

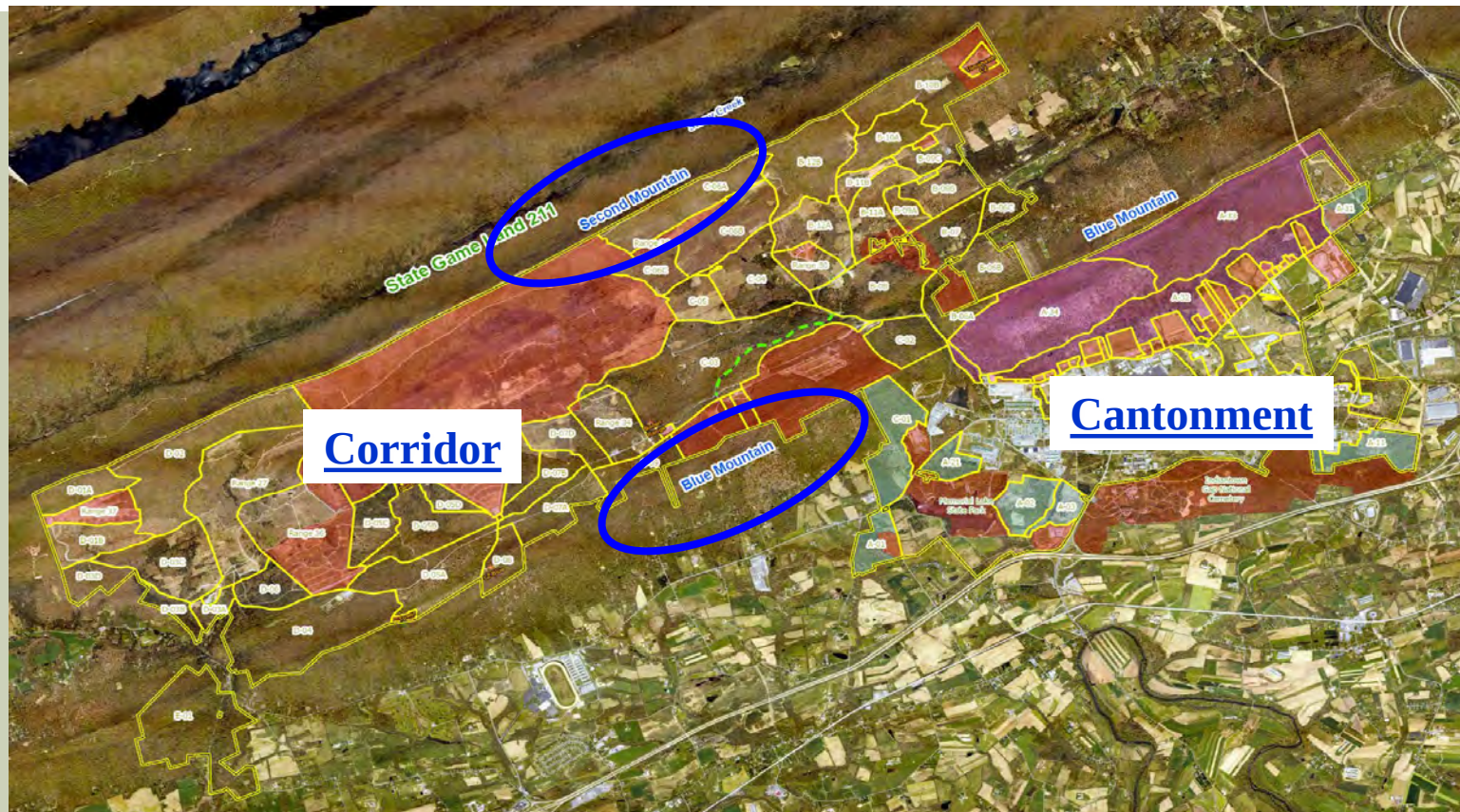
FORT INDIANTOWN GAP OUTDOOR RECREATION BRIEF



**TURN SPEAKERS ON
FOR BRIEF**



NEW MAP OF FTIG TRAINING AREAS!



- 17,150 Acres
- Cantonment: Ranges & Training Areas South of Blue Mountain
- Training Corridor: Majority of Accessible land for Outdoor Recreation

OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Outdoor Recreation (OR) at Fort Indiantown Gap (FTIG) is a **Privilege** and is at the discretion of the Garrison Commander.

The Garrison Commander may suspend any and all activities based on training requirements, available personnel, staffing resources, and/or installation security.

