**WENDELL H. FORD**

**REGIONAL TRAINING CENTER**

HUNTING AND FISHING STANDING OPERATING PROCEDURE (SOP)

August 25th, 2025

**CHAPTER I**

# **GENERAL**

* 1. **Applicability:** This SOP is applicable to all training areas controlled by the Wendell H. Ford Regional Training Center (WHFRTC) and to all personnel, both military and authorized civilian, requesting to hunt or fish on the WHFRTC. General public access is addressed in a separate regulation.

* 1. **Mission:** The primary mission of this installation is to conduct military training and other related military activities requiring the use of all land owned by this installation. Outdoor recreational activities and the harvest of fish and wildlife resources, an element of overall environmental management, will be permitted subject to the availability of areas as determined by the Training Site Commander / Manager, based on installation training requirements. Mission requirements will take precedence over all outdoor recreational activities.

* 1. **Hunting and Fishing Areas:**

a. The WHFRTC has nine major training areas, and the Assault Airstrip (FLS). These ten areas subdivide into 26 hunting areas. All other areas of the training center are considered off-limits and will not be used for outdoor recreational activities. All training / hunting areas are clearly displayed on the training center map, available at range operations and security office.

b. The matrix below outlines the recommended hunter density for each hunting area. These numbers are a guide. The Fish and Wildlife Staff adjust these numbers as required to harvest the desired number of animals.

c. Each body of water is a fishing area.

* 1. **Regulations:** All hunting and fishing regulations to include hunting seasons, bag limits, and size limits herein are in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws. Nothing in this SOP permits acts contrary to either State or Federal Statutes (see restrictions in Appendix B of this SOP).

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| **HUNTER DENSITY GUIDE** | | | | | | |
| **AREA** | **ARCHERY** | | **FIREARM** | | | |
| **DEER** | **TURKEY** | **DEER** | **TURKEY** | **SMALL GAME** | **WATERFOWL** |
| **HA 1A** | 8 | 8 | 8 | 3 | 2 Parties | 1 Party/Lake\* |
| **HA 1B** | 15 | 15 | 15 | 5 | 2 Parties | 1 Party/Lake\* |
| **HA 1C** | 6 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 2 Parties | 1 Party/Lake\* |
| **HA 2A** | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 Parties | 1 Party/Lake\* |
| **HA 2B** | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 Parties | 1 Party/Lake\* |
| **HA 2C** | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 Parties | 1 Party/Lake\* |
| **HA 2D** | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 Parties | 1 Party/Lake\* |
| **HA 3A** | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 Parties | 1 Party/Lake\* |
| **HA 3B** | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 Parties | 1 Party/Lake\* |
| **HA 3C** | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 Parties | 1 Party/Lake\* |
| **HA 3D** | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 Parties | 1 Party/Lake\* |
| **HA 4A** | 6 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 2 Parties | 1 Party/Lake\* |
| **HA 4B** | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 Parties | 1 Party/Lake\* |
| **HA 4C** | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 Parties | 1 Party/Lake\* |
| **HA 4D** | 6 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 2 Parties | 1 Party/Lake\* |
| **HA 5** | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 3 Parties | 1 Party/Lake\* |
| **HA 6A** | 11 | 11 | 11 | 5 | 4 Parties | 1 Party/Lake\* |
| **HA 6B** | 8 | 8 | 8 | 3 | 2 Parties | 1 Party/Lake\* |
| **HA 7A** | 10 | 10 | 10 | 6 | 2 Parties | 1 Party/Lake\* |
| **HA 7B** | 15 | 15 | 15 | 8 | 3 Parties | 1 Party/Lake\* |
| **HA 7C** | 10 | 10 | 10 | 6 | 2 Parties | 1 Party/Lake\* |
| **HA 8** | 15 | 15 | 15 | 8 | 2 Parties | 1 Party/Lake\* |
| **HA FLS A** | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 Parties | 1 Party/Lake\* |
| **HA FLS B** | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 Parties | 1 Party/Lake\* |
| **HA FLS C** | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 Parties | 1 Party/Lake\* |
| **HA 9** | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 2 Parties | Not Authorized |
| **Waterfowl Refuge** | Not Authorized | | | | | |

* 1. **Regulations:** All hunting and fishing regulations to include hunting seasons, bag limits, and size limits herein are in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws. Nothing in this SOP permits acts contrary to either State or Federal Statutes (see restrictions in Appendix A of this SOP).
  2. **Definitions:**

