

Blue Grass Army Depot
Hunt Fact Sheet – Deer Hunt 2026

Change for 2026: All applications will be electronic. No in person drop off, email, or hard mail will be accepted. The link to apply can be found on KDFWR's website or BGAD's Facebook page.

1. The purpose of this fact sheet is to provide the information you need to prepare to hunt at Blue Grass Army Depot (BGAD). BGAD is an ammunition storage depot located 3.5 miles south of Richmond, Kentucky. Hunters provide the control necessary to maintain a healthy herd.
2. All hunters age 16+ and adults accompanying minors for the youth hunt **must** visit the Visitor Control Center (VCC) at the Main Gate **prior** to the hunt date to have your Real ID or passport scanned. Bring your Real ID or passport to the VCC and request access for hunting. **You will not be admitted on hunt day if you have not had your ID scanned.** The VCC phone number is (859) 779-6090/6091. If you have completed this for a previous hunt, you will not have to do this again.
3. On hunt day, report to BGAD (Igloo Club) between **4:00 a.m. and 4:45 a.m.** Vehicles will not be admitted after 4:45 a.m. The hunt area and the Igloo Club are non-smoking areas. Smokers may smoke outside the Igloo Club on the morning of the hunt. All hunters should be prepared to leave when the hunt ends at 2:00 p.m..
4. Hunters, weapons, and vehicles will be verified upon entry into BGAD. Hunters should have Real ID in hand. All vehicles are subject to search. **THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE PROHIBITED:**
 - a. Alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or controlled substances
 - b. Cigarette lighters in the hunt area
 - c. Flame producing devices, such as lighters, matches or other flame producing devices, including heaters that use flame of any kind
 - d. Unauthorized weapons (see number 8 for authorized weapons)
 - e. Cameras (cell phones are permitted, but **NO PHOTOGRAPHY IS ALLOWED IN THE HUNT AREA**)
5. Vehicles will be parked according to assigned hunt area. You will be provided a parking sign the morning of the hunt at the front gate that designates your hunt area and where you will be parking; place the sign on your dash when you enter the depot. Park beyond the sign that corresponds to your area so that the sign remains visible to the next approaching vehicle. After parking, report to the Igloo Club and immediately check in with your area guides and present the following:
 - a. Driver's license or valid picture I.D.
 - b. State issued deer tag. Deer taken in this hunt are bonus tags.
 - c. Valid Kentucky (or other state issued) hunting license.
 - d. Valid state issued hunter education course card.
6. Breakfast will be available in the Igloo Club for purchase.

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7. The following information is intended to ensure that all participants have a safe and successful hunt. Facts about our hunt follow:

- a. All hunters **must** have a valid hunter education certificate to hunt at BGAD regardless of age. Bring a copy with you to the hunt.
- b. Hunting Areas. BGAD is divided into hunting areas. Area availability is subject to change.
 - (1) All hunters are assigned to a specific area. See the enclosed confirmation sheet for your assigned hunt date. Parking passes will be assigned to you the morning of the hunt. Hunting areas will be emailed to you approximately a week prior to the hunt. You may also call Raysha Childers at 859-779-6038 up to a week in advance of your hunt date for your hunt area. Your guide will escort to and from your hunt area. You will be traveling in your vehicle. Hunters may not leave their area or drive their vehicles unless they are accompanied by their guide.
 - (2) Specific areas may be closed to hunting at any time without advance notice. Guides and hunt officials will do their best to assist you if unforeseen changes occur.
 - (3) Because hunting is permitted within ammunition areas, intensive safety and security precautions must be exercised at all times. Hunters must remain in the areas identified by their guide. If you are found outside your hunt area, you may be escorted off the installation.

8. Authorized Weapons.

- a. All weapons must be pre-registered (**fill out and return weapon registration form- Part I- Applicant only- supervisor signatures are not needed**) and must remain in a case when travelling to and from the hunt area.
- b. Authorized weapons for deer hunts will be muzzleloaders, shot guns (slugs), and bows. Hunters will observe a 1200-foot minimum distance from aboveground magazines, outdoor ammunition storage locations, workshops, other above ground ammunition facilities and at the installation boundary.
- c. Archery hunters must still return the weapons registration form. Provide make, model, and serial of bow/crossbow.
- d. All weapons must be unloaded when transported or when not being used for hunting. **All weapons must be stored in a soft or hard case when transported.**
- e. Only one weapon per hunter is authorized.

9. Harvest Quota.

- a. Adult and youth hunters may take two deer; one antlered (15 inch or greater outside spread at the widest point on the main beam) and one doe, or two does. These are bonus tags. All hunters must have a valid KY hunting license and deer tag.

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10. Transportation/Control – Control of Private Owned Vehicles (POVs) and Government Owned Vehicles (GOVs).
 - a. Hunters may use POVs for transportation to and from assigned areas only. Hunters must be accompanied by their guide.
 - b. Vehicles must be in good mechanical condition and must be equipped with a minimum of a 2 ½ pounds, dry chemical type fire extinguisher, and rated ABC minimum.
 - c. Vehicles must be parked off the road. Vehicles shall not block any roadway, railroad, building or igloo, or create a fire hazard on brush or tall grass. Once parked, hunter's POV will not be moved except when escorted by a guide.
 - d. Hunting from vehicles is prohibited, to include shooting from the vehicle or using the vehicle to locate deer. Moving a vehicle without a guide is prohibited and will result in loss of hunting privileges.
 - e. All vehicle operators must have a valid state operator's license and proof of insurance.

11. Safety – ALL PERSONS WILL COMPLY WITH DEPOT SAFETY, SECURITY, AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.
 - a. The utmost attention will be given to safe hunting practices. Unethical behavior will be cause for removal from the hunt areas and can result in citations from BGAD game wardens and suspension from hunting in the future.
 - b. Hunters will not cross fences without BGAD escorts and will NOT cross chain link fences under any circumstances.
 - c. In case of emergency, call 859-779-6911.

12. ALL HUNTERS WILL COMPLY WITH BGAD, KENTUCKY AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS.
 - a. Violation of rules, laws or regulations is grounds for removal from BGAD, and violators will be suspended from the BGAD hunt program for a minimum of one year and may also be cited by BGAD game wardens.
 - b. Hunters will allow field inspection of harvested animals by BGAD and KDFWR. For further guidance on state and federal requirements, refer to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Hunting Guide.