

MANAGED HUNTING REGULATIONS
U.S. ARMY GARRISON ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND/ADELPHI LABORATORY CENTER
(USAG APG/ALC)
BLOSSOM POINT RESEARCH FACILITY (BPRF)

The following rules and regulations describe the policies and procedures that govern managed hunting during the 2020 season at U.S. Army Garrison (USAG) Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG)/ Adelphi Laboratory Center (ALC) Blossom Point Research Facility (BPRF). All individuals entering APG/ALC BPRF under the authority of these rules and regulations are also subject to local, state and federal laws and regulations. All hunting activities on APG/ALC BPRF are authorized and controlled by the Garrison Commander in accordance with applicable federal, state, Charles County Laws and the Department of the Army Regulations. Violations of the laws and rules and regulations will be cause to bar violators from hunting at APG/ALC BPRF. Permanent barring for violations may occur at the Garrison Commander's decision. Criminal violations will be prosecuted in the U.S. Magistrates Court or by court martial, as appropriate. Hunting on APG/ALC BPRF is a privilege and not a right.

Managed hunts will take place on select week days starting October 5, 2020 and will end on December 18, 2020 as the installation testing schedule allows. The hunter's assigned date will be scheduled on a first come first serve basis through the APG/ALC Environmental Division.

To be eligible to participate in the managed hunts at APG/ALC BPRF, hunters must possess or have accomplished the following:

1. Federal ID or Common Access Card (CAC) for current or retired personnel. No sponsored guests will be allowed this year due to COVID-19.
2. APG/ALC Site Access Form submitted and cleared (renewed every year).
3. Maryland State Hunter's License for white-tailed deer.
4. Hunter Safety Education Certificate.
5. Shooter Qualification Card (must be renewed every three years).
6. APG/ALC BPRF Hunting Permit (\$50 per season or \$20 per month). Please make a Cashier's Check or Money Order out to U.S. Treasury and add your address and signature.
7. Confirmation email from the APG/ALC Environmental Division.

The following rules and regulations must be followed by individuals participating in managed hunts:

1. Hunters must comply with the current COVID-19 precautions set forth by the APG Senior Commander. The hunter will be sent the current precautions via email before the day of their hunt. Hunters must arrive at APG/ALC BPRF on the day they are scheduled to hunt at 7:00 a.m. Each hunter is required to provide the entrance items listed above to receive their hunting permit (if not previously received). Privately Owned Vehicles (POV) will be directed to the hunting area by an APG/ALC BPRF Wildlife Conservation Officer (WCO). Weapons must be encased and unloaded while in a vehicle. Hunting will end at 1:30 p.m. Tree stands at APG/ALC BPRF are permanent stands built into the tree.

2. A WCO will give the hunter a safety, security and UXO briefing prior to the start of the hunt. The briefing will include information about the procedures to follow if a deer is wounded. WCO's are the only persons authorized to track a wounded deer. Hunters must stay in the tree stand and must contact a WCO if a deer is wounded or harvested. Hunters must request permission to leave the tree stand for any reason as the Range might be active.

3. WCO's are authorized to conduct inspections of hunters and their property for the purpose of checking bag limits, type of game, and for any other wildlife conservation restriction. They are authorized to confiscate game animals if taken illegally, to revoke permits, and to ban hunters from the hunt.

4. Deer taken during hunts on APG/ALC BPRF will not count toward the hunter's regular deer firearms season bag limit. This year two antlered and up to six antlerless deer can be harvested during the APG/ALC BPRF Managed Hunt 2020 Season for a total of eight deer. The order a hunter must take deer is as follows: 1 antlerless, 1 antlered, 2 antlerless, 1 antlered and then up to 3 antlerless.

It is not uncommon for some bucks to begin shedding their antlers in mid-December in years when the oak acorn crop is poor. During the late season, the APG/ALC Environmental Division requests that hunters take the time to use binoculars or scope to scan the head for signs of scabbing to help ensure that the deer is a doe and not a mature buck that has already shed its antlers.

5. Hunting will be by shotgun (12 or 20 gauge) for white-tailed deer only. Slug ammunition must be used. Straight-walled cartridges are not permitted on APG ALC BPRF.

6. WCO's will check shotguns and ammunition prior to the hunter entering the tree stand. Any shotguns deemed unsafe shall not be allowed to be used. Hunters are responsible for their weapon. If a weapon is rejected by the WCO, the hunter shall forfeit their opportunity to hunt that day.

7. Hunters are required to wear a blaze orange hat and vest at all times when they are on the installation. Hunters are encouraged to bring all necessary supplies for hunting including something to sit on in the tree stand.

8. Using, possessing, or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or controlled substances during or immediately prior to coming on the installation to hunt is prohibited. The permit of anyone found in violation will be immediately revoked, and he or she will be permanently barred from hunting at APG/ALC BPRF.

9. Hunting will be from established tree stands. Hunters must remain in the stand during their entire assigned hunting period or until removed by a WCO or been given permission to leave the stand at the end of the hunt. Hunters are encouraged to report any defect in stands or other problems to the WCO.

10. Weapons shall not be loaded until the hunter has entered the assigned stand. Weapons will be raised to the stand by rope and then loaded. Weapons will be unloaded before lowering to the ground by rope and during all other times, except when the hunter is actually on the stand.

11. The procedures for checking deer which have been instituted by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources will be strictly enforced. Deer taken at APG/ALC BPRF will not leave the facility until the hunter has completed, except for the confirmation number, the Maryland Big Game Harvest Record found on the back of their hunting license and the completed field tag is affixed to the deer. **County Code for APG/ALC BPRF is 08 and the public land code is 408 (Blossom Point).** Please check the managed-hunt box when checking in the deer.

11. Any individual who does not abide by these rules and regulations will have their hunting permit revoked and will be permanently barred from hunting at APG/ALC BPRF.

13. When you are ready to leave the stand, have harvested a deer or in case of emergency, call for assistance on the walkie-talkie, or 301-394-1675 or 301-394-1534, or 911 if it is an emergency and are unable to reach APG/ALC BPRF personnel.