This document is designed to provide the public with a summary of the rules and regulations pertaining to hunting and recreational use on the Public Recreation Area at the Avon Park Air Force Range and is by nature not comprehensive. The reference numbers in this publication can be found in the comprehensive copy of the Operating Instructions (OI), which is available for viewing during regular office hours at the Outdoor Recreation Office. A separate regulation summary applies to the Military Recreation Area. Be sure to know the regulations, season dates and bag limits for the area in which you are hunting. All State and Federal regulations apply.

**COMPLIANCE WITH THIS PUBLICATION IS MANDATORY.**

Failure to comply will result in a warning or suspension of recreation privileges.

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**A. MRA Permit Requirements**

Refer to Sections 6.3 and 14 in OI

A1. All individuals 18 years of age or older are required to purchase a Permit to access Avon Park Air Force Range.

A1.1. A Military Recreation Area (MRA) Permit (Hunt, Non-Hunt, Companion, Weekly, or Guest) is required by each individual using the MRA and must be purchased from the Outdoor Recreation Office prior to any use of the area. MRA Permits may be purchased at the Outdoor Recreation Office during scheduled office hours. To purchase a Permit, the installation must be entered through the Main Gate. The gate guard will direct the use to Building 600.
A1.2. Only one annual MRA Permit may be purchased per year by each eligible individual. To be eligible, an individual must be Active Duty or Retired Military, or a 100% Disabled Veteran; valid military identification or military CAC card must be presented at time of purchase. APCI personnel are also eligible for MRA Permits with proper identification indicating eligibility. Annual MRA Permits are valid from July 01 to June 30 of the following year.

A2. All persons 16 years or older must carry some form of current photographic identification while on the installation.

A3. Proof of completion of a state-certified Hunter Education Course is required for all Hunt Permit Holders (regardless of age or affiliation), and their Guests or dependents ages 16 or older, hunting in the MRA.

A4. Purchase of any permit certifies that the individual named on the permit has signed a Release of Liability and a statement that he/she understands and will abide by the regulations. The Air Force is not responsible for the personal property of Permit Holders.

A5. All Permit Holders (Hunt, Companion, Guest, Week, etc.) must receive an annual safety briefing prior to receiving a Permit.

A6. A valid Florida hunting license with appropriate stamps, resident senior citizen certificate, or resident disabled person certificate, is required for MRA Hunt Permit Holders, unless user is a Florida resident on active military duty not currently stationed in Florida while home on leave with orders for 30 days or less.

A7. All children under the age of 18 must have a signed and notarized parental consent form on file, unless they are under direct control of a Permit Holder who is his/her legal guardian.

A8. All persons under the age of 18 must ride in the vehicle with a Permit Holder.

A9. All permits are non-refundable and non-transferrable.

B. MRA Access Procedures

Refer to Section 14.3 in OI

B1. MRA Permit Holders must enter and exit the installation only at the designated access points when open to the public. Designated access points are the Main Gate and Frostproof Gate (when open).

B1.1. Each Permit Holder must have a current Permit, vehicle decal, and valid photo ID ready for the gate guard at the time of entry. Gate guards have the authority to refuse entry to any individuals who cannot present proper identification and permit documentation. A vehicle decal alone is not sufficient proof of a Permit Holder’s eligibility for range access. See para. C3 for instructions for Permit Holders without a current vehicle decal at time of entry.

B2. All Permit Holders using the MRA must personally sign in on the MRA log book, located at the Outdoor Recreation Office, before entering the area, and sign out when departing. Permit Holders who fail to sign-in or sign-out are subject to having their recreational privileges revoked.

B2.1. Exception: Permit Holders using the Management Unit known as “1,200 Acres” must use the log book located in the parking area on Lake Arbuckle Road in Frostproof, FL.

B3. At the sign-in station, Permit Holders must perform the following actions:

B3.1. Sign-in at either the Outdoor Recreation Office or at 1,200 Acres using the assigned permit number.

B3.2. Check the status map (located at sign-in locations). This map identifies which Management Units are open to public access. Public and/or vehicular access is prohibited in MRA Units temporarily closed by administrative action.
because of public safety concern due to disasters, severe weather or severe weather forecasts and/or effects of the weather on a Management Unit. Public notice of such closures will be posted through methods outlined in para B6.

B3.3. Range schedule changes occur. It is the Permit Holder’s responsibility to check the Management Unit status each day. Information kiosks are provided at the Outdoor Recreation Office, 1,200 Acres sign-in kiosk, and the Austin Hammock Campground.

B3.4. If a Permit Holder will be present on the installation during an Airfield Lockdown, they MUST indicate the Management Unit(s) in which they will be present during lockdown time using the designated section on the sign-in sheet.

