

2025-2026 WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB HUNTING PROGRAM

GENERAL: Hunting is permitted on Wright-Patterson AFB in designated areas. These areas are shown on the map posted at the Rod & Gun Club, Bldg. 892. **Hunters are REQUIRED to sign-in/out of hunting areas when hunting on WPAFB property via the iSportsman platform. When hunting areas inside the perimeter security fence (Boy Scout Camp/PaintBall, LSP, Riverview, and Gate 22B) physically signing in at the log-book locations is also required. Refer to the hunting map for sign-in/out locations.** Hunters must be properly licensed and obey all applicable federal, state, and base regulations. WPAFB I32-7064, Hunting, Fishing and Boating on Wright-Patterson AFB, is the applicable local regulation. Additional information may be obtained from the Base Natural Resources Program Manager, at 257-4857.

ELIGIBILITY: All active duty and retired military members, active and retired DOD civilian employees, members of the reserve components of the military, contract employees who possess a CAC, and the immediate families (spouse or children), are eligible to hunt on Wright-Patterson AFB. Bona fide guests of any eligible hunter may also hunt; however, guests must be with a licensed sponsor. Limit of 1 guest per sponsor per day. **Displaying vehicle placard while hunting on WPAFB is MANDATORY.**

LICENSING REQUIREMENTS: Hunters must comply with all applicable federal, state, and base licensing requirements. In addition to a Wright-Patterson AFB hunting license, all hunters, regardless of age, must have on their possession a valid state of Ohio hunting license except for active-duty military on annual leave. Hunters 16 years of age and under must be accompanied by an adult. Additional licensing requirements exist for deer, and waterfowl. The following is a summary of license costs:

WPAFB Annual Hunting License	\$20.00
Ohio Resident Hunting License	\$19.00*
Ohio Resident Youth Hunting License	\$10.00
Non-Resident Hunting License	\$180.96*
Non-Resident Tourist Small Game Hunting License	\$40.56
Ohio Either-sex Deer Permit	\$31.20
Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp	\$15.00*
Federal Migratory Bird Stamp	\$25.00

* Not required if active duty on annual leave.

SMALL GAME HUNTING: The following game may be taken during established seasons prescribed by Ohio and federal laws within the dates established by the natural resources working group: deer, squirrel, rabbit, pheasant, fox, coyote, mourning dove, migratory waterfowl, raccoon, opossum, woodcock, woodchuck and crow. Some game may be hunted outside the boundary of the licensed hunting preserve, only in designated areas along Mad River and Sandhill Road (see map in Bldg. 892) during season dates. If in doubt, check with Base Natural Resources Program Manager, 257-4857 or the Chief Game Warden, 257-6516. Only shotguns with size shot no larger than number 6 (lead) or number 3 (nontoxic) may be used on upland game.

Hunting with rifles or pistols is not permitted.

BASE SECURITY: The area around Tillman Pit and along the river are bordered by a base perimeter fence. Do not go over, under, or through the security fence. It is a federal violation, and you will be prosecuted.

LICENSED SHOOTING PRESERVE: Squirrel hunting is permitted 01Sep25 thru 27Sep25 during the hours set forth by ODNR-DOW. Once deer archery season begins, gun hunting hours are restricted to the hours of 1000-1400. Gun hunting within the licensed shooting preserve will begin on 07Nov25 and continue through Sunday 28Feb26 depending on the game species. Daily gun hunting hours in the preserve is from 1000-1400 only, until 01Feb26, at which time it becomes sunrise to sunset. All small-game hunters must be out of the area by 1400. Refer to the ODNR-DOW

publication for bag limits for species being hunted. Each hunter may have only one dog in the field while hunting within the LSP.

DEER ARCHERY SEASON: Archery (or bow) hunting for deer is permitted on WPAFB property from 27Sep25 through 01Feb26. Refer to the current WPAFB Season dates for specifics for each hunting area. Deer hunters must be out of the licensed hunting preserve from 1000 to 1400 daily beginning 07Nov25 thru 01Feb26. Hunting is also permitted at Tillman Pit in Area B (need key to enter) special rules apply (M-F after 1700 and all day Sat, Sun & Federal Holidays/designated Family Days), east of Gate 22-B (weekends, federal holidays and designated Family Days), along both sides of the Mad River on base property, between Haddix Road and Sandhill Road, and in a portion of the base between Riverview Road and the perimeter fence (vicinity of the LOX plant). Archery hunting for deer is permitted on Sundays. Tree stands **MUST** be permanently labeled with the owner's name and phone number. **ONLY ONE STAND/BLIND PERMITTED PER HUNTER ON BASE PROPERTY.** They cannot be placed more than 30 days prior to the start of the season and must be removed within 15 days after the season closes. A base hunting permit is required to place stands/blinds on base property. **Any deer harvested on WPAFB must be reported to the Base Natural Resources Program Manager at 257-4857 or by email. Failure to do so may result in the elimination of future base deer hunting seasons.** Check with the Base Natural Resources Manager, 257-4857 or Security Forces, 257-6516 for additional details.

DISABLED HUNTING BLINDS: There are 2 Disabled Hunting blinds located on the LSP. Rules/procedures for RSVP'ing blinds and a map of the blind's locations can be found in Attachment 6 of WPAFBI32-7064.

DEER GUN SEASON: **Deer Gun Season will not be allowed/observed this hunting season at WPAFB.**

GENERAL DEER HUNTING INFORMATION: A state hunting license, state deer permit, and base hunting license are required to deer hunt on Wright-Patterson AFB. Deer must be checked according to current ODNR rules and reported to the Base NR's PM. Permanent stands, or the attachment of permanent climbing aids, are prohibited. Screw in steps are not permitted. No deer drives are permitted on base property. The base follows Greene County rules for deer limits.

WATERFOWL HUNTING: Waterfowl may be hunted on Wright-Patterson AFB in designated areas only. Hunting is permitted on federal property along Mad River and Sandhill, during portions of Ohio's split southern zone waterfowl season. Hunting is permitted within the confines of the licensed shooting preserve during the late portion only of the split season. Use of approved nontoxic shot is mandatory. Steel shot size in the preserve is limited to number 3 or smaller and other nontoxic alternatives are still limited to number 6 shot. Shot size along the river is consistent with state limitations. In addition to the Ohio and Base hunting licenses, waterfowl hunters must also have in their possession a signed Ohio Wetlands Habitat Stamp and a signed Federal Migratory Bird Stamp.

TRAPPING FOR FURBEARING ANIMALS: Due to the limited sizes of the areas where pursuing game animals are permitted and the multi-uses of those areas, trapping is limited. Contact the Base Natural Resources Program Manager (257-4857) for more information.

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