

2026-2027 WPAFB Hunting Seasons

Deer (Bow)	26 Sep – 07 Feb	* Shooting Preserve **Sandhill Area, Mad River, along Riverview Road Area B East of Gate 22-B, (Sat & Sun only), ***Tillman Pit (M-F after 1700 ONLY and all-day Sat & Sun)
	01 Dec – 07 Feb	****Scout camp area
Pheasant	06 Nov – 10 Jan	Shooting Preserve
Squirrel	01 Sep - 31 Jan	Mad River/ Shooting Preserve/ Sandhill Area
Rabbit	06 Nov – 28 Feb	Mad River/ Shooting Preserve/ Sandhill Area
Fox	10 Nov - 31 Jan	Shooting Preserve / Mad River / Sandhill Area
Raccoon	10 Nov - 31 Jan	Shooting Preserve / Mad River / Sandhill Area
Coyote	No closed season	Shooting Preserve / Mad River / Sandhill Area
Woodchuck	01 Sep- 31 Mar	Shooting Preserve/ Mad River / Sandhill Area
Dove	01 Sep – 08 Nov	Mad River & Sandhill Area
	12 Dec – 01 Jan	Mad River / Sandhill Area / Shooting Preserve
Canada Goose	05 Sep- 13 Sep	Mad River & Sandhill Area
	17 Oct - 25 Oct	Mad River & Sandhill Area
	21 Nov - 15 Feb	Mad River / Sandhill Area / Shooting Preserve
Duck	17 Oct – 25 Oct	Mad River & Sandhill Area
	12 Dec – 31 Jan	Mad River / Sandhill Area / Shooting Preserve
Teal	05 Sep- 13 Sep	Mad River
Woodcock	16 Oct- 29 Nov	Mad River / Sandhill Area / Shooting Preserve

***SHOOTING PRESERVE** - Deer-bow hunting in the shooting preserve is from ½ -hour before sunrise to ½ hour past sunset until Nov. 7 when bow hunting is from ½ hour before sunrise until 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. until ½ hour past sunset. Other areas are all day. **Coyote hunting permitted between sunset and sunrise.**

**** SANDHILL, MAD RIVER, ALONG RIVERVIEW ROAD** – open daily from ½ hour before sunrise to ½-hour after sunset for deer and small game hunting. **If coyote hunting, open 24 hours and in accordance with ODNR-DOW regs.**

*****TILLMAN PIT COMPOUND** – Must obtain key from Security Forces/LED (Bldg.295 Area A). Limit two keys with a maximum of two hunters per key at a time. NO HUNTING SOUTH/WEST OF LILLY CREEK. Hunting M-F only after 1700 and all-day Sat & Sun. Refer to hunting area map for further details.

******Scout camp** will be open only from 1 Dec – 7 Feb. Refer to hunting area map for further clarification.

*******NOTE: Deer gun season within Shooting Preserve not allowed/observed during 2026-2027 season at WPAFB.**

NOTE: Due to increased mission requirements the Warfighter Training Center (formerly Prime BEEF area) will be closed until further notice – no hunting is permitted in that area.

THE AUTHORIZED GUN SMALL GAME HUNTING HOURS IN THE SHOOTING PRESERVE IS 30 MINUTES BEFORE SUNRISE UNTIL SUNSET 01SEP-27 SEP THEN 1000-1400 DAILY. ONCE DEER ARCHERY SEASON CLOSSES ON 7FEB27 HUNTING HOURS GO BACK TO 30 MINUTES BEFORE SUNRISE UNTIL SUNSET.

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