

**Fort Indiantown Gap  
Regulation 215-2**

**Army Morale, Welfare, and  
Recreation**

**Hunting, Fishing,  
and Outdoor  
Recreation in the  
Training Areas**

Army National Guard Training  
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**Public use of Fort Indiantown Gap may be limited or terminated as a result of alerts or threats to the installation.**

**Updates to this regulation will be posted at the Outdoor Recreation Check-in Facility. This facility is located on Service Road, across from Range Operations (Building 11-9).**

# ***SUMMARY of CHANGES***

## FTIG REGULATION 215-2

This revision—

- Outlines the change of the day-to-day management from Range Operations to the Wildlife Office.
- Clarification on use of and expenditures of Outdoor Recreation Access Fees and increase cost of replacement button to \$10 (page 4).
- Archery Range on Range 17 (page 6).
- Clearly stating that the individual must enter the Outdoor Recreation Check-in Facility, in person, to check-in to Training Areas and Ranges and check-out. Signing in or out of another person is not permitted. (page 7)
- Clarifying access to Training Area C6 and R38 and allowing shotguns with birdshot on R36 (page 8).
- Allowing parking north of Range Road (page 11).
- Removes woodgathering from Outdoor Recreation and provide current information (page 13).
- Allowing trappers to utilize rim fire firearms south of the top of Blue Mountain (page 17).

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**History.** This publication supersedes all previous FTIG regulations pertaining to Outdoor Recreation.

**Summary.** This regulation is a revision of a current regulation. It outlines special rules and regulations for outdoor recreation activities in FTIG (Fort Indiantown Gap) training areas while safely training military personnel.

**Applicability.** This regulation applies to all users of the Fort Indiantown Gap Range Facility Complex. Unless otherwise stated, masculine nouns and pronouns refer to both men and women.

**Proponent.** The proponent for this regulation is the Directorate of Plans, Operations, Training, and Security for Fort Indiantown Gap.

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## **CHAPTER 1**

### **General**

#### **1-1. PURPOSE**

This regulation outlines special rules and procedures for outdoor recreation activities on Fort Indiantown Gap (FTIG) training areas. Outdoor recreation at FTIG is a privilege contingent upon compliance with all the provisions outlined in this Regulation.

Participants in the FTIG Outdoor Recreation Program do not have exclusive use of training areas as unscheduled military, maintenance, and management activities may occur. Under no circumstances are participants to interfere with FTIG military or civilian staff performing their duties. Changes or revisions to this regulation will be made as deemed necessary by the Garrison Commander. All changes will be posted at the Outdoor Recreation Check-in Facility.

#### **1-2. AUTHORITY**

All recreation activities at FTIG are authorized under Federal Law and managed by the Garrison Commander in accordance with appropriate Department of Defense and Army rules and regulations and federal and state laws for the protection of natural resources at FTIG.

#### **1-3. REGULATIONS**

- a. Army Regulation AR 385-63. Range Safety.
- b. AR 190-11 Physical Security of Arms, Ammunition, and Explosives.
- c. DA PAM 385-64 Ammunition and Explosives Safety Standards.
- d. AR 215-1 Morale, Welfare and Recreation Activities and Non-Appropriated Fund Instrumentalities.
- e. AR 200-1 Environmental Protection and Enhancement.
- f. PA Game Regulations PA Code Title 58.
- g. PA Fish and Boat Regulations PA Code Title 30.
- h. Sikes Act (16 USC 670 *et. seq.*). Conservation Programs On Military Installations
- i. FTIG Regulation 350-2. Policy, Procedures, and Standards for Training at Fort Indiantown Gap.
- j. All other applicable DOD, U. S. Army, Federal, State, and Local Regulations.

#### **1-4. OBJECTIVES**

- a. While maintaining military training as the priority, integrate natural resource management with training resource management to provide the maximum training and recreational opportunities possible.
- b. Protect Federal, State and private property from damage, misuse, theft, or abuse.
- c. Protect natural resources. Army Regulation 200-1, Environmental Protection and Enhancement, prescribes current Army policies, procedures, and standards for the conservation, management, and restoration of land and the renewable natural resources thereon consistent with and in support of the military mission

and in consonance with national policies.

- d. The Fish and Wildlife Management program will provide for the management of fish and wildlife populations and their habitats consistent with accepted scientific principles, in compliance with the Endangered Species Act and other applicable laws and regulations. Emphasis will be placed on the maintenance and restoration of habitat favorable to the production of indigenous fish and wildlife, particularly federally listed species protected under the Endangered Species Act.

## **1-5. RESPONSIBILITIES**

- a. The Garrison Commander, in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Game and Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commissions, administers the wildlife conservation program and directs the development of plans for continued enhancement of the wildlife conservation program on FTIG.
- b. FTIG Wildlife Conservation Advisory Council.
  - (1) Provides recommendations to the Garrison Commander on all matters relating to the wildlife conservation program to include:
    - Budget development
    - Program development
    - Program management
    - Recreational Activities (Hunting, Trapping, Fishing & Related)
  - (2) The council consists of representatives from the following entities:
    - Director of Plans, Training, and Security (DPTS)
    - Public Affairs Office (PAO)
    - Wildlife Office
    - FTIG Police
    - FTIG Fish & Game Conservation Club
- c. Fort Indiantown Gap Police.
  - (1) Train police officers on applicable laws to assist PA Game and PA Fish & Boat Commissions.
  - (2) Cooperate with Federal, State, and Installation entities for the protection of natural resources and the safety of personnel on FTIG.
  - (3) Report Game Law and Fish & Boat Law violations to respective agencies for enforcement and prosecution.
  - (4) The FTIG Police Department, in the absence of a Wildlife/Waterways Conservation Officer, will apprehend and if necessary, detain wildlife law violators, record appropriate information needed for prosecution, and secure evidence if necessary. As required, the FTIG Police Department will then provide the information to a Game and/or Fish & Boat Commission's officer for disposition.
  - (5) The FTIG Police Department will be available to provide testimony in court, if necessary about cases they initiated.
  - (6) Enforce FTIG Regulations.
  - (7) Monitor and apprehend, if necessary, individuals trespassing in training areas.

