

Army Morale, Welfare, and Recreation

**Hunting, Fishing, and
Outdoor Recreation in the
Training Areas**

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Fort Indiantown Gap
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Public use of Fort Indiantown Gap may be limited or terminated due to alerts or threats to the installation.

Range Operations will post updates to this regulation at the Outdoor Recreation Check-in Facility located in BLDG 12-97 at the intersection of Clemet Ave. and Moonshine Rd/Rt 443.

Summary of Change

FTIG REGULATION 215-2

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This is a major revision


- Clarifies the changes created by implementing the 14-day Firearm Deer Season and the removal of the lottery if not needed for hunter management (para 2-3)
- Printed Permit required in the dash of the vehicle instead of paper dash card (para 2-1)
- Lottery Section changed to Firearms Deer Season Access Permit and updates number of days of firearm deer season from 12 to 14 (para 2-3)
- Additional draws in a lottery based on volunteer hours removed
- Sunday hunting hours only on Pennsylvania Game Commission identified big game Sundays (para 2-6)
- Clarification on and use of Remote Check-In and Out Procedures (para 2-7)
- Creation of Disabled Hunter Assistant Permits available directly through Wildlife Office (para 2-10)
- Shuey Lake returned to Public Access (para 2-12)
- It is no longer required to register a trap line on the clipboard or in-person at Wildlife Office. Must check-in to all trapping areas through iSportsman (para 4-4)
- Electric Bicycles added to list of prohibited off-road vehicles (para 4-5)
- Failing to update registration information is considered a serious violation (para 4-5)
- Update to all emergency policies (para 4-6)
- Conservation/Wildlife Office address changed to building 26-151 Tomstown Rd. (para 4-7)
- New Wildlife Contact Phone Number (223)229-6066 (para 4-7)

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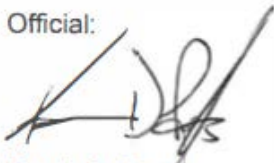
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History. This publication supersedes all previous FTIG regulations pertaining to Outdoor Recreation.

Summary. This regulation is a revision of the current regulation. It outlines special rules and regulations for outdoor recreation activities in Fort Indiantown Gap training areas while safely training military personnel.

Applicability. This regulation applies to all users of the Fort Indiantown Gap Range Facility Complex. Unless otherwise stated, masculine nouns and pronouns refer to both men and women.

Proponent. The proponent for this

regulation is the Directorate of Plans, Operations, Training, and Security for Fort Indiantown Gap.

Suggested Improvements. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on a DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) directly to: Directorate of Plans, Operations, Training, and Security.

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Chapter 1 General

1-1. Purpose

This regulation outlines special rules and procedures for outdoor recreation activities on Fort Indiantown Gap (FTIG) training areas (TAs). Outdoor recreation at FTIG is a privilege contingent upon compliance with all the provisions outlined in this regulation. Participants in the FTIG Outdoor Recreation Program do not have exclusive use of training areas as unscheduled military, maintenance, and management activities may occur. Under no circumstances are participants to interfere with FTIG military or civilian staff performing their duties. The Garrison Commander has the authority to change or revise this regulation. Outdoor Recreation will post changes at the Check-in Facility.

1-2. Authority

Federal Law authorizes recreation activities at FTIG. The Garrison Commander manages these activities in accordance with appropriate Department of Defense and Army rules and regulations and federal and state laws for the protection of natural resources at FTIG.

a. Recreational activities are permitted on FTIG at the discretion of the Garrison Commander. The Garrison Commander may suspend all activities in the training areas based on training requirements, available personnel, staffing resources, and installation security.

b. The Garrison Commander may make changes to this regulation as deemed necessary. Any changes will be posted at the FTIG Outdoor Recreation Check-in Facility. This facility is located at Bldg 12-97 next to SR 443, at intersection of Clement Ave and Moonshine Church Rd.. In addition, change information will be posted online in the iSportsman system.

1-3. References

Required and related publications and prescribed and referenced forms are listed in appendix A.

1-4. Objectives

a. While maintaining military training as the priority, integrate natural resource management with training resource management to provide the maximum training and recreational opportunities possible.

b. Protect Federal, State, and private property from damage, misuse, theft, or abuse.

c. Protect natural resources. Army Regulation 200-1, Environmental Protection and Enhancement, prescribes current Army policies, procedures, and standards for the conservation, management, and restoration of land and the renewable natural resources thereon consistent with and in support of the military mission and national policies.

d. The Fish and Wildlife Management program will provide the management of fish and wildlife populations and their habitats consistent with accepted scientific principles, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act and other applicable laws and regulations. Emphasize the maintenance and restoration of habitat favorable to the production of indigenous fish and wildlife, particularly federally listed species protected under the Endangered Species Act.

1-5. Responsibilities

a. The Garrison Commander, in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Game and Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commissions: administers the wildlife conservation program and directs the development of plans for continued enhancement of the wildlife conservation program on FTIG.

b. FTIG Wildlife Conservation Advisory Council: Provides recommendations to the Garrison Commander on all matters relating to the wildlife conservation program to include:

- (1) Budget development
- (2) Program development
- (3) Program management
- (4) Recreational Activities (Hunting, Trapping, Fishing & Related)

c. The council consists of representatives from the following entities:

- (1) Garrison Commander or designated representative
- (2) Garrison Command Sergeant Major or designated representative
- (3) Director of Bureau of Environmental Management or designated representative
- (4) Command Chief Warrant Officer or designated representative

- (5) President of the Fish and Game Conservation Club
- (6) Wildlife Program Manager or designated representative
- (7) Director for Plans, Operations, Training, and Security (DPOTS) or designated representative
- (8) Public Affairs Office (PAO)
- (9) DAG-Army (Non-Voting)
- (10) Deputy Base Operations Manager (Non-Voting)
- (11) Fund Secretary (Non-Voting)
- (12) Fund Treasurer (Non-Voting)

d. *FTIG Police*: Responsible for law enforcement and security on the installation. Contact the FTIG Police at (717) 861-2727, Building 7-5. In support of the Outdoor Recreation Program, the FTIG Police will:

- (1) Train police officers on applicable laws to assist PA Game and PA Fish & Boat Commissions.
- (2) Cooperate with Federal, State, and Installation entities to protect natural resources and the safety of personnel on FTIG.
- (3) Report Game Law and Fish & Boat Law violations to respective agencies for enforcement and prosecution.
- (4) In the absence of a Game Warden/Waterways Conservation Officer will apprehend and, if necessary, detain wildlife law violators, record appropriate information needed for prosecution, and secure evidence. As required, the FTIG Police Department will then provide the information to a Game or Fish & Boat Commission's officer for disposition.
- (5) Will be available to provide testimony in court, if necessary, about cases they initiated.
- (6) Enforce FTIG Regulations.
- (7) Monitor and apprehend, if necessary, individuals trespassing in training or restricted access areas.
- (8) Provide information on wildlife-related incidents and violations to appropriate FTIG offices.

e. *PAO*: Provides public information and media concerning recreation activities on FTIG.

