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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, 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 Section, 19952 N. Range Road, Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia 22427-3123.

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## HUNTING

### 1. General Information and Policy.

a. This regulation sets forth policies, restrictions and procedures for all hunting activities on Fort A.P. Hill (FAPH). It applies to all individuals that hunt on the Installation. FAPH operates a hunting program in the areas used for military training on the Installation. This program is intended to offer public recreational hunting and opportunities to assist in wildlife management. Hunting on FAPH is a privilege, not a right.

b. All recreational activities on FAPH are authorized and controlled by the Garrison Commander in accordance with applicable Federal, State, County, and Department of the Army laws, ordinances, supplemental orders, and/or regulation. Restrictions on recreational activities are established to ensure safety, security, protection of property, and efficient accomplishment of FAPH missions. Federal, State, and Caroline County governments have concurrent legislative jurisdiction over most of FAPH. In case of conflict, the most restrictive applicable governing standard applies.

c. There are no guarantees of particular locations, or of even being allowed to hunt on FAPH. Areas are subject to closure to hunting based upon military training needs.

d. 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.

e. All observed violations of Federal, State, Caroline County, or FAPH regulations or laws must be reported to the FAPH Police Desk (DES) at (804) 633-8888.

f. 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, Fish and Wildlife Section (804) 633-8984 and the Game Check Cell Phone (540) 259-0989.

g. This policy does not authorize or regulate the possession or use of privately owned weapons on FAPH.

h. Any persons found to have knowingly entered false information into the iSportsman program, or used another person's information, PIN, or account number to sign in or out of an area may be barred from post or have their recreational privileges revoked.

i. **Any hunters who observe suspicious activity (trespassing, vandalism or other illegal activity) are encouraged to note the time and date, specific location and nature of the activity, and report it to the FAPH Police Desk (DES) at (804) 633-8888.**

## 2. What is needed to Hunt at Fort A.P. Hill (FAPH)

a. To hunt on FAPH, one must possess, or have accomplished, the following:

(1) Step 1 – A valid Hunter Safety Education Certificate. See 2.b. below.

(2) Step 2 – All required state and federal hunting licenses, stamps, etc. for the species that will be hunted.

(3) Step 3 – A criminal history check. See 2.c. below. These can be completed upon entrance to the Garrison at the Visitor Control Center (VCC). Please call the VCC at (804) 633-8585 to confirm hours of operation. Hunters may also visit <https://faph.isportsman.net/> and complete the background information sheet, and email the form through their private email account to the VCC. There is no fee associated with the background check.

(4) Step 4 – The serial number, make, and model, **and caliber** for all weapons (including bows and crossbows) that will be used while hunting at FAPH – these must be recorded at the VCC. Hunters will not take the weapons into the VCC. The required data will be brought to the VCC for recording. Steps 3 and 4 may be completed at the same time.

(5) Step 5 – Creation of a user profile in the iSportsman system, sign a General Release Statement, and purchase the FAPH Hunting Permit.

(6) Step 6 – Viewing of the FAPH Hunting Orientation and Safety video located on the FAPH iSportsman website. The iSportsman system will not allow hunters to acquire permits until the video has been viewed in its entirety.

(7) Step 7 – If hunting in the 31 Controlled Access Areas (CA) south of Route 301, hunters must view the CA Area Orientation and Safety video located on the iSportsman website. The iSportsman system will not allow hunters to acquire a CA permit until the FAPH Hunting Orientation and Safety video has been viewed in its entirety (See 10. Special Area Regulations).

b. **Hunter Safety Certificate Requirement.** Hunters must have a valid Hunter Safety Education Certificate from any state. Hunters must acknowledge having such in iSportsman in order to purchase a FAPH Hunting Permit. FAPH will honor Virginia Apprentice licenses. A valid Virginia Apprentice license negates the requirement of the Hunter Education Safety Certificate. Other hunter education courses approved in writing by the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR) may be acceptable.

Children younger than 12 who are otherwise qualified will be allowed to hunt without a Certificate but must remain within arm's reach of a parent or legal guardian over the age of 18. Individuals possessing a FAPH Senior Citizen or Disabled Lifetime Permit are also required to have a Hunter Safety Education Certificate.

c. **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 before being granted access to FAPH. This Criminal History Check can be done at the VCC during normal business hours, or pre-filing your data by email at <https://faph.isportsman.net/>.

d. **Fort A.P. Hill Hunting Permit.** Prior to purchasing a FAPH Hunting Permit, a hunter must possess a Hunter Safety Education Certificate (See 2.b.), complete their weapons registration, pass a current Criminal History Check, possess a current Virginia State or Caroline County Hunting License (resident or nonresident as applicable), and complete the FAPH hunting application and General Release Statement through the iSportsman system. For those under 18, a qualified guardian is required to sign the General Release Statement. These children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. All hunters new to FAPH are required to review the FAPH hunting safety program slide presentation before purchasing a FAPH Hunting Permit. Both the presentation and the Hunting Permit are available on the FAPH iSportsman website. A new hunter is an individual that has not hunted on FAPH in the past two years.

e. **Permit Fees:** The season runs from 1 Sep – 31 Aug.

| PERMIT TYPES  | PERMIT COST/EXPIRATION |
|---|------------------------|
| <b>General Hunting</b> – (16 – 64 years old)  | \$65.00/season         |
| <b>Youth/Junior Hunting</b> – (15 years old and below)  | <b>FREE</b>            |
| <b>Disabled Hunting</b><br>(Must possess a Virginia Resident Disabled Hunting License or a Virginia Nonresident Disabled License) | <b>FREE</b>            |
| <b>Senior Hunting</b> – 65+ years old <i>prior</i> to 1 September 2015 (Born before 1 September 1950)                             | <b>FREE</b>            |
| <b>Senior Hunting</b> – Turned 65 years old <i>after</i> 1 September 2015   | \$52.00/season         |
| <b>Three Day Hunting</b>  | \$45.00                |
| <b>Controlled Access Hunter</b>   | <b>FREE</b>            |

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|---|----------------|
| <b>General Fishing &amp; Hunting Combo –</b><br>(16 – 64 years old) | \$75.00/season |
| <b>Active Duty Hunting</b><br>Enlisted Military – (E1 – E4)         | <b>FREE</b>    |
| <b>Active Duty Hunting</b><br>Enlisted Military – (E5 – E6)         | \$20.00/season |

### 3. Telephone Numbers and Hours of Operation

| <b>BUILDING</b>  | <b>SERVICES AND PHONE NUMBERS</b>   |
|--|---|
| Fish and Wildlife Section<br>Building 308<br>Anderson Camp | <b>Recording for open TA's, CA's, and General information:</b><br>844-326-3113<br><b>Game Check Station &amp; Fish and Wildlife Section:</b><br>(804) 633-8984/8750   |
| Directorate of Emergency Services (DES)<br>Building #156   | <b>FAPH Police Desk:</b><br>(804) 633-8888<br><b>Emergency – 8911</b><br><b>For suspected game violations:</b><br>(804) 633-8888 Police Desk<br>(804) 633-8434 Game Wardens<br>(804) 633-8984 Fish and Wildlife Office<br>(804) 633-8131 Game Warden's Anonymous Tip Line<br>(540) 259-0989 Game Check Cell Phone |
| Call-In Number for Hunting Area Reservations               | (844)-326-3113 (iSportsman line)<br>Allows you to reserve an area one day in advance  |
| Visitor Control Center                                     | Annual Criminal Background Check and Weapons Serial Number Registration. (804) 633-8585.  |

**4. Fort A.P. Hill 2021/2022 hunting seasons and bag limits.** FAPH hunting seasons and bag limits are listed in Appendix A.

