



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE SENIOR COMMANDER  
15000 HIGHWAY 115, CAMP RIPLEY  
LITTLE FALLS, MINNESOTA 56345-4173

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Camp Ripley Archery Hunting Program Participants.

SUBJECT: 2024 CAMP RIPLEY ARCHERY HUNTING RULES

1. **Please read the following regulations carefully. Your cooperation with these rules will ensure an enjoyable and safe hunt for everyone involved.**
2. **LICENSE & SPECIAL HUNTING PERMIT:** You must have a valid archery license and special hunting permit (purchased through iSportsman) to enter and hunt at Camp Ripley and must carry your license and hunting permit (Digital app.) with you while hunting. Non-hunting youth are allowed to accompany licensed hunters in the field. Archers may be checked for legal permit and license in the hunting area.
3. You will be allowed to enter the hunting area beginning at approximately 6:00 a.m. each day of the season. You **MUST** exit the hunting area by 8:00 pm and you must be checked out on the iSportsman app no later than 9:00 p.m. each night. **Failure to check out on iSportsman will result in a 48-hour ban from access to the range area.**
4. **VEHICLE PASSES:** You must obtain a vehicle pass from the hunting control office daily. This pass must be returned to the range control office at the end of each day when you leave the hunting area.
5. **ONLY DEER MAY BE HUNTED.** The bag limit is 2 deer, of which only one may be a buck. Your regular archery license is valid for either sex. Bonus permits may be used to take antlerless deer. Party hunting is allowed. Since Camp Ripley is a Statutory Game Refuge **all other wildlife species are protected and may not be taken.**
6. **HUNTING PERMIT REQUIRED AT THE GATE:** Have your valid Camp Ripley permit (Digital app.) and legal I.D. ready for inspection upon entry at the gate. Inquiries about legal I.D. requirements for entry to Camp Ripley should be directed to Camp Ripley Security at (320) 632-7375.
7. **DEER REGISTRATION:** All deer taken **MUST** be registered in the iSportsman application and through the MNDNR game registration system. Teeth and other samples may be taken for research purposes. **Tracking & recovery assistance will NOT be provided.**
8. **WEAPONS:** Bring only legal archery equipment. Crossbows are allowed. Firearms are not allowed. Bows must be unstrung, crossbows must be unloaded, and both must be cased or contained in the trunk of a car when being transported.
9. Avoid hunting around closed areas. **DO NOT GO INTO ANY CLOSED AREA SHOWN ON THE iSPORSTMAN APPLICATION! IF A WOUNDED DEER ENTERS A CLOSED AREA, YOU LOSE THE DEER! DO NOT PASS BEYOND ANY CLOSED BARRIER, GATE, OR WARNING SIGN FOR ANY REASON – ENTERING CLOSED AREAS PRESENTS SIGNIFICANT RISK OF DEATH OR BODILY HARM AND CONSTITUTES TRESPASS.** IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW WHERE YOU ARE AT ALL TIMES AND TO TAKE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS. Closed areas are well posted.

10. **DUDS and Un Exploded Ordinance (UXO)**: Anyone attempting to disturb or remove any military equipment will be prosecuted. This includes all types of armaments and ammunition. **Report all DUDS and UXO** found to the Range Control or Military staff and DO NOT HANDLE. If possible, obtain coordinates of the item if using a GPS unit.
11. Road hunting is not allowed. You may not shoot from a vehicle or over roads. Littering in the hunting area is strictly prohibited and subject to penalties. This includes flagging/marketing tape, which must be removed on the final day of the season. **IF YOU PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT!**
12. **ALCOHOL USE**: Hunting while intoxicated is unlawful. Per Camp Ripley rules, **absolutely no alcohol is permitted in the hunting area**. Alcohol found in the hunting area will be seized, and those found using alcohol in the hunting area may be escorted off base and have their hunting permit revoked at discretion of Military Security.
13. **SPEED LIMIT**: The speed limit is 25 MPH. If you are caught speeding, you may be escorted off base and have your hunting permit revoked at the discretion of military staff. Road conditions may be extremely poor during wet weather (travel at your own risk). Stay on the main roads if you are not driving a 4-wheel drive vehicle.
14. **TREE STANDS**: Permanent tree stands are **NOT** allowed. All personal property (including portable stands) **MUST** be removed each night. Stands left overnight may be used by anyone and may be confiscated by MNDNR Conservation Officers.
15. **ATVs/UTVs**: No ATV or UTV of any kind is allowed on the installation.
16. **RADIOS & CELL PHONES**: Per state law (M.S. 97B.085, Subd. 1) radio devices **MAY NOT** be used to assist in taking deer. However, use of 2-way radios and cell phones for safety is allowed & encouraged.
17. You may take or attempt to take deer only during legal shooting hours. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset daily during the season.
18. The Commissioner of Natural Resources may close the season without prior notice.
19. Areas off limits to hunters may change without notice throughout the season.
20. No fires are permitted anywhere except in an emergency.
21. Specific questions concerning permit applications and lottery drawing results must be directed to Camp Ripley Environmental at 320-616-2722.
22. Due to military and state agency training needs, unexpected conflicts may arise at any time throughout the season.
23. **TOWING & LOCK-OUT SERVICE**: Towing services are available through local vendors at the owner's expense. Lock-out service is also available, with liability waiver.
24. **TARGET SHOOTING**: Target shooting is NOT ALLOWED anywhere in the cantonment area, camp ground, or hunting area.
25. **For emergencies contact Range Control at (320) 616-3137, or Camp Ripley Security at (320) 632-7375.**
26. The point of contact for these matters is Mr. Jake Kitzmann, Camp Ripley Natural Resource Manager, 320-616-2722, email: [jacob.n.kitzmann.mil@army.mil](mailto:jacob.n.kitzmann.mil@army.mil).

*Stay Alive - Do Not handle Duds or Shells*

**HUNTING IN CAMP RIPLEY IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT – PRESERVE THAT PRIVILEGE  
BY RESPECTING ALL PROPERTY, KEEPING THE CAMP CLEAN, AND FOLLOWING REGULATIONS**

