

# FORT DRUM CANTONMENT AREA



## ARCHERY HUNTING



Fish & Wildlife Management Program  
85 First St. West  
Fort Drum, NY 13602-5097  
315-772-9636/772-4999

2009

### General Information

Only archery hunting is allowed in the Cantonment Area for deer, bear and turkey during their respective seasons beginning September 27. **The season ends December 6.**

### Cantonment Area Hunting Eligibility

Hunting in the Cantonment Area is open to persons possessing one of the following:

- Military I.D.
- Military Dependent or Family Member I.D.
- Retired Military I.D.
- Civilian Department of Defense I.D.
- Contract personnel with DoD I.D.

### Archery Qualifications

Cantonment Area bowhunters must prove their shooting proficiency and obtain an Archery Qualification card.

- Qualification cards expire September 1<sup>st</sup>— bowhunters must re-qualify every year
- To qualify, 3 of 5 broadhead arrows must hit the vitals of 3-D deer targets 10-30 yards away from an elevated platform 10 feet high.
- No practicing is allowed at the qualification site.
- Only one qualifying shot per target is allowed
- Bowhunters failing to qualify may try again at a later qualification session.
- The Archery Qualification Card (or DMAP— see right) must be in possession while hunting.

### Check-in Procedures

- Cantonment Area bowhunters must check-in daily telephonically with Range Branch by calling the Sportsman's Hotline (772-7153), pressing Option #2 for Cantonment Area hunting, and leaving your recreation permit number.
- No check-out is required.

### Scouting

- Scouting is allowed at any time as other uses are allowed (e.g., hiking).
- Check-in procedures are not required for scouting in the Cantonment Area.

### Parking

- All vehicles must be parked on the shoulder of roads or other areas in such a manner to allow other vehicles to pass and not cause an obstruction to traffic.
- Recreational Access Passes must be visibly displayed through the windshield or side window in clear sight with permit numbers facing up.

### Portable Stands

- All hunters are required to hunt in elevated tree stands or tripod stands at least 10 feet off the ground. All stands must be portable.
- Wearing a safety belt while in a stand is required.
- Stands may be left overnight, but must be permanently marked with the owner's name and phone number. Stands are left overnight at your own risk. Leaving a stand overnight does not reserve an area.
- **Report all missing stands to the Military Police at 772-5156 or 772-5157.**
- Stands must be removed at the end of the hunting season. Any stands left between January 1 – April 15 and June 1 – August 31 will be considered abandoned property.
- **No screw-in tree pegs may be used.** Other climbing devices such as strap-on tree steps, ladders, and climbing sticks are allowed.

### Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP)

- DMAP permits allow for the take of additional antlerless deer in the Cantonment Area only.
- DMAPs are available on a "first come, first served" basis from Range Branch Bldg. P-4855).
- The Archery Qualification Card will be exchanged for a DMAP.
- Unused DMAPs are available for one day use and must be returned (if unused) by 9pm.
- There are no limits on the number of times a DMAP is checked out.
- Hunters may fill up to two DMAPs per season.

