FORT INDIANTOWN GAP OUTDOOR RECREATION BRIEF



TURN SPEAKERS ON FOR BRIEF



MAP OF FTIG TRAINING AREAS



17,150 Acres

Cantonment: Ranges & Training Areas South of Blue Mountain

Training Corridor: Majority of Accessible land for Outdoor Recreation

OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Outdoor Recreation (OR) at Fort Indiantown Gap (FTIG) is a **Privilege** and is at the discretion of the Garrison Commander.

The Garrison Commander may suspend any and all activities based on training requirements, available personnel, staffing resources, and/or installation security.

All Participants must comply with Pennsylvania Game Code Laws and FTIG Regulation 215-2.

FTIG REGULATION 215-2 OUTDOOR RECREATION IN TRAINING AREAS

- Required by Department of Defense and Department of Army.
- Outlines rules and regulations for Outdoor Recreation participants at Fort Indiantown Gap.
- A copy is available on the FTIG iSportsman webpage.
- It is Mandatory for all OR participants to know and follow all rules and regulations within this handbook. Viewing this brief does not alleviate you from the responsibility of knowing and understanding FTIG REG 215-2.

Fort Indiantown Gap Regulation 215-2

Army Morale, Welfare, and Recreation

Hunting, Fishing, and Outdoor Recreation in the Training Areas

Army National Guard Training Center Fort Indiantown Gap 1 Garrison Road Annville, Pennsylvania 17003-5002 01 OCTOBER 2022

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WHY IS THERE AN ACCESS FEE?

Army Regulation 200-3: Forest and Wildlife Management

63 Installation permits and fees

b. Fees

(1) (a) Such fees are to be used on the installation from which collected for the protection, conservation, and management of fish and wildlife, including habitat restoration and improvement, biologist staff and support costs, and related activities, but for no other purpose. Management of this source of funds will be the responsibility of the installation's natural resources management professional.

PERMITS & FEES

ADULTS:

- General Access Adult Permit \$50.00
- Firearms Deer Season Access Adult Permit \$20.00

• YOUTH:

- General Access Youth Permit \$0.00 (Free)
- Firearms Deer Season Access Youth Permit \$20.00

MENTORED YOUTH:

All Permits – \$0.00 (Free)

ACCESS CONTROL POINT

- Access Control Point at West Entrance (Fisher Ave and Biddle Dr) to FTIG is operational. All hunters planning to hunt inside the controlled access area must visit the Visitors Center to register their driver's license.
- The following Training Areas are within the cantonment controlled access area: A-14, A-16, A-17, A-32, A-33, & A34 and Shuey Lake.

Visitor Center Information

 Location: Main Access Control Point, Fisher Avenue, near Biddle Drive
Hours: Monday-Friday 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.; closed weekends and federal holidays
Phone: 717-861-6685/8384/8385

IMPORTANT CHANGES – CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD)

- Fort Indiantown Gap is now included in the new Pennsylvania Game Commission Disease Management Area (DMA) 8.
- All FTIG training areas and woodlots are now within the DMA 8 boundary. Boundary was changed in spring of 2024.
- Deer cannot be moved out of the DMA boundary with high-risk parts (brain and spinal tissues, lymph nodes, eyes, spleen, and tonsils) attached unless being taken directly to an approved and cooperating processer or taxidermist. You cannot take your deer home with high-risk parts attached if you live outside of the DMA. Cooperators can be found at this link: CWD - <u>Where can I take my deer? (arcgis.com)</u>
- As per CWD regulations, cervid urine-based attractants are no longer permitted.

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- If placing head inside a CWD Deer Head Bin, make sure it is properly tagged with your harvest tag and double bagged.
- High risk deer parts CANNOT be left at the place of kill or anywhere in the field. It is not recommended by PGC, and if done properly, requires the parts to be buried. Digging is not authorized at FTIG.
- High risk parts transferred within the DMA must be double bagged and disposed of in a commercial landfill.
- During the 14 days of Deer Firearm Season, all deer will be expected to be brought to the FTIG Deer Check Station.
- Please see the PGC Hunter Digest for more detailed information.

