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## Fishing



**Fort A.P. Hill**

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**Hunting, Trapping & Fishing Regulations**

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**Summary:** This Regulation describes the policies and procedures that govern hunting, trapping, and fishing on Fort A.P. Hill. **CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR'S REGULATION ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN RED.**

**Applicability:** This Regulation applies to all individuals hunting, trapping and fishing within the boundaries of Fort A.P. Hill. All individuals entering Fort A.P. Hill under authority of this regulation are also subject to local, state, and federal laws and regulations. This policy is punitive in nature. Violation of this policy may result in adverse administrative action, to include revocation of recreational privileges or being barred from post, or punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, Article 92. Violations may also result in civil or criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. 1382 or other applicable federal, state, or local laws.

**Suggested Improvements:** The proponent of this Regulation is the Directorate of Public Works, Environmental and Natural Resources Division (DPW/ENRD). Users are invited to send comments/suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 to DPW/ENRD, Fish and Wildlife Branch, 19952 N. Range Road, Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia 22427-3123.

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**\*This Regulation supersedes APH Reg. 200-10, dated 1 September 2019.**

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## FISHING

### 1. General Information and Policy.

a. All fishing activities on Fort A.P. Hill (FAPH) are managed through the iSportsman system (see Appendix C). FAPH operates a fishing program in the areas used for military training on the Installation. This program is intended to offer public recreational fishing opportunities and to assist in fisheries management. Fishing on FAPH is a privilege, not a right.

b. There are no guarantees of particular locations, or of even being allowed to fish on FAPH. Recreational activities are opened or closed based upon military needs, weather conditions and/or biological management objectives. Anglers are reminded that other recreation activities, such as hunting, may be taking place in the area. During hunting seasons it is advised to wear blaze orange or other highly visible clothing to alert hunters to your presence.

c. By entering the Installation, all individuals consent to the search and inspection of their persons and vehicles at the gate. Providing false or misleading information, or otherwise failing to fully cooperate during the course of an investigation, documents check, vehicle inspection, or at a law enforcement check point, subjects persons to potential revocation of recreational privileges or being barred from post.

d. Violations of rules, regulations, and/or laws may result in loss of fishing and hunting privileges, criminal prosecution, and/or permanent exclusion from FAPH. All observed violations of Federal, State, Caroline County, or FAPH regulations or laws must be reported to the FAPH Police Desk (804) 633-8888.

e. In case of emergency call (804)633-8911. Accidents and lost persons must be immediately reported to FAPH Police Desk (804) 633-8888, Range Operations (804) 633-8224 and the Fish and Wildlife Branch (804) 633-8984.

f. The dangers inherent as a result of military training exist in all areas. It is possible to find unexploded ordnance (UXO) anywhere. If a UXO is found, mark the area, not the UXO, and report it to Range Operations (804) 633-8224. Digitally signing of the General Release Statement relieves the Government of responsibility, i.e., "Fishing at your own risk."

g. Wading or swimming in FAPH waters is prohibited. All military/civilian personnel requesting waterborne type training must have prior written approval from the Garrison Commander.

h. Open fires are not permitted at any time. Anyone locating a fire should report it to the FAPH Police Desk: Emergency (804) 633-8911 or Non-emergency (804) 633-8888.

i. Unless otherwise addressed in this regulation, Fishing on FAPH will be in accordance with Virginia State laws, applicable federal laws and supplemental orders issued by the Garrison Commander. Any supplemental order will be posted on the iSportsman website, Visitor Control Center (VCC), & the Fish & Wildlife Branch Check Station (Bldg. 314).

## **2. What is needed to Fish at Fort A.P. Hill?**

a. To be eligible to fish on FAPH an angler must possess, or have accomplished, the following:

(1) Step 1 – Must possess a valid Virginia or Caroline county fishing license (unless exempt).

(2) Step 2 – Create a user profile in the iSportsman system and digitally sign the General Release Statement.

(3) Step 3 – A criminal history check is required to gain access to FAPH. See 2.b. below. These can be completed upon entrance to the Garrison at the Visitor Control Center (VCC) during normal business hours, or by visiting <https://faph.isportsman.net/> and completing the background information and emailing the form through your private email account to the VCC.

(4) Step 4 – Once the VCC has approved and activated the anglers account, they can log back into their iSportsman account and purchase the desired FAPH permits.