- (1) FTIG is public land, and government employees are permitted to take photos for official use only.
- (2) Outdoor Recreation Participants are not authorized to take photographs of facilities on FTIG.

f. *Wildlife Office*.

- (1) Manage wildlife (to include plant and fishery resources) using best management practices.
- (2) Coordinate recreational activities with Range Operations.
- (3) Will display available areas for hunting, fishing, and trapping using iSportsman. Areas available for the next day will also be viewable.

(4) Monitor Outdoor Recreation Check-in Facility.

(5) In coordination with FTIG Staff, manage the FTIG Wildlife Conservation Fund (recreational access fee).

(6) Collect and analyze data on wildlife populations using harvest check station and harvest data reported in iSportsman.

(7) Collect and analyze hunter use and activity data from iSportsman.

(8) Develop and distribute educational information to recreation users.

(9) Develop and implement the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan.

(10) Work closely with and assist the FTIG Police and other law enforcement agencies by reporting violations and unsafe actions promptly.

(11) Responsible for overseeing work parties and volunteer & community service programs.

g. *Directorate for Plans, Operations, Training, and Security (DPOTS)*

(1) Will cover installation safety concerns during annual online iSportsman briefings.

(2) Will determine available areas and input information in the Range Facility Management Support System (RFMSS).

(3) Responsible for controlling access to available areas.

(4) Work closely with and assist the FTIG Police and other law enforcement agencies by reporting violations and unsafe actions promptly.

(5) Is the authority for official suspension or revocation of outdoor recreation privileges.

1-6. Fort Indiantown Gap Availability

a. FTIG outdoor recreation in the training areas is active in accordance with both state regulated hunting seasons and FTIG operation considerations. Hunting and trapping begins in the first week of September and ends in February. Hunting begins again with Spring Turkey in April and May. Access ends on the last day of the Spring Turkey Season unless otherwise specified. Refer to pgc.pa.gov for season openings and closures.

b. The FTIG Range Management Authority will identify available training areas designated for hunting considering military training missions and maintenance requirements.

Chapter 2

Activities

2-1. Registration

a. Anyone 12 years or older that utilizes FTIG for recreational activities in the training areas or other restricted-to-public areas must view and complete a FTIG Outdoor Recreation Program Orientation and Safety Briefing on <https://ftig.isportsman.net>.

b. The Safety Briefing is mandatory and valid for the General Permit Year (September through May). The open period for registrations and the purchase of permits may vary.

c. Anyone under the age of 18 must register and be accompanied by an adult during all Outdoor Recreational Activities.

d. Sportsmen and women will complete the iSportsman online registration before participating in Outdoor Recreation activities at FTIG.

e. Upon registration with the FTIG iSportsman system, a person will have created an online Username, Password, and PIN, and will be given a permit number (when purchased) unique to them for daily sign-in at outdoor recreation kiosk locations. It is important to record and remember the created login information. It will be required to access permits online, update personal information, and sign in and out for outdoor recreation activities. It is the user's responsibility to protect their login information from misuse by other participants. Any sharing of login information or persons using counterfeit login information will risk suspension or revocation from the outdoor recreation program.

f. Registered participants are issued a permit detailing activities for which they have paid and are eligible. This permit must be printed and kept for proof of registration each year. This permit will be displayed on the dashboard of the vehicle and visible from the outside of the vehicle. If requested, this permit must be available to show to Range Operations, FTIG Police Department, Game Warden, or FTIG Wildlife Office.

g. All vehicles driven onto the installation must be registered in iSportsman. This information must be updated whenever a new or additional vehicle is used.

2-2. Fees

a. The establishment of fees is required under Army Regulation 200-1. FTIG Outdoor Recreation Program access fees are used to support the FTIG Wildlife Conservation Fund and, where appropriate, the FTIG Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Fund.

b. All Outdoor Recreation Access Fees are non-refundable.

c. All persons older than 16 years of age must pay a \$50 General Access Permit fee. Persons 12 to 16 are not required to pay the fee but must register online and complete the online safety briefing. Fees are paid online with a credit card or at the Wildlife Office (BLDG 26-151) with cash or Money Order at the time permits are acquired. Checks are not accepted. Those individuals unable to register online must make arrangements by calling the Wildlife Office at (223) 229-6066 or sending a message to RA-MVORP@pa.gov. Sportsmen and women are able to complete manual registrations on an individual basis at the discretion of the Wildlife Office.

2-3. Deer Firearm Season Access Permit

a. All hunters (12 years and older) interested in hunting in the Corridor, with any weapon, for any game, during the 14 days of Deer Firearm Season must purchase a Deer Firearms Season Access Permit along with the General Access Permit. The Deer Firearm Season Access Permit will cost \$20 in addition to the fee for the General Access Permit.

b. The number of hunters allowed to hunt will depend on the status of the current training mission and the training areas available for hunting. For operational needs and safety reasons, the Training Center will limit the number of hunters per Training Area accordingly. During Deer Firearm Season, the areas permitting firearms will be limited to 80 acres per hunter. The Training Areas open, and the maximum number of hunters allowed, based on training area availability, will be posted the day before.

c. . At times of high demand and/or limited available training areas, FTIG may use a lottery to allocate the number of hunters allowed to hunt in areas on FTIG north of Blue Mountain to ensure safety.

(1) The access fee will enter the outdoor recreation participant into a lottery when applicable.

(2) Training Areas South of the top of Blue Mountain do not require a Deer Firearms Season Access Permit to hunt during the 14 days of firearms season and would not be included in the Lottery if used.

(3) Some registered hunters participating in the lottery may not be drawn for Deer Firearm Season.

(4) The results of the drawing (names and permit numbers) for each day of lottery in Deer Firearm Season will be posted at the Check-in Facility and on the FTIG website (iSportsman)

(5) If either a youth (<18 years old) hunter's or the official guardian's Lottery Number is drawn, then both participants are permitted to hunt (this includes other registered youth siblings). PGC Game Code states that minors must be accompanied by an adult.

(6) To maximize recreational use, a waiting list may be utilized. Waiting list slots for lottery days will be determined by Wildlife staff and be regulated in the iSportsman system. A finite number of waiting list slots will be available, separate from the reserved lottery slots, on a first-come, first-served basis.

