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Hunting, Fishing, & Other Outdoor Recreation

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SUMMARY of CHANGE

Fort Drum Regulation 420–3
Hunting, Fishing, & Other Outdoor Recreation

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○ Prescribes regulations, restrictions, and procedures for hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreational activities on Fort Drum.

○ Paragraph 2b corrects where recreation maps are now located—outside of Bldg. S-2507.

○ Paragraph 2i adds the word “fluorescent” to clarify that it is the same as the word “blaze” orange.

○ Paragraph 2i(7) adds another exception to Fort Drum blaze orange clothing requirements based on a new NYS law that applies to 14- and 15-year-old big game firearm hunters and their accompanying mentors.

○ Paragraph 2o deleted the sentence regarding removing branches for consistency.

○ Paragraph 2r was changed to allow traps to be in possession by recreationists on Fort Drum.

○ Paragraph 3a was edited and trapping was again included as a general recreational activity after it had been restricted for the 2017-2018 season; target shooting in both the Cantonment Area and Training Area was clarified with the addition of paragraph 15(c).

○ Paragraph 3b and 3c(3) were edited to remove the requirement to check-in to the cantonment area for setting up/moving/taking down stands.

○ The old Paragraph 3c(2) was deleted because Range Passes are now only issued to contractors or civilians working in the Training Area and not for recreational activities.

○ The new Paragraph 3c(2) clarifies forest product permit information.

○ Paragraph 3(d) lists the different types of recreational passes that are available in the new iSportsman system. There are 10 different types including: hunting-big game, hunting-small game, hunting-nighttime predator, hunting-cantonment area archery, hunting-disabled access, fishing-general, fishing-nighttime, trapping, camping, and other recreational activities. Paragraphs 8(f), 12(d), and 14(c) also reflect these changes.

○ Paragraph 3e was changed to combine information from paragraph 3f regarding access passes and specify that passes be displayed on the driver side of a vehicle for consistency and ease of checking by Fort Drum officials.

○ Paragraph 3f was changed to only include information regarding other forms of identification/licenses recreationists are required to carry while on Fort Drum.

○ Paragraph 4b changes the time when the iSportsman system will be updated daily and makes the official check-out time as two hours after sunset which is also the time all persons should be off the installation.
○ Paragraph 4c was clarified for the new recreation pass categories involving overnight/nighttime activities.

○ Paragraph 5e was clarified to mean permanent maintained structures throughout the entire Training Area are off limits to recreationists and not just on designated ranges.

○ Paragraphs 5l and 5m were combined to specify hunting restrictions in TA 4A, 4B, 4D, 5A, 5D, 6A, and 6B.

○ The new Paragraph 5m was updated to reflect disabled access hunting requirements.

○ The old Paragraph 5r regarding scouting was deleted because it was unnecessary—scouting is an approved recreational activity stated in paragraph 3(a).

○ Paragraph 6b was clarified that vehicles can only use recreational roads and signs will be posted if the status of a recreational road changes. Road closures due to military operations was moved from 6b(3) to be part of the opening paragraph where it was applicable to all users.

○ Paragraph 6d was clarified that vehicles can also be parked at angling sites and recreational use parking areas.

○ Paragraph 6e and 6j(4-5) was clarified with speed limits for all motorized vehicles including ATVs and snowmobiles in one place.

○ Paragraph 6h(2) was updated to reflect disabled access hunting requirements.

○ Paragraph 6i(1) was changed to de-conflict with any potential problems and safety concerns between snowmobile use and big game hunting in Training Areas 7E, 7F, and 7G. Snowmobiles can still be used on Fort Drum after December 15.

○ Paragraph 6i(5) was clarified that Range Branch only needs to be contacted before an ATV accesses a non-recreational trail or road in the Training Area, not the Cantonment Area.

○ Paragraph 6i(6) was added to clarify ATV use for hunting purposes in the Cantonment Area referring to Paragraph 9(k).

○ Paragraph 6i(7) and Paragraph 11(f) was changed to add Training Area 17D as another area that will be available to disabled access hunting from an ATV.

○ Paragraph 7a was changed to reflect the new FD Reg 190-6 that expands the weapons that require registration to include cartridge-firing or muzzle-loading rifle, shotgun, or handgun (pistol or revolver); pellet-firing rifles or handguns with muzzle velocity of 600 FPS or higher; and crossbows. It was also changed to reflect weapons no longer need to be registered for access into the Fort Drum Training Areas.

○ Paragraph 7d specifies all weapons including bows and crossbows must be cased when being transported in a vehicle no matter where in the vehicle the weapon is located. There is also further clarification about what an “unloaded” weapon is for muzzleloaders.

○ Paragraph 7j regarding target shooting was deleted from the weapons section and incorporated as Paragraph 15(c) as a recreational activity.

○ Paragraph 8f was changed for all nighttime activities to include predator hunting to refer to check-in/check-out procedures defined in paragraph 4(c).

○ Paragraphs 8g and 8h were clarified to specify waterfowl hunting.
○ Paragraph 9 *Hunting in Cantonment Area* has been changed in a number of ways in an attempt to increase the deer harvest with the management goal to lower overall deer densities in the Cantonment Area, but also provide greater access and address a number of complaints by hunters through the years such as too many hunters in certain areas; hunters walking to their hunting location interfering or disrupting other hunters who are already in their stands; too many treestands in certain areas; physical challenges to climb trees; and a desire for a simpler process to obtain DMAP permits.

○ Paragraph 9a was changed to reflect the authorization by NYSDEC to allow the use of crossbows in the fenced in portion of the Cantonment Area for the entire season starting September 27 since the Cantonment Area is considered a special deer management area.

○ Paragraph 9d was added as a separate paragraph clarifying requirements for qualifications and the new qualification process. In the new iSportsman system, hunters must obtain a big game hunting permit prior to qualifying (this is no different than the current process). After successfully qualifying, hunters will be validated in the iSportsman system by a Fort Drum Natural Resources administrator and then the hunter must re-access the new iSportsman system and obtain a cantonment area archery hunting permit free-of-charge. This will be their proof that bowhunters qualified—there is no longer a separate qualification card.

○ Paragraph 9e mostly deletes information pertaining to the archery qualification card which is now covered by Paragraph 9d.

○ New paragraphs 9f and 9g are the same as old paragraphs 9(h) and 9(i) regarding scouting and trail cameras with some additional language when scouting and trail cameras can be used in lottery hunting areas.

○ New Paragraph 9h is basically the same as old paragraph 9(j) but attempts to clarify where parking is and is not allowed. Two additional parking areas have been added for the new Hunting Area 64 outside the perimeter fence.

○ New Paragraph 9i is basically the same as old paragraph 9(e) but it was changed because the new iSportsman system will not allow someone to check-in to the Cantonment Area to set up/move/take down stands before or after the hunting season when the area is not open to hunting.

○ Old paragraphs 9f and 9g were combined to make new paragraph 9(j) and Appendix C was changed to reflect new hunting areas and re-numbering of old hunting areas in the Cantonment Area. Overall, there is an addition of ten hunting areas (one open for daily use, eight new lottery areas, and one area outside the fence). Where hunting can occur was clarified that it must be conducted in the unmaintained portions (i.e. unmowed areas) of the hunting areas. All designated recreation trails have been added to the Cantonment Area Hunting Map to reflect the 150 ft buffer between the trails and hunting areas and excluding the mowed areas adjacent to hunting areas. Some former areas inside the fence have been divided by trails and re-numbered as lottery areas. Hunting from the ground will be allowed in three new areas inside the fence.

○ Paragraph 9k is new and allows the use of ATVs for hunting purposes in the Cantonment Area only on (1) Cool Road and (2) Pannels and North Star Springs Roads. A map is provided (Appendix D.) to denote the parking area where ATVs can be unloaded and the specific routes that can be driven.

○ Paragraph 9l is new and explains the lottery system for 32 areas in the Cantonment Area established to provide exclusive access to an area to a hunter (and dependents) for one week periods throughout the 10-week hunting season.

○ Paragraph 9m is new and provides two locations for disabled access hunting from the ground in the newly established lottery areas. A map is provided (Appendix D.) to denote the parking area and area where hunting from the ground is allowed.
○ Paragraph 9n adds additional areas for hunting from the ground.

○ Paragraph 9o combines all requirements regarding elevated stands in one section.

○ Paragraph 9q is new and explains the Fort Drum Earn-A-Buck Program and issuance of DMAP permits. Hunters will be required to harvest and check-in an antlerless deer prior to harvesting an antlered deer. DMAP permits will no longer be issued at Range Control.

○ Paragraph 9r prohibits the shooting of specific tagged deer as part of the Cornell deer project.

○ Paragraph 9v changes the check station hours to be open 7-days a week except for Thanksgiving Day.

○ Paragraph 10c(2) was changed to clarify that hunting can occur anywhere when the Training Area 13A is open for recreation.

○ Paragraph 11b was changed to reflect the new iSportsman system where hunters will be able to check directly into the web site. Information regarding assistants was removed and moved to paragraph 11h.

○ Paragraph 11e was added to reflect the change to include accessible hunting options to Cantonment Area Hunting.