B3.5. Annual and Companion Permit Holders must sign-in and sign-out each time they enter or leave the installation. This applies regardless of anticipated duration of your trip and may result in multiple sign-ins per day. Contact staff if there are any difficulties with the log book.

B3.6. Proceed to the MRA.

B3.7. Upon leaving the installation for any reason, each Permit Holder must sign out on the logbook and sign in again if he/she returns.

B4. Airfield Access: vehicular traffic near the Airfield is restricted to the taxiway northeast of the inactive runway and the road connecting South Boulevard (shell road). Parking is allowed only in the designated north cul-de-sac areas. These areas are well-marked on the MRA map and in the field. Crossing the active runways or active taxiways is prohibited. Vehicles shall not travel beyond the access control sign along the shell road off of South Boulevard.

B5. Ballfield Access: there is a marked road leading from South Boulevard to the “Ballfield” Management Unit with designated parking.

B6. For planning purposes, a website (www.avonparkafnr.net/mra-schedule.html), Facebook page (http://www.facebook.com/APAFROutdoorRec) and a telephone recording (863-452-4254, option 2), are updated weekly with public access information.

B7. If you hear three blasts from an air horn, cease all other activities and return to your vehicle immediately. Updated information will be posted at the information kiosks at Building 600 and the campgrounds.

B7.1. Permit Holders shall park their vehicles on the same side of the road as the Management Unit they are entering.

B7. If someone needs to contact a Permit Holder in case of an emergency, they may call the Outdoor Recreation Office at (863) 452-4254. They must have the following information available: permit number, type of vehicle, tag number and campground being used.

B8. If any kind of emergency occurs while on range, Permit Holders may call Rescue Ops at (863) 452-4117, and then notify Outdoor Recreation immediately. In all cases Rescue Ops can respond faster than calling 911.

B9. The Rescue Ops non-emergency phone number is (863) 452-4225.

C. MRA Vehicle Use

Refer to Section 8.7 in 01

C1. Each annual Permit Holder will be issued a vehicle permit in the form of a decal. This decal is to be permanently affixed to the outside driver’s side windshield of the Permit Holder’s vehicle. The Permit Holder will be held accountable for the actions of all individuals operating or riding in a vehicle bearing his/her vehicle decal. If the vehicle bearing the vehicle decal is sold or transferred to another individual, the decal must be removed before the vehicle leaves the Permit Holder’s possession, and the decal (whole or in pieces) returned to the Outdoor Recreation Office. An administrative fee
will be charged for the replacement of the vehicle decal. Maximum number of decals per Permit Holder is two.

C2. The loan or transfer of a vehicle decal is prohibited.

C3. If a Permit Holder wishes to bring a vehicle on the installation that does not have the vehicle decal, he/she must enter through the Main Gate and proceed directly to the Outdoor Recreation Office to obtain a temporary vehicle pass. To obtain a temporary vehicle pass, all Permit Holders must produce a driver’s license, vehicle registration, and proof of insurance. In the event the Outdoor Recreation Office is closed, the vehicle will be denied entry. Vehicles will not enter the Public Recreation Area without a vehicle decal or temporary vehicle pass.

C4. Annual Permit Holders are responsible for removing and destroying all vehicle decals at the end of the season. The vehicle decal is the property of the U.S. Air Force until it is destroyed.

C5. By accepting an Annual Permit and Vehicle Decal/Temporary Vehicle Pass, Permit Holders are giving consent to have their vehicles searched while on the installation. If a vehicle is towed or impounded, Permit Holders agree to reimburse the towing agent on behalf of the vehicle owner/operator.

C6. All state and federal laws must be obeyed while on the installation. Obey all posted speed limits. If not posted the speed limits are: 35 mph for paved roads and 25 mph for unimproved roads.

C7. Military, Air Force contractor, and official AF Program vehicles always have the right-of-way.

C8. Driving around any type of barricade is strictly prohibited.

C9. The use of tracked vehicles, motorized cycles, golf carts, ATVs, LSVs, UTVs, rail buggies, dirt bikes, and airboats is prohibited. Only rubber-tired vehicles, not previously listed are permitted. This prohibition includes all ATVs, LSVs, UTVs, and/or rail buggies that may otherwise be considered street legal.

C10. A Law Enforcement Officer may search any camp, vehicle, or boat, in accordance with the law. No person shall refuse or obstruct such inspection by any authorized officer of the state.

C11. Bicycle use is authorized on all designated roads, as well as along all unmarked fence lines and firebreaks.

C11.1. Riders must wear a highly visible outer garment during the day, and an outer garment containing retro-reflective material at night.

