

# FORT RILEY DEER HUNTING FACT SHEET 2025

***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.

## 1. STATE OF KANSAS PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

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

**b. Kansas Deer Permit.** A Kansas Deer Permit is needed for each white-tailed deer you intend to tag on the installation. Fort Riley falls into Kansas Deer Management Unit 8 subunit 8A and follows harvest regulations for that subunit.

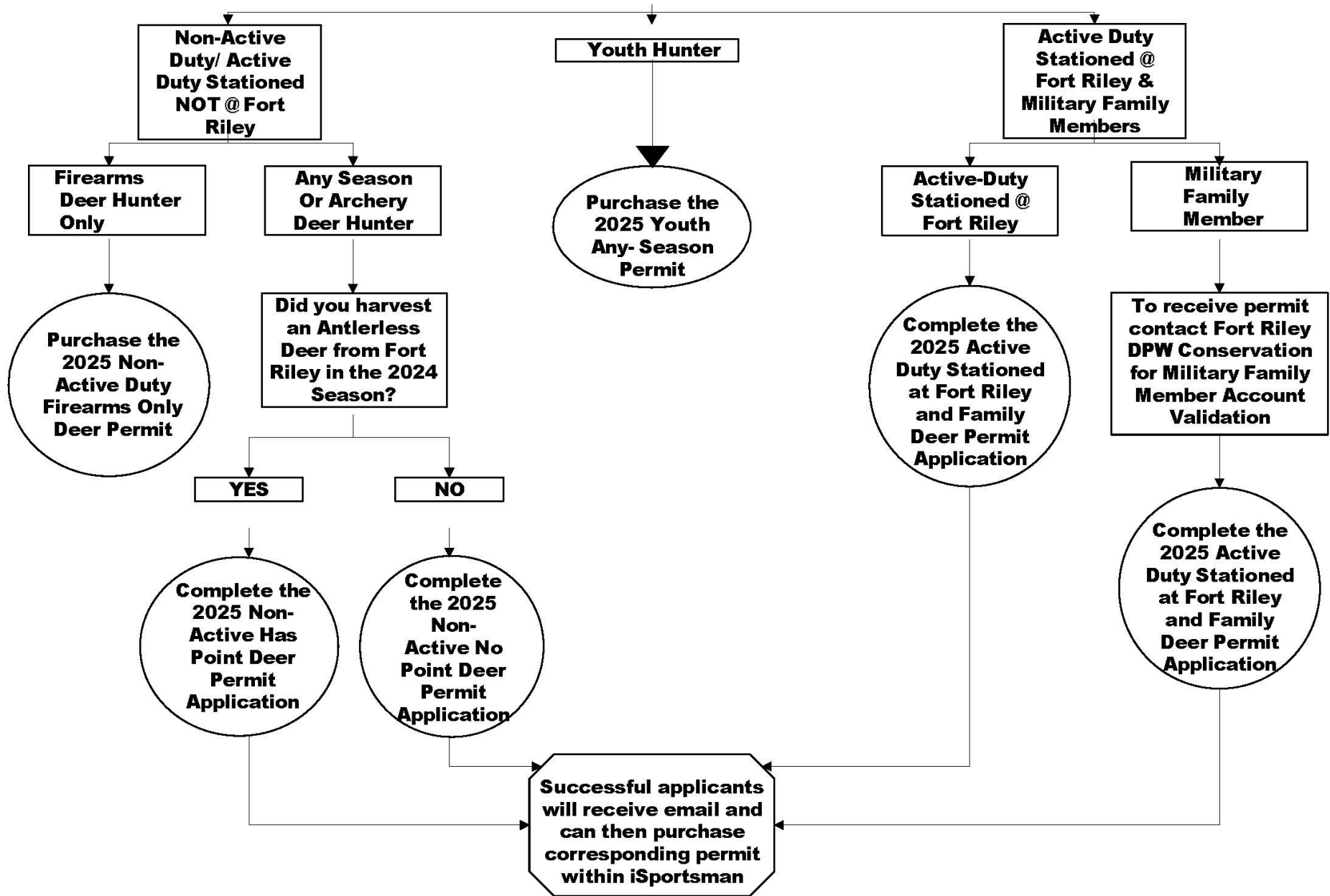
**2. Fort Riley iSportsman Permit Requirements:** Fort Riley permits are available online at <https://fortriley.isportsman.net>

