

2023 FORT KNOX SCOUTING GUIDELINES

1. Scouting will only be permitted in areas released for scouting on iSportsman. Individuals without a valid military ID, Common Access Card (CAC), or an Automated Installation Entry (AIE) Pass, must first stop at the Visitor's Center located at the Chaffee Gate on Bullion Blvd. and register.
2. **A printed iSportsman scouting permit for each individual in a vehicle must be displayed in the driver's side windshield.**
3. **Scouters must check into their hunting area through iSportsman each day no earlier than 0400 prior to entering the hunting areas and can only be checked into one area at a time. Scouters must be checked-out of their hunting area by the time indicated on iSportsman at check-in. Check-out MUST be completed even if the individual did not actually go into the area. Failure to check-out on time is grounds for immediate suspension of hunting and fishing privileges. Scouters found out of their hunting area will be cited and suspended.**
4. Legal scouting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset, or as indicated on iSportsman, and on days the area is released for scouting.
5. Only portable tree stands are permitted. The use of screw-in steps, spikes, and nails that injure trees is prohibited. All stands must be clearly marked with hunter's name, address, and phone number. A person shall not place a portable stand in a tree more than two (2) weeks before opening day of deer season, and shall remove it from the installation by the end of the archery deer season. All hunters are required to use a safety harness when utilizing a tree stand at Fort Knox.
6. No weapons allowed in possession while scouting.
7. Consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages or any intoxicant in the hunting areas or hunting under the influence of any intoxicant is **strictly prohibited**. Glass containers of any type are prohibited in the hunting areas.
8. The harvesting of ginseng and yellow root is prohibited and will result in the suspension of hunting and fishing privileges for 3 years and a citation.
9. Baiting wildlife, such as placing grains, minerals, salt, fruits, vegetables, hay, or any other food materials, whether natural or manufactured, that may lure, entice or attract wildlife, or the possession of such items in the hunting areas is prohibited (including your vehicle).
10. Do not tamper with duds or any other objects and report duds to the Hunt Control Office. Watch for open wells and don't cross any streams during high water periods. No open fires allowed, except for an emergency.
11. Privately-owned vehicles are not authorized on unimproved roads, trails, or firebreaks in the hunting areas. Do not park in front of gates or block access to buildings and leave gates as you found them. Scouters must park in or adjacent to their hunting area; accessing a hunting area through a non-hunting area or off-limits area is prohibited (e.g., on-post housing). No parking beyond the baseline on Ashley Range (HA 52), Kennedy and Scott Mountain Ranges (HA 54), or McKie Range (HA 59). All rivers within Fort Knox are off limits. All vehicles will be driven by the most direct, authorized route to and from the hunting area; cruising the training complex is not permitted.
12. Hunters with a Vehicle Methods Exemption Permit may utilize an off-road vehicle during turkey season. However, the **ONLY** person authorized on the vehicle is the person named on the Vehicle Methods Exemption Permit, others are **NOT** allowed on the vehicle. **A copy of the Vehicle Methods Exemption Permit must be displayed in the driver's side windshield of the vehicle, along with scouting permit. A copy of the permit must also be sent to the Hunt Control Office to be added to your account.** Helmets are required for vehicles not equipped with seat belts and roll cages. There will be no riding around the hunting area; violators will be removed.