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This instruction implements and extends the guidance of DAFMAN 32-7003, *Environmental Conservation*. It prescribes rules and procedures and sets forth policies regarding the protection of fish, wildlife, and related natural resources and the control of hunting and fishing on Wright Patterson AFB (WPAFB). It applies to all persons entering WPAFB for the purpose of hunting, fishing, using fish and wildlife habitats, or attempting to take fish and wildlife from WPAFB grounds. The hunting and fishing program is conducted in compliance with Ohio State Regulations set forth by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources- Division of Wildlife (ODNR-DOW). Send comments and suggestions about this publication for improvements on AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*, to the Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR). Ensure that all records created as a result of processes prescribed in this publication are maintained in accordance with AFI33-322, *Records Management and Information Governance Program*, and disposed in accordance with the Air Force Records Disposition Schedule (RDS) located at <https://www.my.af.mil/afrims/afrims/afrims>.

***SUMMARY OF CHANGES***

This document is substantially revised and must be completely reviewed. This is a revised publication of **WPAFB32-7064, 04 September 2019**. Much of the 2019 instruction is incorporated and updated. This revision changes organization and office symbols; licensing requirements, permit sales and approved hunting areas. In addition, this revision contains six

attachments. [Attachment 1](#) shows references and includes a list of acronyms and abbreviations. [Attachment 2](#) is a table of legal definitions in relation to words/terms within this document. [Attachment 3](#), titled *Approved Hunting Areas Map*, includes areas where hunting is allowed and prohibited. [Attachment 4](#), titled WPAFB Annual Hunting Season Dates summarizes the individual species to be hunted and the timeframes hunting is allowed. [Attachment 5](#), titled WPAFB Annual Hunting Rules summarizes the rules and regulations of the WPAFB hunting program. [Attachment 6](#), titled WPAFB Disabled Archery Hunting Program provides an overview of the WPAFB Disabled hunter program at Wright Patterson. [Attachment 7](#) lists contact numbers for appropriate on-base agencies involved in the WPAFB natural resources program.

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## **1. Responsibilities.**

- 1.1. All persons who hunt and fish on base must be familiar with the contents of this regulation and must have in their possession the proper identification, license, and/or permits prescribed by this regulation.
- 1.2. The 88<sup>th</sup> Security Forces Squadron is responsible for enforcing this regulation, as well as enforcing the State of Ohio hunting and fishing laws and federal migratory bird regulations. The Chief, Security Forces, designates in writing those persons who are to be Game Wardens to help enforce this regulation and cite violators accordingly.
- 1.3. The Natural Resources Working Group (NRWG) consists of members from 88 FSS, 88 SFS, 88 ABW/JA, 88 SE, 88 CES/CEO, and 88 CEG/CEI. The NRWG meets quarterly to discuss all natural resources related matters, including hunting and fishing related topics.
- 1.4. The WPAFB Rod and Gun Club (88 FSS) and WPAFB Outdoor Recreation (88FSS) assists 88 CEG/CEI in distributing hunting and fishing program information.
- 1.5. The Natural Resources Program Manager (NR PM), in the Installation Management Division, chairs the Natural Resources Working Group. Responsibilities include the submittal of the Fish and Wildlife Budget, ensuring compliance with DAFMAN 32-7003, integration of the fishing and hunting programs with other natural resources programs, and implementation of the WPAFB Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan. The NR PM may amend this instruction with written approval of the installation management chief and base civil engineer. Amendments will be posted at the Installation Management SharePoint Site, as well as the WPAFB Natural Resources Facebook Page.
- 1.6. The 88<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineer Group accomplishes Civil Engineering functions according to DAFMAN 32-7003 within available resources and the established priorities.

## **2. Eligible Personnel.**

- 2.1. All active duty and retired military members, active and retired DOD civilian employees, members of national guard/reserve components of the military, contract employees possessing a current 'common access card' (CAC), immediate family members, and bona fide guests thereof are eligible to hunt or fish. Guests must be accompanied by the sponsor and are limited to one guest per day, per sponsor.

## **3. WPAFB Hunting and Fishing Permits.**

- 3.1. Base hunting and fishing permits are sold on-line via the iSportsman website at the following location: <https://wpafb.isportsman.net/>. Disabled veteran permits are available for free by contacting the 88 CEG/CEIEA Natural Resources Program Manager, 937-257-4857.
- 3.2. WPAFB Hunting and fishing permits are non-transferable, and fees are non-refundable.
- 3.3. Available WPAFB Permits are as follows:
  - 3.3.1. Annual Fishing Permit \$20.00.
  - 3.3.2. 3-day Fishing Permit \$10.00.
  - 3.3.3. Base Hunting Permit \$20.00.
  - 3.3.4. 100% Disabled Veteran Fishing Permit N/C.

3.3.5. 100% Disabled Veteran Hunting Permit N/C.

**4. Trapping.**

4.1. Trapping of animals, including game species, is not allowed unless approved in writing. Permission may be granted on a case-by-case basis. Special limitations apply when granted. Contact the 88 CEG/CEIEA Natural Resources Program Manager, 937-257-4857 for more information.

**5. General Rules and Safety.**

5.1. All federal, State of Ohio, and base rules and regulations apply. When more than one of these statutes addresses a common matter or issue, the more restrictive applies. All hunting within the boundaries of this base and on all Wright-Patterson AFB controlled lands outside the base perimeter fences is governed by the State of Ohio hunting laws and federal migratory bird regulations as they pertain to seasons (private land seasons apply), shooting hours, as well as bag and possession limits unless exceptions are prescribed in this instruction.

5.2. All personnel engaging in hunting or fishing, regardless of age, must satisfy State of Ohio licensing requirements.

5.3. Persons engaged in hunting and or fishing on WPAFB must have in their possession all Ohio and federal licenses, permits, and stamps as required by those agencies, in addition to the required base permits(s). Electronic copies are permissible.

