

Camp Pendleton 2022-23 General Hunting Rules

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Authorized Personnel and Restrictions.

- The following categories may hunt on base:
 - Active Duty and Retired Military
 - DOD Civilian Employees and Retired DOD Civilian Employees
 - Drilling Reservists (not Inactive Ready Reserve, must show CAC ID)
 - One immediate family member (son/daughter, parent, sibling, grandchild) can be sponsored by the above categories for the deer and waterfowl hunt
 - Dependents with an ID card from the categories listed above
 - More than one immediate family member (child, parent, sibling, grandchild) can be sponsored by the above categories for small game and upland bird hunting
 - VIP hunter as authorized by the Base Commander or Chief Conservation Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO)
- Minimum hunting age: 12 years old. All hunters under 18 years old must have an accompanying adult.
- All hunters must have a California Hunting License and appropriate “stamps” and tags.
- CLEO personnel will enforce these rules through systematic checks and random inspections. Violations will result in a suspension or permanent revocation of the base hunting privilege in addition to any relevant state or federal citations. Hunters must submit to CLEO compliance checks.
- Only CLEO personnel can provide access to the base hunting program.

Lotteries. Deer and waterfowl hunters can enter and win a free weekly lottery on iSportsman (<https://www.pendleton.isportsman.net>). See the deer and waterfowl hunting rules for more specifics. The number of lottery winners is based on area availability.

Reservations. Deer and waterfowl lottery winners may reserve an area one day in advance, this is optional. Without a reservation, a deer or waterfowl hunter may check into an unclaimed area beginning at 0600 on the day of their hunt.

Check-in and Check-out Procedures. All hunters must check in and out utilizing iSportsman. Hunters will change areas through iSportsman (not allowed after 1500). Hunters should use the most direct route to and from their hunting areas. If a hunter is delayed in the field, contact the Conservation Law Enforcement office as soon as the delay is recognized. **Hunters must check out of their area once they leave the area.**

- 0500 Hunter check in begins (may be later from mid-February to August)
- 0600 Unused reservations become available to other hunters
- 1500 All area check in and area changes cease
- 2000 or 1 hour after last shot, whichever is earlier, Hunters must check out before this time

Area Availability. Conservation Law Enforcement personnel reserve hunting areas through Range Scheduling. The hunting areas are usually posted on the iSportsman website by the Thursday (1800) prior to the hunting weekend. In general, Camp Pendleton hunting occurs on weekends and holidays in areas not used by military training. Fires and road conditions can limit hunting opportunities.

Alcoholic Beverages. No hunters may drink or possess alcohol during their hunt.

Area Boundaries. The hunter has the sole responsibility of knowing and understanding their assigned area. Maps are available on iSportsman, through the Avenza app, or on OnX.

Violations/Suspensions/Seizures. A violation of a federal, state, local, base or Conservation Law Enforcement regulation may result in a temporary or permanent loss of base hunting privileges. CLEO personnel may seize equipment, game, and permits that relate to specific violations as part of their official duties.

Scouting. Hunters may check in to scout an area and will follow the same procedures as hunting.

Hunter Helpers. Guests will be added to the hunters check-in on iSportsman. Guests are a non-hunting individual from the list of authorized personnel listed in these regulations. The guest must accompany the hunter without handling a firearm. The guest must be no more than 20 yards from the hunter at all times and cannot flush nor push game for the hunter. The guest may help carry or drag game from the field.

Displaying of Vehicle Pass. Each hunter checked in to an area must place their vehicle pass on the dashboard of their hunting vehicle. Carpooling hunters will display multiple passes. Print your permit through iSportsman. Replace lost vehicle passes by printing one through iSportsman.

Weapons/Ammunition/Equipment.

- Deer: minimum caliber .223 or greater, centerfire pistol or revolver, shotgun slug, .40 cal or greater muzzleloader, crossbow with minimum draw weight of 125 lbs or archery equipment meeting CDFW standards (draw weight 30 lbs).
- Coyote: .17 or greater rifle, pistol, muzzle loader, shotgun, crossbow or archery equipment
- Archery hunting for any game requires completion of the Archery Ethics and Safety Course
- Rabbit/squirrel: .17 caliber or greater, air rifles powered by compressed air or gas, pistols, archery equipment, or crossbows
- **Lead is no longer allowed for recreational hunting in California for any species**
- Shotguns must have a plug which prohibits more than 2 shotshells in the magazine
- No drones allowed
- No baiting (food, salt, or other attractant) allowed
- Coyote hunters may electronically call coyotes
- Coyote, dove and waterfowl hunters may use decoys
- All weapons must meet California DFW and DOJ standards
- Black powder authorized only during muzzleloader hunts, no loose black powder or flammable patches

Special Permission Areas. J, L, M, N,, SMR1, SMR2, T and parts of O1 and O2 have archery and shotgun only restrictions. See hunting maps for details.

Vehicles/Roads/Travel. Only use registered and insured high clearance vehicles, such as a SUV or truck, to hunt. Vehicles may be operated on paved or maintained dirt roads. If brush or grass touches the undercarriage, the road is not authorized. No hunting with ATVs, motorcycles, bicycles, or on horseback. Park within your hunting area without crushing vegetation or blocking the road. Firetrucks must be able to pass your vehicle. Park over bare ground at road intersections, the bottom of firebreaks, or wide spots in the road.

Do not shoot across or hunt on the following roads: Old El Camino Real, Horno Canyon Road, Piedra de Lumbre Road, Roblar Road, Deluz Canyon Road, Tate Road, San Mateo Canyon Road, Talega Canyon Road.

Impact Areas. Do not enter the Zulu, Quebec or Whiskey impact areas.

Dogs. Dogs may not enter the hunting areas between 1 February and 30 June. Dogs must be under the control of the hunter. Do not release live animals to train dogs. Dogs can track wounded/dead deer, but cannot be used to pursue deer. Small game hunters cannot use dogs in areas occupied by deer hunters.

Safety. Hunters must wear either a hunter orange hat, vest, shirt, or jacket, which must be clearly visible to other hunters. Waterfowl and archery hunters do not have to wear hunter orange if they are not sharing an area with firearm deer and small game hunters. Carry binoculars and never use a rifle scope to glass an area. No target practice in the hunting areas. Do not touch UXO, record the location and pass information to CLEOs. Limit fires: no open flames, do not park where vegetation contacts the hot underside of the vehicle. Do not shoot within 150 yards of a building. Always store firearms and ammunition separately while driving to and from hunting areas. Bow hunters cannot notch or fit an arrow to their bow or a bolt to a crossbow until they are ready to fire. **Unethical behavior or poor judgment can result in suspension or revocation of hunting privileges.**