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Section I

GENERAL

1-1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE.

a. Hunting, fishing, water safety, and trapping regulations are published for the information and guidance of all concerned and to prescribe general policies and procedures concerning hunting, fishing, watercraft, water safety, and trapping on the Fort Rucker military reservation. This regulation is applicable to all who participate in any activities governed by this regulation.

b. Regulations pertaining to hunting, fishing, watercraft, water safety, trapping, open seasons, bag limits, and creel limits will be in accordance with (IAW) the laws of Alabama and federal laws and regulations pertaining to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Lacey Act, Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act, Endangered Species Act, Archaeological Resources Protection Act, and the regulations set forth herein. Nothing in these regulations will be interpreted to permit acts contrary to either state or federal statutes. Violation of this regulation may result in punitive actions.

1-2. RESPONSIBILITIES.

a. Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (DFMWR). The DFMWR is designated as the primary agency responsible for reviewing, coordinating, and publishing this regulation. The DFMWR will also establish procedures for allocating Outdoor Recreation (ODR) deerstands and will be responsible for administration of this regulation as described in paragraphs 1-8 and 1-9 below.

b. Directorate of Public Works (DPW). The DPW is the authorized agency for supervision, planning, maintenance, and management of fish and wildlife resources. The DPW is responsible for biological data collection. The DPW will maintain a record of deer and turkeys harvested on the installation and provide the information to the proper authorities to assist in effective game management. The DPW is responsible for policy regarding the harvest of antlerless deer and will be IAW the annually published state regulation. The DPW is responsible for developing food plots for wildlife and stocking fish for all installation lakes.

c. Directorate of Public Safety (DPS). The DPS is the primary designated law enforcement authority on the Fort Rucker military reservation and will provide game law enforcement (GLE) officers. The GLE officers will closely coordinate with the Fish and Wildlife Section, DPW, in the execution of the hunting and fishing programs.

d. Individual Sportspeople.

(1) Sportspeople who have permission to hunt, fish, use watercraft, and trap on Fort Rucker are charged with the responsibility of familiarizing themselves with the provisions of this regulation and applicable state and federal laws and abiding by these regulations and laws.

(2) A Fort Rucker special overprint map is used to control hunting, fishing, and trapping activities on this installation. All sportspeople are required to familiarize themselves with this map (appendix A) prior to engaging in these activities. Areas on the Fort Rucker training map that are not numbered or lettered as training areas are not open to hunting. This map is also available at the ODR Pro Shop (334-255-4305), building 24236, Johnston Road, Lake Tholocco, West Side.

(3) All persons engaged in hunting, fishing, trapping, or the use of watercraft on Fort Rucker are responsible for informing a responsible person of their whereabouts (i.e., training areas) and expected time of return. Responsible persons so informed who are aware that a sportsperson has not returned as expected from ODR activities on Fort Rucker should report such to the Military Police (MP) desk, 334-255-2222.

(4) All persons engaged in hunting, fishing, trapping, or the use of watercraft on Fort Rucker are required to treat Fort Rucker employees with courtesy and respect.

1-3. RESTRICTED AREAS NORTH OF HIGHWAY 27. The policy for hunting in the areas north of Highway 27 is as follows:

a. Outdoor recreational activities are not allowed within the impact area. Access to this area is restricted to authorized personnel only. The impact area is defined as that area bounded by Highway 27 on the south and the paved perimeter road on the north, east, and west, plus portions of Training Areas 7 and 11 (appendix A).

b. Hunting areas that are adjacent to the impact area, Areas 1 through 11, are shown on the hunting and training map. Hunters using these areas must be familiar with the following restrictions: Access to these areas, when open for hunting and trapping purposes, will be granted by calling Hunt-Trac after clearance is received from the Training Division, Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security (DPTMS). The Training Division, DPTMS, will ensure gates across east and west perimeter roads and Johnston Road are open when hunting or trapping is allowed in Training Areas 1 through 11.

c. Personnel finding any unexploded ordnance (UXO) will immediately report the location to the Training Division, DPTMS, at 334-255-4303/4793. Personnel should not pick up, move, or otherwise disturb an item suspected of being a UXO. Mark the area and path in such a way that the UXO can be easily located by Range Control.

d. Any road with access barriers (signs, gates, chains, mounds, etc.) and the tracked vehicle access trail (tank trail) are restricted from vehicle traffic, except for vehicles in direct support of training; vehicles used by the Natural Resources Branch, DPW; vehicles used for area maintenance, and DPS safety and emergency vehicles.

1-4. PERSONNEL AUTHORIZED TO HUNT, FISH, AND TRAP ON FORT RUCKER. Anyone desiring to hunt, fish, or trap on the Fort Rucker military reservation must meet all license and permit requirements stated in paragraphs 1-5 and 1-6 of this regulation.

1-5. LICENSES. All personnel (resident or nonresident) who fish, hunt, or trap on the Fort Rucker military reservation are required to possess the appropriate State of Alabama fishing, hunting, or trapping license. The purchase of a federal duck stamp and State of Alabama duck stamp, in addition to the appropriate state license, is required for hunting water fowl. A federal duck stamp may be purchased at any US Post Office. A State of Alabama duck stamp may be purchased at the Probate Judge's Office at the county courthouse. Residents of the state of Alabama 65 years of age or older are not required to have a state license.

1-6. PERMITS.

a. The DFMWR is the only agency authorized to issue installation hunting, fishing, and trapping permits. All personnel 16 years of age or older who hunt, fish, or trap on Fort Rucker must have in their possession a valid Fort Rucker hunting, fishing, or trapping permit, as applicable. Permits will be issued only to eligible individuals who possess a valid state license, view the UXO video, pay the appropriate permit fee as prescribed, and (for hunters) have proof of completion of a state-certified hunter education course from any of the 50 states, Canada, or Germany.

b. Classification of post hunting, fishing, and trapping permits is as follows:

(1) Annual hunting, fishing, and trapping permits; weekly and daily fishing permits.

(2) State of Alabama residents 65 years of age or older are permitted to hunt, fish, and trap on Fort Rucker at no cost. Individuals meeting the state criteria as totally disabled and possessing a special annual State of Alabama fishing license for totally disabled persons are permitted to fish on Fort Rucker at no cost. Personnel meeting these criteria will be issued the appropriate Fort Rucker permit. Individuals will contact the ODR Pro Shop (334-255-4305) for details on how to obtain a permit.

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c. Different permit types are identified below.

- (1) Hunting Permits.
 - (a) Basic Annual Resident Hunting Permit.*
 - (b) Nonresident Basic Annual Hunting Permit.*
 - (c) Deer and Feral Hog Stamp.
 - (d) Turkey Stamp.
 - (e) Trapping Stamp.
 - (f) Daily All Game Hunting Stamp (resident).
 - (g) Daily Nonresident All Game Hunting Stamp.
- (2) The basic annual post fishing permit fee is separate from the basic annual post hunting permit.
 - (a) Daily Fishing.*
 - (b) Seven-Day Fishing.*
 - (c) Annual Fishing.*
 - (d) Daily Boating.*

*A recreation fee will be added to the basic permit.

d. A Sikes Act fee for managing fish and wildlife resources and an MWR fee for managing recreational aspects of the program will be charged to patrons. The rates will be published annually.

1-7. **INSPECTIONS.** Sportspeople must carry their state license, post permits, and proof of identification on their persons for examination upon request by Fort Rucker GLE officers or state game wardens. Creel and game bags will be made available for examination upon request. Sportspeople must have their weapon's registration in their vehicle or in a gun case as they travel on the installation with weapons.