- (8) Provide information on wildlife-related incidents and violations to appropriate FTIG offices.
- d. Public Affairs Office (PAO) will provide public information and media concerning recreation activities on FTIG.
  - (1) Fort Indiantown Gap is public land and government employees are permitted to take photos for official use only.
  - (2) Outdoor Recreation Participants are not authorized to take photographs of facilities on FTIG.
- e. Natural Resources Office.
  - (1) Manage wildlife (to include plant and fisheries resources) using best management practices.
  - (2) Coordinate recreational activities with Range Operations.
  - (3) Will post available areas for hunting, fishing, and trapping (posts will occur at the end of each day during the hunting season and will cover training areas that are available the following day).
  - (4) Monitor Outdoor Recreation Check-in Facility.
  - (5) In coordination with FTIG Staff, manage the FTIG Wildlife Conservation Fund (recreational access fee).
  - (6) Collect and analyze data on wildlife populations using harvest check station and harvest report cards.
  - (7) Collect and analyze hunter use and activity data from hunter check-in forms.
  - (8) Develop and distribute educational information to recreation users.
  - (9) Develop and implement the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan.
  - (10) Work closely with and assist the Fort Indiantown Gap Police and other law enforcement agencies by reporting violations and unsafe actions promptly.
  - (11) Responsible for overseeing work parties and volunteer & community service programs.
- f. Training Center Command - Division of Plans, Operations, Training, and Security (DPOTS)
  - (1) Will cover installation safety concerns during annual briefings.
  - (2) Will determine available areas and input information in the Range Facility Management Support System (RFMSS).
  - (3) Responsible for controlling access to available areas.
  - (4) Work closely with and assist the Fort Indiantown Gap Police and other law enforcement agencies by reporting violations and unsafe actions promptly.
  - (5) Forward information to Range Management Authority for official suspension or revocation of outdoor recreation privileges.

**CHAPTER 2**  
**Activities**

**2-1. REGISTRATION**

- a. Anyone (12 years or older) that utilizes Fort Indiantown Gap for recreational

activities in the training areas or other restricted-to-public areas must attend an FTIG Outdoor Recreation Program Orientation and Safety Briefing. The Safety Briefing is mandatory and valid for 1 year (parallel with the period of time covered by the PGC hunting license). Deployed military personnel that cannot attend scheduled briefings may attend a make-up brief that will be offered to military personnel only. Dates and times of make-up briefs will be determined by the FTIG Range Officer.

- b. Anyone under the age of 18 is required to be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian during FTIG Outdoor Recreation Program Orientation and Safety Briefings and/or during other registration activities.
- c. A copy of the following documents must be on file with the Natural Resource Office (Building 11-19) in order to be eligible to engage in outdoor recreation activities: valid state driver's license or State ID, vehicle registration (for all vehicles that will be utilized at FTIG), proof of age for persons under the age of 18.
- d. A distinctive Fort Indiantown Gap permit/button will be issued to persons who attend a FTIG Outdoor Recreation Program Orientation and Safety Briefing. Buttons are not transferable among hunters. Anyone found lending their button will have their FTIG Outdoor Recreation privilege permanently revoked. Buttons are to be surrendered to Range Operations during temporary suspensions and permanent revocations.

## **2-2. FEES**

- a. Establishment of fees is required under Army Regulation 200-1. FTIG Outdoor Recreation Program access fees collected are used to support the FTIG Wildlife Conservation Fund and where appropriate the FTIG Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Fund.
- b. All Outdoor Recreation Access Fees are non-refundable.
- c. All persons older than 16 years of age must pay the \$30 access fee. Persons 12 to 16 are not required to pay the fee but are required to attend FTIG Outdoor Recreation Program Orientation and Safety Briefing and receive an access button. Fee payment must be cash or money orders. No checks will be accepted.
- d. For safety and quality of hunt reasons, the Training Center may restrict the number of hunters on an individual Training Area basis during high use periods.
- e. Replacement buttons are \$10 and can be obtained at Range Operations.

## **2-3. LOTTERY**

- f. A lottery will be used to allocate the number of hunters (for safety and quality of hunt) that may utilize FTIG North of Blue Mountain during the 12 days of Regular ("Rifle") Season.
- g. All hunters (12 years and older) interested in hunting in the Corridor (with a firearm, muzzleloader, bow, or crossbow) during Regular Rifle Season for big game are required to pay an additional \$10 fee at the time of registration. This fee will enter the outdoor recreation participant into the lottery. Note: participant

engaged in the lottery will be issued an access button with an "L" after the number.

- h. Training Areas south of the top of Blue Mountain are not part of the Lottery and do not require an "L" button.
- i. In the unlikely event that all Training Areas (north of the top of Blue Mountain) are available for hunting, then a maximum of around **125 hunters** will be allowed to hunt on a daily basis.
- j. All persons participating in the FTIG Wildlife Volunteer Program will receive an additional entry into the lottery for every 10 hours of volunteer time documented through the FTIG Wildlife Office.
- k. A randomized computer drawing for hunting the Training Areas North of Blue Mountain will be performed for each of the hunt days of regular rifle season, using the permit number. Some registered hunters participating in the lottery may not be drawn for Rifle Season Lottery privileges at FTIG.
- l. The results of the drawing (names and permit numbers) for each day of regular rifle season will be posted at the Check-in Facility and on the FTIG website (<http://www.milvet.state.pa.us/>).
  - (1) The number of hunters allowed to hunt will depend on the status of current training mission, and thus the training areas available for hunting. If hunters are unable to self-regulate the number of hunters per Training Area, then for safety reasons FTIG will limit the number of hunters per Training Area accordingly.
  - (2) The Training Areas open and maximum number of hunters allowed, based on training area availability, will be posted the day before. For example, assume for the First Day that 106 hunters are allowed. Hunter A's Rifle Lottery # is 56 and Hunter B's Lottery # is 99 and both are allowed to sign-in and access designated Training Areas 2 hours before shooting time.
- m. If either a youth (<18 years old) hunter's or the official guardian's Lottery Number is drawn, then both participants are permitted to hunt (this includes other registered youth siblings). This practice is outlined in the PGC Game Code and must be minors accompanied by an adult under this regulation.
- n. Waiting List. In order to maximize recreational use a waiting list may be utilized.
  - (1) Hunters not listed on the lottery list are permitted to enter their name and permit number on a Waiting List at the Outdoor Recreation Check-in Facility. Hunters on the Waiting List are to wait outside of the Outdoor Recreation Check-in Facility.
  - (2) From shooting time forward (or a time deemed prudent by FTIG staff), anyone who properly entered the lottery and is on the Waiting List may fill any shortages of the maximum number of hunters allowed for the Training Areas available until the maximum number of hunters for the day is met. This will be done on a first come, first serve basis.
  - (3) Slots will be reserved for Hunters picked by the Lottery.
  - (4) As deemed appropriate by FTIG staff, the waiting list may be suspended, cancelled, or altered in any fashion without prior notice.