○ Paragraph 11f added Training Area 17D as another area where accessible hunting from an ATV is allowed.

○ Paragraph 11f(4) was deleted to combine all information regarding assistants in paragraph 11h.

○ Paragraph 11h was added to consolidate all information regarding assistants.

○ Paragraphs 12a and 12f was changed to clarify information—no new information is included.

○ Paragraph 12d was changed for all nighttime activities to include nighttime fishing to refer to check-in/check-out procedures defined in paragraph 4(c).

○ Paragraph 13 Trapping has been re-instated on Fort Drum after it was restricted for the 2017-2018 season. The regulations are the same as they were in 2016-2017. The status of trapping will be re-evaluated in the future if there are continuing problems.

○ Paragraph 15c was added to consolidate target shooting information in one place.

○ Paragraph 16b was clarified that access passes do not need to be immediately suspended in all cases—only if requested by the citing official.
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History. This publication is a rapid action revision. The portions affected by this rapid action revision are listed in the summary of change.

Summary. This regulation sets forth laws, restrictions, and procedures for hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreational activities on Fort Drum.

Applicability. This regulation applies to all personnel, Military and Civilians, who engage in outdoor recreational activities on Fort Drum.

Proponent. The proponent is the Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division, Natural Resources Branch.

Suggested Improvements. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) to Environmental Division (DPW), Attn: Natural Resources Branch, 4896 Nininger St, IMDR-PWE, Fort Drum, NY 13602.

Distribution. This publication is available in electronic media and is available to all persons engaged in outdoor recreational activities on Fort Drum.

Restrictions. There are no restrictions.

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1. Purpose
This regulation sets forth laws, restrictions, and procedures for hunting, fishing, and other outdoor recreational activities on Fort Drum Military Installation.

2. General Information and Restrictions
   a. Recreational use of Fort Drum is secondary to requirements of the military mission and a privilege for all persons. The actions and behavior of individuals will be considered when authorizing access.
   b. Hunting, fishing, and other recreational use of Fort Drum is in accordance with New York State laws, this regulation, applicable federal laws, and supplemental orders issued by the Installation Commander. **It is the responsibility of the recreationist to know the regulations.** The most up-to-date Fort Drum regulations are available on the web site (www.FortDrum.iSportsman.net); recreation maps are available at all times outside of Bldg. S-2507.
   c. **Failure to comply with lawful orders, posted signs, or written notices is illegal.** Violation of this regulation may result in apprehension, prosecution, and/or loss of recreational privileges on Fort Drum.
   d. By entering Fort Drum Military Installation, individuals have consented to the search of their person or vehicles by law enforcement personnel, and the confiscation of all evidence of unauthorized activities.
   e. All observed violations of federal, state or Fort Drum regulations or laws must be reported to the Military Police (315-772-5156 or 315-772-5157).
   f. All recreationists must understand the life threatening hazards associated with touching unexploded ammunition that may be uncovered in the Training Area. No person shall touch suspected unexploded ammunition and will immediately report its location to Range Branch, Bldg. P-4855 (315-772-7152). If Range Branch cannot be reached, contact the Military Police, Bldg. P-10715 (315-772-5156 or 315-772-5157). Recreationists who would like more information or a short briefing on the identification and hazards of unexploded ammunition should contact the Scheduling Section of Range Branch, Bldg. P-4855 (315-772-5673 or 315-772-5275).
   g. Persons observing wildland fires must notify Range Branch, Bldg. P-4855 (315-772-7152). If Range Branch cannot be reached, contact the Military Police, Bldg. P-10715 (315-772-5156 or 315-772-5157).
   h. Accidents and lost persons must be immediately reported to Range Branch (315-772-7152). If Range Branch cannot be reached, contact the Military Police (315-772-5156 or 315-772-5157).
   i. **Blaze (Fluorescent) Orange Clothing.** All recreationists in Fort Drum training areas from 1 September – 30 March and 1 May – 31 May are required to visibly display a minimum of 144 square inches of blaze orange on the front and back of their upper bodies, and also wear blaze orange headgear when in the field or engaged in a recreational activity outside their vehicle. Exceptions to this blaze orange requirement are:
      (1) Any activity between 1 June and 31 August.
      (2) Archery/crossbow hunters in Archery Hunting Only Areas (including the Cantonment Area).
      (3) Archery/crossbow hunters while in a stand at least 10 feet above the ground outside an Archery Hunting Only Area. Archery hunters in the Training Area outside the Archery Hunting Only Areas walking to a stand must wear blaze orange headgear.
      (4) Waterfowl hunters must wear blaze orange headgear while walking to and from their hunting areas, but do not have to wear blaze orange while sitting in a blind, retrieving a bird, or in a boat.
(5) Turkey and predator hunters must wear blaze orange headgear while walking to and from their hunting areas, but do not have to wear blaze orange while sitting in the woods if 144 square inches of blaze orange is placed in a tree within sight of their hunting location. Predator hunters at night (after one-half hour after sunset and before one-half hour before sunrise) do not have to wear blaze orange.

(6) Anglers actively engaged in fishing from a boat, road, at a designated angler site, or on ice do not have to wear blaze orange. Anglers walking to and from their fishing areas or fishing along streams must wear blaze orange headgear.

(7) New York State law requires big game firearm hunters age 14 and 15, and their mentors, to wear fluorescent orange or pink visible from all directions. The exposed shirt, jacket, or vest must have at least 250 square inches of solid or patterned fluorescent orange or pink (the pattern must be at least 50% orange or pink) OR a hat with at least 50% fluorescent orange or pink. On Fort Drum, the exposed shirt, jacket, or vest AND hat must be worn and can be either blaze orange or pink.

j. No person shall discard, bury or dispose of any trash, waste or litter on Fort Drum. This includes the use of flagging, cat’s eyes, or other items used to mark trails or hunting locations. Trail markers must be biodegradable or removed after use. Recreationists must carry out everything that is carried in. Entrails are biodegradable and do not constitute litter but must be discarded further than 50 feet from a road, trail, or permanent water body with no plastic bag, gloves, or other non-biodegradable materials included. See paragraph 9(t) for more information about gutting/field dressing deer in the Cantonment Area. Animal carcasses taken on Fort Drum can be dumped on Fort Drum, but must be out of sight of a range complex or building and further than 50 feet from a road, trail, or permanent water body with no plastic bag, ground cloth, gloves, or other non-biodegradable materials included. In the course of trapping, trappers may skin their catch along their trapline and leave carcasses in the field.

k. Open fires are prohibited in the Cantonment Area with the exception of designated sites in Remington Park or RV areas in accordance with park rules or with written permission by the Fort Drum Fire Chief. Caution shall be exercised in the use of warming or cooking fires in the Training Area and the following provisions must be followed:

(1) The fire must be contained in a campsite fire ring.

(2) All combustible materials surrounding the fire must be cleared for a distance of at least 10 feet.

(3) No cutting or limbing of trees is allowed. Only dead and down material or firewood brought with the recreationist can be used. All New York State regulations regarding the transportation of firewood apply on Fort Drum.

(4) The fire must be attended at all times.

(5) The fire must be completely extinguished (i.e., cool to the touch) when not attended.

l. No person shall injure, deface, or disturb any part of a building, range structure, sign, equipment, or property found on Fort Drum.

m. The collection of any artifact (e.g., old bottles, coins, etc.), disturbance of any feature related to past human activity, and the collection of paleontological specimens on Fort Drum is prohibited. The use of metal detectors on Fort Drum is prohibited. Violators will be prosecuted under both the civil and criminal provisions of the Archeological Resources Protection Act, 16 USC Sections 470ee-470ff.

n. Unauthorized excavation or digging is prohibited, including removal of natural material (e.g., rocks, sand, etc.). Minor digging and temporary use of soil for the purpose of trapping or removing mushrooms and/or ramps/leeks is permitted.

o. Cutting, digging up, removing, or defacing trees is prohibited. Removing live vegetation (other than fruit, mushrooms, ramps/leeks, asparagus, fiddleheads, dandelions, or rhubarb) for any purpose whatsoever is prohibited.

p. Feeding, harassing or molesting of any wildlife is prohibited.
picking up, disturbing or taking government equipment, ordnance, munitions, or parts of the same is prohibited.

r. Disturbing, molesting, or removing traps and/or trapped animals of trappers is prohibited.

s. Persons recreating on Fort Drum are required to complete and return all surveys they receive from Fort Drum’s Fish and Wildlife Management Program.