1-8. **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS.** The DFMWR will implement the provisions of the common regulatory violations and possible penalties by conducting hearings when applicable and taking necessary actions in those cases where a violator is identified (appendix B). A violator is defined as an individual who is apprehended or issued a summons by Fort Rucker GLE officers, federal game wardens, or state game wardens for violation of this regulation, state or federal laws, or other applicable Army regulations on the Fort Rucker military reservation. Violators will surrender their post hunting, fishing, or trapping permits to the officer making the apprehension and those privileges will be suspended (appendix B). Any appeal of a suspension will be made IAW paragraph 1-9.

1-9. **RESTORATION OF PRIVILEGES.** Appeals for restoration of hunting, fishing, boating, and trapping privileges will be submitted in writing to the DFMWR through the DPS (for comment) within 10 calendar days from the date the penalty was issued. The Community Recreation Officer will make a recommendation to the Director, DFMWR, who will then determine if restoration of privileges is warranted or justified. Grounds for appeal include, but are not limited to, emergency beyond patron's control, citation issued improperly, or patron called back to unscheduled military duty.

Section II

HUNTING

2-1. CLEARANCE TO ENTER TRAINING AREAS.

a. During all hunting seasons, all hunters must call the Range Control briefing tape at 334-255-4086 to obtain information regarding closed training areas. It is also the hunter's responsibility to check each period posted daily by DPTMS Range Control at 1100, 1600, and 2000 hours.

b. After verifying that the area of choice is open, all hunters must sign in via the Hunt-Trac Hunter Control System at 334-255-0157. Hunters will select an open area of choice. This selected training area assignment shall be binding. Individuals will be allowed to change areas only by calling the Range Control briefing tape for closed areas, then changing their area through the Hunt-Trac Hunter Control System. This requirement exists to ensure the number of hunters does not exceed the area's capacity. The Hunt-Trac Hunter Control System will be utilized as the primary method to check in to a hunting area. The backup hunter control system is a 24-hour answering machine that will be used if the Hunt-Trac Hunter Control System is inoperative. Telephone calls automatically transfer from the automated Hunt-Trac Hunter Control System to the answering machine backup system. In the unlikely event that both the primary and backup systems fail, hunters may hunt after verifying that the area is in fact open for hunting by calling the Range Control briefing tape at 334-255-4086. The last updated briefing will be at 2000 hours. Hunters can register the day before for an area to hunt, but not before the 2000 hours update of the Range Control briefing of closed areas. DO NOT CALL the MP desk to check in to a training area.

c. All hunters, during any hunting season, must adhere to the following; failure to do so will result in a suspension of hunting privileges:

- (1) Upon entering a hunting area, do not block roads, tank trails, etc., when parking the vehicle.
- (2) Vehicles are not permitted on the tank trail north of Highway 27.
- (3) Hunters must display the ODR registration card in plain view on the dashboard of the driver's side of their vehicle. The ODR card must be filled out legibly and in its entirety.
- (4) Hunters must be out of the hunting areas not later than 1900 hours standard time or 2000 hours daylight savings time (DST). All hunters failing to check out of Hunt-Trac will be automatically removed by the system at 2000 hours DST.
- (5) Hunters will not tamper with or otherwise remove any barricade or gate which prohibits entry into any training area that is closed for training.

d. During deer and turkey hunting seasons, hunters must utilize the collection stations. Collection stations are located across from Range Control headquarters for training areas north of Highway 27 and across from the GLE office for south of Highway 27 (main post) by the primary boat launch for Lake Tholocco. All deer and turkeys must be physically taken to the collection stations to be weighed, measured, and logged in (instructions are posted at both collection stations). When a turkey is harvested by a hunter, before such turkey is moved from the area, the hunter is required to punch out the date on his/her permit. Failure to do so will result in a 30-day suspension. Hunters wounding game will make every effort to track down the animal or bird. They will notify the GLE officers (334-255-4735/4213) of lost game. Tracking wounded game into the impact area is prohibited. Tracking for game is not allowed in areas known or suspected to contain UXOs.

e. During turkey season, hunters will be allowed (with shotguns size #6 shot or smaller) in certain bow only areas during weekdays. These areas are A1, E, F, G (north of creek), H (east of creek), and I. Hunters must register for an area and sign in to the area through the Hunt-Trac System, as depicted on the map issued to hunters.

f. Turkey, hog, and all small game hunters will check in to an area that is in a zone (appendix C). Hunters can hunt multiple areas as long as they are not closed for training in that zone. As soon as the hunter decides to leave that zone of hunting areas, he/she has to log out of and back in to Hunt-Trac for a new area that represents one of the below mentioned zones.

(1) East Zone includes: Areas 32, 34, 35, 38 (east of Hanchey Road), 39, 40, and 41 and Bow Areas E, F, G (north of creek), H (east of creek), and I.

(2) West Zone includes: Areas 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19W, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31 and Bow Areas 19E, A2, B, C, and D.

(3) North Zone includes: Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11.

g. Feral hog hunting will be allowed on Fort Rucker in training areas open for hunting according to the following:

(1) From the beginning of bow deer season until the beginning of gun deer season, hogs may be hunted by bow and arrow only.

(2) From the beginning of gun deer season until the end of gun deer season, hogs may be hunted by—

(a) Rifles or pistols using center-fire ammunition in Areas 1 through 21 only.

(b) Shotguns or muzzle-loaders in any gun area.

(c) Bow and arrow in any hunting area.

(d) Stalk hunting only; no dogs.

(3) From the end of deer season until the beginning of spring turkey season, hogs may be hunted by—

(a) Rifles or pistols using center-fire ammunition in Areas 1 through 21 only.

(b) Shotguns or muzzle-loaders in any gun area.

(c) Bow and arrow in any hunting area.

(d) Stalk or dog hunting.

(4) During the spring turkey season, no hog hunting is allowed.

(5) From the end of turkey season until the beginning of bow deer season, hogs may be hunted by—

(a) Rifles or pistols using center-fire ammunition in Areas 1 through 21 only.

(b) Shotguns or muzzle-loaders in any gun area.

(c) Bow and arrow in any hunting area.

(d) Stalk or dog hunting.

(6) Only shotguns with buckshot (no slugs) will be used during wild hog drives.

(7) Only adults (18 years of age or older) are permitted to participate in wild hog drives.

2-2. **SAFE OCCUPANCY LIMITS FOR HUNTING/TRAINING AREAS.**

- a. All hunters must sign in or use the call-in procedure outlined in the regulation to ensure the training area is not over its allowable capacity (appendix D).
- b. Hunter occupancy is cut in half during turkey season. The exception for this rule is when Areas A1, E, F, G (north of creek), H (east of creek), and I are cut into a third during turkey season.

2-3. **HUNTING SEASON.** Hunting on Fort Rucker will be IAW those seasons set forth by the state of Alabama. The Fish and Wildlife Section, DPW, has the authority to close, limit, or restrict hunting seasons and bag limits in any hunting area on the installation for wildlife management/biological reasons. Hunting will be closed on Fort Rucker on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Any changes will be published in the official section of the Weekly Bulletin, posted on the MWR Web site (<http://www.ftruckermwr.com>), and published in the Army Flier.

2-4. **WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION.**

a. Firearms.

(1) Legal arms and ammunition for hunting on Fort Rucker will be IAW the state hunting regulations. Rifles and pistols using center-fire, mushrooming-type ammunition are authorized for hunting only in Areas 1 through 21. Black-powder, muzzle-loading rifles, pistols (.40-caliber or larger), and shotguns (10-gauge or smaller, using buckshot or slugs) are authorized for deer hunting in all gun areas (numbered training areas). Small game hunters may use .22-caliber rimfire firearms or airguns in all gun areas. Handguns will not be concealed at any time.

(2) IAW Army Regulation 190-11, Physical Security of Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives, 15 November 2006, all firearms, to include black powder, (except air guns) will be registered with the desk sergeant at the MP Station. Do not bring the weapon(s) into the MP Station.