**5. Check-In/Check-Out and General Procedures.**

Table 5-1

| <u>Checking In to Hunt</u>   | <u>Checking Out From Hunting</u>  |
|--|---|
| <p>Fall and Winter:</p> <p>During the Fall and Winter hunting seasons, hunters may not check in to their areas prior to 0430 in the iSportsman system. Hunters will not be permitted to enter FAPH until 0430. Those staying in recreational lodging are not permitted to proceed to training areas or range complex prior to 0430. Anyone found on the roads/trails prior to 0430 may have their privileges suspended and asked to leave the installation immediately. Hunters must not check in to a hunting area prior to physically arriving at FAPH. <b>You must be checked into your area before crossing the intersection of A.P. Hill Drive and Campbell Road. There are several areas that a driver can pull over to meet this requirement such as the VCC parking lot, game check parking lot, etc. If North gate is closed see iSportsman for direction.</b></p> <p>Hunters who fail to comply with this check in procedure will have their iSportsman accounts suspended and privileges revoked (Administrative Hold), until the infraction has been reconciled by the <b>Fish and Wildlife Section.</b></p> | <p>Fall and Winter:</p> <p>Hunters must check out of their areas using iSportsman prior to leaving FAPH property or prior to arriving at their on-post lodging.</p> <p>Hunters must be off FAPH property 1 hour after legal shooting time unless they are checking game at the Game Check Station or are staying in recreational lodging after hours. Those hunters staying in recreational lodging must be clear of their hunting area, roads and trails that are not directly associated to their lodging.</p> <p>The end of legal shooting time is ½ hour after sunset (except for some migratory bird season). On days that FAPH has ½ day hunting the end of legal shooting time is 1200.</p> <p>The following are the times that all hunters must be checked out from hunting through the iSportsman system:</p> <p>1 September – 28 February 1.5 hours after sunset, with the following exceptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanksgiving 25 NOV – 1200</li> <li>• Christmas Eve 24 DEC – Closed</li> <li>• Christmas Day 25 DEC – Closed</li> <li>• Sundays – Closed</li> <li>• CA Hunters must be clear of the entire CA complex no later than 2000 (8pm) Range Division will</li> </ul> |



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|  | <p>begin locking gates at that time for the next day's military training.</p> <p>Hunters who fail to comply with these check out procedures will have their iSportsman accounts suspended and privileges revoked (Administrative Hold), until the infraction has been reconciled by the <b>Fish and Wildlife Section</b>.</p>   |
| <p>Spring:</p> <p>During the Spring hunting seasons, hunters may not check into their areas prior to 0400 in the iSportsman system. Hunters will not be permitted to enter FAPH until 0400. Hunters must not check in to their area prior to physically arriving at FAPH. <b>You must be checked into your area before crossing the intersection of A.P. Hill Drive and Campbell Road. If North gate is closed see iSportsman for direction.</b> Those staying in recreational lodging are not permitted to proceed to training areas or range complex prior to 0400. Anyone found on the roads/trails prior to 0400 will have their privileges suspended and asked to leave the installation immediately.</p> <p>Hunters who fail to comply with this check in procedure will have their iSportsman accounts suspended and privileges revoked (Administrative Hold), until the infraction has been reconciled by the Fish and Wildlife Section.</p> | <p>Spring:</p> <p>Hunters must check out of their areas using iSportsman prior to leaving FAPH property or prior to arriving at their on-post lodging.</p> <p>Hunters must be off FAPH property 1 hour after legal shooting time unless they are checking game or are staying in recreational lodging. Those hunters staying in recreational lodging must be clear of their hunting area, roads and trails that are not directly associated to their lodging.</p> <p>The end of legal shooting time during this Spring season is 1200.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Closed Sundays</b><br/><b>(see Appendix A for season dates)</b></p> <p>Hunters who fail to comply with this check out procedure will have their iSportsman accounts suspended and privileges revoked (Administrative Hold), until the infraction has been reconciled by the Fish and Wildlife Section.</p> |

a. **Hunting Permit.** To be assigned an area to hunt, hunters must check in to a hunting area using the FAPH iSportsman system using a mobile device (phone, smartphone, tablet, etc.). A seasonal parking permit is issued at the same time when a hunter purchases their hunting permit. The hunting permit must be printed off and carried on the hunters' person.

b. **Parking Permit**. The parking permit, must be displayed face up on the left side of the dashboard of the hunters' vehicle so that it is clearly visible to the roadway. The parking permit must be clearly displayed for each hunter in a vehicle. Vehicles not displaying parking permits may be towed at the owner's expense and their hunting privileges may be suspended. When finished hunting, every hunter must check out from their hunting area using the iSportsman system.

c. **Hunting Areas**. Hunting areas are designated daily according to military needs. Hunters are restricted to hunting only in their assigned area, but will be permitted to change areas when space is available by checking out using the iSportsman system by mobile device. During the fall/winter hunting seasons, the maximum approximate hunter density will be 1 daily hunting permit per 100 acres of available hunting land will be issued. During the spring gobbler season, approximately 1 daily permit per 250 acres of available hunting land will be issued. Hunters may only check in to one area at a time, no exceptions. Hunters may only change areas four times per day.

d. **Open Area Information**. Recorded phone line (844-326-3113) will be updated each day by 1900 (7pm) to give the open hunting areas for the next hunting day. Open hunting areas are also posted on the FAPH iSportsman website.

e. **Reservations**. Hunters may reserve an open hunting area by telephone 844-326-3113, or on the FAPH iSportsman website, beginning at 1900 (7pm) and ending at 2400 (12am) the day prior to the hunting day. While there is no hunting on Sundays, Monday reservations can be made Sunday evening at 1900 (7pm). Reservations will be held only until 0600 (6am) the day of the hunt. Hunters may make a reservation for themselves and one other hunter.

f. **Checking Game**. All game animals taken on FAPH, to include small game, waterfowl, and furbearers, must be reported in the iSportsman system. Failure to do so will lead to administrative action. Upon killing a deer, bear, or turkey, the hunter must immediately notch the appropriate tag on their Virginia State Big Game Hunting License, paper or digital copy, prior to moving the animal from the place of kill. **There will no longer be DWR Game check cards available at the check station. Hunters should obtain their DWR confirmation number prior to arrival at the game check station.** ALL big game species and coyotes must be brought to the FAPH game check station for biological data collection. The removal of unreported game from the Installation may result in revocation of recreational privileges or being barred from post. Hunters must make every effort to trail and recover wounded game. Hunters may not, however, fail to check out of the iSportsman system by the assigned time. To be allowed to stay in an area after the assigned return time to stay and track a wounded deer, hunters must coordinate with the Fish and Wildlife Biologist at (804) 633-8984. Depending on military training needs, the Wildlife Biologist may grant permission to stay in the training area or controlled access area to track the animal. If a hunter is successful in recovery of an animal, the hunter must bring the animal to the Game Checking Station and complete the late deer check in procedures as directed at the station. If wounded game leaves FAPH, it is the responsibility of the hunter who wounded the animal to obtain permission

from the appropriate landowner to enter the land to retrieve animals. If a hunter fails to check out in the iSportsman system before the assigned time, the hunter's account will be placed on automatic suspension and privileges will be revoked. The user will be unable to hunt on FAPH until privileges are reinstated. Hunters must check out of their area before departing FAPH or returning to on-post lodging.

g. **Observers.** Non-hunting observers may accompany licensed hunters. To be allowed access to the areas, observers must obey all blaze orange or blaze pink requirements, not carry weapons and must sign the "General Release Statement." Observers must check in and out of areas using the iSportsman system, in the same manner as licensed hunters.

h. **Youth Hunters.** All youth hunters are required to have their own active iSportsman account to check in and out of areas. No one under the age of 18 may use firearms unless accompanied and supervised by a parent or legal guardian (AR 190-11). An authorized adult, 18 years of age or older, may escort no more than two youth hunters/non-hunting observers. Underage hunters must stay within sight and voice contact and no more than 100 yards away from the adult escort. During spring gobbler season, underage hunters must stay within 10 yards of the adult escort. Children younger than 12 must remain within arm's reach of a parent/guardian.

**6. Prohibited Activities and Restrictions (Quick Reference).** 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 and applies to all reactional activities.**

a. **Buckshot.** Buckshot may not be used to hunt any game and is prohibited on one's person or one's vehicle while hunting at FAPH (Read Weapons Regulation Section 9, page 18).

b. **Weapons in Vehicles.** Weapons must be encased or broken down and unloaded while in a vehicle. Weapons and ammunition must be separated during transport (Read Weapons Regulation Section 9, part b Transportation of Weapons, page 18).

c. **Drive Hunting.** Drive hunting is strictly prohibited. Drive hunting is defined as an organized sweep by one or more moving people designed to push or drive deer to one or more hunters. Those having any evidence of hunters conducting drives should immediately call (804) 633-8434 or 8984 to report the violation.

d. **Shooting from Vehicle.** Shooting from a vehicle is prohibited (Read Weapons Regulation Section 9, page 18).

e. **Deer Weapons.** Deer will be hunted only with archery tackle (**no Airbows**), shotguns loaded with slugs, and muzzle loading rifles .45 caliber or larger (Read Weapons Regulation Section 9, page 18).

f. **Failure to Check-Out of Area by Assigned Time.** Hunters must check out of their hunting area in the iSportsman system before departing FAPH or returning to on-post lodging. Hunters who fail to check out of their areas in iSportsman by the assigned time will automatically have their accounts suspended and privileges revoked (Administrative Hold), until the incident is resolved. The first offense in a license year will result in the suspended privileges remaining for a mandatory three (3) hunting days. A second offense of not checking out of an area will result in a mandatory minimum of a fourteen (14) hunting day suspense on their account. A third offense in one license year will result in a 30 day suspense on their account. In any case where there is insufficient hunting days left in the season for the full suspension to be served, the remaining days of the suspension shall be served at the beginning of the next license period the hunter enters into.