DISEASE MANAGEMENT AREA (DMA) 8



DMA 8 in blue. FTIG within the red box.

TICK INFORMATION

- In 2022, 156 Blacklegged Ticks (Ixodes scapularis) also known as deer ticks, were collected from 34 harvested deer at FTIG and analyzed for vector-specific pathogens of human health significance. 37 (24%) tested positive for the causative agent of Lyme Disease (Borrelia burgdorferi).
- Lonestar Ticks (Amblyomma americanum) are found at FTIG. This is a fairly new occurrence and should be treated as seriously as deer ticks as they are also a vector for various human diseases.



Black-Legged Tick American Dog Tick Lonestar Tick

More information about tick identification and tick-borne diseases can be found at this link: <u>https://www.ticklab.org/</u>

FTIG SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS

- Established PA Game Commission/PA Fish and Boat Commission seasons and bag limits; however, the Garrison Commander may limit or suspend seasons at any time.
- No Amphibian/Reptile hunting or collecting
- No Quail hunting at FTIG
- PGC Wildlife Management Unit 4C
- FTIG Seasons: Scouting begins on the day after Labor Day. Outdoor Recreation is closed from March 1st until the Saturday before Youth Turkey Day. Outdoor Recreation will then close June 1st. Permit Sales begin the first Monday in August.
- Individuals may check-in 2 hours before legal hunting hours begin and must be checked-out no later than 90 minutes after legal hunting ends during big game seasons and checked out by legal hunting end time during any other season.
- Hunting and Scouting are not permitted on Fort Indiantown Gap on Sundays except during the 3 special Big Game Sundays recently added to the state seasons.
- Outdoor Recreation will be closed during the annual Wounded Warrior Hunt and the annual March For The Fallen.

FISHING, BOATING & TRAPPING

- Fishing is authorized along Indiantown Run from the bridge at St. Joseph Springs (fish hatchery), south along Route 443 into Marquette Lake, from Marquette Lake south to Memorial Lake, and at Shuey Lake.
- Fishing is authorized with a FTIG access permit in Training Areas available to outdoor recreation.
- Boating permits are now available for Marquette and Shuey lakes. Please visit the Boating tab on the FTIG iSportsman webpage for details and regulations.
- Trappers must reference the trapping availability sheet on the Hunting and Trapping page. Trapping will not open at FTIG until firearm deer season ends.

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

Outdoor Recreation, Hunting, & Fishing System									
My Account 👻	Available	e Permits	Lottery	Harvest	Tags	My Safety Briefs	Surveys		
Account Details	ai	ls / Profil	е						
History Home		Validations Past Orders		orders	Change Password				

- Returning registrants please update your personal information annually.
- Emergency Contacts, Address, Phone Number and Vehicle information often change year to year. Any vehicle used on the installation must be added to your account.
- After logging in: Click My Account, Account Details and then the Manage Account button to update your information.
- Unregistered vehicles and hunters without accurate contact information will result in revocation of hunting privileges.

EAR TAGGED/COLLARED DEER

Hunters that harvest a tagged deer must include the tag number on the harvest form and return an ear tag to the Wildlife Office. Harvest of a collared deer will require contacting the Wildlife Office immediately upon recovery of the animal. Failure to do so will result in revocation of hunting privileges.



FIREARMS SEASON ACCESS PERMIT

- This permit must be purchased to hunt in the corridor during the 14 days of the regular firearm deer season.
- A lottery <u>may</u> be used to allocate the number of hunters that can utilize FTIG North of Blue Mountain during any of the 14 days of regular firearm deer season.
- The number of total hunters allowed in rifle areas during these 14 days is 105 individuals. When an area is full, it will close.
- Cantonment Areas are not part of the Firearms Season Access Permit.

MENTORED YOUTH AND ADULT HUNTING

- Mentored persons hunting are permitted in accordance with PA Game Code.
- Registered guardians wanting to participate must register the mentee in the iSportsman system and fill out a Hold Harmless Agreement.
- Hold Harmless agreements must be submitted to the Wildlife Office before participating in recreation activities.
- Mentors are responsible for ensuring that the child understands the dangers associated with UXO's.
- Mentees must remain with their registered Mentor at all times.