(5) Step 5 – Read, understand, and follow by the current FAPH fishing regulations and recreation map.

b. Force Protection Requirement. In accordance with Army Regulation 190-13, "The Army Physical Security Program" regarding un-escorted access to military installations, a Criminal History Check must be completed annually before being granted access to FAPH. This Criminal History Check can be done at the VCC during normal business hours, or by submitting your information by email using the form available at <https://faph.isportsman.net/> .

c. Fort A.P. Hill Fishing Permit. Prior to purchasing a FAPH Fishing Permit, an angler must pass a current Criminal History Check, possess a current Virginia State or Caroline County Fishing License (resident or nonresident as applicable), and complete the FAPH fishing application and General Release Statement. A qualified guardian is required to sign a General Release Statement for children 17 years of age or under.

d. Combination Permit. If an angler chooses to purchase a Combination Hunting and Fishing Permit, the permit is valid from 1 September 2020 – 31 August 2021.

e. Permit Fees. FAPH honors Virginia's Free Fishing Days. A free FAPH Free Fishing Days permit will be required on these days. All Criminal History Check requirements must be satisfied. Reference the current Virginia Fishing Regulations for applicable dates.

<b>PERMIT TYPES</b>	<b>PERMIT COST/EXPIRATION</b>
<b>General Fishing</b> - 16 – 64 years old	<b>\$20.00/season</b> (expires 1 year from date of purchase)
<b>Active Duty Fishing</b> – (E1 – E4)	<b>FREE</b> (expires 1 year from date of activation)
<b>Active Duty Fishing</b> – (E5 – E6)	<b>\$8.00</b> (expires 1 year from date of purchase)
<b>General Fishing &amp; Hunting Combo</b> – 16 – 64 years old	<b>\$75.00/season</b> (expires on 31 August 2021)
<b>Senior Fishing</b> – Turned 65 years old from 1Sep2015 to date of purchase	<b>\$16.00</b> (expires 1 year from date of purchase)
<b>Senior Fishing</b> – 65+ years old prior to 1 September 2015	<b>FREE</b> (expires 1 year from activation)
<b>Disabled Fishing</b> Must possess a Virginia Resident Disabled fishing license or a Virginia Nonresident Disabled License	<b>FREE</b> (expires 1 year from activation)
<b>Five Day Fishing</b> – 16+ yrs. old	<b>\$5.00</b> (valid for 5 consecutive days)
<b>Youth Fishing</b> – under 16 years old	<b>FREE</b> (sign in as guest of permitted angler)
<b>Virginia Free Fishing Days</b>	<b>FREE</b> (Valid for 3 VA free fishing days)
<b>Fishing Observer</b> – 16+ yrs. old	<b>FREE</b> (expires 1 year from activation)

### 3. Telephone Numbers

BUILDING	SERVICES AND PHONE NUMBERS
Fish and Wildlife Branch Building 308 Anderson Camp	<b>iSportsman</b> (844) 326-3113 <b>Fish and Wildlife Branch:</b> (804) 633-8750 (804) 633-8984 (540) 259-0989 (Cell)
Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) Provost Marshal Office Building #156	<b>FAPH Police Desk:</b> (804) 633-8888 Emergency – (804) 633-8911 <b>For suspected game violations:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> (804) 633-8888 Police Desk 2 <sup>nd</sup> (804) 633-8434 Game Warden (Office)
Visitor Control Center	<b>Annual Criminal Background Check:</b> (804)-633-8585.

### 4. General Fishing Regulations.

a. Every permitted angler is now required to check in to the fishing areas they wish to fish through the iSportsman system. If the angler would like to switch areas and fish another location they must Check out of their current fishing area through iSportsman, and then Check in to another open fishing area.

b. Legal hours for fishing on FAPH are ½ hour before sunrise until ½ hour after sunset. No waterborne activities will occur outside of the legal fishing hours. Anglers are not permitted to enter the installation or check in to fish prior to 1.5 hrs. before sunrise and must check out of iSportsman and be off the installation no later than 1.5 hrs. after sunset. Anglers are not permitted on FAPH outside of the check in/out time unless they are staying in recreational lodging.

c. The use of trot lines is **not** permitted on FAPH.

d. Lower Smoots Pond, & Whites Lake are the only fishing areas that anglers may access from state maintained roads. All other fishing areas must be accessed from the interior of the installation. Anglers are reminded that fishing in these waters requires all applicable State licenses, FAPH permits, and check in through iSportsman.

e. Fishing any waters in the Controlled Access Areas is strictly prohibited except for Lower Smoots Pond and Whites Lake which must be accessed off of state maintained roads.