3. Access Passes

a. Recreational Activities. A recreational activity on Fort Drum in regards to this regulation is defined as the following: hunting (including scouting); fishing; boating (including canoeing and kayaking); trapping; camping; target shooting (see paragraph 15(c)); wildlife viewing and/or photography; harvesting fruit, mushrooms, ramps/leeks, asparagus, fiddleheads, dandelions, and/or rhubarb (for private use only and not for commercial purposes); picnicking; hiking; geocaching; dog walking or training; cross country skiing; snowshoeing; bicycling; horseback riding; snowmobiling (only in Training Areas 7E, 7F, and 7G); and ATV riding (on recreational roads around Training Areas 7E, 7F, and 7G).

b. Recreational Access Pass. In order to provide safe and compatible use of the Fort Drum Military Installation, **ALL persons utilizing the Fort Drum Training Area** for recreational use (including driving through the Training Area on a non-public or designated recreational road) must possess and display a valid Fort Drum Recreational Access Pass. In the Cantonment Area, only persons engaged in hunting must have an access pass in their possession—see paragraph 9 for information about hunting in the Cantonment Area. Recreational Access Passes are valid beginning January 1 and expire the following December 31. **Fort Drum Recreational Access Passes are non-transferable.**

c. Recreational Access Pass Exceptions. A Recreational Access Pass is not required:

   1. To recreate in Mud Lake if access is gained via Lake Bonaparte, on the Black River or Indian Pond if access is gained off the installation. If the recreationist sets foot on the shores of Fort Drum, a Fort Drum Recreational Access Pass is required.

   2. To access the training area for woodcutting or other activities defined in Fort Drum Regulation 420-6 requiring a Forest Products Permit. Contact the Forest Management Program (315-772-6767) or see www.FortDrum.iSportsman.net for more information.

   3. To recreate in the Cantonment Area for other purposes besides hunting.

d. Recreational Access Passes are available on-line through the www.FortDrum.iSportsman.net website. By applying for an Access Pass on-line, registrants are acknowledging the hold harmless agreement and requirement to register weapons, as well as the requirement to obtain and possess applicable New York State licenses (if applicable). There are ten types of recreational access passes: hunting-big game, hunting-small game, hunting-nighttime predator, hunting-cantonment area archery, hunting-disabled access, fishing-general, fishing-nighttime, trapping, camping, and other recreational activities. Eligible recreationists may apply to any number of passes. Fort Drum Recreational Access Passes are free of charge to all persons.

e. All recreationists on Fort Drum must have their valid Fort Drum Recreational Access Pass in their vehicle even if parked on a public highway. Upon entry into the Training Area, the Fort Drum Recreational Access Pass must at all times be clearly displayed with the pass numbers facing up, on the driver side dashboard, windshield, or window for every person in the vehicle. If entering Fort Drum without a vehicle, the pass must be on their person.

f. **All recreationists must have a New York State hunting, fishing, and/or trapping license (if applicable)** and a government-issued photo I.D. (e.g., military I.D., driver’s license) **on their person (if 18 years or older)** while engaged in any recreational activity on the installation. Government-issued documents must be produced upon demand to any Law Enforcement Officer or individual who provides identification as an official of Fort Drum.
g. Possession of a Fort Drum Recreational Access Pass does not give approval to enter the Training Area without following appropriate check-in procedures, in accordance with paragraph 4.

4. Check-in/Check-out Procedures
   a. Recreational Access Passes must be obtained prior to check-in. See paragraph 3 for access pass information.
   b. Sportsman’s Hotline. Recreational users must check-in daily with Range Branch through the Sportsman’s Hotline (https://FortDrum.iSportsman.net or 1-855-267-9770). Check-in must be done prior to entering the Fort Drum Training Area or Cantonment Area hunting areas. The Sportsman’s Hotline is updated at approximately 3:00 pm and lists the training areas that are open the following day. After check-in, recreational users may access any area that is open for recreation that day. Check-out is now required at the end of the day and must be completed two hours after sunset. Failure to comply with check-in/check-out procedures is grounds for terminating the individual’s access to Fort Drum for recreation.
   c. Night or Overnight Activities. Recreationists engaged in nighttime fishing, predator hunting, and/or camping activities in the Fort Drum Training Area must obtain the appropriate pass (hunting-nighttime predator, fishing-nighttime, and/or camping) and check-in through the Sportsman’s Hotline (https://FortDrum.iSportsman.net or 1-855-267-9770). Upon reaching their destination in the Training Area, recreationists must contact Range Branch (315-772-7152) and confirm their location. These are the only recreational users authorized to be in the Fort Drum Training Area outside the hours in paragraph 5(o). No recreationist from 1 September – 30 March and 1 May – 31 May may drive in the Training Area two hours before sunrise without contacting Range Branch (315-772-7152).
   d. A Joint Access Policy allows recreationists to fish and trap in training areas that are otherwise closed if recreational activities do not interfere with military training. To determine if access is possible, anglers/trappers must check-in with Range Branch telephonically (315-772-7152) or physically (Bldg. P-4855) to speak to Range Branch personnel. The Joint Access Policy for hunting only exists for waterfowl hunting in Training Areas 13A and 17B as part of a lottery hunt (see paragraph 10 for more information).
   e. For check-in/check-out requirements for hunting in the Cantonment Area, see paragraph 9(f).

5. Restricted Areas and Times
   a. Fort Drum Military Installation, and any part thereof, may be closed without notice at the discretion of the Installation Commander.
   b. Areas permanently closed to recreational use are posted with New York State yellow and green (Restricted Area) signs.
   c. Recreationists are prohibited from entering environmentally or archeologically sensitive areas marked with “Off-Limits by Order of the Commander” signs or Seibert Stakes, either on foot or with motor vehicles. Seibert Stakes (a.k.a. Siber Stakes) consist of a 16-inch piece of PVC pipe with alternating rings of white, red, and yellow reflective tape mounted on a metal post approximately 4 feet above the ground. A black strip runs down the backside of each Seibert Stake. If this is visible, the recreationist is within a sensitive area and must leave immediately.
   d. The Main Impact Area is off limits to all recreationists.
   e. All permanently maintained structures in the Training Area including on ranges (e.g., towers, buildings, concrete bunkers, trenches, etc.) except latrines are off limits to all recreationists.
   f. No hunting is allowed in cemeteries. On Fort Drum, cemeteries are denoted on the Fort Drum Recreational Use Map (reference Appendix B). Cemetery boundaries are defined as the mowed grassy areas around the gravesites.
g. No shooting is allowed on or across any railroad track crossing Fort Drum.

h. The Black River that borders Fort Drum is off limits for all recreational activity by military personnel except fishing from the banks in accordance with Fort Drum Pamphlet 600–5.

i. The islands on the Black River between Training Areas 6A and 6C are not part of Fort Drum Military Installation.

j. The reach of the Indian River adjacent to the Main Impact Area is off limits to all recreational activities. Fishing and boating is only permitted in the parts of the Indian River that are not adjacent to the Main Impact Area.

k. Training Area 20 and Range 48 are off limits at all times to recreationists.

l. Training Areas 4A, 4B, 4D, 5A, 5D, 6A, and 6B are open to all recreationists, but hunting is restricted to archery and crossbow hunting only during the big game season. These areas are not open during “muzzleloading only” seasons in Wildlife Management Unit 6H. These areas are NOT part of Fort Drum’s Cantonment Hunting Area. Possession of firearms for any purpose in these training areas during the big game season is prohibited. See NYSDEC Hunting Regulations for big game season dates. Outside the big game season, small game hunters may use shotguns or archery/crossbow, and trappers are allowed to use .22 caliber rimfire weapons to dispatch trapped animals.

m. Training Areas 5E and 6C are open only to hunters eligible for accessible accommodations in paragraph 11(a). No other recreational activities are allowed in these areas. Refer to paragraph 11(b) for more information to hunt in these areas.

n. Training Area 6A is open to all recreationists, but no rifles (including .22 caliber) may be used. All other weapons including crossbows, muzzleloaders, and shotguns are allowed for hunting.

o. Entry onto Fort Drum property by any means may begin two hours before sunrise. Recreationists must actively begin leaving Fort Drum at sunset and must be off the installation no later than two hours after sunset. Persons requesting to remain on or to enter the Fort Drum Training Area outside normal recreational hours listed above must be accompanied by personnel from Range Branch (315-772-7152) and/or the Military Police, (315-772-5156 or 315-772-5157), or possess a valid Nighttime Recreation Pass (see paragraph 4(c)).

p. Persons requesting to enter permanent or temporarily off limits areas for wounded game, lawfully taken big game, lost hunters, etc., must be accompanied by personnel from Range Branch (315-772-7152) and/or the Military Police (315-772-5156 or 315-772-5157). The use of ATVs and POVs are permitted to access trails and roads not designated as recreational roads for the purpose of recovering lawfully taken big game in accordance with paragraphs 6(h) through 6(j).

6. Roads and Motor Vehicles

a. It is unlawful to consume alcohol or other drugs, or be under the influence of the same, while operating a motor vehicle or boat.

b. Vehicles shall only be operated on roadways identified as recreational roads (Appendix B), or otherwise permitted in accordance with paragraphs 6(h) and 6(i). Signs stating “no civilian vehicles beyond this point” or “road closed” will be posted if a designated recreational road is closed. Roads closed for military training will be gated/barricaded.

c. Use of recreational roads is permitted for the following:
   
   (1) Traveling to any location in the Training Area open for recreation unless otherwise posted or barricaded.

   (2) Certain recreational activities (e.g., wildlife viewing, biking, horseback riding, and scouting) as long as the recreationist does not leave the road and stops in a manner not obstructing traffic.

