

FORT RILEY DEER HUNTING FACT SHEET 2026

Bottom Line Up Front (BLUF): The military mission always takes precedence over recreational activities. Fort Riley or any portion of it may be closed at any time without prior notice. Additional security measures may be implemented without notice, resulting in further access restrictions. All recreationists must comply with both State of Kansas (KDWP) regulations and Fort Riley Installation policies.

1. State of Kansas Permit & Subunit 8A Regulations

Each deer hunter must obtain and possess all required State of Kansas permits and licenses. These can be purchased online at ksoutdoors.com/License-Permits or from physical license vendors.

Management Unit	Fort Riley falls under Kansas Deer Management Unit 8, Subunit 8A.
Antlerless Limits	Under Subunit 8A regulations, hunters are permitted to obtain up to three (3) Whitetail Antlerless Only (WAO) permits in addition to one Any-Season permit. Note: KDWP regulations specify that WAO Permits #4 and #5 are not valid in subunit 8A.
Harvest Tagging	Every deer harvested must be tagged immediately with a valid Kansas deer permit before the carcass is moved.

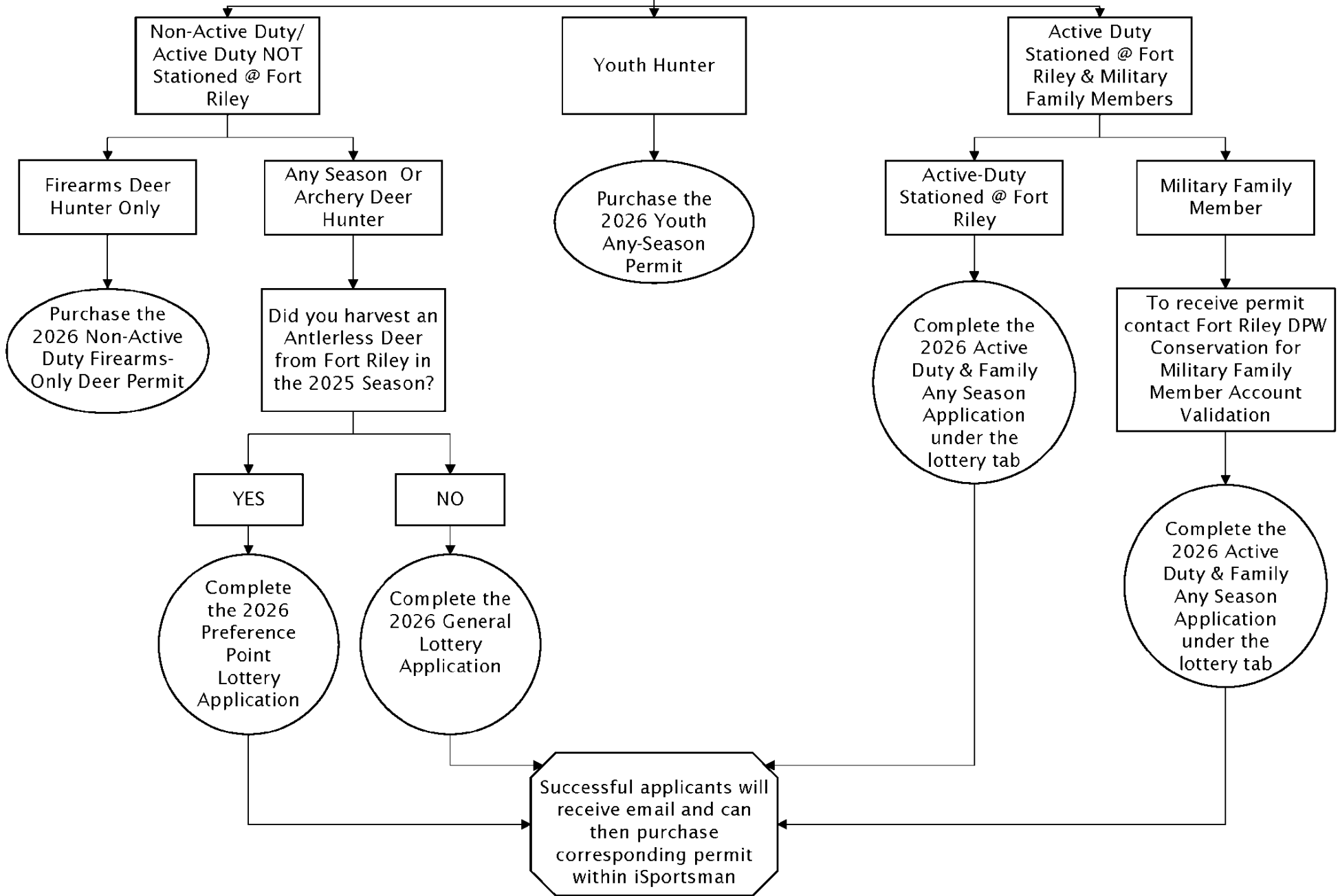
2. Fort Riley iSportsman Permit Requirements