## 5. Game/Sport Fish Regulations.

a. All fish exceeding the daily creel limits must be released back into FAPH waters unharmed.

b. All waters that lie within the boundary of FAPH have the following creel and length limits. The daily creel limit represents daily totals from all waters combined. All harvested fish counting towards the daily creel limit must be recorded in iSportsman when the angler checks out from fishing:

### Creel and Length Limits

TYPE OF FISH	DAILY CREEL LIMIT	LENGTH LIMIT
<b>Largemouth Bass</b>	<b>5</b>	No Bass 14 inches or longer may be harvested
<b>Crappie</b>	<b>25</b>	NONE
<b>Bluegill</b> (bream) and other sunfish excluding crappie	<b>50</b>	NONE
<b>Channel Catfish</b>	<b>5</b>	NONE
<b>Chain Pickerel</b>	<b>5</b>	NONE
<b>Grass Carp</b>	ALL MUST BE RELEASED	N/A
Please reference the current Virginia Fishing Regulations for species not specifically mentioned in this table. Daily Creel Limits represent the maximum number of fish from all FAPH waters combined.		

## 6. Nongame Fish, Reptile, Amphibian, and Aquatic Invertebrate Regulations.

a. No turtles may be harvested from FAPH.

b. Anglers should reference the current Virginia Fishing Regulations for details on the harvest of all other nongame species.

## 7. Boating Regulations.

a. Boats powered manually or by electric motors are permitted on all FAPH waters. Gasoline powered boat engines up to 9.9 horsepower are permitted on the Smoots, Whites, Bowies, and Reynolds Run Ponds only. Engines larger than 9.9 hp are only permitted to be operated on these waters at idle and to trailer a boat. All oil or gasoline



spills must be immediately reported to Department of Emergency Services (DES) at 804-633-8911/8888/8239 and call the Environmental and Natural Resources Division 804-633-8255.

b. Anglers should be reminded that all children under 13 years of age are required by federal law to wear an appropriate coast guard approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD) at all times while onboard any boat on FAPH waters.

c. All applicable local, state, and federal boating laws and regulations will be strictly observed and enforced while fishing on FAPH waters. Anglers should reference the “Virginia Watercraft Owner’s Guide” which can be found at [www.HuntFishVA.com](http://www.HuntFishVA.com) for current boating regulations and boating safety education requirements.

### 8. Check-In/Check-Out Procedures.

<u>Checking IN to Fish</u>	<u>Checking OUT from Fishing</u>
<p>No waterborne activities will occur outside of the legal fishing hours. Legal hours for fishing on FAPH are ½ hour before sunrise until ½ hour after sunset. Anglers may check in no earlier than 1.5 hrs. before sunrise and must proceed, by the most direct route, to their fishing destination that they have checked in to through the FAPH iSportsman system.</p>	<p>The end of legal fishing time is ½ hour after sunset. All anglers must check out of the iSportsman system by 1.5 hrs. after sunset. Failure to do so will result in their account being suspended and privileges revoked (Administrative Hold), until the infraction has been reconciled by the <b>Fish and Wildlife Branch</b>. Anglers must proceed in the most direct route to exit FAPH or to their FAPH lodging facility.</p>

a. **Procedures:** To check in to a fishing area, anglers must check in using the FAPH iSportsman system by mobile device. Anglers may not check in until they arrive at Fort A.P. Hill, and they must check out before exiting the installation. The fishing permit must be printed and carried on the anglers’ person, and the vehicle pass must be displayed face up on the left side of the dashboard of the anglers’ vehicle so it is clearly visible. The vehicle pass for each permitted angler traveling in a vehicle must be clearly displayed. Vehicles not displaying an iSportsman vehicle pass will be towed at the owner’s expense and their fishing privileges will be suspended. When finished fishing, every angler must check out of their fishing area using the iSportsman system. All fish harvested must be reported in the system upon Check Out in iSportsman. Do NOT report fish caught that were released. Failure to leave and check out of the fishing area by the designated closing time will result in an automatic suspension placed on all fishing privileges, and a search for the angler based on the presumption that the angler is either lost or injured. Anglers must be out of their assigned areas, checked out through the iSportsman system, and headed off of FAPH property prior to the Check Out from Fishing Time for that date.

b. **Fishing Areas:** Ponds and Training Areas open to fishing are designated daily according to military needs. Anglers are restricted to fishing only in their assigned area but will be permitted to change areas when space is available by checking out of their current area and into another area using the iSportsman system by phone or internet. Anglers may only check in to one area at a time, no exceptions.

c. **Observers:** A non-fishing observer may accompany a licensed angler as long as they do not participate in fishing. In order to do this each individual wishing to accompany an angler must create a free account in the iSportsman system, complete the background check, and check in as a non-fishing observer through iSportsman.