C11.2. Riders must wear a properly fastened, approved (e.g., Consumer Product Safety Commission, ANSI, Snell Memorial Foundation or host nation equivalent) bicycle helmet.

C11.3. All bicycles must be equipped with a white headlight.

C12. No person shall park any vehicle in a manner which obstructs a road, gate, bridge or firebreak.

C13. No person shall ride upon any vehicle in any manner not designated or intended for the use of passengers.

C14. In “Delta Ramp” Management Unit, vehicles shall be parked in the designated parking areas only.

C15. The “Flight Line” Management Unit is designated foot traffic only.

D. MRA Guest Permits

Refer to Section 14.2 in OI

D1. MRA Guest Permits are available for individuals escorted by a valid MRA Permit Holder, to include Active Duty or Retired Military, DoD civilian personnel (and retirees), and Air Force Prime Contractor employees. APCI personnel shall
not bring Guests or purchase Guest Permits.

D2. Guest Permits are valid one week from the date of purchase.

D3. A Guest Permit allows the holder to hunt with his/her host Permit Holder, and allows up to three underage dependents to use the MRA for non-hunting recreation activities. Underage dependents may accompany the Guest Permit Holder while hunting, but they shall not possess firearms.

D4. An annual MRA Permit Holder may bring in a maximum of four guests per week. Only one Guest may purchase a Hunt Guest Permit. Up to three Guests may purchase Non-Hunt Guest Permits. Special permission must be obtained from the installation commander before more than four guests are escorted into the MRA.

D4.1. An individual Hunt Guest may hunt a maximum of ten weeks during a single permit year (Jul 01 - Jun 30).

D5. All Permit Holders are responsible for their Guest(s) whenever they are on the installation, and the Guest must be under the direct control of the Permit Holder. Direct control is herein defined as being within visual or voice range (radios are acceptable if hunting in the same Management Unit). The Permit Holder is liable for all the actions of their Guest(s) and of any children under the age of 18 while on the installation. Failure to properly escort and supervise any Guest(s) will result in the suspension of all privileges for the Permit Holder.

D5.1. Both the Hunt Permit Holder (host) and the Guest must be present at the time of purchase. Permit Holders must enter through the Main Gate to purchase a Guest Permit.

D5.2. Guest Permits must be returned to the Outdoor Recreation staff at Building 600, upon the Guest(s) leaving the Avon Park Air Force Range. If staff is unavailable, the Guest Permit will be placed in the gray box in front of the Outdoor Recreation Office upon leaving.

D6. Guest Permits are non-refundable and non-transferrable.

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**E. General Regulations**

_E. Refer to Section 11.5 in OI_

E1. The possession of remote-controlled aircraft or drones is strictly prohibited.

E2. The possession of fireworks is strictly prohibited. Nothing may leave the ground.

E3. The use or possession of metal detectors is strictly prohibited.

E4. Digging and/or all forms of ground disturbance are strictly prohibited.

E5. Permit Holders shall enter Management Units no earlier than two hours before sunrise and exit no later than two hours after sunset, except with special permission from the Outdoor Recreation Office.

E6. Spotlighting or the use of artificial light is prohibited.

E7. Taking wildlife and/or the possession of a firearm or archery equipment while in Sandy Point Wildlife Refuge (west of Ebersbach Grade) is prohibited, unless specially authorized by the Installation Commander.

E8. Consumption of alcohol will be limited to campgrounds only. Public intoxication is prohibited. The proper transportation of alcohol, while entering or exiting the range, will follow Florida state statutes. Good order and discipline must be maintained at all times while on Avon Park Air Force Range.

E9. No ordnance or any other military material shall be tampered with, handled, or removed from the installation. Areas where suspected unexploded ordnance is found must be vacated immediately, and the location reported to Outdoor Recreation Office.
Recreation Program personnel.

E10. The disturbance or removal of any man-made or cultural materials (such as shell middens, graves or other archaeologically or historically significant materials or sites) or natural materials is prohibited. Permit Holders must notify the Outdoor Recreation Office (Building 600) after encountering artifacts. Historical and archaeological resources on the Avon Park Air Force Range are protected under federal law, and it is a crime to remove or disturb them from their original location.

E11. No person shall cut or destroy any tree, or remove any tree, shrub, or protected plant. Planting of trees, shrubs or other vegetation is prohibited unless authorized by the installation commander.

   E11.1. No person shall remove plants, rocks, minerals, animal life, other natural resources, or parts thereof.

E12. Live trees or standing dead trees shall not be cut. Dead and downed wood may be cut and collected as firewood and used only at Avon Park AFR. Firewood may be brought on base but must be burned or removed from the property upon departure.