5.4. Displaying WPAFB Hunting Vehicle Placard on dashboard or window of vehicle IS MANDATORY when hunting on WPAFB property.

5.5. Military members on leave status are exempt from the requirement to have a state of Ohio hunting license but must provide proof of leave status.

5.6. Individuals, vehicles, boats, guns, ammunition, credentials, fish, game, and personal property are subject to being checked and/or searched at any time by authorized federal, state, and military law enforcement personnel. Persons must provide identification, licenses, and permits as requested by authorized law enforcement and WPAFB NR's personnel.

5.7. Shooting any type of weapon on, from, along, across, or within 100 feet of the centerline of any roadway open to vehicular traffic is strictly prohibited.

5.8. Target shooting is not allowed in any of the hunting areas.

5.9. All persons aged 15 or younger must be accompanied by an adult while hunting.

5.10. Littering of any type is prohibited.

5.11. Searching for or removing historic/cultural artifacts or objects of antiquity is prohibited. The use of metal detectors for any purpose is prohibited except for mission requirements and scientific research purposes approved by the base civil engineer.

5.12. The operation of any motor vehicle off maintained surfaces is prohibited.

5.13. Legal sunrise and sunset times are determined annually and published in the ODNR-DOW Hunting & Trapping Regulations.

5.14. Wearing of hunter orange requirements are specific to the game species being hunted. Archery deer hunters hunting deer on WPAFB property during the statewide deer gun season MUST follow ODNR-DOW hunter orange requirements.

5.15. No one may engage in any act that is purposefully designed to disturb other hunters or game being pursued by other hunters.

5.16. During Force Protection Condition DELTA, hunting is not permitted. During Force Protection Condition CHARLIE restrictions on hunting and fishing may apply but will be determined by the Installation Commander.

5.17. The following game may be taken during established seasons prescribed by Ohio or federal laws and base seasons, which may be more restrictive: deer, squirrel, rabbit, pheasant, fox, migratory birds (ducks, teal, mourning dove, geese, and woodcock), raccoon, opossum, woodchuck, coyote, and crow.

5.18. **Attachments 3** (Hunting Areas Map), 4 (Hunting Season Dates), and 5 (Hunting Season Rules) will be updated on an annual basis.

## **6. Firearms and Ammunition.**

6.1. Rifles, handguns, and ammunition for either are prohibited at WPAFB.

6.2. Shotguns and muzzleloading shotguns are the only type of firearm allowed at WPAFB. Specific regulations concerning allowable shot sizes and non-toxic shot can be found in Sections 7, 9 and 10.

6.3. Upon entering WPAFB property, shotguns must be unloaded and properly cased and transported. Shotguns are only allowed to be transported to the hunting area. Once hunting is complete, hunters must immediately transport shotguns back off base property.

## **7. Small Game Hunting.**

7.1. Small game hunting seasons are determined on an annual basis in conjunction with the season dates and bag limits set for by ODNR-DOW. **Attachment 4** will be updated annually and specifies what species can be hunted in what areas on base property.

7.2. Small game hunting hours vary by hunting area. Consult **Attachment 4** for specific hunting hours per hunting area.

## **8. Deer Hunting.**

8.1. All deer hunters are required to have a state deer permit and state hunting license. Military on leave are exempt from the state hunting license requirement but must be in possession of a base hunting permit. In addition, military personnel on leave must have a state deer tag and be in possession of approved leave papers.

8.2. Portable tree stands and ground blinds may be used during the season; however, the construction or use of permanent stands or the attachment of permanent climbing aids on trees is prohibited. All tree stands and ground blinds must be clearly marked with the owner's name, organization, and phone number. No tree stand/ ground blind may be erected within 75 yards of another tree stand/ ground blind. Limit of 1 tree stand/ ground blind per licensed hunter.

Tree stands and ground blinds may be put up 30 days prior to the start of the season but must be removed within 15 days after the end of hunting season. A base hunting permit is required prior to placing tree stands/ ground blinds. Tree stands and ground blinds that are left in the hunting areas are considered unsecured property and should only be left in the hunting areas at the hunters' own risk. The theft of these aids will not be investigated.

8.3. Trail cameras and feeders are permitted to be placed within the hunting areas outside of the hunting seasons if owner information is permanently marked on the item. Trail cameras are not permitted to be placed facing the flight line or in a way that may indicate photos are being taken of flight line activities. Placing trail cameras and/or feeders in hunting areas prior to hunting season does not guarantee a hunting spot and does not constitute stand placement priority in regard to the distance requirement in Section 8.2 above.

8.4. All archery deer hunters participating in archery deer hunting within the hunting areas located inside the base perimeter fence are required to sign in/out at the kiosk located along Mitchell Drive at Bldg. 4048 for Area A and Fire Station 3 for Area B.

8.5. All deer harvested on WPAFB must be reported to the base Natural Resources Program by calling (937) 257-4857 or (937)257-8555 within 24-hours of harvest.

8.6. Deer gun hunting MAY be permitted within the Licensed Shooting Preserve area as management actions dictate. Deer gun hunting IS NOT permitted every year. Refer to [Attachments 4](#) and [Attachment 5](#) for annual updates.

8.7. Driving of deer is prohibited in all areas of WPAFB regardless of the hunting method.

8.8. Archery deer hunting is restricted during certain hours within the boundaries of the posted Licensed Shooting Preserve in order to avoid conflicts with small game hunters and to allow multi-use of the area. Hours are established annually by the Natural Resources Working Group. Refer to [Attachment 4](#).

8.9. Special, controlled hunts may be held for areas on WPAFB where hunting is not traditionally allowed for the purpose of controlling animal populations and/or conducting handicapped hunter access. Full coordination will be performed prior to conducting any such activities.

## **9. Waterfowl Hunting.**

9.1. Waterfowl hunting is allowed in accordance with ODNR-DOW season dates. Refer to [Attachment 4](#) for permitted hunting areas and season dates.