d. **Youth:** Anglers 15 years and younger are not required to have an iSportsman account, however it is strongly recommended. If a youth does have an iSportsman account set up, they may be checked in as a guest along with a permitted adult angler. iSportsman requires the name and birthdate to be entered for each youth guest during the check-in. A maximum of 5 youth may be checked in as a guest of an adult angler.

e. **Evacuate Fishing Areas:** Anglers must immediately leave their assigned fishing area and return to their vehicle if:

(1) There is contact with military personnel engaged in military training within the assigned fishing area. This means that either military personnel or the anglers are in the wrong area. Contact Fish and Wildlife Branch personnel (804-633-8984) to correct the problem. The angler will either be allowed back into the area once it is clear, or they will be assigned to another area.

(2) There is a notice broadcast from loud speakers situated all over the Installation. This system may signal an emergency or unsafe condition and may instruct all personnel to leave the areas and return to their vehicle or safe area.

(3) Directed by Range Operations.

(4) Notified by the FAPH iSportsman system by auto-call, text message, or email to evacuate the area.

**9. Prohibited Activities and Restrictions.** The following list is not all-inclusive, and includes state laws, and FAPH-specific restrictions that may differ from state and county laws or ordinances. **Restrictions are enforced by the Conservation Law Enforcement Section.**

a. **Trespassing:** Persons found in any area (Training Area, Controlled Access/Restricted area) without approval will have their FAPH recreation privileges revoked. Signing in to one area and fishing or entering a different area is prohibited and will result in loss of recreation privileges. Additionally, personnel found poaching/trespassing will be subject to prosecution and/or administrative action.

Personnel reporting violations should contact the A.P. Hill Police Desk at (804) 633-8888 or the Game Wardens at (804) 633-8434.

b. **Driving Roads:** Anglers are to proceed directly to and from their assigned fishing area by the most direct route of approved recreation roads. Driving FAPH roads and trails to observe wildlife or for any other purpose other than to reach or leave the assigned fishing area is prohibited.

c. **Accessing Ponds, Legal Fishing Hours:** Anglers may not check in until they arrive at FAPH, and may not proceed to their assigned fishing areas prior to 1.5 hrs. before sunrise. Fishing will not commence prior to one-half hour before sunrise and will end no later than one-half hour after sunset. All anglers must be checked out before leaving FAPH, and must be checked out 1.5 hours after sunset.

d. **Government Property:** Picking up, touching or taking Government equipment, ordnance, munitions or parts of the same is prohibited. Defacing, climbing on, or disturbing any part of a building, range structure, sign, equipment or property found on FAPH is also prohibited.

e. **Interfering with Anglers:** Intentionally interfering with the lawful pursuit of taking of wildlife or disturbing any wildlife for the purpose of disrupting an angler is prohibited.

f. **Artifacts:** Unauthorized excavation or digging is prohibited. The collection of any artifact (such as Civil War artifacts, old bottles, coins, etc.), disturbance of any feature related to past human activity, and the collection of paleontological specimens on FAPH is prohibited. The use of metal detectors on FAPH is strictly prohibited. Violators may be held liable/prosecuted under both the civil and criminal provisions of the Archeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA), 16 USC Sec. 470ee and assessed civil (monetary) penalties under ARPA Sec. 470ff.

g. **Littering:** Littering or disposing of refuse except in receptacles provided for that purpose is prohibited.

h. **Photography:** Photographing installation facilities, training equipment, or troops while on FAPH is prohibited. Trail camera use is also prohibited.

i. **FAPH Access Under False Pretenses:** If a person falsely uses a fishing permit to gain access to FAPH and is not on the Garrison to fish, that person may be subject to the loss of all FAPH privileges.

j. **Transporting Aquatic Vegetation:** All anglers must remove aquatic vegetation from gear, boats, and boat trailers before moving to a different body of water to prevent the transportation of undesirable aquatic vegetation while on FAPH.

## **APPENDIX D**

### **References**

References and their updates are available on [www.faph.isportsman.net](http://www.faph.isportsman.net):

- a. AR 190-13, The Army Physical Security Program, 27 June 2019
- b. The Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979
- c. AR 200-1, Environmental Protection And Enhancement, 13 December 2007
- d. Federal Gun Control Act of 1968, 22 October 1968
- e. APH Regulation 200-1 Environmental Requirements, 30 June 2016
- f. 2020 Virginia Freshwater Fishing & Boating, 1 January 2020
- g. VDWR Hunting and Trapping in Virginia July 2020 – June 2021
- h. AR 190-11 Prohibited Weapons/Items and Control of Privately Owned Firearms and Ammunition, 25 February 2013