

Little Rock Air Force Base Hunting Rules 2023-2024 Season ***New rules and changes are highlighted.**

Arkansas Game & Fish Commission's hunting rules apply to Little Rock Air Force Base. These base hunting rules supplement the Commission's rules and, in some cases, impose more restrictive limitations. **Questions/comments should be directed to**

Mr. Austin Heffington- Hunting & Fishing Program Manager, at (501) 987-5211

Deer Hunting Season:

Archery: 23 Sep 2023 - 29 Feb 2024

Muzzleloader: 23-29 Oct and 9-11 Dec 2023

Youth Modern Gun: 4-5 Nov 2023, and 6-7 Jan 2024

Modern Gun: 11 Nov - 3 Dec and 26-28 Dec 2023

Private Land Antlerless Only Modern Gun Hunt: 29-31 Dec 2023

Turkey Hunting Season: 15 Apr - 5 May 2024

Youth Turkey Season: 6-7 Apr 2024

*****FAILURE TO FOLLOWING LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE HUNTING RULES WILL RESULT IN REVOCATION OF INSTALLATION HUNTING PRIVILEGES*****

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

1. User groups who are authorized to hunt on the LRAFB are:

- a) Active Duty/Dependents
- b) DoD employees
- c) DoD Retirees
- d) Guest of 1a, 1b, and 1c (Member is allowed and responsible for ONE guest and must be in same hunting area. All guest hunters must have a base hunting permit and follow all safety requirements. Any guest of a hunter needs to process through NCIC if they do not already have a visitors pass or other pass regardless of Trusted Traveler Program to help alleviate unwanted persons carrying a weapon on the installation.)

2. To hunt on this installation, you will need:

- a) A valid state hunting license for the defined year
- b) A base hunting permit (valid from purchase date to 31 Aug 2024)
- c) DOD ID
- d) Military personnel on leave from an overseas duty station may hunt on-base for free. All they need is a copy of their leave orders and military ID.
- e) Keep these items with you or at your vehicle: A copy of these hunting rules and LRAFB Form 20, Parking Permit.
- f) Keep permit on dash of vehicle when scouting or hunting where it can be seen by security personnel or vehicle will be towed. If born after 1968, must have the 10-hour hunter safety course with card; Arkansas accepts other states.

3. The weapon types are allowed during the following seasons:

- a) Deer Season: Shotgun (**buckshot and slugs are allowed**) Archery (Bow or Crossbow), Muzzleloader
- b) Turkey Season: Shotgun (Small-game bird shot 4-9 only, no duplex 4/2 shot)

4. The weapon types prohibited at all times are:

- a) Rifles (rim fire or centerfire) and handguns of any caliber.

5. The types of game that can be hunted on the LRAFB are:

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

- a) Deer: Leashed dogs may be allowed to track wounded deer only. Season dates above. **ML hunting will start on Monday 23 Oct after the airshow.**
- b) Rabbits: 1 Sep 2023 – 29 Feb 2024. No dogs.
- c) Quail: 1 Nov 2023 – 5 Feb 2024. Dogs can be used if controlled.
- d) Squirrel: 1 August 2023 – 29 Feb 2024. Dogs can be used if controlled.
- e) Turkey: No dogs. No hunting turkey over bait. Season dates above.

Note: Small game hunting is allowed in all gun areas except during deer gun season (All modern gun and muzzleloader hunts).

6. DOE/COYOTE-BEFORE-BUCK IS IN EFFECT BASE WIDE.

- a) A hunter must harvest a doe or coyote before harvesting a buck. Doe before buck rule will be lifted once **50 DOES** are harvested. Coyotes will only count for a hunter's personal substitute. Hunters harvesting coyotes in substitute of a doe must provide proof of harvest to Mr. Heffington and be checked for proper sign in and out of correct hunting area on RecAccess.
- b) Violators of this rule will lose hunting privileges for the remainder of the current season.

7. Where do you sign up for hunting on Little Rock Air Force Base?

The Little Rock Air Force Base RecAccess web site at <https://littlerock.recaccess.com>. Prices are available on RecAccess.

8. ALL hunters 16 and older MUST sign-in and out each hunting session on the RecAccess website.

Dependents ages 16 through 23 must buy a "Dependent Permit" because they are allowed to hunt unsupervised per AGFC Regulations. A parent hunting with a child under 16 years of age counts as one hunter and must use the "Hunting – Deer (Youth)" activity on RecAccess. Deer and Turkey hunting sign-in starts at 0430. Hunters MUST sign out of the area if they are not hunting. Hunters may not "sign in" to more than one area at a time. Areas may be signed up for on a first-come, first-serve basis. Hunters must sign-in to scout for any game, i.e., checking trail cameras, baiting, walking around, and looking for sign or any other activities off the designated roadway. If you plan to use one of the Air Force hunting stands, you must sign into both the stand and hunting area on the RecAccess website.

9. During Turkey Season the hunting day will be split into morning and afternoon hunts.

Morning hunts are valid until 1200. After 1200 all hunters must sign-out. Afternoon hunting sign-in starts at 1300.

10. Due to LRAFB mission, areas may be closed on short notice.

When these areas close, they will be posted on RecAccess. It is your responsibility to check prior to the hunting to see if any areas are closed. If caught hunting in a closed area your base hunting privileges will be revoked for the rest of the hunting season.