All Participants must comply with Pennsylvania Game Code Laws and FTIG Regulation 215-2.

FTIG REGULATION 215-2: OUTDOOR RECREATION IN TRAINING AREAS

- Required by Department of Defense and Department of Army.
- Outlines rules and regulations for Outdoor Recreation participants at Fort Indiantown Gap.
- A copy is available on the FTIG iSportsman webpage.
- It is Mandatory for all OR participants to know and follow all rules and regulations within this handbook. Viewing this brief does not alleviate you from the responsibility of knowing and understanding FTIG REG 215-2.



WHY IS THERE AN ACCESS FEE?

Army Regulation 200-3: Forest and Wildlife Management

- 63 Installation permits and fees

- b. Fees

- (1) (a) Such fees are to be used on the installation from which collected for the protection, conservation, and management of fish and wildlife, including habitat restoration and improvement, biologist staff and support costs, and related activities, but for no other purpose. Management of this source of funds will be the responsibility of the installation's natural resources management professional.

PERMITS & FEES

■ ADULTS:

- General Access Adult Permit - \$50.00
- Firearms Deer Season Access Adult Permit - \$20.00

■ YOUTH:

- General Access Youth Permit – \$0.00 (Free)
- Firearms Deer Season Access Youth Permit - \$20.00

■ MENTORED YOUTH:

- All Permits – \$0.00 (Free)

ACCESS CONTROL POINT

- Access Control Point at West Entrance (Fisher Ave and Biddle Dr) to FTIG is operational. All hunters/anglers planning to hunt/fish inside the controlled access area must visit the Visitor's Center to register their driver's license.
- The following Training Areas are within the Cantonment controlled access area: A-14, A-16, A-17, A-32, A-33, & A34 and Shuey Lake.
- **Visitor Center Information**
 - **Location:** Main Access Control Point, Fisher Avenue, near Biddle Drive
 - **Hours:** Monday-Friday 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.; closed weekends and federal holidays
 - **Phone:** 717-861-6685/8384/8385

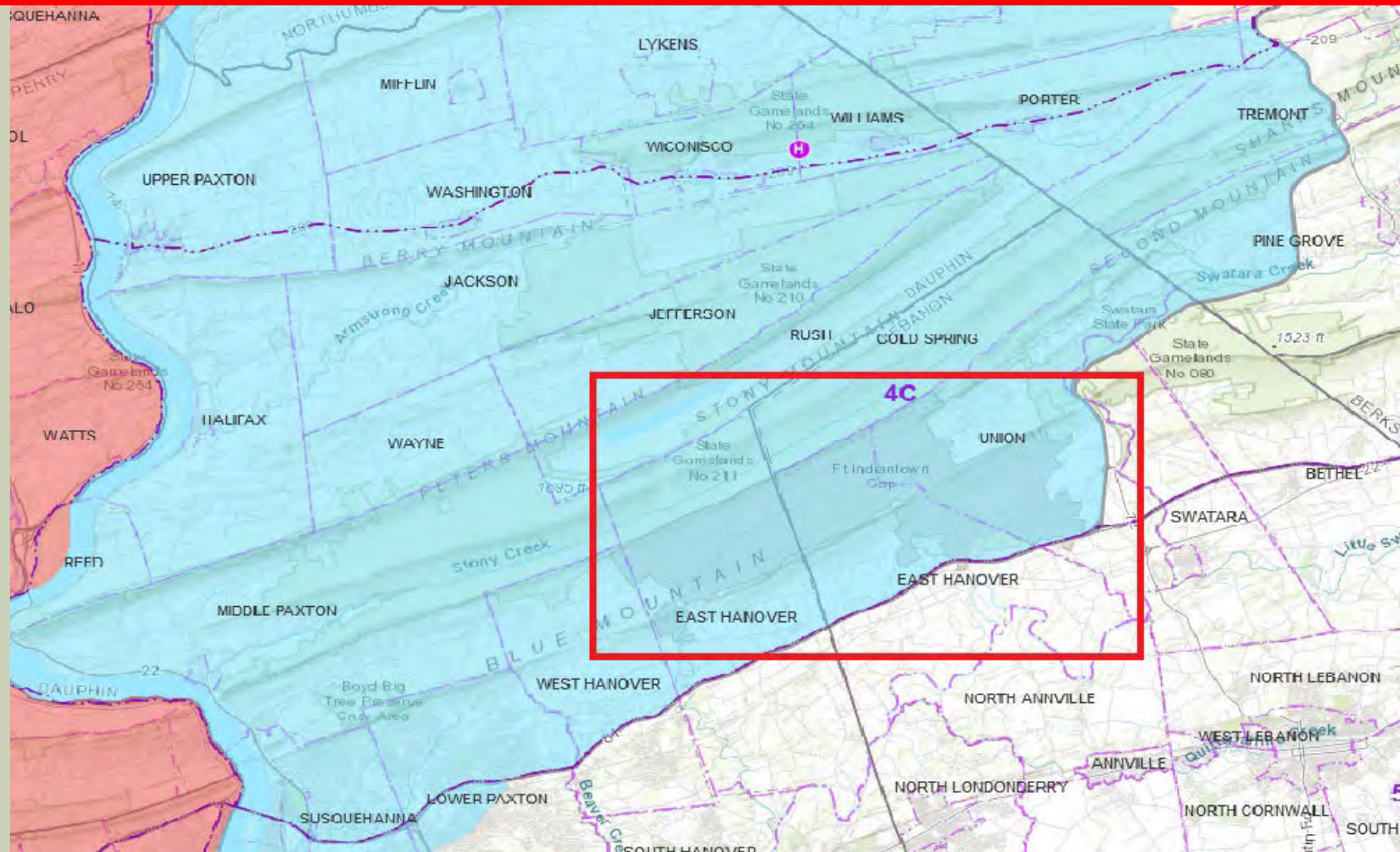
IMPORTANT CHANGES – CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD)