OR PARTICIPANTS WITH DISABILITIES

- A PA Game Commission Permit to use a vehicle as a blind is required to obtain a Disabled Hunter permit from the FTIG Wildlife Office.
- A FTIG vehicle permit must be displayed on the dash of the vehicle at all times.
- The permit allows OR participants with disabilities to travel on any accessible permanent trail or road within an open Training Area.
- See Wildlife staff for more information.

CHECK-IN AND OUT PROCEDURES

Check - In

- Enter Login User Name and Password
- Select Activity (ex: Archery, Deer Rifle, Scouting, etc.)
- Select Two Training Areas Available For Those Activities
- Confirm Check-in
- Log Out
- Vehicle Dash Permit must be in place

Check-Out

- Enter Login User Name and Password
- Check-Out
- Confirm Game Harvested
- Confirm Check-Out
- Log Out



CHECK-IN AND OUT PROCEDURES

Mobile check-ins are permitted

- Participants may check in using a mobile device.
- Kiosks will still be available for check-in/out- Bldg 12-097 Intersection of Rt 443 and Clement Ave.
- Mobile Check-ins may be suspended during Firearm Deer Season.
- Except on public roads, participants may **NOT** enter a training area or travel FTIG roads/trails without being checked in.
- A vehicle dash permit must be in place on the dash at all times.

VEHICLE DASH PERMIT

- A Vehicle Dash Permit will be included with your permit purchase. This permit must be printed upon purchase and placed on the dash of your vehicle whenever recreating on the installation.
- The dash permit of each individual in the vehicle must be displayed on the dash at all times.

PARKING AREAS



NEW INTERACTIVE MAP



U.S. Army National Guard Bureau

ACCESSIBLE AREAS

- To view the interactive map, use this link: <u>https://paarng-gis.pa.gov/portal/apps/View/</u> index.html?appid=cb06b843f4f74ff0a9ee68dbefa8e0d6
- OR participants are responsible for obtaining, learning, and understanding the FTIG Outdoor Recreation Map. Red areas are OFF LIMITS. Blue areas are restricted to archery equipment only. Purple areas allow archery and shotguns
- This link can be found on the FTIG iSportsman webpage and PDF copies of the Cantonment and Corridor maps can be downloaded
- See FTIG REG 215-2 or Wildlife Staff for further explanation.

RECOVERING DEAD OR INJURED WILDLIFE

- 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 wounded.
- Contact Range Operations or the Wildlife Office ASAP if wounded game enters a closed or restricted area.
- It is at the discretion of Range Operations as to whether game can be recovered from closed or restricted areas.
- Contact the PA Game Commission if wounded game enters private property.

GAME HARVEST STATION

- All harvested fish and game must be reported within the FTIG iSportsman system.
- When finished reporting game in the harvest section of the check-out, you must click <u>"I don't have any more</u> <u>harvest</u>" to finish the check-out process.
- Failure to report ANY game harvested could result in the revocation of a permit.
- Successful hunters are required to bring their deer to the deer harvest station throughout regular deer firearms season (Check In Facility – Bldg 12-097 – Intersection of Rt443 and Clement Ave) or whenever it's open.

DEER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (DMAP)

- Hunters May Receive DMAP Coupons After Viewing Safety Brief— See News/Alerts tab on iSportsman home page for information on the times and locations that coupons will be available.
- Take Coupon to License Vendor, Pay \$10 + \$0.97 Handling Fee, and Receive Tag from Vendor.
- Only valid as an antlerless tag in the DMAP unit on Fort Indiantown Gap.
- DMAP Coupons <u>MUST BE REEDEMED</u> For Tags. Unredeemed Coupons <u>Will Result in Revocation of DMAP Privileges</u>
- Hunters Must Report (Via Card or Online) To PGC Even If They Do Not Harvest a deer with the tag.
- Names Of Hunters Receiving DMAP Coupons Will Be Provided To PGC IAW PA Game Code.
- It is preferred that hunters harvest mature doe and or female fawns over male fawns to achieve the best practice population ratios.

