

FORT RILEY DEER HUNTING FACT SHEET 2023

The military mission has precedence over the announced hunting season. The Fort Riley Military Reservation or any portion of it may be closed at any time without prior notice. Additional security measures may be implemented without notice, resulting in additional access restrictions to those explained in this document.

New This Year

- Persons without a PRINTED iSportsman permit showing they have watched the 2023 Outdoor Recreation Briefing, the 2023 Fort Riley Deer Safety Briefing, and acquired their 2023 Fort Riley Conservation Permit WILL NOT receive a Non-Active Duty Any Season Deer Permit. See section 2-part d.1.2 for more information.
- Fifty Non-Active Duty Non-Rut Deer Permits will be available beginning 25 August at the Environmental Office. These permits will be good for all seasons outside the month of November. See section 2-part d.1.4. for more information.
- Trail Cameras must be marked in a visible manner with KDWP numbers. See section 6-h below for more information.
- Anyone planning to hunt KDWP or Corp of Engineer's land and accessing through Fort Riley must have a Fort Riley permit for the activity they are pursuing.

1. AVAILABLE FORT RILEY DEER PERMIT TYPES

- Active Duty Stationed at Fort Riley Any Season Deer Permit.** Available only to Active Duty Military Service Members stationed at Fort Riley. This permit is good for all deer seasons. See section 2 part d.1 for more information.
- Active Duty Family Member Any Season Deer Permit.** Available only to all Active Duty Family Members (as Family Member is defined in 5 CFR 630.101) of Active Duty Military Service Members stationed at Fort Riley. This permit is good for all deer seasons. See section 2 part d.1.1 for more information.
- Non-Active Duty Any Season Deer Permit.** Available to all individuals who are not eligible for the permits described in 1.a or 1.b above. This permit is good for all deer seasons. See section 2-part d.1.2 for more information.
- Non-Active Duty Firearms Only Deer Permit.** Available to all individuals who are not eligible for the permits described in 1.a or 1.b above. This permit is good during any firearms or muzzleloader deer season. See section 2-part d.1.3 for more information.
- Non-Active Duty Non-Rut Deer Permit.** Available to all individuals who are not eligible for the permits described in 1.a or 1.b above. This permit is good for September, October, and December only. This permit is good for all deer seasons excluding those in the month of November. See section 2-part d.1.4 for more information.

2. DEER HUNTING REQUIREMENTS

a. Kansas Permits and Licenses. Each deer hunter must obtain all State of Kansas required permits and licenses. These are available at County Clerk Offices, any Kansas hunting and fishing license vendor, or over the internet at <https://ksoutdoors.com/License-Permits>.

b. 2023 Fort Riley Conservation Permit. ALL hunters must possess a 2023 Fort Riley Conservation Permit available online at <https://fortriley.isportsman.net>. A free version of this \$25 permit is available for persons < 16 or ≥ 65 years of age and Kansas Disabled Veterans (30% or greater disability or possessing a KDWPT Exempt license). Disabled hunters must provide proof of disability in person to Environmental Division Personnel prior to access to the free permit. See iSportsman or Section 7 of this document for contact information.

c. 2023 Fort Riley Deer Hunting Permit. All deer hunters must complete the 2023 Fort Riley Deer Hunt Briefing online at <https://fortriley.isportsman.net>. Go to the “My Account” tab on the webpage to take the briefing and quiz. The Fort Riley Conservation and Deer Hunting Permits must be available to game wardens for viewing while hunting/scouting. Requirements and limitations for deer permits types are:

d.1. Active Duty Stationed at Fort Riley Any Season Deer Permits are unlimited. Active Duty Service Members stationed at Fort Riley will select the “2023 Active Duty Archery & Firearms Deer Permit” after completing the 2023 Outdoor Recreation and 2023 Deer Safety briefings online at <https://fortriley.isportsman.net> beginning 26 August 2023.

d.1.1. Family Member Any Season Deer Permits will be unlimited. These permits will be added to family members’ iSportsman accounts by Fort Riley’s Environmental Division Office after the Active Duty Service Member informs the Environmental Division Office of their family member’s desire to deer hunt. Family members must watch the 2023 Outdoor Recreation and 2023 Deer Safety briefings online at <https://fortriley.isportsman.net> prior to receiving their deer permit.

