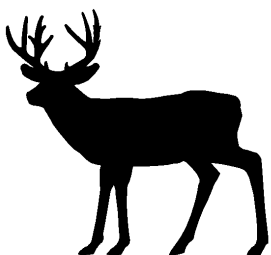


# 2023 - 2024

## Hunting, Fishing, & Trapping



Fort Walker  
(FWVA Reg 200-10)





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## HUNTING, FISHING & TRAPPING

### 1. General Information and Policy

**A.** This regulation sets forth policies, restrictions and procedures for all hunting, fishing, & trapping activities on Fort Walker (FWVA). Each are conducted within areas used for military training on the Installation, and each are managed through the iSportsman system. This program is intended to offer public recreational hunting, fishing & trapping opportunities and to assist in wildlife management. **Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping on FWVA is a privilege, not a right.**

**B.** All recreational activities on FWVA 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 FWVA missions. Federal, State, and County governments have concurrent legislative jurisdiction over FWVA. 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, fish, or trap on FWVA. Areas are subject to closure based upon military training needs, weather conditions, biological management objectives and other reasons.

**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.** Violations of rules, regulations, and/or laws may result in loss of hunting, fishing, and trapping privileges, criminal prosecution, and/or permanent exclusion from FWVA. **All observed violations of Federal, State, Caroline County, or FWVA regulations or laws must be reported to the FWVA 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 FWVA Police Desk (804) 633-8888, Range Operations (804) 633-8224 and Fish and Wildlife Section (804) 633-8984.

**G.** This policy does not authorize or regulate the possession or use of privately owned weapons on FWVA.

H. 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, do not touch or disturb the UXO and carefully leave the area the way entered and report from a safe distance. Remember to Recognize, Retreat and Report - immediately report to Range Operations at (804) 633-8224. Digital signing of the General Release Statement relieves the Government of responsibility, i.e., "Recreating at your own risk."

I. 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 face adverse action, including but not limited to being barred from post or having their recreational privileges revoked.

J. Swimming in FWVA waters is prohibited. All military/civilian personnel requesting waterborne type training must have prior written approval from the Garrison Commander.

K. Open fires are not permitted at any time. Any fire should be reported to FWVA Police: Emergency (804) 633-8911 or Non-emergency (804) 633-8888.

## 2. What is needed to Hunt, Fish, and Trap on FWVA?

To be eligible, one must possess, or have accomplished, the following:

### A. Step 1 –

- Hunting:
  - A valid Hunter Safety Education Certificate
    - Must meet all Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (VDWR) requirements
  - All required state and federal hunting licenses, stamps, etc.
- Fishing:
  - Must possess a valid Virginia or Caroline County fishing license (unless exempt).
- Trapping:
  - Must possess a Virginia Trapping License

### B. Step 2 –

- Create an iSportsman profile (<https://walker.isportsman.net/>) and sign the General Release Statement.

### C. Step 3 –

- Complete an **annual** background check through the Visitor Control Center (VCC). The form and instructions can be found at (<https://walker.isportsman.net/>). To confirm hours of operation and questions, call the VCC at (804) 633-8585.

- The criminal history check includes a weapons registration. This requires the serial number, make, model, and caliber for all weapons (including bows and crossbows) that will be used at FWVA. Hunters and trappers will not take weapons into the VCC. Weapons registration forms are to be completed beforehand. Weapon permits expire one year from date of issue and must be in possession while recreating.

**D. Step 4 –**

- Once the VCC has approved the account, the user may login and view the FWVA iSportsman Safety Briefing. The iSportsman system will not allow users to acquire permits until the video has been viewed. Once complete, desired permits may be acquired.

**E. Step 5 –**

- Read and understand the FWVA Hunting, Trapping, and Fishing regulations and Recreation Map.
  - News and updates will be posted on iSportsman home page.

**3. Telephone Numbers**

Table 1:

<b>BUILDING</b>	<b>SERVICES AND PHONE NUMBERS</b>
Fish and Wildlife Section Building 308	<b>Game Check Station &amp; Fish and Wildlife Section:</b> Office: (804) 633-8984/8750 Cell Phone: (540) 938-1231
Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) Building #156	<b>FWVA Police Desk:</b> (804) 633-8888 <b>Emergency:</b> (804) 633-8911 <b>For suspected game violations:</b> Police Desk: (804) 633-8888 Conservation Law Enforcement (CLE): (804) 633-8434 CLE Anonymous Tip Line: (804) 633-8131
iSportsman Telephone System	<b>Recording for open areas, check-ins/outs, and reservations:</b> 844-326-3113
Visitor Control Center	<b>Annual Criminal Background Check:</b> (804) 633-8585.
MWR	(804) 633-8244



# Hunting Regulations

## 1. Permits & Fees

Hunting permits run from 1 September 2023 – 31 August 2024  
A hard copy of permits must be kept on one's person at all times

Table 2:

PERMIT TYPES	PERMIT COST/EXPIRATION
<b>General Hunting</b> – (16 – 64 years old)	\$75.00/season
<b>Youth/Junior Hunting</b> – (15 years old and below)	<b>FREE</b>
<b>Disabled Hunting</b> Must meet all VDWR license requirements	<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	\$60.00/season
<b>Three Day Hunting</b>	\$50.00
<b>Controlled Access Hunting</b>	<b>FREE</b>
<b>Hunting Observer</b>	<b>FREE</b>
<b>General Fishing &amp; Hunting Combo</b> – (16 – 64 years old)	\$85.00/season
<b>Active Duty Hunting</b> Enlisted Military – (E1 – E4)	<b>FREE</b>
<b>Active Duty Hunting</b> Enlisted Military – (E5 – E6)	\$20.00/season
<b>Parking Permit</b> Included with any permit purchase	<b>FREE</b>

**A. General Hunting Permit**

- Covers all hunting season on FWVA.
- New hunters to FWVA may only hunt Training Areas (TAs) their first year.

