

FORT DRUM CANTONMENT AREA



HUNTING 2017

General Information

Only archery and crossbow hunting is allowed in the Cantonment Area for deer, bear and turkey during their respective seasons beginning September 27.

The season ends **December 10**.

Cantonment Area Hunting Eligibility

Hunting in the Cantonment Area is open to persons possessing one of the following:

- Military I.D.
- Military Dependent or Family Member I.D.
- Retired Military I.D.
- Civilian DoD I.D. CAC Card
- Retired Civilian DoD I.D. Card
- Contractor DoD CAC Card

Archery/Crossbow Qualifications

Cantonment Area hunters must prove their shooting proficiency and obtain an Archery and/or Crossbow Qualification card each year—Qualification cards expire September 1st.

- To qualify, 3 of 5 arrows/bolts must hit the vitals of 3-D deer targets 10-30 yards away from an elevated platform 10 feet high.
- No practicing is allowed at the qualification site.
- Only one qualifying shot per target is allowed
- Hunters failing to qualify may try again at a later qualification session.
- Qualifications with a bow and crossbow can be done on the same day.
- The Qualification Card (or DMAP— see right) must be in possession while hunting.

Check-in Procedures

- Cantonment Area hunters must check-in daily telephonically with Range Branch by calling the Sportsman's Hotline (772-7153), pressing Option #2 for Cantonment Area hunting, and leaving your recreation pass number.
- No check-out is required.

Scouting

- Scouting is allowed at any time as other uses are allowed (e.g., hiking) and check-in procedures are required except when setting up/moving/taking down stands and/or blinds.

Parking

- All vehicles must be parked on the shoulder of roads or other areas in such a manner to allow other vehicles to pass and not cause an obstruction.
- Recreational Access Passes must be visibly displayed through the windshield or side window in clear sight with permit numbers facing up.

Portable Stands

- All hunters are required to hunt in elevated stands at least 10 feet off the ground except in Area 54. All stands must be portable and commercially available.
- Wearing a safety belt is required.
- Stands may be left overnight, but must be permanently marked with the owner's name and phone number in such a way to be visible and legible from the ground. Stands are left overnight at your own risk. Leaving a stand overnight does not reserve an area.
- **Each hunter is allowed only two stands at any given time.**
- Stands must be removed at the end of the hunting season. Any stands left between January 1 – April 15 and June 1 – August 31 will be considered abandoned property.
- **Nothing can be screwed or nailed into a tree (including screw-in pegs).** Other climbing devices such as strap-on tree steps, ladders, and climbing sticks are allowed.
- **Report all missing stands to the Military Police at 772-5156 or 772-5157.**

Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP)

- DMAP permits allow for the take of additional antlerless deer in the Cantonment Area only.
- DMAPs are available on a “first come, first served” basis from Range Branch Bldg. P-4855).
 - The Archery Qualification Card will be exchanged for a DMAP.
 - Unused DMAPs are available for one day use and must be returned (if unused) by 9:00 pm.
 - There are no limits on the number of times a DMAP is checked out.
 - **Hunters may fill up to 4 DMAPs per season.**

Fish & Wildlife Management Program
315-772-9303 / 772-9636
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SEE FORT DRUM REGULATION 420-3 PARAGRAPH 9 FOR INFORMATION FOR HUNTING IN THE CANTONMENT AREA