(7) Slots for hunters picked in the lottery will be reserved from the total allotted for the day until legal shooting time (or a time deemed prudent by Wildlife staff) and opened on a first-come, first-served basis after that time.

(8) As deemed appropriate by FTIG staff, the waiting list may be suspended, cancelled, or altered in any fashion without prior notice.

2-4. Recreational Activities (Hunting, Fishing, And Trapping)

a. Available Training Areas.

(1) All recreational users of FTIG must become familiar with the boundaries of the training areas.

(2) Range Operations will suspend outdoor recreation activities on training areas due to military training requirements. The FTIG Range Management Authority or designee will determine available areas each week. Available areas will be viewable online in the iSportsman system for the next day at the close of outdoor recreation hours each day.

(3) The designation (name) and locations of Training Areas are marked with metal yellow keystone-shaped signs throughout the installation. These areas are identified on FTIG Outdoor Recreation Maps (available for distribution from Range Operations) and the detailed maps at the Outdoor Recreation Check-in Facility.

(4) Outdoor Recreation participants are only permitted to enter areas that they are registered/signed in for. Users are not allowed to move through a closed Training Area to access Training Areas on their permit. For example, if a hunter is signed into TAs B-11B and B-10B, this user is not allowed to park along Cold Spring Road and walk across TA B-12A for Outdoor Recreation. Similarly, if a training area is closed, hunters may not park in Hunter Parking Areas in those closed areas.

(5) A recording of accessible training areas is available by dialing 1 (855) 522-2068. This recording is offered as a courtesy to FTIG Outdoor Recreation Program participants. Information addressed in the recording is subject to change. Individuals are still required to confirm (at the Outdoor Recreation Check-in Facility) that desired Training Areas are available for recreational use before engaging in outdoor recreation activities.

(6) General Outdoor Recreation Information can be found on the iSportsman Website <https://ftig.isportsman.net> or by calling (717) 861-2663.

2-5. Archery Range

a. Users will be a registered participant in the FTIG Outdoor Recreation Program.

b. All arrows/bolts will be fired at the targets located within the shed on Range 2.

c. No targets will be placed on the range without prior approval from Range Operations.

d. Targets will remain between 10M marker and 40M marker; you will request permission from Range Operations to move them outside of that area.

e. Before using the range; you must check-in and out at Range Operations.

f. No more than two people per tower.

g. No more than two archers may shoot at the same time.

h. Any disputes with other archers on the range will be reported to Range Operations immediately.

i. Any damage to the range must be reported to Range Operations immediately.

j. Failure to adhere to any of the above could result in the suspension of your Outdoor Recreation privileges.

2-6. Hours

a. When permitted, hunting hours on FTIG mirror the PA Game Commission. Refer to the PA State Game Commission's Digest of Pennsylvania Hunting and Trapping Regulations.

b. Hunters are permitted to sign in no earlier than 2 hours before legal shooting time.

c. On FTIG, all Outdoor Recreation users must sign out by the posted time. Posted time mirrors PGC legal shooting time, with an additional 90 minutes allocated during big game seasons to allow for retrieval and removal of harvested game. Access time may be shortened due to personnel and resource restraints. If a hunter needs to stay in a Training Area past posted time, the individual must contact the Wildlife Office immediately to coordinate.

Persons that have failed to sign out by the posted time may receive a digital notification alert (text or email). Failure to checkout in a proper and timely manner will subject the violator to potential suspension of outdoor recreation privileges.

d. Access for scouting will begin the day after Labor Day each year. The final day of the Spring Turkey season is the final day of Outdoor Recreation for the year.

e. Spotlighting and hunting at night are prohibited on FTIG.

f. Outdoor Recreation at FTIG is closed on Sundays except those Sundays authorized by The PA Game Commission for Deer and Bear.

2-7. Check-In and Out Procedures

a. All registered users must check-in and out of FTIG Outdoor Recreation Check-in Facility using the iSportsman system. This must be done daily using a smartphone or computer on the iSportsman website or the kiosks located off SR 443 at intersection of Clement Ave and Moonshine Rd. Before entering any Training Areas, individuals will log in with their username and password and choose to access areas that are available through the map-based program. Areas available may be limited by training activities, permits purchased by the user, and designated user permissions.

b. Users may change training areas or activities by signing out of areas that they are leaving and signing back into areas before they enter them. Hunters must be checked into a training area at all times while they are on the installation outside of public access areas.

c. Display of paper printout of each permit is a requirement when engaging in outdoor recreation activities. The driver and every occupant of a vehicle will position their permit on the front dashboard with the face-up so that it is visible and legible from outside the vehicle.

d. Failure to check out remotely will be handled no differently than failure to check out at the kiosk. Failure to check out will result in points being levied and suspensions issued. Any harvested game determined as not checked in will result in the immediate revocation of hunting privileges.

e. Any person found hunting, scouting, or driving around in training areas at FTIG who failed to check-in or check-out properly will be treated as a trespasser and is subject to loss of outdoor recreation privileges as determined by the Garrison Commander.

f. It is the user's responsibility to ensure that they are properly checked out for the day.

g. Checking in and out for another person is not permitted. Doing so may result in loss of outdoor recreation privileges.

h. Permit holders must know the boundaries of training areas. Entry, accidental or intentional, into a training area not checked into is considered trespassing. Hunters are not permitted to trespass on private lands within or near the FTIG boundary. The boundary of FTIG is clearly marked with purple painted blazes on trees and yellow boundary signs. Outdoor recreation activities, including hunting and trapping, will not occur within 25 meters of the installation boundary. PGC Safety Zone Regulations apply for all structures capable of concealing a person.

2-8. Archery Only Areas

a. All ranges in the training complex (with provisions for hunters with disabilities) are archery-only areas regarding big game hunting. Except for Range 34, archers are only allowed to be in the fringe areas (areas with trees at the edges of the range). Under no circumstances will hunting take place next to targets, buildings, and other range facilities.

b. FTIG reserves the right to regulate the number of hunters in Archery Only training areas for the quality of hunt and management purposes.

c. Garrison Commander may allow muzzleloaders, shotguns, and rimfire firearms on an as-needed basis.

d. Archery hunting and turkey hunting with a shotgun with birdshot are permitted in Range 38 (Formerly C-6, but not on the targeted portion of the range). Firing into or over this area is not permitted.

e. Range 27 & Range 36 are large ranges. Archery and shotgun hunting with birdshot will be allowed within range proper North of McLean Rd. Hunters need to be aware of the locations of targets, berms, facilities and not interfere with Range or Reservation Maintenance Staff.

