

# FORT RILEY PRESEASON DEER HUNTING FACT SHEET 2024

***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

- All deer permits will be allocated through the iSportsman system this year. Details for each permit are below in Section 2.
- Non-Active Duty Any-Season Deer Permits will be issued through a preference point lottery system. Persons who held a 2023 non-active duty any-season deer permit will be awarded one preference point towards a 2024 any-season permit. Permits will first be awarded to preference point holders who have applied, any remaining permits will be awarded randomly to applicants who did not receive a preference point. Persons who harvest at least one antlerless deer on Fort Riley during the 2024 season will receive a preference point towards a 2025 non-active duty permit. Only one preference point will be issued to persons who harvest an antlerless deer, and those points will be good towards the 2025 season only. Non-Active-Duty individuals (i.e., resident & non-resident civilians, retired military, and Active Duty **NOT** Stationed at Fort Riley) can apply for a lottery draw for an Any-Season Deer Permit from July 15 through August 1. A non-refundable application fee of \$5 will apply for all applicants. See section 2-part d.1.2 for more information.
- A \$20 fee will be required for Fort Riley Deer Permits issued, except for Youth Deer Permits, which are free.
- Early-Muzzleloader Season will allow any legal muzzleloader equipment as defined by the State of Kansas to be used during the early-muzzleloader season. See section 3-b below for more information.
- Trail Cameras will be prohibited on Fort Riley. See section 6-j below for more information.

## 1. 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 c.1 for more information.
- Active Duty Family Member Any-Season Deer Permit.** Available only to 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 c.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 c.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 c.1.3 for more information.

- e. Youth Deer Permit.** Available to all individuals who are 16 years old or younger. This permit is good for all deer seasons. See section 2, part c.1.4 for more information.

## **2. DEER HUNTING PERMIT 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, Kansas license vendors, or over the internet at <https://ksoutdoors.com/License-Permits>.

**b. 2024-2025 Fort Riley Conservation Permit.** ALL hunters must possess a 2024-2025 Fort Riley Conservation Permit available online at <https://fortriley.isportsman.net>. A free version of this \$25 permit is available for persons  $\leq 16$  or  $\geq 65$  years of age and Kansas Disabled Veterans (30% or greater disability or possessing a KDWPT Exempt license). Disabled hunters must provide proof of disability to Environmental Division Personnel prior to being issued the free permit. See iSportsman or Section 7 of this document for contact information.

**c. 2024 Fort Riley Deer Hunting Permit.** All deer hunters must complete the 2024 Fort Riley Deer Hunting Safety 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. A permit fee of \$20 is required for all deer permits except for youth deer permits, which are free. Requirements and limitations for deer permits types are:

**c.1. Active Duty Stationed at Fort Riley Any-Season Deer Permits** will be unlimited in number available. Active Duty Service Members stationed at Fort Riley may apply for a “2024 Active Duty Any-Season Deer Permit” after completing the 2024 Outdoor Recreation and 2024 Deer Safety briefings online at <https://fortriley.isportsman.net> beginning 15 July 2024. After an eligibility check, permits will be available through the iSportsman system within 10 business days. A permit fee of \$20 is required for Active-Duty Deer Permits. Persons who falsify eligibility for this permit will be subject up to and including lifetime loss of Fort Riley hunting privileges.

**c.1.1. Active-Duty Adult Family Member Any Season Deer Permits** will be unlimited in number available. Family members may apply for a “2024 Active-Duty Family Member Any Season Deer Permit” after completing the 2024 Outdoor Recreation and 2024 Deer Safety briefings online at <https://fortriley.isportsman.net> beginning 15 July 2024. After providing proof of eligibility to Environmental Division Personnel, permits will be available through the iSportsman system within 10 business days. A permit fee of \$20 is required for Active-Duty Family Member Deer Permits. Persons who falsify eligibility for this permit will be subject up to and including lifetime loss of Fort Riley hunting privileges.