E13. Driving a metal object into any tree or the use of a tree in which a metal object has been driven, is prohibited.

E14. Destroying, damaging, altering, or vandalizing any sign, building, fence, or other man-made structure, is prohibited.

E15. Littering is prohibited. Dumpsters at campgrounds are for trash accumulated while camping. They shall not be utilized for any household trash, tires, propane bottles, live coals, or ashes. The discharge of contaminants or human wastes is prohibited.

E16. The polluting of any waterway (stream, creek, river, or pond) by dumping oil, acids, poisons, detergents or other pollutants is prohibited. The placing of any trees, limbs, weir, concrete, or other debris in any waterway (stream, creek, river, or pond) is prohibited.

E17. Gates found in a condition other than that of which the gate was left by staff may subsequently be locked without notice.

E18. Hunting, fishing, and/or trapping is prohibited on any portion of the installation posted as closed to those activities.

E19. People, dogs, vehicles, and other recreational equipment are prohibited in areas posted as “Closed to Public Access” by U.S. Air Force administrative action.

E20. Taking or herding wildlife from any motorized vehicle, aircraft, or boat which is under power is prohibited, until operation and/or movement from that power source, has ceased.

E21. No person shall release or introduce any wildlife, freshwater fish or any other organism.

E22. All fires are prohibited, except as stated in para F2.

E23. Unethical behavior will result in the loss of recreational privileges.

E24. Permit Holders shall be barred from the installation for posting, publishing, or distributing any information or photos deemed sensitive to the military mission to any websites, forums, or social media platforms. This includes, but is not limited to, information regarding military training operations, photos of military activities, personnel, or equipment, and/or names of individuals involved in military training operations.

E25. Horses are prohibited.
F. Camping Regulations  
Refer to Section 15.4 in OI

F1. Austin Hammock Campground is the only designated campgrounds for MRA Permit Holders. Campground boundaries are delineated on the map and marked with signs in the field.

F2. No campfires shall be left unattended. All fires will be contained in stoves, grills, fireplaces, or fire rings. All fires must be extinguished (cold) before being left unattended. Fire bans must be observed when in effect.

F3. Generators are allowed in Austin Hammock Campground and shall be used 24-hours per day. Be courteous of other campers.

F4. Campground quiet hours are 2300 - 0430 hours. People and/or their dogs creating excessive noise or exhibiting other behaviors that disturb other campers shall be removed from the installation.

F5. No camping will be allowed within 25 feet of a picnic pavilion, pump, latrine, or shower facility.

F6. All campers and camping equipment must be removed from the MRA when signing out of the Range, unless otherwise stated (see para F8).

F7. Emptying grey water and septic tanks into the porta-potties is prohibited.

F8. Camper Storage Permits are available for an additional fee. Camper Storage Permits allow the Permit Holder to leave a camper in Austin Hammock Campground from Archery Season through the end of Spring Turkey Season.

F9. Tents may be stored at Austin Hammock Campground for an additional fee per item. Vehicles and trailers may not be stored in the campground. Trailers are defined as any trailer not being used as sleeping quarters.

F10. Permit Holders may stay in Austin Hammock Campground for a maximum of 14 consecutive days without leaving for more than 48 hours.

F11. All access procedures apply. See Section B.

F12. Camping spots are first come, first served. Reserving spots ahead of time is prohibited. Anyone fighting over a camping spot shall have their camping privileges revoked immediately.

G. Fishing Regulations  
Refer to Section 15.6 in OI

G1. All persons must comply with state regulations.

G2. All persons must have the appropriate state licenses in addition to the appropriate MRA permits.

G3. MRA Permit Holders shall fish the Rim Canal (“Flight Line” Unit) and Arbuckle Creek behind “C.E.” and “Austin Hammock” Management Units, and the boat ramp before the Main Gate during the allocated period for their particular permit.

G4. No boats, airboats, kayaks, or canoes, are allowed in any marsh on Avon Park Air Force Range.

G5. Airboats shall not access the Lake Arbuckle from the Avon Park AFR.

G6. Feeding alligators is prohibited. Aggressive alligators must be reported to Outdoor Recreation staff.
G7. Daily and possession bag limits will follow FWC regulations.

G8. Freshwater game fish may be taken only by hook and line, or rod and reel.

G9. Trotlines and brush hooks are prohibited.

H. General Hunting Regulations  
Refer to Section 15.3 in OI

H1. All harvested animals must be checked in at the Outdoor Recreation Office (Building 600) with a Park Ranger. If no one is available at Building 600, fill out a weekend report form (available at the sign-in station) indicating the game that was harvested, where it was harvested, and your permit number. All game harvested must be checked through Building 600 with either of these two alternatives.