d.1.2. Non-Active Duty Any Season Deer Permits will be issued first come, first served to a maximum of 200 persons at the Fort Riley Environmental Division Office from 07:00-12:00 Saturday, 26 August 2023. Persons with a CURRENT printed iSportsman permit and valid ID who have viewed the 2023 Outdoor Recreation and 2023 Deer Safety Briefings and acquired their 2023 Fort Riley Conservation Permit will be eligible to receive a permit.

d.1.3. Non-Active Duty Firearms Only Deer Permits are unlimited and will be available online at <https://fortriley.isportsman.net> to individuals beginning 1 September 2023 after they complete the 2023 Outdoor Recreation and 2023 Deer Safety briefings and acquired a Fort Riley Conservation Permit online at <https://fortriley.isportsman.net>.

d.1.4. Non-Active Duty Non-Rut Deer Permits will be issued first come, first served to a maximum of 50 persons at the Fort Riley Environmental Division Office beginning 07:00 Friday, 25 August 2023. Persons with a CURRENT printed iSportsman permit and valid ID who have viewed the 2023 Outdoor Recreation and 2023 Deer Safety Briefings and acquired their 2023 Fort Riley Conservation Permit will be eligible to receive a permit.

3. SEASON OPTIONS: The following deer seasons are available as defined below. All persons recreating on Fort Riley, to include hunting, scouting and mentoring must check-in and check-out each day they recreate using the Fort Riley iSportsman system:

a. Youth/Disabled Season: September 2-10, 2023. Any Kansas Youth Deer Permit holder or disabled hunter (meeting State of Kansas requirements to hunt the Disabled season) with a valid Fort Riley Deer Hunting Permit and other required Fort Riley and State of Kansas permits-licenses may hunt during these dates using any legal firearm or archery equipment allowed by the State of Kansas. Hunters may only hunt in areas listed as open on the day they wish to hunt for the method of deer hunting they choose.

b. Traditional Muzzleloader Season: September 11-24, 2023. Any hunter with a valid Fort Riley Firearm Deer Hunting Permit and other required Fort Riley and State of Kansas permits and licenses may hunt during this season using only traditional caplock or flintlock muzzleloaders. Inline muzzleloaders are NOT legal equipment on Fort Riley during this season. Hunters may only hunt in areas listed as open for muzzleloader deer hunting on the day they are hunting.

c. Regular Archery Season: September 11-December 31, 2023. Any hunter with a valid Fort Riley Archery Deer Hunting Permit and other required Fort Riley and State of Kansas permits and licenses may hunt during this season using any legal archery equipment allowed by the State of Kansas. Hunters may only hunt in areas listed as open for archery hunting on the day they are hunting. Archery hunters must follow blaze orange requirements during any firearm deer season on Fort Riley (see 6d below).

d. Pre-Rut Antlerless Only Season: October 7-9, 2023. Any hunter with a valid Fort Riley Deer Hunting Permit and other required Fort Riley and State of Kansas permits and licenses may hunt during this season using any legal method of take during this season. Hunters may only hunt in areas listed as open for their chosen method of take on the day they are hunting. **Hunters hunting east of Old Hwy 77 (Maneuver Areas B, C, E, F, I, L, M & P) may only use any legal bow, muzzleloading rifle or muzzleloading handgun (Inlines are legal during this season), or any legal shotgun. Hunters south of Rubio Road may only use legal bow hunting equipment. An unlimited number of archery hunters will be allowed to check in to hunt south of Rubio Road each day. Hunters using firearms may harvest only antlerless deer. Archery hunters may harvest antlered or antlerless deer.**

e. Antlerless Only Firearms Season: November 24-26, 2023. Any hunter who possesses a Fort Riley Firearms Deer Hunting Permit and other required Fort Riley and State of Kansas permits and licenses may hunt for antlerless whitetail deer using any legal equipment allowed by the State of Kansas. To provide a safe and high-quality deer hunt the maximum number of hunters who will be allowed to check in each day to hunt on Fort Riley north of Rubio Road is 230 split into two management areas. The area west of old Hwy 77 (Maneuver Areas A, D, G, H, J, K, N, O & Q) will allow 115 hunters per day. The area East of old Hwy 77 (Maneuver Areas B, C, E, F, I, L, M & P) will allow 115 hunters per day. You may check-out of a management area and check-in to a different management area during the same day through the automated system but may only be checked-in to a single area at any time. If either of the management areas is full you will not be allowed to check in to the area until someone checks out. **Hunters hunting east of Old Hwy 77 (Maneuver Areas B, C, E, F, I, L, M & P) may only use any legal bow, muzzleloading rifle or muzzleloading handgun (Inlines are legal during this season), or any legal shotgun. Hunters south of Rubio Road may only use legal bow hunting equipment. An unlimited number of archery hunters will be allowed to check**