g. **Shooting across Roads or Trails.** Discharging across an asphalt or gravel road or trail is prohibited (Read Weapons Regulation Section 9, page 18).

h. **Spotlighting.** Casting any beam of light off the roadway to observe wildlife is prohibited.

i. **Discharging a Firearm.** Discharging a firearm for purposes other than hunting is prohibited (Read Weapons Regulation Section 9, page 18).

j. **Dogs and Deer.** It is unlawful to hunt or track deer with dogs on FAPH. Any hunter or member of a party of hunters who kills a deer while hunting with dogs will be subject to the loss of FAPH hunting privileges. Shooting a deer being pursued by dogs is prohibited. Observance of hunting deer with dogs must be reported. Taking action against any dog (harass, harm or kill) is also prohibited (Read Section 14, page 22 for further guidance on dog use on FAPH).

k. **Trespassing.** Any persons found in any area (Training Area, Controlled Access/Restricted area) without approval may have their FAPH hunting privileges revoked (**this includes any tenant, federal or base personnel outside of official duties**). Signing out for one area and hunting or entering a different area is prohibited and may result in loss of hunting privileges. Additionally, personnel found trespassing will be subject to prosecution and/or administrative action. Personnel reporting violations should contact the Game Wardens at (804) 633-8434 or Police Desk (804) 633-8888.

l. **Poaching.** Personnel found poaching will be subject to prosecution and/or administrative action.

m. **Road Hunting.** Hunters are to proceed directly to and from their assigned hunting area by the most direct route. Driving FAPH roads and trails to observe wildlife or for any other purpose other than to reach or leave the assigned hunting area is prohibited. If persons are observed driving in a manner creating the appearance they are searching for wildlife, they may be stopped and searched. No weapons may be in a

loaded condition within 55 yards of all perimeter (boundary), Training Area (TA) and Controlled Access (CA) area roads (paved or gravel).

n. **Accessing Hunting Areas, Legal Hunt Hours.** Hunters will not be permitted to enter FAPH prior to 0430 in the fall seasons and 0400 in the spring. Hunters staying in recreational lodging will not be permitted to proceed to their assigned hunting areas prior to 0430 in fall seasons and 0400 during the spring season. Installation Law Enforcement may ask hunters to leave the installation immediately if they are found on the road/trail system prior to the above times. Hunting will not commence prior to one-half hour before sunrise and will end not later than one-half hour after sunset.

**WEAPONS WILL NOT BE IN A LOADED CONDITION OUTSIDE OF HUNTING HOURS.** Some migratory bird and turkey seasons have shorter hunt day lengths.

o. **Deer Processing.** Hunters are expected to field dress their deer prior to transporting them to the Game Check Station unless exigent circumstances prevent it. Processing/skinning of any wildlife is prohibited at MWR RV Park and/or any FAPH lodging facilities. If found to have processed/skinned game at one of these areas, hunters may lose their FAPH hunting and/or lodging privileges.

p. **Baiting, Plantings and Non-Game Species.** Feeding or baiting of any wildlife or taking of any species not addressed in these regulations is prohibited. **Hunting over bait is prohibited.** Hunters are prohibited from planting food plots, seeding, fertilizing, or the placement of salt and minerals on FAPH property.

q. **Decoys.** Motorized or mechanical turkey and deer decoys are prohibited on FAPH. The practice of reaping or fanning is prohibited on FAPH. Fanning/reaping is defined as hunting or stalking wild turkeys while holding or using for hunter concealment any of the following items: a tail fan, a partial or full decoy with a tail fan, or a tail fan mounted to a firearm.

r. **Alcohol and Drugs.** Any hunter that uses or possesses alcohol or illegal drugs (**Marijuana is illegal on Federal property**) in a hunting area is subject to loss of hunting privileges and prosecution under Federal and/or state law. This prohibition extends to carrying alcohol or illegal drugs in a vehicle while checked out to hunt. NOTE: If alcohol or the odor of alcohol is detected by members of law enforcement personnel, the hunter will be denied hunting privileges, and may be issued applicable citations.

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

t. **Harassment and Hunter Conduct.** Harassment of government employees or contractors involved in natural resources management or check station duties is prohibited and may result in loss of hunting privileges. The use of inappropriate, crude, offensive or threatening language by hunters around the Game Check Station or

directed at others at any location on FAPH, is prohibited and may result in revocation of recreational privileges.

u. **Interfering with Hunters**. Interfering with the lawful pursuit of taking of wildlife or disturbing any wildlife for the purpose of disrupting a hunt is prohibited.

v. **Party Hunting**. “Party Hunting” is prohibited. Party hunting is defined as one person killing an animal and having another member notch his/her own Big Game License and check in the animal. This also applies to small game and migratory birds.

w. **Artifacts**. 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, 16 USC Sections 470ee-470ff or other applicable law or regulation.

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

y. **Checking In and Not Hunting**. Hunters who check in to hunt an area and do not go hunting, or allow others to check them into areas, or use another hunter’s iSportsman account for the purpose of “locking up” openings to keep others out will be flagged as doing so in the iSportsman system and have their account suspended and privileges revoked (Administrative Hold), until the incident is resolved. Such violations may result in permanent loss of hunting privileges and or permanent debarment from FAPH. Hunters must be in the TA or CA that they have checked in to, or be on FAPH driving directly to the area, or in a vehicle parked adjacent to the area with the following one exception: Between the hours of 1130-1300 hunters may leave FAPH for lunch without checking out of their area in iSportsman. Hunters are to check in to hunt on iSportsman once they arrive on FAPH property, or leave base lodging. Hunters are to check out of iSportsman before they leave FAPH property or return to base lodging.

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

aa. **FAPH Access under False Pretenses**. If a person uses a hunting permit to gain access to FAPH and is not on the Garrison to hunt, that person may be subject to the loss of all FAPH privileges, other adverse action, and criminal prosecution.

bb. **Hunting Guides**. The use of compensated (in any form including bartered transactions) hunting guides is prohibited.

cc. **Two-Way Radios**. Because of possible interference with military training or equipment the use of two-way radios is prohibited.



## 7. Safety.

a. **Blaze Orange & Blaze Pink.** Violations of the following blaze color requirements may result in immediate and permanent loss of FAPH hunting privileges. Removing blaze garments once a hunter reaches a stand is a violation of this regulation. If hunters observe others not following these blaze color requirements, they are to immediately call (804) 633-8888 or (804) 633-8984 and report, in detail, the violation. Every hunter or person accompanying a hunter on FAPH beginning with the firearms deer seasons (including muzzle loader season), will wear a blaze orange or pink hat and outer body clothing with at least two square feet of blaze orange or blaze pink visible above the waist and visible from 360 degrees. Camouflage blaze orange or blaze pink body clothing is acceptable. Portable pop-up style blinds must also be marked with two square feet of blaze orange or blaze pink during the firearms deer seasons. Blaze orange or blaze pink must be clearly visible from all sides, 360 degrees, and must not be faded, or covered. Hats may have a bill or brim color or design other than solid blaze color. A logo, which does not detract from visibility, may be worn on a blaze hat. The blaze orange or blaze pink requirement during the deer firearms seasons also applies to bow hunters hunting in archery only areas. Waterfowl hunters must wear blaze orange or blaze pink while walking to and from their hunting areas during the general firearms season, but may wear camouflage while sitting in a blind, boat or place of hunt. **After January 1, 2022 hunters should follow Virginia state blaze orange requirements.**

b. **No Hunting Safety Zones.** Hunting is not permitted within 219 yards of dwellings or structures. Hunting is not permitted within 328 yards of any fuel storage area. During all hunting seasons, hunting is prohibited within 55 yards of all perimeter (boundary), Training Area (TA) and Controlled Access (CA) area roads (paved or gravel). Roads that are interior to the assigned hunting area are not subject to this restriction. The blast zone arc limits for the Ammunition Supply Point and the Ammo Holding Area are marked with signage. Hunters are not allowed inside of the blast arcs.

c. **Keeping a Safe Distance.** Hunters must be mindful of other persons in the hunting areas, and will avoid entering an area where there is another hunter who is already in position to hunt. This separation distance should be at least 219 yards. During the spring gobbler season, early archery and squirrel seasons, camouflaged hunters can be in close proximity and not realize it. Squirrel season presents the unique potential hazard of hunters shooting into a tree where a motionless archery hunter might be sitting. Hunters must be sure of their targets and what is beyond them. Any conflicts between hunters will be addressed by the Game Wardens.

d. **Evacuation of Hunting Areas.** Hunters must immediately leave their assigned hunting area and return to their vehicles if:

(1) There is contact with military personnel engaged in military training within the assigned hunting area. This means that either military personnel or the hunters are in the wrong area. Hunters should contact Fish and Wildlife personnel at

(804) 633-8984) to address the situation. Hunters will either be allowed back into the area once it is clear, or they will be assigned to another area if available.