## **10. Predator Hunting.**

10.1. Predator hunting is allowed in accordance with ODNR-DOW season dates. Refer to [Attachment 4](#) for permitted hunting areas and season dates.

## **11. Fishing.**

11.1. All federal, State of Ohio, and base rules and regulations apply. When more than one of these statutes addresses a common matter or issue, the more restrictive applies.

11.2. A base fishing permit is required for all persons 12 years of age and older to take fish from Gravel, Twin and Bass Lakes. A State of Ohio fishing license (16 years of age and older) and base fishing permit (12 years of age and older) are required to take fish, frogs and turtles from non-landlocked waters on base (Hebble Creek, Trout Creek, Mad River). A state license is not required of a military member on leave status. Persons 16 years of age and older must possess both licenses to take frogs or turtles from Gravel Lake, Twin Lake and Bass Lake. Base fishing permits are sold on-line via the iSportsman website at the following location: <https://wpafb.isportsman.net/>. Disabled veteran permits are available for free by contacting the 88 CEG/CEIEA Natural Resources Program Manager, 937-257-4857.

11.3. A new state license and/or base permit is required 1-year (365 days) from the original purchase date.

11.4. The state license and/or base permit must be in possession at all times while fishing and must be shown to any person upon request.

11.5. A base fishing permit is not required of a US Armed Forces veteran who the Secretary of Veterans Affairs has determined to be totally or permanently totally disabled, and who has a personal description and a certification of disability from the Veteran's Administration in possession while fishing.

11.6. Daily Catch or Possession Limits: Catch and release only on all base waters.

11.7. Except for temporary individual lake closures, there are no hours or seasons for the use of the landlocked lakes.

11.8. Line Limits. Anglers may not use more than two fishing lines whether fastened to a pole, a rod and reel, or hand held. Not more than three hooks may be used on each line. Each angler must maintain constant control over the fishing rods at all times. Trotlines, set or bank lines, and float lines are not allowed except in the Mad River, where their use is according to State of Ohio regulations.

11.9. Turtles and Frogs. Taking of turtles and frogs is according to State of Ohio laws.

11.10. Archery Fishing. Bows of any weight pull may be used for archery fishing. Appropriate state license and/or base permit are required. Archers may take frogs, turtles and forage fish. Crossbows, spear guns of any type, and CO<sub>2</sub> cylinder operated guns are not allowed.

11.11. Minnow Traps and Seines. Such devices may be used in streams and the Mad River according to Ohio laws. Their use requires an Ohio fishing license. They may not be used in landlocked waters on base.

11.12. Snagging of Fish. Snagging of fish is not allowed on this base.

11.13. Ice fishing is not allowed.

11.14. Swimming, diving and/or wading is prohibited in all Base Lakes.

11.15. All persons under 12 years of age must be accompanied by a licensed adult while fishing.

**12. Boating.**

12.1. Boating is allowed on Base Lakes with restrictions pertaining to certain water bodies.

12.2. Boating is permitted in accordance with ODNR- Division of State Parks & Watercraft requirements.

12.3. Boating on Bass Lake:

12.3.1. Boats, kayaks and canoes permitted. Boats with gas motors are permitted if motor is in raised position and fuel line is disconnected. Electric trolling motors are permitted. All watercraft must be registered/licensed per ODNR- Division of State Parks & Watercraft requirements.

12.3.2. No boats are permitted beyond the buoy line. This is a restricted area due to safety zones for the Munitions Storage Area (MSA).

12.3.3. Bass Lake boat ramp is available for watercraft. After launching watercraft into the lake, the tow vehicle and trailer must be moved to the general parking lot.

12.4. Boating on Twin Lake and Gravel Lake:

12.4.1. Non-motorized kayaks and canoes permitted. No boat ramp available at either lake, therefore watercraft must be launched by hand. All watercrafts must be registered/licensed per ODNR- Division of State Parks & Watercraft requirements.

12.5. Boating on Mad River:

12.5.1. Kayaks, canoes and jon boats capable of being launched from shore by hand are permitted. Gas motors are permitted. All watercraft must be registered/licensed per ODNR- Division of State Parks & Watercraft requirements.

12.6. No inflatable air mattresses, inner tubes or sailboards are permitted on any Base Lakes.

12.7. No watercraft will be operated on base lakes unless the person in charge is 16 years of age or older and meets the education requirements set forth by ODNR- Division of State Parks & Watercraft.

12.8. It is not permissible at any time to store, stow or leave any watercraft unattended. This includes along the shoreline or docks.

**13. Other Outdoor Recreation/Natural Resources.**

13.1. Campfires: Fires are prohibited at Gravel and Twin lakes due to Fire Department response time issues. Small fires (less than 3 feet in diameter) are permitted in a fire pit and within 10 feet of the water's edge at Bass Lake. The fire is to be in a cleared area (at least 10 feet from the nearest tree or shrub). Do not build fires on the roadways, parking areas, dock or ramp. No fires are permitted on the hill or beyond the buoy line. This area is designated as a clearance area for the ammo storage facility and is restricted. No burning of trash, old lumber or hazardous materials is permitted. Fires must not be left unattended at any time and must be completely extinguished before leaving.