**B. Youth/Junior Hunting Permit**

- Youth Hunters must be 15 years of age or below
- Must have their own active iSportsman account
- An authorized adult may escort no more than two youth hunters/observers.
- Youth hunters must stay within sight and voice contact, and no more than 100 yards away from the escort.
  - 10 yards during spring turkey season
- Children younger than 12 must remain within arm's reach of a parent/guardian.
- Hunters 12-17 years of age may hunt in the CA areas when accompanied by a current probationary or veteran CA adult.

**C. Disabled Hunting Permit**

- To obtain a FWVA Disabled Hunting Permit, one must possess a Virginia Disabled Hunting Permit.

**D. Controlled Access (CA) Area Hunting Permit**

- All CA hunters must view the CA/UXO briefing video annually on the FWVA iSportsman website.
- 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 as the Veteran CA permit holder.

**E. CA Probationary Permit**

- Permitted after one full season of hunting within the TAs with no infractions.
- May hunt all TA areas and probationary CA areas: 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11A, 11B, and 12.

**F. CA Veteran Permit**

- Permitted after one full season of hunting as a Probationary CA hunter with no infractions.
- May hunt all CA areas.
- Must be 18 years of age.
- Contact Fish & Wildlife Office to obtain CA Veteran status once qualified.

**G. Hunter Observer Permit**

- Non-hunting observers may accompany licensed hunters.
  - Must follow all blaze orange/pink requirements.
  - No weapons permitted.

## H. Parking Permit

- A parking permit is issued with the purchase of any permit.
- Must be displayed face up and clearly visible on the dashboard of the vehicle.
- Every permitted user in the vehicle must have a parking pass displayed.

## I. Guests

- The **ONLY** time a guest may be checked in is during the Spring Turkey season.
  - No weapons permitted.
  - Must be checked-in under the hunter they are with.
  - Must have a parking pass displayed.

## 2. Hunting on Fort Walker

### A. General Hunting Area Information

- Hunting areas are designated daily according to military needs.
  - Area Status List found on FWVA iSportsman.
  - Updated by 1700 (5pm) for the next day.
- May only check-in to and hunt one area at a time.
- Legal shooting hours follow Virginia and Federal regulations unless noted in **Appendix A**
- **No Sunday Hunting**

### B. Training Areas / Controlled Access Areas

- **Training Areas**
  - Consist of 31 areas, 6 Maneuver Corridors and the Drop Zone
  - Shaded green (or pink for Archery Only) on the FWVA Recreational Map.
- **Controlled Access Areas**
  - Consist of 27 areas.
  - Located south of Route 301 and border the range and impact areas with live fire ranges.
  - Shaded orange on the Recreational Map.

### C. Specialized Hunting Areas

- **Archery Only Areas**
  - TA 1A, 1B, 22B, 24A, 24B, 24C, 30B, 31A, 31B and CA27
  - Shaded pink on the Recreational Map.
  - Exceptions:
    - Waterfowl hunting authorized in TA1B and Raymond's Fork Pond (TA24B).
    - Firearm spring turkey hunting authorized in TA30B and CA27.
- **TA 4 (Disabled/Senior Hunting Area)**
  - Reserved for disabled hunters and hunters 65+ years.
  - Hunting is allowed within 55 yards (50 meters) of all interior recreational roads in TA 4. (No shooting down or across any recreational roads)

- **Drop Zone**
  - TA 7, 8, and 9 border the Drop Zone.
  - May not drive through Drop Zone when closed.

### 3. Weapons Regulations

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 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, rimfire rifles, air rifles, archery tackle (no Airbows), and crossbows are authorized for hunting on FWVA.
- **Centerfire rifles and Buckshot are not permitted for use on FWVA.**
- Air rifles, .22 and .17 rimfire are only legal for small game hunting.
- Handguns are unauthorized regardless of permits held.
- Suppressors are prohibited.

#### B. Transporting Weapons

- Weapons will be unloaded, encased and inaccessible to the driver and passengers while being transported.
  - Encased includes disassembled or locked in a trunk, camper or tool box.
- Weapons will not be in a loaded condition outside of hunting hours.
  - 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.

#### C. Youth Weapon Restrictions

- May only use firearms while accompanied and supervised by a parent or guardian.
- May use weapons on parent or guardian's weapons registration.

### 4. Hunting Safety

#### A. Blaze Color Requirements

- A hat and outer body garment with at least two square feet of blaze color visible above the waist and from 360 degrees.
  - Standard or camo Blaze orange and blaze pink are authorized.