## **2-4. RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES (Hunting, Fishing, and Trapping)**

- a. Recreational activities are permitted on Fort Indiantown Gap at the discretion of the Garrison Commander. The Garrison Commander may suspend any and all activities in the training areas based on training requirements, available personnel, staffing resources, and/or installation security.
- b. The Garrison Commander may make changes to this regulation as deemed necessary. Any and all changes will be posted at the Fort Indiantown Gap Outdoor Recreation Check-in Facility. This facility is located on Service Road, across from Range Operations (Building 11-9).
- c. Available Training Areas.
  - (1) All recreational users of Fort Indiantown Gap must become familiar with the boundaries of the training areas.
  - (2) Areas will often be closed to outdoor recreation activities due to the military training requirements. The FTIG Range Officer or designee will determine available areas. Areas open for recreational activities will be posted each day at the Fort Indiantown Gap Outdoor Recreation Check-in Facility.
  - (3) The designation (name) and locations of Training Areas are marked with metal yellow keystone-shaped signs throughout the training areas. These areas are identified on FTIG Outdoor Recreation Maps (available for distribution from Range Operations) and on the detailed maps at the Outdoor Recreation Check-in Facility.
  - (4) Outdoor Recreation participants are only permitted to enter areas that they are registered/signed-in for. Users are not allowed to be in closed Training Areas in order to access other training areas that are on their permit. For example, if a hunter is signed into TA's B-11B and B-10B then this user is not allowed to park along Cold Spring Road and walk across TA B-12A (if it is not open) for Outdoor Recreation.
  - (5) A recording of accessible training areas is available by dialing (717) 861-2100. This recording is offered as a courtesy to FTIG Outdoor Recreation Program participants. Information addressed in the recording is subject to change. Individuals are still required to confirm (at the Outdoor Recreation Check-in Facility) that desired training areas are available for recreational use prior to engaging in outdoor recreation activities.

## **2-5. ARCHERY RANGE**

- a. Must be a registered participant in the FTIG Outdoor Recreation Program.
- b. All arrows/bolts must be fired at the targets located on the range.
- c. No targets will be placed on the range without prior approval from Range Operations.
- d. Targets must remain between 10M marker and 30M marker; you must request permission from Range Operations to move them outside of that area.
- e. The range must be open for use before using the range, you must check in and out at Range Operations.
- f. Availability will be posted on the Available Area sheet located in the Check-In

Facility.

- g. No more than two people per tower.
- h. No more than two archers may shoot at the same time.
- i. Any disputes with other archers on the range must be reported to Range Operations immediately.
- j. Any damage to the range must be reported to Range Operations immediately.
- k. Failure to adhere to any of the above could result in suspension of your Outdoor Recreation privileges.

## **2-6. HOURS**

- a. Hunting hours on Fort Indiantown Gap mirror the PA Game Commission. Refer to the PA State Game Commission's A Digest of Pennsylvania Hunting and Trapping Regulations.
- b. Hunters are permitted to sign-in no earlier than 2 hours prior to legal shooting time.
- c. On FTIG all Outdoor Recreation users must sign-out by the posted time (posted time mirrors PGC legal shooting time, an additional 90 minutes is allocated during big game seasons to allow for retrieval and removal of harvested game. Access time may be shortened due to personnel and resource restraints). If a hunter needs to stay in a Training Area past posted time the individual must contact the Natural Resource Office immediately to coordinate. Failure to checkout in a proper and timely manner will subject the violator to potential suspension of outdoor recreation privileges.
- d. The Natural Resource Office will post hours that registered hunters/trappers may scout.
- e. Spotlighting and hunting at night are prohibited on Fort Indiantown Gap.

## **2-7. CHECK IN AND OUT PROCEDURES**

- a. All registered users (in person) must check in and out of Fort Indiantown Gap Outdoor Recreation Check-in Facility located across the street from Range Operations (Building 11-9) daily. Prior to entering any training areas, individuals will check for available areas and fill out an area permit and Hunter Check IN/OUT form (time and a.m. or p.m., name, permit number, and activity). Individuals must annotate at least one and no more than two, available training areas on the daily permit.
- b. Users may change training areas or activities by returning one daily permit for another available area permit. Users changing areas must sign out from old areas and sign back in for new areas. Users must sign-out if they cease their described activity.
- c. Any person found hunting, scouting, "hiking," or driving around in training areas at FTIG who failed to check in/out properly will be treated as a trespasser and is subject to loss of outdoor recreation privileges as determined by the Garrison Commander.
- d. At the end of the day all users must return to the Outdoor Recreation Check-in

Facility in order to place permit into the out-box and complete the check IN/OUT form (include percentage of time spent in each training area and all spaces on the form must be filled in). Signing in or out of another person is not permitted.

- e. Individuals are required to look at the printed list of available areas at the Outdoor Recreation Check-in Facility each day. Listening to the recorded message posted by FTIG Range Operations is not a substitute as recorded messages may not be 100% accurate based on changes in training area availability.
- f. Permit holders are required to know the boundaries of training areas and that any entry into training areas other than registered for is not permitted. Entry into a training area not on the daily permit is trespassing. Hunters are not permitted to trespass on private lands within or near the FTIG boundary. The boundary of FTIG is clearly marked with red painted blazes on trees. PGC Safety Zone Regulations apply.
- g. Display of Paper Daily Area Permit is a requirement when engaging in outdoor recreation activities. The driver and every occupant of a vehicle will position their daily area hunting permit on the front dashboard with the face up, so that it is visible and legible from outside the vehicle.
- h. Display of Registration Button is a requirement when engaging in outdoor recreation activities. Button must be displayed on outside of clothing (in a hunting license holder is recommended).

## **2-8. ARCHERY ONLY AREAS**

- a. All Ranges in the training complex (with provisions for hunters with disabilities) are archery-only area in regard to big game hunting. Except for Range 34, archers are only allowed to be in the fringe areas (areas with trees at the edges of the range). Under no circumstances will hunting take place next to targets, buildings, and other range facilities.
- b. FTIG reserves the right to regulate the number of hunters in Archery Only training areas for quality of hunt and management purposes. Select Training Areas (i.e. A-18, A-17, and A-13C) may have a separate Sign-in Sheet with a limit on how many hunters can enter. If a hunter chooses to hunt in a Controlled Number Archery-Only Training Area. Patrons can only sign-in for 1 training area at a time. Sign-in for these areas is on a first-come-first served basis. If a hunter signs-out, then another hunter can subsequently occupy the same training area. If this option is exercised, then details will be posted at Outdoor Recreation Check-in Facility.
- c. Garrison Commander may allow muzzleloaders, shotguns, and rim fire firearms on a as-needed basis.
- d. Training Area C6 contains Range 38. Big game hunting is permitted in C6 not on R38 (firing line and targets).
- e. Range 36 is a large range and shotgun hunting with birdshot will be allowed within range proper. Hunters need to be aware of the locations of targets, berms, facilities, and not interfere with Range Maintenance Staff.