11. **Hunters are allowed in the woods one hour prior to sunrise and one hour after sunset. By state rules, no hunting until 30 minutes before sunrise and only 30 minutes after sunset. During deer gun season, no movement is authorized from 30 minutes before sunrise and one hour after and one hour before and 15 minutes after sunset except to retrieve game; this rule applies to all hunter types.**
12. **No privately owned all-terrain vehicles (ATV/side-by-sides) are allowed to be used on Little Rock Air Force Base.** Stay on gravel and paved roads. Watch for walkers, joggers, bikers, and horseback riders.
13. **No building of permanent stands reworking old ones.** Hunting privilege's will be revoked if found building a permanent stand/blind. No nails, spikes, or screws allowed in trees. Use lock-on, ladder, climbing, etc., stands only. You can chain, strap or tie stands to trees. All stands MUST have owner's name and phone number, as well as, date they were placed in the woods, shown at eye level. Only two stands allowed per hunter. Hunters are not allowed to set up stands/blinds until 1 Aug and must removes their stands/blinds before 1 April. Stands with contact information will be removed after 1 April. If a stand with contact information found after 1 April, the owner will be notified to remove it. After 48 hours the stand will be removed by the Hunting and Fishing Program Manager. Any stand found without contact information at any time WILL be removed by the Hunting and Fishing Program Manager. Hunters may claim their stands by contacting Mr. Heffington
14. **Ground Blinds.** Ground blinds may be used an all areas for all seasons. During gun seasons, regardless of weapon type, hunters must display 144 square inches of blaze orange visible from all sides of the blind. Hunters must also wear their orange inside their blind. Ground blinds have the same contact information rules as stated in rule 13.
15. **No scouting during any deer gun season.** All scouting, stand preparation, and stand placement must be completed by 1 Nov.
16. **Obey all "No POV" signs base wide--especially around the flight-line.** Obey the "No Vehicles or Personnel beyond this point without permission from the tower" signs and be careful crossing the bridge on the east end, near the runway approach lighting. If there is an incident with people abusing this privilege and going past the signs, the road will be closed to everyone except for official government business.
17. **The aircraft movement area, to include the grass area that is south of areas 18 and 19, and north of areas 5 and 20, is off limits to all hunters, even if your deer or game falls dead in this area.** There is an electric fence installed to deter game from entering this area. **DANGER: DO NOT TOUCH THE ELECTRIC FENCE.** No vehicles of any kind (car, bike, ATV, etc.) should be seen in these areas. Hunting privileges will be revoked if caught in this area. If your wounded deer/game goes in this area, come out and notify Base Ops at 501-987-6123 and 19th Security Forces Squadron at 501-987-3221 to get clearance to retrieve your deer. Do not field dress your deer in areas 5, 6, 18, 19, and 20. This will attract vultures – hazardous to aircraft.
18. **Area 17 - No personnel past the 350-yard mark curved line (signs are posted).**
19. **Stay out of housing yards going to areas 21, 22 and 25.**
20. **Keep unaccompanied children out of woods during hunting season (23 Sep 2023 – 29 Feb 2024 and 6 April – 5 May 2024).** All non-hunters going into the woods should wear hunter's orange or some other bright color for safety.
21. **Parking:** Any perimeter road, but do not block road. Area's 21 and 22 are posted on map. Leave room for Emergency Vehicles and Game Warden vehicles topass. Do not park within Horse Stable area.
22. **Gun hunters must stay in "AUTHORIZED" gun areas or hunting privileges will be revoked.** Hunting areas will be used at the rate indicated on the deer season map. No hunting within 200 yards of another hunter in gun only areas during gun seasons.
23. **Archery Range:** The area north of Area 11B and south of Area 13 is reserved for archery practiceonly.
24. **A hunter may track a wounded deer up to one hour after sunset (dark) with a weapon in his/her possession or with a leashed dog.** After the one hour limit the following circumstances will apply or it will be considered as hunting at night: 1) Hunters will not be in possession of a weapon (knife not included). You can leave your weapon at a friend's house, at the security forces armory, or in your vehicle. And 2) Hunters will notify the Security Forces desk at 501-987-3221, x3222, or x3223.
25. **All deer and turkey killed on Little Rock Air Force Base must be checked immediately before moving or processing game. A hunter will check the game first through the AGFC app or website. Once a hunter obtains their check number, hunters will check the deer on RecAccess and provide their check number and CID# when asked. Failure to do so will result in immediate revocation of base hunting privileges and could lead to legal action by the Arkansas Game & Fish.**
26. **No weapons will be fired or shot within 50 yards from any boundary, fence, road, or building. In areas 21 and 22 the boundary is 200 yards from the tree line south of base housing. In area 25 the boundary is 200 yards from any house.** No hunting within 100 yards of the Nubbin Ridge Nature Trail, Fam-Camp, Working Dog Kennel and Scouting Lodge. No hunting within 75 yards of Riding Club pastures.
27. **Weapons will not be fired within 1,250 feet of the munition's storage area or operational storage areas (Area's 6, 7, 8, 12, 14, 19 and 20).** Do not fire a weapon toward the general direction of munitions storage. Always fire in the direction away from it.
28. **Baiting/feeding deer IS AUTHORIZED in all hunting areas from 1 Aug to 29 Feb.** In hunting areas 18A and 18B bait must be put in the northernmost point of the shooting lanes. Baiting turkey is NOT authorized.
29. **Names of violators of any Little Rock Air Force Base Hunting Rules will be forwarded to the 19th Mission Support Group Commander and they will lose their base hunting privileges.**
30. **All feral hogs will be reported to the base Hunting Program Manager.**
31. **Do not dump your deer carcass near the airfield, roadway ditches, road ends or roadways.** Take them into the woods 50 yards.

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