



MICHIGAN ARMY NATIONAL GUARD
FORT CUSTER TRAINING CENTER
2501 26th Street
Augusta, Michigan 49012-9205

MWR – Military/Employee Hunting 2018 - 2019 SOP

PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO HUNT

- Current full time MDMVA / FCTC employees with valid ID
- Active/Retired MIARNG members with valid ID
- Currently serving member of the armed forces with valid ID (*Army, Navy, Marine, Air Force, Coast Guard*)

Final approval of the hunter eligibility rests with FCTC Garrison Commander. Eligible hunters may host up to 2 guests. Guests are to remain with their sponsor at all times. Hunters must have (1) signed copy of SOP on file with FCTC-DPTMS and (1) on-person in order to go afield.

CHECK IN/OUT PROCEDURE

All weapons brought onto Fort Custer must be declared and visually identified at Front Gate.

Hunt dates/locations will change according to troop training schedules and it is incumbent upon the hunter to coordinate through FCTC-DPTMS at 269-731-6640 prior to your hunt. A tentative schedule of available training areas and times will be posted on the website: fortcusterhunt.org. (This will change regularly due to training schedule changes so check often)

All hunters must check in and out with Range Control / Operations office before going afield and immediately after returning from your hunting area. Hunting will be authorized only during staffed operations hours which are from 0800-1600, Monday through Friday.

Weekend hunting will only be authorized if Range Control is manned and NO training is being conducted. This is also during normal duty hours of 0800-1600.

If you have harvested any animal, you must notify Brian Huggett in the Environmental office.
brian.w.huggett.nfg@mail.mil or (269) 731-6570

Compliance with these procedures are mandatory and essential to maintain a safe and responsible hunt. If individuals are found to be out of compliance with this SOP, privileges may be revoked at the discretion of DPTMS or the Garrison Commander.

HUNTING AREAS

Training Areas 1 - 8 (*Areas 1 & 2 designated for archery hunting only*)

There will be **NO hunting in the North Impact Area (all land north of Territorial Rd. and south of Range Rd.)**, this duded impact area is off limits as per Army Regulation 210-21 Army Ranges and Training Land Program. (5-11d).

For more detail please refer to the most recent military installation map of Fort Custer Training Center

HUNT DAYS

Hunters must coordinate with FCTC-DPTMS (Range Control) to ensure requested hunt days and sites do not in conflict with troop training.

Public Hunt Days: The public is able to hunt FCTC through a lottery process with operations run through FCTC-ENV. Anyone wishing to hunt during the dates below must coordinate with FCTC-ENV directly and hunt with accordance of the rules/regulations set forth within each of these public events.

- **18 – 21 October 2018** **Freedom Hunt – a 100% disabled veterans / persons hunt**
- **25 – 25 November 2018** **Public Hunt**

SPECIES

Waterfowl, squirrel, rabbit, turkey, coyote, and whitetail deer are authorized species available to hunt during Mi-DNR published seasons and with appropriate licensing.

Hunting/Trapping of any other species must receive approval through FCTC-ENV and FCTC-CDR.

