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With more than 93 square miles of hunting land, Fort Leonard Wood is the perfect deer hunting destination

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. – Nestled in the heart of the Mark Twain National Forest, Fort Leonard Wood offers some of the Ozarks' finest white-tailed deer hunting. With more than 93 square miles of available hunting land, hunters have plenty of space to bag that trophy buck. Those wanting to hunt on post will need to have the proper permits, follow a few simple rules and put hunting safety first.

Any hunters interested in hunting on Fort Leonard Wood will first need to stop off at the Outdoor Adventure Center located at building 2290 off FLW K. At the Outdoor Adventure Center, hunters will be able to get the required permits for hunting at Fort Leonard Wood. These include the state firearms license or deer tag, Fort Leonard Wood sportsman permit and Fort Leonard Wood deer stamp. Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1967 is required to have a hunter education class prior to purchasing a firearms hunting permit.

For permit pricing and for a list of areas open to hunting, contact the Outdoor Adventure Center at 573.596.4223. Once all the proper permits have been acquired, hunters will then need to make a trip out to Range Control in building 5282 located down FLW 1. Hunters will need to check in with Range Control before heading out to any of the areas open to hunting. You can also check in with Range Control electronically via the link available on Morale, Welfare, and Recreation's Outdoor Adventure Center's webpage

https://www.wood.army.mil/HuntFish/login_db.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fhuntfish%2fDefault.aspx.

Once you have finished hunting, you will also need to check out with Range Control. This can be done in person, electronically, or telephonically by calling Range Control at 573.596.2525.

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Once you have your all the proper permits and checked in with Range Control, here are a few hunting tips to make sure your hunting trip to Fort Leonard Wood is a safe and enjoyable one:

- Remember shooting hours start a half hour before sunrise to the half hour after sunset.
- If you hunt from a tree stand, always wear a safety harness. Serious accidents occur annually when hunters fall from tree stands.
- Stay calm and in control of your weapon and yourself and only take a sure clear shot.
- Scout the area you plan to hunt so you know where the boundaries, roads, fences, houses and other buildings are. Carrying a loaded firearm, or other hunting device, within 100 feet of any building, dual highway, or all weather road edge; or discharging any firearm, or other hunting device, so that the projectile enters through this zone, is prohibited.
- Dress defensively and wear hunter orange.
- Think safety 24/7, and have a safe an enjoyable hunt.

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About Fort Leonard Wood

Fort Leonard Wood is a thriving and prosperous installation that has evolved from a small basic training post 70 years ago to a premier Army Center of Excellence that trains 80-90,000 military and civilians each year.

Home to the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, Fort Leonard Wood now trains and educates service members and develops doctrine and capabilities for the Training and Doctrine Command's U.S. Army Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School, U.S. Army Engineer School, and U.S. Army Military Police School, three gender integrated Initial Military Training brigades, one of only five reception stations in the Army, and the Army's largest Non Commissioned Officers Academy.

Over the past several years, Fort Leonard Wood has received numerous additional responsibilities to include supporting the 4th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, a large Forces Command unit that is responsible for all deployable capabilities at Fort Leonard Wood. A colonel-commanded Marine Corps Detachment and an Air Force Detachment, which are both the largest on any Army installation, are located on Fort Leonard Wood; a large Navy Seabee Detachment and elements of the Coast Guard train here as well.

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