All local permits, safety briefings, check-ins, and harvests are managed electronically via the Fort Riley iSportsman portal (fortriley.isportsman.net). *Note on Eligibility: People who falsify eligibility for any permit will be subject to penalties up to and including the lifetime loss of Fort Riley hunting privileges.*

Mandatory pre-requisites for All Hunters before acquiring Fort Riley Deer Permit:

- Complete the 2026 Outdoor Recreation Safety Briefing on iSportsman.
- Purchase the 2026-2027 Fort Riley Conservation Permit (\$25). (Free for youth <16, seniors >65, or Kansas Disabled Hunters with proof of disability).
- Complete the 2026 Fort Riley Deer Hunting Safety Briefing & Quiz on iSportsman.

Fort Riley Deer Permit Application Process



Fort Riley Deer Permit Breakdown:

Permit Type	Cost	Who Is It For?	Key Information & Rules
Active Duty & Family Any-Season	\$20	Active Duty stationed at Fort Riley and their immediate family members.	Unlimited quantity. Valid for all Fort Riley deer seasons. Apply via the "Lotteries" tab starting July 15. <i>Note: Stationing/family status vetting may take up to 10 business days.</i>
Non-Active Duty Any-Season (Lottery)	\$5 App Fee + \$15 Permit	Civilians, retirees, and Active-Duty military not stationed at Fort Riley.	Limited to 200 permits allocated via two distinct lotteries. If you obtain this, you do NOT need a Firearms-Only permit. <i>Note: Non-resident applicants must have a valid Kansas Non-resident deer permit at the time of drawing.</i>
Non-Active-Duty Firearms-Only	\$20	Hunters not eligible for or unsuccessful in the Any-Season lottery.	Unlimited quantity. Available starting July 15. Valid only during firearms or muzzleloader seasons.
Youth Any-Season	Free	Hunters aged 16 or younger.	Unlimited quantity. Valid for all deer seasons.

The Two Non-Active Duty Any-Season Lotteries:

To ensure fair distribution, the 200 Any-Season permits are allocated through two separate pools:

- The Preference Point Lottery: Permits are first awarded to applicants holding a preference point from the 2025 season.
- The General Lottery: Any remaining permits after the preference point drawing are awarded randomly.

3. Firearms Registration & Transport (FR Reg 190-1)

ALL firearms brought onto the installation must be registered at the Visitor Control Center (VCC, Bldg. 885). VCC Contact: (785) 239-2982 or (785) 239-3138. VCC Hours: Mon–Fri: 0500-2100; Weekends & Holidays: 0800-1600.

4. 2026-2027 Deer Season Calendar

Date / Season	Event	Target Units & Restrictions
July 15	Applications Open	Permits become available / Lottery registration starts.
August 2	Lottery Deadline	Last day for Non-Active Duty Any-Season applications.
August 10	Lottery Results	Draw results finalized and winners notified.
September 5–13	Youth / Disabled Season	Qualified youth and disabled hunters.
September 14–27	Muzzleloader	Any legal muzzleloader.
Sept 14–Dec 31	Regular Archery Season	Archery equipment only.
October 10–12	Pre-Rut Antlerless-Only	Whitetail Antlerless Only.
November 27–29	Antlerless-Only Firearms	Mandatory hunter density limits apply.
Dec 19–23 & 26–31	Regular Firearms Season	Mandatory hunter density limits apply.
January 1–17, 2027	Extended Antlerless-Only	Any legal method for antlerless whitetails.

Hunter Density Limits: During Antlerless-Only and Regular Firearms seasons, access north of Rubio Road is restricted to 230 hunters at one time (115 west of Old Hwy 77 (west unit), and 115 east of Old Hwy 77 (east unit)).