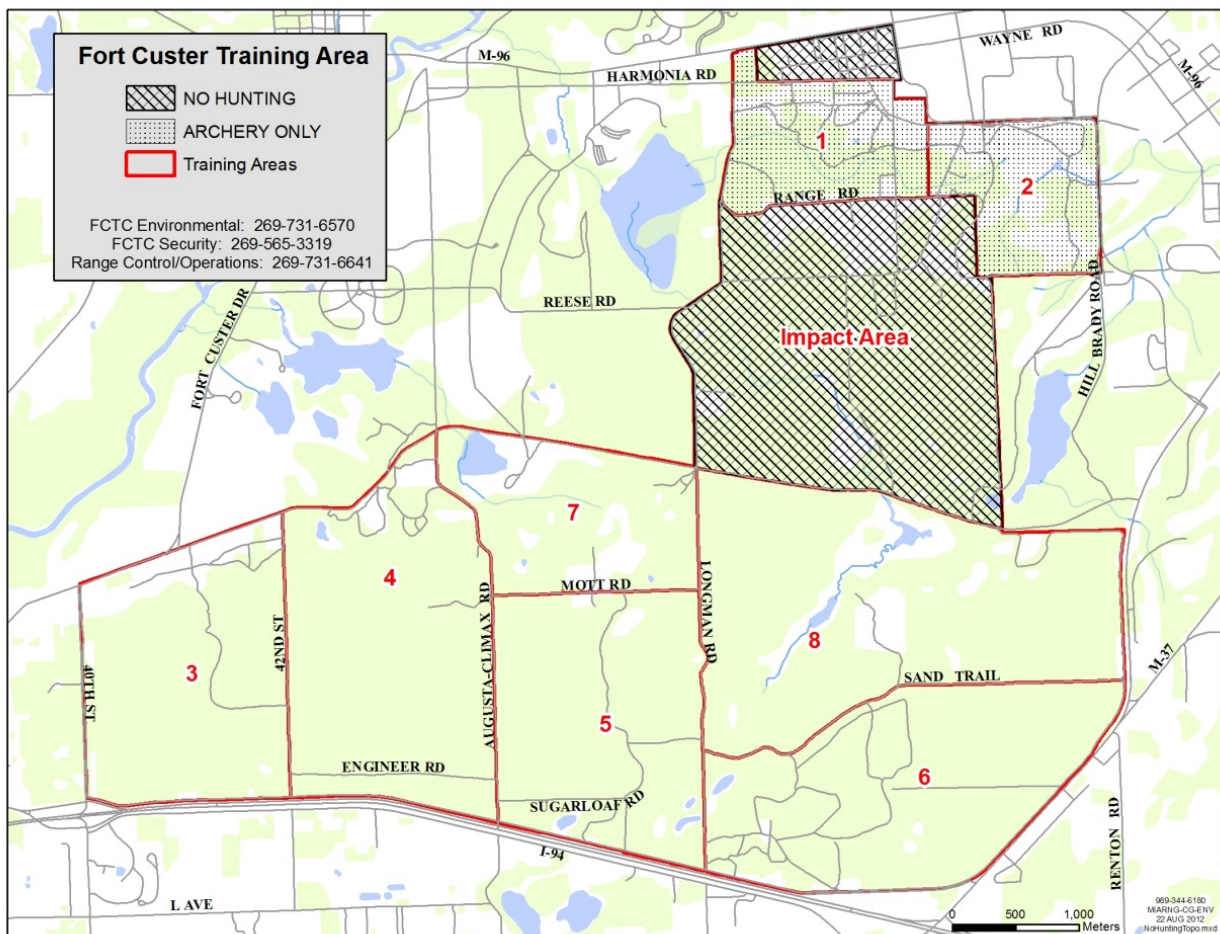
WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT

Shotgun, bow, crossbow or muzzleloaders are the only approved hunting weapons at Fort Custer Training Center: rifles are not allowed. Concealed weapons are for personal protection and must be self-declared upon entry to Fort Custer Training Center. They are not to be used for hunting any game species.

Access will be denied to any persons transporting weapons not approved for use on Fort Custer.

Temporary elevated tree stands may be used for deer hunting (no screw in steps or permanent blinds).

Dogs may be used for retrieving downed waterfowl only while hunting these species. Hunting dogs are only allowed for this purpose and are not allowed to hunt any other species. Dogs are allowed on post just prior to hunting and must leave immediately when finished. The dogs must have all shots and proper licensing. The owner is responsible for maintaining positive control of dogs. Dogs will not be kenneled on post overnight, kept in any billeting, housing, or garrison facility.



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In signing this SOP to hunt on Fort Custer Training Center, I state that I am familiar with and will abide by all applicable Federal and State Game Laws and adhere to environmental regulations. I will follow all regulations and restrictions, which may be imposed on my actions and movements while at FCTC. I am familiar with and will follow all hunter safety rules. I will conduct myself at all times as a true sportsman and I will respect the rights and property of others. I agree without exception, or reservation, to be solely and personally responsible for any injuries to myself, or others with me, and for all damage which may occur to my property and for any injury or damage to anyone else's person or property which may be caused by me, or by persons travelling with me for whom I am responsible for. I absolve the Government, the US Army, the State of Michigan, and Fort Custer Training Center of any liability or responsibility in connection with the exercise of any hunting privileges which may be extended to me.

Failure to adhere to these regulations/guidelines could result in restrictions or complete revocation of the following privileges at FCTC; hunting, driving, admittance, etc. Hunting privileges may be revoked by the Garrison Commander if he/she determines the hunter, sportsman, and outdoor recreationist is not in compliance with the said SOP as shown above. Furthermore, violations of state or federal law will be reported to the proper authorities without reservation or prejudice. Military personnel are always held to the UCMJ in addition to any violations to state or federal laws.

PRINTED NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

LTC Steven Wilson – Garrison Commander / Fort Custer Training Center

DATED