- Fort Indiantown Gap is now included in the new Pennsylvania Game Commission Disease Management Area (DMA) 8.
- **All FTIG training areas and woodlots are now within the DMA 8 boundary.** You can now transport deer in and out of the DMA but must properly dispose of high-risk parts. CWD Cooperating Processors - [Where can I take my deer? \(arcgis.com\)](#)

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- If placing head inside a CWD Deer Head Bin, make sure it is properly tagged with your harvest tag and double bagged.
- High risk deer parts CANNOT be left at the place of kill or anywhere in the field. It is not recommended by PGC, and if done properly, requires the parts to be buried. Digging is not authorized at FTIG.
- High risk parts must be double bagged and disposed of in a commercial landfill.
- Please see the PGC Hunter Digest for more detailed information.

DISEASE MANAGEMENT AREA (DMA) 8



DMA 8 in blue. FTIG within the red box.

TICK INFORMATION

- In 2022, 156 Black-legged ticks (*Ixodes scapularis*), also known as deer ticks, were collected from 34 deer harvested at FTIG and analyzed for vector-specific pathogens of human health significance. Thirty-seven (24%) tested positive for the causative agent of Lyme disease (*Borrelia burgdorferi*).
- Lonestar ticks (*Amblyomma americanum*) are found at FTIG. This is a fairly new occurrence and should be treated as seriously as deer ticks as they are also a vector for various human diseases.



Black-Legged Tick American Dog Tick Lonestar Tick

More information about tick identification and tick-borne diseases can be found at this link: <https://www.ticklab.org/>

FTIG SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS

- Established PA Game Commission/PA Fish and Boat Commission seasons and bag limits; however, the Garrison Commander may limit or suspend seasons at any time.
- No Amphibian/Reptile hunting or collecting
- No Quail hunting at FTIG
- PGC Wildlife Management Unit 4C
- FTIG Seasons: Scouting begins on the day after Labor Day. Outdoor Recreation is closed from March 1st until the Saturday before Youth Turkey Day. Outdoor Recreation will then close June 1st. Permit Sales begin the first Monday in August.
- Individuals may check-in 2 hours before legal hunting hours begin and must be checked-out no later than 90 minutes after legal hunting ends during big game seasons and checked out by legal hunting end time during any other season.
- Hunting and Scouting is now permitted on most Sundays as per changes to PGC seasons. Please see the hunter digest for more information.
- Outdoor Recreation will be closed during the annual Wounded Warrior Hunt and the annual March For The Fallen.