(3) The transporting of a loaded firearm in a vehicle is prohibited. A firearm is considered loaded when an unexploded round is in the chamber and/or magazine. Muzzle-loaders are considered unloaded when the cap is removed or flash pan is empty.

(4) Properly registered privately owned firearms may be transported only when traveling to or from a bona fide hunting or sporting activity, as outlined in this regulation, or for authorized storage in unit arms rooms or quarters. The firearm must be transported unloaded in the trunk of the vehicle. The only exception to this provision is a vehicle without a trunk. In these circumstances, the firearm must be transported unloaded, either in a locked compartment or cased and in plain view.

(5) Transporting privately owned firearms on motorcycles is authorized if the firearm is secured in a separate lockable container from ammunition; i.e., saddlebag or lockable faring container.

b. Bow and Arrow.

Bow and arrow equipment will be IAW state regulations. Hunters will not hunt within 200 yards of any housing area, school, riding stable, or any area being utilized for recreational activities.

2-5. **GROUP HUNTS.** A group hunt is defined as a cooperative effort by individuals hunting game on Fort Rucker. The following types of group hunts may be authorized:

- (1) The ODR Advisory Council-sponsored group hunts.
- (2) Nonsponsored ODR Advisory Council group hunts (man drives or head-pushing). However, the number of personnel participating is limited to 11.

2-6. TREE STANDS.

a. Construction of a tree stand in no way implies ownership. Permission must be obtained from ODR as to the location prior to construction. All tree stands constructed by private individuals become community property of all personnel who are authorized to hunt on the installation and will be used on a first-come-first-served basis. The Fort Rucker installation assumes no responsibility for the construction, condition, or maintenance of tree stands constructed by private individuals. Hunters will use them at their own risk.

b. A limited number of tree stands may be erected and maintained by ODR in designated hunting areas. Hunters may not use these areas or tree stands without contacting ODR. The method of assignment and control of these stands is maintained by ODR. A fee will be charged for the use of these deerstands. This does not include privately built tree stands. All hunting regulations and requirements put forth in the main body of this regulation apply to hunting from stands controlled by ODR.

(1) ODR has the overall responsibility for building, maintaining, assigning, and collecting fees for the use of these deerstands.

(2) ODR will be responsible for registering hunters, in person, for the use of tree stands located in Training Area 11. Hunters will be responsible for signing in to Training Area 11 by using the Hunt-Trac System.

(3) ODR and Range Control will be responsible for selecting tree stand construction sites.

(4) Fees will be assessed for the use of all ODR tree stands. One standard fee will be charged for the tree stands.

(5) The hunter will request his/her assigned tree stand from ODR. The ODR personnel will brief the hunter on any special/unusual requirements and can be contacted at 334-255-4305.

(6) Hunters must park in the designated parking area assigned to the tree stand. Hunters can only hunt in the tree stand that is assigned to the area and hunter.

(7) Upon completion of using the tree stand, the hunter is required to clear from his/her prescribed stand by telephone through the Hunt-Trac System at 334-255-0517.

(8) Should the area be subsequently closed for training, the tree stand fee will be refunded. There will be no refunds for stands not canceled a minimum of 24 hours in advance by the hunter.

(9) Some stands are large enough for one adult and one child. If the additional person is going to hunt, he/she must meet all the requirements for hunting on Fort Rucker. Stands are not designed for and will not be occupied by two adults.

c. No deerstands will be built or located in the impact area.

2-7. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Buck deer in any hunting area must have three points or better; the third buck must have at least four antler points 1 inch or longer on one antler. No spikes will be harvested by hunters.

b. On 11 September 2001, Fort Rucker implemented 100 percent access control. All roads and trails, with the exception of Daleville, Enterprise, Faulkner, Hanchey (Newton), and Ozark gates, will be blocked or barricaded. All recreational users must gain access to Fort Rucker through an authorized entry point. Failure to do so could result in loss of recreational privileges.

c. Hunter orange requirements are—

(1) During the entire firearm deer season, all individuals using training areas, including bow hunters, must wear vests or jackets and headgear of hunter orange (blaze orange, 10-mile cloth) while in a designated gun area (numbered training areas). The vest or jacket must be a minimum of 144 square inches of solid hunter orange and be visible from any angle. The headgear must be of solid hunter orange and visible from any angle. A small logo and/or printing is permitted on the front of the headgear. Persons bow hunting in bow hunting only areas are required to wear, at a minimum, hunter orange headgear of at least 144 square inches, visible from any angle, while moving to and from the deerstand. Once the hunter is elevated 12 feet or higher, hunter orange may be removed. Hunter orange must be on prior to descending from the elevated hunting stand.

(2) Persons duck hunting on the reservation must wear hunter orange while going to and from the duck blind. It may be removed while in the duck blind.

d. Indiscriminate shooting is not allowed within the confines of the Fort Rucker military reservation. Target practice is allowed at the Privately Owned Weapon (POW) Range, located across from Range Control. This facility is periodically closed for training; therefore, personnel should contact Range Control for times of operation at 334-255-4303/4486. IAW US Army Aviation Center (USAAVNC) Regulation 600-1, Prohibited and Regulated Conduct, 9 March 2006, all privately owned firearms, including black powder, must be registered using USAAVNC Form 818 (Registration of Privately Owned Weapons) with the MP Station. Before individuals are allowed to fire on the POW Range, they must present a stamped copy of their Fort Rucker Form 818 and a valid state or federal ID to Range Control personnel.

e. No discharge of a firearm is permitted within 50 yards of paved roads, gravel roads, or maintained dirt roads or within 200 yards of airstrips, recreational areas, or buildings. The firing of weapons across or along any maintained road is prohibited. Exceptions may be granted for ODR Advisory Council-sponsored hunts.

f. Cleaning game in housing areas is prohibited. A cleaning shed is located behind the Game Warden Office, building 24201. For additional information concerning this facility, contact ODR at 334-255-4305. The disposal of game carcasses will be at the cleaning shed or not within 200 yards of any public road or building.

g. Quail hunting will be allowed in bow hunting areas (A1, E, F, G (north of creek), H (east of creek), and I) following the gun deer season with shotguns, 12-gauge or smaller, using #7.5 shot or smaller.

h. Animals.

(1) Training or conditioning of hunting dogs on Fort Rucker is limited to the area south of Highway 27 and may be done during daylight hours only. Water training may be done year-round at Engineer Beach on Lake Tholocco, the beaver pond on Andrews Avenue near the golf course, or Beaver Lake. Dog training and/or pets are not allowed in the recreational areas at Buckhorn Lake, Ech Lake, and Parcours Lake. Personnel will call the training area briefing tape at 334-255-4086 to obtain areas that are available for hunting/training dogs. During the critical ground bird (wild turkey, quail, etc.) nesting and brood-raising period of 1 March to 31 July, there will be no hunting dog training of any kind, except at designated water training areas. Each individual engaged in dog training is responsible for ensuring that the dogs remain within the designated area and that native game are not molested. There is no training allowed for deer hunting dogs. Deer hunting with dogs on Fort Rucker is prohibited.

(2) Dogs brought on the reservation for hunting shall be properly immunized for rabies. Upon request by proper authorities, GLE officers, state game wardens, federal game wardens, etc., owners of hunting dogs shall make available a copy of rabies vaccination certificates.

(3) The use of horses in conjunction with hunting is prohibited.

(4) Designated horse riding areas are coordinated between Range Control and the Equestrian Center. All riders will coordinate horse riding with the Equestrian Center. A vest or jacket with a minimum of 144 square inches of solid hunter orange visible from any angle must be worn by all riders year-round.

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i. Vehicles.

