

FORT BELVOIR

Watercraft Recreation, Hunting, and Fishing Manual



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- Links for Chronic Wasting Disease and Deer Processors have been added
- F – 2 parking area #1 at Fairfax County Parkway and Route 1 North closed until further notice
- H – 2 Parking spot number 1 is in front of gate
- Procedures when iSportsman website is inoperable
- W – 1 no longer a treestand only area

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Acronyms and Abbreviations

ATV	All – Terrain Vehicle
CLEO	Conservation Law Enforcement Officer
CWD	Chronic Wasting Disease
DAAF	Davison Army Airfield
DES	Directorate of Emergency Services
DFMWR	Directorate of Family Morale, Welfare, and Recreation
DMAF	Deer Management Assistance Program
DoD	Department of Defense
DPTMS	Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security
DPW	Directorate of Public Works
EAB	Earn a Buck
EHD	Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease
FFX	Fairfax
IBEP	International Bowhunting Education Program
ISO	Installation Safety Office
JMAWR	Jackson Miles Abbott Wetland Refuge
MP	Military Police
ODR	Outdoor Recreation
ORV	Off-Road Vehicle
PFD	Personal Flotation Device
PAO	Public Affairs Office
QDM	Quality Deer Management
SJA	Staff Judge Advocate
SJBP	Southern James Bay Population
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
UXO	Unexploded Ordinance
VCC	Visitors Control Center
VDWR	Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources
WRHFRB	Watercraft Recreation, Hunting, and Fishing Review Board

1. Introduction

Purpose

This Manual sets forth policies and procedures for all watercraft recreation, hunting, and fishing activities on Fort Belvoir. It applies to all individuals that participate in these activities on Fort Belvoir.

Background

Fort Belvoir provides numerous recreational opportunities whether consumptive or non – consumptive. Opportunities can be found in various public areas on the installation. Other opportunities such as hunting take place in areas off – limits to the public and must be accessed through authorized use only. Fort Belvoir's location also provides miles of shoreline accessible by foot or watercraft for fishing.

Hunting has long been documented to serve as a wildlife management tool while providing recreational opportunities for the public. Fort Belvoir uses bowhunting as the primary tool in the management of white – tailed deer. White – tailed deer populations, if left unmanaged, can become not only a threat to their own health and environment, but also to humans. Overall deer herd health is attributed to population size and adequacy of food resources. More than a decade ago, Fort Belvoir's deer population was at a dangerously high level, causing the deer to be in poor health, and leading to a diminished understory. That situation contributed to disease breakouts such as epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) as well as ecosystem degradation. In response, Fort Belvoir implemented a more expansive and robust hunting program. This, coupled with liberal seasons and bag limits set by the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (VDWR) for the county, has resulted in an increase in harvest, decline in population, and improvement in herd health and ecosystem. More recently, the harvest and population has remained relatively stable. In October of 2022 a white – tailed deer tested positive for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in northern Fairfax County. This prompted the VDWR to include Fairfax County in Disease Management Area 2 (including Fort Belvoir). As a result, Fort Belvoir voluntarily began mandatory testing for CWD for all deer harvested on Fort Belvoir, with the exception of fawns in accordance with VDWR policies and procedures.

Hunting is also used as a management tool to control Canada geese. Fort Belvoir's water resources, parks, golf courses, and recreation fields makes it an attractive location for Canada geese. As with deer, if left unmanaged, Canada geese can become a nuisance in these locations, and more importantly a hazard to aircraft approaching and departing Fort Belvoir's Davison Army Airfield (DAAF). In 2006 Fort Belvoir implemented a waterfowl hunting program as a recreational opportunity, while at the same time being used as a tool to control Canada geese.

Fishing has taken place for decades on Fort Belvoir, including Mulligan Pond within JMAWR, and the Tompkins Basin shoreline. There are three fishing piers at Mulligan Pond that offer opportunities for easy access. In 2008, two fishing piers were constructed in Tompkins Basin to replace those damaged by a hurricane. All fishing piers are accessible to persons with disabilities. Numerous fish species can be caught in the waters in and around Fort Belvoir, particularly channel catfish, largemouth bass, and various species of sunfish. In 2004, the

invasive northern snakehead was discovered in the Potomac watershed and has since become a common resident and highly sought – after species by both those that fish and bowfish. In 2023 rainbow trout were stocked in Mulligan Pond for the first time. In 2025 and 2026 rainbow trout and brook trout were stocked in Mulligan Pond, providing an additional and unique fishing opportunity for the public.

Liability

All persons engaging in watercraft recreation, hunting, and fishing on Fort Belvoir do so at their own risk and agree to indemnify and hold harmless Fort Belvoir and the United States of America against any and all claims for loss or damage to their person or property.

Revisions and Summary of Changes

This Manual will be reviewed and updated annually to ensure compliance with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (VDWR), and Fort Belvoir policies and procedures. A Record of Revisions and a Summary of Changes can be found on page ii of this Manual.

2. Directorate's Tasks and Responsibilities

The Fort Belvoir Directorate of Public Works (DPW) is the proponent of this Manual and provides guidance and recommendations for the manual as it pertains to environmental and natural resources. DPW is also the lead point of contact for iSportsman – the software program being used to control access for watercraft recreation, hunting, and fishing activities. The Fort Belvoir Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) enforces all laws, regulations, and policies on the installation related to the provisions contained in this manual. The Fort Belvoir Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security (DPTMS) provides guidance and support of the policies and provisions contained in this manual as it pertains to oversight of the Army Protection Program day – to – day activities on the installation.

3. General Information, Policies, Regulations, and Registration

Contacts

Contact	Service and Phone Number
Conservation Branch General & Emergency	703 – 915 – 5682
Conservation Branch Email	usarmy.belvoir.id-sustainment.mbx.hunting-fishing-program@army.mil
DFMWR Outdoor Recreation Desk (ODR)	703 – 805 – 3081
Police	703 – 806 – 3104/3105/3106
Fire	703 – 781 – 1800
iSportsman Reservations	844 – 232 – 7299
Fort Belvoir Information Hotline	703 – 805 – 3030
DPTMS – Installation Operations Center (IOC)	703 – 805 – 4002

Access

- For updated installation access, please refer to: <https://home.army.mil/belvoir/about/installation-access>. The following is a list of those authorized to hunt, fish, and watercraft recreate:
- U.S. Military Active – Duty and Retired Personnel, Veterans with service connected disability of not less than 30 percent, Medal of Honor recipients, Department of Defense (DoD) Civilian employees, retired DoD Civilian employees with proof of retirement, Federal Civilian employees employed or living at Fort Belvoir, National Guard and Reservists on active status, DoD Dependents (youth and adult), foreign military personnel assigned to Fort Belvoir, and Guests (Non – Affiliated with Sponsorship)
- Non – Affiliated (Guest) customers are required to enter the name of their sponsor on their account in iSportsman to be validated. Contact Conservation Branch for validation.
- Non – Affiliated (Guest) customers may only hunt, fish, or watercraft recreate while their sponsor is presently hunting, fishing, or watercraft recreating in the same area/blind or adjacent area/blind. Sponsors are responsible for their Non – Affiliated Guest. Violations by guests may result in loss of permit and/or privileges to guest and sponsor.
- Guests, Family Members, and Children of each hunter may participate with each hunter so long as they have an account in iSportsman, an appropriate “Apprentice – No Weapons” permit for bowhunting or waterfowl hunting, and check – in and out of the area they are in.
- All bowhunters and waterfowl hunters must take an orientation class. Link to class is available in each respective section.
- Access times and locations for specific types of recreational activities covered by this manual can be found within respective sections of this manual.
- All bowhunters must provide proof of access to Fort Belvoir (e.g., Military ID, CAC Card, Visitors Access Pass).
- Hunting areas and blinds are off limits to unauthorized personnel. Persons are not to enter any hunting area or blind without obtaining proper permits via iSportsman and must be checked – into an area or blind via iSportsman.
- No hunter may be checked – in and not actively hunting, traveling to hunting area/blind, or proceeding to check station to check in game.
- Bowhunters are not permitted to proceed through gates for access to hunting areas before 0500.
- Recreational areas are subject to change based upon mission – specific operational priority, use, weather closings, and/or current protective posture.

Regulations and Violations

- The provisions of this manual are enforceable pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1382, 10 U.S.C. 2671, 16 U.S.C., and 50 Code of Federal Regulations 1-229, 600-659. In addition to penalties that may be levied under applicable state and federal laws and regulations, the Garrison Commander has inherent administrative authority to revoke watercraft

recreation, hunting, and fishing privileges. Failure to adhere to the provisions contained in this manual may result in the permanent loss of watercraft recreation, hunting, and fishing privileges on Fort Belvoir and/or criminal prosecution.

- All persons must remain aware of the boundaries of the area(s) where recreation is approved. Restricted access may be marked with “Warning: Military Installation No Trespassing” signs. Violators are subject to punishment under 50 U.S.C. 797 or 18 U.S.C. 1382. All persons should contact the Fort Belvoir police to report unauthorized access or suspicious activity.
- All persons must act in accordance with all applicable law, regulation, and policy, including but not limited to those regulating: speed limits, consumption of alcoholic beverages, littering, trespassing, and environmental and natural resources protection.
- Those contesting violations imposed under the provisions of this manual will be brought before the Watercraft Recreation, Hunting, and Fishing Review Board (WRHFRB).
- Harassment of government personnel or contractors involved in outdoor recreation, environmental, or natural resources management is prohibited and may result in loss of watercraft recreation, hunting, and fishing privileges.
- The feeding, removal, destruction, harassment, injury, or killing of any fish or wildlife (including all species of snakes) on Fort Belvoir is prohibited except as specifically authorized.
- The removal, destruction, injury, or killing of any plant on Fort Belvoir is prohibited except as specifically authorized.
- The polluting of any waterway (stream, creek, river, or pond) within and/or surrounding Fort Belvoir is prohibited.
- Camping is permitted in a designated area located in Tompkins Basin. Information and reservations can be found by contacting ODR at 703 – 805 – 3081 or ODR website www.belvoir.armymwr.com/programs/outdoor-recreation.
- Campfires are not permitted without proper permits and only allowed in authorized locations. Additional information can be found by contacting ODR at 703 – 805 – 3081 or ODR website www.belvoir.armymwr.com/programs/outdoor-recreation.
- Horseback riding is prohibited on Fort Belvoir.
- Bicycles, scooters, and one – wheeled vehicles (manual and motorized) are prohibited on all Fort Belvoir trail systems and unimproved roads and for hunting.
- Warnings and suspensions from previous seasons will be retroactive. If you received a warning in the previous season, your next violation will result in a suspension. If you received a suspension in the previous season, the next violation will result in a longer suspension or privileges permanently revoked.
- Whenever iSportsman website is inoperable, hunters are not permitted to enter hunting areas/blinds without coordination with Conservation Branch. Only then may the Conservation Branch provide verbal permission/coordination for entering hunting areas/blinds. Entering hunting areas/blinds without checking in when iSportsman website is inoperable shall be considered trespassing and may lead to a violation.