(2) There is a mass communication notice broadcast from loud speakers signaling an emergency or unsafe condition and instructing 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 automated call, text message, or email to evacuate the area.

e. **Safety Equipment.** Hunters are strongly encouraged to carry at all times a cell phone, flashlight, and whistle. Hunters should have downloaded in their phones FAPH's important phone numbers such as Range Operations (804) 633-8224, Fish and Wildlife Section (804) 633-8984, Game Warden (804) 633-8434, and FAPH Police Desk (DES) (804) 633-8911. **We highly recommend downloading and using one of the many map apps available on smart phones/ tablets. Please contact the Fish and Wildlife office if assistance is needed.**

f. **Treestand Safety Precautions.** FAPH hunters may use treestands but do so at their own risk. Only portable treestands may be used (Read Treestand Procedures FAPH Section 13, page 22). Hunters will not climb into a permanent wooden stand. The government is neither responsible for accidents and injuries that may occur nor liable for any loss or damage that occurs to stands left unattended. Hunters must use only professionally manufactured stands, such as those that are certified by Treestand Manufacturers Association (TMA), and must follow the manufacturer's instructions for their assembly and safe use. Hunters must inspect treestands prior to each use to ensure that there are no damaged or loose parts. Hunters will not climb with anything in hand. Hunters must use an equipment haul line to raise and lower your unloaded gun, archery tackle, or other equipment. Hunters must always wear and properly use a Fall Arrest System/Full Body Harness that meets TMA type standards. Hunters must use a harness that distributes weight through shoulders, chest, waist, and legs and is equipped with a safety release mechanism.

g. **Unexploded Ordnance.** All hunting areas are utilized for military training and dangers inherent to such training are present. It is possible to find unexploded ordnance (UXO) anywhere. If a UXO is found, hunters are not to touch or disturb the UXO and are to carefully leave the area the way they entered and report from a safe distance. **Remember to Recognize, Retreat and Report. Immediately report to Range Operations at (804) 633-8224. After contacting range control, use the new interactive UXO reporting map found at the bottom of the main page of <https://faph.isportsman.net/>.**

h. **Closed and Off Limits Areas.** Never, for any reason, enter a closed TA or CA area, explosive impact area, or any other area shaded off limits on the Hunting Area Map. It is imperative that hunters know their location at all times. Never cross a



boundary road, cross a wire fence, or walk, drive, or bypass around a closed gate. It is the individual's sole responsibility to insure and verify they are in their assigned hunting area.

**8. Conservation Law Enforcement Procedures.**

**a. Information.** All federal and state laws concerning the harvest of fish and wildlife apply to all persons on FAPH regardless of the purpose of entry onto the Garrison. In addition, the FAPH Garrison Commander has prescribed special regulations for persons using government lands and facilities.

**b. Authority.** FAPH law enforcement personnel may detain, issue summons or arrest persons suspected of violating federal, state, or FAPH game laws. Accounts will be suspended and privileges revoked (Administrative Hold), until the incident is resolved. Personnel operating the game checking station are authorized to take temporary custody of illegal wildlife brought to the game check station until law enforcement personnel arrive.

**c. Violations** of Federal and State Laws. FAPH law enforcement personnel may detain, arrest, or issue a Federal Court Violation Summons (DDFM1805) to any persons suspected of violating federal and/or state fish and game laws. Summons may require a mandatory court appearance or may provide for a collateral forfeiture (fine) to be paid in lieu of coming to court to contest the charge(s). In addition, persons are subject to other administrative actions. All recreational privileges will be temporarily suspended pending final adjudication of any matters referred to the US Attorney's Office.

**d. Administrative Actions.** Persons who violate FAPH fish and wildlife laws and regulations are subject to administrative actions including permanent barring from FAPH and/or having their recreational privileges at FAPH permanently revoked. Table 8-1 will be used as a general guide in determining the length of an offending hunter's suspension. Suspensions may vary due to circumstances and may take effect either at the time of the notice of violation is served or at a time specified at the discretion of the Game Warden/Garrison Commander.

**Table 8-1**

|                                    | <u>Administrative Action</u> |                               |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                                    | <u>1st Offense</u>           | <u>2<sup>nd</sup> Offense</u> |
| <u>Violations</u>                  |                              |                               |
| Failure to display parking permit. | 3 hunting days               | 14 hunting days               |
| Failure to hunt in assigned area.  | Permanent Revocation         | N/A                           |

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|---|---|-----------------------|
| Hunting in a closed area, restricted area, or “No Hunting” zone.                          | Permanent Revocation  | N/A                   |
| Failure to checkout on time.  | 3 hunting days  | 14 hunting days       |
| Operating motorized vehicle on unauthorized road, unless retrieving game.                 | 30 hunting days   | 1 year from violation |
| Transporting a loaded weapon in a vehicle.  | 1 year from violation   | N/A                   |
| Failure to wear blaze orange during deer firearms season.                                 | 1 year from violation   | N/A                   |
| Conducting deer drives.   | Permanent Revocation  | N/A                   |
| Discharging a firearm for purposes other than hunting or shooting across a road or trail. | 1 year from violation   | N/A                   |
| Harvesting an antlered buck not meeting the antlered point restrictions in TAs or CAs     | 14 hunting days including loss of CA hunting privileges for two years from the infraction date. | N/A                   |

**Table 8-1 - Recommended Penalties for Administrative Restriction of Hunting Privileges**

**9. Weapons Regulation.** This regulation describes procedures and restrictions on the use of firearms for recreational hunting only. AR 190-11 determines the proper protocol regarding the transport and storage of firearms. Unless specifically authorized herein or otherwise by the Garrison Commander, the possession and/or use of firearms on the installation are prohibited. This policy will be strictly enforced.

a. **Authorized Weapons.** Shotguns, muzzleloaders, rim fire rifles, air rifles, archery tackle (**no Airbows**), and crossbows are weapons authorized for hunting on FAPH. Air rifles, .22 and .17 rim fire are only legal for small game hunting. Handguns may not be carried or concealed on or about a person or vehicle regardless of permits held (see exception for trappers, Trapping General Information and Policy Section 1b, page 25). Pump and semi-automatic shotguns must be plugged so the magazine and chamber combined do not accommodate more than 3 shells. **Centerfire rifles are not permitted for use on FAPH.**

b. **Transporting Weapons.** All weapons will be unloaded and inaccessible to the driver and passengers while transported within the boundaries of FAPH in accordance

with AR 190-11. Breechloaders are considered unloaded when there are no shells in the chamber or magazine. Muzzleloaders are considered unloaded when the percussion cap or primer has been removed from the nipple or breach plug or when all powder has been removed from the flash pan. During transportation all weapons shall be CASED OR DISASSEMBLED, OR LOCKED IN THE TRUNK, CAMPER, OR TOOL BOX.

c. **Registering Weapons.** Hunters will need to present serial numbers, make, and model of their weapons at the VCC for registration. Hunters are not to take the weapons into the VCC. They must record the weapon information on paper and present it to the DES representative. This service is free. Hunters will not transport any weapons on FAPH unless properly registered under AR 190-11. The registration of privately owned firearms by persons described below is prohibited:

(1) Any person convicted of a felony (Gun Control Act of 1968 (Title 18, United States Code Section 921 et seq. (18 USC 921 et seq.), as amended in 1996 (18 USC 922).

(2) Any person convicted in any court of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence under the Lautenberg Amendment to the Federal Gun Control Act of 1968 (as amended in 1996).

(3) Any person who is a fugitive from justice.

(4) Any person who has been convicted in any court of the possession, use, or sale of marijuana, dangerous or narcotic drugs (the term convicted includes nonjudicial punishment under Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), Article 15).

(5) Any person who is presently declared mentally incompetent or who is presently committed to any mental institution.

## 10. Special Area Regulations.

a. **Controlled Access Areas.** Hunters 12 years old and above are eligible to hunt the Controlled Access (CA) areas. The CA areas are located south of Route 301. This side of the installation contains the range and impact areas. Live weapons firing creates Surface Danger Zones (SDZ) and the area contains unexploded ordnance (UXO) that is mostly contained in the impact areas. The huntable 31 CA areas are located outside the perimeter of these impact areas. Because of their location near these dangerous military operations, hunting in the CA areas has additional requirements. Range Division opens and closes all gates in the CA areas. They will also block access (cones, plastic barriers, etc.) to areas that are not clear for recreational vehicle traffic. **Access to the CA's is prohibited when Range Operations is closed.** See 4 below for the probationary period guidance.