(1) Hunting from a motor vehicle is prohibited, except as defined in State of Alabama law allowing the use of motor vehicle hunting by handicapped individuals. Motor vehicles will not traverse cross-country through wildlife openings (food plots), through utility line rights-of-way, or around locked gates and cables.

(2) Licensed motor vehicles are limited to operation on paved roads, gravel roads, and maintained dirt roads. Unlicensed off-road vehicles and all-terrain vehicles are prohibited. Law enforcement, other official agencies, and properly registered handicapped hunters are excluded. Handicapped hunters who are interested in obtaining approval to operate off-road vehicles and all-terrain vehicles must contact ODR at 334-255-4305 for details, requirements, and forms.

j. Possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages and illegal narcotics is prohibited while hunting. This includes traveling to, from, and in assigned training areas.

k. The use of explosive noise-producing devices (i.e., fireworks, blank pistols, etc.) is prohibited. Training pistols incapable of firing any ammunition but blanks may be used in training hunting dogs. State regulations apply to the use of other types of noise-producing devices (i.e., game and bird calls, rattling antlers, etc.).

l. All official Fort Rucker regulatory signs will be strictly obeyed.

m. Outdoor Recreation Safety.

(1) Weapons will be loaded only in the hunter assigned training area. Hunters will inspect, clear, and case their weapons prior to transporting their weapons. Weapons and ammunition will be transported in separate containers and vehicle compartments.

(2) No discharge of a firearm is permitted within 50 yards of paved roads, gravel roads, or maintained dirt roads or within 200 yards of airstrips, recreational areas, fishing areas, lakes, buildings, or the Ammunition Supply Point (ASP) in Area 19E. Weapons and bows will not be fired in the direction of roads, airstrips, recreational areas, fishing areas, lakes, or buildings. Exceptions will not be granted until the requirements of the US Army Aviation Center of Excellence policy memorandum entitled Risk Management and Risk Decision Authority for the US Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker have been approved.

(3) Hunters will have in their possession at all times their state license, Fort Rucker permit, hunter education card, and picture ID card. Sportspeople must have their Fort Rucker Provost Marshal weapon registration in their vehicle or in a gun case as they travel on the installation with weapons.

Section III

FISHING

3-1. SEASONS.

a. All ponds, lakes, and streams, except Buckhorn Lake and those identified as in the impact area in paragraph 1-3a, will be open for fishing 24 hours a day, training activity permitting. Ponds, lakes, and streams may be closed due to military training or a restocking program.

b. Notice will be published in the Weekly Bulletin, on the MWR Web site (<http://www.ftruckermwr.com>), and in the Army Flier of closed ponds or lakes and effective dates of closing. Conspicuous signs will be displayed at all ponds or lakes when closed for any purpose.

3-2. METHODS.

a. Fishermen will have in their possession at all times their state fishing license, Fort Rucker fishing permit, and picture ID card.

b. Methods of Fishing. Rod and reel, hook and line, cane pole, and similar methods of fishing are authorized. Bait restrictions for small lakes and ponds are outlined in paragraph 3-3 below.

c. Line Fishing. Trotlines, throw lines, or setlines (to include jugs) are authorized only under the following conditions:

(1) All such lines will be prominently marked with the owner's last name and Fort Rucker hunting/fishing permit number.

(2) Trotlines will be prominently marked at both ends and will not be located on any span that may foul other fishermen's lines or watercraft.

(3) All lines will be checked each 12-hour period.

(4) Trotlines are limited to 200 feet (61.5 meters) in length and not more than 2 lines per individual.

(5) Trotlines and setlines will not be placed in a water ski area, Area 1 (appendix E).

(6) Glass and metal containers are prohibited for jug fishing. All jugs will have the owner's last name and Fort Rucker hunting/fishing permit number printed thereon. Jugs will be attended to prevent them drifting into recreational areas.

(7) Unmarked lines and improperly set lines will be confiscated by GLE officers or state and federal game wardens.

d. Traps, Seines, and Nets.

(1) The only fish traps authorized in any waters on Fort Rucker are minnow traps with an aperture of 1 inch or less.

(2) Special regulations governing sucker netting are as follows:

(a) Persons participating must comply with the license provisions of paragraph 1-5 and are required to have Fort Rucker fishing permits in their possession.

(b) Rods and reels, hooks and lines, cane poles, spears, gigs, longbows, or firearms are not allowed in boats with, or in the possession of, persons engaged in sucker netting.

(c) All nets will be marked with buoys or floats readily visible above the water line with the owner's last name prominently displayed thereon.

e. Fishing Lake Tholocco.

- (1) No fishing in the primary ski area while being used by skiers, tubers, etc.
- (2) No fishing within 100 feet around designated swimming areas, except for the West Beach fishing pier.
- (3) No fishing on beach areas when open for swimming activities.
- (4) No fishing within 50 feet of boat docks.
- (5) No fishing within 50 feet of vessel launching areas.
- (6) No fishing from a boat within 150 feet of the spillway.
- (7) Lake creel limits are posted at the vessel launch area.

3-3. SPECIAL REGULATIONS APPLYING TO SMALL LAKES AND PONDS.

a. The following regulations apply to Beaver Lake, Buckhorn Lake, Ech Lake, and Parcours Lake on the Fort Rucker military reservation:

- (1) Minnows of all types are prohibited.
- (2) Seining or netting is prohibited, except for specific military training.
- (3) Trotlines and/or jugs are prohibited.

b. Only paddles, oars, and electric motors are allowed as means of boat propulsion on Beaver Lake, Buckhorn Lake, Ech Lake, Parcours Lake, and other waters of the military reservation. The operation of gasoline engines on these four lakes is prohibited. Float tubes or belly boats are authorized for fishing.

c. Swimming and wading are prohibited in these lakes.

d. Lake creel limits are posted at Lake Tholocco, Beaver Lake, Buckhorn Lake, Ech Lake, and Parcours Lake. All other manmade lakes will be IAW Alabama law.

e. Gigging for frogs on ponds open for fishing is permitted if the gig has at least three prongs. A post fishing permit is required.

f. Parcours Lake is off-limits for fishing to all persons 16 years of age or older.

Section IV

WATER AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

4-1. WATER AND BOAT SAFETY.

a. General.

(1) All motorized (gasoline powered) vessels used on the waters of the Fort Rucker military reservation must have a current state registration.

(2) Vessel launch passes must be paid as indicated on area signs.

(3) All personnel and vessels will comply with the Alabama and federal laws and regulations, unless specified below.

(4) Persons operating watercraft in a reckless or hazardous manner or in violation of the regulations in this section may lose their privileges to operate a boat on the waters of Fort Rucker. Watercraft not having the required equipment will not be allowed to operate until the required equipment is obtained.

b. Boat Operations Specific to Lake Tholocco.

(1) All powerboat operators will follow a clockwise traffic pattern in the primary ski area of the lake, keeping the red buoys on the right and the white buoys on the left. Operators of all vessels (as defined by Alabama state regulations) will obtain and thoroughly familiarize themselves with the Lake Tholocco Traffic Pattern Map (appendix E).

(2) Boats and personal watercraft (PWC) will not be operated within 100 feet of the authorized swimming area.

(3) Boats and PWC will not be operated within 150 feet of the spillway structure of the dam. PWC will operate from sunrise to sunset, except for fishing.

(4) Nonpowered pleasure boats, including rowboats and canoes except when being used for fishing, will operate only in designated areas (appendix E).

(5) Sailboats, windsurfing, wave runners, jet skis, and airboats will be restricted to areas north of West and East Beach piers, with the following exceptions:

(a) Watercraft launched at the marina may use the west side of the lake en route to the authorized area, provided they take the most direct route.

