

FORT RILEY TRAPPING Fact Sheet 2026-2027 Season

Eligibility

Any person with the proper permits and passes is eligible to trap the 2026-2027 season on Fort Riley.

The military mission has precedence over the announced trapping season. The Fort Riley Military Reservation or portions of it may be closed due to military activities at any time. Vehicle access to 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: Individuals 18 and older must possess a Federal ID Card or a Fort Riley access pass or badge to recreate on Fort Riley. Access Passes can be applied for at the 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 9 p.m. and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends and federal holidays. An online pass application is available at: [HTTPS://PASS.AIE.ARMY.MIL](https://PASS.AIE.ARMY.MIL). Any questions can be answered by calling (785) 239-2982. Individuals under the age of 18 must be accompanied and supervised by a parent or sponsored adult over the age of 18.

2026-2027 Fort Riley Trapping Season Dates:

18 November 2026 to 28 February 2027

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

18 November 2026 to 31 March 2027

Beaver and *Otter

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

Fort Riley Furbearer & Coyote Hunting: Hunters must follow State Furbearer License/Certification requirements and the Regular Furbearer Hunting Season/Limits requirements (**with exceptions below**). Coyotes may be hunted all year with no limit.

- **State Night Hunting Equipment Season for coyote (Sept 1- March 31) is NOT authorized on Fort Riley.**
- **State Extended Hunting & Trapping Season for raccoon and opossum (March 1- Nov 11) is NOT authorized on Fort Riley**

iSportsman Requirement

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.

Required Permits

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

1. Kansas Furharvester License or Kansas Junior Furharvester License
2. Fort Riley Trapping Permit (Free of Charge) – Issued by Environmental Office
3. Fort Riley Conservation Permit (\$25.00 unless exempt)

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.

Permit Availability

- A. Kansas Furharvester Licenses are available from the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks Offices, the KDWP webpage and state license vendors. People born on or after July 1, 1966, must successfully complete a Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks approved furharvester education course in order to purchase a furharvester license.
- B. Fort Riley Conservation Permit available online at: <https://fortriley.isportsman.net>
- C. Fort Riley Trapping Permits will be allotted through a first-come, first-served basis beginning at **7:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 21st** at the Environmental Office Building 407, Pershing Court. There will be a maximum of 14 Trapping Permits for the Fort Riley season.

Bag/Possession Limit: The season limit for Otters is two per trapper. Please see the Otter Management Units listed in the 2025-2026 Kansas Hunting & Furharvesting Regulations Summary. All other furbearers are unlimited. (KSA 115-25-11)

Area Assignment: There will be 14 trapping areas, identified in the attached map. Trappers will select one area to trap for the entire season on a first come first served basis. 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.

Off-Limits Areas: The Impact Area and Douthit Range Complex are always off limits, including ditches and roadsides.

Miscellaneous

- All applicable Kansas trapping regulations are in effect on Fort Riley.
- Legal Equipment and method of take:
 1. Foot hold traps larger than size 1½, and snares are not authorized except as described below in 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 KDWP #.
 - d) Dryland sets using live cage traps or raccoon style “egg” traps are authorized in all Fort Riley Trapping Units and may be used throughout the open trapping season.
 - e) Dryland sets using foot hold traps no larger than size 3 are only authorized in Fort Riley Trapping Units 1-7, 3A, 6A and 7A (North of Rubio Road) from February 1-28, 2027.
- During 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. All persons in the field during a Fort Riley’s firearms deer season 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.
- Spotted Skunks, or other rare species inadvertently trapped should be reported to the Environmental Office, as well as the KDWP.
- 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)239-4263 with a description of the animal and the day of capture. If there is no answer leaving a message will suffice.

Information: For further information concerning this Fort Riley trapping season, contact the Environmental Office by leaving a message at (785) 239-6211 or visit the Fort Riley outdoor recreation website at <https://fortriley.isportsman.net>.

