

Camp Pendleton 2023-2024 General Hunting Rules

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 can be sponsored by the above categories for deer hunting and 2 may be sponsored for small game, upland bird and waterfowl. (grandmother, grandfather, parent, sibling, adult son or daughter or grandchild)
 - Dependents with an ID card from the categories listed above
- 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.
- Game Warden 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 Game Warden compliance checks.
- Only Game Warden personnel can provide access to the base hunting program.

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 0500 and again 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. Hunters should use the most direct route to and from their hunting areas. If a hunter is delayed in the field, contact the Game Warden office as soon as the delay is recognized. **Hunters must check out of their area once they leave the area.**

- 0500 Hunter’s check in (unreserved areas can be claimed at this time)
- 0600 Unused reservations become available to other hunters
- Hunters must check out of hunting areas or contact the Game Wardens 1 hour after last shot.

Area Availability. Game Warden personnel reserve hunting areas through Range Scheduling. The hunting areas are posted on the iSportsman website on Thursdays. 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 alcohol during their hunt nor be under the influence of a drug or alcohol.

Area Boundaries. The hunter is responsible for knowing the boundaries of and remaining in their chosen hunting area. Maps are available on the iSportsman home page, through the Avenza app, or with an OnX subscription.

Violations/Suspensions/Seizures. A violation of a federal, state, local, base or Game Warden regulation may result in a temporary or permanent loss of base hunting privileges. Game

Warden personnel may seize equipment, game, and permits that relate to specific violations as part of their official duties.

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

Hunter Helpers. Guests will be added to the hunter's 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 into an area must place their parking permit on the dashboard of the parked vehicle. The parking pass provided when permit was purchased or the pass printed from iSportsman are acceptable.

Weapons

- Deer: Rifle minimum caliber .223, centerfire pistol or revolver, shotgun slug, muzzleloader minimum of .40 cal, crossbow with minimum draw weight of 125 lbs or archery equipment with minimum draw weight of 30 lbs.
- Coyote: .17 caliber or greater rifle, pistol, muzzle loader, shotgun, crossbow or archery equipment.
- Rabbit/squirrel: .17 caliber or greater, air rifles powered by compressed air or gas, pistols, archery equipment, or crossbows.
- Shotguns must have a plug which prohibits more than 2 shotshells in the magazine
- All weapons must meet California DFW and DOJ standards.
- Use of archery equipment requires completion of the archery proficiency test.
- Use of black powder determined by the Fire Danger Rating.

Ammunition

- Ammunition containing lead is not authorized for in California.

Equipment

- No drones allowed.
- No baiting (food, salt, or other attractant).
- Coyote hunters may use electronic calls.
- Coyote, dove and waterfowl hunters may use decoys.

Weapons Restricted Areas. J, L, M, N, SMR1, SMR2, T and parts of O1 and O2. See hunting maps for details.

Vehicles/Roads/Travel.

- Only registered and insured pickup trucks, SUVs, Jeeps and Crossovers with 4x4 capability are authorized in the hunting areas. **NO SEDANS!**
- Only drive on maintained roads.
 - **Maintained roads are paved, graveled and/or graded.**
 - **No grass nor brush should contact the underside of the vehicle.**
- No use of ATVs, motorcycles, bicycles, e-bikes, nor horses.
- Park within your hunting area without crushing vegetation or blocking the road. Emergency vehicles 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 nor from 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. Never enter the Zulu, Quebec or Whiskey impact areas.

Dogs.

- Use
 - Hunting Dogs may not enter the hunting areas between 1 February and 30 June.
 - Hunting Dogs must be under the control of the hunter at all times.
 - Dogs may be used to pursue rabbits and Quail.
 - Dogs may be used to retrieve Dove and waterfowl.
- **Dog Training restrictions**
 - Trainer must wear hunter orange.
 - No dog training between 1 February and 30 June.
 - Do not release live animals to train dogs.
 - Cannot possess a firearm nor archery equipment while training dogs.
 - Upland dog training may be conducted in any hunting area made available in iSportsman

Safety.

- Hunters and guests 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 unless hunting in a co-use area.
- 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 Game Warden personnel.
- **NO FIRES!**
- 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.