   (3) Traveling to or from your residence in the most direct route possible.
d. Vehicle parking is restricted to designated recreational roads, in parking areas at Range facilities designated with a “P” on the Fort Drum Recreational Use Map (Appendix B), at angling sites or other recreational use parking areas, or within training areas not more than 50 feet and clearly seen from a designated recreational road. All vehicles must be parked immediately next to training areas open for recreational use on that given day. All vehicles must be parked in such a manner to allow other vehicles safe passage, including not blocking access to other roads or trails not designated as recreational roads.

e. The speed limit for all motor vehicles on Fort Drum roads/tank trails is 30 mph during daylight hours and 15 mph during hours of darkness. ATVs and snowmobiles will be operated during daylight hours only and the 30 mph speed limit applies everywhere including off-road areas where applicable. The speed limit for all motor vehicles is 10 mph when passing any pedestrian on the road.

f. Recreationists may use headlights while traveling on roads and trails although travel should be minimized during hours of darkness to reduce conflict with military operations.

g. Motorized vehicles (including snowmobiles and ATVs) are prohibited in environmentally or archeologically sensitive areas. See paragraph 5(c) for more information.

h. POVs (e.g., cars and trucks) may be used on trails and roads not designated as recreational roads for the following purposes:

(1) Recovering lawfully taken big game. Range Branch must be contacted (315-772-7152) for approval BEFORE access on a non-recreational trail or road can occur. The transport of weapons must be in accordance with paragraph 7(d).

(2) Hunters eligible for accessible accommodations in paragraph 11(a). See paragraphs 11(d-f) for more information.

i. Restricted use of snowmobiles and ATVs is allowed. The use of ATVs must be in accordance with all applicable laws of New York State and Army Regulation 385–10, including paragraph 6(j) of this regulation. Ranger and other side-by-side vehicles that weigh more than 1000 lbs. are not considered ATVs under New York State Law and are prohibited from recreational use on Fort Drum. Motorbikes not allowed for use on New York State public roads are not considered motorcycles or ATVs and are prohibited from recreational use on Fort Drum. Snowmobiles and ATVs may be used for the following:

(1) Snowmobiles for recreational riding in training areas 7E, 7F, and 7G beginning December 15 after the big game hunting season. Snowmobiles must be transported into the Training Area by vehicle or trailer.

(2) ATVs for recreational riding on designated recreational roads around Training Areas 7E, 7F, and 7G only. ATVs must be transported into the Training Area by vehicle or trailer. No riding, parking or off-loading is permitted on State Highway 3A.

(3) ATVs and snowmobiles for Fort Drum approved trapping activities. ATVs and snowmobiles must be transported into the Training Area by vehicle or trailer, but they can be operated on roads and trails while following a trap line. The use of ATVs must be in accordance with paragraph 6(j).

(4) ATVs and snowmobiles for ice fishing activities on Mud Lake, Indian Pond, and Indian and Narrow Lakes only. ATVs and snowmobiles must be transported into the Training Area by vehicle or trailer. The most direct route possible from the parked vehicle to the waterbody must be taken. The use of ATVs must be in accordance with paragraph 6(j).

(5) ATVs on trails and roads not designated as recreational roads for the purpose of recovering lawfully taken big game. ATVs must be transported into the Training Area by vehicle or trailer. Range Branch must be contacted (315-772-7152) for approval BEFORE access on a non-recreational trail or road can occur in the Training Area. No weapon can be carried on an ATV when recovering big game; otherwise, the transport of weapons must be in accordance with paragraph 7(d). The use of ATVs must be in accordance with paragraph 6(j).
ATVs on Cool, Pannels, and North Star Spring Roads (Appendix D) for the purpose of increasing access and recovering lawfully taken big game. ATVs must be transported to the designated parking areas by vehicle or trailer. ATVs may only be used on and parked next to Cool, Pannels, and North Star Spring Roads (Appendix D)—no off-road use is allowed. The transport of weapons must be in accordance with paragraph 7(d). The use of ATVs must be in accordance with paragraph 6(j) and the speed limit may not exceed 10 mph.

ATVs on trails and roads in Training Areas 6A, 7E, 7F, 7G, and 17D not designated as recreational roads for the purpose of hunting for those eligible for accessible accommodations in paragraph 11(a). See paragraph 11(f) for more information.

j. To use ATVs on Fort Drum in accordance with paragraph 6(i), the following provisions must be followed:

1. No persons younger than 18 years of age may operate an ATV without adult supervision -- the supervising adult must remain within 500 feet of the youth. Youth six years of age and older can only operate an ATV with an engine size under 70CC; youth 12 years of age and older can operate an ATV with an engine size 70-90CC; and youth 16 years of age and older can operate an ATV with an engine size over 90CC.

2. Passengers may not ride on ATVs unless the vehicle is designed to carry passengers.

3. Riders must remain seated while riding.

4. No “extreme” sport/riding. All four wheels will remain on the ground.

5. All persons operating an ATV must have all items listed in table 1 on their person and must show it if requested by Fort Drum authorities.

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<td>NYS proof of ATV Registration.</td>
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<td>Proof of NYS minimum required insurance ($50,000/$100,000 for death, $25,000/$50,000 for injury, and $10,000 for property damage in any one accident).</td>
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<td>Proof of NYS certified ATV safety course.</td>
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(8) All equipment listed in table 2 must be worn while operating ATVs on Fort Drum.

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<td>1</td>
<td>Department of Transportation compliant helmet.</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Eye protection that meets or exceeds ANSI Z87.1 Standards (glasses, goggles, or face shield).</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Full-fingered gloves.</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Long-legged pants.</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Long-sleeved shirt (sleeves rolled down) or long-sleeved jacket.</td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>Leather boots or over-the-ankle shoes.</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>A high visibility garment such as road guard type vest or PT belt.</td>
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7. Weapons
   a. All persons entering Fort Drum Military Installation Cantonment Area for the purpose of hunting, skeet, shooting, etc., must first register the applicable weapons in their possession with the Directorate of Emergency Services. Persons with registered weapons will receive a Weapons Registration Card that is to be kept in their possession at all times while on the installation with those associated weapons. Weapons that require registration include: any cartridge-firing or muzzle-loading rifle, shotgun, or handgun (pistol or revolver); pellet-firing rifles or handguns with muzzle velocity of 600 FPS or higher; and crossbows. Bows, paintball guns, etc. do not need to be registered. Weapons do not need to be registered for access into the Fort Drum Training Areas. See Fort Drum Regulation 190–6 for more information.
   b. It is unlawful to consume alcohol or other drugs, or be under the influence of the same, while actively engaged in hunting or target shooting.
   c. No person shall discharge a firearm, bow, or crossbow so that the projectile shall pass over any part (to include from, on, or across) of a public highway or railroad. A public highway is defined as any road maintained by a state, county or town, or a Recreational Road designated on the Fort Drum Recreational Use Map, Appendix B.
   d. Most weapons including crossbows and compound bows transported in a vehicle must be unloaded and cased. An unloaded weapon is a firearm without ammunition in the chamber and/or magazine, if the magazine is in the firearm. A muzzleloader is considered unloaded if the percussion cap or primer is removed from the firearm or the primer pan is empty. A crossbow is considered unloaded if it is uncocked and the bolt is removed. A cased weapon is a weapon inside a case expressly made to contain and fully enclose that weapon in such a manner that no portion of the weapon is exposed when the case is zipped, snapped, buckled, tied, or otherwise fastened. If parked on a public highway but hunting on Fort Drum, this regulation still applies. Exceptions include: (1) pistols and revolvers in accordance with paragraph 7(f) and (2) long and recurve bows that are uncased and unstrung while being transported.
   e. Transporting weapons (to include firearms, bows, and crossbows) into the Cantonment Area is legal only if the weapons are in your possession at all times (i.e., not in your vehicle if you are not also present). See Fort Drum Regulation 190–6 for more information.
   f. Carrying a pistol or revolver is permitted when the person is in possession of a New York State pistol permit and in compliance with the requirements of Fort Drum Regulation 190–6. Handguns may not be carried in a concealed manner on Fort Drum. See Fort Drum Regulation 190–6 for more information.
   g. Carrying a firearm in the Training Area outside of a regulated hunting season is allowed, but all applicable New York State and Fort Drum regulations apply. A hunting license is required even if unprotected animals (e.g., porcupines) are hunted.
   h. No person shall possess a firearm, bow, or other hunting implement while engaged in wood cutting or other activities requiring a Forest Products Permit.
   i. Crossbows are allowed in the Training Area and Cantonment Area in accordance with New York State regulations including otherwise restricted areas as stated in paragraphs 5(l), 5(m), and 5(n).

