Little Rock Air Force Base Hunting Rules (September 2017-2018)

Arkansas Game & Fish Commission's hunting rules apply to Little Rock Air Force Base. These base hunting rules supplement the Commission's rules and in some cases impose more restrictive limitations. Questions/comments should be directed to Sidney Counts, Natural Resources Manager, at (501) 987-8788.

- 1. Who can hunt at Little Rock Air Force Base?
 - a. Active Duty/Dependents
 - b. DoD employees
 - c. DoD Retirees
 - d. Guest of a, b, and c. (Member is allowed and responsible for one guest and must be in same hunting area. All guest hunters must have a base hunting permit and follow all safety requirements.)
- 2. What do you need to hunt on Little Rock Air Force Base?
 - a. A copy of these hunting rules
 - b. Current Arkansas hunting license and base hunting permit (expires 1 Sep).
 - c. Little Rock Air Force Base Form 20 (**Keep on dash of vehicle when scouting or hunting where it can be seen by Security personnel or vehicle could be towed.**)
 - d. If born after 1968; the 10 hour hunter safety course (Arkansas accepts other states)
 - e. Military personnel on environmental leave from an overseas duty station may hunt on-base for free. All they need is a copy of their leave orders and military ID.
- 3. What <u>can</u> you hunt with on Little Rock Air Force Base?
 - a. Shotgun (Nobuckshot)
 - b. Archery (Bow or Crossbow)
 - c. Muzzleloader
- 4. What you can't hunt with on Little Rock Air Force Base?
 - a. Rifles (rim fire or centerfire)
 - b. Handguns of any caliber
- 5. What can you hunt on Little Rock Air Force Base?

Any game open in the current year's state hunting regulation book. Addition rules apply to the following:

- a. Deer: No dogsb. Rabbit: No dogs
- c. Quail: Dogs can be used if controlled
- e. Squirrel: Dogs can be used if controlled
- f. Turkey: No hunting turkey over bait.

Note- Small game hunting is allowed in all gun areas 1-30 Sep and 1 Dec-28 Feb, except during deer gun season.

- 6. Where do you sign up for hunting on Little Rock Air Force Base?
 - The Little Rock Air Force Base iSportsman web site at https://littlerock.isportsman.net/. Annual base hunting permits are available for \$40 for E-7 and above, and civilian equivalents. The price is \$20 for E-6 and below and civilian equivalents. All guests are charged \$10.
- 7. All hunters must individually <u>sign-in and out each hunting session</u> at the Law Enforcement Desk at Bldg 481. **Deer hunting sign-in starts at 0430**. <u>Hunters MUST sign out of the area if they are not hunting.</u> Deer hunters will not "sign in" to more than one area at a time. Areas may be signed up for on a first-come, first-serve basis. A parent hunting with a child under 16 count as one hunter, but both must sign-in. Hunters must sign-in to scout for game. If you plan to use one of the Air Force hunting stands, state so on the sign-in sheet. If a stand is damaged or missing, please contact Mr. Counts at 987-8788.
- 8. Due to LRAFB mission, areas may be closed on short notices. When these areas close they will be posted at the Law Enforcement Front Desk. It is your responsibility to check prior to the hunting to see if any areas are closed. <u>If caught hunting in a closed area your base hunting privileges will be revoked for the rest of the hunting season</u>.
- 9. Hunters are allowed in the woods 1 hour prior to sunrise and 1 hour after sunset. By state rules, no hunting until 30 minutes before sunrise and only 30 minutes after sunset. During gun deer season, no movement is authorized from 30 minutes before sunrise until 0900 and from 1600 to 15 minutes after sunset except to retrieve game. Movement rule does not apply to small game hunters, or to hunters during bow only season, or in bow only areas.
- 10. No privately owned all-terrain vehicles (ATV/side-by-sides) are allowed to be used on Little Rock Air Force Base. Stay on gravel and paved roads. Watch for joggers.
- 11. Deer hunters hunting with a gun must hunt from an elevated stand at least 10 feet above ground level (except during youth hunts). No building of permanent stands/ground blinds or reworking old ones. Hunting privilege's will be revoked, if found building a permanent stand/blind. No nails, spikes, or screws allowed in trees. Use lock-on, ladder, climbing, etc., stands only. You can chain, strap or tie stands to trees. All stands MUST have owner's name and phone number, as well as, date they were placed in the woods, shown at eye level. Any stand found without this info will be removed. Only two stands allowed per hunter. Hunters are not allowed to hang stands/blinds until 1 Aug. No scouting during any deer gun