H1.1. All game harvested must be checked in at the Outdoor Recreation Office, prior to being skinned or dismembered. Field dressing of harvested game is strictly prohibited.

H2. Taking of spotted fawn, swimming deer, or turkey that is not on the ground, is prohibited. Species legal to hunt are listed under each season (see Section K).

H3. Evidence of sex identification must remain attached to all deer and turkey at all times, and the entire head must remain with the carcass or meat of the deer or turkey while in camp or in transit when exiting the installation. All meat from harvested game that is not attached to the carcass must have a tag attached to it that lists the name, license number, and permit number of the hunter who killed the animal and shall be readily traceable to the portion of the animal bearing the sex identification. Tags attached to the carcass by Outdoor Recreation personnel must remain intact on the carcass while in camp or in transit when exiting the installation.

H4. The transportation of live wild game is prohibited.

H5. Hunting outside of the posted shooting hours is prohibited.

H6. Hunt Permit Holders and their Guest(s) must wear a minimum of 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material above the waist as an outer garment when in any hunt area during Muzzleloader, General Gun, and/or Small Game Seasons. Persons within the passenger compartment of a vehicle are not required to wear the fluorescent orange material unless they exit the vehicle.

H7. Tree stands or blinds are limited to three tree stands/blinds per person. All stands/blinds will be labeled with a name and either a) phone number or b) permit number, so that the owner may be contacted by staff if need be. Avon Park AFR is not responsible for tree stands left unattended.

H7.1. No tree stands will be placed within 200 feet of an impact area or property boundary.

H7.2. In the case of conflict between Permit Holders concerning tree stand or ground blind placement, if a resolution cannot be reached between all parties and Outdoor Recreation staff and/or FWC law enforcement officers are involved, all parties will be moved to different Management Units.

H7.3. Tree stand placement is first come, first served. The earlier placement of trail cameras does not reserve a hunting spot. Reserving of spots is prohibited.

H7.4. The MRA has permanent tree stands available for public use. These public stands will be marked with orange paint. Public stands are first come, first served.
H8. No person shall place, expose or distribute any grain or other food or mineral for wildlife. No person shall harvest wildlife on any land or waters upon which grain or other food has been deposited.

H9. Taking or attempting to take any game with the aid of live decoys, recorded game calls or sounds, set guns, artificial light, net, trap, snare, drug, or poison, is prohibited. Recorded calls and sounds shall be used to hunt furbearers, wild hog, and crows only.

   H9.1. The use of artificial lights for pursuing or taking game is prohibited unless specified during special hunts.

H10. Game shall be hunted from one half-hour before sunrise until one half-hour after sunset, except during Spring Turkey Season.

H11. All personal possessions must be removed from the installation at the end of each weekend, unless otherwise specified (see para F6, para F8 and F9). The Air Force is not liable for the loss or vandalism of any items or equipment brought onto the installation. Unauthorized items left behind will be confiscated.

H12. A group of three or more people on foot cannot concentrate, drive, rally, or stir up game.

H13. All Youth Hunt events (Deer Hunt, Gator Hunt, Spring Turkey Hunt) are open to dependents and/or non-dependents (grandchildren, nieces/nephews, etc.) of current Hunt Permit Holders. Participants must be between the ages of 12-16 to qualify.

   H13.1 Participants of the Youth Deer Hunt and the Youth Alligator Hunt are required to register as per instructions from the Outdoor Recreation Office. All participants will be chosen by lottery. Non-dependents of Hunt Permit Holders require a signed and notarized Parental Consent Form.

   H13.2. Participants of the Youth Spring Turkey Hunt are required to register ahead of time with the Outdoor Recreation Office before the posted dates of the Hunt. Non-dependents of Hunt Permit Holders require a signed and notarized Parental Consent Form.

   H13.3. Participants of the Youth Fishing Derby are required to register with the Outdoor Recreation Office on the day of the Derby. Participants cannot be older than 16 years of age; however, there is no minimum age to qualify.

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**I. Permissible Firearms & Weapons**

Refer to Section 9 in OI

I1. During Archery Season, only archery equipment may be brought onto the installation. Crossbows are ONLY allowed during Archery season with a qualifying FWC Disabled Person Crossbow Permit. Long bows, crossbows and recurve bows, must have a minimum draw weight of 35lbs. Arrows used to take deer, turkey or hogs must be equipped with broadheads having a minimum width of 7/8 inches. Pistols of any kind are not permitted.