**a. 2025-2026 Fort Riley Conservation Permit.** After watching the 2025 Outdoor recreation safety briefing under the “my safety briefs” tab in iSportsman, the Conservation permit will be available for purchase in the “acquire permits” button. You must complete the checkout to acquire the permit. A free version of this \$25 permit is available for persons  $\leq 16$  or  $\geq 65$  years of age and Kansas Disabled Hunters. Disabled hunters must provide proof of disability to Environmental Division Personnel (see section 8. for contact info) prior to having access to the free permit.

**b. 2025 Fort Riley Deer Hunting Permit.** This permit is required to log in to hunt deer on Fort Riley. These permits are only available after acquisition of the Fort Riley Conservation Permit (see above). All deer hunters must complete the 2025 Fort Riley Deer Hunting Safety Briefing and quiz under the “my safety briefs” tab in iSportsman. The permit then can be purchased or applied for under the “acquire permits” button in iSportsman. A permit fee of \$20 is required for all deer permits except for youth deer permits, which are free. Non-active-duty permits will have a \$5 application fee and a \$15 permit fee for a total of \$20. Requirements and limitations for deer permits types are listed below.

**Use the following Flow Chart to select appropriate permit and application process.**

# Fort Riley Deer Permit Application Process



**c. 2025 Active Duty & Family Any-Season Deer Permit.** These will be unlimited in quantity to active-duty service members stationed at Fort Riley and their family members and are valid for all Fort Riley deer seasons. Eligible persons may apply for a “2025 Active Duty & Family Any Season Deer Permit” under the lotteries tab after completing the 2025 Outdoor Recreation, purchasing their Fort Riley Conservation Permit, and completing 2025 Deer Safety briefing and quiz on iSportsman beginning 15 July. Active-Duty Stationing status will be reviewed for eligibility and Family members will need to have their related Active-Duty stationed at Fort Riley family member provide proof of eligibility to Environmental Division (see Section 8 of this document for contact information). After stationing/family member status vetting is complete individuals will receive an email directing them to complete the purchase of the deer permit through iSportsman, typically within 10 business days of applying. A permit fee of \$20 is required. People who falsify eligibility for this permit will be subject up to and including lifetime loss of Fort Riley hunting privileges.

**d. 2025 Non-Active Duty No Preference Point Holder Any-Season Deer Permit Application.** This permit will be issued through a lottery system. Non-Active-Duty individuals (i.e., resident & non-resident civilians, retired military, and Active Duty not Stationed at Fort Riley) who **did not harvest** an antlerless deer on Fort Riley last season can apply for a lottery draw for an Any-Season Deer Permit from July 15 through August 3 after completing the 2025 Outdoor Recreation, acquiring their Conservation Permit, and completing the 2025 Deer Safety briefing on iSportsman. Non-resident applicants without a valid Kansas Non-resident deer permit at the time of the drawing will not be eligible for selection. 200 non-active duty any season lottery deer permit winners will be selected through the iSportsman system on or before August 20 and will be notified by email. Preference-holder permits will be drawn first, with the remainder of the permits being randomly drawn from the no preference point holder applicants. A non-refundable application fee of \$5 will apply to all applicants. Selected individuals must purchase a Non-Active Duty Any Season Deer Permit for an additional \$15 online at <https://fortriley.isportsman.net> after reception of the email.