- Required while hunting any species during muzzleloader/firearms deer seasons and on youth/apprentice day.
  - Includes archery only areas.
  - Enclosed blinds must be marked with two square feet of blaze color.
  - Waterfowl hunters may remove blaze garments once at place of hunt.

## B. Hunting Safety Buffers

- Hunting is prohibited:
  - within **219 yards (200 meters)** of other persons in hunting areas
    - unless previously coordinated amongst hunters
  - within **219 yards (200 meters)** of dwellings or structures
  - within **328 yards (300 meters)** of any fuel storage area
  - within **55 yards (50 meters)** of all boundary roads of TA and CA areas (paved or gravel).
  - within **55 yards (50 meters)** of all recreational roads.
    - Non-recreational roads that are interior to the assigned hunting area are not subject to this restriction.
  - within all areas shown red on the Recreation Map.
- Discharging a weapon is strictly prohibited:
  - in or across safety buffers
  - for any purpose other than hunting
- Must be certain of target and background at all times.
- **SAFETY FIRST!**

## C. Safety Equipment

- Hunters are strongly encouraged to:
  - always carry a cell phone, flashlight, compass, and whistle.
  - save important phone numbers to their phones.
  - download and use one of the many apps available on smart phones/tablets to aid in navigation.
  - Contact the Fish and Wildlife office if any assistance is needed.

## D. Treestands / Ground Blinds

- Hunters may use treestands at their own risk. The government is not responsible for accidents or injuries that may occur.
- Only portable treestands certified by the Treestand Manufacturers Association (TMA) may be used.
  - Occupying or installing permanent treestands is prohibited.
  - Nails, spike, and screw-in type tree steps are prohibited.
  - Stands may be left overnight at the owner's risk but must be permanently marked with name and phone number of owner.
  - FWVA is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged stands. If a treestand is missing, it should be reported to the Police Desk.
- All treestands and ground blinds must be removed by 31 January 2024.
  - Stands left will be considered permanent and removed.
- Hunters must use:

- A TMA approved full body harness system with a safety release mechanism.
- A haul line to raise or lower a weapon or equipment.

## **5. Check-in / Check-out / Reservation Procedures**

- All check-ins/outs and reservations are conducted through FWVA iSportsman.
- Hunters traveling in the same vehicle must be checked into the same area.

### **A. Checking In to Hunt**

- Hunters may not:
  - Enter FWVA or check-in to their areas prior to 0400.
  - Check-in to a hunting area prior to physically arriving at FWVA.
  - Leave base lodging or check-in prior to 0400.
  - Check-in after 1700.
    - Call Fish & Wildlife if a check-in is needed after 1700 (assisting with deer recovery etc.).
  - Check-in to more than four areas per day (scouting excluded)
  - “Lock up” an area or check-in to an area without hunting.
- Hunters must:
  - Check-in before crossing the intersection of Walker Drive and Campbell Road
  - Check-in before leaving base lodging if staying on post

### **B. Checking Out from Hunting**

- Hunters must:
  - Check-out of their area prior to leaving FWVA or arriving at base lodging
  - be checked out by the daily/seasonal check-out time
    - Fall/Winter – 1.5 Hours after sunset
    - Spring – 1300 (1pm)
    - Thanksgiving – 1200 (12pm)
  - be clear of the CA complex no later than 2100 (9pm)
- Failure to comply with check-in/out procedures will result in administrative holds and loss of iSportsman privileges.

### **C. Reservations**

- Hunters may reserve one area in iSportsman between 1900 (7pm) and 2359 (11:59pm) the day prior.
- Reservations will be held until 0600 (6am). Hunters must check-in to their reserved area upon arrival.
- After 5 failed reservations in a regulation cycle, hunters may face administrative holds and/or loss of iSportsman privileges.

### **D. Additional check-in/check-out procedures**

- Between 1100-1300 (11am–1pm) hunters may remain checked in and leave post for lunch.
- In case of an iSportsman technical issue, hunters should contact the Fish and Wildlife office or Police Desk.

## 6. Harvesting Game

### A. Checking Harvested Game

- All animals harvested must be reported in iSportsman
- All big game species (including bobcat and coyote) must be brought to the game check station.
- Hunters must tag their big game harvest (obtain confirmation number) through VA DWR prior to transporting from place of kill.

### B. Tracking Wounded Deer

- Hunters must:
  - make every effort to recover wounded game.
  - coordinate with Fish and Wildlife/Police Desk to:
    - track game past final check-out time.
    - access/utilize unauthorized roads.
    - complete after-hours check-in

### C. Deer Processing

- Field dressing is preferred, but not mandatory.
- Hunters staying on post should contact MWR for processing instructions.

### D. Refrigeration Unit Use

- A refrigeration unit is available at the game check station.
  - Free of charge with general hunting permit
  - First-come, first-serve basis
  - A “Reefer Tag” must be completed and affixed to the harvest (available at game check station).
  - Harvested animals must be removed within 5 days of harvest.
    - Failure to comply may result in loss of harvest.
  - Refrigeration unit use is at the hunter’s own risk, and FWVA is not responsible for any loss or damage.