Motor Vehicle Operations

- Prohibited Vehicles – Off-road vehicles (ORV) and all-terrain vehicles (ATV) are prohibited in all training, hunting, fishing, and recreation areas.
- Parking – Parking locations for watercraft recreation, hunting, and fishing are located on maps located at Appendix A.
- Vehicles shall be parked so as not to disrupt military training or impede passage of vehicles on any road, or block any gate, bridge, or fire lane.

Safety

UXO (Unexploded Ordnance) – Patrons are prohibited from disturbing, relocating, or removing any encountered ammunition, munitions or munition debris from any area of Fort Belvoir, other than lawfully harvested wildlife. Patrons will follow the 3Rs to recognize, retreat, and report any encountered UXO to 911 or Fort Belvoir Police 703 – 806 – 3104. **PATRONS ARE NOT TO TOUCH SUSPECTED UXO AT ANY TIME.** All permitted bowhunters must watch the UXO safety briefing located at <https://denix.osd.mil/uxotraining/3RSTraining/index.html>. Upon completion send certificate to usarmy.belvoir.id-sustainment.mbx.hunting-fishing-program@army.mil.

Artifacts

Unauthorized excavation or digging is prohibited. The collection of any artifact found on the surface or subsurface, or disturbance of any feature related to past human activity on Fort Belvoir is prohibited, to include, but not limited to, arrowheads, pottery, and other such items. The use of metal detectors on Fort Belvoir is prohibited. Violators are subject to both the civil and criminal provisions of the Archeological Resources Protection Act, 16 USC Sections 470ee – 470ff.

Notifications

All registered users will receive email and text message notifications from iSportsman including, but not limited to, changes, modifications, alerts, emergencies, updates, area closures, etc. To receive notifications from the Fort Belvoir Mass Warning System, you can self-register at <https://Alert.CSD.DISA.MIL>.

Registration

All watercraft users, hunters, and anglers must register and set up an account through iSportsman using the following website: <https://ftbelvoir.isportsman.net>. All hunters must select “YES” for receiving text messages.

Permits

- All individuals purchasing permits to launch watercraft, hunt, or fish on Fort Belvoir are required to have the appropriate Fort Belvoir, Commonwealth of Virginia, and federal hunting licenses, stamps, and permits. See Appendix G for example of Fort Belvoir permit.
- Apprentice permits are available to those who hold a Virginia Apprentice Hunting License.
- Except for Youth permits, all permits listed are required by those 16 years old and older.

- Disabled Persons Permits may be purchased with the following VDWR validation:
 - Resident Annual Hunting License for 70 Percent Partially Disabled Veterans
 - Or, Totally and Permanently Disabled Resident Special Hunting or Fishing Lifetime License
 - Or, Service – Connected Totally and Permanently Disabled Veteran Resident Lifetime Hunting or Fishing License
 - Or, Nonresident Annual Hunting License for 70 Percent Partially Disabled Veterans
 - Or, Service – Connected Totally and Permanently Disabled Nonresident Veteran Annual Hunting or Fishing License
 - Or, Special Nonresident Annual Fishing License for Partially Disabled Veterans

Seasons

It is the responsibility of each hunter to know and follow the appropriate season and bag limits set by VDWR.

4. Hunting

4.1. Bowhunting

General

- All bowhunters must take a Bowhunter Orientation. Orientation can be found under the “My Safety Briefs” of your account on iSportsman.
- Archery tackle is the only permissible means of hunting deer, turkey, and other small game on Fort Belvoir. Firearms are not permitted for deer, turkey, or other small game.
- No archery tackle is allowed in hunting areas except when in a currently permitted hunter’s possession. Currently permitted means that the hunter has checked – in, has a current hunting permit, and is assigned to that hunting area, or is going to and from the assigned hunting area, and is hunting within the legal time limits and other constraints set by VDWR and Fort Belvoir.
- Longbows and Recurve bows must be unstrung or cased during non – hunting hours.
- Compound bows and crossbows must be cased or locked during non – hunting hours.
- Arrows and bolts may not be knocked or loaded while walking in treestand only areas.
- Hunters must enter hunting areas directly from designated parking areas using the most direct route. Hunters are not authorized to enter a hunting area from an unauthorized parking area. Hunters may not be dropped off at an area unless they are hunting with another hunting companion who is driving. Hunters are not authorized to enter an area through/from another area. Only boundary training and access roads are permitted for access to areas.

- A hunter wishing to move to a different hunting area/blind may do so by checking out of his/her current area/blind and checking into a new area/blind.
- Parking passes are obtained via iSportsman and are printed along with the hunting permit. See Appendix G for example of parking pass. Parking passes must be displayed on the inside left corner of the vehicle windshield and be visible for verification to law enforcement. Parking anywhere other than in an authorized parking area is prohibited.
- Dogs and organized group hunting such as “drives” are prohibited.
- Persons 12 years of age or younger and Apprentice Hunters must be accompanied and supervised by a licensed and permitted adult.
- No firearms are allowed in the bowhunting areas under any circumstances, regardless of whether the patron holds a weapons carry permit.
- Hunting is not authorized within 100 yards of any occupied buildings, trails, airfield, workplaces, construction sites, or paved roads including all property adjacent to Fort Belvoir. Under no circumstances will a hunter come within 100 yards of a fenced security area.
- Hunters are responsible for immediately reporting any suspected unsafe conditions, violations, and military training in open hunting areas to the Conservation Branch or Fort Belvoir Police.
- No deer or turkey may be taken from Fort Belvoir without first being properly checked and measured at ODR and provided an official VDWR confirmation number on the day of harvest.
- Bowhunters are responsible for the loss of Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) tags. Loss of DMAP tags may result in the denial of future DMAP tags and possible suspension of or loss of privileges to hunt and fish on Fort Belvoir.
- The cutting down of trees for any purpose is prohibited. Tree stems and limbs may be pruned to allow safe placement of tree stands.
- Clearing and planting food plots or vegetation to attract game is prohibited.
- Dogs may be used for the purpose of tracking deer. Dogs must be approved by the Fort Belvoir Conservation Branch before they are utilized for the purpose of tracking deer. To be approved, each dog must have all required state and local tags/permits and be able to pass a blood tracking test administered by the Conservation Branch, unless determined to be reliable as a tracking dog with proven ability.
- Access codes for the Combination Locks located at Old Colchester Road and Kingman Road Gates will be provided upon check – in via iSportsman.
- International Bowhunting Education Program (IBEP) certification is required to bowhunt on Fort Belvoir. IBEP certification may be obtained by attending the class in person or online at <https://www.bowhunter-ed.com/virginia/>. Bowhunting certifications from other states are acceptable if approved by the Conservation Branch. Bowhunting certifications are good for life and do not expire.

- Trail cameras are permitted to be used in hunting areas only. Trail cameras may only be used from the first day of scouting until the last day of turkey season.
- Scouting is permitted between 0800 – 1600 hours from August (day to be determined) until September 30, 2026. All permitted bowhunters who scout must check in and out of each area where scouting will take place.
- Deer may be gutted in hunting area, then skinned and quartered at the game check station located behind ODR Building 778. All remains, bones, entrails, skins, and other parts must be removed and disposed of properly. Do not dispose in Fort Belvoir dumpsters. Check your local ordinances for proper disposal of carcass remains.
- Ground blinds are permitted to be used for bowhunting during deer season in areas that do not require tree stands. Ground blinds are permitted for bowhunting turkeys in the spring and may be used in areas designated as tree stand only during spring gobbler season.
- Thermal imaging devices are prohibited.
- When registering harvested deer/turkey with VADWR, choose “Federal Land” for location of harvest.

Qualification Process*

Hunters must provide proof of access to Fort Belvoir, IBEP, UXO, and all hunting licenses/permits as required by VDWR before qualifying. Hunters must qualify with the type of bow and broadhead (practice mechanicals permissible) they will be using on Fort Belvoir, or submit proof of qualification for the Fairfax County Deer Management Program or Marine Base Quantico as an alternative. Practice on the day of qualifying is permitted. If a hunter fails to qualify, they cannot attempt to qualify on the same day, but may return the following day to qualify. Qualifications are valid for only one hunting season. Hunters using crossbows may sit, stand, or use a rest (pod) to shoot from. Hunters using crossbows must provide their own crossbow block target.

Compound Bow and Crossbow Qualification Test**

- Three arrows at 20 yards and three arrows at 30 yards
- At least two arrows at each distance must enter at or within the circle’s outer line to pass.
- Target size used will be three, eight-inch circles.

Recurve Bow Qualification Test

- Three arrows at 20 yards.
- At least two arrows must enter at or within the circle’s outer line to pass.
- Target size used will be three, eight-inch circles.

*Youth 15 and under may qualify at 20 yards only if accompanied by an adult when hunting. Youth 13 – 15 who wish to hunt more than 30 yards from an adult must qualify at 20 and 30 yards. Youth 16 – 17 must qualify at 20 and 30 yards.