### **3. BIG GAME AND IMPACT AREA RESTRICTION**

- a. Big Game hunters are not permitted to hunt within 100 meters (328 feet or 110 yards) of Trail 2, Trail 7, and McLean Road between Trails 2 and 7. Do not loiter on these trails.
- b. Game may still be retrieved within this 100 meter buffer. Contact Range Operations for all big game that enters the Main Impact Area for risk assessment and possible retrieval. NEVER ENTER THE IMPACT AREA as death or serious injury due to UXO is eminent.

### **4. HUNTERS WITH DISABILITIES**

- a. Individuals with disabilities that wish to utilize Fort Indiantown Gap for hunting will adhere to the state game laws. Currently the PA Game Commission issues permits to individuals with disabilities to use a vehicle as a hunting blind.

- (1) Handicapped license plates and handicapped parking permits (issued by PENN DOT) are not accepted substitutions for PGC permits and do not grant an individual any authorization to violate FTIG Regulations. Any individual without a permit from the PA State Game Commission is subject to all Post, State and Federal regulations and laws. The PGC-707-LE application is available at:

[http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/document/701059/pgc-707-le\\_pdf](http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/document/701059/pgc-707-le_pdf)

- (2) Retrieval of game is the sole responsibility of the individual.

- b. Use of vehicles in training areas.

- (1) Hunters with disabilities may use vehicle in available areas under the following conditions:

- (a) Hunters with disabilities must possess a valid PA Game Commission permit that states a vehicle can be used as a blind.
- (b) At time of registration, individuals must present PGC Permit allowing use of vehicle as a blind to receive a FTIG parking permit for their windshield. This will identify the vehicle as a hunter with disability to other hunters and to post officials.
- (c) Hunters with disabilities who travel into a training area via trails with their vehicle may park and exit their vehicle to hunt or use as a Handicap Accessible Platform in accordance with the PA Game Laws.
- (d) Not all trails are suitable (rough and rutted) for privately-owned vehicles.
- (e) Road hunting (traveling on roads in search of game with a loaded weapon) is illegal.

- (2) Hunters with disabilities may be accompanied by registered attendants who may, on behalf of the disabled hunter, may do following:

- (a) Assist in registration and conduct Fort Indiantown Gap Outdoor Recreation Check-in Facility business for the hunter with disability while the hunter remains in vehicle.
- (b) Drive the vehicle and aid in retrieving any game harvested by the hunter.

- (c) The attendants are prohibited from hunting from any vehicle.
- (3) Check IN/OUT procedures are the same. The Check-in Facility has a drive up sign out sheet for those individuals who have a valid permit to use their vehicle as a blind.
  - (a) Transporting individuals other than attendants is strictly prohibited. Violators will lose privileges for remainder of season and may be cited for violations of the law.
  - (b) Hunters with disabilities may utilize the firing line of Range 35, Range 36, and Range 37 with a firearm if they are open for hunting. Also, they may use a rifle at the Handicapped-accessible Platform on Range 34 (on Wood Road near Weise Road) but not anywhere else on Range 34.
- c. During the Lottery, Hunters with Disabilities can drive up next to the Outdoor Recreation Check-in Facility and honk their horn. Staff will come out to assist with check-in.

## **5. MENTORED HUNTING**

- a. Mentored youth (under 12 years old) hunting is permitted IAW PA Game Code. Registered guardians wanting to participate must come into Range Operations (Building 11-9) the day of the hunt and fill out and sign required paperwork.
- b. A Mentor is responsible and accountable for all actions of the Mentored Youth occurring while on the installation.
- c. Mentored youth do not have to possess a FTIG permit but must be in the company of a guardian. Guardian must be a registered FTIG Outdoor Recreation Program participant.
- d. Mentored youth hunters are not required to attend a FTIG Outdoor Recreation Program Orientation and Safety Briefing in order to participate in hunting activities on FTIG; however, it is strongly recommended that parents allow their mentored youth hunter to accompany them to one of the briefings.
- e. Parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring that their child understands the dangers associated with Unexploded Ordnance (UXO).

## **6. FISHING**

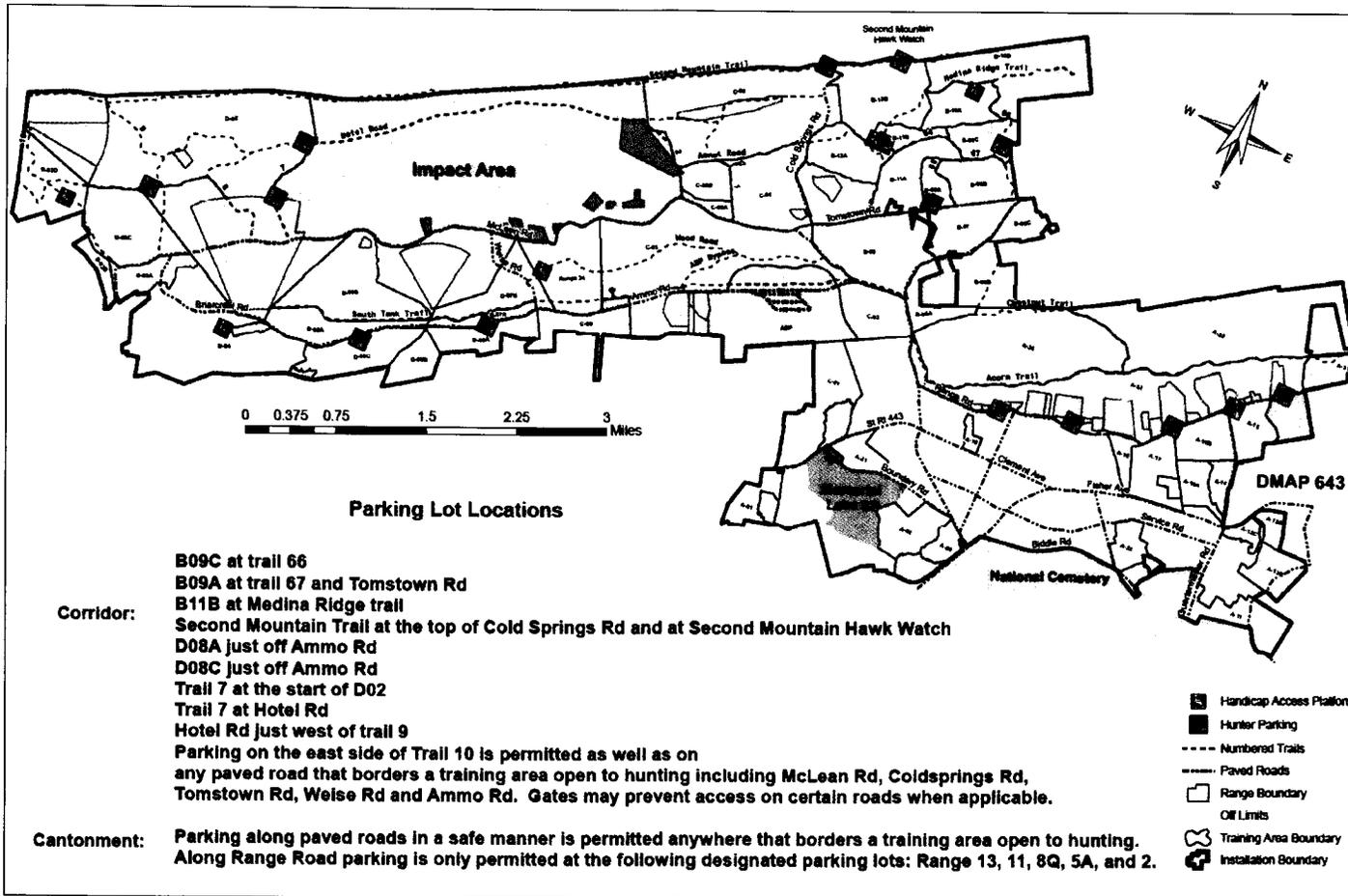
- a. Fishing is authorized along Indiantown Run from the bridge at St. Joseph Springs (Cooperative Trout Nursery), south along Route 443 into Marquette Lake and in Shuey Lake. These areas do not require registration, access fee, and Outdoor Recreation Check-in Facility procedures. Parking along any of the tank trails in these areas is prohibited.
- b. Fishing in available hunting and trapping areas is authorized and requires registration, access fee payment, and Check-in. Streams and ponds located in training areas are not stocked. Anglers should limit the number of trout they harvest since wild trout are susceptible to over-harvest.
- c. PA Fish & Boat Commission laws are applicable and will be enforced on FTIG.
- d. Privately owned boats, float tubes, inner tubes, or other floatation devices are prohibited on FTIG.