1. **Area Assignment:** Documents issued to eligible personnel authorizing them to hunt and/or fish in a particular area. This document is only valid at the WHFRTC property.
2. **Cantonment Area:** The area containing billeting, barracks, dining facilities, and offices of the WHFRTC.
3. **Contract Employee:** An employee who works on-site at WHFRTC for a company that is under contract to provide a service to the Training Center (i.e. food service employees, marksmanship training contractors, etc.).
4. **Creel and Size Limits:** Statewide creel and size limits will be enforced on fish taken from WHFRTC waters except as specified in Appendix A of this SOP.
5. **Fishing Creel Survey:** Document completed at the security office by the fisherman upon returning from the water on which the fisherman records the number and species of fish caught.
6. **Immediate** **Family Member:**

(1) Spouse of a military hunter/fisherman.

(2) Parents / Step Parents of a military hunter/fisherman.

(3) Children / Step Children of a military hunter/fisherman.

(4) Grandchildren / Step Grandchildren of a military hunter/fisherman under the age of 12 for hunting, or under the age of 16 for fishing.

1. **Full-time (FTM) Personnel:** Personnel employed in full-time Federal or State positions at WHFRTC -- to include full-time employees of the Unit Training Equipment Site #2 (UTES#2), 238th Regiment, all DMA Employees