EXTENDED FIREARMS SEASON

- Antlerless Only
- Will require the Firearms Season Permit
- Extended season WMU 4C: December 26 - January 18
 - Applies to everyone with a firearms season permit
- Extended season DMAP units: December 26 – January 24
 - Applies to those in possession of a valid DMAP tag for Fort Indiantown Gap

FISHING, BOATING, & TRAPPING

- Fishing is authorized along Indiantown Run from the bridge at St. Joseph Springs (fish hatchery), south along Route 443 into Marquette Lake, from Marquette Lake south to Memorial Lake, and at Shuey Lake. Fishing Shuey Lake requires the free permit available in iSportsman.
- Fishing is authorized with a FTIG access permit in Training Areas available to outdoor recreation.
- Boating permits are currently suspended due to the dam construction at Marquette Lake.
- Trappers must reference the trapping availability sheet on the Hunting and Trapping page. Trapping will not open at FTIG until firearm deer season ends.

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION



- Returning registrants: please update your personal information annually.
- Emergency Contacts, Address, Phone Number, and Vehicle information often change year to year. Any vehicle used on the installation must be added to your account.
- After logging in: Click My Account, Account Details and then the Manage Account button to update your information.
- Unregistered vehicles and hunters without accurate contact information will result in revocation of hunting privileges.

EAR-TAGGED/COLLARED DEER

Hunters that harvest a tagged deer must include the tag number on the harvest form and return an ear tag to the Wildlife Office. Harvest of a collared deer will require contacting the Wildlife Office immediately upon recovery of the animal. Failure to do so will result in revocation of hunting privileges.



FIREARMS SEASON ACCESS PERMIT

- This permit must be purchased to hunt in the corridor during the 16 days of the regular firearm deer season.
- A lottery may be used to allocate the number of hunters that can utilize FTIG North of Blue Mountain during any of the 16 days of regular firearm deer season.
- The number of total hunters allowed in rifle areas during these 16 days is **196** individuals. When an area is full, it will close.
- Cantonment Areas are not part of the Firearms Season Access Permit.

MENTORED YOUTH AND ADULT HUNTING

- Mentored persons hunting are permitted in accordance with PA Game Code.
- Registered guardians wanting to participate must register their mentee in the iSportsman system and fill out a Hold Harmless Agreement.
- Hold Harmless agreements must be submitted to the Wildlife Office before participating in recreation activities.
- Mentors are responsible for ensuring that their mentee understands the dangers associated with UXO's.
- Mentees must remain with their registered Mentor at all times.

OR PARTICIPANTS WITH DISABILITIES

- A PA Game Commission Permit to use a vehicle as a blind is required to obtain a Disabled Hunter permit from the FTIG Wildlife Office.
- A FTIG vehicle permit must be displayed on the dash of the vehicle at all times.
- The permit allows OR participants with disabilities to travel on any accessible permanent trail or road within an open Training Area.
- See Wildlife staff for more information.

CHECK-IN AND OUT PROCEDURES

Mobile check-ins

- Participants may check in on a personal computer or a mobile device.
- Kiosks have been retired and will not be utilized moving forward.
- Except on public roads, participants may **NOT** enter a training area or travel FTIG roads/trails without being checked in.
- **A vehicle dash permit** must be in place on the dash at all times.

CHECK-IN AND OUT PROCEDURES

Check - In

- Enter Login Username and Password
- Select Activity (ex: Archery, Deer Firearms, Scouting, etc.)
- Select Two Training Areas Available For Those Activities
- Confirm Check-in
- Log Out
- Vehicle Dash Permit must be in place