8. Hunting in Training Area
   a. Hunting on Fort Drum is in accordance with Environmental Conservation Laws of New York, applicable federal laws, and Fort Drum regulations. To determine seasons, bag limits, shooting times, and other information, Fort Drum is Wildlife Management Unit 6H in the Northern Zone and Northeast Waterfowl Zone in the NYSDEC Hunting Regulations. Harvested game should be reported in accordance with NYSDEC Hunting Regulations.
   b. No feeding or baiting of wildlife is allowed.
c. Refer to paragraphs 5(i), 5(m), and 5(n) for areas with designated hunting restrictions in Training Areas 4, 5, and 6.

d. Tree Stands. If using a tree stand, only commercially-available portable tree stands or tripod stands may be used on Fort Drum. Damage to trees must be minimized which includes no cutting of vegetation for shooting lanes and **nothing can be screwed or nailed into a tree (including screw-in pegs)**. Stands may be placed in hunting areas from 1 September – 30 December and 16 April – 31 May. Stands outside this period will be considered abandoned property and removed unless prior arrangements have been made with Fort Drum’s Natural Resources Branch (315-772-9303) which will consider requests on a case-by-case basis. All unattended stands must be permanently marked with the name and phone number of the owner **in such a way to be visible and legible from the ground**. Stands may be placed overnight but placing a stand in an area does not guarantee or reserve that site for the hunter. Stands are left overnight at your own risk -- Fort Drum is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged stands. If a stand is missing, it should be reported to the Military Police (315-772-5156 or 315-772-5157).

e. Hunters must make every effort to trail and recover wounded game animals. However, hunters may not violate the two hours after sunset restriction (see paragraph 5(o) because of wounded game. The tracking of wounded game into closed hunting areas requires the hunter to contact Range Branch (315-772-7152) and the Military Police (315-772-5156 or 315-772-5157). If wounded game goes off Fort Drum, it is the responsibility of the hunter to obtain permission from the private landowner to enter the privately owned land.

f. Hunting for predators/furbearers is permitted at night beginning the day after the late muzzleloading deer season ends. Hunters engaged in nighttime hunting activities must obtain a Fort Drum Hunting Nighttime Predator Recreation Pass and follow check-in procedures in accordance with paragraph 4(c). The use of spotlights is allowed only when actively engaged in predator hunting. No running of dogs is allowed.

g. The use of hunting dogs is allowed on Fort Drum for day-time hunting only (to include waterfowl hunting) and in accordance with New York State regulations. Dogs must remain under the control of the owner/handler at all times. Dog owners/handlers should be aware of the danger of concertina wire in the Training Area. Fort Drum is not responsible for any injuries sustained by the dog while on Fort Drum.

h. Waterfowl hunting in designated areas in Training Area 13A off of US Military Highway and in Training Area 17B off of Matoon Creek Road are restricted. No other waterfowl hunters are allowed within the boundary of these waterfowl hunting areas (see Appendix E and F) between 1 October and the end of the waterfowl season in mid-December. See paragraph 10 for more information.

i. See paragraph 11 for information regarding disabled access hunting opportunities.

9. **Hunting in Cantonment Area**

a. Only archery and crossbow hunting is allowed in the area southwest of Route 26 within the Fort Drum Cantonment Area boundary. No other hunting implements may be possessed while hunting in the Cantonment Area. If not specifically stated below, all regulations for Fort Drum and New York State apply. NYSDEC has created an exemption to allow crossbows to be used in the Cantonment Area (Hunting Areas L01-L32 and 70-92) for the entire season starting September 27.

b. Hunting season in the Cantonment Area is during the spring turkey season (May), and from the beginning of the archery deer season (September) until the last day of the late bowhunting deer season (mid-December). Consult NYSDEC regulations for exact dates. Hunting in the Cantonment Area during the early bear season is not allowed. Deer, bear, and turkey may be hunted in the Cantonment Area during their respective open seasons (including
youth hunts) and in accordance with all other regulations set forth in this paragraph. Hunting for any other small game species is not allowed.

c. Hunting in the Cantonment Area is limited to only those persons possessing one of the following:

(1) Military ID.
(2) Military dependent or Family member ID.
(3) Retired military ID.
(4) Civilian Department of Defense (DoD) ID (i.e., CAC card).
(5) Retired Civilian Department of Defense (DoD) ID.
(6) Contract personnel with DoD ID (i.e., CAC card with green stripe and magnetic strip).

d. One of the ID cards in paragraph 9(c) and a valid Fort Drum Recreational Access Pass for Big Game Hunting must be shown to the official at the time of the Qualification Session (see paragraph 9(e)). Once qualifications are successfully completed, the hunter will be validated to obtain a Recreational Access Pass for Cantonment Area Archery Hunting—this will be used in place of an archery qualification card.

e. All hunters in the Cantonment Area are required to show their shooting proficiency at a Qualification Session. To qualify, all hunters must shoot three out of five arrows or bolts into a designated area of a target. Only one qualifying shot will be allowed at each target. All Cantonment Area hunters will qualify from an elevated structure approximately 10 feet high. Hunters failing to qualify on the first attempt may try again, but only at a later qualifying session. No practicing is allowed at the qualification site. Hunters may qualify with a bow and a crossbow on the same day. Validations for Cantonment Area Archery Hunting passes expire September 1 of each calendar year so re-qualification is required before the next big game hunting season.

f. Cantonment Area scouting is allowed at any time as other uses are allowed (e.g., hiking, jogging, etc.). Scouting in lottery areas is allowed outside the deer season, by the hunter during the week-long period they have been selected in the lottery for that given area, or when the area has not been selected by a hunter in the lottery. Check-in/check-out procedures are not required for scouting in the Cantonment Area.

g. Use of remote/trail cameras are allowed only in areas that are designated as hunting areas. Cameras in lottery areas are allowed outside the deer season and for the week-long period when the hunter has been selected to occupy the area. Trail cameras can not be used in Remington Park or along the Remington Park Trail or other trails where hunting is not allowed. Leaving a camera overnight is at your own risk. All cameras and their security cases must be permanently marked with the full name and phone number of the owner. Permanently marked means with a permanent marker, etching, riveting a metal tag, or other means that cannot be readily removed.

h. All vehicles must be parked on the shoulder of roads or designated areas in such a manner to allow other vehicles to pass and not cause an obstruction to traffic. Vehicles may not be parked on trails or blocking access to trails. Parking for areas 61-64 outside the perimeter fence must be immediately next to Fort Drum (i.e. no parking on private property, school property, etc.). Parking for Hunting Area 60-61 and 64-62 must be along Co. Rte 129, Co. Rte. 283, or Military Road; parking for Hunting Area 63 and 64 must be at the intersection of Rte. 971V and First St.; and parking for Hunting Area 65 must be in the parking area off of DES Training Center Road next to the tower (T-2580) or in the designated parking area south of the helicopter display off of Munn’s Corner Road. Recreational Access Passes must be clearly displayed with the pass numbers facing up, on the driver side dashboard, windshield, or driver side window of the vehicle.

i. Cantonment Area hunters must check-in daily through the Sportsman’s Hotline (https://FortDrum.iSportsman.net or 1-855-267-9770) prior to hunting.
There are 60 designated hunting areas. There is no hunting in Remington Park or the skeet range. Hunters must not hunt closer than 150 feet from designated recreational trails or Pannels Road and North Star Spring Road behind Guthrie Ambulatory Health Care. All hunting must occur within the unmaintained portions (i.e. unmowed areas) of the hunting areas and hunters should minimize their visibility from roads. See Appendix C. Cantonment Hunting: Areas for hunting area locations and designated recreational trails; and Table 3 for descriptions of the areas.

### Table 3
#### Cantonment Hunting Areas

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<td>L01-L32</td>
<td>Available daily to one hunter (and a dependent) selected by lottery for a one-week period (Wednesday – Tuesday) throughout the season starting September 27 to the end of the season. DMAPs are available to use. Hunting must be conducted at least 10 feet from the ground.</td>
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<tr>
<td>L01-L02</td>
<td>Hunters eligible for accessible accommodations in paragraph 11(a) will have preference in the lottery drawing for these two areas. Available daily to one hunter (and an assistant) selected by lottery for a one-week period (Wednesday – Tuesday) throughout the season starting September 27 to the end of the season. DMAPs are available to use. Hunting may be conducted from a vehicle, ATV, or mechanical device in designated areas. (See Appendix D.)</td>
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<tr>
<td>70-72 &amp; 74-86</td>
<td>Open daily to anyone (no lottery) throughout the season starting September 27 to the end of the season. DMAPs are available to use. Hunting must be conducted at least 10 feet from the ground.</td>
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<tr>
<td>73</td>
<td>Open daily to anyone (no lottery) throughout the season starting September 27 to the end of the season. DMAPs are available to use. Hunting can be conducted from the ground or elevated structure.</td>
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<tr>
<td>87-91</td>
<td>Open to anyone (no lottery) on weekends, federal holidays, and training holidays only from September 27 to the end of the season. DMAPs are available to use. Hunting can be conducted from the ground or elevated structure.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>92</td>
<td>Open to anyone (no lottery) on weekends, federal holidays, and training holidays only from September 27 to the end of the season. DMAPs are available to use. Hunting must be conducted at least 10 feet from the ground.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>61-65</td>
<td>Open to anyone (no lottery) daily from September 27 to the end of the season. These areas are outside of the perimeter fence. These areas have designated parking areas. These areas are not part of the Earn-A-Buck Program and no DMAPs can be used. Harvested game are still required to be checked-in at Bldg. T4848.</td>
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k. ATV use is allowed to access hunting areas and retrieving game in Hunting Areas 90-92 only on Pannels Road and North Star Spring Road behind Guthrie Ambulatory Health Care and Cool Road. (See Appendix D.) ATVs must be transported by vehicle or trailer and parked at the designated areas in the back parking lot of Guthrie Ambulatory Health Care or the parking area near the utility substation/hazardous waste/pest control facilities (Bldg. P-11144). To access Pannels/North Star Spring roads, ATVs must follow the designated trail from the back parking lot to Pannels Road. ATVs must be parked next to the designated roads and not driven off-road; ATVs can not drive on Bedlam Road beyond the Cool Road access point. The use of ATVs must be in accordance with paragraph 6(j) and the speed limit may not exceed 10 mph.