1. **Guest Hunter/Fisherman:** Individuals invited to hunt or fish at WHFRTC with a Category B hunter/fisherman as outlined in para 2-1 of this document.
2. **Installation Hunting, Fishing Permits:** The documents issued for a fee, granting permission to hunt and/or fish on the installation.
3. **Military Hunter / Fisherman:** Any DMA Employee (current or retired) and their immediate family members.
4. **Minor:** Any person who has not reached the age of eighteen (18).
5. **Range Operations:** The office responsible for advising the Training Site Commander / Manager on training activities on all training areas. Is further responsible for recommending available hunting dates and scheduling hunting dates in RFMSS upon approval by the Training Site Commander/Manager and Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations (KG-DCSOPS).
6. **Range:** Those areas or lands controlled by the WHFRTC that contained fixed installations, to include: buildings, shelters, towers, firing lines/positions, downrange courses and service roads, and target devices/positions which compose a range training site.
7. **Surface Danger Zone (SDZ):** Those portions of the installation where explosive or non-explosive ordnance are fired on or into.
8. **Release of Liability:** The form signed by both military and non-military hunters / fishermen releasing both the State and Federal Governments and its officers and employees from any liability in the event of accidental injury or death of a military or non-military hunter/fisherman. ALL PERSONS GOING IN THE TRAINING AREAS FOR ANY RECREATION PURPOSE MUST SIGN A RELEASE FORM.
9. **Waterfowl Refuge:** Area where hunting and fishing is prohibited from 15 October through 1 March. Reference Hunting Area map for location.
10. **Wendell H. Ford Regional Training Center (WHFRTC):** Area located in Greenville, KY with command and control authority over all National Guard training areas located within the Commonwealth of Kentucky. This description used to describe all training sites. Where differences or deviations from prescribed procedures at the major installation are required, the deviation or difference will be addressed in applicability to the appropriate site, by its proper name.
11. **Wildlife Game Survey:** Document completed at the security office by the hunter upon returning from the field on which the hunter records the number of wildlife by species observed while in the field.
12. **Wildlife Management Fund Council**: Members appointed by The Adjutant General to oversee management and disbursement of fund proceeds from sale of hunting and fishing permits.
    1. **Responsibilities:**
13. **Deputy Commander:**
14. Serves as the final approving / disapproving authority for units wishing to use the WHFRTC after dates for deer, turkey, small game or waterfowl hunting are established.
15. Establishes, in conjunction with the Environmental office, and forwards all deer, turkey and waterfowl hunting dates for approval through the Hunting and Fishing Committee.
16. Serves as the approval authority for all administrative suspension activities.
17. **Training Site Commander / Manager:**
18. Establishes policies and procedures for an effective Wildlife Management Program in accordance with AR 200-1, dtd 28 August 2007, Natural Resources Land, Forest, and Wildlife Management.
19. Serves as approval authority for appeals for all administrative suspension activities.
20. **Range Operations:**
21. Recommends hunting dates to the Training Site Commander/Manager based on training site usage periods, and allows hunting and fishing based on area usage.
22. Maintains in RFMSS number of personnel on-site.
23. **Environmental Office:**
24. Maintains records of number of game and fish taken daily at the site, including weight, number of points, and sex of deer and weight and spur and beard length of turkey.
25. Maintains these records for natural resource management activities.
26. Coordinates and manages all controlled hunts.
27. Develops Wildlife Management Plan, which is used to establish lengths of season and bag/creel limits.
28. Process immediate family member applications.
29. **Training Site Security:**
30. Responsible for the enforcement of all installation hunting and fishing regulations, and Federal and State Laws.
31. Serve as point of contact for signing in/out of hunters and fishermen from the Training/Hunting Areas.
32. May at their discretion search cars entering and leaving the training site for contraband.
33. May check all personnel entering the training site for recreational purposes for proper documentation to include Kentucky hunting and fishing license, appropriate hunting tags and WHFRTC hunting/fishing permits.
34. Will deny access to individuals not providing proper documentation/licenses or other required information. Training site security has the discretion to remove individuals displaying disruptive behavior.
35. Responsible for issuing hunting/fishing permits and the collection of permit fees.
36. **Hunters / Fishermen:**
37. Responsible for becoming familiar and acting in accordance with this SOP.
38. Responsible for purchasing all hunting and fishing permits issued by the installation prior to hunting or fishing on the installation.
39. Responsible for having in their possession All Kentucky State hunting and fishing licenses and permits prior to hunting / fishing on the installation.
40. Responsible for the behavior and actions of their guests.
41. Responsible for properly recording all fish and game harvested to include tele-check.
42. **WHFRTC Hunting, Fishing and Recreational Use Advisory Council:**
43. Meets quarterly to ensure timely resolution of hunting and fishing issues. Special event meeting called as needed.
44. The WHFRTC State Facilities Manager functions as the council’s Fund Manager to ensure proper disposition and expenditure of funds derived from hunting and fishing permit fees.
45. The Advisory Council establishes hunting and fishing permit fees.
    1. **Privately Owned Vehicles (POV):**
46. All-terrain vehicle (ATV) usage on the WHFRTC is unauthorized for any recreational purpose to include hunting and fishing. The only exception to this policy is the use of these vehicles by severely handicapped hunters whose physical disability makes it impossible to hunt by conventional methods.
47. Driving on firebreaks is prohibited for recreation purpose. Vehicles that become mired or immobilized within training areas or ranges are the responsibility of the owner. No military equipment or personnel will be used to recover these vehicles. Hunter / Fisherman may be responsible for any damage if repairs are needed. If recovery of game requires driving off road, approval must be made in advance through; Training Site Manager/OIC, Environmental Staff or Security. Personnel found in violation of this policy may have all hunting and fishing privileges on the WHFRTC suspended for one year.
48. All POVs entering the WHFRTC must display the issued area assignment card on the rearview mirror, if no mirror then in the windshield, left-hand side. POVs must use designated parking areas.
49. Restricted areas – Churches, cemeteries, etc.
    1. **Archeological or Historical Items:** As required by the Archeological Resource Protection Act and AR 405-80, dtd 1 Feb, 79, Granting Use of Real Estate, excavation or removal of archeological or historical items is prohibited without Federal or State approval specifically for that purpose. Hunters and fishermen report archeological or historical items to the Training Site Facility Engineer at (270) 338-8923 or (502) 607-7924 / 7927. Destruction of an archeological site and / or collection of antiquities are a violation of the Federal Antiquity Act of 1906 and the Archeological Resource Protection Act and will be prosecuted accordingly.

**CHAPTER 2**

## **FEES, PERMITS, AND REFUNDS**

* 1. **Fees and Permits:** In addition to Kentucky State hunting and fishing licenses, permits, and stamps, hunters/fishermen on the WHFRTC are required to purchase WHFRTC hunting/fishing permit. WHFRTC permits are issued by WHFRTC Security. All checks or Money Orders for fees, will be made payable to the **WHFRTC Wildlife Management Fund**. The permit costs and length of issue are as follows:

**WHFRTC Hunting and Fishing Permit Tiered Rate Structure (Annual Permit)**

**Cost Rank / Status**

$20 E1-E4

$40 E5-E6

$60 E7-E8

$60 WO1-CW3; 2LT-CPT

$80 CW4-CW5; MAJ-COL

$100 E9; General Officer

$20 DMA State Employees up to Grade 12

$40 DMA State Employees Grades 13-15

$60 DMA State Employees Grades 16 and above

$50 All Civilian Guests

**(Retired KYNG and DMA State Employees cost for annual permit is what their rank or grade was at the time of retirement)**

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| PERMIT FEES | | | | | |
| **TYPE PERMIT** | **LENGTH**  **OF**  **PERMIT** | **COST** | | | |
| **CATEGORY** | | | |
| **A** | **B** | **C** | **D** |
| User Permit | 1 Day | $10.00\* | $10.00 | $10.00 | $10.00 |
| 3 Days | $20.00\* | $20.00 | $20.00 | $20.00 |
| Annual | N/A | Tiered | $50.00 | N/A |
| **\*Category A do not need to purchase a user’s permit to fish on WHFRTC, however they do need to purchase a permit to hunt.**  **Children Under Age 16 Are Not Required to Buy a WHFRTC Fishing Permit.**  **Children Under Age 12 Are Not Required to Buy a WHFRTC Hunting Permit.** | | | | | |
| **MANAGED HUNTS** | | | | | |
| Turkey | Event Specific | Permit + $10.00 fee if drawn | | | |
| Deer | Event Specific | Permit + $10.00 fee if drawn | | | |
| HUNTER/FISHERMAN CLASSIFICATION | | | | | |
| CATEGORY | DESCRIPTION | | | | |
| A | Soldiers / Personnel actively training at WHFRTC. | | | | |
| B | Kentucky Guardsmen (Army/Air) - Tiered  Retired Kentucky Guardsmen (Army/Air) - Tiered  Kentucky Department of Military Affairs employees - Tiered  Retired Kentucky Department of Military Affairs employees - Tiered  Federal, State or Contract Employees assigned and supporting training center operation $50.00 Annual Pass | | | | |
| C | Immediate Family Member as defined in para-1-5f. $50.00 Annual Pass  Kentucky State Police assigned to Muhlenberg County $50.00 Annual Pass | | | | |
| D | Guest of personnel in Category B: 1-3 Day Pass | | | | |

* 1. **Managed Hunts:** Registration Fees may be required when submitting the applications for the hunt. Hunters selected to hunt on the WHFRTC are required to pay fees prior to the hunting event.

* 1. **Refunds:** Refunds will not be made to hunters who fail to show on the day of their assigned hunt or to hunters who wish to hunt less than the length of their permit.
  2. **Fishing Permits for Personnel in an Annual Training (AT) or Inactive Duty for Training (IDT):** (Basically Cat A.) Personnel performing duty in AT, IDT status may fish on the site without purchasing a permit.
  3. **Children under the Age of 16:** Children under the age of 16 are not required to purchase a WHFRTC fishing permit and must be accompanied by a sponsor to be eligible to fish.
  4. **Children under the Age of 12**: Children under the age of 12 are not required to purchase a WHFRTC hunting permit and must be accompanied by a sponsor to be eligible to hunt.
  5. **Annual** **Fishing and Hunting Permits:** Annual Permits will be issued on the same cycle as Kentucky State fishing permits (01 March to 28 February). Annual permit holders will adhere to the same hunting / fishing regulations applicable to all others on WHFRTC, to include checking in with site security before and after fishing/hunting.
  6. **KRS 150.170 (9)** Any member of the Kentucky Army or Air National Guard, active duty or Reserve Component, in any branch in the United States Armed Forces that is based in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, shall have the right to take fish or hunt on any military property belonging to the Commonwealth without procuring any sport hunting or sport fishing license.
  7. **Fee Accountability:**

1. All fees paid to WHFRTC for hunting and fishing are accounted for in the WHFRTC Wildlife Management Fund. These moneys are used to support recreational site maintenance, wildlife programs established by the training site, troop morale, welfare and recreational activities.
2. The fee can be submitted by cash, check or money order made payable to: WHFRTC Wildlife Management Fund. (If check is returned for inappropriate funds a 1 Year suspension will be imposed on the hunter / fishermen.)
   1. **Sponsors and Guests:** Sponsors (Persons in Category B) are authorized to be accompanied by one guest for non-managed turkey and or deer hunts. Small game and or fisherman sponsors are authorized up to two guests for non-managed events. (Sponsors are responsible for the actions of their guests and are subject to the same penalties.)
   2. **Mutually supporting Individuals / Organizations to WHFRTC:** Individuals or individuals within an organization MAY BE authorized to Hunt / Fish at WHFRTC if they are involved in mutually supporting activities of WHFRTC. For example: A property owner whose property borders the WHFRTC boundary can be allowed to hunt / fish on WHFRTC as they would most likely cross WHFRTC’s boundary and assist WHFRTC with watching its boundary. Decisions are on a case by case basis and approved by the Deputy Cmdr., Security and F&W Biologist.