## 7. Hunting with Dogs on Fort Walker

### A. Permitted Use

- Dogs may be used in the TAs for hunting:
  - Squirrel
  - Rabbit
  - Woodcock
  - Quail
  - Fall turkey
- Dogs may be used in the TAs and CAs for Waterfowl hunting.
- Waterfowl Retrievers may be trained in TA ponds in scouting seasons.
- Quail dogs may be trained 1-29 September and 1-28 February.

## **B. Prohibited Actions**

- Taking action against any dog (harass, harm, or kill) is prohibited.
- Hunters may not shoot a deer:
  - that is being pursued by dogs.
  - while pursuing other game with a dog.

## **C. General Dog Guidelines**

- Dogs must have:
  - Documented proof of current vaccinations in custodians' possession.
  - Collars/tags bearing owner's name and phone number.
- Owners/custodians shall comply with all state and county dog licensing laws.
- Dogs running at large, or individuals found attempting to retrieve/drive deer dogs should be reported to Fish and Wildlife/Police Desk.
- Virginia's "Right to Retrieve" law is not applicable on Fort Walker.
- Fort Walker is not responsible for the loss, death, or injury of any dogs.

## **8. Waterfowl**

- **Waterfowl Location Exceptions**
  - Maxey Gregg Pond (TA1B) and Raymond Fork Pond (TA24B).
    - Hunting is authorized in the pond footprint found on Recreation Map.
- **Waterfowl Blinds**
  - Permanent blinds are prohibited.
- **Waterfowl Hunting Safety**
  - A boat or retrieving dog is required when hunting over waters that exceed wading depths to ensure retrieval of harvest.

## **9. Scouting**

- Available to hunting permit holders.
  - Must follow all iSportsman procedures.
- Allowed in TAs only on:
  - 1-29 September
  - 2-6 October
  - 8 January – 29 February
  - 1-5 April
  - 8-12 April
- Trail cameras are prohibited.



## 10. Miscellaneous

- The following are prohibited:
  - Drive Hunting for deer.
  - Shooting from a vehicle.
  - Use of motorized decoys for deer or turkey.
  - Reaping or fanning for turkeys.
    - Use of a tail fan, a decoy with a full, upright tail fan, or a tail fan mounted to a weapon.
  - Feeding or baiting of any wildlife (to include salt and minerals).
  - Hunting over bait.
  - Planting, fertilizing and/or seeding.
  - Party hunting.
    - One person killing an animal and have another person tag/check in the animal.
  - Poaching.

# Fishing Regulations

## 1. Permits & Fees

**Fishing permits are valid for one year from date of purchase.  
A hard copy of permits must be kept on one's person at all times.**

Table 3:

PERMIT TYPES	PERMIT COST/EXPIRATION
<b>General Fishing</b> - 16 – 64 years old	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Active-Duty Fishing</b> – (E1 – E4)	<b>FREE</b>
<b>Active-Duty Fishing</b> – (E5 – E6)	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>General Fishing &amp; Hunting Combo</b> – 16 – 64 years old	<b>\$85.00/season</b> (Expires on 31 August 2024)
<b>Senior Fishing</b> – 65+ years old <i>prior</i> to 1 September 2015 (Born before 1 September 1950)	<b>FREE</b>
<b>Senior Fishing</b> – Turned 65 years old <i>after</i> 1 September 2015	<b>\$20.00</b>
<b>Disabled Fishing</b> Must meet all VDWR license requirements	<b>FREE</b>
<b>Five Day Fishing</b> – 16+ yrs. old	<b>\$8.00</b> (Valid for 5 consecutive days)
<b>Youth Fishing</b> – under 16 years old	<b>FREE</b> (May check-in as guest of permitted angler)
<b>Virginia Free Fishing Days</b> Requires iSportsman account	<b>FREE</b> (Valid for 3 VA free fishing days)
<b>Fishing Observer</b> – 16+ yrs. old	<b>FREE</b>
<b>Parking Permit</b> Included with any permit purchase	<b>FREE</b>

**A. Youth Fishing Permit:**

- 15 years and younger are not required to have an iSportsman account.
- If the youth does not have an iSportsman account, they must be checked in as a guest under a permitted adult angler.
  - Limit of four youth anglers per adult.
- A guardian is required to sign a General Release Statement for children 15 years of age or under.

**B. Virginia Free Fishing Days Permit**

- Fort Walker honors Virginia's Free Fishing Days
  - Requires iSportsman account.
  - Reference the current Virginia Fishing Regulations for applicable dates.

**C. Parking Permit**

- A parking permit is issued with the purchase of any permit.
- The parking permit must be displayed face up and clearly visible on the dashboard of the angler's vehicle.
- Every permitted angler/observer in a vehicle must have a parking pass displayed.
  - Exception: Youth guests do not require a parking pass.

**2. Fishing on Fort Walker****A. General Fishing Information**

- Fishing areas are designated daily according to military needs.
- Area Status List found on FWVA iSportsman.
- Updated by 1700 (5pm) for the next day.
- Legal hours for fishing are:
  - ½ hour before sunrise until ½ hour after sunset
- May only check-in to and fish one area at a time

**B. Fishing Areas:**

- 16 ponds are available daily, dependent upon military training needs.
- TAs are available daily, dependent upon military training needs, with the following schedule:
  - 1 September – 15 May:
    - All available TAs
  - 16 May – 15 July:
    - TA 1-6
  - 16 July – 31 August:
    - TA 1-6 and 21-24

- All fishing areas must be accessed from the interior of the installation.
  - Exception: Lower Smoots Pond & White’s Lake must be accessed from state-maintained roads. All fishing must occur at boat landing or from waterborne craft.