DMAP UNIT 643

DMAP UNIT 643 is only composed of Training Areas South of Blue Mountain.

This includes all Alpha (A) Training Areas and C-01.

DMAP 643 Tags are not valid in any rifle areas.



DMAP UNIT 2840

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Located in the Training Corridor.

This includes Bravo (B), Charlie (C) (Excluding C-01), and Delta (D) training areas. It also includes two Managed Woodlots.



VIOLATIONS

- A Point system is used to assist those who fail to comply with rules and regulations.
- Notification of infractions and number of points will be sent via e-mail to the participant.
- Any participant who accumulates 3 points will lose their OR privileges for up to one year. Violations of The PA Game Code and any unsafe act will result in revocation from 1 year to forever.
- There has been at least one permanent revocation of privileges in each of the last 4 years.
- Unregistered vehicles and hunters with invalid contact information will result in revocation of privileges.

EXAMPLES OF IMPROPER ACTIONS

- Failing to Check-in/out Properly
- Improper Parking
- Accidental Entry Into a Closed Area
- Leaving tree stands overnight
- Failing to Present Permit When Asked
- Speeding
- Failure to Display Vehicle Dash Permit
- Interfering in the Recreation of Other Hunters
- Will Result in 1-2 Points
- Any item left in training areas overnight will be confiscated.

ILLEGAL, UNSAFE ACTIONS, OR INTERFERE WITH TRAINING

- Falsifying or not updating information
- Entry into Impact Area (3-strand wire fence)
- Violation of Game Laws
- Spotlighting
- Willful entry into closed areas
- Harassment or intimidation
- Supplemental feeding or stocking of wildlife
- Possession of illegal substances
- Vandalism, theft, or target shooting
- Shooting across ranges or other off-limit areas
- Use of Game/Trail cameras
- Any of These Actions Could Result in Permanent Revocation of Privileges and/or Citations from Law Enforcement

STAYING UP-TO-DATE

- News/Alerts Page -
 - Your first stop for current information
- Open Areas and Status?
 - iSportsman area availability number: (855)-522-2068
 - Open Areas Link See what's open today and tomorrow

LOGIN/REGISTER

Need to login? New to iSportsman? Click here to login or register.

OPEN AREAS

Need to check which areas are available? View area status here.

ALERTS/NEWS

Keep up-to-date with the latest alerts and news at your facility.

Questions –

 Visit the FAQ page in the menu drop-down for answers to common questions

IMPORTANT REMINDERS!!!

- Know Where You Are And What You Are Doing.
- Keep your contact information up to date.
- Check-in and Out Properly
- Spend time using the FTIG OR Interactive map
- Harvest Station is Mandatory When Open Bldg 12-097. Hunters & Anglers <u>MUST</u> report any and all harvests
- Follow DMAP Regulations where they apply
- All PGC & PFBC Regulations Apply to Hunting at FTIG
- New CWD regulations for DMA 8
- Noncompliance of FTIG REG 215-2 = Reduced Opportunities For ALL

CONTACT INFORMATION

	Building	Number	Email	Comment
Range Operations	11-9	717-861-2152 or 2153		Call for all access/safety concerns
Fort Indiantown Gap Police Wildlife Office	7-05	717-861-2727		All emergencies
Nick Hoffman	26-151	717-861-2663	RA-MVORP@pa.gov	Outdoor Recreation Manager
Public Affairs Office	8-41	717-861-8468		
Fish and Game Conservation Club	13-4	NA	Facebook page	Meets third Thursday of each month
Training Area Availability		855-522-2068	ftig.isportsman.net	Will read same info displayed on iSportsman Nav Map

The Wildlife/Forestry Office Building 26-151 is along Tomstown Road across from training area B-08. Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/ftindiantowngap/



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

By acknowledging that you have watched the entire video, you are stating that:

- You understand that you are solely responsible for knowing the rules and regulations of the Outdoor Recreation Program at FTIG.
- You recognize and assume all of the risks associated with participation in outdoor recreation activities at FTIG.
- You give FTIG the right to use your still photo or video image, or words (audio or text-based) in any media, for purposes of evaluation, activities, research, promotion, marketing, recruiting, fund raising, exhibits or any other lawful purpose.
- You AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS, for any and all purposes, FTIG, U.S. Army, Department of Defense, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and their respective officers, agents, volunteers and employees of and from any and all liability for any damage to or loss of property, any injury to person, including death, arising directly or indirectly out of participation in the activities.