**CHAPTER 3**

## **SAFETY**

* 1. **Hunter Orange:** All hunters in the field during the WHFRTC deer gun season will wear blaze orange vests and hats. Jackets with orange pockets, orange camouflage vests, jackets, and hats are not acceptable.
  2. **Life Preservers:** All persons utilizing boats, rafts, or canoes on training site lakes and ponds will have in their possession a US Coast Guard approved life saving device.
  3. **Alcoholic Beverages:** Consumption of alcoholic beverages within hunting/fishing areas is NOT AUTHORIZED. Hunting/fishing under the influence of alcohol will result in immediate removal from the hunting/fishing area. Penalty will be levied according to Para 7-3.
  4. **Firearms:** Guns will not be loaded prior to arrival within assigned hunting area. At no time will hunters carry loaded weapons intended for hunting in their vehicles. Muzzle loading weapons, which are loaded with ball and powder but not primed, are considered not loaded.
  5. **Tree-Stands:** Safety harnesses and belts are required with the use of tree stands on the training site.
  6. **Boat Motors:** The only authorized means of propulsion of boats on the WHFRTC lakes (with the exception of Big Reno) is by either paddle or electric trolling motor.

1. Motorized boats are allowed on Big Reno at **NO WAKE** speed**.**

**CHAPTER 4**

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

* 1. **Small Game and Fishing:** All persons wishing to small game hunt and fish on the WHFRTC may check for available areas at the WHFRTC Environmental office or Security office 24 hours prior to the day they wish to hunt or fish. This can be done by telephonically contacting WHFRTC Environmental office or WHFRTC Security. AFTER WHFRTC Deer Gun season closes, small game hunters and bird hunters can check out to a whole training area, instead of just a hunting area.
  2. **Deer and Turkey Bow Hunting:** Bow hunting on the training site will be on first come first served basis for both deer and turkey hunting. Hunter density will not exceed the limits outlined in para 1-3b above.
  3. **Deer and Turkey Gun Hunting (Non-Managed Hunts):** Gun hunting for deer and turkey on the training site will only occur during times authorized by the Training Site Manager. During these authorized times gun hunting will be on first come first served basis for both deer and turkey hunting. Hunter density will not exceed the limits outlined in para 1-3b above. Individuals wishing to gun hunt on the WHFRTC must contact the WHFRTC Security or Environmental Office prior to hunting in order to check for available dates.
  4. **Managed Hunts for Deer and Turkey:** Managed hunts for deer and turkey will be announced by the Environmental Office prior to the dates of the hunt. All instructions will accompany the announcement. All managed hunts will be conducted as a Draw Hunt. All applications must be received by the published deadline to be considered.
  5. **Waterfowl Hunting:** Waterfowl hunting will be on first come first served basis. Hunter density will not exceed the limits outlined in para 1-3b above. Available hunting areas are subject to change due to training. **AFTER WHFRTC Deer Gun Season closes:** 1. Waterfowl hunters can switch hunting areas, with permission 2. Can check out a whole training area, instead of just a hunting area.
  6. Waterfowl Hunter’s during Deer GUN season, MUST WEAR HUNTER’S ORANGE ANYTIME OUTSIDE THE BLIND.

