

Hunting and Fishing Regulations

Fort Riley offers an array of outdoor recreational opportunities. However, there are certain procedures you must follow in order to stay safe and on the right side of the law. The following is a summary of some of the most important regulations. A complete summary can be found in the Fort Riley Outdoor Recreation Map and Regulations.

Open Recreation Areas: *Open Shotgun Areas* are available for shotgun hunting with 2 shot or smaller ammunition, as well as bow hunting, fishing, and non-consumptive outdoor recreation. *Open Rifle Hunting Areas* are open for the aforementioned activities plus centerfire rifle hunting.

Hunter Orange: Hunter orange is required by Kansas and Fort Riley regulation for various activities and times of the year. Refer to the Fort Riley Outdoor Recreation Map and Regulations for requirements.

Recreational Vehicle Marking: All vehicles being used for recreational activities on Fort Riley must display a current Fort Riley iSportsman Permit.

Firearms Registration: All firearms must be registered before being brought onto the installation.

Hunting and Fishing Permits: A Fort Riley Hunting Permit is required for hunting on post in addition to all appropriate state and federal tags, stamps and permits. A Kansas Fishing License is required to fish anywhere on post and a Kansas Trout Stamp is required if you are actively fishing for Trout in Moon Lake or Cameron Springs during the state of Kansas Trout Season, unless exempt.

Hunter Education Requirements: Anyone hunting on Fort Riley must comply with Kansas regulations regarding hunter education.

Shooting Limitations: Firearms shall not be fired within 200 meters of any building, body of troops, or restricted area, from or across any improved road. Target shooting is not allowed

on Fort Riley except at the Privately Owned Firearms Range or at a designated target shooting area. Firearms must be transported unloaded and in a closed case (zipped shut or locked). Ammunition must be stored separately.

Off Road Vehicles: Motorized vehicles are restricted to maintained trails and hard surfaces and those trails specifically denoted on the Fort Riley Outdoor Recreation Map. Off-road driving is strictly prohibited except to retrieve a downed deer or elk.

Most important to remember is that all of these activities co-exist with the military mission. It is vital that they be accomplished safely and within Fort Riley and Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism Regulations. If you are new to Fort Riley, a good place start is at: <https://fortriley.isportsman.net>

The Fort Riley Military Reservation or portions of it may be closed at anytime, without prior notice, due to military activities or impassable roads. Outdoor recreation is allowed for military and civilians when compatible with the military mission.

Important Contact Information

Environmental Division: 785-239-6211
Outdoor Recreation Center: 785-239-6368
Game Warden: 785-239-6767

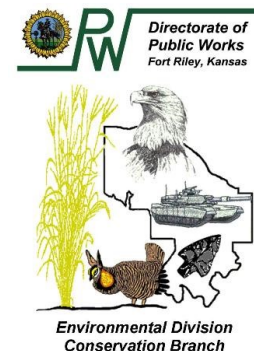
[Fort Riley iSportsman](https://fortriley.isportsman.net)
All individuals hunting, fishing, or participating in ANY outdoor recreational activities in a Training Area on Fort Riley must check in/check out using the Fort Riley iSportsman system.

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FORT RILEY Hunting, Fishing and Outdoor Recreation



**A guide to outdoor recreation on
the Fort Riley Military Reservation**



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Hunting, Fishing and More.....

Fishing

Fishing opportunities on Fort Riley are plentiful and the installation just happens to be located between the two largest lakes in Kansas. On Fort Riley, channel catfish stockings are planned throughout the spring and summer along with the bass, bluegill and sunfish that have already been stocked. Quite possibly the best trout fishing opportunity in Kansas occurs right here on Fort Riley with two of the 30 stocked trout fisheries in Kansas – Moon Lake and Cameron Springs. Several thousand pounds of trout are stocked on Fort Riley during the trout season. This is in addition to the numerous streams and rivers that are open to fishing on Fort Riley. The Kansas and Republican Rivers along with Wildcat Creek have excellent stream fishing potential. The best part is that fishing at Fort Riley does not require the purchase of an additional Fort Riley Fishing Permit. Anglers only need to possess their state fishing license as required.

Hunting

Turkey hunting on Fort Riley is terrific during both the lengthy fall and spring seasons. Turkeys are plentiful on Fort Riley and can be found just about anywhere on the installation. Deer hunting on Fort Riley is a tremendous opportunity to experience the thrill of going after a Boone and Crocket whitetail. The popularity of deer hunting far surpasses any other form of hunting on Fort Riley. Despite increased demand, the Quality Deer Management initiatives employed by the Environmental Division have

further increased the overall quality of the herd, along with your chances of harvesting a true trophy buck.

Upland game hunters have a variety of choices including one very unique species - the greater prairie chicken. Although this species of prairie grouse has declined throughout its range, the Fort Riley population has remained fairly stable. The other two species of upland game birds found on Fort Riley are probably a better-known quarry to most hunters. Ring-necked pheasant and bobwhite quail can be found in good numbers in most years on post. Rabbits and squirrels can be found in abundance on Fort Riley and both have a long season for hunting.

The most unique hunting opportunity on post requires a little forethought early in the summer.

Fort Riley has the largest free-ranging herd of elk in the state of Kansas. A limited number of permits are issued each year by the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism (KDWPT). Applications are usually available in mid June through mid July through the KDWPT website.

Hunting game animals on Fort Riley requires possession of all required Kansas Hunting permits and licenses as well as a Fort Riley Hunting Access Permit. Limited draw permits, including deer, turkey and elk require an additional Fort Riley Permit issued by the Environmental Division.

Many Other Opportunities

While hunting and fishing are the most popular outdoor pastimes on Fort Riley, there are many opportunities to enjoy the outdoors without a firearm, bow and arrow or fishing pole. Warm spring weather brings morel mushroom hunting that, in some years, can be found by the bucket full. Horseback riding, bicycling and hiking are just a few more opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. An additional resource is the boat ramp at the headwaters of the Kansas River near the Grant Avenue Bridge. You can access the ramp through Grant Avenue in Junction City. Additional access points to the Kansas River can be found at kansasriver.org. There are a multitude of access locations, which has opened up additional opportunities to canoes and kayaks.