**c.1.2.** Non-Active Duty Any-Season Deer Permits will be issued through a lottery drawing. Non-Active Duty Individuals may apply online at <https://fortriley.isportsman.net> for lottery drawing during the period of July 15 through August 1. Non-resident applicants without a valid Kansas Non-resident deer permit at the time of the drawing will not be eligible for selection. A non-refundable application fee of \$5 will apply for all applicants. 200 lottery deer permit winners will be selected randomly through the iSportsman system by August 20. If selected, individuals must complete the 2024 Outdoor Recreation, the 2024 Deer Safety briefing, and acquire a 2024-2025 Fort Riley Conservation Permit before the Non-Active Duty Any Season Deer Permit can be acquired online at <https://fortriley.isportsman.net>. This permit is good for all deer seasons. A permit fee of \$20 is required for this Deer Permit.

**c.1.3.** Non-Active Duty Firearms-Only Deer Permits are unlimited. Permits will be available online at <https://fortriley.isportsman.net> to individuals beginning 26 August 2024 after they complete the 2024 Outdoor Recreation and 2024 Deer Safety briefings and acquire a Fort Riley Conservation Permit online at <https://fortriley.isportsman.net>. This deer permit is good for all firearms deer seasons. A permit fee of \$20 is required for this Deer Permit.

**c.1.4.** Youth Deer Permits will be unlimited in number available. All youth will be able to acquire a “2024 Youth Deer Permit” after completing the 2024 Outdoor Recreation and 2024 Deer Safety briefings online at <https://fortriley.isportsman.net> beginning 15 August 2024. There is no fee for this permit, and it is good for all deer seasons. Persons 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. 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 7-15, 2024.** 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 16-29, 2024.** 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 16-December 31, 2024.** 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 12-14, 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.

**e. Antlerless Only Firearms Season: November 29-December 1, 2024.** 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-in to a single area at any time. If either of the management areas north of Rubio Road is full you will not be allowed to check in to the area until someone checks out.

**f. Regular Firearms Season: December 14-22, 2024.** 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 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-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.

**g. Extended Antlerless Only Season: January 1-5, 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.

**3. BAG LIMIT and TAGGING INSTRUCTIONS:** The bag limit for deer on Fort Riley is consistent with the State of Kansas. **PENDING KDWP APPROVAL** Fort Riley falls into Deer Management Unit (DMU) 8A for Kansas. DMU 8A allows each hunter to obtain up

to 5 Whitetail Antlerless Only permits in addition to an Any-Season White-tailed Deer or Non-Resident Deer Permit during the 2024-2025 season. 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.

All game harvested on Fort Riley will be reported during the checkout process on iSportsman.

**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, Marshall Army Airfield, I-70. 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** valid 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 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 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 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 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 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, 2024, and must be removed no later than February 15, 2025. 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 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.

j. Trail Cameras are prohibited on Fort Riley beginning August 15, 2024. The only exceptions are cameras used for 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 it through Fort Riley must have a Fort Riley permit for the activity they are pursuing.

## **7. 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, 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](mailto: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 2024 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>Thursday, 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 1.
<u>Thursday 1 August</u>	Last day for applications for Non-Active Duty Any Season Deer Permit lottery draw.
<u>Thursday 15 August</u>	Day Youth Deer Permits are available on iSportsman.
<u>Tuesday 20 August</u>	Day that drawing for Non-Active Duty Any Season Deer Permits will be finalized and selected individuals may add permits.
<u>Monday 26 August</u>	Day Non-Active Duty Firearms Deer Permits are available on iSportsman.
<u>7-15 September</u>	Youth/Disabled Hunting Season
<u>16-29 September</u>	Early Muzzleloader Season
<u>12-14 October</u>	Pre-Rut Antlerless Season
<u>16 Sept. – 31 December</u>	Regular Fort Riley Archery Season
<u>29 Nov. – 1 December</u>	Fort Riley Antlerless Only Firearms Season
<u>14-22 December</u>	Fort Riley Regular Firearms Deer Seasons
<u>1 – 5 January 2025</u>	Extended Antlerless Only Season



# Fort Riley Whitetail Deer Hunting Units