**C. Fishing/ Boating Safety:**

- Boats powered manually or by electric motors are permitted on all FWVA waters.
- Engines up to 9.9 hp are permitted on Smoots, Whites and Bowies
  - All motors must be operated at idle on all other ponds.
  - All oil or gasoline spills must be immediately reported to the Police Desk
- All applicable local, state, and federal boating laws and regulations apply.
- It is recommended that anglers wear blaze/hi-vis garments during active hunting seasons.
- Anglers must remove aquatic vegetation from gear, boats and trailers before moving locations.

**3. Game/Sport Fish Regulations**

**A. Creel and Length Limits**

Table 4:

<b>TYPE OF FISH</b>	<b>DAILY CREEL LIMIT</b>	<b>LENGTH LIMIT</b>
<b>Largemouth Bass</b>	<b>5</b>	No Bass 15 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
<p><b>The daily creel limit represents daily totals from all waters combined. Reference current VA Fishing Regulations for all other creel limits. Changes in creel limits will be posted in iSportsman.</b></p>		

**B. Prohibited Fishing Activities:**

- **Magnet fishing**
- **Bowfishing**
- Trot lines
- Jug fishing
- Harvesting of any reptile or amphibian
- Use of more than two rods/lines, per person, at a time

**4. Check-in / Check-out Procedures**

- All check-ins/outs are conducted through FWVA iSportsman.
- Anglers traveling in the same vehicle must be checked into the same area.

**A. Checking In to Fish**

- Anglers may not:
  - Enter FWVA or check-in to their areas prior to 1.5 hours before sunrise.
  - Check-in to a fishing area prior to physically arriving at FWVA
  - Leave base lodging or check-in prior to 1.5 hours before sunrise.
- Anglers must:
  - Check-in before crossing the intersection of Walker Drive and Campbell Road.
    - Exception of Smoot's Pond and White's Lake.
  - Check-in before leaving base lodging if staying on post.
  - Check-in to the TA that the pond is in if not available under ponds.

**B. Checking Out from Fishing**

- Anglers must:
  - Check-out of their area prior to leaving FWVA or arriving at base lodging.
  - Check-out by 1.5 hours after sunset.
  - Report all fish harvested in iSportsman (not including fish released)
- Failure to comply with check-in/out procedures will result in administrative holds and loss of iSportsman privileges.

**C. Additional check-in/check-out procedures**

- In case of an iSportsman technical issue, anglers should contact the Fish and Wildlife office or Police Desk

# Trapping Regulations

## 1. Permits & Fees

Trapping permits runs from 8 Jan 2024 – 29 Feb 2024

Table 5:

PERMIT TYPES	PERMIT COST/EXPIRATION
<b>Trapping Permit</b> Required for main and alternate trapper	<b>\$10.00/season</b> (Expires 03/01/2024)
<b>Parking Permit</b> Included with any permit purchase	<b>FREE</b>

### A. Trapping Permit:

- Lottery-based system
  - Contact FWVA Fish and Wildlife to request entry.
  - Lottery is held in December (Need not be present).
  - Permits are granted after trapping lottery for those drawn.

### B. Alternate Trappers:

- Each trapper must have an alternate trapper.
  - The alternate must know location of all set traps.
  - The alternate must have iSportsman account and permit.

### C. Parking Permit:

- A parking permit is issued with the purchase of any permit.
- Must be displayed face up and clearly visible on the dashboard of the vehicle.
- Every permitted user in the vehicle must have a parking pass displayed.

## 2. General Information

### A. Trapping Zones:

- 9 Trapping Zones located throughout the TA complex.

### B. Zone Availability:

- Dependent upon military training needs.
- At the time of lottery, Fish and Wildlife staff will provide an overview of the training calendar to aid in zone selection.
  - These dates are subject to change.
  - Traps must be removed upon request within 24 hours' notice.

### 3. Check-in / Check-out Procedures

- All check-ins/outs are conducted through FWVA iSportsman.
- Trappers traveling in the same vehicle must be checked into the same area.

#### A. Checking In to Trapping

- Trappers may not:
  - Enter FWVA or check-in to their areas prior to 1.5 hours before sunrise.
  - Check-in to a trapping area prior to physically arriving at FWVA.
  - Leave base lodging or check-in prior to 1.5 hours before sunrise.
- Trappers must:
  - Check-in before crossing the intersection of Walker Drive and Campbell Road.
  - Check-in before leaving base lodging if staying on post.

#### B. Checking Out from Trapping

- Trappers must:
  - Check-out of their area prior to leaving FWVA or arriving at base lodging.
  - Check out by 1.5 hours after sunset.
  - Maintain log for all catch.
- Failure to comply with check-in/out procedures will result in administrative holds and loss of iSportsman privileges.

#### C. Additional check-in/check-out procedures

In case of an iSportsman technical issue, trappers should contact the Fish and Wildlife office or Police Desk.

