

FORT RILEY TRAPPING Fact Sheet 2018-2019 Season

1. ELIGIBILITY

All Kansas residents and non-residents are eligible to trap on Fort Riley during the 2018-2019 season. Persons born on or after July 1, 1966, must successfully complete a furharvester education course, approved by the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, in order to purchase a furharvester license, which is required to hunt, run, or trap furbearers or trap coyotes on lands other than their own, including Fort Riley.

2. SEASON

The military mission has precedence over the announced trapping season. The Fort Riley Military Reservation or portions of it may be closed at any time, without prior notice, due to military activities. The use of vehicles to access all or portions of the post, where trapping is allowed, may be prohibited during all or parts of the trapping season. Additional security measures may be implemented at any time without notice, resulting in access restrictions in addition to those explained in this publication.

Access Control Procedures:

All individuals 16 and older must possess a Federal ID Card or a Fort Riley Access Pass or badge to recreate on Fort Riley. Individuals who do not already have the required ID or Access Passes can apply for one at the installation's Visitor Control Center (Bldg. 885), located just south of the Henry Gate Access Control Point (Exit 301, U.S. Interstate 70) Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. and 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends and federal holidays. Access Passes are based on the requirement of the visit.

If you know the exact date of your visit, it is highly recommended to get a temporary pass or badge early by stopping by the Visitor Control Center. Any questions can be answered by calling (785) 239-2982 or emailing usarmy.riley.imcom-central.mbx.des-vcc@mail.mil. You will be required to provide a government issued photo identification. For further information concerning access to Fort Riley visit <http://www.riley.army.mil/Units/Garrison-Command/Emergency-Services/Access-Information/>.

The 2018-2019 Fort Riley Trapping Season will consist of the following:

14 November 2018 to 15 February 2019

Badger, *Bobcat, Mink, Muskrat, Opossum, Raccoon, Gray Fox, Red Fox, *Swift Fox, Striped Skunk, Weasel

14 November 2018 to 31 March 2019

Beaver and *Otter

*Bobcats, otters and swift foxes must be tagged by KDWPT personnel within seven days of the end of the season.

3. PERMITS REQUIRED

Three permits are required to trap furbearers on the Fort Riley Military Reservation.

- A. Kansas Furharvester License or Kansas Junior Furharvester License
- B. Fort Riley Trapping Permit (Free of Charge)
- C. Fort Riley Hunting Access Permit (exemptions include: Persons < 16 or ≥ 65 years of age; Kansas Disabled Veterans- 30% or greater disability or a KDWPT exempt license)

A furharvester license is required to trap furbearers and coyotes, unless exempt through the state of Kansas. Unlicensed, non-participating observers may accompany a licensed furharvester, but may not assist in carrying or using equipment, or otherwise assist with furharvesting activities.

4. PERMIT AVAILABILITY

A. Kansas Furharvester Licenses are available from Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism Offices, the KDWPT webpage and state license vendors.

B. Fort Riley Hunting Access Permits are available, online at <https://fortriley.isportsman.net>.

C. Fort Riley Trapping Permits will be allotted through a first-come, first-served basis. The permit allotment will begin at **7:00 a.m., Thursday, October 25th** at the Environmental Office Building 407. There will be a maximum of 14 Trapping Permits for the Fort Riley season.

5. BAG/POSSESSION LIMIT: The season limit for Otters is two per trapper. All other furbearers are unlimited. (KSA 115-25-11)

6. ASSIGNMENT OF AREAS: The installation will be divided into 14 areas as identified in the attached map. Trappers will select one area to trap for the entire season on a first come, first served basis. All furbearer trapping begins at 12 noon the day an area becomes available through sunset prior to the day that area closes. All trap sets must be closed or removed any time an area is not open. Trappers must check the status of “**Open Areas**” each day they trap at <http://fortriley.isportsman.net> and plan accordingly. The open areas are normally updated on Mondays and Thursdays.

7. **OFF-LIMITS AREAS:** The **IMPACT AREA** and **Douthit Range Complex** are **OFF-LIMITS at all times**. This includes the ditches and roadsides on the Impact Area and Douthit Range Complex.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. All applicable Kansas trapping regulations are in effect on Fort Riley.
- B. Special procedures for obtaining access for trapping will be in effect during the trapping season. Trappers shall follow all requirements as prescribed by the Environmental Office.
- C. Legal Equipment and method of take:
1. Foot hold traps larger than size 1½, and snares **are not authorized except as described below in 8. C. 3. (d)**.
 2. Legally trapped furbearers must be dispatched as soon as possible after capture. .22 short ammunition may be used to dispatch trapped furbearers in any “Open Shotgun” hunting area on Fort Riley.
 3. Authorized Sets:
 - (a) Submerged body gripping traps with jaw spreads no larger than 10 inches (e.g. Conibear 110 through 330) may be used at wetland or open water sites during the authorized season.
 - (b) Submerged foot hold traps no larger than size 1½ may be used at wetland or open water sites during the authorized season.
 - (c) All traps will be marked with the trapper’s name and address or KDWPT #.
 - (d) Regular dryland sets are **NOT** authorized, except for live cage traps and raccoon style “egg” traps, with the exception of **dryland foot hold traps no larger than size 3 being authorized in Fort Riley Trapping Units 1-7, 3A, 6A and 7A (North of Vinton School Road) from February 1-15.**
- D. Each trapper is required to establish an account on Fort Riley’s automated outdoor recreational website located at <https://fortriley.isportsman.net>. Trappers will then complete a “Check-In” and “Check Out” each day that they trap by selecting “Hunting” and then “Trapping” as their Check-in activity type. The trapper will provide information such as the area that they trapped in and the number and species of animals that were harvested. **Trappers who fail**

to comply with the automated Check-In/Check-Out procedures are in violation of Fort Riley Regulation 210-15.

- E. During September 1 – May 31, all recreationist in a training or maneuver area who are not in a stationary position must wear at least one of the following articles of visible, external apparel with at least 50 percent of its surface area solid blaze orange in color: hat, cap, vest, coat, jacket, sweatshirt, shirt or coveralls.

All persons in the field during a Fort Riley's firearms deer season (23-25 Nov., 15-23 Dec. and 1 Jan. 2019) and in an "Open" firearms deer area are required to wear 200 square inches of blaze orange on their chest and back and a blaze orange hat.

- F. Spotted Skunks, or other rare species inadvertently trapped should be reported to the Environmental Office, as well as the KDWPT.
- G. Any domestic animal caught must be released immediately. Any contact information on the animal (e.g.: collar) must be provided to the Fort Riley Game Warden Section (785)239-8940 with the description of the animal and the day of capture. If there is no answer leaving a message will suffice.

INFORMATION: For further information concerning the 2018-2019 Fort Riley trapping season, contact the Environmental Office at (785) 239-6211 or visit its website at <https://fortriley.isportsman.net>.