(b) Watercraft may proceed directly to and from East and West Beach dropoff areas to pick up/discharge riders. They may not enter the main circulation area unless they are pulling skiers or tubes. Jet skis and wave runners pulling skiers/tubes must operate within the normal vessel/ski pattern in Area 1 (appendix E).

(c) Jet skis and wave runners will be launched from boat ramps.

(6) Boat and PWC operators are prohibited from leaving skiers in any area other than authorized dropoff points (East and West Beach outside roped-off swimming areas).

(7) Swimming from boats is prohibited, except in the event of an emergency.

(8) Personnel under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult when using ODR boats.

(9) Windsurfing is authorized only on Lake Tholocco. All other impoundments are restricted from use. Windsurfers will stay clear of water ski and swimming areas (appendix E). Windsurfers must wear a Type I, II, III, or V US Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device (PFD) lifejacket.

(10) Reckless or negligent operation of boats or PWC will not be tolerated. Except for specifically approved special events such as boat races, boats will be operated at a safe and prudent speed dictated by congestion and lake utilization.

(11) Automobiles/Trucks and their boat trailers will spend only minimum time on the launching ramps. Minimum time is defined as only that time required to safely launch and/or to recover boats.

(12) During periods of severe weather or very low water when lakes are hazardous to boating, the DFMWR designee, DFMWR lifeguards, or GLE officer may close that portion of the ODR facility for safety reasons.

c. Swimming, Beach Rules, and Beach Information.

(1) The lifeguard has the authority to close the swimming area when deemed unsafe. Swimming is allowed during designated daylight hours when lifeguards are on duty.

(2) Swimming is allowed only inside the roped-off area.

(3) "Swimming at your own risk" is not permitted on Fort Rucker.

(4) Swimming enhancement rules:

(a) PFDs are not required, except for nonswimmers.

(b) No diving, jumping, or pushing allowed.

(c) No loitering.

(d) No roughhousing allowed.

(e) No sharp or dangling jewelry.

(f) No swimming under floating swim enhancements at any time.

(5) All patrons will comply with posted rules and regulations and lifeguard instructions.

4-2. PICNIC AREAS AND CAMPSITES.

a. ODR will control the picnic areas at Lake Tholocco, Beaver Lake, and Buckhorn Lake.

b. Picnic areas are authorized for use on a first-come-first-served basis, unless reserved through the ODR Pro Shop. Reservations are confirmed only after receipt of appropriate fees and are subject to cancellation restrictions.

c. Units/Organizations must submit requests in writing for organizational days at least 5 business days in advance. Military organizations using unit funds for organizational day events will receive \$2 value per \$1 spent in MWR facilities. Discounts do not apply when matching funds are provided. To take advantage of this opportunity, the unit fund custodian or his/her alternate custodian will process a purchase request to the Resource Management Division, DFMWR, to use unit funds to pay for the established picnic area fees.

d. Picnic areas are open from sunrise to sunset. To remain after dark, personnel must have written authorization from ODR.

e. Picnic area reservations are subject to cancellation due to an emergency, military training, weather, or other unforeseen circumstances.

f. Leaving children unattended at the Fort Rucker lakes and picnic areas will be governed by guidance found in US Army Aviation Warfighting Center Regulation 608-6, Supervision of Children, 24 January 2007.

g. No loitering in the parking lot areas.

h. No consumption of alcoholic beverages in the parking lot areas.

i. Music will be maintained at a volume as to not detract from the enjoyment of others in the area.

j. Personnel are responsible for area cleanup prior to departure.

k. To reserve a picnic area, go to the ODR Pro Shop, building 24236, to make the arrangements.

l. Pavilions Available:

(1) West Beach Area - #1 through #7. (#2, #4, and #7 are located by the GLE office.)

(2) East Beach - #1.

(3) Beaver Lake - #1 and #2.

(4) Buckhorn Lake - #1 and #2.

m. Military organizations will be charged 50 percent of the established fee for a picnic area reservation at Lake Tholocco from Monday through Thursday, excluding holidays and days of no scheduled activity. Reservations for any other area or any other day will be charged the full established fee.

n. Campsites at Engineer Beach Recreational Vehicle Park are available daily, weekly, and monthly.

o. To register for a campsite, a camper will need to go to the ODR Pro Shop, building 24236, to pay the fee and sign a hold harmless agreement. A 15 percent nonrefundable deposit is required.

p. Fees for the lake area will be determined by the Garrison Commander.

4-3. WALKING, JOGGING, RUNNING, AND HIKING TRAILS.

a. General.

(1) All walking, jogging, running, and hiking trails/courses are open only from dawn to dusk, unless the trail/course is appropriately illuminated by fixed utilities (appendix F).

(2) Horses, bicycles, and motorized vehicles of any kind are not allowed on designated trails/courses.

(3) Pets must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet on Air Assault and Beaver Lake courses.

(4) Runners with animals are prohibited from using tracks during the hours of scheduled physical training.

(5) Removal or disturbance of any plants, mammals, reptiles, birds, or antiquities is prohibited.

(6) Littering or dumping is strictly prohibited.

- (7) Possession or use of alcohol and/or illegal drugs is prohibited.
 - (8) Removing, altering, or defacing signs is prohibited.
 - (9) Patrons must obey all posted rules and restrictions listed at each trail/course location.
 - (10) Unit physical fitness training has priority of use between the hours of 0600 and 0730, Monday through Friday.
 - (11) Civilians will not enter into any training area that is closed for training as listed in Hunt-Trac. (See appendix D for Hunt-Trac instructions.)
 - (12) Additional running restrictions can be found in Fort Rucker Regulation 190-5, Fort Rucker Motor Vehicle Regulation, 1 July 2006.
- b. Designated Walking, Running, and Fitness Trails.
- (1) Only designated walking, running, and fitness trails are to be used for recreational fitness activities.
 - (2) Designated walking, running, and fitness trails include the following:
 - (a) Parcours Fitness Trails (behind Army Lodging, building 380).
 - (b) Beaver Lake Jogging and Hiking Trail.
 - (c) Air Assault Track (authorized night use).
 - (d) Quarter-Mile Track behind the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Center, building 4605 (authorized night use).
 - (3) Caution should be used in wooded areas and along trails that can harbor poison oak, ticks, and poisonous snakes. Be alert.
 - (4) Use of the buddy system is encouraged, especially in foul weather or low-light conditions.
 - (5) Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Section V

TRAPPING

5-1. CLEARANCE TO ENTER TRAPPING AREAS.

a. All trapping operations conducted on the Fort Rucker military reservation will be IAW all state and federal trapping laws.

b. Trapping is allowed only in available hunting areas. Trappers are required to check with Range Control at 334-255-4086 for each period of 1100, 1600, and 2000 hours to see if the trapping area is closed. If the area is closed, all traps must be removed during the time the area is closed.

c. Trappers may carry a .22-caliber rimfire weapon. The weapon will only be used to dispatch trapped animals. It will not be carried in a concealed manner.

5-2. **SEASON.** Trapping of animals on the Fort Rucker military reservation is authorized beginning the first day of May and ending the last day of September. The only authorized trapping will be beaver, coyote, and hog IAW the laws and regulations of the state of Alabama.

5-3. **TRAPPING REPORTS (GAME MANAGEMENT).** All trappers shall report the numbers and types of game trapped to the Fish and Wildlife Section, DPW, at 334-255-1664/2416. The Fish and Wildlife Section, DPW, will maintain a record of all game trapped on Fort Rucker.

5-4. TRAPPING RESTRICTIONS.

a. No trapping in the impact area, including portions of Training Areas 7 and 11, or in the bow hunting only areas.

b. No trapping within 500 meters of the cantonment, to include houses, schools, offices, storage buildings, riding stables, etc.

c. All traps will be marked with the trapper's last name, permit number, and state license number. Traps found on Fort Rucker not marked will become the property of the GLE officers and will be destroyed IAW Alabama state law.