**Customers wishing to qualify with a crossbow must provide their own target. Crossbow targets are not provided at ODR.

Permits

HUNTING PERMITS that require validations will not be available for purchase until the following requirements are met:

- 1) Completion of an International Bowhunters Education Program (IBEP) safety course (Bowhunting Only).
- 2) Acknowledgement of receipt of the UXO Briefing on iSportsman.
- 3) Successful completion of the Archery Qualification Test.
- 4) Acknowledgement of this manual located on iSportsman.
- 5) Acceptance of the Hold Harmless agreement located on iSportsman.
- 6) Acknowledgement of receipt of the Personal Flotation Device (PFD) and Cold Water Safety briefing on iSportsman.
- 7) Viewed UXO Briefing video as required under Section 3 [Safety].

Permits for Active – Duty, Retired Military, DoD Civilians, Fed Civilians, Affiliated Dependents	Cost
Deer Scouting – required to scout deer during deer scouting season only.	Free
Bowhunting Youth – Dependent Youth under the age of 16 to bowhunt deer, turkey, and other small game species.	Free
Bowhunting Annual – Adult hunters (except for those with a Youth, Senior Citizen or Disabled Persons permit) to bowhunt deer, turkey, and other small game species.	\$40
Bowhunting Senior Citizen – Senior Citizens (65 or older) to bowhunt deer, turkey, and other small game species.	\$20
Bowhunting Disabled Person – Disabled Persons to bowhunt deer, turkey, and other small game species.	\$20
Bowhunting 3-Day – All adult hunters to bowhunt deer, turkey, and other small game species for three consecutive days from day of validation.	\$20
Bowhunting 1-Day – All adult hunters to bowhunt deer, turkey, and other small game species for one day.	\$10
Bowhunting Apprentice – All adult hunters who have a VDWR Apprentice License (with validation).	Free
Bowhunting Apprentice No-Weapon – All hunters who have a VDWR Apprentice License (with validation) or youth under the age of 16, who do not have a bow while being supervised by a Fort Belvoir permitted bowhunter.	Free
Dependent – Affiliated – Bowhunting – All Dependent adult hunters to bowhunt deer, turkey, and other small game species.	\$40

Permits for Non – Affiliated Guests	Cost
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Deer Scouting – required to scout deer during deer scouting season only.	Free
Guest Permit – Bowhunting – Non – Affiliated guest hunters to bowhunt deer, turkey, and other small game species.	\$40
Bowhunting Youth – Non – Affiliated Youth hunters under the age of 16 to bowhunt deer, turkey, and other small game species.	Free
Guest Permit – Senior Citizen 65+ - Bowhunting – Non – Affiliated Senior Citizens (65 or older) to bowhunt deer, turkey, and other small game species.	\$20
Bowhunting Disabled Person – Disabled Persons to bowhunt deer, turkey, and other small game species.	\$20

Map

See Appendix A.

Check – in / Check – out

- A hunter with a reservation is required to check – in/out using iSportsman. Select “Check – In Reservation” when checking in.
- Hunting is not permitted before 0500 on the day of the reservation.
- Hunters must check – out of an area within one hour after vacating the hunting area.
- Hunters must vacate hunting areas within one hour after legal hunting hours unless retrieving game and may remain longer for this purpose only with prior permission from the Conservation Branch or Fort Belvoir Police.

4.2. Deer

Seasons

It is the responsibility of each hunter to know and follow the appropriate season and bag limits set by VDWR.

Season	2026 – 2027 Dates
Deer Scouting	August TBD
Deer (Youth/Apprentice)	September 26 & 27
Deer (Early Antlerless)	September 5 – October 2
Deer (Either Sex)	October 3 – January 2
Deer (Late Antlerless)	January 3 – March 28

Areas

For a detailed map of all deer hunting areas see Appendix A.

Reservation

Reservations must be made using the iSportsman website between the hours of 1230 and 2400 on the day before you plan to hunt. Reservations must be cancelled before 0600 on the day of the reservation.

Bag Limits

There is no daily bag limit for deer on Fort Belvoir as long as hunters have all appropriate tags and follow the Earn a Buck (EAB) program regulations set by VDWR.

Chronic Waste Disease (CWD) Surveillance Program

All deer, with the exception of fawns, harvested on Fort Belvoir must have heads removed and submitted for CWD surveillance. Heads must be removed after checking deer at Building 778. Heads must be placed in freezer located at Building 780, 10101 Johnston Rd. Instructions for removal and submittal of information, as well as for taxidermy and European mounted bucks, will be located in freezer at Building 780. For more information regarding CWD go to

<https://dwr.virginia.gov/wildlife/diseases/cwd/>

Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP)

Two non – transferrable DMAP tags will be issued by Conservation Branch (Building 1442) staff to each qualified hunter upon request. DMAP tags are not required, hunters may use the tags provided to them by VDWR. Fort Belvoir DMAP tags are only valid for antlerless deer taken on Fort Belvoir. If both DMAP tags have been used to tag antlerless deer, additional DMAP tags are available upon request at Building 1442. Lost or stolen tags will not be replaced and shall be reported to the Conservation Branch.

Earn a Buck (EAB)

During a license year, it is unlawful to take a second antlered deer in Fairfax County prior to taking at least one antlerless deer in Fairfax County, and it is unlawful to take a third antlered deer in Fairfax County prior to taking at least two antlerless deer in Fairfax County (VDWR regulation).

Quality Deer Management (QDM)

The areas listed below have the following conditions: Harvested bucks must have at least four points on a side or an outside spread of at least 15 1/2 inches. Point length must be at least one inch. QDM restrictions do not apply to hunters under the age of 16 or Apprentice Hunters.

F-1	T-4	T-7	T-9A	W-1	W-6
F-2	T6B	T-8	T-10	W-3	W-7
T-1	T6C	T-9	T-17	W-5	

Housing Areas

The areas listed below are restricted to bowhunting only, from Monday – Friday from 30 minutes before sunrise to 1500. These areas are closed to hunting whenever Fairfax County Public Schools are closed. Only elevated tree stand hunting is permitted. Portable climbing treestands may be left overnight with climber attached/locked to platform so that it is rendered inaccessible. Lock – on style stands may be left over night as well as climbing sticks/steps. No sticks/steps are to be left on bottom 8 feet of tree so that it is rendered inaccessible. Steps/sticks may be installed at time of hunt.

H-1	H-2	H-4	H-5	H-6
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Tree Stands

- The following areas require the use of elevated tree stands. See “Housing Area” above for treestand requirements in Housing Areas. Tree stands may be used in other areas but are not required.

H-13	H-15	T-4	T-17	W-3	F-2
H-14	T-1	T-15A	F-3	F-4	

- Tree stand placement may be done during scouting season or during the regular deer season but only when the hunter has a scouting permit or a bowhunting permit. No hunter is to enter an area to place a tree stand without a permit and by checking in during authorized times.
- Tree stands are permitted to remain secured to a tree during normal hunting season at the owner’s risk. All tree stands must be removed from all hunting areas by the end of the deer hunting season, March 28, 2026. Tree stands left in a hunting area after this time may be removed and disposed of as abandoned property. Portable (climber and lock – on) tree stands, which are not permanently affixed, must be used.
- Tree saddles are permitted to be used.
- All tree stands must have the hunters permit number visibly displayed on the front or underside of the tree stand.

Safety Harness

The use of a serviceable safety harness while hunting from an elevated tree stand is mandatory.

Harvest Data

ALL deer harvested on Fort Belvoir must be taken to building 778, ODR (rear of building) by 2400 hours on the day harvested unless retrieved the following day. The following measurements are to be taken by the hunter, who must also enter the following biological data upon check – out via iSportsman:

- Date of Harvest
- Sex (Buck or Doe)
- Dressed Weight (live weights will not be accepted)
- Sloughing or splitting hooves (yes or no)
- Milk Present (does only- yes or no) – for instructions on checking for presence of milk go to iSportsman.
- Points
- Diameter of Antler in millimeters (taken between base and brow tine)
- Outside spread of antlers in inches
- Hunter’s Name
- Area Harvested
- Weapon Used
- Confirmation Number (provided by VDWR)
- Comments – anything worth noting about the animal

Jawbone and Jawbone Tag

Hunters must ensure that any deer harvested on Fort Belvoir has a lower jawbone (left or right side) removed, cleaned of as much hair/flesh as possible, with jawbone tag attached including deer number, hunter's name, and date of harvest on tag. Tools for removing the jawbone are located in the storage container. The jawbone must then be placed in the cage outside of ODR on the day the deer is harvested. Any jawbone that is broken or has teeth missing/broken will not be accepted, except that if both jawbone sides are broken or teeth missing/broken, both sides must be submitted and will be accepted. For instructions on removing a jawbone go to iSportsman or ask Conservation Branch staff for assistance if available. **HUNTERS WHO CHOOSE TO TAKE DEER TO TAXIDERMIST HAVE 30 CALENDAR DAYS TO COMPLY WITH THIS PARAGRAPH, FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN A SUSPENSION OF HUNTING PRIVILEGES.**

Tracking

Only registered hunters may track harvested game. Tracking after check – in time must be coordinated with the Conservation Branch by calling 703 – 915 – 5682 or the Fort Belvoir Police Department. No deer may be tracked into closed areas (e.g., training areas, security compounds, bald eagle nesting areas, etc.) or off of Fort Belvoir property without a Conservation Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO) present. Dogs may be used for tracking if registered as an approved tracking dog by the Conservation Branch.

Deer Processors

Deer harvested on Fort Belvoir may be taken to deer processors. Fort Belvoir does not maintain a list of processors but recommend contacting other hunters or various organizations, clubs, hunt groups, or visit <https://deerassociation.com/deer-processors/> for a list of processors near you.

Lottery

Lotteries are not utilized for deer hunting unless deemed necessary due to heavy demand. If necessary, notifications and instructions will be made available on iSportsman or sent to all permitted hunters via email. Attendance at the lottery is not required to hunt.

4.3. Turkey

Seasons

It is the responsibility of each hunter to know and follow the appropriate season and bag limits set by VDWR.

Fall Turkey	October 3 – November 13, November 25 & 26, November 30 – December 26, January 9 – January 23
Spring Turkey (Youth/Apprentice)	April 3 & 4
Spring Turkey	April 10 – May 15

Fall Turkey

May be hunted in areas established for deer hunting and in accordance with seasons and bag limits set by VDWR. Fort Belvoir does not have specific fall turkey tags; hunters are required to use those tags supplied with your Virginia hunting license.

