

# FORT RILEY SPRING TURKEY SEASON FACT SHEET 2026

*The military mission has precedence over the announced hunting season.* The Fort Riley Military Reservation or portions of it may be closed at any time due to military activities. Vehicle access may be prohibited to where turkey hunting is allowed. Additional security measures may be implemented without notice, resulting in access restrictions in addition to those explained in this publication.

**1. ELIGIBILITY:** Anyone meeting the requirements specified below is eligible to spring turkey hunt on Fort Riley. Permits and licenses must be available to show to game wardens at all times.

## **2. PERMIT REQUIREMENTS:**

- a. Kansas Permits and Licenses.** Turkey hunters must obtain all State of Kansas required permits and licenses. Kansas permits and licenses are available at County Clerk Offices, Kansas hunting and fishing license vendors, or online at <http://www.kdwpt.state.ks.us/news/license-permits>. Fort Riley falls in the State of Kansas Turkey Management Unit 3.
- b. Fort Riley Conservation Permit 2026-2027.** Hunters must complete the 2026-2027 Outdoor Recreation Safety Brief online at <https://fortriley.isportsman.net> to obtain a Fort Riley Conservation Permit. The safety briefing is available under the “My Account” tab after logging in.
- c. Fort Riley Spring Turkey Hunting Permit.** Each turkey hunter is required to obtain a 2026 Fort Riley Spring Turkey Permit. This free turkey permit can be acquired after watching the required 2026 Spring Turkey Hunt Briefing video that is available online at <https://fortriley.isportsman.net>. This permit can be printed along with your Fort Riley Conservation Permit under the “My Account” tab on the iSportsman webpage.

## **3. SEASONS:**

- a. Youth & Disabled Season, 1-14 April 2026.** Fort Riley Spring Turkey Permit holders who qualify as a Youth or Disabled hunter, as defined by Kansas regulation, may hunt in any open shotgun/archery area. Youth hunters are required to meet all permit requirements and hunting procedures.
- b. Archery Only Season, 6-14 April 2026.** Fort Riley Spring Turkey Permit holders may hunt during the archery season in any open shotgun/archery area with any legal archery equipment, as defined by Kansas regulation.
- c. Regular Spring Turkey Season, 15 April through 31 May 2026.** Fort Riley Spring Turkey Permit holders may hunt during the Regular Spring Turkey Season.

**4. OPEN HUNTING AREAS:** Hunting is limited to open training or maneuver areas. Spring turkey hunters are responsible for checking the open areas listing daily when logging into iSportsman.

**5. BAG LIMIT:** The legal bag limit for Kansas’s Turkey Management Unit 3, which includes Fort Riley, is one bearded turkey.

**6. HUNTING PROCEDURES:** Fort Riley iSportsman registration and daily check-in-out is required to recreate on Fort Riley.

**7. HARVESTED TURKEYS:** Hunters who harvest a turkey on Fort Riley have two reporting requirements: first, report the harvest on the Fort Riley iSportsman website, and second, complete the state of Kansas's turkey check-out procedure. Information requested will include the location of the kill, and the turkey's beard and spur length..

**8. LEGAL EQUIPMENT:** Shotguns (with shot sizes #2 thru #9) and legal archery equipment (as defined by Kansas Regulation) are allowed for turkey hunting. No electronic calls can be used while turkey hunting.

**9. GROUND BLINDS:** All ground blinds must be permanently marked/engraved in a visible manner above the entrance with the hunter's KDWP#. Reminder, fires from prescribed burning and military training occur throughout the year on the installation. Fort Riley is not responsible for damage to or loss of personal property. Therefore, placement of hunting blinds and other personal effects are done at your own risk.

**10. OFF-LIMITS AREAS:** The impact area and Douthit Range Complex are off limits at all times. Areas not listed as open for shotgun/archery hunting on the Fort Riley iSportsman website are not open for turkey hunting.

**11. FIREARM SPECIFICS:** Fort Riley Regulation 190-1 requires registration of all firearms brought on-post regardless of military or civilian status. Firearms must be registered at the Visitor Control Center (Bldg. 885) just south of the Henry Gate Access Control Point (Exit 301, U.S. Interstate 70) Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends and federal holidays. For further information concerning firearms registration, visit <https://home.army.mil/riley/about/visitor-info>. All firearms must be unloaded and cased or locked while being transported in a vehicle on Fort Riley. Ammunition must be stored separately from the firearm being transported in a vehicle.

**12. HUNTER ORANGE REQUIREMENT.** During the time period September 1 – May 31, all recreationists who are not in a stationary position must wear at least one of the following articles of visible, external apparel with at least 50 percent of its surface area solid blaze orange in color: hat, cap, vest, coat, jacket, sweatshirt, shirt or coveralls.

**13. ACCESS CONTROL PROCEDURES:** All individuals 18 and older must possess a Federal ID Card, other vetted credentials, or obtain a Fort Riley Access Pass or badge to recreate on Fort Riley. To acquire an access pass, you can apply online at <HTTPS://PASS.AIE.ARMY.MIL>. or visit the installation's Visitor Control Center (Bldg. 885) just south of the Henry Gate Access Control Point (Exit 301, U.S. Interstate 70) Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends and federal holidays. For further information concerning access to Fort Riley, visit <https://home.army.mil/riley/about/visitor-info>.

For further information concerning the 2026 Fort Riley Spring Turkey season, contact the Environmental Division Office at (785) 239-6211 or visit our website at <https://fortriley.isportsman.net>.