### 4. Rules and Regulations

#### A. Prohibited Trapping Activities:

- Land snare sets
- Disposal of animal carcasses on FWVA lands
- Reptile and Amphibian Trapping

#### B. Trapping Safety

- Traps must be set outside the line-of-sight of all recreational roads.
- Trapping is prohibited:
  - within **219 yards (200 meters)** of dwellings or structures.
  - within **328 yards (300 meters)** of any fuel storage area.
  - within all areas shown red on the Recreation Map.
- Must be certain of target and background at all times.
- **SAFETY FIRST!**

**C. Trapping Guidelines:**

- Trapping will be in accordance with current VA Hunting and Trapping regulation unless otherwise mentioned in this regulation.
- Trapper name and address, or VA Permanent Identification Number (PIN), must be affixed to every trap.
  - PIN's must be provided to the Fish and Wildlife Section.
- All animals must be dispatched in a safe, quick, and humane manner.
  - Companion animals will be released alive and unharmed.
  - Trappers may contact CLEO's for guidance.
- Trappers must maintain a map of trap locations and full accountability of all traps.
- Harvest logs must be maintained and submitted to Fish and Wildlife by 8 March 2024.
  - Failure to do so will result in loss of trapping privileges for the following season.
- Trappers who fail to utilize their zone will potentially lose their privileges for the following season.
- Access to non-recreational roads will be given on a case-by-case basis by Fish and Wildlife.
- All weapons must remain unloaded during transport.
- Trappers are authorized to carry a .22 caliber pistol.
  - Concealed carry is prohibited.
  - Do not hesitate to reach out for clarification and assistance.



# General iSportsman User Regulations

**1. Recreational Area Evacuation:** All iSportsman users must immediately leave their assigned area and return to their vehicle if:

- There is contact with military personnel within the assigned hunting area.
- Mass communication broadcast directs persons to evacuate the area.
- Directed by Range Operations.
- Notified by the iSportsman system by an automated call, text message, or email.

## 2. General Prohibited Activities

- Trespassing
  - Entering any area (TA, CA, Restricted Area) without permission
- Digging or removing artifacts
- Use of metal detectors
- Littering
- Spotlighting
  - Casting any beam of light off the roadway to observe wildlife is prohibited.
- Use of Two-way radios
- Photography or videography on FWVA
  - Only exception is photography of harvested game at unrestricted locations.
- Stealing, defacing or disturbing government property
- Harassing of any authorized persons on FWVA
- Interfering in or disrupting any approved recreational activities
- Providing or utilizing guide services on FWVA
- Use of alcohol or drugs while hunting, fishing, or trapping.
- Use of drones and unmanned aircraft systems.

## 3. Vehicle Travel, Towing and Recovery

### A. iSportsman User Vehicles:

- iSportsman users are permitted:
  - to travel to the VCC, Game Check Station, Outdoor Recreation, MWR Lodging, and to their assigned area and back by the most direct route on approved recreation roads.
    - Approved recreation roads indicated on the Recreational Map.
  - to park vehicles adjacent to their assigned area.
    - Ensure parking does not hinder passage or block gates.
    - Vehicles found in violation of this may be removed at the owner's expense.

- iSportsman users are prohibited from:
  - Off-road vehicle travel
    - Exceptions are given on a case-by-case basis to aid in game recovery.
  - Driving around closed gates or off-limits areas
  - Using offroad motorcycles, mopeds, motorized bikes (e-bikes) and ATV's/UTV's
  - Exceeding **10 MPH** when encountering military personnel
    - Soldiers have the right-of-way at all times.
  - Accessing FWVA from exterior state roads or property
    - Exception: fishing White's Lake and Lower Smoots Pond
  - Parking vehicles hidden from plain view or further than 15 yards (14 meters) off of approved roads.

#### **B. Vehicle Towing and Recovery**

- Owners operate vehicles at their own risk.
- All towing and fees that may incur from parking or break downs are the owner's sole responsibility.
- iSportsman users that become stuck or break down must immediately notify the Police Desk.
- Government vehicles will not assist in towing or recovery.

### **4. Violations and Penalties**

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

**B. Authority.** Law enforcement personnel may detain, issue summons or arrest persons suspected of violating federal, state, or FWVA regulations. 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.** 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 Fort Walker laws and regulations are subject to administrative actions including permanent barring from and/or having their recreational privileges at FWVA permanently revoked. Table 6 will be used as a general guide in determining the length of a persons' suspension. Suspensions may vary due to circumstances and severity.