Spring Turkey

Fort Belvoir does not have specific spring turkey tags; hunters are required to use those tags supplied with your Virginia hunting license.

Reservations

- Reservations for those chosen in the lottery April 10 – April 18, 2027, must be made using the iSportsman website between the hours of 1230 and 1800 on the day before you plan to hunt. Reservations must be cancelled before 0600 on the day of the reservation. If a reservation is not made by 1800, the spot becomes available to all other Fort Belvoir permitted bowhunters. For all other available spots not chosen in the lottery, reservations must be made using iSportsman only between the hours of 1800 and 2400 on the day before you choose to hunt.
- All reservations for April 19 – May 15, 2027 may be made between the hours of 1230 to 2400 on the day before you choose to hunt.
- Reservations may not be made on the same day you plan to hunt; available area slots may be checked into that day.

Zones

Fort Belvoir is divided into five zones for spring turkey hunting. For a detailed map of these zones see Appendix B.

Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5
F-1, F-2, T-6B, T-6C, T-7, T-8, T-9, T-9A, T-10, W-1, W-5, W-6, W-7	T-1, T-4, T-17, W-3	F-3, F-4, H-13, H-15	R-2A, T-16, W-4	N-2

Lottery

Lottery for opening day and following week will be held the Sunday before opening day. You do not need to participate in the lottery but it is recommended to guarantee a spot. To participate in the lottery you must be physically present. Lotteries are not conducted using the iSportsman lottery system and you do not use iSportsman to purchase a lottery ticket. If necessary, notifications and instructions will be made available on iSportsman or sent to all permitted hunters via email. After second Sunday of season, slots are first come first served.

Harvest data

All turkey harvested on Fort Belvoir must be taken to ODR by 2400 hours, with measurements taken by the hunter, and have the following biological data reported upon check – out via iSportsman:

- Date of Harvest
- Sex (Tom or Hen)
- Dressed Weight
- Right and Left Spur Length
- Beard Length
- Hunter's Name
- Zone Harvested
- Weapon Used
- Confirmation Number (provided by VDWR)

- Comments – anything worth noting about animal

Tracking

Only registered hunters can track harvested game. Tracking after check – in time must be coordinated with the Conservation Branch by calling 703 – 915 – 5682 or Fort Belvoir Police Department. No turkey may be tracked into closed areas (e.g., training areas, security compounds, bald eagle nesting areas, etc.) or off Fort Belvoir property without a CLEO present.

Hunter's Survey

The Conservation Branch requires each Spring Turkey hunter to fill out a daily report and submit at the end of the season. The survey can be found on the iSportsman website under the Activities Tab/Bowhunting or by contacting the Conservation Branch.

4.4. All Other Wildlife (coyote, fox, squirrel, etc.)

Seasons

It is the responsibility of each hunter to know and follow the appropriate season and bag limits set by VDWR.

4.5. Waterfowl

General

- All waterfowler hunters must take a Waterfowl Hunter Orientation. Orientation can be found under the “My Safety Briefs” of your account on iSportsman.
- Waterfowl Blind Information Guide is available at https://ftbelvoir.isportsman.net/files/Waterfowl_Blind_Information.pdf. This guide provides suggested routes to each waterfowl blind as well as conditions near and/or around each blind such as depth, structures, and substrate.
- During waterfowl season only, a minimum of two (2) hunters are required in order to make reservations and hunt in each waterfowl blind on Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays. This requirement does not apply to early resident Canada goose and may be adjusted throughout the season based upon hunter participation, success, and opportunity.
- All zones and waterfowl blinds will be open for early resident Canada goose season.
- All waterfowl hunters must provide proof of required Federal and Virginia hunting licenses, stamps, and permits to hunt waterfowl. Send documents to usarmy.belvoir.id-sustainment.mbx.hunting-fishing-program@army.mil. Fort Belvoir Waterfowl Permits will not be available for purchase until these documents are provided.

Permits

Except for Youth permits, all permits listed are required for patrons 16 years of age and older. The following waterfowl hunting permits are available for purchase for the 2026 – 2027 hunting season:

Permits for Active – Duty, Retired Military, DoD Civilians, Fed Civilians, Affiliated Dependents	Cost
Waterfowl Youth – Dependent Youth under the age of 16 to hunt waterfowl.	Free
Waterfowl Annual – Adult hunters (except for those with a Senior Citizen or Disabled Person waterfowl permit) to hunt waterfowl.	\$100
Waterfowl Senior Citizen – Senior Citizens (65 or older) to hunt waterfowl.	\$50
Waterfowl Disabled Person – Disabled Persons to hunt waterfowl.	\$20
Waterfowl 3-Day – All adult hunters to hunt waterfowl for three consecutive days from day of validation.	\$40
Waterfowl 1-Day – All adult hunters to hunt waterfowl for one day on day of validation.	\$20
Waterfowl Apprentice – All adult hunters who have a VDWR Apprentice License (with validation).	Free
Waterfowl Apprentice No-Weapon – All hunters who have a VDWR Apprentice License (with validation) or youth under the age of 16, who do not have a firearm while being supervised by a Fort Belvoir permitted waterfowler.	Free
Dependent – Affiliated – Waterfowl – All Dependent adult hunters to hunt waterfowl.	\$100

Permits for Non – Affiliated Guests	Cost
Waterfowl Youth – required for all hunters under the age of 16 to hunt waterfowl.	Free
Guest Permit – Waterfowl – Non – Affiliated guest hunters to hunt waterfowl.	\$100
Guest Permit – Senior Citizen 65+ - Waterfowl – required for all Non – Affiliated senior citizens 65 or older to hunt waterfowl.	\$50
Waterfowl Disabled Person – Disabled Persons to hunt waterfowl.	\$20

Season

It is the responsibility of each hunter to know and follow the appropriate season and bag limits set by VDWR and USFWS.

Reservations

- For waterfowl blinds chosen in the lottery, the Blind Leader must make the reservation using iSportsman only between the hours of 1230 and 1800 on the day before you choose to hunt. If a reservation is not made by 1800, the waterfowl blind becomes available to all other Fort Belvoir permitted waterfowl hunters.
- For all other available waterfowl blinds, reservations must be made using iSportsman only between the hours of 1800 and 2400 on the day before you choose to hunt.
- Reservations may not be made on the same day you plan to hunt; available waterfowl blinds may be checked into that day.
- Reservations may not be made for a waterfowl blind that has an existing reservation. Only waterfowl blinds indicating all spots available may be reserved. Those with less than available spots have already been reserved.

Check – in / Check – out

- All waterfowlers must use iSportsman to check in and out.
- All waterfowlers chosen in the lottery or with a reservation must check in by 0600. If not checked in by 0600, reservation is cancelled, and waterfowl blind is available to all Fort Belvoir permitted waterfowl hunters.
- PM waterfowl blinds must be checked into by 1500.
- If you do not have permission from the Blind Leader, you are not permitted to check into a waterfowl blind that is already reserved or checked into by another hunter. Waterfowl blinds may only be checked into if all spots are available and there are no reservations.
- Hunting is not permitted before 0500 on the day of the reservation.

Lottery

- Lotteries for waterfowl blinds will be held on Sundays at 1300 for the following Monday through Sunday at ODR or other designated location. Lottery order will be Saturday, Sunday, Friday, Holidays (if any), followed by all other weekdays.
- **You do not need to attend the lotteries in order to waterfowl hunt**; however it is recommended due to limited space and demand.
- To participate in the lottery you must be physically present. Lotteries are not conducted using the iSportsman lottery system and you do not use iSportsman to purchase a lottery ticket.
- Possession of firearms during the lottery is prohibited, nor are they permitted to be in vehicles or watercraft during the lottery.
- Individuals who are not present at the start of each lottery drawing may not enter the lottery for the day currently being drawn for, but may enter the drawing for each day thereafter.
- Individuals who wish to hunt alone will receive one chance in the lottery. Groups of 2 or more hunters will receive one chance in the lottery. Groups must be established before the lottery begins by submitting the names of each individual in the group. The hunter reserving the waterfowl blind is the leader. Hunters are only permitted to be in one group for each day.
- Individuals, and those individuals that are part of a group, may only reserve one waterfowl blind on Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays. A single waterfowl blind is a blind selected in either the AM or PM. Individuals, and those individuals that are part of a group may only reserve one waterfowl blind on weekdays Monday through Friday, through the lottery. Blinds not occupied throughout the week may be reserved by following the reservation procedures outlined in this manual.

Firearms

- All waterfowlers must register firearms annually.

- Firearms registration form can be found at Appendix F or https://home.army.mil/belvoir/application/files/6616/2828/0963/Weapon_Registration_Form_Fillable.pdf
- Email Form w/ SSN to usarmy.belvoir.imcom-atlantic.mbx.des-visitor-control-center@army.mil. Once form is signed by DES, email form to usarmy.belvoir.id-sustainment.mbx.hunting-fishing-program@army.mil. Do not take firearms to Visitor Control Center located at Tulley Gate. All registrations expire one year from date of issuance or August 31, 2026, whichever date comes first.
- A shotgun is the only authorized firearm for hunting waterfowl on Fort Belvoir.
- Transport of Firearms on Fort Belvoir must be in accordance with Fort Belvoir Regulation 190 – 2 (Military Police Motor Vehicle and Firearms Control), 9 August 2016.
- Shotguns must be cased and stored in a locked/secured portion of the vehicle, such as a trunk, truck toolbox or cab during transportation to and from authorized areas. Firearms must be unloaded and ammunition stored in a separate container.

Safety

Each hunter is responsible for the following items or actions:

- Ensuring a proper field of fire and identifying targets
- Not shooting at waterfowl behind waterfowl blinds, or from outside the blind (i.e., standing in front of the blind or on the side).
- PFD and Cold – Water Safety – see acknowledgement on iSportsman website.

Dogs

- Dogs participating in waterfowl hunting must be current with all county or residence licensing requirements.
- Hunters will ensure that dogs do not retrieve waterfowl on land and will maintain proper voice command over dogs at all times. Waterfowl hunters and their dogs are not permitted on Fort Belvoir property while hunting.
- While on Fort Belvoir, dogs must remain on a leash.