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f. Regular Firearms Season: December 16-23, 2023. Any hunter who possesses a Fort Riley Firearms Deer Hunting Permit and other required Fort Riley and State of Kansas permits and licenses may hunt using any legal equipment allowed by the State of Kansas. To provide a safe and high-quality deer hunt the maximum number of hunters who will be allowed to check in each day to hunt on Fort Riley north of Rubio Road is 230 split into two management areas. The area west of old Hwy 77 (Maneuver Areas A, D, G, H, J, K, N, O & Q) will allow 115 hunters per day. The area East of old Hwy 77 (Maneuver Areas B, C, E, F, I, L, M & P) will allow 115 hunters per day. You may check-out of a management area and check-in to a different management area during the same day through the automated system but may only be checked-in to a single area at any time. If either of the management areas is full you will not be allowed to check in to the area until someone checks out. **Hunters hunting east of Old Hwy 77 (Maneuver Areas B, C, E, F, I, L, M & P) may only use any legal bow, muzzleloading rifle or muzzleloading handgun (Inlines are legal during this season), or any legal shotgun. Hunters south of Rubio Road may only use legal bow hunting equipment. An unlimited number of archery hunters will be allowed to check in to hunt south of Rubio Road each day.**

g. Extended Antlerless Only Season: January 1-7, 2024. Any hunter with a valid Fort Riley Deer Hunting Permit and other required Fort Riley and State of Kansas permits and licenses may hunt during this season using any legal method of take during this season. Hunters may only hunt in areas listed as open for their chosen method of take on the day they are hunting. **Hunters hunting east of Old Hwy 77 (Maneuver Areas B, C, E, F, I, L, M & P) may only use any legal bow, muzzleloading rifle or muzzleloading handgun (Inlines are legal during this season), or any legal shotgun. Hunters south of Rubio Road may only use legal bow hunting equipment. An unlimited number of archery hunters will be allowed to check in to hunt south of Rubio Road each day. Hunters using firearms may harvest only antlerless deer. Archery hunters may only harvest antlerless deer.**

3. BAG LIMIT and TAGGING INSTRUCTIONS: The bag limit for deer on Fort Riley is consistent with the State of Kansas. Fort Riley falls into Deer Management Unit 8 for Kansas. Each deer harvested must be legally tagged with a valid Kansas deer paper or e-tag permit per Kansas Regulations prior to moving the carcass.

4. FIREARMS SPECIFICS: Fort Riley Regulation 190-1 requires registration of **ALL** firearms brought on-post with Fort Riley. Firearms must be registered regardless of military or civilian status of the hunter. For more information about the registration procedures, review the Privately Owned Firearms Guide under the Regulations tab at <http://fortriley.isportsman.net>. Firearms may be registered at the Visitor Control Center, building 885, right off exit 301, I-70, Marshall Army Airfield. For additional questions contact the Visitor Control Center at (785) 239-2982. In addition, FR Reg.190-1 prohibited practices includes carrying concealed on one's person any weapon. Kansas concealed carry handgun permits and those issued by other states are **not** recognized on Fort Riley. **All firearms must be unloaded and cased or locked while being transported in a vehicle on Fort Riley. Ammunition must be stored separately from the firearm being transported in a vehicle.**

5. OFF-LIMITS AREAS: The IMPACT AREA and Douthit Range Complex are always OFF-LIMITS. Other areas may be off-limits during all or part of the deer seasons. Listings and/or maps of off-limits areas will be posted online at: <http://fortriley.isportsman.net>.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

a. A current Fort Riley iSportsman “Vehicle Pass” must be prominently displayed in the front windshield on the driver’s side of all motor vehicles being used while hunting or recreating on Fort Riley.

b. Motorized vehicles are restricted to roads that are specifically marked on the Fort Riley Outdoor Recreation Map. The only exception to this restriction is to retrieve a downed deer or elk.