The proponent agency of this regulation is the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements to the US Army Garrison Command, ATTN: IMSE-RCK-MWR, Fort Rucker, AL 36362-5105.

FOR THE GARRISON COMMANDER:

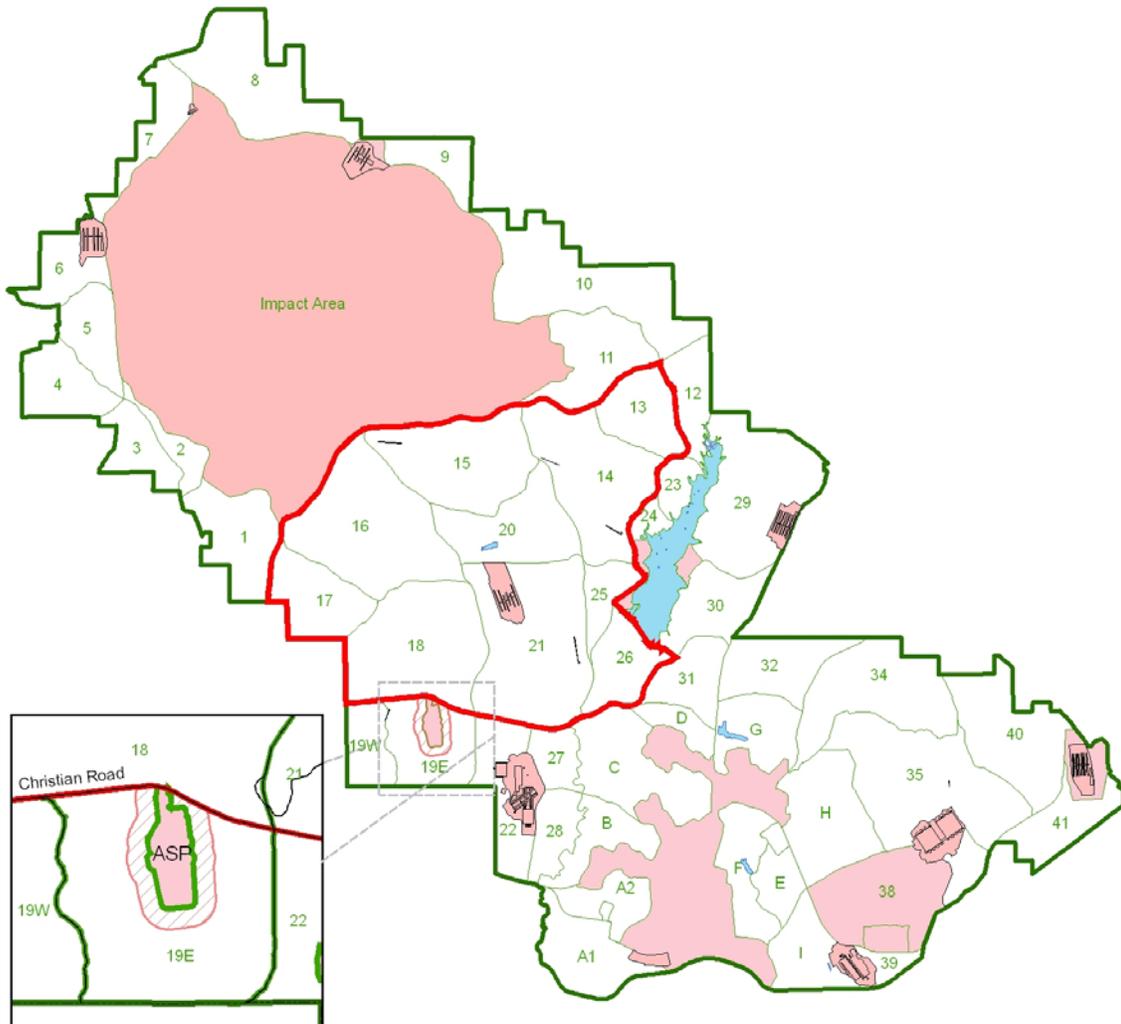


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Appendixes
A-F

APPENDIX A

FORT RUCKER RESERVATION MAP
PERMANENT NO HUNTING AREAS



-  Installation Boundary
-  Training Area Boundary
-  No Hunting
-  High Use Training Sites (Limited Availability for Hunting)
-  ASP Buffer Area (200 Yd)

APPENDIX B

COMMON REGULATORY VIOLATIONS AND POSSIBLE PENALTIES

1. All state and federal statutes are enforced by the installation conservation officers, MPs, and state game wardens and carry their own penalties.
2. In addition to any other penalty that applies, listed below is a compilation of common regulatory violations referenced within this regulation. Violations will carry a 30-day suspension of hunting privileges, unless otherwise noted.
 - a. Failure to properly display ODR card.
 - b. Hunting from a motor vehicle.
 - c. Traversing cross-country or through planted wildlife openings (food plots) with a motor vehicle.
 - d. Dismounting dogs to hunt prior to parking transporting vehicle.
 - e. Possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages and/or narcotics while hunting (including traveling to and from assigned area).
 - f. Operating an all-terrain vehicle, to include motor-driven cycles, in a hunting area, except to be operated by an approved handicapped hunter.
 - g. Hunting with a dog without proof of a current rabies vaccination.
 - h. Use of noise-producing devices (fireworks, blank pistols, or indiscriminate shooting, etc.) to drive game.
 - i. Failure to have covered quiver for broad heads while bow hunting.
 - j. Parking a vehicle on Artillery Road while bow hunting.
 - k. Hunting within 200 yards of the ASP, airstrips, recreational areas, or buildings.
 - l. Use and/or possession on person of unauthorized ammunition.
 - m. Use of ammunition other than .22-caliber rimfire weapon or shotgun (specified by state regulations) using #6 or smaller size shot for hunting raccoon/opossum at night.
 - n. Bow hunting in an open gun area during firearm season without a vest and headgear of hunter orange.
 - o. Hunting in a gun area during gun deer season without a vest and headgear of hunter orange.
 - p. Indiscriminate shooting or target practice while gun or bow hunting.
 - q. Spotlighting or hunting with an artificial light at night (except as provided in state regulations).
 - r. Shooting before or after the legal shooting hours specified in state regulations.
 - s. Training hunting dogs in an unauthorized area.
 - t. Use of horses in conjunction with hunting.

- u. Riding of horses in an unauthorized riding area.
- v. Failure to register a weapon on Fort Rucker.
- w. Child in boat under 8 years of age not wearing a PFD.
- x. Improper safety equipment.
- y. Improper and/or expired watercraft registrations.
- z. Reckless and/or improper operation of watercraft.
- aa. Riding of horses without vest or jacket (minimum of 144 square inches of solid hunter orange visible from any angle).
- ab. Unauthorized entry into any training area that is closed for training.
- ac. Tampering with or removal/destruction of any barricade or gate.

