

FORT RILEY SPRING TURKEY SEASON 2023

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

1. ELIGIBILITY: Anyone meeting the requirements specified below is eligible to spring turkey hunt on Fort Riley. Permits and licenses must be available to show to game wardens at all times.

2. PERMIT REQUIREMENTS:

a. Kansas Permits and Licenses. Turkey hunters must obtain all State of Kansas required permits and licenses. Kansas permits and licenses are available at County Clerk Offices, Kansas hunting and fishing license vendors, or online at <http://www.kdwpt.state.ks.us/news/license-permits>. Fort Riley falls in the State of Kansas Turkey Management Unit 3.

b. 2023-2024 Fort Riley Conservation Permit. Hunters must complete the 2023-2024 Outdoor Recreation Safety Brief online at <https://fortriley.isportsman.net> to obtain a Fort Riley Conservation Permit. The safety briefing is available under the “My Account” tab after logging in.

c. Fort Riley Spring Turkey Hunting Permit. Each turkey hunter is required to obtain a 2023 Fort Riley Spring Turkey Permit. This free turkey permit can be printed along with your Fort Riley Conservation Permit under the “My Account” tab on the iSportsman webpage. An optional 2023 Spring Turkey Hunt Briefing video is available online at <https://fortriley.isportsman.net> and its review before turkey hunting is highly encouraged.

3. SEASONS:

a. Youth & Disabled Season, 1-11 April 2023. Fort Riley Spring Turkey Permit holders who qualify as a Youth or Disabled hunter, as defined by Kansas regulation, may hunt in any open shotgun/archery area.

b. Archery Only Season, 3-11 April 2023. Fort Riley Spring Turkey Permit holders may hunt during the archery season in any open shotgun/archery area with any legal archery equipment, as defined by Kansas regulation.

c. Regular Spring Turkey Season, 12 April through 31 May 2023. Fort Riley Spring Turkey Permit holders may hunt during the Regular Spring Turkey Season.

4. OPEN HUNTING AREAS: Hunting is limited to open training or maneuver areas. Spring turkey hunters are responsible for checking the open areas listing daily when logging into iSportsman.

5. BAG LIMIT: The legal bag limit for Kansas’s Turkey Management Unit 3, which includes Fort Riley, is one bearded turkey.

6. HUNTING PROCEDURES: Fort Riley iSportsman registration and daily check-in-out is required to recreate on Fort Riley.

7. HARVESTED TURKEYS: Hunters harvesting a turkey on Fort Riley are required to complete the turkey harvest check-out procedure on iSportsman. Information requested will include location of kill, beard length, and spur length.

8. LEGAL METHODS OF TAKE: Shotguns (with shot sizes #2 thru #9) and legal archery equipment (as defined by Kansas Regulation) are allowed for turkey hunting.

9. OFF-LIMITS AREAS: The impact area and Douthit Range Complex are off limits at all times. Areas not listed as open for shotgun/archery hunting on the Fort Riley iSportsman website are not open for turkey hunting.

10. FIREARM SPECIFICS: Fort Riley Regulation 190-1 requires registration of all firearms brought on-post. Firearms must be registered regardless of military or civilian status. Firearms may be registered at the Visitor Control Center, building 885, off exit 301, I-70. For more information about the registration procedures, review the Privately Owned Firearm Guide under the Regulations tab at <https://fortriley.isportsman.net>. A National Crime Information Center (NCIC) level III check will be conducted on all visitors wanting access to any part of the installation. For additional questions contact the Visitor Control Center at (785) 239-2982. FR Reg.190-1 prohibits carrying any weapon concealed on one's person. 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.

11. HUNTER ORANGE REQUIREMENT. During the time period September 1 – May 31, all recreationists 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.

12. ACCESS CONTROL PROCEDURES: 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 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 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@army.mil. You will be required to provide a government issued photo identification. For further information concerning access to Fort Riley visit <https://home.army.mil/riley/index.php/about/visitor-info>.

For further information concerning the 2023 Fort Riley Spring Turkey season, contact the Environmental Division Office at (785) 239-6211 or visit our website at <https://fortriley.isportsman.net>.