2-9. Big Game and Impact Area Restriction

a. Big Game hunters cannot hunt within 100 meters of Trail 2, Trail 7, and McLean Road between Trails 2 and 7. Do not loiter on these trails.

b. Game may still be retrieved within this 100-meter buffer. Contact Range Operations for all big game entering the Main Impact Area for risk assessment and possible retrieval. NEVER ENTER THE IMPACT AREA as death or

serious injury from UXO is eminent.

2-10. Hunters with Disabilities

a. Individuals with disabilities that wish to utilize FTIG for hunting will adhere to the state game laws. Currently, the PA Game Commission issues permits for individuals with disabilities to use a vehicle as a hunting blind.

(1) Handicapped license plates and handicapped parking permits (issued by PennDOT) are not acceptable substitutions for PGC permits and do not grant an individual any authorization to violate FTIG Regulations. Any individual without a permit from the PA Game Commission is subject to all Installation, State, and Federal regulations and laws. The PGC-707-LE application is available from the PA Game Commission.

(2) Retrieval of the game is the sole responsibility of the individual.

b. Use of vehicles in training areas.

(1) Hunters with disabilities may use a vehicle in available areas under the following conditions:

(a) Hunters with disabilities must possess a valid PA Game Commission permit that states a vehicle can be used as a blind.

(b) After registration, individuals must visit the Wildlife Office and present a PGC Permit allowing the use of a vehicle as a blind to receive a FTIG parking permit to display on their windshield while hunting. This will identify the vehicle as a hunter with a disability to other hunters and installation officials.

(c) Hunters with disabilities who travel into a training area via trails with their vehicle may park and exit their vehicle to hunt or use as a Handicap Accessible Platform in accordance with the PA Game Laws.

(d) Not all trails are suitable (rough and rutted) for privately owned vehicles.

(e) Road hunting (traveling on roads in search of game with a loaded weapon) is illegal.

(2) Registered attendants who have watched the annual safety videos may accompany hunters with disabilities. Registered attendants will apply for a Disabled Hunter Assistant Permit which is available through the Wildlife Office. This individual, on behalf of the disabled hunter, may do the following:

(a) Assist in registration and conduct FTIG Outdoor Recreation Check-in Facility business for the hunter with a disability while the hunter remains in the vehicle.

(b) Drive the vehicle and aid in retrieving any game harvested by the hunter.

(c) The attendants are prohibited from hunting if they have not purchased a permit.

(3) Check-In/Check-Out procedures are the same.

(a) Transporting individuals other than attendants is strictly prohibited. Violators will lose privileges for the remainder of the season and may be cited for law violations.

(b) Hunters with disabilities may utilize the Handicapped-accessible Platform on Range 34 (on Wood Road near Weise Road) but not anywhere else on Range 34.

c. If a lottery is in use, Hunters with Disabilities can drive up next to the Outdoor Recreation Check-in Facility and honk their horn. Staff will come out to assist with check-in.

2-11. Mentored Hunting

a. Mentored youth (under 12 years old) can hunt in accordance with PA Game Code. Registered guardians wanting to participate must fill out a mentored youth form. This form is available online or at the Conservation Building 26-151.

b. A mentor is responsible and accountable for all actions of the mentored youth occurring while on the installation.

c. Mentored youth must register in the iSportsman System and be in the company of a guardian. Guardian must be a registered FTIG Outdoor Recreation Program participant.

d. Youth hunters will view a FTIG Outdoor Recreation Program Orientation and Safety Briefing to participate in hunting activities on FTIG.

e. Parents and legal guardians are responsible for ensuring that their child understands the dangers associated with Unexploded Ordnance (UXO).

2-12. Fishing

a. Fishing is authorized at Shuey Lake, along Indiantown Run from the bridge at St. Joseph Springs (Cooperative Trout Nursery) and South along Route 443 into Marquette Lake and Marquette Lake South to State Route 443. These areas do not require registration, access fee, or Outdoor Recreation Check-in. Parking along any of the tank trails in these areas is prohibited.

b. Fishing in available hunting and trapping areas is authorized and requires registration, access fee payment, and check-in. Streams and ponds located in training areas are not stocked. Anglers should limit the number of

trout they harvest since wild trout are susceptible to over-harvest. This also applies to fishing in Indiantown Run through A-21.

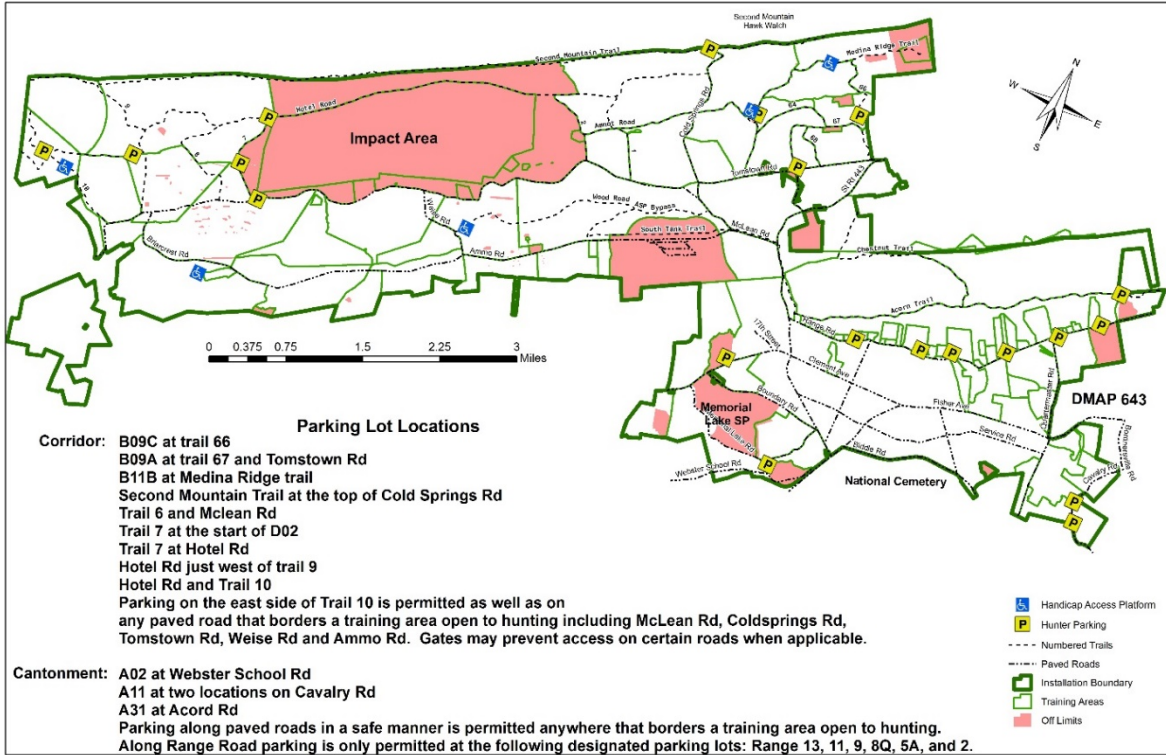
- c. PA Fish & Boat Commission laws are applicable and enforced on FTIG.
- d. Privately owned boats, float tubes, inner tubes, or other flotation devices are prohibited on FTIG.