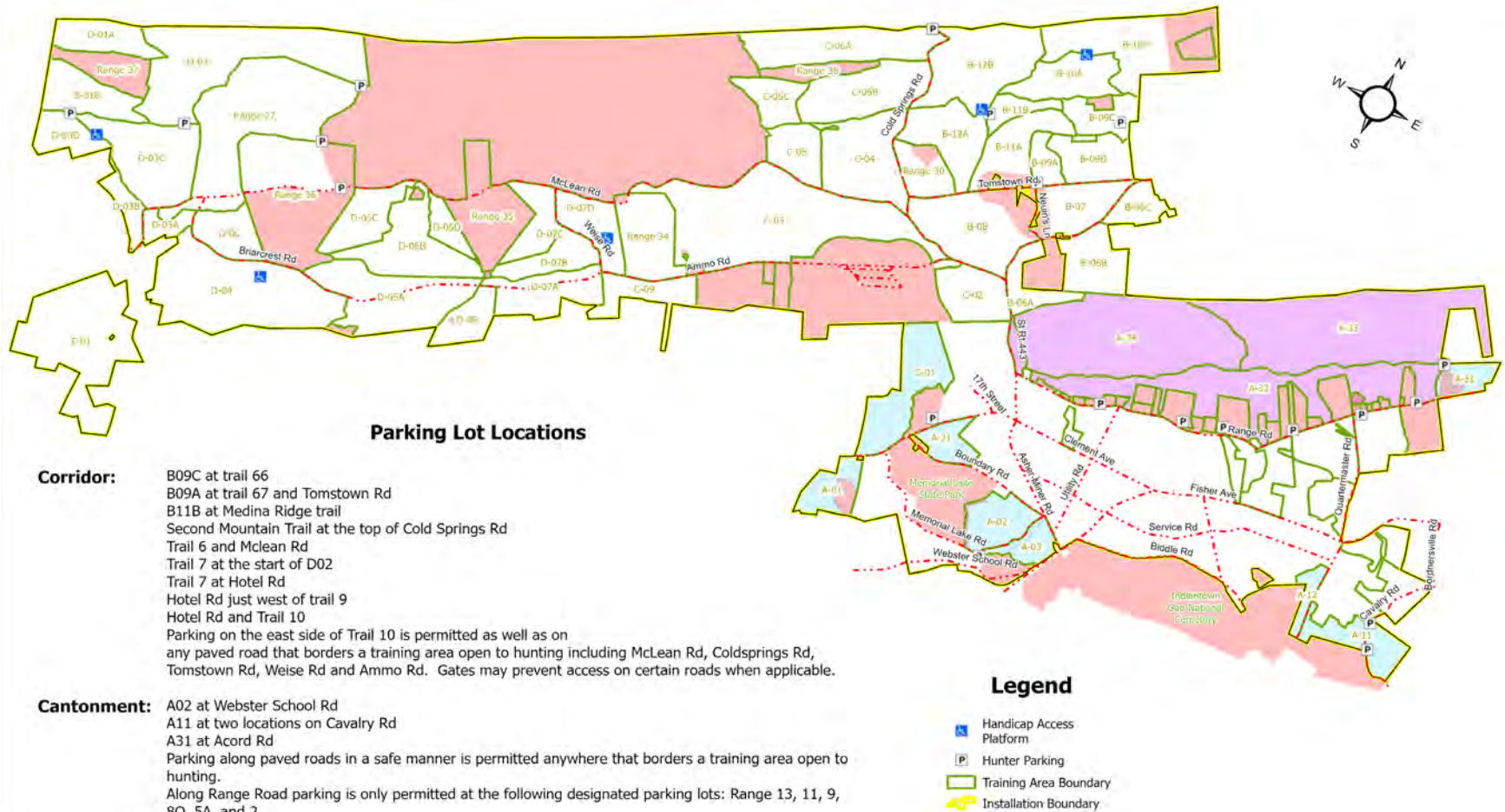
Check-Out

- Enter Login Username and Password
- Check-Out
- Confirm Game Harvested
- Confirm Check-Out
- Log Out

VEHICLE DASH PERMIT

- A Vehicle Dash Permit will be included with your permit purchase. This permit must be printed upon purchase and placed on the dash of your vehicle whenever recreating on the installation.
- The dash permit of each individual in the vehicle must be displayed on the dash at all times.

PARKING AREAS



NEW INTERACTIVE MAP



ACCESSIBLE AREAS

- To view the interactive map, use this link:
<https://paarng-gis.pa.gov/portal/apps/View/index.html?appid=cb06b843f4f74ff0a9ee68dbefa8e0d6>
- OR participants are responsible for obtaining, learning, and understanding the FTIG Outdoor Recreation Map. **Red** areas are OFF LIMITS. **Blue** areas are restricted to archery equipment only. **Purple** areas allow archery and shotguns
- This link can be found on the FTIG iSportsman webpage and PDF copies of the Cantonment and Corridor maps can be downloaded
- See FTIG REG 215-2 or Wildlife Staff for further explanation.

RECOVERING DEAD OR INJURED GAME

- It is unlawful for a hunter under PA Game Code to refuse or neglect to make a reasonable effort to retrieve any game or wildlife that the hunter may have killed or wounded.
- Contact Range Operations or the Wildlife Office ASAP if wounded game enters a closed or restricted area.
- It is at the discretion of Range Operations as to whether game can be recovered from closed or restricted areas.
- Contact the PA Game Commission if wounded game enters private property.