## **CHAPTER 3**

### **Safety**

#### **3-1. ROADS AND PARKING**

- a. Speed limit on all roads and trails is 15 MPH unless otherwise posted.
- b. NORTH, SOUTH AND EAST TANK TRAILS ARE OFF LIMITS unless approved by the Garrison Commander. Armored and tactical vehicle traffic creates an unsafe environment for privately owned vehicles.
- c. TRAILS IN TRAINING AREAS ARE HAZARDOUS. PRIVATELY-OWNED VEHICLE TRAFFIC IS LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:
  - (1) Hunters are authorized to drive into training areas from paved roads or designated parking areas by using established trails and roads to retrieve bear and deer only.
  - (2) Driving on Trail 10 (TA D3A & D3C) and on Hotel Road to the hunter parking area located near the intersection of Hotel Road and Trail 9 (parking on east side of Trail 10) is authorized. Travel on 5-Points Trail (TA B9B & TA B9C) to the designated parking area in B-9C is authorized. Do not drive past the designated parking areas.
  - (3) Hunters are required to park along paved roads (vehicles must be parked off the asphalt) except for established and advertised hunter parking areas.
- d. Outdoor Recreation users are required to drive directly to the area that they are checked into (no sightseeing or joyriding).
- e. It is unlawful to park vehicles in a manner that blocks roads, gates, barriers, or presents an unsafe situation.
- f. Bicycles, non-motorized, are authorized for use by hunters and fisherman to travel on trails except NORTH, SOUTH, & EAST Tank Trails as stated above.
- g. All vehicles used for outdoor recreation must be properly registered with FTIG Range Operations.
- h. Government employees are not permitted to recover vehicles that are broken down or stuck. Contact FTIG Range Operations if vehicle issues arise. Removal of all disabled/stuck vehicles is the responsibility of owner.
- i. When TA A-32, A-33, A-34 are available or outdoor recreation parking is permitted North of Range Road in authorized parking areas only.



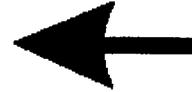
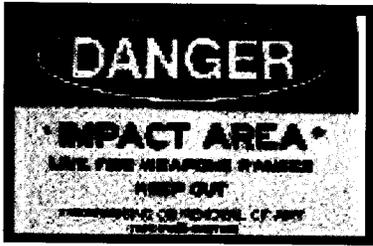
### 3-2. AMMUNITION SUPPLY POINT HAZARD WARNING

In the unlikely event of an accidental detonation of one or more of the ammunition magazines, persons passing near this area may be at risk of serious injury or death. Stay clear of the ASP (at least 200 meters).

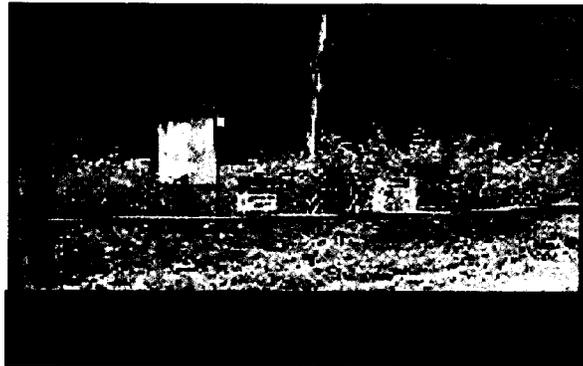
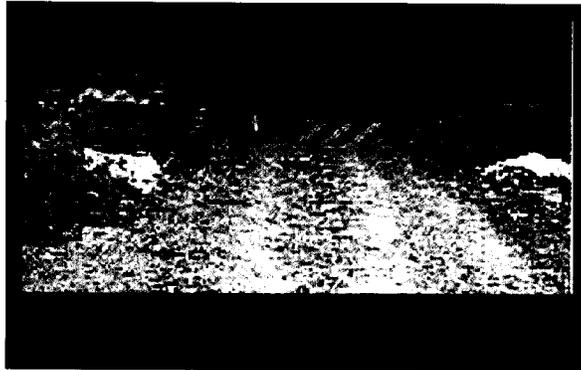
### 3-3. SIGNS, GATES, AND BARRIERS

- DO NOT BYPASS ANY CLOSED GATES OR BARRIERS OR DANGER SIGNS. MILITARY TRAINING CONDUCTED IN THOSE AREAS COULD CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.**
- Examples of signs that you will encounter at Fort Indiantown Gap:

**Walking or Hunting in the Impact Area May Kill You**



**Lasers may cause SERIOUS eye injury or blindness!!!**



### 3-4. UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE (UXO)

- a. A UXO or dud is any piece of ordnance (bullet, shell, round, mine, bomb, rocket, flare, simulator, missile etc.) that did not function as designed and therefore, remains extremely hazardous/dangerous. FTIG has been used for military training since the 1930's. UXO's are very dangerous and if you disturb a UXO it could detonate (blow up) and injure or kill you. This includes items painted blue. For further information on UXO's go to <http://aec.army.mil/usaec/cleanup/mmrp02.html> .
- b. If a UXO is found, please do the following: mark the general area (stay away from UXO when marking; toilet paper is recommended for marking material), take a picture for ID purposes, and report location immediately to Range Operations at (717) 861-2152/2153. If possible, use a GPS to determine coordinates of UXO as that information will assist in re-locating the potential UXO.
- c. Below are some examples of UXOs.