Chapter 3

Safety

3-1. Roads and Parking

- a. The speed limit on all roads and trails is 15 MPH unless otherwise posted.
- b. North, South, and East tank trails are off-limits unless approved by the Garrison Commander. Armored and tactical vehicle traffic creates an unsafe environment for privately owned vehicles.
- c. Trails in training areas are hazardous. Privately-owned vehicle traffic is limited to the following:
 - (1) Hunters can drive into training areas using established trails and roads to retrieve bear and deer.
 - (2) Hunters can drive on Trail 10 (TA D3A and TA D3C) and Hotel Road to the hunter parking area near the intersection of Hotel Road and Trail 9 (parking on the East side of Trail 10). Hunters can utilize Trail 67 (5-Points Trail in TA B-09B and TA B-09C) to drive to the designated parking area in B-09C. Hunters can drive on Medina Ridge Trail to designated parking areas in B-11B. Do not drive past the designated parking areas.
 - (3) Hunters must park along paved roads, off the asphalt, except for established and advertised hunter parking areas.
 - (4) Second Mountain Hawk Watch is no longer an approved Hunter Parking Area. Travel on Second Mountain Trail East of Cold Springs Road is authorized to retrieve big game only.
- d. Outdoor Recreation users are required to drive directly to the area that they are checked into (no sightseeing or joyriding).
- e. It is unlawful to park vehicles in a manner that blocks roads, gates, barriers or presents an unsafe situation.
- f. Bicycles, non-motorized, are authorized for use by hunters for direct travel to and from their hunting location on major trails throughout the training area to exclude North, South, & East Tank Trails as stated above.
- g. All vehicles used for outdoor recreation must be properly registered with FTIG Range Operations.
- h. Government employees are not permitted to recover vehicles that are broken down or stuck. Contact FTIG Range Operations if vehicle issues arise. Removal of all disabled/stuck vehicles is the responsibility of the owner.
- i. When TA A-32, A-33, A-34 are available, Outdoor Recreation parking is permitted in authorized parking areas only. These parking areas are located on or near Ranges 02, 05, 08, 09, 11, & 13. No vehicles will park on Range Road.
- j. Hunters in TA A-31 must use the designated parking area near Acorn Rd.
- k. Hunters on Cavalry Rd in A-11 should use parking areas and not park on the road.



3-2. Ammunition Supply Point Hazard Warning

In the unlikely event of an accidental detonation of one or more ammunition magazines, persons passing near this area may be at risk of serious injury or death. Stay clear of the ASP (at least 200 meters).

3-3. Signs, Gates, And Barriers

a. **DO NOT DRIVE AROUND OR BYPASS ANY CLOSED GATES, BARRIERS, OR DANGER SIGNS. MILITARY TRAINING CONDUCTED IN THOSE AREAS COULD CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.**

b. Examples of signs that you will encounter at FTIG:



Walking or Hunting in the Impact Area May Kill You



Lasers may cause SERIOUS eye injury or blindness!!!







3-4. Unexploded Ordnance (UXO)

a. UXO or dud is any piece of ordnance (bullet, shell, round, mine, bomb, rocket, flare, simulator, missile, etc.) that did not function as designed and, therefore, remains extremely dangerous. FTIG has been used for military training since the 1930s. UXO is extremely volatile, and if disturbed, could detonate (blow up) and injure or kill you. This includes items painted blue.

b. If UXO is found, please do the following: mark the general area (stay away from UXO when marking; toilet paper is recommended for marking material), take a picture for ID purposes, and report location immediately to Range Operations at (717) 861-2152/2153. If possible, use a GPS to determine coordinates of UXO as that information will assist in re-locating the potential UXO.

c. Below are some examples of UXO.



***DO NOT TOUCH ANYTHING
THAT MIGHT BE A DUD (UXO).***

IT MIGHT KILL YOU!

REPORT UXO'S IMMEDIATELY TO RANGE
OPERATIONS AT 861-2152 / 2153 OR THE FT
INDIANTOWN GAP POLICE AT 861-2727

3-5. Wood Gathering

- a. Wood gathering is no longer a part of the FTIG Outdoor Recreation Program.
- b. Direct questions involving the Firewood Program to the Forestry Office at (717) 861-2882.

3-6. Safety Requirements

- a. Participants will strictly comply with all FTIG rules and regulations.
- b. Fluorescent Orange. All registered personnel engaged in outdoor recreational activities will comply with PA Game Commission requirements regarding the use of fluorescent orange.

c. Impact Area. The Impact Area (UXO-containing area) is fenced off with three strands of barbed wire and clearly marked with IMPACT AREA signs. This area is closed to all entry, including hunting and fishing. Any person who enters any impact area will be subject to arrest for trespassing and will be permanently barred from future hunting and fishing at FTIG.

d. Other areas may be considered a UXO-containing Impact Area. These areas will be considered off-limits in the iSportsman system.

e. UXO. Any individual finding unexploded or suspected unexploded ordnance will mark the spot so it is easily to locate from an access road. Individuals finding ammunition or ammunition components will report it to Range Operations (717) 861-2152/2153. Under no circumstance will any UXO or suspected UXO be touched or removed.

3-7. Possession and Use of Firearms and Bows

a. In accordance with PA Game Code, the FTIG Garrison Commander has authorized the use of the following weapons:

(1) Big Game: use of firearms is authorized in training areas North of the crest of Blue Mountain

(a) Manually operated centerfire rifles and shotguns with all lead bullets or ball, or a bullet designed to expand on impact. Semi-automatic shotguns are not authorized at FTIG for big game.

(b) The use of buckshot is illegal.

(c) Muzzleloading long guns 44 caliber or larger.

(d) Manually operated handguns (revolver or single-shot only).

(e) Long, recurve, compound, or crossbows with broadheads of cutting-edge design.