- season. All scouting, stand prep, and stand placement must be completed by 1 Nov. All stands/blinds must be removed by 1 Apr.
- 12. Obey all "No POV" signs base wide--especially around the flightline. Please obey the "No Vehicles or Personnel beyond this point without permission from the tower" signs and be careful crossing the bridge on the east end, near the approach lighting. If there is an incident with people abusing this privilege and going past the signs, the road will be closed to everyone except for official government business.
- 13. The aircraft movement area, to include the grass area that is south of areas 18 and 19, and north of areas 5 and 20, is off limits to all hunters, even if your deer or game falls dead in this area. There is an <u>electric fence</u> installed to deter game from entering this area. <u>DANGER: DO NOT TOUCH THE ELECTRIC FENCE.</u> No vehicles of any kind (car, bike, ATV, etc.) should be seen in these areas. <u>Hunting privileges will be revoked if caught in this area</u>. If your wounded deer goes in this area, come out and notify Base Ops at 987-6123 and SFS at 987-3221 to get clearance to retrieve your deer. Do not field dress your deer in areas 5, 6, 18, 19, and 20. This will attract vultures, which are a hazard to the aircraft.
- 14. Area 17 No personnel past the 350 yard mark curved line (signs are posted).
- 15. Stay out of people's yards going to areas 21, 22 and 25.
- 16. Keep unaccompanied children out of woods during hunting season (last Saturday in Sep Feb). All non-hunters going into the woods should wear hunter's orange or some other bright color for safety.
- 17. Parking: Any perimeter road, but <u>do not block road</u>. Area's 21 and 22 are posted on map. Leave room for Emergency Vehicles and Game Warden vehicles to pass.
- 18. **Gun hunters must stay in "AUTHORIZED" gun areas or hunting privileges will be revoked**. Hunting areas will be used at the rate indicated on the deer season map. No hunting within 200 yards of another hunter in gun only areas, during gun seasons.
- 19. A hunter may track a wounded deer up to one hour after sunset (dark) with a weapon in his/her possession. After the one hour limit the following circumstances will apply or it will be considered as hunting at night
 - a. Hunters will not be in possession of a weapon (knife not included). You can leave your weapon at a friend's house, at the security forces armory, or in your vehicle.
 - b. Hunters will notify the Security Forces desk at 987-3221, x3222, or x3223.
- 20. All deer and turkey killed on Little Rock Air Force Base must be checked <u>on-base at the Law Enforcement Desk</u>, within 4 hours of the kill and before removing them from Little Rock Air Force Base or to a housing unit located on base. Failure to do so will result in immediate revocation of base hunting privileges and could lead to legal action by the Arkansas game warden. Do not bring game killed off base to be checked-in. The Law Enforcement personnel will keep the forms and reference material. Hunters will be responsible for filling out the check sheets legibly and completely.
- 21. No weapons will be fired or shot within 50 yards from any boundary, fence, road, or building. In areas 21 and 22 the boundary is 100 yards from the tree line south of base housing. In area 23B the boundary is 100 yards south of the road as shown on the map. In area 25 the boundary is 100 yards from any house. No hunting within 100 yards of the Nubbin Ridge Nature Trail, Fam-Camp, and Scouting Lodge. No hunting within 75 yards of Riding Club pastures.
- 22. Weapons will not be fired within 1,250 feet of the munitions storage area or operational storage areas (Area's 6, 7, 8, 12, 14, 19 and 20).
- 23. <u>Baiting/feeding deer IS AUTHORIZED in all hunting areas, but not until 1 Aug. In hunting areas 18A and 18B bait must be put in the northernmost point of the shooting lanes.</u>
- 24. Names of violators of any Little Rock Air Force Base Hunting Rules will be forwarded to the Mission Support Group Commander's office and they will lose their base hunting privileges.
- 25. Feral hogs are a serious Bird Air Strike Hazard (BASH) and ecological issue. All feral hogs will be shot or trapped and then killed, and reported to the base Natural Resources Manager. No live hogs will be brought on base or taken off base. Dead hogs will be disposed of immediately to avoid attracting vultures.

*Have a SAFE and enjoyable hunting season *