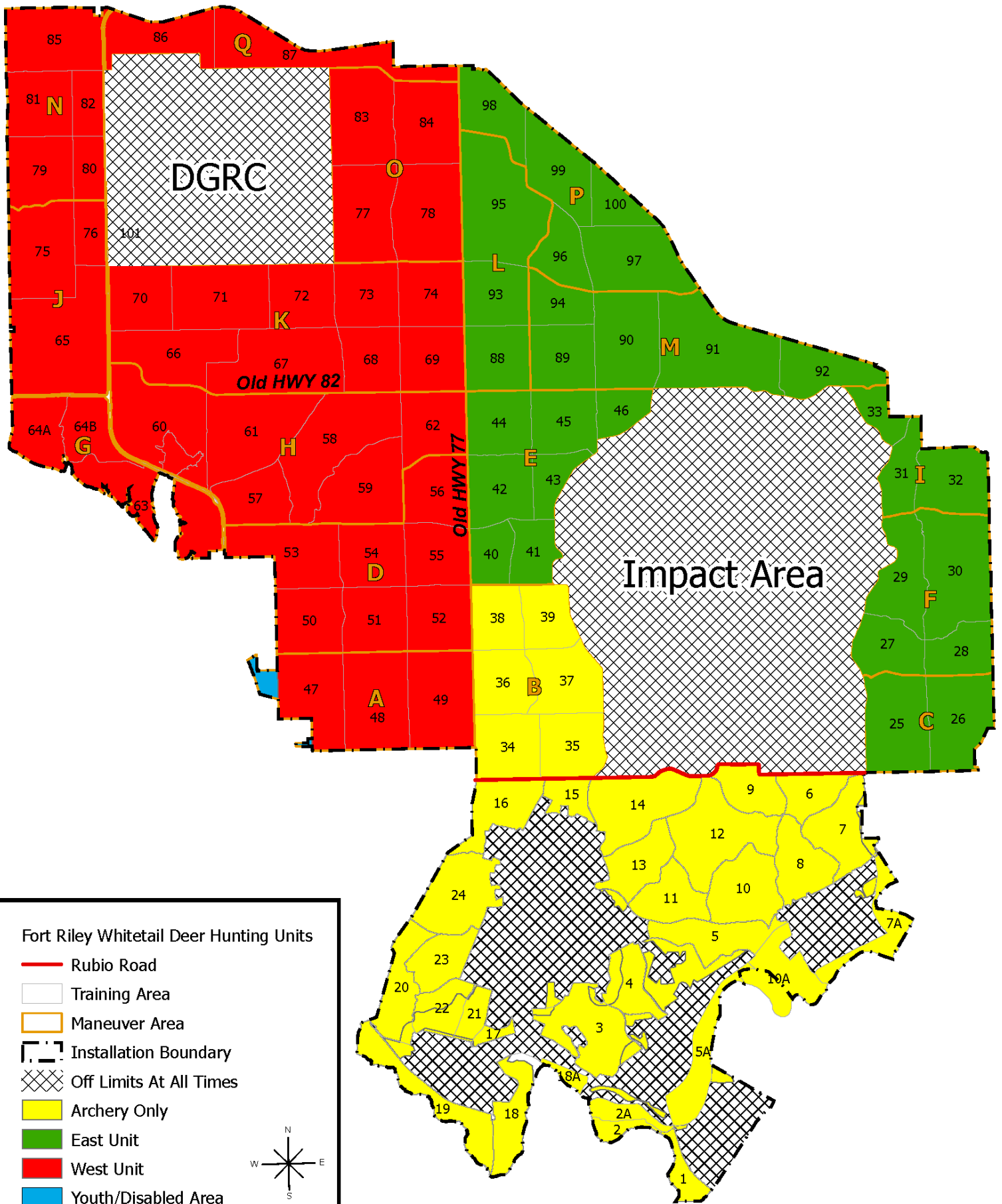
5. General Installation Rules

- **Vehicle Pass:** Your printed iSportsman permit must be displayed on the driver's side dashboard.
- **Access Passes:** Individuals 18+ without a Federal ID must apply for an installation access pass at pass.aie.army.mil or the VCC.
- **Off-Limits Areas:** The Impact Area and Douthit Range Complex are always off-limits.
- **Adjacent Land Access:** Accessing KDWP or Corp of Engineers land through Fort Riley requires a valid Fort Riley permit for that activity.
- **Tree Stands / Blinds:** Must be marked with your KDWP number. May be set up starting Aug 15 and must be removed by Feb 15.
- **Vehicle Use for Game:** Motorized vehicles are restricted to improved roads, with an exception made for the direct retrieval of a downed deer or elk.
- **Carcass Disposal:** Entrails must be left at least 100 feet from any road. Carcasses must be double-bagged for disposal in general refuse and must not be disposed of in any waterway.
- **Banned Activities:** Use of Trail cameras, baiting, and deer drives are strictly prohibited.
- **Blaze Orange:** Standard blaze orange apparel is required during any active firearms season.
- **Assisting Hunters:** Any individual actively assisting a big game hunter must also possess a valid Fort Riley Conservation Permit.
- The complete regulations, Fort Riley Regulation 210-15, that must be followed are available on the iSportsman website under the regulations tab.

6. Contact Information

For further information, visit fortriley.isportsman.net or contact the Environmental Division Office by leaving a message with your name/number/brief message at (785) 239-6211.

Fort Riley Whitetail Deer Hunting Units



Fort Riley Whitetail Deer Hunting Units

- Rubio Road
- Training Area
- Maneuver Area
- Installation Boundary
- Off Limits At All Times
- Archery Only
- East Unit
- West Unit
- Youth/Disabled Area