(2) Small Game: use of firearms is authorized in training areas North of the crest of Blue Mountain

(a) Manually operated and autoloading shotguns with a capacity of no more than three shells in the chamber and magazine combined.

(b) Manually operated rifles 22 caliber or less.

(c) Long, recurve, and compound bows and arrows.

(3) Bows and crossbows: in accordance with PA Game Laws, are authorized for all available training areas.

(4) Exceptions: TAs A-33 & A-34 may be opened for muzzleloader deer hunting and shotgun hunting for turkeys with 4 shot or smaller. 22 caliber and smaller rimfire rifles and pistols are authorized post-wide for dispatching furbearers. See paragraph 4-5 for further guidance.

b. Semi-Automatic Rifles are not authorized for hunting on FTIG.

c. All hunting weapons must remain unloaded and in a vehicle until the hunter is actively engaged in hunting activities.

3-8. Scouting

a. Individuals may scout available areas before and during the hunting and trapping seasons when it does not disrupt training and other hunters. No firearms are permitted in the vehicle or the individual's possession when scouting during the off-season.

b. Daily permit and Outdoor Recreation Check-in Facility procedures are the same as described for all for Outdoor Recreation access.

3-9. Off Limits Areas

a. Training Areas, Ranges, and safety buffers scheduled for military training.

b. Cantonment and any other area not designated for outdoor recreation activities.

c. Main Impact Area and any Temporary Dudded-Impact Areas.

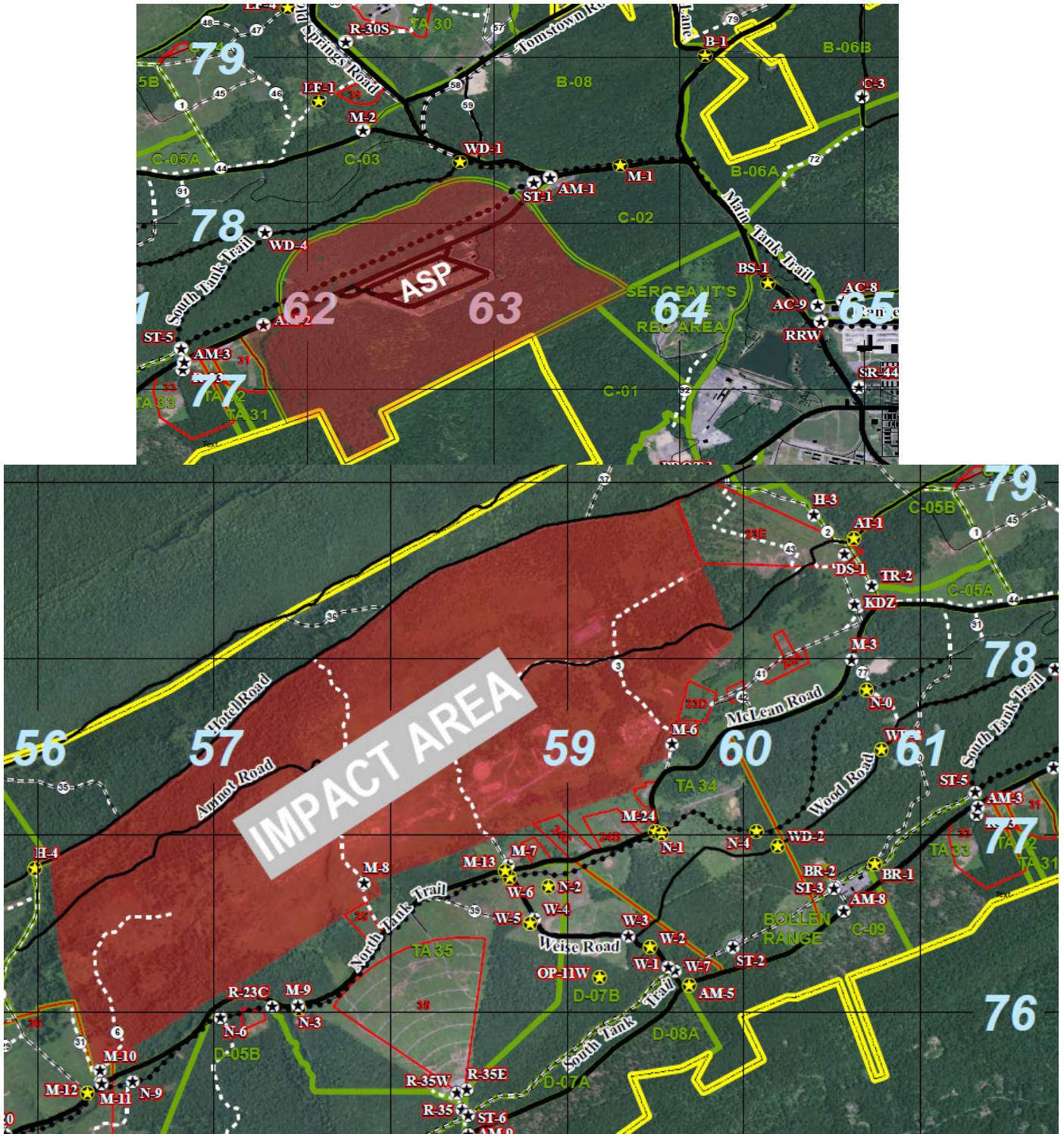
d. All Helicopter Landing Zones including, but not limited to, West Field, LZ Blue, LZ Tomahawk, and LZ Medina

e. Demolition sites including Demo B, Demo C, and Demo D.

f. Ammunition Supply Point (ASP) and areas within 200 meters of the ASP.

g. Private property, Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Memorial Lake State Park, and other areas identified by the Garrison Commander.

h. Military training facilities and equipment are not limited to range buildings, towers, trailers, containers, prop/junk vehicles, target movers, gas chambers, and target pits.



Chapter 4
 Other
 4-1. Recovering Dead or Injured Wildlife

- a. 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 injured.
- b. Contact Range Operations as soon as possible if the wounded game enters closed areas.
- c. Contact PGC if wounded game enters private property.

4-2. Game Harvest Station

a. Successful hunters are required to bring their deer to the deer harvest station when it is open. Weigh-in is typically open throughout Deer Firearm Season. Hunters who fail to report game harvested at Outdoor Recreation Check-in Facility or provide harvest data will be subject to revocation of their permit.

(1) If a hunter does not wish that a taxidermy-friendly age determination be conducted, then the hunter will be issued a deer jaw card that must be returned.

