

Fort Gordon 2026 – 2027 Small Game Hunting Seasons

SPECIES	SEASON	WEAPON	BAG LIMIT & RESTRICTIONS
Squirrel	Aug 15 – Feb 28	Shotgun (no. 2 shot or smaller) in Training Areas 18-49, Rifles (.22 caliber or smaller rimfire) in Training Areas 48 and 49 Only	12 daily
Dove	Sept 5 – Oct 11 Nov 21 – Nov 29 Dec 19 – Jan 31	Shotgun (no. 4 shot or smaller) *Noon until sunset on opening day of Sept. season, and ½ hour before sunrise to sunset for the remainder of the season	15 daily
Raccoon	Aug 15 – Feb 28	Shotgun (no. 2 shot or smaller) in Training Areas 18-49, Rifles (.22 caliber or smaller rimfire) in Training Areas 48 and 49 Only	No limit
Opossum	Aug 15 – Feb 28	Shotgun (no. 2 shot or smaller) in Training Areas 18-49, Rifles (.22 caliber or smaller rimfire) in Training Areas 48 and 49 Only	No limit
Crow	Nov 7– Feb 28	Shotgun (no. 4 Shot or smaller)	No limit
Quail	Nov 14 – Feb 28	Shotgun (no. 4 Shot or smaller)	12 daily
Woodcock	Dec 5 – Jan 19	Shotgun (no. 4 Shot or smaller)	3 daily
Rabbit	Nov 14 – Feb 28	Shotgun (no. 2 shot or smaller) in Training Areas 18-49, Rifles (.22 caliber or smaller rimfire) in Training Areas 48 and 49 Only	12 daily
Fox & Bobcat	Dec 1 – Feb 28	Shotgun (no. 2 shot or smaller) and muzzle loading rifles in Training Areas 18-49, Rifles (.17 caliber or authorized larger centerfire) in Training Areas 48 and 49 Only	No limit
Special Coyote & Feral Hogs	Jan 12 – Mar 20 <u>May 16 – Aug 14</u>	Any legal Fort Gordon weapon for the area hunted. Hunter orange or pink required.	No limit
Coyote & Feral Hogs	Any open hunting season	Any legal Fort Gordon weapon for the season and area hunted	No limit
Waterfowl	See USF&WS and GA DNR regulations	Shotgun (nontoxic size F or smaller)	See USF&WS and GA DNR regulations

*Recent regulation changes appear in **underlined, bold text**.

- Only crossbows and archery equipment are allowed for hunting in Training Areas 1-17, *excluding 14B*.
- Hunter orange or pink required when small game hunting once primitive weapon deer hunting starts.
- Dogs may be used for hunting small game.
- Manual calls may be used to hunt waterfowl. Electronic calls may be used for hunting coyotes, bobcats, foxes, and crows.
- Raccoons, opossums, foxes, bobcats, coyotes, and feral hogs may be hunted at night. Any light used to hunt these species shall be carried on the person of a hunter, affixed to a helmet or hat worn by a hunter, or be part of a belt system worn by a hunter.
- Rifles (.22 caliber and smaller rimfire; see Chapter 11, Figure 3 in the USACCoE&FG Regulation 420-5 for information on authorized rifle calibers) may be used for hunting squirrel, raccoon, opossum, and rabbit in Training Areas 48 and 49. Rifles are restricted to no more than 5 rounds in the chamber and magazine combined. See chart above for species specific weapon restrictions.
- Rifles (.17 caliber and authorized larger centerfire; see Chapter 11, Figure 3 in the USACCoE&FG Regulation 420-5 for information on authorized rifle calibers) may be used for hunting fox, bobcat, coyote, and feral hogs in Training Areas 48 and 49. Rifles are restricted to no more than 5 rounds in the chamber and magazine combined. See chart above for species specific weapon restrictions.
- For hunting small game, shotguns must be plugged to a maximum capacity of not more than three (3) shells in the magazine and chamber combined. The plug must be of one piece and incapable of being removed through the loading end of the magazine.
- Air bows and air rifles are not permitted for hunting on Fort Gordon.
- Waterfowl hunting is prohibited in training areas 30 and 34 including Union Mill pond and Sandy Run beaver pond with the exception of the **Federal Youth, Active Duty Military, & Veterans Waterfowl Days (14-15 November 2026)**. Waterfowl hunting in Lower Leitner, and Rachels I, II, II, and IV, is only permitted 1 November 2025 through the end of waterfowl season the following January.
- All hunters, regardless of age, must possess proof of completing a state approved hunter safety course.