Table 6:

<b>Violation</b>	<b>Administrative Action</b>
Discharging a firearm from a vehicle or an unauthorized road	Permanent Revocation
Driving under the Influence (DUI) or possession of illegal substance	Permanent Revocation
Recreating while under the influence of intoxicants	Permanent Revocation
Hunting with unauthorized weapon or ammunition	Permanent Revocation
Unauthorized trapping	Permanent Revocation
Taking or attempting to take game illegally or hunting out of season	Permanent Revocation
Hunting with or over bait	Permanent Revocation
Failure to obey law enforcement officer or submit to legal search or inspection	Permanent Revocation
Making a false statement to obtain permit and/or area assignment	Permanent Revocation
Recreating in an off limits, restricted area, or impact area	Permanent Revocation
Unauthorized use of permit or automated system	Permanent Revocation
Spotlighting	Permanent Revocation
Trespassing on Federal property	Permanent Revocation
Collection of historical artifacts	Permanent Revocation
Illegal take of state or federally protected species	Permanent Revocation
Purposely failing to retrieve harvested game (Wanton waste)	Permanent Revocation
Harassing of any authorized persons on FWVA	Permanent Revocation
Failure to check in big game	Permanent Revocation
Drive hunting or use of dogs for deer	Permanent Revocation
Transporting loaded weapon in vehicle or a Hunting Safety Buffer	Permanent Revocation
Unauthorized photography to include trail cameras	Permanent Revocation
Recreating in area closed to recreation	Permanent Revocation
Failure to register weapon(s)	Permanent Revocation
Discharging or having a loaded weapon before or after legal shooting hours	Permanent Revocation
Discharging a weapon within/into a Hunting Safety Buffer	Permanent Revocation
Antler point restriction violation	2 Year Suspension

Creel limit violation	2 Year Suspension
Bag limit violation	2 Year Suspension
Recreating/Parking outside of assigned area	Permanent Revocation
Bypassing roadblock, cable or gate in a vehicle	Permanent Revocation
Recreating without valid permit or license	Permanent Revocation
Transporting uncased weapon in vehicle	6 Month Suspension
Unauthorized use of any vehicle	6 Month Suspension
Unauthorized driving/parking on non-recreational roads	90 Day Suspension
Littering or dumping	Permanent Revocation
Failure to have required personal flotation device (PFD) in boat	60 Day Suspension
Failure to wear blaze orange/pink	1 Year Suspension
Failure to report required game harvest using iSportsman	60 Day Suspension
Failure to properly tag game prior to transportation	30 Day Suspension
Unsportsmanlike or disruptive conduct	30 Day Suspension
Parking more than 15yds (14 meters) from any authorized road.	30 Day Suspension
Failure to remove treestands or blinds	30 Day Suspension
Failure to complete check-in/out procedures (1st offense)	7 Day Suspension
Failure to complete check-in/out procedures (2nd offense)	30 Day Suspension
Failure to complete check-in/out procedures (3rd and subsequent offense)	90 Day Suspension
Failure to display parking permit (1st offense)	Issued Warning
Failure to display parking permit (2nd and subsequent offense)	15 Day Suspension

## APPENDIX A

### 2023-24 FORT WALKER (FWVA) HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS

**These policies will be in accordance with Fort Walker Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Regulation (FWVA Reg. 200-10)**  
**Subject to change based on biological management objectives.**  
**Any changes will be communicated in advanced on iSportsman.**

## DEER

### Deer Management Policies

1. The daily deer bag limit is **ONE**.
  - Exception:
    - Youth/apprentice deer day
    - Early archery season.
2. Limit: **FIVE** all seasons combined
  - **THREE** antlerless
  - **TWO** antlered
3. Antlered Point Restrictions
  - a) Training Areas (TAs) –
    - One antlered buck must have at least three legal points on one antler.
  - b) Controlled Access Areas (CAs) –
    - If two antlered bucks are taken in the CAs:
      - One antlered buck must have at least three legal points on one antler.
      - One antlered buck must have at least four legal points on one antler.
  - c) Combination of one TA antlered buck and one CA antlered buck
    - The TA antlered buck has no antler point restriction.
    - The CA buck must have at least three legal points on one antler.
4. Bonus deer tags will be accepted for antlerless deer. Season bag limits still apply.
5. All harvested deer must be brought to the game check station with a valid DWR confirmation number.

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

**30 September 2023**

### **Bag Limit:**

- **Two deer limit.** Either-sex, only one may be an antlered buck.
- Youth /apprentice hunters, and adult hunters accompanying the same must follow blaze orange/pink requirements.

## **EARLY ARCHERY DEER SEASON**

**7 October 2023 – 17 November 2023**

### **Bag Limits:**

- Either-sex all areas until **17** November 2023.
- **Two deer per day 7 October – 3 November (Only one antlered deer per day)**
- **One deer per day 4 November – 17 November.**
- Archery only areas are either-sex all season.

## **MUZZLELOADER DEER SEASON**

**4 November 2023 – 17 November 2023**

### **Bag Limits:**

- TA and CA either-sex hunting days:
  - November **4, 8, 11, and 15**
- One deer per day

## **FIREARMS DEER SEASON**

**18 November 2023 – 6 January 2024**

### **Bag Limits:**

- TA and CA either-sex hunting days:
  - **18, 25, 29** November, **2** December, **5, 6** January.
- One deer per day.