l. Hunting in Areas L01-L32 (see Appendix C) will be available only to hunters selected in a lottery. Hunting will be allowed from Wednesday – Tuesday starting September 27 to the end of the season for the exclusive use of the selected hunter and their dependents (if any). There are no limits to the number of stands placed in a lottery area. Only equipment (e.g., stands,
cameras, etc.) by the selected hunter is allowed in the area during the week-long period they have been selected. If the same hunter is selected for consecutive weekly periods, they may leave their equipment in place for the duration of their lottery hunt. If a new individual is selected for the following weekly period, all stands/equipment must be removed by Tuesday evening and the newly selected person can begin placing their stands/equipment in the area Wednesday morning. Lottery selections will be made the week prior to the hunting period so hunters will know their status one week in advance. For more information on the lottery system, go to Fort Drum’s Fish & Wildlife Management Program web site (www.FortDrum.iSportsman.net/cantonmenthunting).

m. Accessible hunting locations in lottery areas L01 and L02 are available to hunters that meet the requirements in paragraphs 9(c) and 11(a). These hunters will have a priority in the lottery as outlined in paragraph 9(l) and may hunt from a vehicle, ATV, or other mechanical device in designated areas in L01 and L02 only. See Appendix D for parking areas and locations where hunting can take place from the ground. If no eligible hunters apply for a priority lottery selection, the areas will be open for general lottery selection. Access to these areas by a vehicle is only allowed from Mt. Belvedere across from Clark Hall. ATVs must be transported by vehicle or trailer and must be used in accordance with paragraph 6(j). The transport of weapons must be in accordance with paragraph 7(d). The engine of the vehicle must be turned off while hunting, and before the weapon is uncased. Hunting from vehicles must be in accordance with New York State regulations.

n. Hunters in Areas 73 and 87-91 (see Appendix C) can hunt from a ground blind or stands less than 10 feet from the ground. Still-hunting, stalking, or deer drives are NOT allowed. Blinds left overnight must be permanently marked with the first and last name and phone number of the owner. There is no limit to the number of ground blinds per hunter. All other restrictions in paragraph 9(o) apply.

o. When hunting from a stand, all hunters are required to hunt from commercially-available portable elevated tree stands, harnesses, or tripod stands (including turkey season). Stands are defined to include the platform and climbing device if it is affixed to the tree. Still-hunting, stalking, or deer drives are NOT allowed.

1) Arrows may not be nocked until bowhunters are safely in their treestands. Crossbows should be cocked before entering a stand, but not loaded until the hunter is in the stand. Crossbows must be cocked, unloaded, and decocked within 10 feet of the stand. The only exception to have an arrow nocked or bolt loaded on the ground is to dispatch a wounded animal – see paragraph 9(s).

2) The use of a safety belt is required while in a stand.

3) Except in Areas 73 and 87-91, a stand must be a minimum of ten feet off the ground and must be portable.

4) Damage to trees to be hunted from must be minimized which includes no removal of more than ten branches and none greater than 2 inches in diameter. No cutting of vegetation for shooting lanes is allowed. Nothing can be screwed or nailed into a tree (including screw-in pegs, bow hangers, or any other equipment or hardware).

5) All unattended stands must be permanently marked with the name and phone number of the owner in such a way to be visible and legible from the ground. Permanently marked means with a permanent marker, etching, riveting a metal tag, or other means that cannot be readily removed.

6) Outside of lottery-selected areas (Areas L01-L32), an individual hunter may not have more than two stands in the Cantonment Area at any given time. Placing a stand in an area does not guarantee or reserve that site for the hunter. Stands are left overnight at your own risk—Fort Drum is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged stands. If a stand is missing, it should be reported to the Military Police (315-772-5156 or 315-772-5157).
(7) Outside of lottery-selected areas (Areas L01-L32), stands may be placed in hunting areas from 1 September – 30 December and 16 April – 31 May. Stands outside this period will be considered abandoned property and removed unless prior arrangements have been made with Fort Drum’s Fish & Wildlife Management Program (315-772-9303) which will consider requests on a case-by-case basis. In lottery-selected areas.

p. No feeding or baiting of wildlife for the purpose of hunting is allowed.

q. To reduce the deer density in the Cantonment Area, all Cantonment Area hunters will be required to first shoot and check-in an antlerless deer before legally shooting a male antlered deer (or both deer have to be checked-in at the same time) in an Earn-A-Buck Program. Each hunter can utilize their own Deer Management Permit (DMP or “doe tag”), Either Sex Archery/Muzzleloader tag, or a Deer Management Area Program (DMAP) Permit provided by Fort Drum Natural Resources.

(1) DMAPs are available to be signed out from the Natural Resources Branch (Bldg. T4848) after a hunter has successfully completed their archery qualification. The DMAP will be held by the hunter for the duration of the season. Additional DMAPs will be provided after a DMAP tag is filled by a hunter. All harvested deer (males and females) must be check-in with the Natural Resources Branch (see paragraph 9(v)).

(2) Any harvested deer can be donated through the Natural Resources Branch to a foodbank if desired.

(3) DMAP permits are valid only within the Cantonment Area. DMAP permits can not be used in Hunting Areas 61-65 outside the perimeter fence.

(4) Unused DMAP tags must be returned to the Natural Resources Branch at the end of the season.

r. Hunters are not allowed to shoot deer with large reflective green neck collars and blue ear tags. These deer are part of a long-term deer study. All other deer (including those tagged with white or orange ear tags) are allowed to be harvested.

s. Hunters with wounded game that leave the designated Cantonment Hunting Areas (Appendix C) and/or beyond authorized access or shooting times must notify Fort Drum Law Enforcement Officials before tracking the animal by calling the Military Police (315-772-5156 or 315-772-5157) or stopping at the Directorate of Emergency Services (Bldg. P-10715). Licensed leashed tracking dog handlers may be contacted whose activities are in accordance with paragraph 15(f).

(4) Deer must be gutted (field dressed) in an area not readily observable to the general population. Deer must not be gutted within 50 feet of trails, roads, sidewalks, recreational facilities (including the skeet range, parks, campground, and ballfieds), etc.

u. Hunters must tag a harvested animal per New York State regulations. For deer harvested in the Cantonment Area during the regular season, the regular season tag must be used even though archery/crossbow are the only legal weapons. During the designated archery seasons, the archery/muzzleloader tag must be used. DMPs or DMAPs can also be used any time when authorized.

v. Hunters harvesting any deer or bear within the Cantonment Area are required to bring their harvest to the Natural Resources Branch office (Bldg T-4848), located near Range Branch. Hours of operation during the entire deer season are from 7:00am – 4:30pm Monday through Friday; and 10:00am – 2:00 pm Saturday and Sunday. The check station will not be open on Thanksgiving Day. 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 (315-772-9303) if other arrangements are necessary.
10. Special Waterfowl Hunting Areas

a. This paragraph applies only to two designated waterfowl hunting areas in Training Area 17B off of Matoon Creek Road (Appendix E) and in Training Area 13A off of US Military Hwy (Appendix F). Both areas are prime locations for waterfowl on Fort Drum and restricting access is meant to increase hunting opportunities throughout the season. In October – December, hunting in these areas are available ONLY to hunters drawn in a lottery system during the regular waterfowl and goose seasons. There are no restrictions for hunting waterfowl in 13A or 17B outside these designated areas.

b. Matoon Creek Road Hunting Area in Training Area 17B

(1) See Appendix E for the boundaries of this area.

(2) This special waterfowl hunting area has accessible blinds and a “waterfowl refuge” established on and around the peninsula at Matoon Creek Marsh off of Matoon Creek Road in Training Area 17B. Two universally accessible waterfowl hunting blinds are available, one each facing the east side and west side of the marsh; hunting does not have to occur from the blind, but can only be conducted facing in an easterly or westerly direction depending on the blind selected. No shooting can occur in a more than northerly direction from each blind, with the peninsula being the northern most shooting boundary from each side (i.e., no shot can pass over the peninsula). If hunting parties from each blind wish to hunt together and are safely firing in the same direction, then there are no directional shooting restrictions.

(3) There are three levels of preference for the lottery drawing: first preference are hunters with accessibility needs (see paragraph 11(a)); second preference are Soldiers currently assigned to a Warrior in Transition Unit or disabled hunters with a 100% Rating Decision in a VA Award Letter; if no hunters apply in the first two preference levels, then the lottery is conducted with all other applicants. Chosen hunters may have up to three other guests in the blind, but the hunter chosen in the lottery must be present. To reserve blinds and for more information on the lottery system, go to Fort Drum’s Fish & Wildlife Management Program web site (www.FortDrum.iSportsman.net).

c. US Military Hwy Hunting Area in Training Area 13A (Appendix F)

(1) See Appendix E for the boundaries of this area.