Watercraft Launching and Launch Sites

- Registration numbers from registered watercraft must be provided in personal account information in iSportsman.
- Persons are not authorized to beach or pull watercraft to shore at any location other than designated launch points.
- A hunter is not authorized to pick up or drop off additional hunters on the shoreline. Hunters must enter and exit watercraft from the site where the watercraft was launched.
- Watercraft may not be moored, tied, or docked at any location along the Fort Belvoir shoreline except for at the Fort Belvoir Marina.
- Watercraft may be carried into water at designated launch sites on Fort Belvoir and fuel powered motor installed or deployed. Follow best management practices for fuel

storage, refueling, and spill containment. If a fuel spill occurs, please contact the Fort Belvoir Fire Department.

- The following is list of locations approved for launching of watercraft and restrictions.

Launch Site	Restriction
- Castle Park Gravel Parking Lot - Bottom of Warren Road Paved Parking Lot - End of Johnston Road Paved Parking Lot - Fishing Pier near RV/Travel Camp	Limited to car top watercraft (canoe, kayak, jonboat, etc.), fuel powered and electric motor. Watercraft may be hand carried from a parking space to the launch site. Trailer launching is not authorized. At no time may a trailer be backed up to the launch site and into water and unloaded or loaded. Watercraft can be carried into water and fuel powered motor installed or deployed.
Fort Belvoir Marina	All watercraft including fuel powered motors may be launched at this site.
Off Installation Marinas (Pohick, Leesylvania, etc.)	Consult with marinas for restrictions.

Waterfowl Blinds

- Each waterfowl blind accommodates a maximum of three or four hunters depending upon size.
- Each waterfowl blind will have an AM and PM slot. Hunters occupying the AM slot are authorized to access the blind from 0500 – 1300 and must be checked out by 1300. Hunters occupying the PM slot are authorized to access the blind from 1300 until the end of legal hunting hours.
- If a PM blind is not reserved, those who have the AM blind reserved may reserve the PM blind on the day of the reservation by checking into the blind for the PM. All waterfowl blinds must be accessed by water, no blind may be accessed by land.
- There are 21 total waterfowl blinds. All blinds are box style blinds with the exception of Blind 8, 13, and Blind 26, which are pull – in boat blinds.
- Blinds 13/13A, 17/18, and 19/20 are paired blinds. When a blind is reserved, the other paired blind will be closed during the time of that reservation.

Waterfowl Zones

- 21 waterfowl blinds are divided into two zones. For a detailed map of waterfowl blinds and zones see Appendix A.
- Waterfowl Zones are open to hunting on a rotational basis to provide resting and foraging areas for bald eagles and waterfowl. For the Waterfowl Zone Schedule see Appendix E.
- Only waterfowl blinds within the open zone will be hunted. All other blinds are closed and off limits to hunting.

Zone 1	Zone 2
7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 13A, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18	19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26

Icy Conditions

Waterfowl blinds may be closed due to icy conditions. Hunters will be notified of closures by way of email and text message sent by iSportsman. Hunters are not authorized to leave watercraft to break ice or clear pathways. Dangerous conditions should be reported to the Conservation Branch or Fort Belvoir Police.

Waterfowl Retrieval

No hunter is authorized to access Fort Belvoir property to retrieve waterfowl without prior approval from a CLEO. Entering Fort Belvoir without permission is trespassing. If harvested or wounded waterfowl land on Fort Belvoir Property, the responsible hunter will call the Fort Belvoir Police Department at 703 – 806 – 3104 and notify a CLEO of the location of the game. Training Areas are always off limits for hunters.

Personal Boat Blinds

Hunters may not use personal boat blinds to substitute for any Fort Belvoir licensed blind. For those hunters using waterfowl blinds 8 and 26, which are designated as a “Pull-in Blind”, the use of erectable blinds attached to the boat is permitted.

Decoys

Hunters are required to pick up decoys after each hunt. No decoys may be left overnight.

Harvest Data

Hunters must report any waterfowl harvested on Fort Belvoir by reporting the following data upon check – out via iSportsman:

- Species
- Number of each species

5. Fishing

General

- Destruction and/or alteration of fishing piers is prohibited.
- Public dumpsters and garbage cans on Fort Belvoir are not to be used for the deposit of any fish carcasses or remains.
- Fishing from bridges is prohibited.
- Fishing contests/tournaments, with the exception of DFMWR sponsored events, are prohibited without prior written approval of the Garrison Commander.
- Release of fish other than those caught while fishing (stocking, bait bucket) is prohibited in waters within the boundaries of Fort Belvoir and the Fort Belvoir shoreline.
- Snapping turtles may be harvested in accordance with VDWR season and creel limits. Harvest of all other species of turtles is prohibited.
- The use of live bait is permitted. Live bait may be purchased outside of Fort Belvoir and may also be purchased at ODR.
- The use of trot lines is prohibited.

- Fishing line must be disposed of in proper trash containers and not left where it can become litter and possibly entangle fish and wildlife.
- Bowfishing is not authorized on bodies of water within the boundaries of Fort Belvoir or from Fort Belvoir shorelines. Bowfishing is permitted in authorized areas from watercraft launched from Fort Belvoir.
- Fishing along the shoreline (Patrick Beach) located at end of Patrick Road is prohibited.
- Magnet fishing is prohibited on Fort Belvoir.

Permits

Except for Youth permits, all permits listed are required for those 16 years of age and older. The following fishing permits for the 2026 – 2027 season are available for purchase and are valid for one year from the date of purchase, except for one- and three-day permits:

Permits for Active – Duty, Retired Military, DoD Civilians, Fed Civilians, Affiliated Dependents	Cost
Fishing Youth – Dependent Youth anglers under the age of 16 to fish.	Free
Fishing Annual – Adult anglers (except for those with a Youth, Senior Citizen, Disabled Persons, or Group Permit) to fish.	\$20
Fishing Senior Citizen – Senior Citizens (65 or older) to fish.	\$10
Fishing Disabled Person – Disabled Persons to fish.	\$10
Fishing 3-Day – All adult anglers to fish for three consecutive days from day of validation.	\$10
Fishing 1-Day – All adult anglers to fish for one day on day of validation.	\$5
Fishing Group Permit Annual – required for Fort Belvoir officially recognized organizations to participate in organized fishing events of more than 2 persons, available upon request by calling Conservation Branch.	\$10
Dependent – Affiliated – Fishing – All Dependent adult anglers to fish.	\$20

Permits for Non – Affiliated Guests	Cost
Fishing Youth – Non – Affiliated Youth anglers under the age of 16 to fish.	Free
Guest Permit – Fishing – Non – Affiliated guest anglers to fish.	\$20
Guest Permit – Senior Citizen 65+ Fishing – Non – Affiliated Senior Citizens (65 or older) to fish.	\$10
Fishing Disabled Person – Disabled persons to fish.	\$10

Seasons

It is the responsibility of each angler to know and follow the appropriate season and creel limits set by VDWR.

Reservations

Reservations are not required for fishing on Fort Belvoir, however fishing is not permitted without proper permits.

Check – in / Check – out

- Anglers are required to check – in/out using iSportsman.
- Anglers wishing to change areas must check out from current area before checking into a new area.
- Anglers must check – out of an area within one hour after vacating the fishing area and report their catch using iSportsman.
- Group Permit holders must designate a POC to purchase permit and check – in/out of areas. POC is responsible for notifying the Conservation Branch via phone or email and reporting the number of persons participating under the Group Permit.

Seasons and Creel Limits

- Fort Belvoir follows all season and creel limits established by the VDWR. For a list of seasons and creel limits visit www.dwr.virginia.gov.
- Rainbow trout daily creel limit is 6 per day for Mulligan Pond. A VDWR trout stamp is not required to fish for trout in Mulligan Pond.
- It is the responsibility of each person to know and follow the appropriate seasons and creel limits.

Harvest Data

Anglers must report any fish harvested on Fort Belvoir by reporting the following data upon check – out via iSportsman:

- Species
- Number of each species

Safety

- The Potomac River, Accotink Creek, Dogue Creek and all other natural bodies of water located within the Fort Belvoir installation are off – limits to all swimmers.
- The Potomac River, Accotink Creek, Dogue Creek, Mulligan Pond, Golf Course Pond and all other natural bodies of water located within the Fort Belvoir installation are off – limits to all personnel when covered by ice. Ice Fishing is not permitted.
- Children under the age of 13 years of age are required by federal law to wear appropriate Coast Guard approved PFD at all times while onboard any watercraft launched from Fort Belvoir.
- **WARNING: A health advisory exists for eating fish harvested from the waters surrounding Fort Belvoir. Large channel catfish, carp, and eel from the Potomac River may contain polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). Eating fish containing PCBs may increase the lifetime risk of cancer or other adverse health effects. The general public is cautioned to eat no more than one 8oz meal per month of channel catfish larger than 18 inches, carp, and eel from these waters. For more**

info contact the VA Dept of Health 1-804-786-1763 or
<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/environmental-health/public-health-toxicology/fish-consumption-advisory/>

Areas

For a detailed map of all fishing locations, see Appendix A. The following areas are approved for fishing on Fort Belvoir:

- **Mulligan Pond** – this 2.5 – acre pond is located within JMAWR. The pond can be accessed from the parking lot of JMAWR along Pole Road. The pond features stocked rainbow and brook trout, and warmwater species such as catfish, sunfish, carp, and largemouth bass. Fishing is permitted from dawn to dusk.
- **Golf Course Pond** – this 2.5 – acre pond is located on the Fort Belvoir Golf Course between holes #1 and #2 of the Gunston Course. Parking is available at the H – 13 Hunting Area Parking lot. Anglers must be courteous to those using the golf course and must not interfere with golf course activities. Fishing is permitted from dawn to dusk.
- **Fort Belvoir Shoreline** – there are nearly 2.2 miles of shoreline accessible for fishing in designated areas. Those wanting to fish along the shoreline should consult fishing map for approved locations on iSportsman.
- **Tompkins Basin** – fishing is permitted 24 hours per day.
- **All Other Approved Shoreline** – fishing is permitted from dawn to dusk.