*DO NOT TOUCH ANYTHING  
THAT MIGHT BE A DUD (UXO).*

**IT MIGHT KILL YOU!**

REPORT UXO'S IMMEDIATELY TO RANGE  
OPERATIONS AT 861 2152 / 2153 OR THE FT  
INDIANTOWN GAP POLICE AT 861 2727

**REPORT UXO'S IMMEDIATELY TO RANGE OPERATIONS AT 861-2152/2153.**

### 3-5. WOODGATHERING

- a. Woodgathering is no longer apart of the FTIG Outdoor Recreation Program.
- b. Questions involving the Firewood Program can be directed to the Forestry Office at 717-861-2882.

### 3-6. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- a. There shall be a strict compliance with all FTIG rules and regulations.
- b. Fluorescent Orange. Hunters and persons engaged in woodgathering must comply with PA Game Commission requirements regarding the use of fluorescent orange.

- c. Impact Area. The Impact Area (UXO-containing area) is fenced off with 3 strands of barbed wire and clearly marked with IMPACT AREA signs. This area is closed to all entry including hunting, fishing, and woodgathering. Any person who enters any impact area will be subject to arrest for trespassing and will be permanently barred from future hunting, fishing, or woodgathering at FTIG.
- d. Other areas may be considered a UXO-containing Impact Area. These areas will be posted at the Outdoor Recreation Check-in Facility.
- e. UXOs. Any individual finding unexploded or suspected unexploded ordnance will mark the spot so it can be easily found from an access road. Individuals finding ammunition or ammunition components will report it to Range Operations (717) 861-2152/2153. Under no circumstance will any UXO or suspected UXO objects be touched or removed.
- f. Alcohol and illegal drugs. The use of drugs and/or alcohol at FTIG while engaged in outdoor recreation activities is prohibited. Do not display or consume alcoholic beverages while engaged activities on FTIG. Outdoor recreation participants who exhibit signs of being under the influence of intoxicants or illegal drugs, risk arrest, prosecution and permanent revocation of FTIG Outdoor Recreation Program privileges.

### **3-7. POSSESSION AND USE OF FIREARMS AND BOWS**

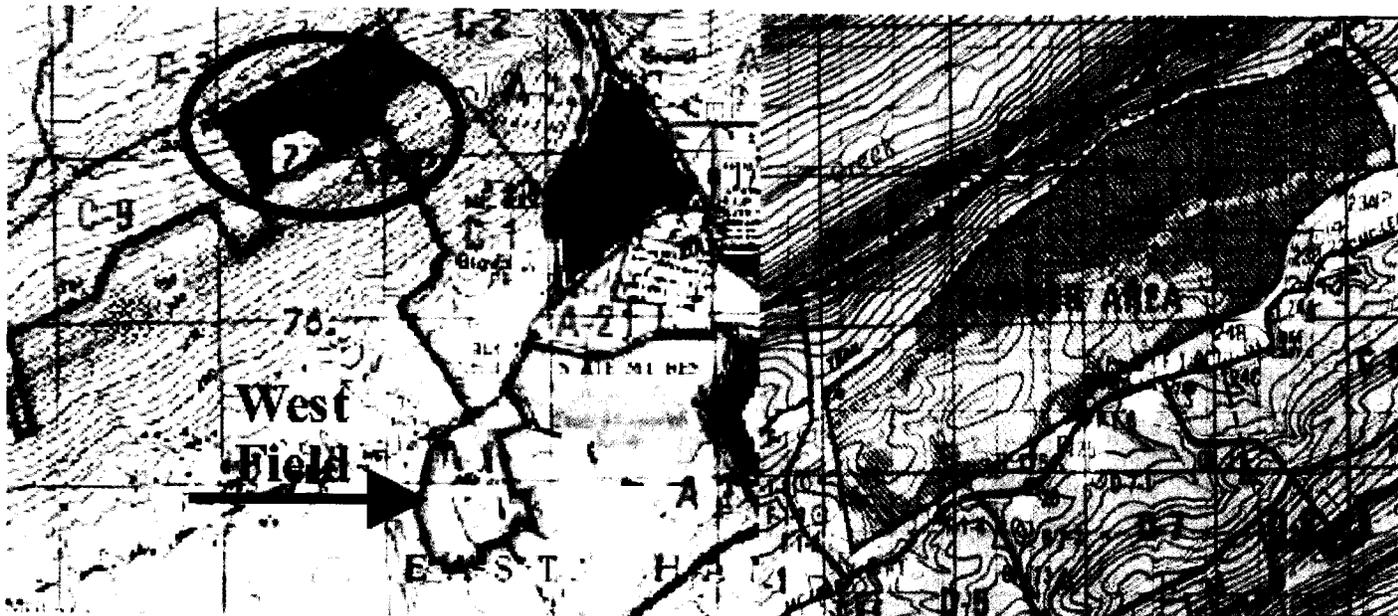
- a. In accordance with PA Game Code, the FTIG Garrison Commander has authorized the use of the following weapons:
  - (1) Big Game: use of firearms is limited to training areas north of the crest of Blue Mountain
    - (a) Manually-operated center fire rifles and shotguns with all lead bullets or ball, or a bullet designed to expand on impact.
    - (b) The use of buckshot is illegal.
    - (c) Muzzleloading long guns 44 caliber or larger.
    - (d) Long, recurve, compound, or crossbows with broadheads of cutting-edge design.
  - (2) Small Game: use of firearms is limited to training areas North of Blue Mountain
    - (a) Manually operated and auto loading shotguns with a capacity of no more than three shells in the chamber and magazine combined.
    - (b) Manually operated rifles less than 23 caliber.
    - (c) Muzzle loading rifles 40 caliber or less and shotguns.
    - (d) Long, recurve, and compound bows and arrows.
  - (3) Bows and crossbows: in accordance with PA Game Laws, are the only authorized weapons for all areas south of Blue Mountain. Some Training Areas may be opened for muzzleloaders or shotguns. Details will be posted at Outdoor Recreation Check-in Facility.
  - (4) 22 caliber and smaller rim fire rifles and pistols are authorized post wide for dispatching furbearers. See paragraph 4-5 for further guidance.
- b. All hunting weapons must remain in a vehicle until the hunter is actively engaged in hunting activities.