I2. During Muzzleloader Season, the following are permitted: muzzleloading firearms (weapons firing single bullets must be .30 caliber or larger; weapons firing two or more balls must be 20 gauge or larger).

I3. During General Gun and Small Game Seasons, the following are permitted: shotguns, archery equipment including crossbows, muzzleloading firearms as stated in para I2., rim-fire rifles (maximum velocity 1300 fps), and pistols. A pistol is hereby defined as a firearm designed to be held and fired by use of a single hand, having a barrel length of 9 inches or less, and having a magazine inserted into the grip, or in the case of revolvers, cartridges inserted into the cylinder.

I4. During Migratory Bird Season, the following firearms are permitted: shotguns (not larger than 10-gauge) plugged to a three-shell capacity, including a one-piece filler that cannot be removed without disassembling the gun. The total capacity must not exceed three shells. Bows and crossbows may also be used.

I5. During Spring Turkey Season, the following firearms are permitted: shotguns using Number 2 or smaller diameter...
shot. Archery equipment and crossbows may also be used. Hunting ends at 1300 hours.

I6. Center-fire rifles and fully automatic firearms are prohibited.

I7. Only Hunt Permit Holders and Guests of Hunt Permit Holders, shall possess firearms or archery equipment during the appropriate seasons. The possession of any type of firearm or archery equipment by any individual outside of the posted hunting season is prohibited, unless specifically authorized by the installation commander. This includes Permit Holders with concealed carry permits.

I9. All firearms, including crossbows, must be unloaded, completely empty of ammunition, while at the Outdoor Recreation Office, any campground, or within a moving vehicle. Firearms can be loaded once the Public Recreation Area has been reached and movement of the vehicle has ceased. Firearms can only be discharged in accordance with para I10, para I11, para I12, para I 13 and para I14). A loaded firearm is hereby defined as a firearm with any ammunition in the chamber or magazine, a muzzleloader with a firing cap in place, a nocked arrow on a bow, or a nocked bolt on a crossbow.

I10. A firearm, regardless of any caliber or draw weight, cannot be fired from a vehicle. Firearms may not be discharged from or across any roadway designated on the Public Recreation Area map and/or within 50 feet of Kissimmee Road.

I11. The discharge of a firearm outside of periods open to hunting or in areas closed to hunting is prohibited.

I12. Bows may be equipped with aiming devices with electronic computational capabilities or light projection (i.e. laser) features during Archery Season.

I13. The discharge of firearms (including pellet/BB guns) or the use of archery gear is prohibited within 200 yards of the marked boundary of any designated public campsite.

I14. Target practice is prohibited throughout the installation. However, muzzleloading guns may be cleared in the pits located at Willingham and Morgan Hole Campgrounds.

I15. Firing ranges on this installation are not open to any Permit Holders.

I16. The take of wildlife or freshwater fish with a gun between one half-hour after sunset and one half-hour before sunrise is prohibited. The Installation Commander may approve limited entry night hunts to take wild hog, raccoon, or non-protected mammals during non-daylight hours. The dates of these limited entry night hunts and equipment permitted will be posted at the Outdoor Recreation Office.

I17. No one shall be under the influence of drugs or alcohol while in possession of a gun or bow.

I18. Hunting with fully automatic firearms, explosive or drug-injecting devices, and/or set guns is prohibited.

I19. No person shall take or assist in taking wildlife using a method that involves remote control aiming and discharging of a gun when that person is not physically present at the location of that gun.

I20. No person shall carry a concealed weapon (even with a permit) while on Avon Park AFR property.

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**J. General Use of Dogs**

*Refer to Sections 10 & 15.1 in OI*

J1. All dogs brought onto AF property must wear a collar bearing the name, telephone number, and address of the owner. This includes dogs wearing only tracking collars.
J2. All dogs must be under physical restraint at all times, except when they are being used by Hunt Permit Holders to pursue game during Small Game season and Special Hog Hunts.

J3. All dogs over six months of age must have a current rabies vaccination and have the vaccination tag attached to the collar. Prior to bringing the dogs onto the installation, rabies vaccination paperwork from a pet clinic or veterinarian for each dog must be submitted to the Outdoor Recreation Office. Self-administered rabies vaccination paperwork previously submitted to the Outdoor Recreation Office prior to January 01, 2018 will be honored until the expiration date.

J4. All Permit Holders who have lost dogs must report this information to the Outdoor Recreation Office before leaving the installation. Permit Holders must make every effort possible to locate lost dogs before leaving the installation.

J5. Dogs are allowed in Austin Hammock Campground. It is the responsibility of the dog owner to control his/her dogs at all times. Dogs creating disturbances in campgrounds must be removed from the installation if requested by the Outdoor Recreation Program or Law Enforcement employees.

