

**Annual Hunting Season Update
USACCoE&FG Regulation 420-5
17 August 2021**

Fort Gordon 2021-2022 Small Game Hunting Seasons

| SPECIES | SEASON | WEAPON | BAG LIMIT & RESTRICTIONS |
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| 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 4 – Oct 10 Nov 20 – Nov 28 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 | Oct 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 | 3 daily |
| Opossum | Oct 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 6 – Feb 28 | Shotgun (no. 4 Shot or smaller) | No limit |
| Quail | Nov 13 – Feb 28 | Shotgun (no. 4 Shot or smaller) | 12 daily |
| Woodcock | Dec 11 – Jan 24 | Shotgun (no. 4 Shot or smaller) | 3 daily |
| Rabbit | Nov 13 – 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) in Training Areas 18-49, Rifles (.17 caliber or larger centerfire) in Training Areas 48 and 49 Only | No limit |
| Special Coyote & Feral Hogs | Jan 10 – Mar 25, 2022 | Any legal Fort Gordon weapon for that particular season and area | No limit At least 500 square inches of fluorescent orange required to be worn above the waist. |
| 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*.
- Air bows and air rifles are not permitted for hunting on Fort Gordon.
- Dogs may be used for hunting small game.
- Manual calls may be used to hunt foxes, bobcats, and waterfowl. Electronic calls may be used for hunting coyotes 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.
- **Small game hunters with a nighttime permit hunting at night can check in no earlier than two (2) hours before sunset and must check out no later than 11:30 p.m.**
- **The use of .410 and larger gauge shotguns are authorized to hunt small game.**
- Rifles (.22 caliber and smaller rimfire) 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.
- Rifles (.17 caliber and larger centerfire) 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.
- 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.

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- 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 (13-14 November 2021)**. Waterfowl hunting in Lower Leitner, and Rachels I, II, II, and IV, is only permitted 1 November 2021 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.