

Little Rock Air Force Base Hunting Rules 2020-2021 Season

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 Mr. Seth Fisher - Hunting & Fishing Program Manager, at (501) 987-6800.

Deer Hunting Season:

Archery 25 Sep 21 - 28 Feb 22

Muzzleloader 16-24 Oct & 11-13 Dec 21

Youth Modern Gun 6-7 Nov 21 & 1-2 Jan 22

Modern Gun 13 Nov - 5 Dec & 26-28 Dec 21

Private Land Antlerless Only Modern Gun Hunt 29-31 Dec 21

Turkey Hunting Season 18 Apr - 9 May 22

Youth Turkey Season 9-10 Apr 22

DOE-BEFORE-BUCK IS IN EFFECT (Does not apply to handicap hunters or youth hunters)

1. Who can hunt on Little Rock Air Force Base (LRAFB)?

- Active Duty/Dependents
- DoD employees
- DoD Retirees
- 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 LRAFB?

- A copy of these hunting rules
- Current Arkansas hunting license and base hunting permit (expires 1 Sep)
- Little Rock Air Force Base Form 20: Parking Permit (**Keep on dash of vehicle when scouting or hunting where it can be seen by Security personnel or vehicle could be towed.**)
- If born after 1968, the 10-hour hunter safety course (Arkansas accepts other states)
- Military personnel on 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 can you hunt with on LRAFB?

- Deer Season:** Shotgun (No buckshot), Archery (Bow or Crossbow), Muzzleloader
- Turkey Season:** Shotgun (Small-game bird shot 4-9 only, no duplex 4/2 shot)

4. What can't you hunt with on LRAFB?

- Rifles (rim fire or centerfire)
- Handguns of any caliber

5. What can you hunt on LRAFB?

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

- Deer: Leashed dogs may be allowed to track wounded deer only, violations will result in revocation of hunting rights for the remainder of the season. DOE-BEFORE-BUCK: Once 30 doe have been harvested the restriction will be lifted.
- Rabbits: No dogs
- Quail: Dogs can be used if controlled
- Squirrel: Dogs can be used if controlled
- 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 LRAFB?

The Little Rock Air Force Base iSportsman web site is 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. Permits may also be purchased at Outdoor Recreation, Building 1075.

****Turkey Season Only Permits may be purchased at a reduced rate of \$5.00****

7. All hunters must individually sign-in and out each hunting session at the Law Enforcement Desk at Building 481. Deer and Turkey hunting sign-in starts at 0430. Hunters MUST sign out of the area if they are not hunting. Hunters may 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 years of age counts 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. Seth Fisher at 501-987-6800.

8. During Turkey Season the hunting day will be split into morning and afternoon hunts. Morning hunts are valid until 1200. After 1200 all hunters must sign-out. Afternoon hunting sign-in starts at 1300.

9. Due to LRAFB mission, areas may be closed on short notice. 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. If caught hunting in a closed area your base hunting privileges will be revoked for the rest of the hunting season.

10. Hunters are allowed in the woods one hour prior to sunrise and one hour after sunset. By state rules, no hunting until 30 minutes before sunrise and only 30 minutes after sunset. During deer gun season, no movement is authorized from 30 minutes before sunrise until 0900 and from 1600 to 15 minutes after sunset except to retrieve game; this rule applies to all hunter types.

11. No privately owned all-terrain vehicles (ATV/side-by-sides) are allowed to be used on LRAFB. Stay on gravel and paved roads. Watch for walkers, joggers, bikers, and horseback riders.
12. **Deer hunters** hunting with a gun must hunt from an elevated stand at least 10 feet above ground level (except 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 information 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 preparation, and stand placement must be completed by 1 Nov. All stands/blinds must be removed by 1 Apr. **Turkey hunters** may not hunt from elevated stands.
13. Obey all "No POV" signs base wide, especially around the flight-line. 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 runway 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.**
14. 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 **electric fence** installed to deter game from entering this area. **DANGER: DO NOT TOUCH THE ELECTRIC FENCE.** No vehicles of any kind (car, bike, ATV, etc.) should be seen in these areas. **Hunting privileges will be revoked if caught in this area.** **If your wounded deer/game goes in this area, come out and notify Base Ops at 501-987-6123 and 19th Security Forces Squadron at 501-987-3221 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 – hazardous to aircraft.**
15. **Area 17** - No personnel past the 350-yard mark curved line (signs are posted).
16. Stay out of housing yards going to areas 21, 22 and 25.
17. Keep unaccompanied children out of woods during hunting season (last Saturday in Sep – Feb 21 & 8-23 Apr 21). All non-hunters going into the woods should wear hunter's orange or some other bright color for safety.
18. **Parking:** Any perimeter road, but **do not block road.** Area's 21 and 22 are posted on map. Leave room for Emergency Vehicles and Game Warden vehicles to pass.
19. **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.
20. **Archery Range:** The area north of Area 11B and south of Area 13 is reserved for archery practice only.
21. A hunter may track a wounded deer up to one hour after sunset (dark) with a weapon in his/her possession or with a leashed dog. 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 501-987-3221, x3222, or x3223.
22. All deer and turkey killed on LRAFB must be checked **on-base at the Law Enforcement Desk** within 4 hours of the kill and before removing them from LRAFB 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**.
23. 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 25 the boundary is 100 yards from any house. **No hunting within 100 yards of the Nubbin Ridge Nature Trail, Fam-Camp, Working Dog Kennel and Scouting Lodge. No hunting within 75 yards of Riding Club pastures.**
24. 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).
25. **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. **Baiting turkey is NOT authorized.**
26. Names of violators of any Little Rock Air Force Base Hunting Rules will be forwarded to the 19th Mission Support Group Commander and they will lose their base hunting privileges.
27. 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, 501-987-3681 or 501-987-6800. No live hogs will be brought on base or taken off base. The person that shoots a hog is responsible for immediate removal from base to avoid attracting vultures.
28. Do not dump your deer carcass near the airfield, roadway ditches, road ends or roadways. Take them into the woods 50 yards.
29. Hunters harvesting coyotes in hunting areas 9, 10, 21, 22, 25, 26, or 27 will be allowed to forgo the doe-before-buck rule if they can provide proof of harvest to Mr. Fisher and be checked for proper sign in and out of correct hunting area.



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