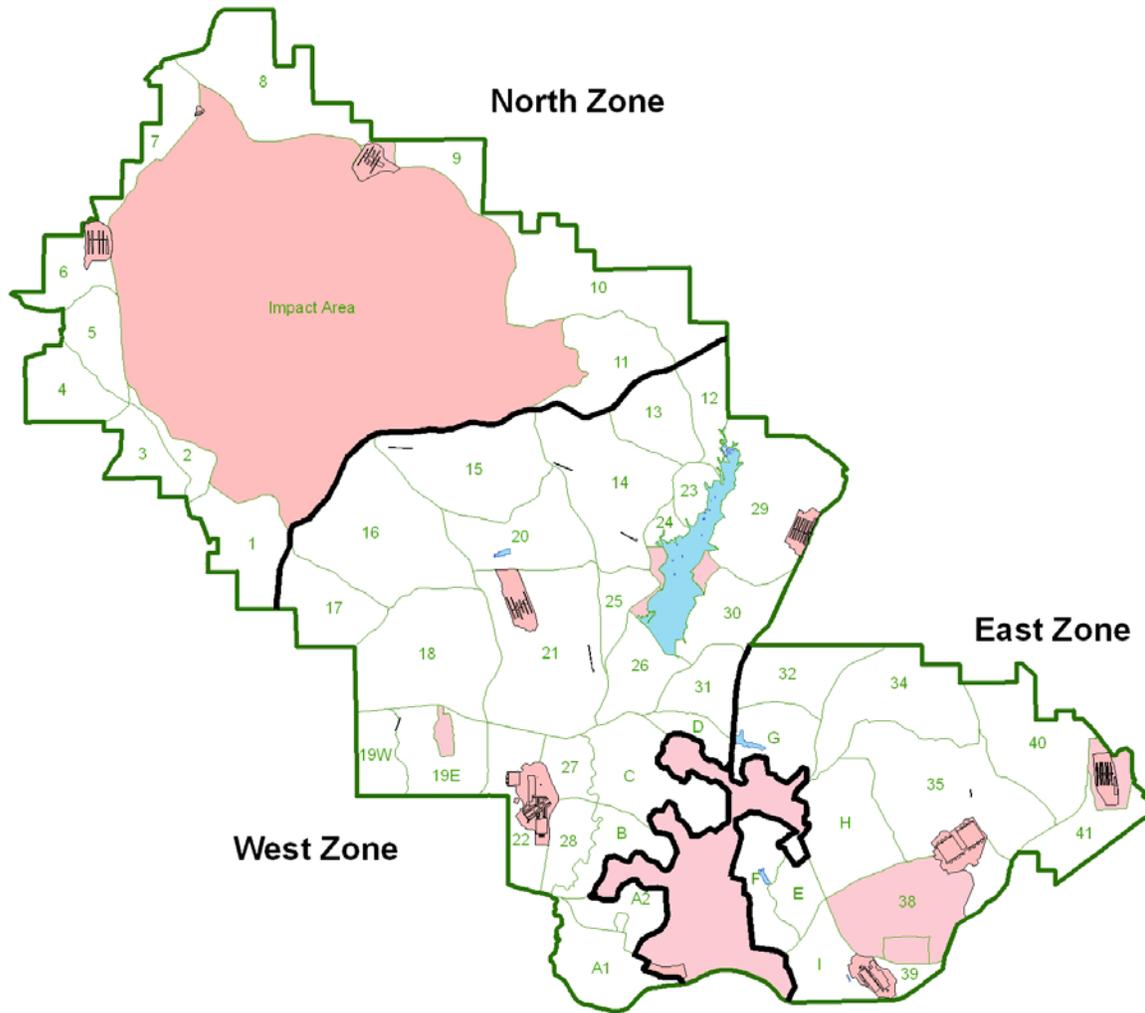
3. Following is a list of common violations and the maximum suspension of hunting or fishing privileges associated with the violations:

<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>Maximum Penalties</u>		
	<u>First Offense</u>	<u>Second Offense</u>	<u>Third Offense</u>
Hunting, fishing, or trapping in the impact area, including sections of Training Areas 7 and 11, without authorization.	Revoke		
Shooting from a vehicle.	Revoke		
Taking of game from a baited area.	Revoke		
Unauthorized hunting at night.	Revoke		
Possession of illegally shot game.	365 Days	Revoke	
Hunting, fishing, or trapping in closed/wrong area.	365 Days	Revoke	
Hunting without prescribed hunter orange vest/jacket or headgear.	365 Days	Revoke	
Permitting another to use state hunting/fishing/trapping licenses and post permits.	Revoke		
Hunting, fishing, or trapping without an installation permit or state license.	365 Days	Revoke	
Hunting with unauthorized or improper firearms.	365 Days	Revoke	
Possession of illegal bag or creel limit.	365 Days	Revoke	
Failure to report all harvested game.	365 Days	Revoke	
Fishing (including frog gigging) by unauthorized methods.	365 Days	Revoke	
Use of unauthorized trapping equipment and devices.	365 Days	Revoke	
Transporting a loaded and/or uncased firearm in a vehicle.	365 Days	Revoke	

<u>VIOLATION</u>	<u>First Offense</u>	<u>Maximum Penalties Second Offense</u>	<u>Third Offense</u>
Failure to properly log in to hunting area, using the automated Hunt-Trac Hunter Control System/ failure to depart hunting area after legal hunting hours.	7 Days	30 Days	365 Days
Discourteous or disrespectful conduct toward Fort Rucker employees.	365 Days	Revoke	
All boating regulations.	30 Days	365 Days	
Riding of horses without prescribed hunter orange vest/jacket or headgear.	365 Days Trail Riding Suspended	Revoke	
Violations not covered above.	365 Days	Revoke	

APPENDIX C

FORT RUCKER RESERVATION MAP
HUNTING ZONE AREAS



APPENDIX D

HUNT-TRAC HELP GUIDE

How to use Hunt-Trac Check-In/Out

- * Dial 334-255-0517
- * Press 1 to check-in or out of an area
- * Enter your Hunting Permit number, press pound key (#)
- * Enter Pin Number (last four of Social Security Number), press pound key (#)
- * Enter area followed by pound key (#)
- * For Hunting press 1
- * For Scouting press 2
- * For today, press 1
- * For tomorrow, press 2
- * Confirmation of registration
 - * If Area is available, self registration will be confirmed
 - * If area is unavailable, you will be able to try another area
- * You will have other options after being confirmed
(Area 11) You must go through Outdoor Recreation for tree-stands 1 through 19

RPSMB = Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Bow
SMB = Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Bow
B/O = Bow Only

Deer Harvest Report

Collection Stations are located across from Bldg 24204, Game Warden; and across from Bldg 24314, Range Control off of HWY 27 at the POW Range

* Instructions and tools are located at the sites*

Closed Areas

13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 25 and 26
(open for 2 weeks during Christmas holiday)
*Verify with Range Control if there is any question!

Important Telephone Numbers

Game Warden: 255-4213 or 4735
 Range Control Briefing Tape: 255-4086
 Range Control POW Range: 255-4303
 Outdoor Recreation, West Beach: 255-4305

Area	Enter this Number & Press # Key	Max # of Hunters	Weapons Allowed
1	001	19	RPSMB
2	002	8	RPSMB
3	003	13	RPSMB
4	004	14	RPSMB
5	005	12	RPSMB
6	006	11	RPSMB
7	007	10	RPSMB
8	008	24	RPSMB
9	009	11	RPSMB
10	010	26	RPSMB
11	011	27	RPSMB
12	012	13	RPSMB
13	013	13	RPSMB
14	014	23	RPSMB
15E	515	11	RPSMB
15W	615	14	RPSMB
16	016	29	RPSMB
17	017	18	RPSMB
18	018	26	RPSMB

Area	Enter this Number & Press # Key	Max # of Hunters	Weapons Allowed
19W	619	8	RPSMB
20	020	20	RPSMB
21	021	30	RPSMB
22	022	20	SMB
23	023	6	SMB
24	024	4	SMB
25	025	10	SMB
26	026	12	SMB
27	027	10	SMB
28	028	12	SMB
29	029	30	SMB
30	030	13	SMB
31	031	12	SMB
32	032	21	SMB
34	034	26	SMB
35	035	30	SMB
38	038	27	SMB
39	039	4	SMB
40	040	23	SMB

Area	Enter this Number & Press # Key	Max # of Hunters	Weapons Allowed
41	041	14	SMB
A1	201	9	B/O*
A2	202	8	B/O
B	203	13	B/O
C	204	21	B/O
D	205	12	B/O
E	206	13	B/O*
F	207	11	B/O*
G	208	24	B/O*
H	209	26	B/O*
I	210	13	B/O*
19E	519	16	B/O*

* During turkey season, hunting will be allowed (with shotguns) in areas A1, E, F, G, H, and I. Hunter must contact ODR to sign into these areas and must check with Range Control to verify if these areas are open. Size 6 shot or smaller is required.