**CHAPTER 5**

## **FISHING EQUIPMENT, GUNS, BOWS, and TREE STANDS**

* 1. **Fishing Equipment:** All baits and fishing tackle are authorized on lakes and ponds owned and maintained by the training site. No Trotlines or Jugs authorized.
  2. **Guns:**

1. Shotguns in the gauge of 10, 12, 16, and 20, and muzzle loading rifles caliber .38 to .54 are the only authorized hunting firearms for deer on the training site.
2. Slugs, ball, or sabots are the only ammunitions authorized for hunting deer. A hunter is authorized a maximum of 10 slugs, or 10 rounds of powder and ball equivalent in their possession during each hunting day. Shotguns will be plugged so as not to hold more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined. Over and under shotguns are unauthorized if one of the barrels is chambered for either rim-fired or center fired rifle cartridges.
3. #4 shot shell and smaller are the only authorized shot for hunting turkey on the training site. .410 shotguns are authorized for Turkey hunting and small game.
4. Pellet rifles in the calibers of .177, .20, .22, and .25 are authorized for small game hunting.
   1. **Bows / Crossbows:**
5. Bows will have a minimum draw weight of 40 lbs. Only longbows, compound and crossbows are authorized for hunting on the WHFRTC.
6. Broad head arrows not less than 7/8" in width and razor sharp are the only authorized hunting tips. At no time will any drug or poison be used on broad heads while hunting on the training site.
7. Crossbow hunting regulations and exemptions for age and disability on WHFRTC are aligned with Kentucky State-wide regulations.
   1. **Tree stands**
8. Only portable stands that cause no injury to trees are authorized on the training site. The use of screw in steps is strictly prohibited. Safety harnesses required.
9. Hunters may put up stands on the first day of their hunt and leave in place for the duration of their hunting period. Hunters who choose to do this assume full responsibility for the security of their stand. Hunters leaving stands in trees must tag them with individual hunters’ name. All stands found untagged or left beyond hunting periods will be removed from the site.

**CHAPTER 6**

# **HUNTING / FISHING TIMES AND CHECK IN / OUT PROCEDURES**

* 1. **Hunting Dates:** All hunting dates will generally correspond with Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife assigned hunting dates. Hunting seasons may be shortened or extended by the Environmental office to effectively manage the wildlife population on the training site.
  2. **Hunting Times:** IAW applicable Kentucky state hunting regulations: Hunters are authorized to enter hunting area 1.5 hours before sunrise and must return to check-in no later than 1.5 hour after sunset.
  3. **Fishing Times:** Fishers may leave the Security Office 1.5 hour before Sunrise and must be back to the Security Office no later than 1.5 hour after sunset.
  4. All Hunting / Fishing after hours must be approved in advance by Deputy Commander.
  5. **Check-in Procedures:**

1. All personnel, both military and civilian, must sign in prior to hunting. Location for signing in for all hunts is the installation security office, or designated location for draw hunts. Personnel failing to sign in and/or gain proper authorization for hunting/fishing will be considered as trespassing and be ejected from the hunting/fishing area and prosecuted in accordance with applicable state and federal laws. Hunting/fishing penalty on WHFRTC will be levied according to Para 7-3.
2. Personnel signing in for hunting/fishing are required to complete AGO Form 27-1, Release of Liability, and obtain all other required documentation for hunting / fishing on the site.
3. Photo ID is required to be left with security when checking in to hunt/fish.

* 1. **Checkout Procedures:**

1. All persons must immediately report to Security to sign out of their assigned hunting / fishing area.
2. Persons hunting in parties may let one member of their party sign out all members of their party.

1. Persons failing to sign out of their assigned hunting/fishing area may lose all hunting / fishing privileges. Penalty will be levied according to Para 7-3.
2. All personnel must complete tele-check procedures before departing WHFRTC.

**CHAPTER 7**

## **Administrative Suspension of Hunting and Fishing Privileges**

* 1. **Administrative Suspension of Privileges:**

1. Citation, by a Game Warden or Installation Security for any offense is cause for immediate removal of the offender from the hunting area and installation.
2. Suspension of hunting and fishing privileges is an administrative action, which does not replace or preclude prosecution by military, state, or federal authorities, as appropriate.
3. All suspensions are immediate and will be reviewed by the Deputy Commander for further consideration. The dismissing officer will make a written report containing at a minimum type incident, date and time of incident, name, phone, and address of offender.
   1. **Appeal of Suspensions:** Appeals of suspensions may be made in writing to the Training Site Commander at:

##### **Wendell H. Ford Regional Training Site**

ATTN: GTC-Z-Hunting and Fishing Appeals

4675 State Route 181 North

Greenville, Kentucky 42345-1732

* 1. **Violations Subject to Administrative Suspension:** Violations subject to administrative suspension of hunting / fishing privileges are listed below. In addition to those listed, any violations of Kentucky or Federal game laws will also result in suspension of privileges. The periods listed below are guidelines only and not intended to restrict the Deputy Commander or Training Site Commander in fashioning an appropriate administrative remedy for violations:

**VIOLATION SUSPENSION**

Blocking Gates/Boat Ramps 1 Year

Killing a legal buck before killing a doe: Except QDMA Youth Hunt Permanent

Killing an illegal buck less than 15 inches or a male deer less than 3.5 1 Year to

Years old. (See below) Permanent

Note: Deputy Commander, Security MGR, F&W Biologist or

OIC determine suspension\*

Falsifying Information on Application Permanent

No State hunting, fishing license, tags, or permits Permanent

No Installation Permit 1 Year

Failure to Sign in or out 1 Year

# Use of Altered State or Installation Documentation Permanent

Making False Statement to Obtain Permit Permanent

Hunting / Fishing in Unauthorized Areas 1 Year

# Aiding or Abetting a Violator Same as Violator

Unauthorized Night Hunting Permanent

Illegal possession of fish or wildlife Permanent

Exceeding limit Permanent

Killing Wildlife from Vehicle Permanent

Use of Alcoholic Beverages 3 Years

# Failure to Wear required Clothing 2 Years

Littering 1 Year

Destroying or Defacing Government Property Permanent

Vehicles in / on Unauthorized Roads 1 Year

Deer / Game Drives Permanent

Failure to Tele-check 1 Year

Use of Cellular-Enabled Trail Cameras Permanent

Use of a sUAS (Drone) for Hunting or Recovery Purposes Permanent

NOTE: Second violations of the same offense may result in permanent suspension.

**Appendix A:** Special Instructions to WHFRTC Hunting and Fishing SOP

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| **WHFRTC Special Creel and Size Limits** | | | | | | | | |
| Lake / Pond | Largemouth  Bass | | Redear | | White  &  Black  Crappie | | | |
| Creel | Size | Creel | Size |  | Creel | Size |  |
| Big Reno | State Size and Creel Limit | | | |  | 20 | 10 in |  |
| ALL OTHER LAKES | State Size and Creel Limit  **EFFECTIVE March 17, 2020** | | | |  | 20 | 9 in |  |
|  |  | | | |  |  |  |  |
|  | | | | | | | | |
| UTES Lake = 3 Channel Catfish per person, per day. | | | | | | | | |
| Special creel and size limits on these lakes and species of fish are designed to aid in building quality fish populations. This should result in higher quality fishing in the future. **FISHING BIG RENO FOR CRAPPIE YOU MUST COME TO SECURITY BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER, FOR SECURITY TO CHECK SIZE** | | | | | | | | |

**SPRING TURKEY HARVEST**

Bag limits follow statewide regulations. Spring turkey season will be the same number of State days, but can be flexible hunting dates based on operational usage. ALL turkey are required to be tele-checked through the KY Fish and Wildlife prior to departing. **NO FALL TURKEY SEASON AT WHFRTC**

**DEER HARVEST**

Hunters must harvest a doe (female deer) before they can harvest a legal antlered deer. Button bucks (antlerless bucks whose nodules do not break the skin) are no longer considered valid for fulfilling the antlerless requirement. Legal antlered deer are deer with a 15 inch minimum outside spread or 3.5 years old or older. Hunters may not take an antlered deer with an outside antler spread of less than 15 inches or less than 3.5 years old at any time UNLESS permission has been granted prior by the Environmental office. (i.e. QDMA Youth Hunt) ALL deer are required to be tele-checked through the KY Fish and Wildlife prior to departing WHFRTC and Confirmation # given to Security.

**ANTLERLESS DEER SEASON ENDS YEARLY DEC. 15TH**

Hunter’s & Fishermen - YOU ARE TO GO ONLY TO AND FROM YOUR HUNTING/FISHING AREA, USE THE MOST DIRECT ROUTE TO YOUR AREA, DRIVING AROUND OTHER AREAS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED, ONLY 1 SWAP PER DAY MUST CALL SECURITY BEFORE MOVING.

Hunting Times: IAW applicable Kentucky state hunting regulations: Hunters are authorized to enter hunting area 1.5 hours before sunrise and must return to check-in no later than 1.5 hour after sunset.

Fishing Times: May leave the Security Office 1 hour before Sunrise. Must be back to Security Office 1 hour after Sunset