GAME HARVEST STATION

- All harvested fish and game must be reported within the FTIG iSportsman system.
- When finished reporting game in the harvest section of the check-out, you must click “I don’t have any more harvests” to finish the check-out process.
- **Failure to report ANY game harvested could result in the revocation of a permit.**
- Successful hunters are required to bring their deer to the deer harvest station throughout regular deer firearms season (**Check In Facility – Bldg 12-097 – Intersection of Rt443 and Clement Ave**) whenever it is designated open.

DEER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (DMAP)

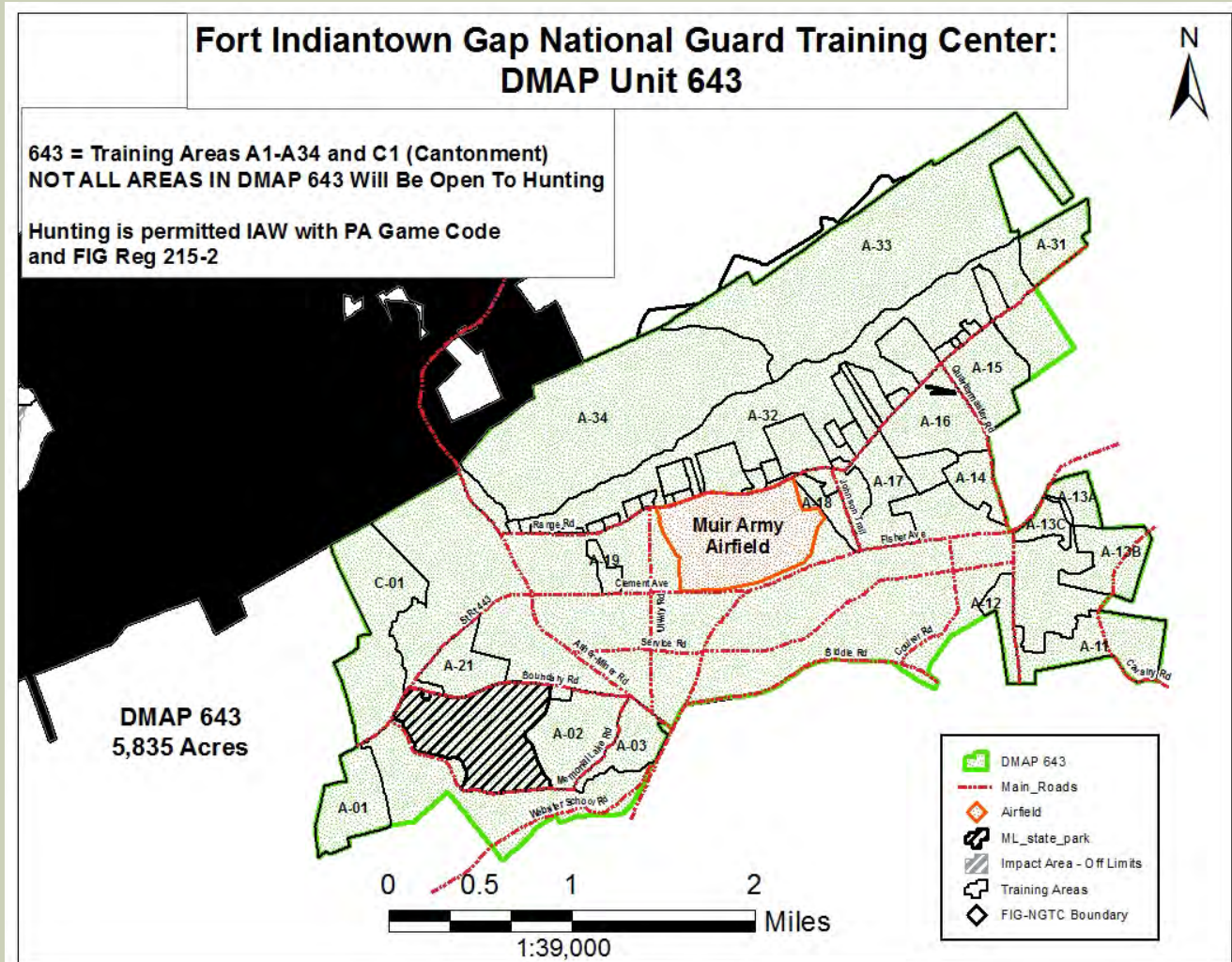
- Hunters May Receive DMAP Coupons After Viewing Safety Brief— See News/Alerts tab on iSportsman home page for information on the times and locations that coupons will be available.
- Take Coupon to License Vendor, Pay \$10 + \$0.97 Handling Fee, and Receive Tag from Vendor.
- Only valid as an antlerless tag in the DMAP unit on Fort Indiantown Gap.
- DMAP Coupons **MUST BE REDEEMED** For Tags. **Unredeemed Coupons Will Result in Revocation of DMAP Privileges**
- Hunters Must Report (Via Card or Online) To PGC Even If They Do Not Harvest a deer with the tag.
- Names Of Hunters Receiving DMAP Coupons Will Be Provided To PGC IAW PA Game Code.
- It is preferred that hunters harvest mature doe and/or female fawns over male fawns to achieve the best practice population ratios.