(2) Failure to return the card and jaw promptly will lead to suspension of privileges.

b. Hunters are also required to report Big Game harvest to the PA Game Commission.

c. All fish and game harvested must be reported in the iSportsman system during sign-out on the day of harvest. Failure to report may result in the suspension of privileges.

d. Wildlife management decisions are made on data provided by hunters and anglers. FTIG cannot properly manage wildlife if the data is not provided.

4-3. Seasons & Bag Limits

a. The PGC establishes hunting seasons and bag limits. The Garrison Commander can suspend or change seasons and bag limits.

b. Groundhog, Crow, and Coyote can be hunted on FTIG only during other open hunting seasons.

c. Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP). When available, coupons for FTIG DMAP tags from PGC will be distributed during designated times established by the Wildlife Office. Failure to redeem DMAP coupons will result in revocation of future DMAP privileges.

d. Earn-A-Buck. The installation, when determined necessary, will implement an Earn-A-Buck program. To reduce the overpopulation of deer, all hunters will be required to harvest an antlerless deer (preferably mature doe) and properly fill out a FTIG Fish and Game Harvest Card before they are permitted to harvest an antlered deer. When implemented, all hunters must have a PGC Antlerless Tag for WMU 4C or a Deer Management Assistance Program Tag (DMAP).

e. Bobwhite Quail. To increase the population of this native game bird, there is no quail hunting at FTIG.

f. In accordance with PA Game Code, the Garrison Commander, may provide access to uniformed personnel, family members, and the public to hunting, fishing, and trapping, consistent with security requirements and safety concerns. Garrison Commander may authorize managed hunts or trapping for wildlife population control and in support of Army-sponsored programs.

g. Trapping/Furtaking Season & Bag Limits. The PGC establishes trapping seasons and bag limits. The Garrison Commander can suspend or change seasons and bag limits.

h. Waterfowl & migratory game birds.

(1) Hunting waterfowl and migratory game birds North of the crest of Blue Mountain is authorized in accordance with Federal and State Laws.

(2) Hunting waterfowl and migratory game birds on Shuey and Marquette Lakes is prohibited.

4-4. Trapping/Furtaking

a. Areas will be scheduled for furtaking/trapping for no less than four (4) days.

b. Furtaking and Hunting can occur simultaneously.

c. 22 caliber or smaller rimfire firearms are authorized for dispatching both North and South of Blue Mountain.

d. If discharging a firearm South of the top of Blue Mountain, you must first call FTIG Police at (717) 861-2727 and request permission to do so; you will provide them with the following information:

(1) Name.

(2) FTIG Outdoor Recreation Permit Number.

(3) Vehicle type and color.

(4) Location you wish to discharge the firearm.

(5) Type of firearm.

(6) Approximate time you will be discharging your weapon. (When you come across a successful set, call in and request permission to discharge your firearm. Estimate how long it will take to check the remainder of your line and

report that time.)

(7) If you change areas, you will call again and request permission in the new area. It is vital for FTIG Police to know when and where you will be discharging your firearm.

(8) An example is as follows "Dear Sir or Ma'am, My Name is Joseph Buckman, Permit #123456, I am in TA A-02 checking my traplines, I am requesting permission to discharge my 22 revolver to dispatch a raccoon, I should be complete in the next 15 minutes."

e. Drags are prohibited in cantonment.

f. Trappers must check the trapline every 36 hours.

g. Sign in and sign out to each area visited to check or set traps through the iSportsman system.

h. Trappers must report all animals harvested in the iSportsman system.

i. All trappers must comply with PGC Furtaking regulations. The Wildlife Office will report all violations of the PA Game Code to PGC.

4-5. Prohibited Activities.

a. FTIG uses a point system to assist individuals that are unwilling to comply with FTIG rules and regulations. Any FTIG Outdoor Recreation Program participant who accumulates 3 Points will be subject to immediate revocation of privileges for one calendar year.

b. Minor Violations/ Improper Actions (1-2 points) are the responsibility of the FTIG Wildlife Office. Some actions may result in a temporary suspension (7-30 days) at the discretion of the FTIG Range Management Authority. A notification letter of infractions and the points assessed to a hunter will be sent to the individual. Minor Violations and Improper Actions may include but are not limited to:

(1) Failing to properly Check-in/Check-out (i.e., leaving blanks on check-in/out sheets).

(2) Utilizing climbing stands, portable stands, or steps that damage bark or trees.

(3) Littering (this includes plastic flagging and reflective tags to mark trails to stands and fishing line).

(4) Cutting or removal of live vegetation or standing trees.

(5) Unsportsmanlike conduct or interfering with other recreational users.

(6) Accidental entry into closed or unoccupied Training Areas.

(7) Failing to have a hunting permit or vehicle permit properly displayed.

(8) Improperly parking or minor violation of PA Motor Vehicle Code (speeding).

(9) Any importation of firewood because of pest insect issues.

(10) Any action or act deemed as a minor violation.

c. Serious Violations, Illegal Actions, or Unsafe Acts, as determined by the FTIG Garrison Commander, will equal 3 Points and an immediate 1-year revocation. Permanent revocation of outdoor recreation privileges is at the discretion of the Garrison Commander. Notification of infractions and privilege revocation will be indicated via a letter sent to the individual.

(1) Falsifying information on registration forms, Check-in/Check-out sheets, FTIG Fish and Game Harvest Report, etc. This includes failure to update information such as home address or vehicle registration used for recreation on the garrison.

(2) Alcohol and illegal drugs. The use or possession of drugs or alcohol at FTIG while engaged in outdoor recreation activities is prohibited. Do not display or consume alcoholic beverages while engaged in activities on FTIG. Outdoor recreation participants who exhibit signs of being under the influence of intoxicants or illegal drugs risk arrest, prosecution, and permanent revocation of FTIG Outdoor Recreation Program privileges.

(3) Carrying or using hunting firearms South of Blue Mountain unless approved by Garrison Commander and posted at the Outdoor Recreation Check-in Facility.

(4) Entry into Main Impact Area. This action will result in arrest for trespassing and permanent revocation of outdoor recreation privileges.

(5) Major violations of the PA Game and Fish and Boat Codes as indicated in respective regulations. This includes killing protected animals such as rattlesnakes and other protected wildlife.

(6) Use of all motorized off-road recreational vehicles and pack animals. ATVs, snowmobiles, motorcycles, Class 1-3 electric bicycles, horses, and pack animals are prohibited.

(7) Ice Fishing or swimming.

(8) Permanent tree stands and using portable tree stands without a safety harness.

(9) Leaving equipment (i.e., trail cameras, tree stands, etc.) on FTIG property. Any personal property or equipment left unattended is subject to removal, confiscation, and proper disposal.

(10) Spotlighting or hunting at night.