**e. 2025 Non-Active-Duty Preference Point Holder Any-Season Deer Permit Application.** This permit will be issued through a lottery system. Non-Active-Duty individuals (i.e., resident & non-resident civilians, retired military, and Active Duty not Stationed at Fort Riley) who **did harvest** an antlerless deer on Fort Riley last season can apply for a lottery draw for an Any-Season Deer Permit from July 15 through August 3 after completing the 2025 Outdoor Recreation, acquiring their Conservation Permit, and completing the 2025 Deer Safety briefing on iSportsman. Non-resident applicants without a valid Kansas Non-resident deer permit at the time of the drawing will not be eligible for selection. 200 non-active-duty lottery deer permit winners will be selected through the iSportsman system on or before August 20 and will be notified by email. Preference-holder permits will be drawn first, with the remainder of the permits being randomly drawn from the no preference point holder applicants. A non-refundable application fee of \$5 will apply to all applicants. Selected individuals must purchase a Non-Active Duty Any Season Deer Permit for an additional \$15 online at <https://fortriley.isportsman.net> after reception of the email.

People who falsify eligibility for this permit will be subject up to and including lifetime loss of Fort Riley hunting privileges.

**f. 2025 Non-Active-Duty Firearms-Only Deer Permit.** Available to all individuals who are not eligible for, or who do not draw one of the permits described above. These permits are unlimited. Permits will be available online to individuals beginning 15 July 2025 after they complete the 2025 Outdoor Recreation and 2025 Deer Safety briefings and acquire a Fort Riley Conservation Permit. This deer permit is good for all Fort Riley firearms or muzzleloader deer seasons. A permit fee of \$20 is required for this Deer Permit.

**g. 2025 Youth Deer Permit.** Youth  $\leq 16$  years old will be able to acquire a “2025 Youth Deer Permit”. These permits are unlimited. Permits will be available online to individuals beginning 15 July 2025 after they complete the 2025 Outdoor Recreation and 2025 Deer Safety briefings and acquire a Fort Riley Conservation Permit. There is no fee for this permit, and it is good for all deer seasons. People who falsify eligibility for this permit will be subject up to and including lifetime loss of Fort Riley hunting privileges.

**3. SEASON OPTIONS:** The following deer seasons are available as defined below. Anyone 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 6-14, 2025.** 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. Early Muzzleloader Season: September 15-28, 2025.** Any hunter with a valid Fort Riley Firearm or Any-Season Deer Hunting Permit and other required Fort Riley and State of Kansas permits and licenses may hunt during this season using any legal muzzleloader equipment allowed by the State of Kansas. Hunters may only hunt in areas listed as open for rifle hunting on the day they are hunting.

**c. Regular Archery Season: September 15-December 31, 2025.** Any hunter with a valid Fort Riley Any-Season or Youth Deer 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 11-13, 2025.** 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.

**e. Antlerless Only Firearms Season: November 28-30, 2025.** Any hunter who possesses a Fort Riley Firearms or Any Season 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 north of Rubio Road at a time to hunt is 230. 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 into a single area at any time. If an area is full, you will not be allowed to check into the area until someone checks out.

**f. Regular Firearms Season: December 13-21, 2025.** Any hunter who possesses a Fort Riley Firearms or Any Season Deer Hunting Permit and other required Fort Riley and State of Kansas permits and licenses may hunt using any State of Kansas defined legal equipment. To provide a safe and high-quality deer hunt, the maximum number of hunters who will be allowed to check in north of Rubio Road at a time to hunt is 230. 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-into a different management area during the same day within iSportsman but may only be checked-in to a single area at any time. If an area is full, you will not be allowed to check in to the area until someone checks out.

**g. Extended Antlerless Only Season: January 1-11, 2026.** 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.

**4. BAG LIMIT and TAGGING INSTRUCTIONS:** The bag limit for deer on Fort Riley is consistent with the State of Kansas. Fort Riley falls into Kansas Deer Management Unit (DMU) 8 **subunit 8A**, which allows each hunter to obtain **1 Either Sex Whitetail Permit, and up to 3 Whitetail Antlerless Only (WAO)** permits during the 2025-2026 season. Each deer harvested must be legally tagged with a valid Kansas deer permit per Kansas Regulations prior to moving the carcass. All game harvested on Fort Riley will be reported during the checkout process on iSportsman. Persons who falsify harvest will be subject up to and including lifetime loss of Fort Riley hunting privileges.