J6. In all cases, Permit Holders are responsible for all actions of their dogs.

J7. No person shall knowingly or negligently allow any dog to pursue or molest any wildlife during any period in which the taking of such wildlife by the use of dogs is prohibited.

J8. No dogs of any breed are allowed in the MRA during Spring Turkey Season with the exception of pets in Austin Hammock Campground.

J9. Dogs may be used to pursue and take birds, raccoons and opossums, only after receiving authorization from the Outdoor Recreation Office. Dogs used for this purpose are limited to bird dogs and retrievers.

J10. The number of dogs in the possession of a Hunt Permit Holder during Small Game Season is limited to 4 dogs.

J11. No dogs shall run loose between sunset and sunrise, unless authorized by the installation commander.

J12. Dogs on leashes may be used for tracking wounded game during any hunt season in any Management Unit. Before tracking wounded game, the Permit Holder must first obtain authorization from the Outdoor Recreation Office.

J13. The training of hunting dogs is prohibited.

K. Hunt Season Dates

Refer to Attachment 3 in OI

These dates are subject to change due to military missions or updated biological information.

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K1. Bag Limits
   a. Deer – Daily limit of 2, possession limit of 5, of which only 2 may be does
   b. Wild Hog – No size or bag limit
   c. Turkey – Daily limit of 1, season & possession limit of 2
   d. Quail – Daily limit of 12, possession limit of 24
   e. Eastern Grey Squirrel – Daily limit of 12, possession limit of 24
   f. Rabbit – Daily limit of 12, possession limit of 24
   g. Raccoon, opossum, coyote, beaver, skunk and nutria – No bag limits

K2. Archery Season
   a. Legal to take: Antlered deer with at least 1 antler having 3 or more points (each point 1 inch or more in length) or a main beam length of 10 inches or more. Antlerless deer (which includes does and bucks with antlers less than 5 inches in length, but not spotted fawn). Bearded turkey, wild hog, coyote, eastern grey squirrel, rabbits, raccoons, opossums, skunk.

K3. Muzzleloader Season
   a. Legal to take: Antlered deer with at least 1 antler having 3 or more points (each point 1 inch or more in length) or a main beam length of 10 inches or more. Wild hog, coyote, eastern grey squirrel, rabbits, raccoons, opossums, skunk.

K4. General Gun Season
   a. Legal to take: Antlered deer with at least 1 antler having 3 or more points (each point 1 inch or more in length) or a main beam length of 10 inches or more. Wild hog, coyote, eastern grey squirrel, rabbits, raccoons, opossums, skunk. Migratory birds within Federal season dates.

K5. Fall Turkey Season
   a. Legal to take: bearded turkey, antlered deer with at least 1 antler having 3 or more points (each point 1 inch or more in length) or a main beam length of 10 inches or more. Wild hog, coyote, eastern grey squirrel, rabbits, raccoons, opossums, skunk

K6. Small Game Season
   a. Legal to take: wild hog, quail, eastern grey squirrel, rabbits, coyotes, raccoon, opossum and snipe (check season dates).
   b. Rabbit dogs are prohibited.
   c. GPS and correction collars are not required for bird dogs.

K7. Migratory Birds
   a. Dove, duck and snipe can be harvested when the Federal and State season dates overlap with APAFR General Gun and Small Game Seasons.
   b. Experimental duck seasons are not in effect at Avon Park Air Force Range.
   c. To harvest any game including ducks on the Kissimmee River, the individual must have an APAFR Hunt Permit.

K8. Spring Turkey Season
   a. Legal to take: Bearded turkey
   b. The hunting of bearded turkeys is permitted from one half-hour before sunrise until 1300 hours.
   c. The take of wild hog is prohibited during spring turkey season.

For firearm regulations for each season, refer to Section I. Permissible Firearms & Weapons

L. Non-Game Wildlife Regulations
   Refer to Section 13 in OI

L1. No wildlife or freshwater fish or their nests, eggs, young, homes or dens shall be taken, transported, stored, served, bought, sold, or possessed in any manner or quantity at any time except as specifically permitted by these rules. Nor shall
anyone take, poison, store, buy, sell, possess any wildlife or freshwater fish, except as specifically permitted by this document.

L2. No one shall wantonly or willfully waste wildlife.

L3. Intentionally placing, offering, or allowing the placement of, food or garbage in such a manner that it attracts bears, coyotes, foxes, raccoons, and/or sandhill cranes, or in a manner that is likely to create or which does create, a public nuisance, is prohibited.

L4. Birds: State and federal laws protect native species of birds. Native birds shall not be taken or harassed, except as described in this instruction. Unprotected non-native bird species include House (English) Sparrows and European Starlings.