13.2. Mushroom hunting, digging/gathering of medicinal roots/plants:

13.2.1. Mushroom hunting/gathering is permitted. No limit on the type/amount allowed.

13.2.2. Digging/gathering of any/all medicinal roots/plants is prohibited.



#### **14. Penalties And Suspension of Privileges.**

14.1. Besides prosecution for violations of applicable federal and State of Ohio laws and regulations, military personnel apprehended for violation of this regulation will be reported to the appropriate unit commander. The individual's privilege of hunting, fishing, or boating on this base WILL be suspended for one year from the date of the incident or indefinitely depending on the severity of the violation. A second violation WILL result in a suspension of hunting/fishing privileges on base for 2 years from the date of the incident or indefinitely depending on the severity of the violation and/or charges under UMCJ will be applied. Civilian personnel apprehended for violation of this regulation will be reported to the appropriate unit commander. The individual's privilege of hunting, fishing, or boating on this base WILL be suspended for one year from the date of the incident or indefinitely depending on the severity of the violation. A second violation WILL result in a suspension of hunting/fishing privileges on base for 2 years from the date of the incident or indefinitely depending on the severity of the violation and/or charges filed under ORC. In addition to violations of fish and game regulations, base hunting and fishing privileges may be suspended for any of the following:

14.1.1. Knowingly hunting and/or contracting for the sale of wild game, to include waterfowl found on base when game is out of season and in its natural habitat. Selling, offering to sell, buying, or trading for profit any fish or wildlife species taken from the base.

14.1.2. Carelessly discharging weapons.

14.1.3. Discharging and/or carrying a weapon while under the influence of alcohol or narcotics (Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 2923.15).

14.1.4. Willfully discharging a firearm in a wanton manner in the presence of any individual.

14.1.5. Operating or being in control of any vessel (i.e. boat) when under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs (ORC 1547.11; ORC 1547.111)

14.1.6. Any violation that endangers the lives and/or property of others.

14.1.7. Littering, to include throwing or depositing waste, garbage, refuse, junk or debris on or in any land or water under the jurisdiction of this base.

14.1.8. Knowingly harvesting, bagging, possessing, or taking species out of season.

14.1.9. Knowingly hunting species in areas not open for hunting of that species.

14.1.10. Leaving hunting equipment (tree stand/ground blind) up in hunting areas after the 15-day time period.

14.1.11. Placing hunting equipment (tree stand/ground blind) closer than 75 yards to another hunting equipment site.

14.1.12. Placing hunting equipment in hunting area prior to having a base hunting permit.

14.1.13. Having more than 1 tree stand/ground blind in hunting area.

14.1.14. Not displaying base hunting vehicle placard in vehicle.

14.1.15. Not reporting deer harvest to Base Natural Resources Program.

**14.2. APPEAL PROCEDURES:**

14.2.1. An official channel of appeal has been set up for those persons cited for violation of this regulation. Any person cited for a violation of this regulation may write a formal letter to Security Forces Squadron explaining the grounds on which the appeal is based. A recommendation is made by 88 SFS/Chief Game Warden to the base commander within 30 days. The base commander will notify the appellant in writing of the decision on the appeal and the reasons, therefore. The base commander's decision on the appeal is final. All letters of appeal must be received by 88 SFS within 15 calendar days from the date of notification of suspension. Appeals received after 15 calendar days are considered only if the commander determines that the appellant has included a valid reason for not appealing within the 15-day timeframe.

**15. Volunteers Assisting With Hunting/Fishing Program.**

15.1. Anyone observing a person or persons violating this regulation should call the Security Forces Law Enforcement Desk at 257-6516 or 257-6526 to report the violation as soon as possible. Personnel who observe wildlife violations should attempt to record as much information as possible, to include license plate numbers, descriptions of vehicles and hunting vehicle placard numbers.

15.2. Volunteer groups conducting trash clean up, wingmen day activities, Earth Day events, etc. are permitted.

15.3. Volunteers are permitted and encouraged to organize and/or participate in events such as: handicapped hunter events, wounded warrior hunts, kids fishing derbies, trash clean up and any other conservation-related activity.

**16. Conservation and Safety.**

16.1. All persons will practice safety, observe posted restricted areas, properly dispose of trash, avoid water pollution, and practice those fundamentals of conduct referred to as "good sportsmanship."

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## Attachment 1

## GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

*References*

DAFMAN32-7003, *Environmental Conservation*, 26 June 2024

AFI33-322, *Records Management and Information Governance Program*, 23 March 2020

WPAFBR126-2, *Hunting, Fishing, and Boating on Wright-Patterson AFB*, 30 September 1993

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*Abbreviations and Acronyms*

**ABW**—Air Base Wing

**AF**—Air Force

**AFI**—Air Force Instruction

**AFMC**—Air Force Materiel Command

**BASH**—Bird/Wildlife Aircraft Strike Hazard

**CFR**—Code of Federal Regulations

**DoD**—Department of Defense

**ESOH**—Environmental, Safety, and Occupational Health

**GIS**—Geographic Information Systems

**HQ AFMC**—Headquarters Air Force Materiel Command

**INRMP**—Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan

**MAJCOM**—Major Command

**NRM**—Natural Resources Management

**ODNR**—Ohio Department of Natural Resources

**OPR**—Office of Primary Responsibility

**ORC**—Ohio Revised Code

**TBGC**—Twin Base Golf Course

**USFWS**—U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

**WPAFB**—Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

**88 CEG/CEI**—88<sup>th</sup> Air Base Wing Civil Engineer Directorate, Installation Management Division

## Attachment 2

## LEGAL DEFINITIONS

Figure A2.1. Legal Definitions.

*As used in Chapters 1531 and 1533 of the Ohio Revised Code and Chapter 1501:31-15 of the Ohio Administrative Code:*

**ACCOMPANY** – means to go along with another person while staying within a distance from the person that enables uninterrupted, unaided visual and auditory communications.

**BAITED AREA** – means any area where shelled, shucked, or un-shucked corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed whatsoever capable of luring, attracting, or enticing game animals is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered and such area shall remain a baited area for ten days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed.

**BAITING** – means the placing, exposing, depositing, distributing, or scattering of shelled, shucked, or unshelled corn, wheat or other grain, salt or other feed so as to constitute for such wild turkeys, mourning doves or migratory birds, a lure, attraction or enticement to, on or over any area where hunters are attempting to take them.

**BAG LIMIT** – means the number, measurement, or weight of any kind of crayfish, aquatic insects, fish, frogs, turtles, wild birds, and wild quadrupeds permitted to be taken.