## TURKEY

### Turkey Management Policies

- The daily turkey limit is **ONE**
- Limit: **TWO** all seasons combined

## FALL TURKEY

**Fort Walker follows all Virginia State Regulations regarding seasons and bag limits and are in accordance with Fort Walker Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Regulation (FWVA Reg. 200-10)**

## SPRING TURKEY

**13 April 2024 – 18 May 2024**

### **Bag Limit:**

- One Turkey per day
- Bearded turkeys only
- Hunting ends at noon each day
- Limit: **TWO** all seasons combined

## YOUTH AND APPRENTICE SPRING TURKEY DAY

**6 April 2024**

### **Bag Limit:**

- **One turkey limit**
- Bearded turkeys only
- Hunting ends at noon

## BEAR

**Fort Walker follows all Virginia State Regulations regarding seasons and bag limits and are in accordance with Fort Walker Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Regulation (FWVA Reg. 200-10)**

## **OTHER**

**Fort Walker follows all Virginia State Regulations regarding seasons and bag limits and are in accordance with Fort Walker Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Regulation (FWVA Reg. 200-10) for the following:**

- Rabbit
- Squirrel (Spring Season CLOSED)
- Dove
- Woodcock
- Waterfowl

### **A. Exceptions to Virginia State Regulations:**

- Quail
  - Three per day
  - Twelve per season
- Raccoons
  - Dogs may not be used
- Bobcat
  - ONE bobcat per season
  - Dogs may not be used
- Fox
  - Dogs may not be used
- Crow
  - 2 September 2023 – 28 February 2024
  - Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays

### **B. The following may be taken at any time during an open hunting season and during normal hunting hours:**

- Groundhog
- Coyote
- Feral Hog

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



## **APPENDIX B**

### **Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping Review Board (HFTRB)**

#### **a. Purpose**

- The HFTRB reviews major hunting, fishing, and trapping offenses and violations of (to include, but not limited to) Fort Walker policies, memoranda, and all local, state, and federal laws. The HFTRB is comprised of representatives from DPW and DES.
- The HFTRB may recommend changes to the status of a participant's privileges on the Fort Walker military installation. The Garrison Commander has the authority to take those actions necessary to maintain morale, welfare, and safety on Fort Walker. The Garrison Commander's authority includes the power to restrict or deny on-post privileges to participants who commit offenses and/or violations on Fort Walker. In this regard, the Garrison Commander delegates his/her decision authority to the Director of the Directorate of Emergency Services (DES). The HFTRB will review offenses and violations and make a written recommendation on privilege restriction and/or status change to the DES, who will then make the final decision and notify the participant.
- DPW and DES are authorized to suspend participants on the spot for violations and/or offenses. DPW will assign holds to the violator's account and prohibit access to checking in and out of activities using iSportsman.

#### **b. Minor Violation/Offense**

- Minor violations/offense include, but are not limited to, violations of regulations; parking vehicles or launching boats from a trailer in an unauthorized area; falsifying information on a participant's account registration; failing to display properly a parking permit; attempting to monopolize hunting slots by "locking" up areas; failing to cancel a reservation within the specified timeframe; failing to sign in or out from a slot by the required time; failing to maintain current information on the account registration; failing to report promptly and accurate fish and game harvest data.
- Minor violations/offenses may warrant automatic suspensions of up to 45 days. The length of the suspension will vary based on the circumstances of the minor violation and/or offense. The DPW- Natural Resources Branch and the DES may suspend participants for minor violations and offenses without involving the HFTRB process.

- Participants may request that a minor violation be reviewed by the HFTRB. If this request is granted, the HFTRB process would start at phase three (see section g. Process).

c. Major Violations and or Offenses:

Major regulation violations and or criminal offenses include, but are not limited to, any criminal act; Two minor offenses in a 12-month period; but not limited to: Trespassing in closed/restricted areas and/or aiding unauthorized trespass of others; or any conduct that would question the integrity of the commander hunting program, conduct that is known or should be known to be counter to good order and discipline and/or Unsafe.

d. Process

PHASE 1: Participant Notification - The DPW- Natural Resources Branch and/or the Conservation Law Enforcement will provide notice of the alleged major violation and/or offense to the participant, at which time the participant will be placed on administrative hold and suspended indefinitely. The participant will be notified via i-sportsman electronic message of the nature of their violation and/or offense. The participant may submit a written rebuttal within 30 days of notification to the Hunting Trapping Fishing Review Board (HFTRB).

PHASE 2: HFTRB Notification - The DPW-Natural Resources Branch and/or the Conservation Law Enforcement will notify the HFTRB that a major violation and/or offense has been committed and a rebuttal maybe submitted for consideration and adjudication.

PHASE 3: The Written Rebuttal - The rebuttal must be received by the HFTRB within 30 calendar days of notice. Rebuttals received outside the 30-day window will not be considered during the adjudication process. If a rebuttal is not provided to the HFTRB by the participant within 30 calendar days of official notice, the HFTRB will proceed in making a final recommendation to the DES Director.

PHASE 4: HFTRB Discussion - All members of the HFTRB (or their representatives) will meet to discuss the received written rebuttals, as needed. The HFTRB will review all facts, documents, statements and evaluate mitigating and aggravating factors prior to voting.

PHASE 5: Written Recommendation - Upon a majority vote the recommendation of the HFTRB will be submitted to the DES Director.

PHASE 6: Final decision - The DES Director will render a final decision within 10 days of the HFTRB recommendation. The participant will be notified of the final decision in writing via US Mail.

PHASE 7: The Appeal - The participant may appeal the final decision of the HFTRB by appealing in writing to the Garrison Commander Headquarters 18436 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Fort Walker, Virginia 22427, within 30 days of receipt of the final decision. The participant may reappeal after 3 years to the Garrison Commander.

## APPENDIX C

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