Watercraft Launching and Launch Sites

See Appendix A.

Watercraft

For rules and procedures regarding the use of watercraft, see Section 6.

6. Watercraft

General

- Watercraft to include but not limited to canoes, kayaks, paddleboards, inflatable rafts, boats, sailboats, windsurfing, and all other watercraft that are carried from vehicle/trailer and into water are permitted to be launched at designated launch sites (see below).
- Customers who rent watercraft from ODR, or store watercraft at the Fort Belvoir Marina are not required to purchase a permit for launching.
- Registration numbers from registered watercraft must be provided in personal account information.

Permits

The following permits for 2026 – 2027 are required to launch watercraft at Fort Belvoir and are valid for one year from the date of purchase, except for the 1 – Day Permit:

Permits for Active – Duty, Retired Military, DoD Civilians, Fed Civilians, Affiliated Dependents	Cost
Watercraft Launching Annual – All patrons to launch non – motorized watercraft	\$20
Watercraft Launching 1- Day – All patrons to launch non – motorized watercraft for one day on day of validation.	\$5
Watercraft Launching Group Permit Annual – required for Fort Belvoir officially recognized organizations to participate in organized watercraft events of more than 2 persons, available upon request by calling Conservation Branch.	\$20
Dependent – Affiliated – Watercraft – All Dependent Youth and Adult patrons to launch non – motorized watercraft.	\$20

Permits for Non – Affiliated Guests	Cost
Guest Permit – Watercraft – Non – Affiliated guests to launch non – motorized watercraft.	\$20

Reservations

Reservations are not required for watercraft launching on Fort Belvoir however watercraft launching is not permitted without proper permits.

Check – in / Check – out

- All persons launching watercraft are required to check – in/out using iSportsman.
- Persons wishing to change areas must check out from current area before checking in to a new area.
- Watercraft launching is permitted from dawn to dusk.
- All persons launching watercraft must check – out of an area within one hour after vacating the area.
- Group Permit holders must designate a Point of Contact (POC) to purchase permit and check – in/out of areas. POC is responsible for notifying the Conservation Branch via phone or email and reporting the number of persons participating under the Group Permit.

Seasons

There are no specified seasons for watercraft launching on Fort Belvoir. Launch sites are open year – round unless closed for mission activities, safety, maintenance etc.

Safety

- Swimming is not permitted from the Fort Belvoir shoreline.
- The Potomac River, Accotink Creek, Dogue Creek, Mulligan Pond, Golf Course Pond and all other natural bodies of water located within the Fort Belvoir installation are off – limits to all personnel when covered by ice.
- Waterways surrounding Fort Belvoir are influenced by weather, tides, ice, wind, vegetation, silt and sediment, and other watercraft.

Areas

See Watercraft Launching on Page 18 for a list of areas to launch watercraft.

Watercraft Launching

See Page 18.

7. Watercraft recreation, Hunting, and Fishing Review Board (WRHFRB)

Purpose

- The WRHFRB reviews major watercraft recreation, hunting, and fishing offenses and violations of (to include but not limited to) Fort Belvoir policies, memoranda, and all local, state, and federal laws. The WRHFRB is comprised of representatives from DPW, DPTMS, DES, and DFMWR.
- The WRHFRB may recommend changes to the status of a participant's privileges on the Fort Belvoir military installation. The Garrison Commander has the authority to take those actions necessary to maintain morale, welfare, and safety on Fort Belvoir. The commander's authority includes the power to restrict or deny on – installation privileges to participants who commit offenses and/or violations on Fort Belvoir. In this regard, the Garrison Commander delegates his/her decision authority to the Director of the Directorate of Public Works (DPW). The WRHFRB will review offenses and violations and make a written recommendation on privilege restriction and/or status change to the DPW, who will then make the final decision and notify the participant.
- DPW and DES are authorized to suspend participants on the spot for violations and/or offenses. DPW will assign holds to the violator's account and prohibit access to checking in and out of activities using iSportsman.

Minor Violation/Offense

- Minor violations/offenses include but are not limited to violations of regulations; failing to check in or out by the required time; parking vehicles or launching boats from a trailer in an unauthorized area; falsifying information on a participant's account registration; failing to display properly a parking permit; failing to turn in a harvested deer jaw bone at check – in; attempting to monopolize hunting slots by making slot reservations and canceling; failing to cancel a reservation within the specified timeframe; failing to maintain current information on the account registration; failing to report promptly accurate fish and game harvest data, violation of the QDM program.
- A warning is given for first minor violation/offense. A one week suspension is given for the 2nd offense. A two week suspension is given for the 3rd offense, and so – on. Warnings and suspensions carry over each season and are recorded under each individual's account in the "Notes" section.
- Minor violations/offenses may warrant automatic suspensions of up to 30 days. The length of the suspension will vary based on the circumstances of the minor violation and/or offense. The DPW – Conservation Branch and the DES may suspend participants for minor violations and offenses without involving the WRHFRB process.

- Participants may request that a minor violation be reviewed by the WRHFRB. If this request is granted, the WRHFRB process would start at Phase 3 of Process (page 25).

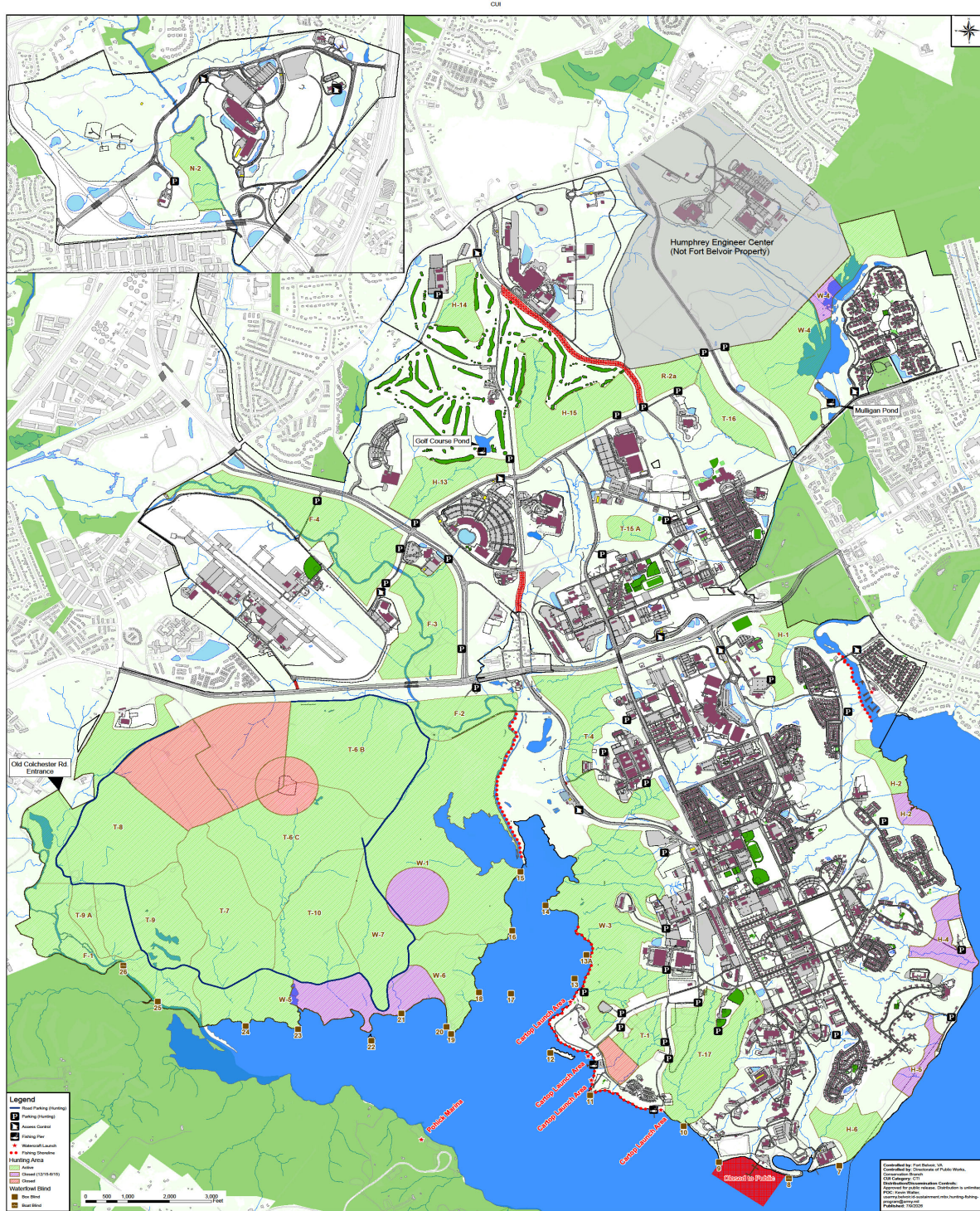
Major Violations/Offense

- Any criminal act
- Trespassing in closed/restricted areas and/or aiding unauthorized trespass of others
- Unruly or Unsafe Behavior