Hunting Areas

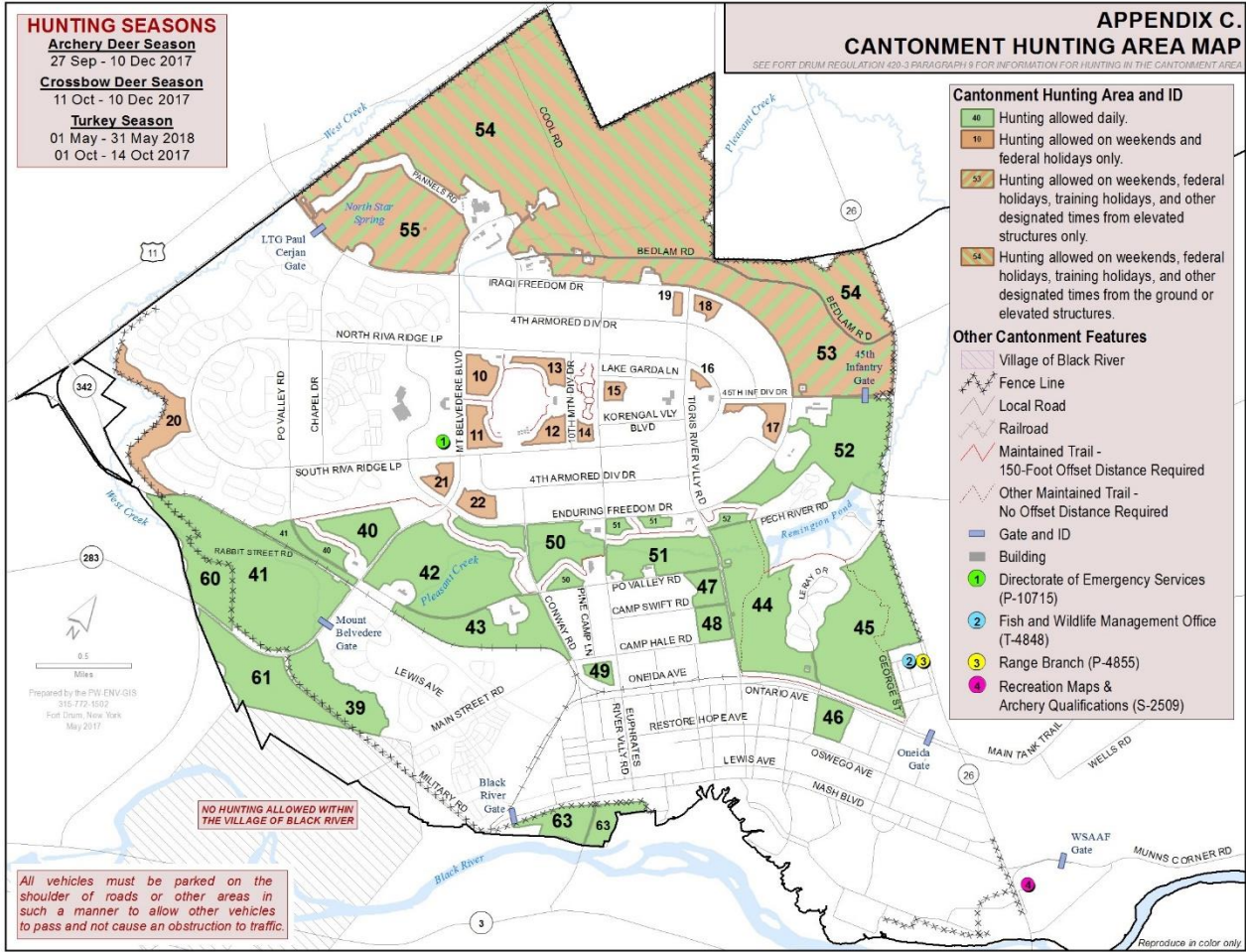
- Hunting Areas 39-52 and 60-63 (outside the fence) are open daily.
- Hunting Areas 10-22 are open on weekends and federal holidays only.
- **NEW in 2017: Hunting Areas 53 - 55 are open all day on weekends, federal holidays, and training holidays only.** Hunting from a ground blind is an option in Hunting Area 54 only.
- **Bowhunters must not hunt closer than 150 feet from the designated Remington Park Trail in Hunting Areas 40, 42, 50, 51, and 52; or Pannels Road and North Star Spring Road behind Guthrie.**
- Remington Park is NOT open to hunting

Check-in Harvested Game

- **ANY deer or bear harvested within the Cantonment Area must be checked-in at Environmental Division (Bldg T-4848) for weighing and aging.**
- Hours of operation are from 7:00am - 4:30pm Monday through Friday. The check station will not be open on weekends or federal holidays.
- Deer harvested when the check station is closed must be brought in on the next business day during normal working hours of operation. If the meat is in danger of spoiling before it can be reported, the meat may be processed but the head must be brought in for aging within three business days. **Persons must call the Fish and Wildlife Management Program (772-9303) if other arrangements are necessary.**

Other Rules & Restrictions

- **No still-hunting, stalking, or deer drives are allowed and arrows may not be nocked until hunters are safely in their elevated stands.** Crossbows should be cocked before entering a stand, but not loaded until the hunter is in the stand.



Tracking Wounded Game

- Hunters with wounded game that leave the designated Cantonment Archery Hunting Area must notify Fort Drum Law Enforcement Officials before tracking the animal.
- For assistance, hunters may call the Military Police (772-5156 or 772-5157) or stop by the Directorate of Emergency Services (Bldg. P-10715).
- **See Fort Drum Reg 420-3 and NYSDEC hunting regulations for more information.**

Bowhunter Ethics

- Hunting on Fort Drum—especially bowhunting in the Cantonment Area—is a **privilege**. One or two irresponsible people can ruin the opportunity for everyone.
- Respect other hunters and recreationists and their equipment.
- Be considerate and thoughtful of others. Avoid wandering around in the hunting areas and do not impose yourself knowingly on another hunter while hunting.

Call the Military Police at 772-5156 or 772-5157 to report violations.