(I) **In addition to purchasing the FAPH General Hunting Permit, it is mandatory that CA hunters obtain a CA Hunting Permit at no cost. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

(II) CA hunters fall into two categories, probationary (new to hunting in the CAs), and veteran (those that qualified as a veteran CA hunter for the 2020-2021 season or those that have been a probationary hunter (see 5 below) for one season qualify as a veteran CA hunter). If a veteran CA hunter is unable to hunt for one or more seasons (ex. military deployment) they remain CA veterans upon their return to hunting FAPH if otherwise qualified and upon meeting all requirements. **Hunters may not seek CA probationary status if it is their first year hunting on FAPH. New hunters to FAPH may only hunt the TAs their first year.** Hunters 12-17 years of age may hunt in the CA areas when accompanied by a current probationary or veteran CA adult. Youth hunters will remain probationary hunters until they reach the age of 18 and must have been a probationary hunter for at least one season to become a veteran hunter. With the exception of Youth Hunters, probationary CA hunters will remain on probation for one season. This probationary period allows the new CA hunter to become familiar with the roads, gate system, and boundaries.

(III) All CA hunters must view the CA briefing video annually. The link to the CA video is located on the FAPH iSportsman website. CA hunters will not be able to acquire their CA permit until they have watched the CA briefing video in its entirety.

(IV) During this one year probationary period, these CA hunters may only hunt the following CA areas: 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11A, 11B, and 12. The only exception to this is described in (7) below.

(V) If a probationary CA hunter completes one year of hunting without being disciplined for misconduct or involved in any violation of regulations or laws (FAPH, State or Federal), then beginning the second year they may become a veteran CA hunter if otherwise qualified and may hunt the remaining CA areas.

(VI) All CA hunters and observers must be either veteran or probationary in status.

(VII) Veteran CA hunters may take one probationary CA hunter with them into the veteran-only CA areas. The probationary hunter must be in the same CA at all times and be hunting with the veteran.

b. **Archery Hunting Only Areas.** TA 1, TA 22B, TA 24 and TA 31 are for archery only. Exceptions: Duck hunters may hunt Maxey Gregg Pond in TA 1 and Raymond's Fork Pond in TA 24B (see 16. Miscellaneous) with a shotgun during waterfowl seasons. Blaze orange or blaze pink is required in the archery only areas during any firearm deer season.

c. **Training Area 4.** TA 4 is reserved for hunters 65 years old and older as well as hunters with permanent mobility disabilities. To qualify as a disabled hunter, one must qualify for and possess one of the following Virginia Hunting Licenses: Resident or Nonresident Annual Hunting License for 70 Percent Partially Disabled Veterans, Totally and Permanently Disabled Resident Special Lifetime License, Service-Connected Totally and Permanently Disabled Veteran Resident, or Nonresident Annual or Lifetime Hunting License.

d. **Landing/Drop Zone.** Training areas 7, 8, and 9 border upon or contain a landing/drop zone. Hunters are prohibited from driving across the airstrip or taxiway in the drop zone.

**11. Motor Vehicle Operation.** The following regulations apply to operation of motor vehicles. Hunters violating these provisions are subject to prosecution and loss of hunting privileges.

a. **Off-road Vehicle Travel.** Off-road vehicle travel is generally prohibited. Hunters may only drive on roads that are marked as approved recreational roads on the Installation Hunting Area Recreation Map except as discussed in this paragraph. If a hunter kills a deer that is close to a drivable road or trail that is not marked as legally drivable on the Recreation Map and needs to drive to the deer to keep from having a long drag, the hunter may drive to the deer at the operator's own risk and subject to the following conditions. This is the only exception to traveling on roads or trails not marked as approved for recreational travel, and requires the hunter to be able to show a Game Warden a notched Big Game license, a deer that has been harvested, and explain how off-road travel was needed in order to reduce an unnecessary drag on that animal. A hunter may not drive on an unapproved road to drop off another hunter or hunting gear. At no time are hunters permitted to drive around closed gates. Violators are subject to prosecution. Hunters observing other hunters who are not retrieving a deer driving on roads not approved for recreational travel should immediately report the matter to (804) 633-8888 and provide a detailed description of the violation.

b. **Authorized Travel.** Hunters are authorized to travel to the VCC, Game Check Station, Outdoor Recreation, FMWR Lodging, and to their assigned hunting area and back by the most direct route only. No other vehicle travel is permitted.

c. **Fortune and Campbell Roads.** Thru traffic is strictly prohibited on Fortune and Campbell roads between FAPH and Wilcox Drive (Refer to Fort A.P. Hill Recreational Use Map). Shackelford Road must be used as the alternative to access Wilcox Drive.

d. **Vehicle Towing.** Owners operate vehicles at their own risk and are solely responsible for any towing or fees they may incur for improper parking or break downs. If a vehicle becomes stuck or breaks down, the hunter must arrange for private towing and notify the Fish and Wildlife Section or Game Wardens at once. Government vehicles will not assist in any towing.

e. **Prohibited Vehicles.** The use of motorcycles (off road), mopeds, motorized bikes, and all types of ATV/UTV's is strictly prohibited on FAPH except as authorized for government purposes.

f. **Parking.** Vehicles must be safely parked on the road shoulder adjacent to an approved drivable road no further than 15 yards from the road shoulder in such a manner that it does not create a hazard, prohibit through traffic, or block gates or any trails. Vehicles must not be hidden from view from the road. The parking permit must be displayed in such a manner it can be clearly read from outside of the vehicle. Improperly parked vehicles may be removed at the hunter's expense. Hunters must park their vehicle adjacent to their assigned open hunting area. All hunting access to FAPH must be from within the installation after traveling through an approved access point and from interior roads. No vehicles may be parked on exterior state roads to gain access to CAs or TAs.

g. **TA 1 Parking.** All hunters must park adjacent to an approved recreation road. All vehicle travel onto Headquarters Rd./4<sup>th</sup> street is strictly prohibited.

h. **Encountering Military Personnel.** If military personnel are encountered on the road or on the road shoulders, the speed limit to pass is 10 mph. Soldiers have the right of way.

**12. Scouting and Trail or Game Cameras.** **There is no scouting on Sundays.** Scouting is permissible only during daylight hours, in TAs that are open for recreation, on the following days: **1** September to **24** September; **27** September to **1** October; **3** January to **1** April; and from **4** April to **8** April. Possession of a current FAPH Hunting Permit is required and weapon possession is prohibited. Scouting must follow all check in/out iSportsman procedures. The use of trail cameras on FAPH is prohibited.

**13. Treestand Procedures on FAPH.** Only portable tree stands may be used on FAPH. Occupying or installing permanent tree stand is prohibited. Nails, spikes and screw in type tree steps are prohibited. Portable tree stands may be left overnight, but the stands must be permanently marked with the name and phone number of the owner. Placing a tree stand in an area does not guarantee or reserve that site for the hunter. Tree stands are left overnight at the owner's risk. FAPH is not responsible for any lost, stolen or damaged stands. If a tree stand is missing, it should be reported to DES at (804) 633-8888. Portable tree stands must be removed after the hunting season. Any stands left between 1 February and 31 August will be considered permanent and removed. (Read Treestand Safety Precautions FAPH Section 7f, page 16).

#### **14. Dogs.**

a. **Collar and Tags.** In accordance with APH Reg 200-1 the owners or custodians of all dogs brought onto FAPH that are to be used for hunting purposes must have in their possession proof producible on demand that the dogs have current vaccinations

administered by a licensed veterinarian, and must be able to produce the documentation on demand. Dogs must have collars or tags bearing their owner's name, current address, and current working phone number. Owners/custodians shall comply with all Caroline County dog licensing laws while hunting with a dog. FAPH is not responsible for the loss, death or injury of any dogs that are hunting.

b. **Dogs Running at Large.** If hunters witness dogs at large on FAPH property, or individuals that appear to be trying to retrieve or drive deer dogs, they are to immediately report the situation in as much detail as possible to the Police Desk at (804) 633-8888 or the Fish and Wildlife Office at (804) 633-8984.

In accordance with Caroline County Code, Chapter 21, Article IA. 21-8:

- i. It shall be unlawful for any owner or custodian of a dog to permit the same to run at large at any time within this County, except when engaged in lawful hunting in the open season and accompanied by the owner or custodian. For the purpose of this section, a dog shall be deemed running at large while roaming, running or self-hunting off the property of its owner or custodian and not under its owner's or custodian's immediate control.
- ii. Any person who allows a dog or canine crossbreed to run at large in violation of this chapter shall be fined \$75 for the first violation, and an additional \$50 shall be added to this amount for every subsequent violation within a twelve-month period of time, up to the maximum allowed by law. Each occurrence of a dog or canine crossbreed belonging to a particular owner running at large in violation of this chapter shall be considered a separate violation, and an additional penalty shall apply as set out in this section regardless of whether or not it is the same dog or canine crossbreed that was found to be running at large. (Code of Virginia § 3.2-6538)

Dogs caught running at large on FAPH property will be taken to the Caroline County Animal Shelter by Government personnel.