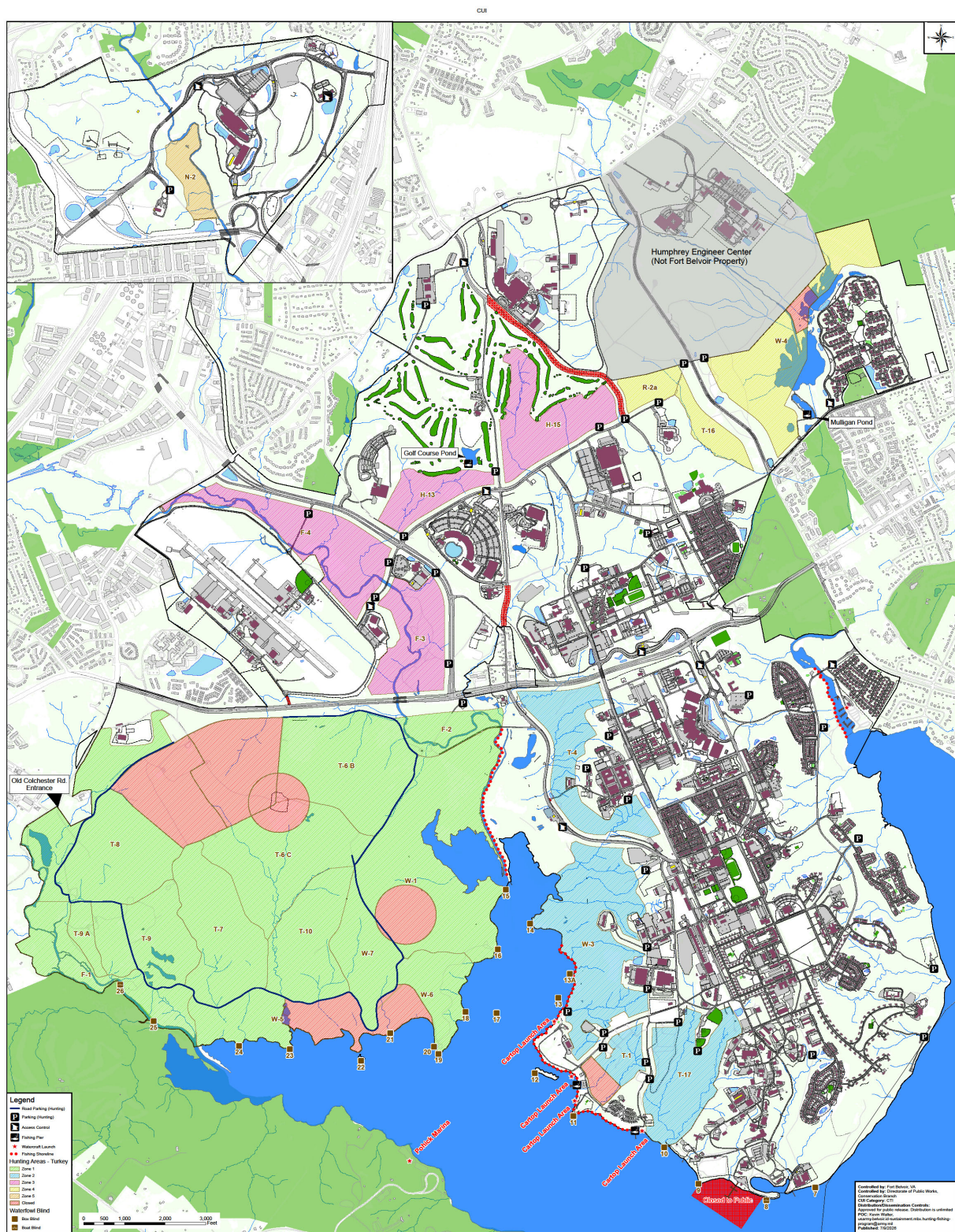
Process

- **PHASE 1:** Participant Notification – The DPW – Conservation Branch and/or the CLEO will provide notice of the alleged major violation and/or offense to the participant, at which time the participant will be suspended indefinitely.
- **PHASE 2:** WRHFRB Notification – The DPW – Conservation Branch and/or the CLEO will notify the WRHFRB that there has been a major violation and/or offense and to expect a written rebuttal from the participant within 30 calendar days.
- **PHASE 3:** The Written Rebuttal – Participants who receive a violation notification will be provided the opportunity to submit a written rebuttal. The rebuttal must be received within 30 calendar days of the notice. The participant will remain suspended until a rebuttal is received, reviewed by the WRHFRB, and a final decision is made by the DPW. If a rebuttal is not provided to the WRHFRB by the participant within 30 calendar days of official notice, the WRHFRB will proceed in making a final recommendation to the DPW without information from the participant. Failure to successfully rebut within 30 calendar days may result in permanent privilege and status loss.
- **PHASE 4:** WRHFRB Discussion – All members of the WRHFRB or their representatives will meet to discuss the received written rebuttals, as needed. Rebuttals received from participants will be reviewed by the WRHFRB within 10 business days.
- **PHASE 5:** Written Recommendation – The WRHFRB will make decisions by majority vote and make a written privilege or status change recommendation to the DPW.
- **PHASE 6:** DPW Final Decision – The Director will review the WRHFRB recommendation and within 10 business days provide the participant with a final written decision.
- **PHASE 7:** Option for Appeal – The participant may appeal the final decision and outcome of the WRHFRB process to the Garrison Commander.

A. Hunting, Fishing, Watercraft Launch Sites Map 2026 – 2027



B. Turkey Hunting Map 2026 – 2027



C. Bowhunting Parking Areas 2026 – 2027

Area	#	Location	GPS Coordinate	
			Latitude	Longitude
F1, F2, T6B, T6C, T7, T8, T9, T9A, T10, W1, W5, W6, W7		Along Poe Road		
F3	1	Southeast corner of Mosby Reserve Center, outside of fence along FFX CO Pkwy south	N 38° 43'00.1"	W 077° 09'55.0"
	2	West of Farrar Road bridge	N 38° 42'54.2"	W 077° 10'13.9"
	3	End of guard rail, along FFX CO Pkwy south, utility right of way entrance.	N 38° 42'37.3"	W 077° 09'51.4"
F4	1	Ehlers Road, park on right before gate, do not block entrance.	N 38° 43'15.2"	W 077° 10'34.2"
	2	West of Farrar Road bridge	N 38° 42'54.2"	W 077° 10'13.9"
	3	East of Farrar Road bridge	N 38° 43'2.8"	W 077° 10'9.5"
H1	1	Northeast corner of Community Club parking lot	N 38° 42'28.4"	W 077° 08'18.5"
H2	1	Gated dirt road east of Mount Vernon Road, park in front of gate	N 38° 42'18.8"	W 077° 07' 55.4"
	2	Electric substation located at intersection of Gillespie and Barlow Rds. Drive down access road and park on left.	N 38° 41'52.2"	W 077° 07'45.3"
H4	1	Directions: Take Jadwin Loop to gate. Drive .1 miles down hill, parking spot is on left marked by "P" sign.	N 38° 41'19.9	W 077° 07'24.6"
H5	1	End of Patrick Road, do not block entry to residences	N 38° 41'02.4"	W 077° 07'25.9"
H6	1	Directions: From 23 rd Street turn onto Putnam Rd, turn left behind Building 320, follow dirt road to right of electric substation, then follow dirt road behind Visiting Officers Quarters Building 509. Proceed to end of road, parking is on the right in front of electrical box.	N 38° 40'57.5"	W 077° 08'00.8"
H13	1	West of Beulah Rd, before golf course	N 38° 43'25.2"	W 077° 09'36.0"
	2	Intersection of Kingman Road and FFX Co Pkwy	N 38° 43'09.3"	W 077° 10'04.7"

H14	1	Southwest corner of golf course maintenance area	N 38° 44'07.0"	W 077° 09'56.8"
H15	1	West of Beulah Rd, before golf course	N 38° 43'25.2"	W 077° 09'36.0"
	2	North of Kingman Rd between Gunston and Woodlawn Roads	N 38° 43'35.9"	W 077° 09'03.6"
	3	Intersection of Kingman Rd and Woodlawn Rd	N 38° 43'37.8"	W 077° 08'55.6"
N2	1	Turn onto Heller Rd, travel .12 miles, parking is straight ahead in front of jersey barrier.	N 38° 44'54.9"	W 077° 12'08.3"
R2A	1	North of Kingman Rd gate, on left	N 38° 43'41.8"	W 077° 08'45.1"
T1	1	South of Warren Rd	N 38° 41'00.9"	W 077° 09'05.4"
	2	West of Morrow Rd	N 38° 40'57.1"	W 077° 08'52.2"
T4	1	Northwest corner of Building 1484	N 38° 42'10.7"	W 077° 09'09.2"
	2	Behind Building 1422	N 38° 42'02.7"	W 077° 08'56.5"
	3	Drive north on Gunston Rd, turn left onto Jackson Loop, make immediate right onto old railroad bed. Drive approximately .15 miles, parking is on right. Do not park at Precision Tune.	N 38° 42'18.7"	W 077° 09'02.1"
T15A	1	Northwest corner of parking lot behind swimming pool along Wright Rd	N 38° 43'09.1"	W 077° 08'49.2"
	2	Behind MP Station	N 38° 43'00.7"	W 077° 09'08.7"
T16	1	North of Kingman Rd gate on left	N 38° 43'41.8"	W 077° 08'45.1"
	2	End of Kingman Rd, on right or left, before overpass. Do not block Kingman Rd.	N 38° 43'51.4"	W 077° 08'37.1"
T17	1	Behind ball fields	N 38° 40'59.7"	W 077° 08'36.1"
	2	Beginning of maintenance road running north/south from Vet Clinic to Morrow Rd	N 38° 40'52.9"	W 077° 08'51.1"
	3	End of maintenance road running north/south from Vet Clinic to Morrow Rd	N 38° 41'07.0"	W 077° 08'42.0"
W3	1	Archery range and Basin Trailhead parking lot	N 38° 41'10.0"	W 077° 09'16.2"
	2	Southwest corner of parking lot behind Building 767, do not block gate, park to the side of entrance.	N 38° 41'15.8"	W 077° 08'51.5"
	3	16 th St/Pratt Rd gate- DO NOT BLOCK GATE	N 38° 41'25.8"	W 077° 08'51.3"
	4	West corner of parking lot, south of Building 1132	N 38° 41'45.0"	W 077° 08'51.4"
	5	Top of Warren Rd- Entrance to "Johnson Controls" fenced compound	N 38° 41'04.5"	W 077° 09'05.0"
W4	1	End of Kingman Rd, on right or left, before overpass. Do not block Kingman Rd.	N 38° 43'51.4"	W 077° 08'37.1"

	2	Drive on Kingman Rd, pass under Jeff Todd Way, proceed .05 miles, parking on left to the north of Kingman Rd.	N 38° 43'52.8"	W 77° 08'30.8"
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D. Bowhunting Special Area Restrictions 2026 – 2027