DMAP UNIT 643

DMAP UNIT 643 is only composed of Training Areas South of Blue Mountain.

This includes all Alpha (A) Training Areas and C-01.

DMAP 643 Tags are not valid in any rifle areas.

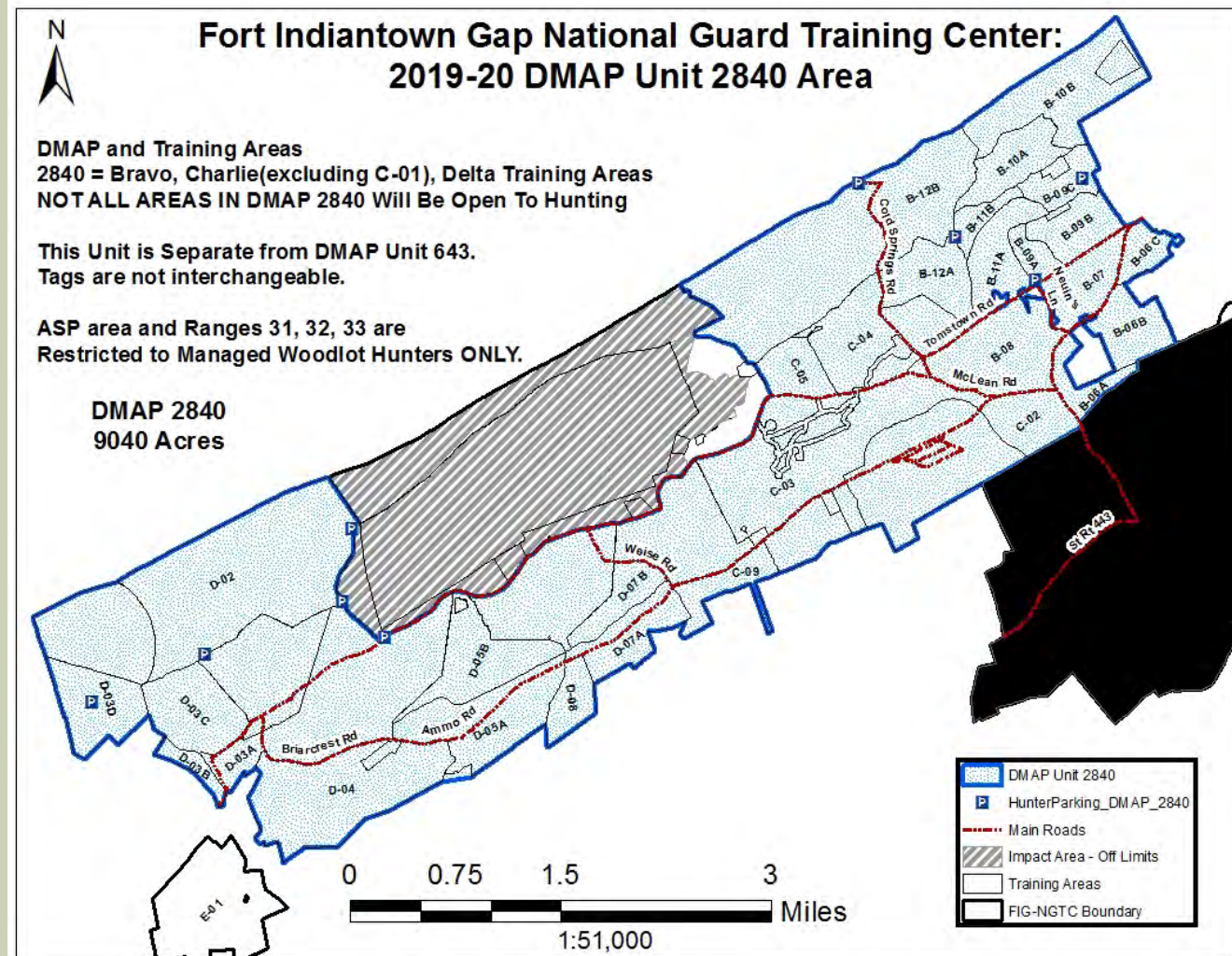


DMAP UNIT 2840

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Located in the
Training Corridor.

