first receive approval from DPW NCRMB. A health certificate for the birds is required and you may not shoot the birds out of season. You must have all applicable state licenses, endorsements, and a Fort Cavazos hunting permit.

k. Wild Pigs

(1) Hunters may check-in between 0400 and 2130. All hunters must be checked out by 2159.

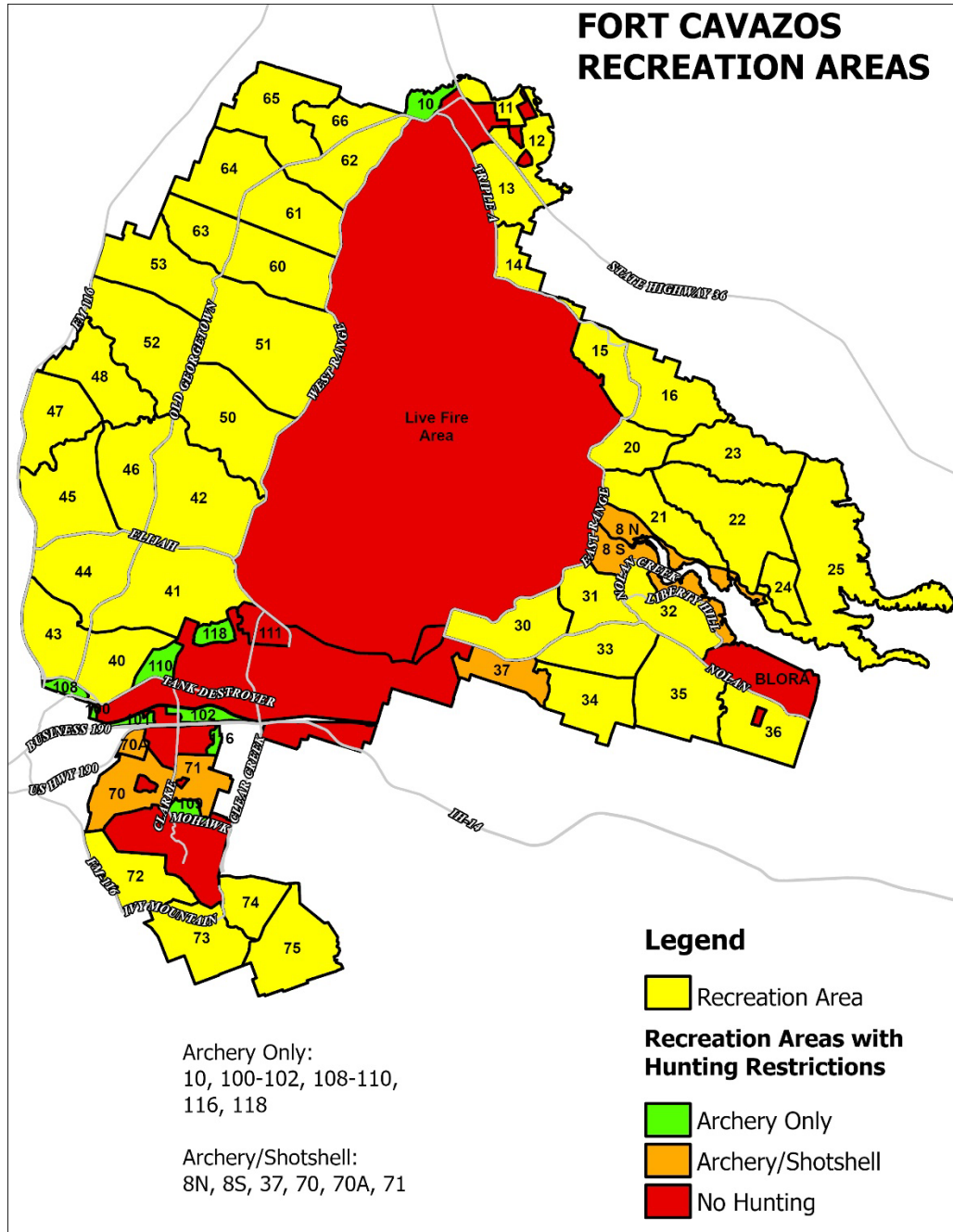
(2) Wild pigs (unlimited harvest) are required to be field dressed and brought directly to the check station (Bldg. 1944) for weighing, inspection, and recordkeeping by DPW NCRMB. Outside normal business hours (7:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday- Friday), when the check station or Bldg. 1939 is not open, hunters 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 NCRMB to take the data. Report your harvest using your iSportsman permit number. **Write legibly on the form!**

l. Fur- Bearing Animals

(1) Hunters may check-in between 0400 and 2130. All hunters must be checked out by 2159.

(2) Hunters and trappers of fur-bearing animals must possess a valid Texas Trapper's License and a Fort Cavazos Hunting Permit if they are NOT selling the fur. A Texas Parks and Wildlife Department non-game permit is required if the recreator intends to sell the fur. You can use ONLY live traps on Fort Cavazos. You CANNOT use foot holding (steel leghold or Conibear), deadfall, snare, pit-fall, or net traps. Each trap must be marked in an indelible medium (weather-proof) with the trapper's name, address, and Fort Cavazos iSportsman permit number, and be checked a minimum of once every 36 hours.

8. AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR THE 2024-2025 GENERAL SEASON



NOTE: The YELLOW areas above allow recreation in accordance with 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.