FTIG REGULATION 215-2



Purpose



- To outline special rules and procedures for events and outdoor recreation activities on Fort Indiantown Gap (FTIG) as it pertains to Range Operations.
- Events and outdoor recreation at FTIG are a privilege contingent on adherence to safety rules and regulations.



Overview



- Mission , contact information, and emergency situations
- Signs, gates, and barriers
- UXO safety and procedures
- Off limit areas



MISSION STATEMENT



Range Operations will coordinate, facilitate, and support the use of Fort Indiantown Gap Ranges, Training Areas, Airspace and Facilities in order to ensure maximum safe use by Military, Law Enforcement and Civilian Organizations.



EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION



SHOULD ANY EMERGENCY ARISE DURING YOUR USE OF THE TRAINING AREAS OR RANGES FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION ACTIVITIES **IMMEDIATELY** CONTACT RANGE OPERATIONS!!

• RANGE OPERATIONS 717-861-2152/2153

717-679-5277

- EMERGENCY CELL
- FTIG POLICE 717-861-2727
- BLDG 11-9, SERVICE ROAD



17,100 Acres Cantonment: Ranges & TAs South of Blue Mountain Corridor: Ranges and TAs between Blue and Second Mountains



Roads and parking



- Speed Limit is 15 mph on all roads and trails unless otherwise posted
- North, South, and East Tank Trails are OFF LIMITS
- Trails in Training Areas are considered hazardous



Roads and parking



Important points to remember

- No sightseeing or joyriding.
- No blocking of roads, gates, or barriers.
- Vehicles must be registered with Range Operations through iSportsman.
- Notify Range Operations of any vehicular breakdown.



Disabled/stuck vehicles



of owner.



Signs, Gates, and Barriers





•All Designated Training Areas are marked with yellow keystone shaped signs.

•All outdoor recreation users must become familiar with the boundaries of the training areas.



Signs, Gates, and Barriers





DO NOT BYPASS ANY CLOSED GATES, DANGER SIGNS, OR BARRIERS

DOING SO MAY CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH





Signs, Gates, and Barriers





Lasers can damage eyes or even cause blindness

Trespassing in the IMPACT AREA may kill you





Off limit areas



- 1. Closed Training Areas and Ranges
- 2. Cantonment
- 3. Impact Area
- 4. Helicopter Landing Zones (HLZs)
- 5. Demolition sites
- 6. Ammunition Supply Point (ASP)
- 7. Private Property
- 8. Cemeteries
- 9. Built up training complexes
- 10. Range proper



Safety



Ammo Supply Point hazard warning:

In the unlikely event of accidental detonation of 1 or more of the ammunition magazines, injury or death could occur. Stay 200 meters away from the ASP.



UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE



Any piece of ordinance that did not function as designed but remains EXTREMELY dangerous and if disturbed could kill you



REPORT ANY UXOS IMMEDIATELY TO RANGE OPERATIONS AT 717-861-2152/2153

BACKGROUND

Fort Indiantown Gap Training Center was established as a National Guard training site in 1931. Over the

years, it has served as home to the Pennsylvania National Guard and active units of the U.S. Army. Since 1940, most of its more than 19,000 acres have been leased to the federal government for military training purposes. It has played a strategic role in training troops for deployment in World War II and the Korean War.



Current activities at Fort Indiantown Gap Training Center include a state-of-the-art helicopter training center, an educational complex for combat arms training, and several firing ranges and maneuver areas, including an air-toground bomb range. Fort Indiantown Gap Training Center provides training for more than 100,000 troops year-round and serves as the only live-fire, maneuver military training facility in Pennsylvania.

