**Ft. Pickett iSportsman Guidance:**

**Hunting Permit**.To be assigned an area to hunt, hunters must check in to a hunting area using the Ft. Pickett iSportsman system either by phone, computer, smartphone, or at the game check station if staff are present and available. A parking permit is issued at the same time when a hunter purchases their hunting permit. The hunting permit must be printed off and carried on the hunters’ person. Controlled Access Area (CAA) hunters will need to get their hunting permit and parking permit stamped “CAA” before being allowed to hunt in the Controlled Access Area.

**Parking Permit**. The parking permit, must be displayed face up on the left side of the dashboard of the hunters’ vehicle **so that it is clearly visible to the roadway**. The parking permit must be clearly displayed for each hunter in a vehicle. Vehicles not displaying parking permits may be towed at the owner’s expense and their hunting privileges may be suspended. When finished hunting, every hunter must check out from their hunting area using the iSportsman system.

**Reservations**.Hunters may reserve an open hunting area by telephone 1-866-471-0225, or on the Ft. Pickett iSportsman website (https://ftpickett.isportsman.net), beginning at 1700 (5pm) and ending at 2200 (10pm) the day prior to the hunting day. While there is no hunting on Sundays or Mondays, reservations can be made on Monday evenings for the Tuesday hunt day. Reservations will be held only until 0800 (8am) the day of the hunt. The calling hunter may make a reservation for themselves and three other hunters. Reservations serve only as a place holder for the recreationist, checkin is still required of those individuals making reservations.

**Checking In and Not Hunting**. Hunters who falsely check in to hunt an area and do not go hunting, or allow others to check them into areas, **or using another hunters iSportsman account** for the purpose of “locking up” openings to keep others out will be flagged as doing so in the iSportsman system and have their privileges immediately placed on administrative hold until the incident is resolved. Such violations may result in permanent loss of hunting privileges and or permanent debarment from Ft. Pickett.

**Additional Check-In Instructions:** Specific hunting quotas exist to control the amount of people that are allowed to hunt specific species. Quail hunters, spring turkey hunters, waterfowl hunters, and rabbit hunters must check into their desired areas under the appropriate designation. All other hunter types must check into the general hunting area. NOTE: Hunters must be checked into the Ft. Pickett iSportsman system prior to entering the hunting area.

**Failure to Check-Out of Area By Assigned Time**. **Hunters must check out of their hunting area in the iSportsman system.** Hunters who fail to check out of areas in iSportsman by the assigned time will automatically have their accounts placed on administrative hold. **The first 2 offenses in a license year will result in the administrative hold remaining for up to 10 days unless direct communication with game check staff lifts the hold from your account. A third offense of not checking out of an area will result in a mandatory minimum (10) day administrative hold on their account. Hunters who fail to check out of iSportsman at the end of the deer General Gun Season will have their administrative action applied into the next year’s opening of General Gun Season.**

**Fishing Procedures**:To check in to a fishing area, anglers must check in using the Ft. Pickett iSportsman system either by phone, smartphone, or at the iSportsman website (<https://ftpickett.isportsman.net>). The fishing permit must be printed and carried on the anglers’ person, and the vehicle pass must be displayed face up on the left side of the dashboard of the anglers’ vehicle so it is clearly visible. The vehicle pass for each permitted angler traveling in a vehicle must be clearly displayed. Vehicles not displaying an iSportsman vehicle pass will be towed at the owner’s expense and their fishing privileges will be suspended. When finished fishing, every angler must check out of their fishing area using the iSportsman system. All fish harvested must be reported in the system upon Check Out in iSportsman. Failure to leave and check out of the fishing area by the designated closing time will result in an automatic hold placed on all fishing privileges. Anglers must be out of their assigned areas, checked out through the iSportsman system consistent with the Ft. Pickett Fishing Schedule.

**Schedule of Check In/Out Times:**

Legal hours for hunting on Ft. Pickett are consistent with Virginia State Law; however all sportsmen recreating on Ft. Pickett must abide by the checkin/checkout rules as listed below:

 **Check In Begin Check Out End**

General Hunting

To include: Waterfowl, 2 hrs. before sunrise 1.5 hrs. after sunset

Rabbit, Upland Bird\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Spring Turkey Hunting 2 hrs. before sunrise 1:00 P.M.­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Dove Hunting 11:00 A.M. 30 minutes after sunset\_\_\_\_

Fishing Midnight 11:59 P.M.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Scouting\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_1 hr. before sunrise 1 hr. after sunset

Dog Training 1 hr. before sunrise 1 hr. after sunset