### Hunting Areas

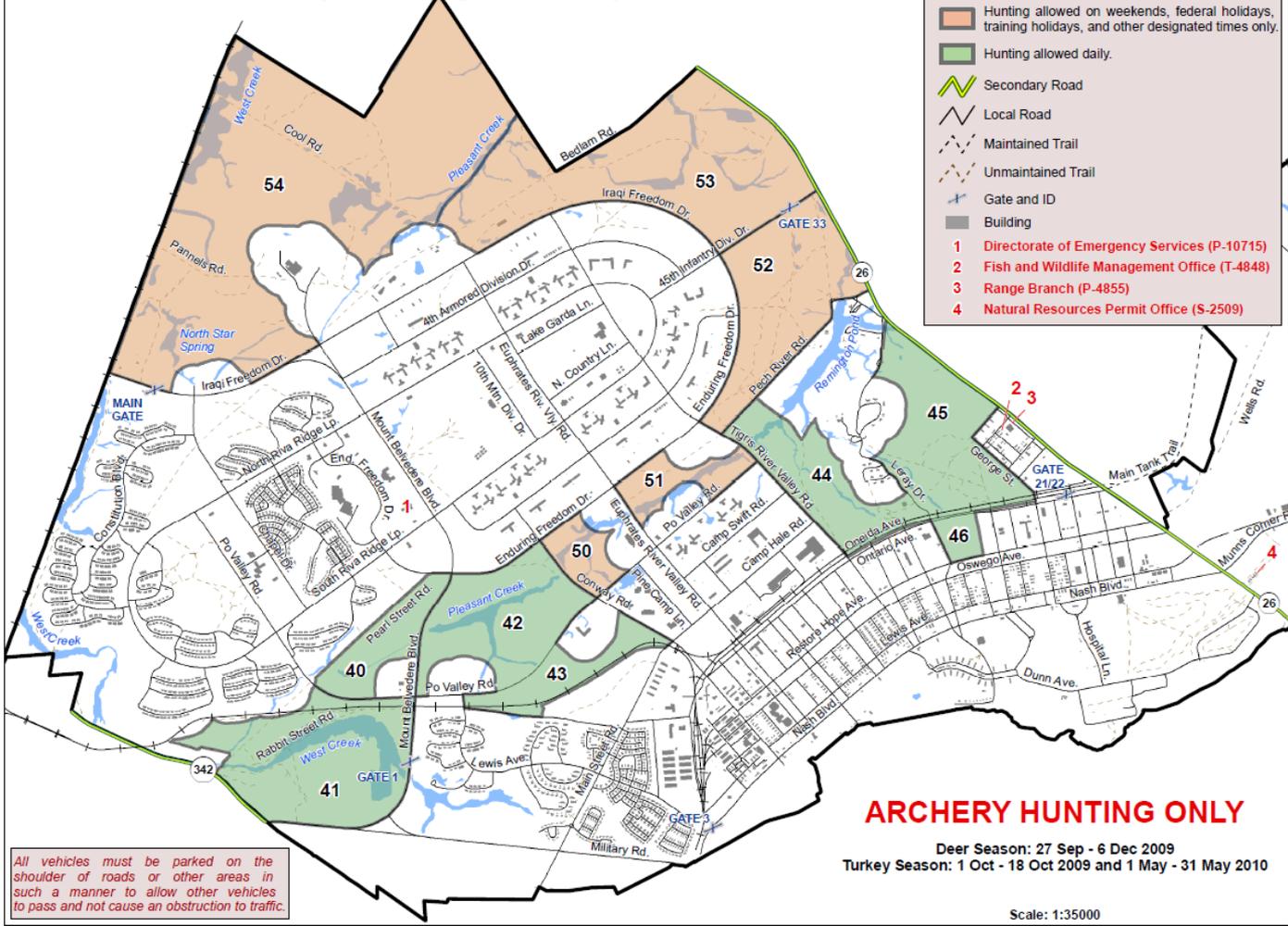
- Bowhunting is allowed in 12 areas in the Cantonment Area.
- Hunting Areas 40-46 are open any day of the week.
- Hunting Areas 50-54 are open only on weekends, federal holidays, and training holidays.
- Bowhunters must not hunt closer than 150 feet from the designated Remington Park Trail in Hunting Areas 40, 42, 50, 51, and 52.
- Remington Park is NOT open to hunting

### Check-in Harvested Game

- Deer or bear harvested within the Cantonment Area must be checked-in at Environmental Division (Bldg T-4848) for weighing and aging.
- Hours of operation are from 7:00am – 4:30pm Monday through Friday. The check station will not be open on weekends or federal holidays.
- Deer harvested when the check station is closed must be brought in on the next business day during normal working hours of operation.

If the meat is in danger of spoiling before it can be reported, the meat may be processed but the head must be brought in for aging within 3 business days. Persons must call the Fish and Wildlife Management Program (772-4999) if other arrangements are necessary.

## Cantonment Archery Hunting Area Map



### Tracking Wounded Game

- Hunters with wounded game that leave the designated Cantonment Archery Hunting Area must notify Fort Drum Law Enforcement Officials before tracking the animal.
- For assistance, hunters may call the Military Police (772-5156 or 772-5157) or stop by the Directorate of Emergency Services (Bldg. P-10715).

### Other Rules & Restrictions

- No still-hunting, stalking, or deer drives are allowed and arrows may not be nocked until hunters are safely in their elevated stands.
- No other hunting implements may be possessed while hunting in the Cantonment Area.
- **See Fort Drum Reg 420-3 and NYSDEC hunting regulations for more information.**