L5. Unprotected mammals include armadillos, Norway rats, black rats, and house mice.

L6. Frogs, except Pine Barrens tree frogs, gopher frogs and Florida bog frogs, may be taken day or night, year-round by hand, gigs, clubs, or hook and line. See Section B for access procedure.

L7. Turtles: Take, transport or possession of alligator snapping turtles, Barbour’s map turtles and Suwannee Cooter is prohibited. Loggerhead musk turtles, box turtles, Escambia map turtles, and diamondback terrapins have a possession limit of two. Taking Escambia map turtles, cooters, and snapping turtles from the wild is prohibited. For all other freshwater turtles, take is limited to one turtle per person per day from the wild for noncommercial use. Freshwater turtles can only be taken by hand, dip net, minnow seine or baited hook.

L8. Softshell turtles shall not be taken from May 01 through July 31.

L9. Gopher tortoises: Taking or possessing gopher tortoises, or parts thereof, is prohibited. Harassment, including allowing dogs to dig burrows of gopher tortoises, is prohibited.

L10. Taking or possessing any snakes, including venomous snakes, is prohibited.

L11. Endangered, threatened, or species of special concern: Killing or attempting to kill or wound these protected species is prohibited. Capturing, harming, harassing, or possessing any protected species or their nests, eggs, or parts is prohibited. Current listings of these species can be obtained at the Outdoor Recreation Office.

L12. All wildlife is protected and shall not be harassed, injured, killed, or removed from the installation, except as specifically authorized by these regulations.

M. Glossary of Terms

Refer to Florida Administrative Code 68A-1.004 for definitions not listed

Airboat – any boat, sled, sea skiff or swamp boat pushed, pulled or propelled by airpower generated by a motor of more than 25 horsepower

Air Force Prime Contractor – contractors working for the Air Force on the APAFR with a minimum contract length of five years

All-terrain vehicle (ATV) – an engine-powered vehicle with wheels or tracks of less than a 60-inch wheelbase measured from the center of the forward wheel or hub to the center of the rearmost wheel or hub.

Amphibians – all members of the class Amphibia (for example frogs, toads, mudpuppies, newts and salamanders).
Archaeological resources - archaeological resources on the Range are protected by the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA) of 1979 (Public Law 96-95; 16 U.S.C. 470 aa-mm) as amended. Removal of protected materials is punishable by a fine of $10,000.00 and/or 1 year in federal prison for the first offence. A fine of $100,000.00 and/or five years in federal prison are the punishments for the second and other subsequent offenses. Additionally, any equipment and vehicles used in the removal of archaeological materials shall be confiscated. Archaeological resources are defined in ARPA as “any material remains of past human life or activities that are of archaeological interest.”

Bicycle - a vehicle propelled solely by human power, having two tandem wheels, and including any device generally recognized as a bicycle though equipped with two front or two rear wheels. The term does not include such a vehicle with an electric or gas-powered motor, with a seat height of no more than 25 inches from the ground when the seat is adjusted to its highest position, or a scooter or similar device.

Companion - limited to include spouses, common law marriages, fiancés, fiancées, and significant others.

Dependent - individual less than 18 years of age on September 1st of the permit year accompanying an APAFR permit holder (host). This individual can be either a legally dependent child or a child with a signed parental-consent form.

Firearm - shotgun, rifle, pistol, revolver, gas gun, blow gun, bow, crossbow, or any other device mechanically propelling an arrow, spear, or other projectile.

Guest - individual that is 18 years or older on September 01 of the permit year accompanying an APAFR permit holder (host).

Hunting - the lawful pursuit, trapping, shooting, capture, collection, or killing of wildlife or the lawful attempt to pursue trap, shoot or capture, collect or kill wildlife.

Legal game – antlered deer, gray squirrel, rabbit, quail, rail, snipe, woodcock, duck, dove, geese, coot and common moorhen during open seasons established for each species by Rule 68A-13.003, 68A-13.004 or 68A-13.008, F.A.C., unless otherwise stipulated for a particular species in a regulation established for a specific wildlife management area, wildlife and environmental area, public small game hunting area or public use areas.

Migratory game birds – ducks, rails, coots, common gallinules, Wilson’s snipe, woodcock and doves.

Roadway – that portion of a highway improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular travel, exclusive of the berm or shoulder.

Take – the term shall include taking, attempting to take, pursuing, hunting, molesting, capturing, or killing any wildlife or freshwater fish, or their nests or eggs by any means whether or not such actions result in obtaining possession of such wildlife or freshwater fish or their nests or eggs.