

**US Army Aberdeen Proving Ground
Environmental APGR 200-6 dated 1 Sep 2011
Recreational Hunting and Trapping on Aberdeen Proving Ground**

List of MAJOR CHANGES in affect for 2019 Hunting Season

Last updated: November 2018

Gun registration: Personnel desiring to hunt with a gun (shot gun or muzzleloader) must submit a completed gun registration for that firearm, along with all other requirements, before a permit will be issued. If presenting a gun registration form, the hunter will not be required to obtain a state level criminal history check. Gun registration forms will be kept on file at MWR ODR.

Criminal History check. Criminal History checks (CHC) and fingerprint cards are NO LONGER required to be submitted to DES. CHC will NOT be reviewed or denied by DES or Garrison Supported Organization Security Officers. MWR accepts CHC as part of the permitting process and will review upon presentation to ensure proper signatures and stamps are present, then checks will be filed in secure (locked) container. Finger print cards are not required.

Hunting permit fees: Fees are NOT set by the MWR Program Manager. Hunting permit fees are recommended by the APG Hunting Management team and approved by the Garrison Commander. Permit fees are used exclusively for conservation and management programs. Funds collected are deposited in the Fish and Wildlife Conservation fund and used only on the installation for the protection, conservation, and management of wildlife, including habitat restoration and improvement. Funds required to support the administration and sale of permits will not exceed 10 percent of the annual revenue.

Access Badges: HIC's are able to get their CAC's registered to receive access into the secure area. Access Badges are issued during the dates of the seasons you will hunt and are to be returned at the end of the Hunting Season. Any patron whose badges are not returned will be recommended to the garrison commander for suspension of their hunting privileges.

Trapping: Any trapping on APG will be coordinated by the DPW Environmental branch. Trapping will be used to manage nuisance wildlife when determined necessary by DPW.

Assignment of Hunting Areas: Hunting areas will be assigned by Hunt Trac for all seasons.

Hunt Trac: Instructions for use of Hunt Trac have been provided to all Hunters in charge (HICs) and are available at www.apgmwr.com/recreation-and-sports/hunting. Hunters found abusing the Hunt Trac system are in jeopardy of losing their hunting privileges. Hunters must still use 1249 when out in the field.

Assignment of Special Hunting Areas: A blind draw will be used for special areas 12 (Ruggles Golf Course), 335 (Plumb Point Loop), 376(Roadman Road) and 1630 areas. 1249's must be used to request these areas all cards must be submitted NLT than 12:30 pm. Drop off to ODR or email to apgodr hunting@gmail.com. Areas 12 and 335 can only be hunted until 10 am. Area 335 is only hunted on days school is in session. Area 376 is only hunted on weekends and RDO Fridays.

Areas Availability: Hunters are prohibited from calling ATC or MWR in an attempt to find out what hunting areas will be open for any particular day. Maps of hunting areas by species are displayed at Outdoor Recreation Service Center.

Hunting Form 1249: a completed hunting form IMNE 1249 constitutes a hunting pass and are electronically available to HICs on the apgmwr website. The HIC is responsible for filling out the form correctly, including the hunting area assigned by Hunt Trac, printing, and placing on the dash of the vehicle parked at the assigned hunting area for the day of the hunt. The 1249 must be visible to read from outside of the vehicle. Hard card 1249s are available for those HICs submitting for one of the blind draws listed above. Sign in sheets and 1249 returns will be inspected by MWR staff. If found in violation may result in suspension of privileges.

HIC Vehicle Tags and Secure Area Access Cards/keys: 2ea HIC identification vehicle tags will be issued to all HICs for the season and must be displayed conspicuously in all vehicles carrying hunters and parked at the hunting area. The HIC tag replaces the vehicle identification tag, which is no longer used. Secure area gate access cards or keys will also be assigned to HICs that require one. There are no longer gate guards at any secure area access gates used for hunting. All tags, cards and keys must be returned and signed back in to MWR ODR at the end of the hunting season.

Hunting permits: Hunters must be in possession of their hunting permit at all times. A rigid copy is **NO LONGER** required to be filed at the Hunting Facility before the hunt.

HIC Eligibility Requirements:

- Eligibility IAW AR 215-1
- Qualifications
 - o 8 verifiable escorted hunts
 - o HIC Class
 - o HIC Tour/ Work Party
 - o 80% or higher on HIC Test

Day of Hunt - Hunter in Charge Requirements (HIC): In addition to placing vehicle tags and 1249 in vehicle as listed above, HIC is responsible for ensuring all hunters in the party **sign in and out at the area Hunting Facility AS WELL AS in and out of the security gate used to access** secure areas. HIC will also ensure the back of the 1249 is completed, accurately showing all game harvested, and turn it in at the Hunting Facility when signing out. This action clears that hunting area of the day.

Termination of hunting due to violation: DES Officers area authorized to immediately terminate hunting privileges of any hunter found in violation of a security or safety provision in this document or the regulation. Suspension and appeal process remains the same.

UXO: Hunters who see UXO or any unidentifiable items that could be UXO in hunting areas must stay clear of the item and call 911 immediately, reporting the area and marking the land near where the item can be found.

Legal Hunter Hours: Any hunter, no matter in what area of APG, seeking a wounded deer after legal hunting hours will notify the AA Hunting Facility (410.278.4843) BEFORE tracking the animal. If no one answers, a voicemail must be left with hunter in charge information and area.

Amendments to sign-in and out hunting procedures for outline areas (Carroll Island and Graces Quarters): The calling in and out will be for all hunters (waterfowl, deer, or turkey) who obtain a hunting area located at outline/satellite properties (Carroll Island and Graces Quarters). The HIC would be required to call and leave a voicemail with the following information prior to entering the satellite properties:

- Number of assigned hunting area.
- Date/Time accessing
- All the names in the hunting party who are going afield.

If the HIC departs for lunch or upon completion of the hunting parties hunt the HIC would be required to call and leave a voicemail with the following information:

- Number of assigned hunting area.
- Date/Time departed (indicate for lunch or for the day)

If hunters return following lunch the HIC would be required to repeat the above procedure to access and depart their assigned hunting area.

This would to assure 100% accountability of all personnel in case of any emergencies where CLE or range control needs to evacuate hunters from these areas.

The hunters would still need to return a completed 1249 within a specified time frame (next business day) at the HMF indicating the hunting area, hunting party, and game harvested.