**5. FIREARMS SPECIFICS:** Fort Riley Regulation 190-1 requires registration of all firearms brought on-post regardless of military or civilian status. Firearms must be

registered at the 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. For further information concerning firearms registration, visit <https://home.army.mil/riley/about/visitor-info>. 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.

**6. OPEN and OFF-LIMITS AREAS:** The Impact Area and Douthit Range Complex are always off-limits to recreation. Other areas may be off-limits during all or part of the deer seasons. Listings and/or maps of open hunting areas will be posted online at: <http://fortriley.isportsman.net>, it is the recreationists duty to check these listings daily prior to checking in.

## **7. 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. This “Vehicle Pass” can be obtained by accessing your iSportsman account and printing off a copy of the iSportsman permit.

**b.** Motorized vehicles are restricted to improved roads (Paved or Graveled) and other established trails specifically marked on the current version of 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 where taken with deposition of entrails at least 100 feet from any road. The Environmental Division 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 the 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, 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 people (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 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 Fort Riley firearms deer 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 15, 2025, and must be removed no later than February 15, 2026. Failure to abide by these dates will result in suspension of privileges. 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 and placement of hunting blinds 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 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 through the iSportsman website using the comment section during the checkout process or by contacting the Environmental Division Office by leaving a message at (785) 239-6211.

**j.** Trail Cameras are prohibited on Fort Riley. The only exceptions are cameras used for scientific research (approved by DPW Conservation) or security purposes (approved by DES/ Physical Security Section).

**k.** Anyone hunting KDWP or Corp of Engineers land and accessing that property through Fort Riley must have a valid Fort Riley permit for the activity they are pursuing.

## **8. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Access Control Procedures:** All individuals 18 and older must possess a Federal ID Card, other vetted credentials, or obtain a Fort Riley Access Pass or badge to recreate on Fort Riley. To acquire an access pass, you can apply online at [HTTPS://PASS.AIE.ARMY.MIL](https://PASS.AIE.ARMY.MIL), or 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. For further information concerning access to Fort Riley, visit <https://home.army.mil/riley/about/visitor-info>

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** For further information concerning the 2025 Fort Riley Deer season, visit <https://fortriley.isportsman.net>, or contact the Environmental Division Office (407 Pershing Court, Fort Riley KS 66442) by leaving a message at (785) 239-6211.



## **9. FORT RILEY DEER SEASON CALENDAR of EVENTS**

<u>15 July</u>	1 <sup>st</sup> Day to apply for following Fort Riley Deer Permits Active Duty Stationed at Fort Riley and Adult Family Members may apply for Any Season Deer Permit any time after this date. Non-Active Duty individuals may apply in lottery draw for Any Season Deer Permit from July 15-Aug 3. Youth Deer Permits and Non-Active Duty Firearms Deer Permits are available on iSportsman.
<u>3 August</u>	Last day for applications for Non-Active Duty Any Season Deer Permit lottery draw.
<u>20 August</u>	Day that drawing for Non-Active Duty Any Season Deer Permits will be finalized and selected individuals may add permits.
<u>6-14 September</u>	Youth/Disabled Hunting Season
<u>15-28 September</u>	Early Muzzleloader Season
<u>11-13 October</u>	Pre-Rut Antlerless Season
<u>15 Sept. – 31 December</u>	Regular Fort Riley Archery Season
<u>28-30 November</u>	Fort Riley Antlerless Only Firearms Season
<u>13-21 December</u>	Fort Riley Regular Firearms Deer Seasons
<u>1 – 11 January 2026</u>	Extended Antlerless Only Season

# Fort Riley Whitetail Deer Hunting Units