**CLOSED SEASON** – means that period of time during which the taking of wild animals protected by Chapters 1531 and 1533 of the Ohio Revised Code is prohibited.

**CROSSBOW** – means a device for propelling an arrow by means of traverse limbs and a string, mounted on a stock at least twenty-five inches in length, and having a working safety.

**FURBEARING ANIMALS** – include minks, weasels, raccoons, skunks, opossums, muskrats, fox, beavers, badgers, otters, coyotes, and bobcats.

**GAME BIRDS** – include ringneck pheasants, bobwhite quail, ruffed grouse, sharp-tailed grouse, pinnated grouse, wild turkey, Hungarian partridge, Chukar partridge, woodcocks, crows, black-breasted plover, golden plover, Wilson’s snipe or jacksnipe, greater and lesser yellowlegs, rail, coots, gallinules, duck, geese, mourning doves, and brant.

**GAME QUADRUPEDS** – include cottontail rabbits, chipmunks, flying squirrels, gray squirrels, black squirrels, fox squirrels, red squirrels, groundhogs, whitetail deer, wild boar, and black bears.

**HUNTING** – means pursuing, shooting, killing, following after or on the trail of, lying in wait for, shooting at, or wounding wild birds or wild quadrupeds while employing any device commonly used to kill or wound wild birds or wild quadrupeds whether such acts result in such killing or wounding or not. It includes every attempt to kill or wound and every act of assistance to any other person in killing or wounding or attempting to kill or wound wild birds or wild quadrupeds.

**Longbow or Bow** – means a device for propelling an arrow by means of limbs, and a string which is hand held, hand drawn, and held in a drawn position by hand or a hand held mechanical release. This would include compound and recurve bows.

**Migratory Game Birds** – are waterfowl, rails, mourning doves, and shorebirds.

**Nongame Birds** – include all other wild birds not included and defined as game birds.

**Plugged Shotgun** – means a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, that is plugged with a one-piece filler which limits the capacity of the gun to three shells. The filler must be such that it cannot be removed without disassembling the gun.

**Protected Species** – including yellowlegs, plover, snowshoe hares, bears, badgers, bobcat, and nongame birds may not be hunted or taken at any time; Hungarian partridge may not be taken except from a shooting preserve, dog training area, or field trial.

**Trapping** – means securing or attempting to secure possession of a wild bird or wild quadruped by means of setting, placing, drawing, or using any device that is designed to close upon, hold fast, confine, or otherwise capture a wild bird or wild quadruped whether such means result in such capturing or not. It includes every act of assistance to any other person in capturing wild birds or wild quadrupeds by means of such device whether such means result in such capturing or not.

**Wild Animals** – include mollusks, crustaceans, aquatic insects, fish, reptiles, amphibians, wild birds, wild quadrupeds, and all other wild mammals.

**2923.15 ORC** – No person, while under the influence of alcohol or any drug of abuse, shall carry or use any firearm or dangerous ordnance.

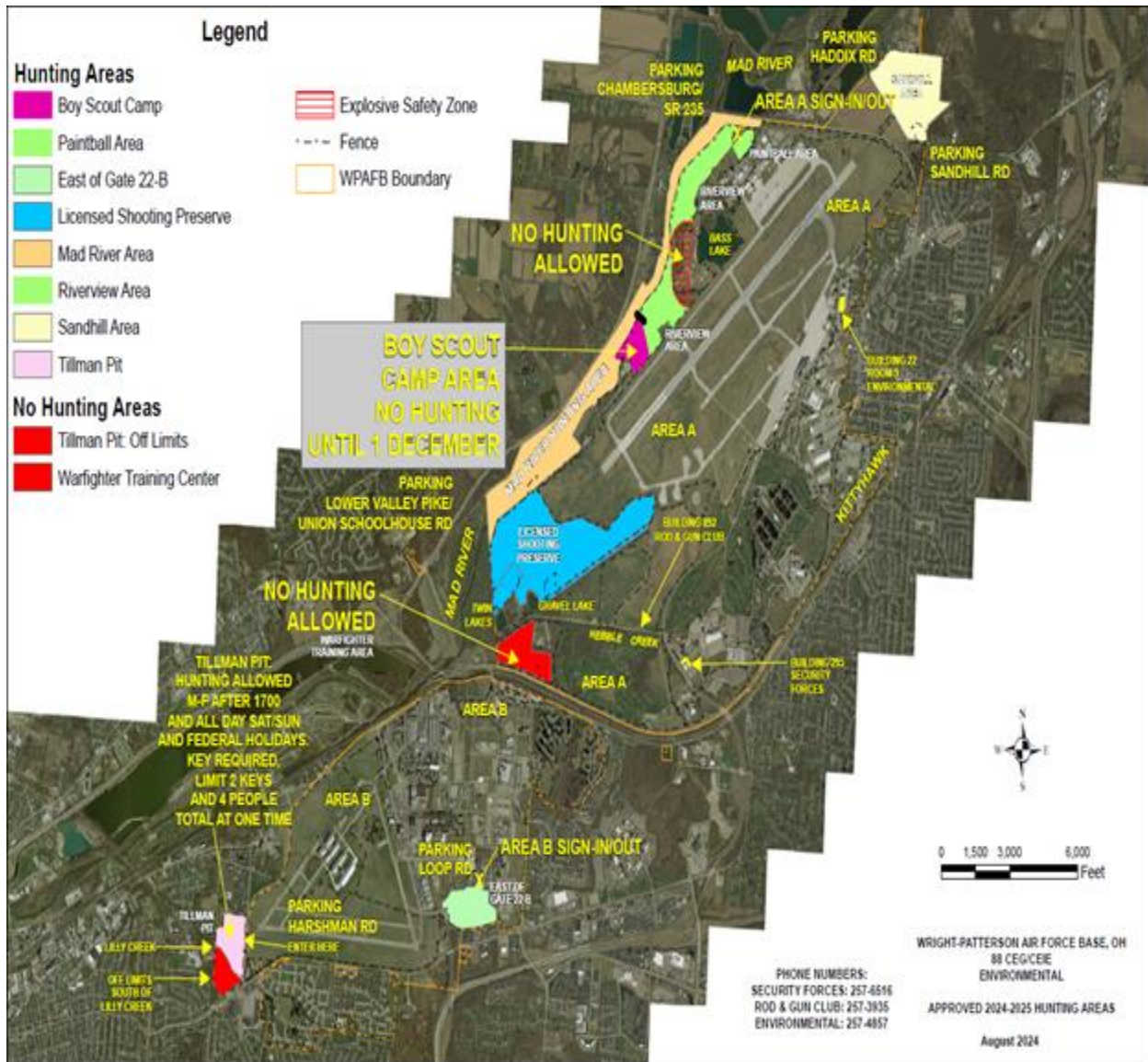
**2923.16 and 1547.69 ORC** – No person shall knowingly transport or have a firearm in a motor vehicle, unless it is unloaded, and is carried in one of the following ways:

- (1) In a closed package, box, or case;
- (2) In a compartment which can be reached only by leaving the vehicle;
- (3) In plain sight and secured in a rack or holder made for the purpose;
- (4) If the firearm is at least 24 inches in overall length as measured from the muzzle to the part of the stock furthest from the muzzle, and if the barrel is at least 18 inches in length in plain sight with the action open or the firearm stripped, or, if the firearm is of a type on which the action will not stay open or which cannot easily be stripped, in plain sight.
- (5) As used in this section, “unloaded” means, with respect to a firearm employing a percussion cap, flintlock, or other obsolete ignition system, that the firearm is uncapped, or that the priming charge is removed from the pan.

## Attachment 3

## APPROVED HUNTING AREAS

Figure A3.1. Approved Hunting Areas.





## Attachment 4

## WPAFB HUNTING SEASON DATES

Figure A4.1. WPAFB Hunting Season Dates.

## 2024-2025 WPAFB Hunting Seasons

Deer (Bow)	28 Sep – 02 Feb	* Shooting Preserve **Sandhill Area, Mad River, along Riverview Road Area B East of Gate 22-B, (Sat & Sun only), ***Tillman Pit (M-F after 1700 ONLY and all-day Sat & Sun) 01 Dec – 02 Feb ****Scout camp area
Pheasant	01 Nov – 12 Jan	Shooting Preserve
Squirrel	01 Sep - 31 Jan	Mad River/ Shooting Preserve/ Sandhill Area
Rabbit	01 Nov – 28 Feb	Mad River/ Shooting Preserve/ Sandhill Area
Fox	10 Nov - 31 Jan	Shooting Preserve / Mad River / Sandhill Area
Raccoon	10 Nov - 31 Jan	Shooting Preserve / Mad River / Sandhill Area
Coyote	No closed season	Shooting Preserve / Mad River / Sandhill Area
Woodchuck	01 Sep- 31 Mar	Shooting Preserve/ Mad River / Sandhill Area
Dove	01 Sep – 03 Nov 07 Dec – 01 Jan	Mad River & Sandhill Area Mad River / Sandhill Area / Shooting Preserve
Canada Goose	07 Sep- 15 Sep 19 Oct - 27 Oct 16 Nov - 10 Feb	Mad River & Sandhill Area Mad River & Sandhill Area Mad River / Sandhill Area / Shooting Preserve
Duck	19 Oct – 27 Oct 07 Dec – 26 Jan	Mad River & Sandhill Area Mad River / Sandhill Area / Shooting Preserve
Teal	07 Sep- 15 Sep	Mad River
Woodcock	12 Oct- 25 Nov	Mad River / Sandhill Area / Shooting Preserve

**\*SHOOTING PRESERVE** - Deer-bow hunting in the shooting preserve is from ½ -hour before sunrise to ¼ hour past sunset until Nov. 1 when bow hunting is from ¼ hour before sunrise until 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. until ¼ hour past sunset. Other areas are all day.

**\*\* SANDHILL, MAD RIVER, ALONG RIVERVIEW ROAD** – open daily from ¼ hour before sunrise to ¼-hour after sunset.

**\*\*\*TILLMAN PIT COMPOUND** – Must obtain key from Security Forces LED (Bldg 295 Area A). Limit two keys with a maximum of two hunters per key at a time. NO HUNTING SOUTH/WEST OF LILLY CREEK. Hunting M-F only after 1700 and all-day Sat & Sun. Refer to hunting area map for further details.

**\*\*\*\*Scout camp** will be open only from 1 Dec – 2 Feb. Refer to hunting area map for further clarification.

**\*\*\*\*\*NOTE: Deer gun season within Shooting Preserve not allowed/observed during 2024-2025 season at WPAFB.**

**NOTE:** Due to increased mission requirements the Warfighter Training Center (formerly Prime BEEF area) will be closed until further notice – no hunting is permitted in that area.

THE AUTHORIZED GUN SMALL GAME HUNTING HOURS IN THE SHOOTING PRESERVE IS 30 MINUTES BEFORE SUNRISE UNTIL SUNSET 01SEP-28 SEP THEN 1000-1400 DAILY ONCE DEER ARCHERY SEASON BEGINS. ONCE DEER ARCHERY SEASON CLOSES ON 2FEB25 HUNTING HOURS GO BACK TO 30 MINUTES BEFORE SUNRISE UNTIL SUNSET.

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## Attachment 5

## WPAFB ANNUAL HUNTING RULES

Figure A5.1. WPAFB Annual Hunting Rules.