(2) This special waterfowl hunting area is accessed from US Military Hwy and utilizes an old road bed next to the marsh as an access trail. This trail and edge of the marsh is referred to as the “shoreline.” There are no constructed blinds. When Training Area 13A is closed due to use of the CACTF for military training, the Joint Access Policy applies and hunting/shooting must occur from or within 2m of the “shoreline.” If Training Area 13A is open, there are no restrictions and hunting can occur anywhere (see Appendix F). Hunters will be informed of the status of the area at the time of the lottery selection.

(3) There are no preferences for the lottery. The chosen hunter may have up to three other guests in the area, but the hunter chosen in the lottery must be present. For more information on the lottery system, go to Fort Drum’s Fish & Wildlife Management Program web site (www.FortDrum.iSportsman.net).

d. Hunting in these special waterfowl hunting areas is open from a half hour before sunrise to noon on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. All hunters must be out of the area by 2:00 pm on hunting days.

e. To determine seasons, bag limits, and other information, Fort Drum is Wildlife Management Unit 6H in the Northern Zone and Northeast Waterfowl Zone in the NYSDEC Hunting Regulations.

f. In September, there are no restrictions or lottery during the Canada Goose Season and hunting for geese can occur throughout the designated areas. There is no lottery during the
youth waterfowl weekend; however, hunting is allowed only on the Saturday of the youth weekend and is restricted to the designated hunting areas only (see Appendices E and F).

**g.** All hunters are still required to check-in/check-out to the Sportsman’s Hotline per paragraph 4(b).

**h.** The Joint Access Policy allows lottery waterfowl hunters to access these areas even when Training Area 13A or 17B is closed to recreation. Hunters that are selected through the lottery must contact Range Control (315-772-7152) to utilize the Joint Access policy on the hunting day. If closed to recreation, access to the hunting area in Training Area 17B must occur from the northern end of Matoon Creek Road (see Appendix E) and vehicles can go no further than the parking area; access to the hunting area in Training Area 13A occurs from US Military Highway and vehicles can go no further than the parking area. All vehicles must be parked in such a way to not obstruct the road. If no Joint Access is allowed due to training activities, hunters will be informed as soon as possible.

**i.** Hunters must have a dog, boat or other means to retrieve birds and minimize the loss of wounded animals.

**j.** Each hunter may not use or possess more than 25 non-toxic shells per day.

**k.** No other waterfowl hunters are allowed within the boundary of the waterfowl hunting area (see Appendix E and F) between 1 October and the end of the waterfowl season in mid-December.

### 11. Disabled Access Hunting

**a.** Hunters eligible for accessible accommodations in paragraphs 9(m), 10(b), 11(b), 11(d), and 11(e) include: hunters possessing a New York State Non-Ambulatory Hunter Permit; persons with severe permanent disabilities eligible for a New York State Parking Permit or License Plate; or persons with a life-threatening illness participating through a non-profit organization. See www.FortDrum.iSportsman.net for more information and how to register.

**b.** Training Areas 5E and 6C are open only to hunters defined in paragraph 11(a). Specific hunting sites are designated in these areas. Information about these sites and areas can be found at Fort Drum’s Fish & Wildlife Management Program web site. Hunters wanting to access these designated areas can check into the Sportsman’s Hotline on a “first come, first served” basis. See paragraph 11(h) for information about assistants.

**c.** A special waterfowl hunting area with accessible blinds and “waterfowl refuge” has been established on the peninsula at Matoon Creek Marsh off of Matoon Creek Road in Training Area 17B. See Appendix E for the boundaries of this area and paragraph 10 for more information.

**d.** Hunters eligible for accessible accommodations in paragraph 11(a) may hunt from an ATV or POV parked in a sub-training area open to recreational use for that day. Vehicles that are hunted from must be parked off designated recreational roads (reference Appendix B, Fort Drum Recreational Use Map) in such a manner as to not obstruct traffic (i.e., all four wheels off the road), but within 50 feet and visible from the road. ATVs must be transported into the Training Area by vehicle or trailer and must be used in accordance with paragraph 6(j). The transport of weapons must be in accordance with paragraph 7(d); weapons on ATVs must be in a scabbard. The engine of the vehicle must be turned off while hunting, and before the weapon is uncased. Hunting from vehicles must be in accordance with the New York State regulations.

**e.** Hunters eligible for accessible accommodations in paragraph 11(a) and eligible to access the Cantonment Area for hunting in paragraph 9(c) may hunt from an ATV, POV, or other mechanical device parked in Cantonment Hunting Area L01 or L02. Only archery and crossbow hunting is allowed. See paragraph 9(m) and Appendix C and D for more information.

**f.** Hunters eligible for accessible accommodations in paragraph 11(a) may hunt from an ATV on any trail/road not designated as a recreational road in Training Areas 6A, 7E, 7F, 7G, and 17D open to recreational use for that day. Hunting from vehicles must be in accordance with the New York State regulations.
(1) ATVs must be transported into the Training Area by vehicle or trailer which must be parked off designated recreational roads (reference Appendix B, Fort Drum Recreational Use Map) in such a manner as to not obstruct traffic and only next to or within the sub-training area open to recreational use for that day.

(2) ATVs must be used in accordance with paragraph 6(j). The engine of the vehicle must be turned off while hunting, and before the weapon is uncased.

(3) The transport of weapons must be in accordance with paragraph 7(d); weapons on ATVs must be in a scabbard.

  g. Archery/crossbow hunters must possess a valid New York State Handicapped Archer Permit or Modified Crossbow Permit to use modified bows per New York State regulations.

  h. Other persons may assist hunters that are eligible for accessible accommodations in paragraph 11(a). To assist in hunting, those persons must have a NYSDEC hunting license and Fort Drum Recreational Access Pass. Assistants may hunt at the same time, but may not hunt from a vehicle or ATV and must be in reasonable proximity to the hunter they are assisting.

12. Fishing and Boating

  a. Fishing on Fort Drum will be in accordance with Environmental Conservation Laws of New York, applicable federal laws, and Fort Drum regulations. Fishing regulations for seasons, daily limits, minimum fish lengths, and gear restrictions differ by county and waterbody. In the NYSDEC Fishing Regulations, Fort Drum is in Region 6 in Jefferson and Lewis counties (including the Black River and Indian River).

  b. All boating must be conducted under the provision of New York State Navigational Laws. 

Boats used on Fort Drum waters must be equipped with personal flotation devices and other safety equipment as required by state and federal laws. The use of jet skis or other motorized personal watercraft is prohibited on Fort Drum.

  c. It is unlawful to consume alcohol or other drugs, or be under the influence of the same, while operating a boat.

  d. Fishing is permitted on Fort Drum 24 hours a day except in permanently restricted areas (see paragraph 5) and Remington Pond where fishing is permitted in accordance with park operating hours. A Joint Access Policy exists on Fort Drum to allow anglers access to training areas when military training is occurring. See paragraph 4(d) for more information. Recreationists engaged in nighttime fishing activities must obtain a Fort Drum Fishing-Nighttime Recreation Pass and follow check-in procedures in accordance with paragraph 4(c).

  e. Ice fishing is permitted only on Indian Lake, Narrow Lake, Indian Pond, and Mud Lake. No motorized vehicles are allowed on the ice at any time except ATVs or snowmobiles for ice fishing purposes only in accordance with paragraphs 6(i) and 6(j). Recreationists are responsible for their own safety while on the ice.

  f. Remington Pond. No Fort Drum Recreational Access Pass is required to fish in Remington Pond and check-in/check-out is not required. Fishing and boating is allowed only during the posted operating hours of Remington Park. No motorized (gas or electric) boats are permitted on Remington Pond. Remington Pond is not open for ice fishing. Remington Pond is a catch-and-release only fishery.

  g. HEALTH ADVISORY. Based on an evaluation of contaminant levels (Mercury) in fish, a fish consumption advisory is in effect for all species of fish found in Indian Lake. It is recommended that persons eat no more than one meal (one-half pound) per month; women of childbearing age, infants, and children under the age of 15 should not eat any of the fish species from Indian Lake. There are other fish consumption advisories for the entire Adirondack Region which includes Fort Drum. See the New York State Department of Health publication Health Advice on Eating Sportfish and Game for more information.
13. Trapping
   a. Trapping on Fort Drum is in accordance with Environmental Conservation Laws of New York, applicable federal laws, and Fort Drum regulations. To determine seasons, bag limits, and other information, Fort Drum is Wildlife Management Unit 6H in the NYSDEC Trapping Regulations. **Harvested furbearers should be reported in accordance with NYSDEC Trapping Regulations.**
   b. Recreational trapping is not permitted in the Cantonment Area.
   c. A Joint Access Policy exists on Fort Drum to allow trappers the ability to utilize training areas when military training is occurring. See paragraph 4(d) for more information.
   d. Use of ATVs and snowmobiles is authorized for trapping purposes in accordance with paragraphs 6(i) and 6(j).
   e. While engaged in trapping activities, only a .22 caliber rimfire pistol/rifle may be used or lawfully possessed, but **not** in Training Areas 4A, 4B, 4D, 5A, 5D, and 6B during the big game hunting season.
   f. In the course of trapping, trappers may skin their catch along their trapline and leave carcasses in the field.
   g. It is illegal to disturb another person's legally set trap, remove a lawfull y trapped animal from another person's trap, or possess an animal so removed without the owner's permission.