(11) Removing or attempting to remove any manmade or natural object, except wildlife, fish, mushrooms, and

fruit lawfully taken. Objects that may not be removed include animals, plants, timber, rocks, minerals, sand, and military/historical/archaeological artifacts. This includes harassing or collecting live wildlife, metal detecting, and any herpetological (amphibian and reptile) collecting or hunting of any kind.

(12) Camping and campfires except for at Marquette Primitive Campground.

(13) Hunting waterfowl and migratory game birds on Shuey and Marquette Lakes.

(14) Supplemental feeding of wildlife (includes salt or mineral) or planting food plants for wildlife. Only materials and projects authorized by the Wildlife Office are allowed. This includes releasing wildlife, fish, or game species on FTIG.

(15) Vandalism, target shooting, unsafe discharge of a firearm, or other unsafe acts.

(16) Willful entry into Closed Training Areas, interfering with military training, driving around, or bypassing any closed barricade/gate.

(17) Refusal to surrender hunting permit for a temporary suspension.

(18) Harassment or intimidation of another Outdoor Recreation Participant, member of the public, or FTIG employees. Infractions are also subject to additional state, federal, and PA Game Code laws and regulations.

(19) Harvesting a buck (antlered deer) South of Blue Mountain without complying with FTIG Earn-A-Buck Program.

(20) Unlawful possession of a loaded firearm in a vehicle. This refers to possessing a loaded weapon not covered under a PGC Disabled Hunter permit. Road hunting is illegal.

(21) Any action or act deemed a serious violation, breach of safe conduct, or interfering with military training.

d. Violations of FTIG Regulations will be considered unauthorized activity and may result in the loss of privileges and prosecution. Report all violations to the Wildlife Office; if you cannot reach the Wildlife Office, report violations to Range Operations.

4-6. Emergencies

a. In the event of an emergency or access issue, contact Range Operations.

b. If an emergency occurs in a Training Area or Range, contact Range Operations via a conventional or cellular phone at (717) 861-2152/2153. If an emergency happens while Range Operations is closed or anywhere else on FTIG Property, call 911 or the FTIG police at (717) 861-2727.

c. Medical Emergency: Range Operations needs to know the exact location, age, and sex of the injured person. If possible, get yourself or the injured person to the closest trail, building, or hardball road.

d. Fire: Range Operations needs to know what Training Area or Range the fire is being reported.

e. Missing person: Provide Range Operations with the last known location of the missing person. If you become lost or disoriented yourself, find a main road or trail, otherwise stay in place and call or signal for help.

f. Follow all procedures directed by Range Operations.

4-7. Contact Information

Conservation Office (Wildlife/Outdoor Recreation and Forestry)
Building 26-151 Tomstown Road
Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA 17003-5002
Email RA-MVORP@pa.gov
Phone (223)229-6066

Training Area Availability 855-522-2068

Website: <https://ftig.isportsman.net>

Range Operations (access and safety)
Building 11-9 Service Road
Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA 17003-5002
(717) 861-2152/2153
<http://www.dmva.state.pa.us/ftig/site/default.asp>

Public Affairs Officer (General information about PA National Guard)
Building 8-41 Engineer Road
Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA 17003-5002
(717) 861-8468
<http://www.dmva.state.pa.us>

FTIG Fish and Game Conservation Club
Building 13-4 Clement Avenue
Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA 17003-5002
<http://igapfishandgame.webs.com/>

- (1) Membership is open to the public, and members assist the Training Center in managing habitat and wildlife.
- (2) The club meets at 7:00 P.M. the third Thursday of most months in Building 13-4 (by the orange and white water tower).

NOTES

**Appendix A
References**

Section I

Required Publications

Unless otherwise stated, all publications are available at <http://www.apd.army.mil/>.

AR 190-11 Physical Security of Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives, 17JAN19

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AR 385-63 Range Safety, 30JAN12

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Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Regulations Pennsylvania Code Title 30. Fish and Boat Code, [Title 30 - FISH \(state.pa.us\)](http://state.pa.us), 20DEC20

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Appendix B Managed Woodlots (Not for Public Release)

B-1. PURPOSE

- a. This is an archery-only hunt to be conducted to reduce deer numbers (for health and human safety risks) during time periods as determined by the Pennsylvania Game Commission and the FTIG Garrison Commander.
- b. Antlered and antlerless deer may be harvested. DMAP coupons can be used where applicable.
- c. Participants are limited to Air and Army Guard and FTIG personnel, including state employees, federal employees, and full-time installation contractors currently in possession of a FTIG Outdoor Recreation Permit.
 - (1) Family members (spouses and dependents) that are registered FTIG Outdoor Recreation Permit holders and mentored youth are authorized to participate.
 - (2) Ammo Supply Point Woodlot is limited to FTIG employees and Armed Forces Personnel only.
 - (3) Applicants are responsible for actions of family members.

B-2. AREAS & PARKING

- a. Hunters are restricted to the areas shown on the maps for hunting as well as for tracking after the shot. Make note of the safety zones shown on the maps. Hunters should avoid approaching buildings, especially quarters.
- b. Hunters must park at designated parking locations shown on the map for the area.
- c. Vehicle dash permits must be displayed.

B-3. HUNTER CHECK-IN & PROCEDURES

- a. Hunters must sign-in at a kiosk with the iSportsman system. Only one Managed Woodlot may be signed into at a time. Maps of the Managed Woodlots are available upon request.
- b. Hunters must label their arrows with their last name and permit number prior to hunting. Hunters may write this information on the shaft or fletching. If requested, arrows must be offered for inspection by staff prior to sign-out. Possession of unmarked arrows while hunting is prohibited and all lost arrows and unrecovered wounded deer must be reported.
- c. If a wounded deer exits the authorized area, the hunter must contact the Fort Indiantown Gap Police Department (861-2727) before leaving the area to track it. Harvest cards for any harvested deer must be turned in before the hunter leaves post. Harvested deer should be shown to a Wildlife employee, if possible, before leaving post.
- d. Hunters must adhere to all applicable game codes including those regarding fluorescent orange requirements.

B-4. VIOLATIONS & PENALTIES

- a. Hunter may have all hunting privileges revoked for the remainder of the season or permanently, as determined by the FTIG Director for Plans, Operations, Training, and Security Office and Garrison Commander.
- b. A memo will be written regarding misconduct, signed by Garrison Commander, and the memo will be sent to the offender's immediate supervisor and office director. This memo may affect future and current employment status.
- c. Fines and criminal charges may result according to Federal and State regulations. FTIG reserves the right to inform outside law/conservation law authorities on any particular situation.