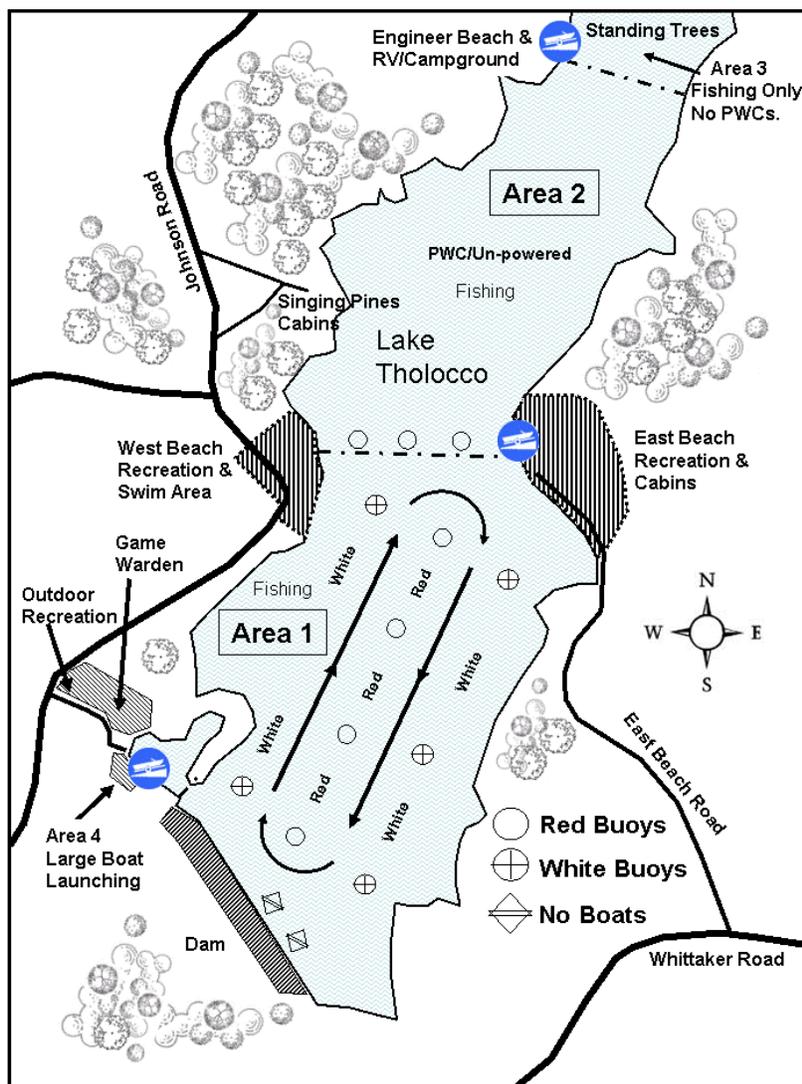
Note: Hunters in Area C will not park automobiles on Artillery Road.

Note: Firearms - Legal arms and ammunition for hunting on Fort Rucker will be IAW the state hunting regulations. Rifles and pistols using center-fire, mushrooming-type ammunition are authorized for hunting only in Areas 1 through 21. Black-powder, muzzle-loading rifles, pistols (.40-caliber or larger), and shotguns (10-gauge or smaller, using buckshot or slugs) are authorized for deer hunting in all gun areas (numbered training areas). **Small game hunters may use .22-caliber rimfire firearms or airguns (.177-caliber pellet or larger) in all gun areas.** Handguns will not be concealed at any time.

Note: All hunters failing to check out of Hunt-Trac will be automatically removed by the system at 2000 hours DST.

APPENDIX E

LAKE THOLOCCO TRAFFIC PATTERN MAP



Area 1. All vessels must travel clockwise, keeping white buoys to the left and red buoys to the right. Vessels, jet skis, and wave runners pulling skiers or tubes must operate within the normal vessel/ski pattern.

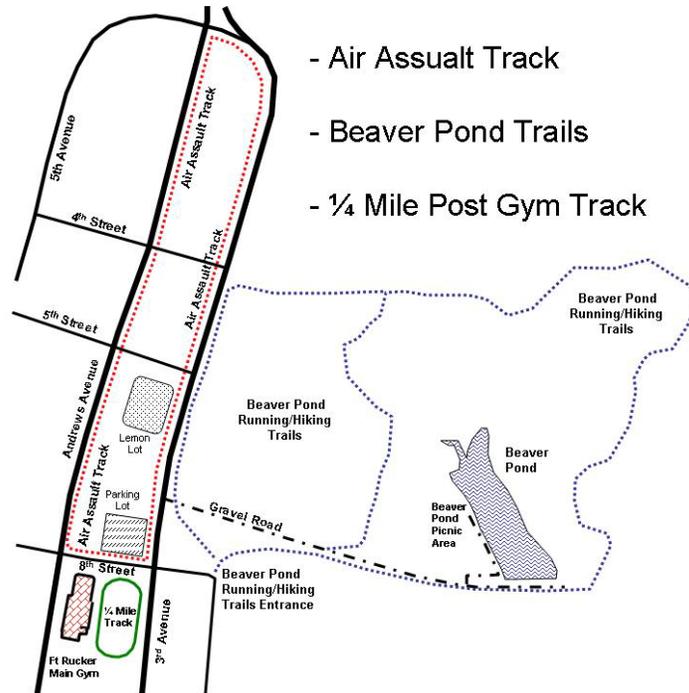
Area 2. Wave runners, jet skis, sailboats, canoes, and paddle boats must stay north of the red buoy line that runs from the West Beach boathouse to the East Beach pier, with the exception of wave runners or jet skis that are pulling skiers or tubes.

Area 3. Fishing only. No PWCs.

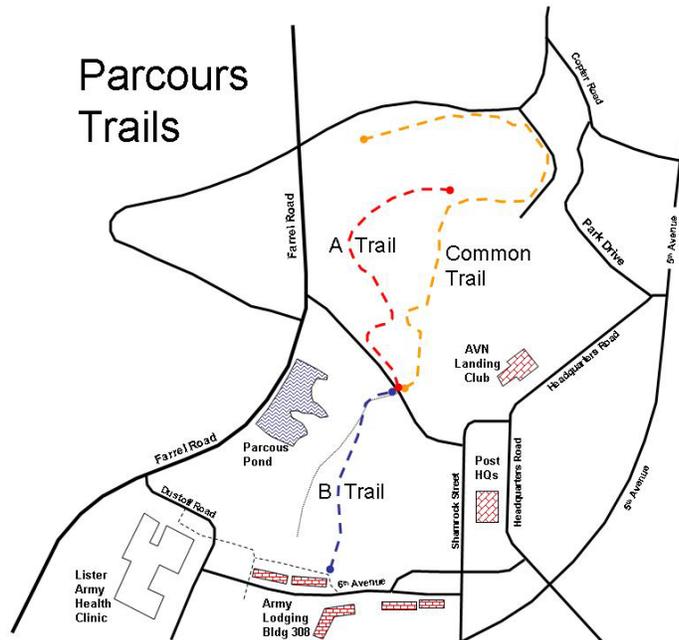
Area 4. Large boat launching.

APPENDIX F

WALKING, JOGGING, RUNNING, AND HIKING TRAILS



- Air Assault Track
- Beaver Pond Trails
- 1/4 Mile Post Gym Track



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