If a hunter picks up a "lost" dog, the hunter accepts responsibility for the dog and getting the dog to the owner. There are no facilities available to drop off dogs on FAPH. Dog owners/custodians retrieving dogs on FAPH are not permitted on the Garrison unless they have been vetted through the VCC and are escorted by a Government employee. Virginia's "Right to Retrieve" law is not applicable on FAPH property.

c. **Shooting Dogs.** Taking action against any dog (harass, harm or kill) is also prohibited on FAPH.

d. **Hunting with Dogs.** Dogs may be used only for hunting squirrel, rabbit, waterfowl, woodcock, quail or fall turkey. Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Deer cannot be killed while hunting other game with a dog. Any member of a hunting party who kills a deer while checked in to hunt with a dog may have his or her hunting

privileges revoked. Deer may not be killed while being pursued by a dog. (Read Section 14, page 22 for further guidance on dog use on FAPH).

e. **Retrievers in CA Areas.** Waterfowl hunting with retrievers is allowed only on the ponds in the CA areas during the appropriate waterfowl seasons. All other types of hunting with dogs in the CA areas are strictly prohibited.

f. **Training Hunting Dogs.** The training of hunting dogs is prohibited on FAPH with the following exceptions. Retrievers may be trained in TA ponds outside of all deer seasons. **Turkey, rabbit, quail, woodcock and squirrel dogs may be trained from 1-28 February.** A FAPH hunting permit is required and the trainer must check out through the iSportsman system to the pond or Training Area. No organized associations or groups, field trials, competitions, or training is permitted at FAPH.

## 15. Miscellaneous.

a. **Waterfowl.** A boat or retrieving dog is required when hunting over lakes and ponds too deep to wade, and recommended for jump shooting along streams or creeks. Construction of permanent blinds is prohibited. Temporary blinds (camouflage netting, sticks, etc.) may be created if removed the same day as construction. NOTE: Waterfowl hunters may hunt Maxey Gregg Pond in TA 1 and Raymond Fork Pond in TA 24B with a shotgun. Raymond Fork Pond must be accessed from Campbell Road only and the open water and wetlands at the north end of the TA may be hunted. All other hunting in TA 1 and 24B is archery only.

b. **Refrigeration Unit Use.** Family, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (FMWR), **will not be opening the refrigeration units during the 2021-2022 Hunting Season due to COVID-19.**

c. **Spring Gobbler Season Callers.** During the spring gobbler season, hunters who have reached their season bag limit are authorized to call turkeys for other hunters as long as they do not have a weapon in their possession. These individuals will be checked out under the guest option of the hunter they are assisting.

d. **Late Season Antlerless Deer.** It is not uncommon for some bucks to begin shedding their antlers in mid-December in years when the oak acorn crop is poor. During the late either-sex deer seasons hunters should take the time to use binoculars or a scope to scan the head of any targeted animal for signs of scabbing to help ensure that the deer is not a mature buck that has already shed its antlers.

e. **Information Point of Contact.** The Fish and Wildlife Section is always eager to receive feedback and constructive suggestions from our hunters. If you have questions or input that you would like to share please feel free to contact the Wildlife Biologist (804) 633-8984.



## TRAPPING

**1. General Information and Policy.** Recreational activities at Fort A.P. Hill (FAPH) are authorized and controlled by the Garrison Commander in accordance with the applicable Federal, State, and County laws and Department of the Army law, ordinance, supplemental orders, and/or regulation. Restrictions on all recreational activities are established to ensure safety, security, protection of property, and efficient accomplishment of FAPH missions. Federal and State Governments have concurrent legislative jurisdiction on most parts of FAPH. This regulation sets the policies, laws, restrictions and procedures for all trapping activities on FAPH. In case of conflict, the most restrictive applicable governing standard applies.

a. **Penalties.** Each trapper is responsible for knowing and adhering to Federal, State, County and FAPH Hunting and Trapping Laws and/or Circulars/ Regulations. Anyone failing to comply with any hunting or trapping laws and/or circulars/regulations and/or any conduct hazardous to life and safety may be excluded from the Installation, have their recreational privileges revoked, be fined, be confined, be issued appropriate citations and/or any combination thereof as allowed by law. If a trapper violates a FAPH or State regulation, they may forfeit their privilege to trap.

b. **Weapons.** In accordance with the current FAPH Hunting and Trapping Circular/Regulations, all weapons must remain unloaded during transport. Exception to the FAPH Hunting and Trapping Circular/Regulations: after registration with the Directorate of Emergency Services (DES), 14115 Montague Road, Fort A.P. Hill, VA 22427-3114 trappers are authorized to carry a .22 caliber pistol to humanely dispatch their catch while checking traps, and use a light to check traps during hours of darkness. NOTE: When worn, .22 caliber pistols cannot be concealed. Read Weapons Regulation Section 9, page 18 for additional information. Note: see AR 190-11 regarding storage of weapons on FAPH.

c. **Procedures.** Trapping is open to the general public via lottery style drawing for each season. Potential trappers are not required to be present, but must submit their name and preferred trapping zones to the Fish and Wildlife Section prior to the drawing. The post is divided into 9 trapping zones. Trappers choose their zone when chosen in the lottery. Extra zones will be cycled through until all zones have a trapper assigned to it. There will be no trapping zones in the CA areas. Trapping on FAPH is a privilege, not a right.

d. **Companion Animals.** No companion animal (Dogs/Cats) will be dispatched by trappers on FAPH. In the case that a companion animal is caught in a trap the animal will either be released alive or trappers may contact the Game Warden(s) for guidance. Trappers must seek Game Warden guidance for injured or sick companion animals.

## 2. What is needed to Trap on Fort A.P. Hill.

a. **Licenses.** Both a Virginia trapping license and FAPH trapping permit are required to trap any animal. Each trapper will be provided a recreation map when they purchase their FAPH trapping permit and a map of their assigned trapping zone at the lottery drawing. New trappers on FAPH must view the FAPH Safety Orientation slide presentation located on the FAPH iSportsman website. “New trapper” is defined as all trappers that have not trapped FAPH within two years of seeking to trap.

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 before being granted access to FAPH. This Criminal History Check can be done at the VCC during normal business hours, or pre-filing data by email at <https://faph.isportsman.net/>.

c. **Guests.** FAPH does not allow guests to accompany trappers while they are conducting trapping operations. Each trapper may designate an alternate to assist. Each trapper and alternate will be given a “Vehicle Identification Card” to be displayed in the dashboard of the trapper’s vehicle at all times. The alternate trapper must have all the appropriate background checks, licenses and permits.

**3. Steps to Trapping on Fort A.P. Hill.** Trappers must adhere to the following to be eligible to participate in trapping on FAPH. Trappers are chosen by lottery drawing held annually in the middle of December. Call (804) 633-8984 for information on drawing date.

a. **Step 1** – Create a user profile in the iSportsman system and digitally sign the General Release Statement.

b. **Step 2** – Trappers must possess required Virginia State trapping license in addition to the Installation trapping permit.

c. **Step 3** – A criminal history check. See 2.b. above. These can be completed upon entrance to the Garrison at the Visitor Control Center (VCC). Please call the VCC at (804) 633-8585 to confirm hours of operation. Trappers may also visit <https://faph.isportsman.net/> and complete the background information sheet, and email the form through their private email account to the VCC. There is no fee associated with the background check.

d. **Step 4** – Trap specifications must adhere to those outlined in the current Virginia Hunting and Trapping Regulations with the exception that snares will not be legal for use on FAPH except for water sets targeting beaver and otter. The name of the trapper must be attached to every trap or trappers may use the VA permanent identification number on their traps instead of their name. All assigned numbers for use to mark traps must be provided to the Fish and Wildlife Section, Bldg. 308, Anderson Camp.

e. Step 5 – All Traps (including water sets) must be visited daily and all captured animals must be removed daily. Trappers are required to wear Blaze orange or blaze pink (hat and vest) at all times. All animals must be dispatched in a safe, quick and humane manner. No companion animal (Dogs/Cats) will be dispatched by trappers on FAPH. Disposal of animal carcasses from the trapping season is prohibited on FAPH lands.

f. Step 6 – New trappers on FAPH must view the FAPH Safety Orientation slide presentation located on the FAPH iSportsman website.

g. Step 7 – Once the VCC has approved and activated the trappers account, they can log back into their iSportsman account and purchase the trapping permit if they are eligible after the lottery.

h. Step 8 – Each trapper will note general trap locations on the provided map of their assigned trapping zone. The trapper must keep track of the number of traps deployed and ensure that all traps are accounted for when the traps are pulled.

i. Step 9 – Each trapper will be given a harvest sheet to be used to track all game harvested. All animals trapped – both target and by catch – must be reported on the harvest sheet and turned into the Fish and Wildlife Section by **4 Mar 22**. Failure to turn in the harvest data will make the trapper ineligible for entry into the lottery for the following season. If a trapper is selected for a trapping zone but does not use it, they may be prohibited from trapping on FAPH the following season. This will be tracked through iSportsman and determined by the Fish and Wildlife Section.