c. All deer harvested on Fort Riley should normally be field dressed in the field where taken with deposition of entrails at least 100 feet from any road. The Environmental Office encourages carcasses to be double bagged, tied shut and disposed of in general refuse. Carcasses and entrails must not be disposed of in any live waterway that contains water or normally contains water to include ponds, lakes, creeks, rivers, and dry creek beds. All deer must be covered or otherwise completely concealed from view of those outside the vehicle while being transported on Fort Riley. Deer carcasses that are not taken directly to a processor off post must always be completely covered from view until completely consumed or otherwise properly disposed of. Carcasses of deer or other big game harvested off Fort Riley shall not be disposed of on Fort Riley.

d. During any Fort Riley firearms deer season, all individuals in areas open to firearms deer hunting shall always wear the following blaze orange clothing: a cap or hat, and an outer cover of a coat, vest, sweater, coveralls, or shirt. The outer cover must have at least 100 square inches of blaze orange colored surface visible on the front and 100 square inches of blaze orange colored surface on the back. In addition, from September 1 – May 31, all recreationists 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.

e. State of Kansas and Fort Riley regulations must be followed regarding legal firearms, bows and other equipment except where Fort Riley regulations are more restrictive, in which case Fort Riley regulations must be followed.

f. Any individual who is actively assisting any big game hunter (as defined by the State of Kansas) must have a Fort Riley Conservation Permit, unless exempt, available online at <https://fortriley.isportsman.net>.

g. Deer drives are prohibited on Fort Riley. A deer drive is defined as a deliberate action by one or more persons (armed or unarmed) whose intent is to cause deer to move within firearm range of one or more hunters. Individuals who are within eyesight and hearing of one another, as Mentor-Mentee or Adult-Child hunts are not defined as a deer drive.

h. All trail cameras, deer stands, and ground blinds must be permanently marked/engraved in a visible manner with the hunter's KDWP#. These markings must be marked within 6 feet of ground height and blinds must be marked above the entrance. Blinds and stands used during a Fort Riley firearms season must have no less than 100 visible square inches of blaze orange per side while occupied. Stands and blinds may not be placed on Fort Riley before August 1, 2023, and must be removed no later than February 15, 2024. Reminder, fires from prescribed burning and military training occur throughout the year on the installation. Fort Riley **IS NOT** responsible for damage to or loss of personal property. Therefore, the placement of hunting blinds, trail cameras, and other personal effects are done at your own risk.

i. Baiting is prohibited on Fort Riley.

(1) No person shall place, deposit, expose, or scatter bait on Fort Riley. (2) Nothing in this regulation shall prohibit hunting or taking of wildlife over standing crops, or where grain is scattered as the result of normal agricultural operations, weather conditions, or by official personnel for wildlife management purposes. (3) "Bait" means any grain, fruit, vegetable, nut, hay, salt, sorghum, feed, other food, or mineral that is capable of attracting wildlife. Liquid scents and sprays are not considered bait; however, they may only be used as a drag or cover scent and may not be directly poured on the ground. (4) Bait found on Fort Riley should be reported to the Environmental Division Office at (785) 239-6211 or Game Warden section at (785) 239-6767.

7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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. To acquire an access pass visit the installation's Visitor Control Center (Bldg. 885) just south of the Henry Gate Access Control Point (Exit 301, U.S. Interstate 70) Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends and federal holidays. 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/>.

INFORMATION: For further information concerning the 2023 Fort Riley Deer season, contact the Environmental Division Office (407 Pershing Court, Fort Riley KS 66442) at (785) 239-6211 or visit <https://fortriley.isportsman.net>.

9. FORT RILEY DEER SEASON CALENDAR of EVENTS

<u>Friday, 25 August</u>	Day to acquire Fort Riley Non-Rut Deer Permit
<u>Saturday, 26 August</u>	Day to acquire Fort Riley Archery Deer Hunting Permit
<u>2-10 September</u>	Youth/Disabled Hunting Season
<u>11-24 September</u>	Traditional Muzzleloader Season
<u>7-9 October</u>	Pre-Rut Antlerless Season
<u>11 Sept. – 31 December</u>	Regular Fort Riley Archery Season
<u>24-26 November</u>	Fort Riley Antlerless Only Firearms Season
<u>16-23 December</u>	Fort Riley Regular Firearms Deer Seasons
<u>1 – 7 January 2024</u>	Extended Antlerless Only Season

Fort Riley Whitetail Deer Hunting Units