**2024-2025 WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB HUNTING PROGRAM**

**GENERAL:** Hunting is permitted on Wright-Patterson AFB in designated areas. These areas are shown on the map posted at the Rod & Gun Club, Bldg. 892. Hunters are REQUIRED to sign-in/out of hunting areas when hunting on WPAFB property via the iSportsman platform. When hunting areas inside the perimeter security fence (Boy Scout Camp/PaintBall, LSP, Riverview, and Gate 22B) physically signing in at the log-book locations is also required. Refer to the hunting map for sign-in/out locations. Hunters must be properly licensed and obey all applicable federal, state, and base regulations. WPAFB I32-7064, Hunting, Fishing and Boating on Wright-Patterson AFB, is the applicable local regulation. Additional information may be obtained from the Base Natural Resources Program Manager, at 257-4857.

**ELIGIBILITY:** All active duty and retired military members, active and retired DOD civilian employees, members of the reserve components of the military, contract employees who possess a CAC, and the immediate families (spouse or children), are eligible to hunt on Wright-Patterson AFB. Bona fide guests of any eligible hunter may also hunt; however, guests must be with a licensed sponsor. Limit of 1 guest per sponsor per day. Displaying vehicle placard while hunting on WPAFB is MANDATORY.

**LICENSING REQUIREMENTS:** Hunters must comply with all applicable federal, state, and base licensing requirements. In addition to a Wright-Patterson AFB hunting license, all hunters, regardless of age, must have on their possession a valid state of Ohio hunting license except for active-duty military on annual leave. Hunters 16 years of age and under must be accompanied by an adult. Additional licensing requirements exist for deer, and waterfowl. The following is a summary of license costs:

WPAFB Annual Hunting License	\$20.00
Ohio Resident Hunting License	\$19.00*
Ohio Resident Youth Hunting License	\$10.00
Non-Resident Hunting License	\$180.96*
Non-Resident Tourist Small Game Hunting License	\$40.56
Ohio Either-sex Deer Permit	\$31.20
Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp	\$15.00*
Federal Migratory Bird Stamp	\$25.00

\* Not required if active duty on annual leave.

**SMALL GAME HUNTING:** The following game may be taken during established seasons prescribed by Ohio and federal laws within the dates established by the natural resources working group: deer, squirrel, rabbit, pheasant, fox, coyote, mourning dove, migratory waterfowl, raccoon, opossum, woodcock, woodchuck and crow. Some game may be hunted outside the boundary of the licensed hunting preserve, only in designated areas along Mad River and Sandhill Road (see map in Bldg. 892) during season dates. If in doubt, check with Base Natural Resources Program Manager, 257-4857 or the Chief Game Warden, 257-6516. Only shotguns with size shot no larger than number 6 (lead) or number 3 (nontoxic) may be used on upland game.

Hunting with rifles or pistols is not permitted.

**BASE SECURITY:** The area around Tillman Pit and along the river are bordered by a base perimeter fence. Do not go over, under, or through the security fence. It is a federal violation, and you will be prosecuted.

**LICENSED SHOOTING PRESERVE:** Squirrel hunting is permitted 01Sep24 thru 28Sep24 during the hours set forth by ODNR-DOW. Once deer archery season begins, gun hunting hours are restricted to the hours of 1000-1400. Gun hunting within the licensed shooting preserve will begin on 01Nov24 and continue through Sunday 28Feb25 depending on the game species. Daily gun hunting hours in the preserve is from 1000-1400 only, until 02Feb25, at which time it becomes sunrise to sunset. All small-game hunters must be out of the area by 1400. Refer to the ODNR-DOW



publication for bag limits for species being hunted. Each hunter may have only one dog in the field while hunting within the LSP.

**DEER ARCHERY SEASON:** Archery (or bow) hunting for deer is permitted on WPAFB property from 28Sep24 through 02Feb25. Refer to the current WPAFB Season dates for specifics for each hunting area. Deer hunters must be out of the licensed hunting preserve from 1000 to 1400 daily beginning 01Nov24 thru 02Feb25. Hunting is also permitted at Tillman Pit in Area B (need key to enter) special rules apply (M-F after 1700 and all day Sat, Sun & Federal Holidays/designated Family Days), east of Gate 22-B (weekends, federal holidays and designated Family Days), along both sides of the Mad River on base property, between Haddix Road and Sandhill Road, and in a portion of the base between Riverview Road and the perimeter fence (vicinity of the LOX plant). Archery hunting for deer is permitted on Sundays. Tree stands MUST be permanently labeled with the owner's name and phone number. ONLY ONE STAND/BLIND PERMITTED PER HUNTER ON BASE PROPERTY. They cannot be placed more than 30 days prior to the start of the season and must be removed within 15 days after the season closes. A base hunting permit is required in order to place stands/blinds on base property. Any deer harvested on WPAFB must be reported to the Base Natural Resources Program Manager at 257-4857 or by email. Failure to do so may result in the elimination of future base deer hunting seasons. Check with the Base Natural Resources Manager, 257-4857 or Security Forces, 257-6516 for additional details.

**DISABLED HUNTING BLINDS:** There are 2 Disabled Hunting blinds located on the LSP. Rules/procedures for RSVP'ing blinds and a map of the blind's locations can be found in Attachment 6 of **WPAFB132-7064**.

**DEER GUN SEASON:** Deer Gun Season will not be allowed/observed this hunting season at WPAFB.

**GENERAL DEER HUNTING INFORMATION:** A state hunting license, state deer permit, and base hunting license are required to deer hunt on Wright-Patterson AFB. Deer must be checked according to current ODNR rules and reported to the Base NR's PM. Permanent stands, or the attachment of permanent climbing aids, are prohibited. Screw in steps are not permitted. No deer drives are permitted on base property. The base follows Greene County rules for deer limits.