**4. Check-In/Check-Out Procedures.** All trappers and alternates must check in and out through the iSportsman System. In certain situations a trapper may also have to check in and out with Range Operations.

**5. CA Access.** CA areas will not be open to recreational trapping. Beaver problem areas will be addressed by the Fish and Wildlife Section.

**6. Permit Fees.** FAPH trapping permit fee is \$10.00/season.

**7. Trapping Seasons.** Trapping season on FAPH is set to run from **3 Jan 2022** until **28 Feb 2022** (see Appendix B for species and restrictions). **Reptile and amphibian trapping is not permitted on FAPH.**

**8. Motor Vehicle Operation.** Off-road vehicle travel is prohibited. Vehicles may only be operated on paved and gravel roads open to normal vehicle travel as shown on the FAPH Recreation Area Map. Vehicle travel on any roads, trails, and fields other than what is marked in bold on the hunting map, is strictly prohibited. At no time are trappers to drive around closed gates. Violators are subject to prosecution. Vehicles must be parked on the road shoulder adjacent to the approved drivable road in such a manner that it does not prohibit through traffic, block gates or any trails. Vehicles must not be hidden from view from the road. The parking permit must be displayed so it can be clearly read from outside the vehicle. Improperly parked vehicles may be removed at the trapper's expense.

**9. Questions.** Any questions concerning trapping should be directed to the Fish and Wildlife Section at (804) 633-8750.

## 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 Section (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 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. See 2.b. below. These can be completed upon entrance to the Garrison at the Visitor Control Center (VCC). Please call the VCC at (804) 633-8585 to confirm hours of operation. Anglers may also visit <https://faph.isportsman.net/> and complete the background information sheet, and email the form through their private email account to the VCC. There is no fee associated with the background check.

(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 2021 – 31 August 2022.

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 - 16 – 64 years old</b>   | <b>\$20.00/season</b><br>(expires 1 year from date of purchase) |
| <b>Active Duty Fishing – (E1 – E4)</b>   | <b>FREE</b><br>(expires 1 year from date of activation)         |
| <b>Active Duty Fishing – (E5 – E6)</b>   | <b>\$8.00</b><br>(expires 1 year from date of purchase)         |
| <b>General Fishing &amp; Hunting Combo – 16 – 64 years old</b>   | <b>\$75.00/season</b><br>(expires on 31 August 2022)            |
| <b>Senior Fishing – 65+ years old <i>prior</i> to 1 September 2015</b> (Born before 1 September 1950)                        | <b>FREE</b><br>(expires 1 year from activation)                 |
| <b>Senior Fishing – Turned 65 years old <i>after</i> 1 September 2015</b>  | <b>\$16.00</b><br>(expires 1 year from date of purchase)        |
| <b>Disabled Fishing</b> Must possess a Virginia Resident Disabled fishing license or a Virginia Nonresident Disabled License | <b>FREE</b><br>(expires 1 year from activation)                 |
| <b>Five Day Fishing – 16+ yrs. old</b>   | <b>\$5.00</b><br>(valid for 5 consecutive days)                 |
| <b>Youth Fishing – under 16 years old</b>  | <b>FREE</b><br>(sign in as guest of permitted angler)           |
| <b>Virginia Free Fishing Days</b>  | <b>FREE</b><br>(Valid for 3 VA free fishing days)               |
| <b>Fishing Observer – 16+ yrs. old</b>   | <b>FREE</b><br>(expires 1 year from activation)                 |

### 3. Telephone Numbers

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

### 4. General Fishing Regulations.

a. Every permitted angler is 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. **If checking into a pond that is not listed individually in iSportsman under the “Ponds” check in option, the angler must check into the Training Area that the body of water is located in.**

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**

| <b>TYPE OF FISH</b>  | <b>DAILY CREEL LIMIT</b> | <b>LENGTH LIMIT</b>                          |
|--|--------------------------|--|
|  |                          |  |
| <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 (bream) and other sunfish excluding crappie</b>  | <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 Section</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. **You must be checked into your area before crossing the intersection of A.P. Hill Drive and Campbell Road (With the exception of Smoot’s pond and White’s lake). There are several areas that a driver can pull over to meet this requirement such as the VCC parking lot, game check parking lot, etc. If North gate is closed see iSportsman for direction.** 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 personnel at (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 A**  
**2021-22 FORT A.P. HILL (FAPH) HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS**

**DEER**

**Deer Management Policies**

1. The daily deer bag limit is one.
2. The 2021-22 total of all seasons combined limit is **five** deer per hunter only **three** of which may be antlerless.
3. Antlered Point Restrictions - The total of all season's limit of antlered bucks is two per hunter.
  - a) Training Areas (TAs) – If two antlered bucks taken in the TAs: One antlered buck must have at least three legal points one inch or longer on one antler.
  - b) Controlled Access Areas (CAs) – If two antlered bucks taken in the CAs: One antlered buck must have at least three legal points one inch or longer on one antler. The other antlered buck must have at least four legal points one inch or longer on one antler.
  - c) Combination of one TA antlered buck and one CA antlered buck – The TA antlered buck has no antler point restriction and the CA buck must have at least three legal points one inch or longer on one antler.
4. Bonus deer tags, sold by the DWR, will be accepted for antlerless deer as long as the hunter does not surpass the FAPH daily and season limits.
5. The proper deer tag located on the Virginia State Big Game License (**paper or digital**) must be notched at the place of kill before moving the animal. It is a violation of state law and this regulation to transport a deer without having notched the appropriate tag. Deer are to be taken, by the most direct authorized route, to the Game Check Station.
6. Antlered deer have visible polished bone above the hairline.
7. Buckshot may not be used to hunt deer and may not be in the hunter's possession or vehicle.
8. **Either sex hunting days listed are subject to change during the hunting season depending on biological management goals. Please check iSportsman regularly as updates to either sex days will be posted online.**

## **YOUTH AND APPRENTICE DEER HUNTING DAY**

**25 September 2021**

### **Bag Limit:**

- One deer limit. Either-sex. These deer count against season limit of five.
- Deer hunters, 15 years of age and under and apprentice license holders, when in compliance with all applicable laws and license requirements, may hunt deer when directly supervised by an adult who has a valid Virginia hunting license on their person or is exempt from purchasing a hunting license.
- Antlerless deer taken on youth deer hunting day are in addition to an antlerless deer taken under the special youth antlerless deer regulation. For example if a youth hunter kills an antlerless deer on the youth deer hunting day, he or she may still take an antlerless deer under the special youth antlerless deer regulation.
- Adult hunters accompanying youth and apprentice hunters may not discharge firearms.
- Youth and apprentice hunters and adult hunters accompanying the youth must wear the same amount of blaze orange or blaze pink as required during the general deer gun season. See Section 7a. Blaze Orange and Blaze Pink in the FAPH Hunting Regulations.

## **SPECIAL YOUTH ANTLERLESS DEER REGULATION**

- Deer hunters 15 years of age and under, resident or non-resident, may take one antlerless deer per license year on days that are designated as antlered deer only. This antlerless deer counts against the season limit of five deer.

## **EARLY ARCHERY DEER SEASON**

**2 October 2021 – 12 November 2021**

### **Bag Limits:**

- Either-sex all areas until **12** November 2021. Antler point restrictions apply (See 3-a, b, c, Appendix A).
  - One deer per day. Total of five per year all seasons combined. Limit of two antlered bucks and three antlerless deer per year total. Antler point restrictions apply (See 3-a, b, c, Appendix A).
  - TA's 1, 22B, 24, 31 are archery only. No antlerless deer may be taken after 12 November 2021 in these areas except on the designated TA either-sex hunting days.
    - Archery hunters may hunt in other areas that are not listed above during firearms seasons, but must follow firearm season limits and regulations.

## **MUZZLELOADER DEER SEASON**

**30 October 2021 – 12 November 2021**

### **Bag Limits:**

- Training Area (TA) and Controlled Access Area (CA) either-sex hunting day **30** October, **3, 6, 10** November.

One deer per day. Total of **five** per year all seasons combined. Limit of two antlered bucks and **three** antlerless deer per year total. Antler point restrictions apply (See 3-a, b, c).

## **FIREARMS DEER SEASON**

**13 November 2021 – 1 January 2022**

- TA and CA either-sex hunting days **13, 20** November, **4, 31** December, **1** January.

### **Bag Limits:**

- One deer per day. Total of **five** per year all seasons combined. Limit of two antlered bucks and **three** antlerless deer per year total. Antler point restrictions apply (See 3-a, b, c, Appendix A).