14. Camping
   a. Camping includes, but shall not be limited to, any form of temporary shelter such as a tent, motor home, travel trailer, mobile home or the use of any vehicle for shelter or sleeping.
   b. Camping in the Fort Drum Cantonment Area is allowed at designated RV areas at Remington Park. Anyone interested using these RV sites may contact DFMWR Outdoor Recreation Bldg P-11115 Iraqi Freedom Drive or phone 315-772-5169/8222 or go to drum.armymwr.com and select Outdoor Recreation. Recreationists using the RV Park are not required to possess a Fort Drum Recreational Access Pass, or check-in or check-out at Range Branch.
   c. Overnight camping in the Fort Drum Training Area is allowed year-round. All camping in the Training Area is primitive and there are no designated campsites. Recreationists engaged in overnight camping must obtain a Fort Drum Recreational Access Pass for Camping and follow check-in procedures in accordance with paragraph 4(c).
   d. No person shall discard, bury or dispose of any trash, waste or litter on Fort Drum. Trash receptacles are not provided, so recreationists must carry out what they carry in. Camping areas must be returned to their original condition before departing. See paragraph 2(j) for more information.
   e. Recreationists are responsible for providing their own portable latrines and proper disposal of human waste. However, recreationists may use permanent latrines in the Training Area.
   f. See paragraph 2(k) for information regarding campfires.
   g. Law enforcement officers will make periodic checks on overnight users of Fort Drum to assure their safety and to ensure compliance with all applicable regulations.

15. Other Outdoor Activities
   a. Swimming is permitted at Remington Park in accordance with the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). Swimming in any body of water in the Training Area that is not otherwise restricted is allowed, but done so at your own risk.
   b. SCUBA diving is prohibited in all bodies of water within Fort Drum.
c. Target shooting (all weapons) is allowed in the Cantonment Area in facilities under the direction of the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) personnel. Target shooting with archery/crossbow is allowed in the Training Area. Target shooting with firearms or other non-archery/crossbow weapons is allowed only on ranges designated by Range Branch.

d. Capture of any raptor (e.g., hawk, falcon) on the Fort Drum Military Installation for falconry is prohibited. However, the use of raptors for falconry purposes on Fort Drum is permitted with the appropriate federal, state, and Fort Drum licenses and permits.

e. Dog training is allowed on Fort Drum during the day time only and in accordance with New York State regulations. Dogs must remain under the control of the owner/handler at all times. Training of dogs on black bears is prohibited on Fort Drum. The capture of any wildlife species for the purpose of dog training is prohibited on Fort Drum. Dog owners/handlers should be aware of the danger of concertina wire in the Training Area. Fort Drum is not responsible for any injuries sustained by the dog while on Fort Drum.

f. Use of tracking dogs by licensed leashed tracking dog handlers is allowed in the Cantonment Area and Training Area per NYSDEC regulations including the use of artificial lights. The handler is not required to obtain a Fort Drum Recreation Permit or check-in on the Sportsman Hotline, but the handler must be accompanied by either a Fort Drum official or authorized recreationist in accordance with this regulation. Licensed leashed tracking dog handlers are not authorized to possess or use firearms in the Cantonment Area, but may use a collapsible spear to dispatch a wounded animal; possession and use of firearms in the Training Area must be in accordance with paragraph 7.

g. Angling and hunting for frogs is allowed in the Training Area in accordance with Environmental Conservation Laws of New York; only angling is allowed for frogs in the Cantonment Area.

h. Capture of baitfish and crayfish is allowed on Fort Drum for private use only and not for commercial purposes. The use of baitfish and crayfish must be in accordance with Environmental Conservation Laws of New York. In general, the use of baitfish or other legally taken fish species intended to be used as bait may only be used in the same water body from which they were caught for bait in hook-and-line fishing. Transportation of personally harvested baitfish over land by a motorized vehicle is prohibited.

16. Penalties

a. Violations of this regulation or any New York State statutes are subject, but not limited, to prosecution under 10 U.S.C., 2671, N.Y. ECL Section 71-0919 or Section 71-0921. Military personnel are also subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice and Fort Drum Pamphlet 600–5. For serious offenses, New York State and Fort Drum officials will be involved concurrently, and all offenders may be subject to Local, State and Federal penalties. Violations or assisting in violations of these types of offenses could result in but not limited to a revocation of New York State hunting/fishing/trapping privileges, temporary or permanent loss of recreational privileges on the installation, seizure, and potential destruction of equipment used, as well as possibly court-assessed confinement, fines or other penalties.

b. Immediate Suspension. Any person cited with a violation, misdemeanor and/or felony of any provision of New York State statutes, applicable federal laws, Army and Fort Drum regulations, by New York State Conservation Officers, Federal Game Wardens or Military Police, shall immediately surrender his/her access pass to the citing official if requested.

c. Temporary or Permanent Revocation. Issuance of a Fort Drum Recreational Access Pass is an administrative function to allow privileges on Fort Drum Military Installation. Temporary or permanent revocation of these privileges will be based on the police report, seriousness of the violation, number of violations, and any extenuating circumstances. The date of revocation will start based on the date of adjudication (not the date of violation). A letter
of revocation will be provided to the violator by Fort Drum’s Fish & Wildlife Manager if the violator wants to appeal the decision to the Garrison Commander. Revocations can be appealed to the Garrison Commander in writing (Address: Fort Drum Garrison Commander, Hays Hall, P-10000, Fort Drum, NY 13602) explaining the reason why the revocation should be reduced or overturned.

d. All evidence of unauthorized hunting, fishing, trapping, or other forms of recreational activities to include but not be limited to suspected unlawfully killed or caught game or fish, unauthorized weapons, snares, traps, illegal fishing contraptions or devices, explosives, nets, or seines will be confiscated and may be released to the NYSDEC with report of offense. A receipt of the confiscated items will be furnished to persons from whom the items are seized.
Appendix A
References

Section I
Required Publications
This section contains no entries.

Section II
Related Publications
A related publication is an additional source of information. Users of this regulation do not have to read related publications to understand the contents of this regulation.

50 CFR, Part 17
Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants

50 CFR, Part 20
Migratory Bird Hunting

50 CFR, Part 23
Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)

6 NYCRR, Chapter 1, Part 55
Public Use in the Fort Drum Cooperator Area

16 USC 703-711
Migratory Bird Treaty

16 USC 718(A)
Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Tax Act

16 USC 1538-1543
Endangered Species

16 USC, Section 470ee
Archeological Resources Protection Act of 1979

16 USC, Section 670 et. seq. PL 86-797
Sikes Act

Army Regulation 385–10
The Army Safety Program

Fort Drum Pamphlet 600–5
Basic Standards

Fort Drum Regulation 190–6
Control of Firearms, Ammunition, and Other Dangerous Weapons

Public Law 97-79
Lacey Act Amendments of 1981

New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law
Appendix B
Fort Drum Recreational Use Map

(Copies are available from Fort Drum’s Natural Resources Branch, Bldg. S-2507 and Bldg. T-4848)
Appendix C
Cantonment Hunting Areas

DEER HUNTING SEASONS IN CANTONMENT AREA
Archery/Crossbow in Areas L91-L92 & 70-72
27 Sep - 09 Dec 2018
Archery in Areas 60-65
27 Sep - 09 Dec 2018
Crossbow in Areas 60-65
10 Oct - 09 Dec 2018

APPENDIX C.
CANTONMENT HUNTING AREAS

CANTONMENT HUNTING AREA STATUS
- HUNTING ALLOWED DAILY
- HUNTING ALLOWED ON WEEKENDS, FEDERAL HOLIDAYS, TRAINING HOLIDAYS, AND OTHER DESIGNATED TIMES.
- HUNTING ALLOWED FROM THE GROUND OR ELEVATED STRUCTURES.

OTHER CANTONMENT FEATURES
- VILLAGE OF BLACK RIVER
- FENCE LINE
- LOCAL ROAD
- RAILROAD
- MAINTAINED TRAIL - 150-FOOT OFFSET DISTANCE REQUIRED
- PARKING AREA (ATV TRAILERING)
- GATE AND ID
- BUILDING
- DIRECTORATE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (P-10715)
- FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT OFFICE FOR DMAPS & CHECK-IN STATION (T-4848)
- RECREATION MAPS & ARCHERY QUALIFICATIONS (S-2509)

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 to traffic.
Appendix D
Cantonment Hunting: ATV Use & Disabled Access
Appendix E
Matoon Marsh Waterfowl Hunting Area Map
Appendix G
ATV Trails for Disabled Access Hunting