### 3-8. SCOUTING

- a. Individuals may scout available areas prior to and during the hunting and trapping seasons when it does not disrupt training and other hunters. No firearms are permitted in the vehicle or in the individual's possession when scouting during the off season.
- b. Daily permit and Outdoor Recreation Check-in Facility procedures are the same as described for all for Outdoor Recreation access.

### 3-9. OFF LIMITS AREAS

- a. Training Areas, Ranges, and safety buffers scheduled for military training.
- b. Cantonment and any other area not designated for outdoor recreation activities.
- c. Main Impact Area and Temporary Duded-Impact Areas.
- d. All Helicopter Landing Zones including, but not limited to, West Field, LZ Blue, LZ Tomahawk, and LZ Medina
- e. Demolition sites including Demo C and Demo D.
- f. Ammunition Supply Point (ASP) and areas within 200 meters of the ASP.
- g. Private property, Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Memorial Lake State Park, and other areas identified by the Garrison Commander.
- h. Military training facilities and equipment including, but not limited to range buildings, towers, trailers, containers, prop/junk vehicles, target movers, gas chambers, and target pits.



## **CHAPTER 4**

### **Other**

#### **4-1. RECOVERING DEAD OR INJURED WILDLIFE**

- a. It is unlawful for a hunter under PA Game Code to refuse or neglect to make a reasonable effort to retrieve any game or wildlife that the hunter may have killed or injured.
- b. Contact Range Operations as soon as possible if wounded game enter closed areas.
- c. Contact PGC if wounded game enters private property.

#### **4-2. GAME HARVEST STATION**

- a. Successful hunters are required to bring their deer to the deer harvest station when it is open. Weigh-in is typically open throughout regular deer rifle season. Hunters failing to report game harvested at Outdoor Recreation Check-in Facility or provide harvest data will be subject to revocation of permit.
  - (1) If a hunter does not wish that a taxidermy-friendly age determination to be conducted then the hunter will be issued a deer jaw card that must be returned.
  - (2) Failure to return card and jaw in a timely manner will lead to suspension of privileges.
- b. Hunters are also required to report Big Game harvest to the PA Game Commission.
- c. All fish and game harvested must be reported on FTIG Fish and Game Harvest Cards. Failure to report may result in suspension of privileges.
- d. Wildlife management decisions are made on data provided by hunters and anglers. FTIG cannot properly manage wildlife if the data is not provided.

#### **4-3. FORT INDIANTOWN GAP AVAILABILITY**

- a. FTIG outdoor recreation in the training areas is open to registered users after Labor Day in September through the end of Small Game Season in February. Activity resumes for Spring Turkey Season in May. Access generally ends on the last day of Spring Turkey Season.
- b. Open areas designated for hunting will be determined by the FTIG Range Officer considering military training missions and maintenance requirements.

#### **4-4. SEASONS & BAG LIMITS**

- a. The PGC establishes hunting seasons and bag limits, however, seasons and/or bag limits may be suspended or changed by Garrison Commander. The following game animals can be hunted on FTIG only during other open hunting seasons:

**Groundhog**

**Crow**

**Skunk**

**Weasel**

## **Coyote**

- b. Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP). When available, coupons for FTIG DMAP tags from PGC will be distributed at Outdoor Recreation Orientation and Safety Briefs and the Outdoor Recreation Check-in Facility on a first-come, first-served basis.
- c. Earn-A-Buck. In cooperation with PGC, the installation has established an Earn-A-Buck program. In order to reduce the over-population of deer south of Blue Mountain all archery hunters are required to harvest a female deer (preferably mature doe) in the DMAP Area and properly fill out a FTIG Fish and Game Harvest Card before they are permitted to harvest an antlered deer. All archers in these areas are required to have a PGC Antlerless Tag for WMU 4C or FTIG Deer Management Assistance Permit (DMAP). This provision does not apply North of Blue Mountain where firearms are permitted.
- d. Bobwhite Quail. In order to increase the population of this native game bird there is no quail hunting at FTIG.
- e. IAW PA Game Code, the Garrison Commander may provide access to uniformed personnel, family members, and the public to hunting, fishing, and trapping, consistent with security requirements and safety concerns. Garrison Commander may authorize managed hunts or trapping for wildlife population control and in support of Army sponsored programs.
- f. Trapping/Fur taking Season & Bag Limits. The PGC establishes trapping seasons and bag limits; however, seasons and/or bag limits may be suspended or changed by the Garrison Commander.
- g. Waterfowl & migratory game birds.
  - (1) Hunting waterfowl and migratory game birds north of the crest of Blue Mountain is authorized in accordance with Federal and State Laws.
  - (2) Hunting waterfowl and migratory game birds on Shuey and Marquette Lakes is prohibited.

## **4-5. TRAPPING/FURTAKING**

- a. Furtaker/Trapper must go to Building 11-19, Natural Resource Office, to register trap line. To register trap line you must:
  - (1) Have valid PGC Furtaker License ON HAND.
  - (2) Identify, on a map overlay provided to the Natural Resource Office, the location of trapline.
  - (3) Provide number & type of traps.
  - (4) All traps must be marked with a durable identification tag attached to either the trap or chain showing the first and last name and address of the trapper, or a number issued by the Commission (PA Game Code) which must be registered at the Natural Resource Office.
- b. The Natural Resource Office will schedule areas for furtaking/trapping for no less than two days (areas open for less than two days are not scheduled for furtaking/trapping).
- c. Furtaking and Hunting can occur simultaneously.

- d. 22 caliber or smaller rim fire firearms are authorized for dispatching both North and South of Blue Mountain.
- e. If discharging firearm South of the top of Blue Mountain you must first call FTIG Police (717-861-2727) and request permission to do so, you will provide them with the following information:
  - (1) Name.
  - (2) FTIG Outdoor Recreation Pin Number.
  - (3) Vehicle type and color.
  - (4) Location you wish to discharge firearm.
  - (5) Type of firearm.
  - (6) Approximate time you will be discharging your weapon. (When you come across a successful set call in and request permission to discharge your firearm. Estimate how long it will take to check the remainder of your line and report that time.)
- f. If you change areas you will call again and request permission in the new area. It is vital for FTIG Police to know when and where you will be discharging your firearm.
- g. An example of is as follows "Dear Sir or Ma'am, My Name is Joseph Buckman, Pin #9999, I am in TA A-02 checking my traplines, I am requesting permission to discharge my 22 revolver to dispatch a raccoon, I should be complete in the next 15 minutes."
- h. Drags are prohibited in cantonment.
- i. TRAPPERS MUST CHECK TRAPLINE EVERY 36 HOURS.
- j. Sign In/out.
  - (1) Report to the Natural Resource Office, Building 11-19, on the First & Last day of trap line.
  - (2) All other days sign in and sign out at Outdoor Recreation Check-in Facility.
- k. Furtakers who fails to check trapline every 36 hours:
  - (1) May have privileges revoked for remainder of year.
  - (2) Trapline removed and traps confiscated by Range Operations.
  - (3) The Natural Resource Office will report ALL violations of PA Game Code to PGC.
- l. Trappers must report all animals harvested on FTIG via a Fish and Game Harvest Report Card.
- m. All trappers must comply with PGC Furtaking regulations.