## **TURKEY**

### **FALL TURKEY**

#### **ARCHERY TURKEY SEASON**

**2 October 2021 – 29 October 2021**

#### **FALL FIREARMS TURKEY SEASON**

**16 October 2021 – 29 October 2021; 24 November 2021 – 25 November 2021; 29 November 2021 – 25 December 2021, and 8 January 2022 – 22 January 2022**

#### **Season Limit:**

- 1 Turkey per day. Maximum of 2 turkeys in the fall/ 3 per State license year. Either-sex.

### **YOUTH AND APPRENTICE FALL TURKEY DAY**

**9 October 2021**

#### **Bag Limit:**

- 1 Turkey, Either-sex.
- Youth must be 15 years old or younger and have appropriate hunting license, resident youth under the age of 12 are not required to have a state license.
- All youth and apprentice hunters must be accompanied and directly supervised and within sight of an adult. Adult hunters accompanying youth must possess a valid Virginia hunting license (or be exempt from purchasing a hunting license); may assist with calling and shall not carry or discharge a firearm.

### **SPRING TURKEY**

#### **SHOTGUN, ARCHERY, AND MUZZLELOADER SEASON**

**9 April 2022 – 14 May 2022**

- One-half hour before sunrise until 12 noon each day
- 1 Turkey per day, bearded turkeys only. Maximum of 3 bearded turkeys/ maximum 3 turkeys per State license year.



## **YOUTH AND APPRENTICE SPRING TURKEY DAY**

**2 April 2022**

- One-half hour before sunrise until 12 noon.
- Youth must be 15 years old or younger and have appropriate hunting license, resident youth under the age of 12 are not required to have a state license.
- Bag limit is one per day, bearded birds only.
- All youth and apprentice hunters must be accompanied and directly supervised and within sight of an adult. Adult hunters accompanying youth must possess a valid Virginia hunting license (or be exempt from purchasing a hunting license); may assist with calling and shall discharge a firearm.

## **BEAR**

### **ARCHERY BEAR SEASON**

**2 October 2021 – 12 November 2021**

### **MUZZLELOADER BEAR SEASON**

**6 – 12 November 2021**

### **FIREARMS BEAR SEASON**

**22 November 2021 – 01 January 2022**

**Bag Limit:** One per license year.

- Bear must be at least 100LBS live weight or 75LBS dressed. Females accompanied by cubs may not be harvested. Hunters must visually scan the surrounding area to verify no cubs are present prior to harvesting. Must be checked at the FAPH Game Check Station.

## **SMALL GAME HUNTING**

### **QUAIL**

**6 November 2021 – 31 January 2022**

#### **Bag Limit:**

- Three per day.
- Twelve per season.
- Must report harvest in iSportsman.

### **RABBIT**

**30 October 2021 – 28 February 2022**

#### **Bag Limit:**

- Six per day.
- Must report harvest in iSportsman.

### **SQUIRREL**

**4 September 2021 – 28 February 2022**

#### **Bag Limit:**

- Six per day.
- Must report harvest in iSportsman.

### **CROW**

**02 September 2021 – 28 February 2022 on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturdays only.**

**RUFFED GROUSE** - Closed.

**GROUNDHOG** – Hunters may take at any time while checked out to hunt.

**COYOTE and FERAL HOGS**– Hunters may take at any time while checked out to hunt. Coyotes and feral hogs may only be hunted when there is an open season recognized by FAPH and only during normal hunting hours. **Hunters must** report harvest to Game Check Station.

**Electronic Calls** – Electronic calls are permitted for crow, bobcat, coyote, and fox.

**FOX**

**1 November 2021 – 28 February 2022**

Dogs may not be used.

**BOBCAT**

**ARCHERY BOBCAT SEASON**

**1 October 2021 – 31 October 2021**

Dogs may not be used.

**FIREARMS BOBCAT SEASON**

**1 November 2021 – 28 February 2022**

Dogs may not be used.

**Bag Limit:** One per season.

**RACCOON**

**FIREARMS RACCOON SEASON**

**14 October 2021 – 28 February 2022**

Dogs may not be used.

**DOVE** - Doves may be hunted in accordance with Virginia season and bag limits.

**WOODCOCK** - Woodcock may be hunted in accordance with Virginia season and bag limits.

- Must report harvest in iSportsman.

**WATERFOWL** - Waterfowl seasons established by the Department Wildlife Resources will be in effect at FAPH for the 2021 – 2022 season. This includes any Virginia special waterfowl hunting days for youth.

- Must report harvest in iSportsman.

## APPENDIX B

### Fort A.P. Hill (FAPH) TRAPPING SEASON 03 January 2022 – 28 February 2022 Species and Special Restrictions

Furbearer species that may be trapped by regulated season in Virginia Include:

Beaver

Bobcat

**Bobcat Bag limit:** The season bag limit shall be 12 bobcats in the aggregate, taken by hunting and trapping combined. **All trapped bobcats must be reported within 24 hours through the Department's electronic harvest reporting system.** A CITES tag may also be required for some bobcats. Please see VA Hunting and Trapping Guide page 46 for details regarding bobcat checking and tagging procedures.

Coyote

Fox

Mink

Muskrat

Nutria

Opossum

Otter

**Otter Bag Limit:** There is no season bag limit in counties east of the Blue Ridge only. **CITES Tagging Requirement For Otter:** Otter pelts that are sold, traded, transported out of state, or shipped out of state must also have a CITES tag affixed to each animal. No CITES tag is needed to have an otter mounted by a Virginia taxidermist or ship an otter pelt out-of-state for tanning purposes. To obtain a CITES tag, contact your local Conservation Police Officer or the nearest Department regional office (listed on page 6 of the VA Hunting and Trapping Guide). All otter pelts required to have a CITES tag must have them affixed by April 1, 2022.

Rabbit

Raccoon

Skunk

Weasel

Open season for striped skunk only. Continuous closed season for taking spotted skunk and the pelts of spotted skunk may not be sold.

## **APPENDIX C**

### **iSportsman Instruction**

Please remember, it is your responsibility to read and understand these regulations in their entirety. To receive clarification or interpretation of these regulations, users should contact the Fish and Wildlife Section (804) 633-8984, the Game Warden Office (804) 633-8434.

a. FAPH iSportsman System:

(1) iSportsman is a web and phone based system. User transactions will be run through this system.

(2) Checking into and out of areas can be performed by phone, or the FAPH iSportsman website.

(3) Permits are only sold on iSportsman [www.faph.isportsman.net](http://www.faph.isportsman.net).

(4) The Game Check Station is located across from the Fish and Wildlife building in Anderson Camp.

(5) No daily cards to pick up and drop off.

(6) May change areas by phone or web page.

b. How iSportsman works:

(1) All people wishing to hunt, be a hunt observer, fish, trap, cut firewood, scout, or any other type of dispersed recreation, will be required to create a user profile, obtain appropriate permits and check in and out of areas using the iSportsman system, with the exception of youth anglers.

(2) The iSportsman website contains all the information needed to enjoy the outdoor opportunities at FAPH. [www.faph.isportsman.net](http://www.faph.isportsman.net).

(3) Regulations, Maps, Permit Sales, Open and Closed Areas, Reservations for Tomorrow's Hunting, Checking In and Out of Areas, Harvest Totals, and Pictures are just some of the features that are offered in this iSportsman website.

(4) All permit sales will be purchased by credit card/debit card through the iSportsman website.

(5) Checking into and out of areas can be done by calling into iSportsman by phone or by website.

(6) When a permit is purchased, users will also print off FAPH iSportsman parking passes to be displayed in the window of their parked vehicles. Users are to print off their own permits and passes. No one will receive a daily parking pass. Game wardens, police, Range Operations, and wildlife biologist staff will be able to tell what area everyone is checked in to in real time thus removing the need for parking area identification cards.

(7) On the FAPH iSportsman website there is a file that can be downloaded and filled out and emailed to the VCC to begin the annual background check process.

(8) One may also go by the VCC to complete the background check in person. Call the Visitor Control Center at (804) 633-8585 for hours of operation.

(9) Once the VCC has approved background investigations they will then activate user profiles on iSportsman.

(10) Once the profile has been activated, persons are free to use this site using a home computer, tablet, or Smartphone (ex. FAPH Hunting Permit).

(11) If an iSportsman user fails to check out of their assigned area by the published return time as stated in the regulation, the iSportsman system will automatically suspend their account with all privileges revoked. The user will be unable to access the iSportsman system until the matter is resolved.

(12) There will no longer be a need to pick up or drop off cards at the Outdoor Recreation Building. Users are to check out to their areas by phone, smart phone, tablet, or laptop and proceed directly to that area. Then users are to check out of the system when done and depart FAPH.

c. Locations:

(1) Game Checking Station – Gazebo (Bldg 314) Anderson Camp

(2) Fish and Wildlife Section – Anderson Camp (Bldg 308)

(3) FAPH iSportsman Website - <https://faph.isportsman.net/>

**APPENDIX D**  
**References**

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