**WATERFOWL HUNTING:** Waterfowl may be hunted on Wright-Patterson AFB in designated areas only. Hunting is permitted on federal property along Mad River and Sandhill, during portions of Ohio's split southern zone waterfowl season. Hunting is permitted within the confines of the licensed shooting preserve during the late portion only of the split season. Use of approved nontoxic shot is mandatory. Steel shot size in the preserve is limited to number 3 or smaller and other nontoxic alternatives are still limited to number 6 shot. Shot size along the river is consistent with state limitations. In addition to the Ohio and Base hunting licenses, waterfowl hunters must also have in their possession a signed Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp and a signed Federal Migratory Bird Stamp.

**TRAPPING FOR FURBEARING ANIMALS:** Due to the limited sizes of the areas where pursuing game animals are permitted and the multi-uses of those areas, trapping is limited. Contact the Base Natural Resources Program Manager (257-4857) for more information.

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## WPAFB DISABLED ARCHERY HUNTING PROGRAM

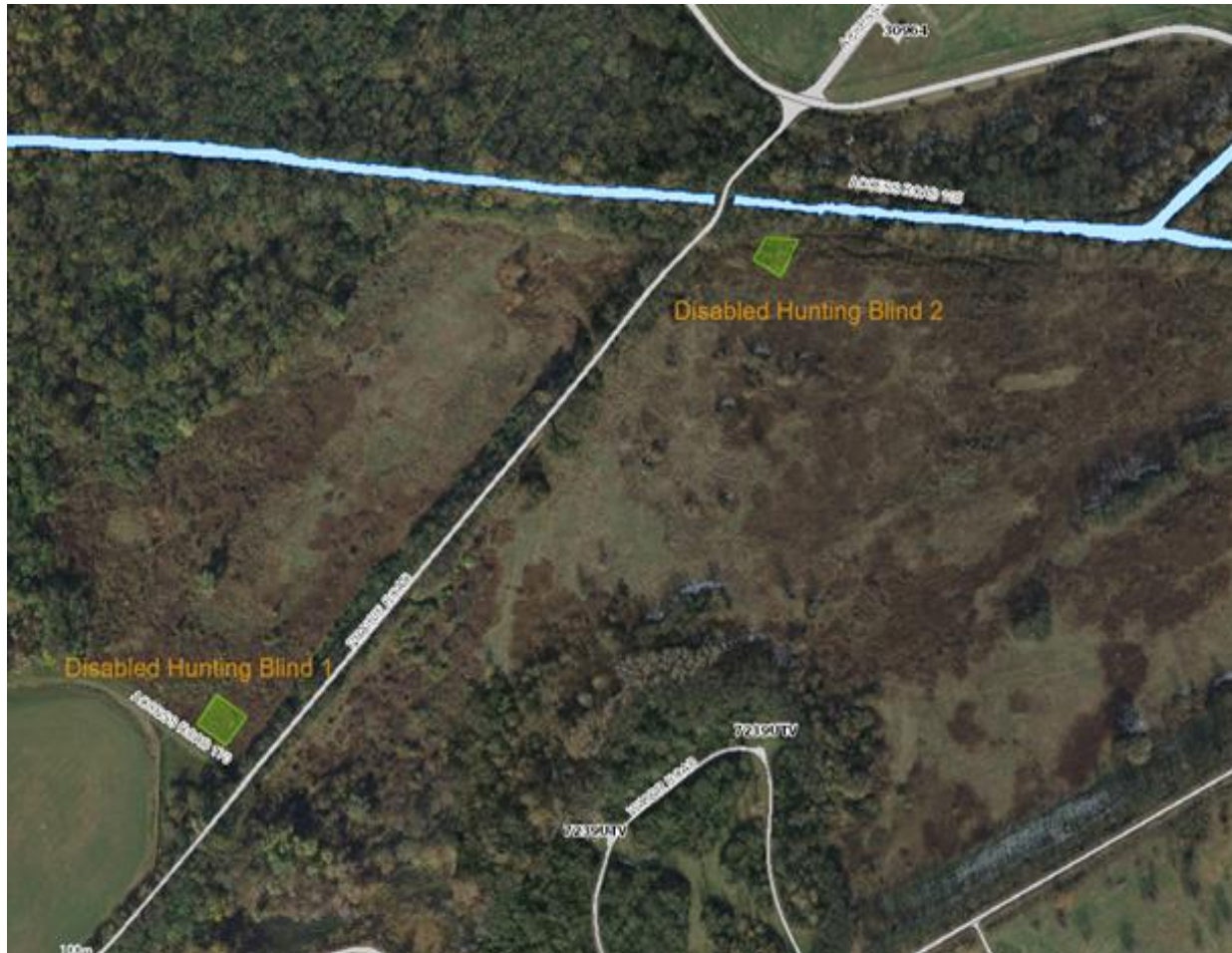
**A6.1. There are two handicapped accessible hunting blinds for disabled hunters to utilize within the boundary of the hunting area known as the Licensed Shooting Preserve. Both blinds over-look a small food plot planted specifically for attracting deer.**

A6.1.1. Both blind locations are located close to the road with parking nearby. A mowed/maintained path leads to each blind to aid in disabled hunters accessing each blind.

A6.1.2. Blinds must be reserved through the *iSportsman* page. Disabled Hunters wishing to reserve a blind must provide proof of disabled status.

A6.1.3. In the event a blind is not reserved by a disabled hunter 2 hours prior to the legal hunting time, non-disabled WPAFB hunters will be able to sign-in on the *iSportsman* page to hunt it for that day.

**Figure A6.1. WPAFB Disabled Archery Hunting Program.**



**Attachment 7****APPROPRIATE CONTACTS FOR NATURAL RESOURCES ON WPAFB****Figure A7.1. Appropriate Contacts for Natural Resources On WPAFB.**

WPAFB Natural Resources Program Manager	937-257-4857
WPAFB General Conservation	937-257-5535
WPAFB Rod & Gun Club	937-257-3935
WPAFB Outdoor Recreation	937-257-9889
WPAFB Security Forces Game Warden	937-257-6516