Area	Restriction
F-2	This is the flood plain area between Pohick and Poe Roads. The boundaries are north of Poe Road, south of Route 1, and east of Accotink Creek. The Fairfax County homeless shelter is off limits. Only elevated stand hunting is permitted.
F-3/F-4	Bordered by Telegraph Road to the north, Fairfax County Parkway to the east, and the Davison Army Airfield to the south and west. Only elevated stand hunting is permitted. No hunting within Anderson Park.
H-1	Located north and east of the Community Center parking lot and bordered to the south by Surveyor Road and on the north by the Fort Belvoir property line. Only elevated stand hunting is permitted.
H-2	Bordered by Dogue Creek tidal flats to the east and the dirt road to the southwest. Deer removal is permitted from the parking area only. The southern half of H-2, marked by red flagging along the drainage ditch behind Markham School, will be closed from December 15, 2026. through the remainder of the hunting season. Only elevated stand hunting is permitted.
H-4	Located between the sewage lift station below Jadwin Loop and the Officer's Club. The area will be closed from December 15, 2026 through the remainder of the hunting season. Only elevated stand hunting is permitted.
H-5	Bordered by the Potomac River to the east and Belvoir Village Housing to the west. Bordered by Patrick Road to the north and Fairfax Ruins to the south. The area will be closed from December 15, 2026 through the remainder of the hunting season. Only elevated stand hunting is permitted.
H-6	Bordered by CRML Compound fence to the south and by Fairfax Village Housing and a dirt road leading into the pump station at Fairfax Ruins to the north. Bordered by the Potomac River to the east and to the west by the old perimeter fence road at the R&D Center. Only elevated stand hunting is permitted.
H-13	Bordered clockwise from the north by the National Museum of the US Army, North Post Golf Course, Beulah Road, and J.J. Kingman Road. Only elevated stand hunting is permitted.
H-14	Bordered on the south and east by the North Post Golf Course and on the north and west by the golf maintenance compound and access roads. Only elevated stand hunting is permitted.
H-15	Bordered by Woodlawn Road, J.J. Kingman Road, Beulah Road, and the golf course. Only elevated stand hunting is permitted.
N-2	Located at the Belvoir North Area. Bordered to the east by Accotink Creek, Barta Road to the north, Heller Road to the west, and Fairfax County Parkway to the south. Parking area is located .12 miles straight ahead in front of jersey barrier.
T-1	Deer removal is permitted from parking area only. No hunting within fenced area along Johnson and Warren Roads. No hunting from eastern fence boundary to stream drainage marked by red flagging. Only elevated stand hunting is permitted.
T-4	Located between Pohick and Gunston Roads, and bordered to the north by Route 1, and to the south by Building 1089. Only elevated stand hunting is permitted.
T-6B	No hunting west of paved road running south from Poe Road to fenced compound. No hunting within 250 yards of the fenced compound between T-6B and T-6C. The restriction on entering the closed area will be strictly enforced. Hunters are prohibited from entering the area to until DES is notified (703) 806-3104 and a CLEO is present. No hunting on the Cullum Woods landfill located in the northwest corner of T-6B.

T-6C	No hunting within 250 yards of the fenced compound between areas T-6B and T-6C. The boundary is marked with red flagging. The restriction on entering the closed area will be strictly enforced. Hunters are prohibited from entering the area until DES is notified (703) 806-3104 and a CLEO is present.
T-8	No hunting in area within eastern boundary of T-8, north to Poe Road, south to T-7 and T-6C, and to the west marked by signs which read "Danger- Unexploded Ordnance- Do Not Enter". The restriction on entering the closed area will be strictly enforced. Hunters are prohibited from entering the area until DES is notified (703) 806-3104 and a CLEO is present.
T-15A	Bordered to the north by Gorgas Road, to the south by Abbott Road, and to the west by Gunston Road. Only elevated stand hunting is permitted.
T-16	Located east of the intersection of Woodlawn and J.J. Kingman Roads. Bordered by Meeres Road to the south, Jeff Todd Way to the east, and R-2A to the north. The no hunting area is delineated by natural drainages and is marked by red flagging. Hunters are prohibited from entering the flagged area until DES is notified (703) 806-3104 and a CLEO is present.
T-17	Bordered to the west by Morrow Road, to the north by the ball fields, to the east by the R&D Center perimeter fence, and to the south by the Gunston Cove shoreline. Only elevated stand hunting is permitted.
W-1	The bald eagle management area is located in the southwest corner of W-1 and marked with red flagging and will be closed December 15, 2026 through the remainder of the season. The restriction on entering the bald eagle management area will be strictly enforced. Hunters are prohibited from entering the closed area until DES is notified (703) 806-3104 and a CLEO is present.
W-3	The boundaries are located south of Pohick Road, southeast of the road that divides W-2 and W-3, north of Warren Road, east of Accotink Creek, and west of Tracy Loop. Game is only to be removed from the parking areas. Only elevated stand hunting is permitted.
W-4	Bordered by J.J. Kingman Road to the north, Jeff Todd Way to the west, and Dogue Creek on the east. Access is from Kingman Rd by driving to locked gate and accessing combination lock, then driving under Jeff Todd Way via Kingman Road to parking area. No parking or deer removal from Woodlawn Village. The bald eagle management area is located in the middle of W-4 and marked with red flagging and will be closed December 15, 2026 through the remainder of the season. The restriction on entering the bald eagle management area will be strictly enforced. Hunters are prohibited from entering the closed area until DES is notified (703) 806-3104 and a CLEO is present.
W-5	The bald eagle management area extends from the eastern boundary of W-5 to the unnamed stream running north/south through the middle of W-5, marked with red flagging, and will be closed from December 15, 2026 through the remainder of the season. The restriction on entering the bald eagle management area will be strictly enforced. Hunters are prohibited from entering the closed area until DES is notified (703) 806-3104 and a CLEO is present.
W-6	The bald eagle management area extends from the western boundary of W-6 along Poe Road to the access road running north/south through W-6, marked with red flagging, and will be closed from December 15, 2026 through the remainder of the season. The restriction on entering the bald eagle management area will be strictly enforced. Hunters are prohibited from entering the closed area until DES is notified (703) 806-3104 and a CLEO is present.

E. Waterfowl Zone Schedule 2026 – 2027

Week Of	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Aug – 5 Sept	*	*	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL
6 - 12 Sept	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL
13 - 19 Sept	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL
20 - 26 Sept	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL
27 Sept – 3 Oct	ALL	*	*	*	*	*	*
4 - 10 Oct	*	*	*	*	*	2	ALL
11 - 17 Oct	1	ALL	*	*	*	*	*
18 - 24 Oct	*	*	*	*	*	*	Youth /Veterans -ALL
15 - 21 Nov	*	*	*	2	*	1	ALL
22 – 28 Nov	2	1	*	1	ALL ½ Day (no PM)	2	ALL
29 Nov – 5 Dec	1	*	*	*	*	*	*
13 - 19 Dec	*	*	*	*	*	*	ALL
20 - 26 Dec	1	2	*	1	ALL ½ Day (no PM)	CLOSED	ALL
27 Dec - 2 Jan	2	1	*	2	ALL ½ Day (no PM)	1	ALL
3 - 9 Jan	CLOSED	2	*	1	*	2	ALL
10 - 16 Jan	2	1	*	2	*	1	ALL
17 - 23 Jan	1	ALL	*	1	*	2	ALL
24 – 30 Jan	1	2	*	2	*	1	ALL
31 Jan – 6 Feb	2	*	*	*	*	*	Youth/Veterans - ALL

Zone 1: Blinds 7 – 18 – Gunston Cove and Accotink Bay Shoreline

Zone 2: Blinds 19 – 26 – Pohick Creek and Pohick Bay Shorelines

Notes:

Any blank fields (*) are closed to waterfowl hunting.

Zone 1 – Blind 7 will only be open on Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays.

Zone 2 – Blind 21 will be closed December 15 for the remainder of the season.

F. Waterfowl Weapons Registration Form

WEAPON REGISTRATION

write legibly

SSN (Full SSN required): _____ Home Phone: _____
 Last Name: _____ Work Phone: _____
 First Name: _____ Email Address: _____
 Grade/Rank: _____ Home Address: _____
 Date of Birth: _____
 Gender: Male Female Height _____ ft _____ in Weight _____
 Unit Address: _____
 Hair Color: _____ Eye Color: _____
 Martial Status: _____ Race: _____ UIC: _____
 List of Occupants with ages: _____

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITY: Title 10, USC 3012.

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: To facilitate MP in gathering required information on personnel maintaining weapons on post.

ROUTINE USES: Information is maintained on file and used to identify privately owned weapons on Fort Belvoir.

MANDATORY DISCLOSURE AND EFFECT ON INDIVIDUAL NOT PROVIDING INFORMATION: Personnel not disclosing information will not be permitted to maintain a weapon on Fort Belvoir.

FB (PM) FM 100

1 Oct 04 (Rev) Previous edition dated 1 Nov 03 is obsolete

write legibly

Serial #	Type (ie: pistol, shotgun, rifle, etc.)	Make / Brand	Model	Caliber / Gauge	Barrel Length
01					
02					
03					
04					
05					
06					
07					

A friendly reminder: Weapons should be secured and unloaded to prevent accidents/unauthorized use.

This permits you to keep the above listed firearm(s) in family or bachelor type quarters or in the unit arms room never in troops quarters. This is not a hunting permit.

OWNER'S SIGNATURE _____

PMO REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE _____

COMMANDER'S NAME (print) _____

DATE _____

COMMANDER'S SIGNATURE _____

**** ES's and below Commander signature is required. If your spouse is registering the weapon a commander signature is still required ****

G. iSportsman Permit and Vehicle Pass Example



Fort Belvoir

NAME Admin (isportsman), Test NUMBER 508733

ADDRESS 1505 Hunter Drive, Virginia Beach VA

PHONE (757) 889-6523 STATUS Non-affiliated -

FROM July 18, 2024 TO July 18, 2024



0 00005 08733 4

PERMITS	START DATE	END DATE
Admin Permit	Jul 18, 2024	18 Jul 2024



Vehicle Pass

gyt4569 VA

PERMIT 508733 FROM July 18, 2024 TO July 18, 2024

PERMITS	START DATE	END DATE
Admin Permit	Jul 18, 2024	18 Jul 2024

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