There are 50 training areas located throughout the installation. Due to the nature of the range activities, munitions may be present across the installation and include hand grenades, mortars, projectiles, practice and high explosive bombs, artillery shells, and rockets.

Munitions present may be heavily corroded, whole or in parts, buried, or covered with leaves, making them difficult to recognize. Do not approach, touch, or disturb anything encountered that may be a munition or part of one, but carefully leave the area and contact the Range Operations Fire Desk or Fort Indiantown Gap Police to let them know what you saw and where. Consider munitions dangerous, regardless of how long they may have been in the environment. Help protect yourself, co-workers and the public from potential explosive hazards present by following the 3Rs of Explosive Safety:



IF YOU ENCOUNTER MUNITIONSEmergency ContactsContactsCantonmert AreaCall the Fort Indiantown
Gap Police(717) 861-2727On Training RangesCall the Range
Operations Fire Desk(717) 861-2152 or
(717) 861-2153Anywhere ElseCall 911 or local authorities

Follow the 3Rs

of Explosives Safety



Visit the U.S. Army's Explosives Safety Education website:

https://3Rs.mil

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3Rs Explosives Safety Guide

FORT INDIANTOWN GAP TRAINING CENTER











FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What are military munitions?

A: Military munitions are material used by our Nation's Armed Forces to defend the United States. Military munitions are dangerous by design. They are made to kill or injure enemy forces



or damage enemy equipment. When military munitions do not function as intended (do what they are supposed to do) during use, they become unexploded ordnance or UXO.

Q: What do military munitions look like?

A: Military munitions come in many different sizes, shapes, and colors. Their size and shape depends on how the military intends to use them. For example, rounds used to train soldiers on crew-served weapons, like tanks and artillery, are large. Rockets, fired from aircraft or ground vehicles, can vary in size, as can bombs dropped from aircraft. Other types of munitions include grenades, practice mines, submunitions, simulators, and pyrotechnics. Weathering changes the appearance of military munitions making them more difficult to spot or recognize.

Q: Where could I encounter military munitions?

A: You are most likely to encounter munitions in areas where the military conducts or formerly conducted live-fire training or testing with military munitions, but they also may be encountered in other areas. The vast majority of military munitions, however, are in impact areas of both operational and former ranges. Because of changing military needs, many locations once used by the military during training are now used by the public for other purposes, such as recreational areas. Many of these locations are no longer on military installations.

Q: What do I do if I come across a military munition?

A: If you suspect you have come across a military munition, the best way to ensure your safety is to follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety:

Recognize — when you see a munition and that it is dangerous;

Retreat — do not touch it, but carefully leave the area; and

Report — call Range Operations Fire Desk at (717) 861-2152 / 2153 or the Fort Indiantown Gap Police at (717) 861-2727 to tell them what you saw.

Remember, military munitions may be encountered anywhere. Should you come across a munition or suspect you may have, follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety.

Follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety



when you may have come across a munition, and that munitions are dangerous;



do not approach, touch, move, or disturb a suspect munition, but carefully leave the area; and



immediately what you saw and where you saw it to emergency contacts on the back of this guide.



Artillery Training at Fort Indiantown Gap Training Center



Defense Visual Information Distribution Service



Safety Requirements



- Strict compliance with all FTIG rules and regulations.
- Impact Area. 3 strands of barbed wire clearly marked. OFF LIMITS to ALL.
- UXOs. Mark area at spot and from road.
- No alcohol and/or illegal drugs permitted.
- Permit documents printed off of iSportsman will be in your vehicle or on your person at all time while participating in events or outdoor recreation activities.



CONCLUSION



• Stay out of closed training areas, ranges, ASP, Demo sites, private property and impact area.

• Report UXOs immediately and mark if necessary.

• If not sure about a situation notify Range Operations at 717-861-2152/2153.



Contact information



Range Operations

Bldg 11-9 FTIG Annville PA, 17003 717-861-2152/2153

Natural Resources Office (Wildlife Representative)

717-861-2663