Fort Drum is an active military installation. Recreational use is secondary to military training. All recreationists are responsible for knowing the laws, regulations, and procedures for recreational activities on Fort Drum.

Recreation on Fort Drum—including hunting, fishing, trapping, and wildlife viewing—is open to everyone!

Before entering the training areas, all recreationists must have a Fort Drum Recreation Pass, a NYSDEC license (for hunting, fishing & trapping), and check-in daily by accessing your account on the web site with a smart phone or computer or calling the Sportsman’s Hotline at 1-855-267-9770. The Sportsman’s Hotline is updated at approximately 3:00 pm, listing training areas that are open the following day.

Fort Drum Recreational Access Passes are ONLY available on-line through the www.FortDrum.iSportsman.net web site. Passes are FREE! Recreational Access Passes (and NYSDEC licenses) are valid from January 1 to December 31.

Recreationists can obtain access passes from home, library, or other computer terminal with internet access and a printer. Once the information has been input into the system, the recreational access pass can be printed on a normal printer (the print out will look like the example on the left). Passes for each person in the vehicle should be place on the driver’s side of the vehicle when entering Fort Drum.

Regulations can be downloaded from the web site, but Recreational Use Maps must be picked up in person at the Natural Resources Outreach Facility (S-2507). It is the responsibility of every recreationist to have an updated map and know the regulations before recreating on Fort Drum!

(Turn this page over for other requirements to recreate on Fort Drum.)

FortDrum.iSportsman.net

The Fort Drum iSportsman web site not only provides the gateway to receive a Recreational Access Pass, but also includes an overview of recreation and natural resources management on Fort Drum. The most updated information can be found in the “New News” section; events related to outdoor recreation and the environment are located under the “Upcoming Events” section; and season dates can be found on the web site as well. There are numerous links and downloadable files on a variety of topics.

The web site can be found at: www.fortdrum.isportsman.net
You can also join us on our Facebook page—just search “Fort Drum Natural Resources.”

A new permit and check-in/check-out system has begun June 2018!

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Same web site address: FortDrum.iSportsman.net
- 6 digit pass number instead of a 5 digit pass number
- Check-in/check-out can be done through a telephone (like now) or on-line through a computer or smart phone.
- Different check-in number instead of the current Sportsman’s Hotline: 1-855-267-9770
- A specific subtraining area must be selected (up to 3) for Check-in.
- An interactive map will be available showing areas that are open or closed.
- Check-out at the end of the day will now be required

Questions? E-mail us at: FORTDRUM@iSPORTSMAN.NET
To hunt, fish, or trap on Fort Drum, a New York State hunting, fishing, and/or trapping license must first be obtained. NYS licenses are available on Fort Drum at the PX. Anyone allowed to access Fort Drum can purchase a NYS license at the PX. Otherwise, NYS licenses are available from off-post vendors. See the NYSDEC web site (www.dec.ny.gov/permits/365.html) for information about hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses.

Active duty military personnel and family members stationed at Fort Drum are eligible to purchase sporting licenses as NYS RESIDENTS instead of non-residents.

NYS residents who are active service members of either the New York State Organized Militia, U.S. Reserve Forces, or certain members of the U.S. Armed Forces are eligible for FREE sporting licenses. See the NYSDEC web site (www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6097.html) for more information.

All first-time hunters and trappers must pass a safety/education course before obtaining a license in New York State. Courses are FREE and administered by the NYSDEC. To learn more, see the NYSDEC web site (www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7860.html) or call the Regional Sportsman Education Office at 315-785-2533.

All recreationists in Fort Drum training areas from Sep 1—Mar 30 and May 1—May 31 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. See Fort Drum Regulation 420-3 paragraph 2i for exceptions to wearing blaze orange.

On Fort Drum, all rifles, shotguns, compound bows and crossbows transported in a vehicle must be unloaded and cased. See Fort Drum Regulation 420-3 Paragraph 7d for more information.

Weapons no longer need to be registered if used in the Training Area. However, if you already have one, please keep your registration card in a safe place if it is necessary again in the future.

There are several opportunities for hunters with accessibility requirements to hunt on Fort Drum at a waterfowl blind; in two designated hunting areas; and hunting from an ATV on a trail network in five different subtraining areas.

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 are eligible to utilize these areas. See Fort Drum Regulation 420-3 paragraph 11 for more information.

Several publications are available at the Natural Resources Outreach Facility (Bldg. S-2507) or can be downloaded from the web site.

Everyone is welcome to a free, family-friendly event focused on outdoor recreation and natural resources on Saturday, August 17, 2019 from 10:00 am—4:00 pm. It will be held rain-or-shine in and around Bldg. S-2507 off of Rte. 26. See the web site for more information.