This includes Bravo
(B), Charlie (C)
(Excluding C-01), and
Delta (D) training
areas. It also includes
two Managed
Woodlots.



VIOLATIONS

- A Point system is used to assist those who fail to comply with rules and regulations.
- Notification of infractions and number of points will be sent via e-mail to the participant.
- Any participant who accumulates 3 points will lose their OR privileges for up to one year. Violations of The PA Game Code and any unsafe act will result in revocation from 1 year to forever.
- Unregistered vehicles and hunters with invalid contact information will result in revocation of privileges.

EXAMPLES OF IMPROPER ACTIONS

- Failing to Check-in/out Properly
- Improper Parking
- Accidental Entry Into a Closed Area
- Leaving tree stands overnight
- Failing to Present Permit When Asked
- Speeding
- Failure to Display Vehicle Dash Permit
- Interfering in the Recreation of Other Hunters
- Will Result in 1-2 Points
- Any item left in training areas overnight will be confiscated.

ILLEGAL, UNSAFE ACTIONS, OR INTERFERE WITH TRAINING

- Falsifying or not updating information
- Entry into Impact Area (3-strand wire fence)
- Violation of Game Laws
- Spotlighting
- Willful entry into closed areas
- Harassment or intimidation
- Supplemental feeding or stocking of wildlife
- Possession of illegal substances
- Vandalism, theft, or target shooting
- Shooting across ranges or other off-limit areas
- Use of Game/Trail cameras
- Any of These Actions Could Result in Permanent Revocation of Privileges and/or Citations from Law Enforcement

STAYING UP-TO-DATE

- **News/Alerts Page –**

- Your first stop for current information

- **Open Areas and Status? –**

- iSportsman area availability number: (855) 522-2068
- Open Areas Link – See what's open today and tomorrow

LOGIN/REGISTER

Need to login? New to iSportsman?
Click here to login or register.

OPEN AREAS

Need to check which areas are available?
View area status here.

ALERTS/NEWS

Keep up-to-date with the latest
alerts and news at your facility.

- **Questions –**

- Visit the FAQ page in the menu drop-down for answers to common questions



IMPORTANT REMINDERS!!!

- Know Where You Are And What You Are Doing.
- **Keep your contact information up to date.**
- Check-in and Out Properly
- Spend time using the FTIG OR Interactive map
- Harvest Station is Mandatory When Open –
Bldg 12-097. Hunters & Anglers MUST report any and all harvests
- Follow DMAP Regulations where they apply
- All PGC & PFBC Regulations Apply to Hunting at FTIG
- New CWD regulations for DMA 8
- Noncompliance of FTIG REG 215-2 = **Reduced Opportunities For ALL**

CONTACT INFORMATION

	Building	Number	Email	Comment
Range Operations	11-9	717-861-2152 or 2153		Call for all access/safety concerns
Fort Indiantown Gap Police	7-05	717-861-2727		All emergencies
Wildlife Office Nick Hoffman	26-151	717-861-2663	<u>RA-MVORP@pa.gov</u>	Outdoor Recreation Manager
Public Affairs Office	8-41	717-861-8468		
Fish and Game Conservation Club	13-4	NA	Facebook page	Meets third Thursday of each month Will read same info displayed on iSportsman Nav Map
Training Area Availability		855-522-2068	ftig.isportsman.net	

The Wildlife/Forestry Office Building 26-151 is along Tomstown Road across from training area B-08.

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/ftindiantowngap/>



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

By acknowledging that you have watched the entire video, you are stating that:

- You understand that you are solely responsible for knowing the rules and regulations of the Outdoor Recreation Program at FTIG.
- You recognize and assume all of the risks associated with participation in outdoor recreation activities at FTIG.
- You give FTIG the right to use your still photo or video image, or words (audio or text-based) in any media, for purposes of evaluation, activities, research, promotion, marketing, recruiting, fund raising, exhibits or any other lawful purpose.
- You **AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS**, for any and all purposes, FTIG, U.S. Army, Department of Defense, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and their respective officers, agents, volunteers and employees of and from any and all liability for any damage to or loss of property, any injury to person, including death, arising directly or indirectly out of participation in the activities.