

## 2023 GUIDELINES FOR ANTLERLESS DEER ARCHERY HUNTING IN ANDERSON, THORNE, and WILSON CANTONMENT HUNTING AREAS

1. **The Knox Hills Waiver Form MUST be signed and submitted to the Hunt Control Office before permit can be obtained.** Only antlerless deer may be harvested in Anderson, Thorne, and Wilson Hunting Areas. The bag limit for these areas is one antlerless deer per day. This is in addition to bag limit for the remainder of the installation. Multiple permits (Anderson, Thorne, and Wilson Antlerless-Only Deer Permit) can be acquired for these areas and are free. Please only acquire another permit after harvesting and properly checking-in an antlerless deer. Harvest should be recorded on the Anderson/Thorne/Wilson Game Harvest Log. Holders of a Fort Knox Fall Turkey Permit may also harvest 1 turkey while hunting in these areas, and **IS** part of the overall Fort Knox fall turkey bag limit. **ENSURE THAT YOUR PERMIT IS VISIBLE ON THE DASH OF YOUR VEHICLE AT ALL TIMES WHILE HUNTING.**
2. **Hunters are required to have, or download, a map of the area and have it in their possession while hunting.**
3. The objective of this program is to reduce the deer population in these areas, thereby reducing urban wildlife problems and deer/vehicle collisions. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that hunters focus their efforts on female deer and avoid harvesting button bucks, although button bucks are legal antlerless deer.
4. Hunters must be aware that these areas are immediately adjacent to housing areas, a school, and a fitness trail. **There will be no hunting within 100 yards of these facilities, any road, building, or structure.** The close proximity to these activities requires that hunters who enter these areas must conduct themselves with the **highest degree of hunter ethics and hunting safety.** Failure to do so will terminate hunting in this area and may result in the suspension of hunting privileges. **Bows and crossbows will be unloaded when not in use, when in/at a vehicle, when carried in a non-hunting area, during non-hunting hours, or after a hunter has taken the legal bag limit.**
5. Hunters must realize that people and pets from the surrounding housing areas may regularly traverse the area open to hunting. Be courteous of others and make every attempt to avoid any confrontation. If a confrontation develops, leave the area and notify the DPW, Hunt Control Office and/or the DES Game Wardens.
6. **The only authorized parking areas are identified on the map. Also, there will be no parking along Wilson Road, the fitness trail, or within 100 yards of the training buildings on 7th Armored Div. Cutoff Road.** No vehicles are allowed on the fitness trail. Deer will not be dragged or recovered along the fitness trail. Please be cognizant of blood or other materials that may be deposited on the trail when recovering an animal **across** the trail and remove any of these materials from sight. All hunting **MUST** originate from vehicles parked at the designated parking areas with permits properly displayed in vehicles, **hunters cannot walk in from housing.** All harvested deer will be removed to the designated parking areas ONLY.
7. Deer that are shot and end up within sight of the housing area, school, or road, etc., must be removed to an APPROPRIATE area prior to field dressing. Absolutely, do not field dress or allow bodily fluids to remain in any visible areas.
8. Absolutely, do not shoot or attempt to shoot at dogs, cats, or other pets. **ABSOLUTELY, POSITIVELY IDENTIFY YOUR TARGET AS A LEGAL ANIMAL AND BE SURE OF WHAT IS BEYOND IT.**
9. **Hunting will be conducted only from tree stands.** The downward angle of a shot from a tree stand minimizes the chance for a stray arrow. As always, hunters should make every effort to ensure a quick and humane kill by ensuring that you have a good angle and the animal is within YOUR absolute effective range. In most cases this should be no farther than 25 to 30 yards. As always at Fort Knox, safety harnesses are required to be utilized when off the ground.
10. All of the above requirements are in addition to the requirements in the 2023 Archery Deer Hunting Guidelines which apply to these areas as well.