

2026 FORT KNOX SCOUTING GUIDELINES

Note: Changes from 2025 are in italics.

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** (address and phone number can be obscured).
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. Utilizing any other iSportsman account other than your own in any capacity is strictly prohibited, unsportsmanlike and grounds for immediate suspension of hunting and fishing privileges.**
4. Only portable tree stands are permitted. The use of screw-in steps, spikes, and nails that injure trees is prohibited. **All** equipment left unattended in the hunting areas must be clearly marked with hunter's name and iSportsman permit number. A person shall not place a portable stand in a tree more than 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.
5. No weapons allowed in possession while scouting. ***Dogs must be leashed if they are accompanying a sportsman who is signed in to scout.***
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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).
9. 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.
10. Privately-owned vehicles are not authorized on unimproved roads, trails, firebreaks, or airstrips 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.
11. Hunters with a Vehicle Methods Exemption Permit may utilize an off-road vehicle. 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 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.
12. *In compliance with The Army Physical Security Program, the use of image and video capturing devices, including trail cameras, is prohibited in all hunting and training areas on Fort Knox. Any unauthorized cameras discovered after **April 1** will be confiscated and disposed of.*