



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 Service Members Hunt Program Participants.

SUBJECT: 2024 CAMP RIPLEY MUZZLELOADER 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 & HUNT PERMIT:** You must have a valid iSportsman hunt permit in your personal possession (Digital app.) to hunt at Camp Ripley. **Your permit authorizes you to hunt deer only during dates shown in the iSportsman app. All other wildlife species are protected and may not be taken.** Permits are not transferable to anyone else. MNDNR Fish & Wildlife or Conservation Officers may check hunters for legal permit and license during the hunt.
3. You will be allowed to enter the hunt area beginning at approximately 5:30 a.m. each day of the season. You **MUST** exit the hunt area by 6:00 p.m. each night. You must be checked out on the iSportsman app no later than 7:00 p.m. each night. **Failure to check out on iSportsman will result in a 48-hour ban from access to the hunting area.**
4. **VEHICLE PASSES:** You must obtain a vehicle pass from the range 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 for this year's hunt 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. **HUNT 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:** Muzzle-loading firearms must be cased (or contained in a trunk or topper inaccessible from the passenger compartment of a vehicle) and not loaded when being transported in a statutory game refuge. See the current [MNDNR Hunting & Trapping Regulations](#) for legal muzzle-loading firearms rules pertaining to sites and scopes. Archery equipment is also authorized.
9. You may transport your firearms or archery equipment only in a legal manner (unloaded and cased or in the trunk of a car). Authorized hunters will secure firearms in the trunk of their vehicle or have the option of securing them with Camp Ripley Security when in the Camp Ripley Cantonment area. Firearms will not be allowed in billeting areas.

10. 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.
11. **DUDS and 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 hunt Check Station or Military staff and DO NOT HANDLE. Mark duds with string or flagging on nearby vegetation and obtain coordinates if using a GPS unit.
12. Road hunting is not allowed. You may not shoot from a vehicle or over roads.
13. Littering in the hunt area is strictly prohibited and subject to penalties. This includes flagging/marketing tape, which must be removed on the final day of the hunt. **IF YOU PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT!**
14. **ALCOHOL USE:** Alcohol is permitted in the camping area only. Hunting while intoxicated is unlawful. Per Camp Ripley rules, **absolutely no alcohol is permitted in the hunt area.** Alcohol found in the hunt area will be seized, and those found using alcohol in the hunt area may be escorted off base and have their hunt permit revoked at discretion of Military Security.
15. **SPEED LIMIT:** The speed limit is 25 MPH. If you are caught speeding, you may be escorted off base and have your hunt 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.
16. **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.
17. **ATVs/UT's:** No ATV or UTV of any kind is allowed on the installation.
18. **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.
19. Blaze orange must be worn according to MNDNR rules for big game hunting.
20. Areas off limits to hunters may change without notice throughout the season.
21. 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 hunt.
22. The Commissioner of Natural Resources may close the season without prior notice.
23. Areas off limits to hunters may change without notice throughout the season.
24. No fires are permitted anywhere except in an emergency.
25. Specific questions concerning permit applications and lottery drawing results must be directed to Camp Ripley Environmental at 320-616-2722.
26. Due to military and state agency training needs, unexpected conflicts may arise at any time throughout the season.
27. **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.
28. **For emergencies contact Range Control at (320) 616-3137, or Camp Ripley Security at (320) 632-7375.**

29. 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.

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**