#### **4-6. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES.**

- a. FTIG uses a point system to assist individuals that are unwilling to comply with FTIG rules and regulations. Any FTIG Outdoor Recreation Program participant who accumulates 3 Points will be subject to immediate revocation of privileges for 1 calendar year.
- b. Minor Violations (1 point) are determined and handled by the FTIG Range Officer. 1 Point infractions/violations will be posted at the Outdoor Recreation

Check-in Facility. Notification of infractions and the points assessed to a hunter will be indicated via a letter sent to the hunter by Range Operations.

- c. Improper Actions or Acts (2 Points). Some actions will result in temporary suspension (7-30 days) at the discretion of the Garrison Commander. Notification of infractions and the points assessed to a hunter will be indicated via a letter sent to the hunter.
- (1) Failing to properly Check-in/out (i.e. leaving blanks on Check-in/out sheets).
  - (2) Climbing, portable stands, or steps that damage bark or trees.
  - (3) Littering (this includes plastic flagging and reflective tags to mark trails to stands and fishing line).
  - (4) Cutting or removal of live vegetation and cutting live or standing dead trees.
  - (5) Unsportsmanlike conduct or interfering with other recreational users.
  - (6) Accidental entry into closed or unoccupied Training Areas.
  - (7) Failing to have paper vehicle permit or button properly displayed.
  - (8) Improperly parking or minor violation of PA Motor Vehicle Code (speeding).
  - (9) Any importation of firewood due to pest insect issues.
  - (10) Any action or act deemed as a minor violation.
- d. Illegal Actions or Unsafe Acts, as determined by the FTIG Garrison Commander, will equal 3 Points and an immediate 1-year revocation. Permanent revocation of outdoor recreation privileges is at the discretion of the Garrison Commander. Notification of infractions and privilege revocation will be indicated via a letter sent to the hunter.
- (1) Falsifying information on registration forms, Check-in/out sheets, FTIG Fish and Game Harvest Cards, etc.
  - (2) Carrying or using hunting firearms south of Blue Mountain unless approved by Garrison Commander and posted at the Outdoor Recreation Check-in Facility.
  - (3) Entry into Main Impact Area. This action will result in arrest for trespassing and permanent revocation of outdoor recreation privileges.
  - (4) Major violations of the PA Game and Fish and Boat Codes as indicated in respective regulations. This includes killing protected animals such as rattlesnakes and other protected wildlife.
  - (5) Use of all motorized off road recreational vehicles and pack animals. No ATV's, snowmobiles, motorcycles, horses, and/or pack animals are permitted.
  - (6) Ice Fishing or swimming.
  - (7) Permanent tree stands and using a portable tree stands without a safety harness.
  - (8) Leaving equipment (i.e. trail cameras, tree stands, etc.) on FTIG property. Any personal property or equipment left unattended is subject to removal, confiscation, and proper disposal.
  - (9) Spotlighting or hunting at night.
  - (10) Removing or attempting to remove any manmade or natural object, except wildlife, fish, mushrooms, and fruit lawfully taken. Objects that may not be

removed include animals, plants, timber, rocks, minerals, sand, and military/historical/archaeological artifacts. This includes harassing or collecting live wildlife, metal detecting, and rattlesnake hunting.

- (11) Camping and campfires except for at Marquette Primitive Campground.
  - (12) Hunting waterfowl and migratory game birds on Shuey and Marquette Lakes.
  - (13) Supplemental feeding of wildlife (includes salt or mineral) or planting food plants for wildlife. Only materials and projects authorized by and in direct coordination of the Wildlife Office are allowed. This includes releasing wildlife, fish, or game species on FTIG.
  - (14) Vandalism, target shooting, unsafe discharge of a firearm or other unsafe acts.
  - (15) Willful entry into Closed Training Areas, interfering with military training, or bypassing any closed barricade/gate.
  - (16) Refusal to surrender permit button for a temporary suspension.
  - (17) Harassment or intimidation of another Outdoor Recreation Participant, member of the public, or FTIG employees. Infractions are also subject to additional state, federal, and/or PA Game Code laws and regulations.
  - (18) Harvesting a buck (antlered deer) south of Blue Mountain without complying with FTIG Earn-A-Buck Program.
  - (19) Any action or act deemed a serious violation, breach of safe conduct, or interferes with military training.
- e. Violations of Fort Indiantown Gap Regulations will be considered unauthorized activity and may result in the loss of privileges and/or prosecution. Report all violations to the Natural Resource Office. If you cannot reach the Natural Resource Office report violations to Range Operations.

#### **4-7. EMERGENCIES**

- a. In the event of an emergency or access issue contact Range Operations.
- b. From a conventional or cellular phone dial 717-861-2152 or 717-861-2153.
- c. Follow all procedures directed by Range Operations.

#### **4-8. CONTACT INFORMATION**

Range Operations  
Building 11-9 Service Road Fort Indiantown Gap Anville, PA 17003-5002  
717-861-2152  
<http://www.dmva.state.pa.us/ftig/site/default.asp>

Public Affairs Officer  
Building 8-41 Fort Indiantown Gap Anville, PA 17003-5002 (717) 861-8468  
<http://www.dmva.state.pa.us>

Wildlife Biologist  
Wildlife Section

Building 11-19 Utility Road Fort Indiantown Gap  
Email [RA-DMVA-Wildlife@pa.gov](mailto:RA-DMVA-Wildlife@pa.gov)  
Cell Phone 717-821-3028

President  
Building 13-4 Clement Avenue  
Fort Indiantown Gap Anville, PA 17003-5002  
<http://igapfishandgame.webs.com/>

- (1) Membership is open to the public and members assist the Training Center in management of habitat and wildlife.
- (2) Club meets at 7:00 P.M. the third Thursday of most months in Building 13-4 (by orange and white water tower).
- (3) All Work Parties in support of FTIG are open to the public and under the direct management of the Wildlife Office. Volunteer events can be found on the website.

# NOTES