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MARINE CORPS BASE BULLETIN 11015

From: Commander

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Subj: 2004-2005 HUNTING SEASONS, LIMITS, AND OPERATIONAL HOURS
FOR THE GAME CHECKING STATION

Ref: (a) MCBO P11015.2A, chapter 3

Encl: (1) 2004-2005 Hunting Seasons

(2) 2004-2005 Game Checking Station Hours of Operation,
Marine Corps Base Hunter Orientation Safety Class
Schedule, and Mainside Archery Qualification Class
Schedule

(3) 2004-2005 Early Checkout Schedules

1. Purpose. To publish 2004-2005 hunting season dates, bag limits, Game Checking Station hours of operation, Hunter Orientation safety class schedules, early checkout procedures, and special policies for hunting at Marine Corps Base, Quantico.

2. Information

a. Procedures and Requirements. Procedures and requirements for hunting at Marine Corps Base, Quantico, are per the reference, except as updated by this bulletin. Enclosure (1) provides the hunting season dates and bag limits for 2004-2005.

b. The Game Checking Station Hours of Operation. The Game Checking Station hours of operation are shown at enclosure (2). The Game Checking Station is closed on Sundays, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. The Game Checking Station closes at 1200 on Thanksgiving Day; hunters must return to the Game Checking Station no later than noon.

c. License Sales. The Marine Corps Base hunting, fishing and woodcutting licenses are sold at the Game Checking Station from opening time until either 1600 or closing time, whichever comes first, on days that the Game Checking Station is in operation. Sales may be closed from 1100-1300 during early checkout.

d. License Cost. MCB Form 11015/8 (6/00) (EF), Hunting License Marine Corps Base, Quantico, VA, valid for the 2004-2005 hunting season, costs \$15.00. A trip license, valid for three consecutive

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hunting days, costs \$5.00. Persons under the age of 18, those 65 and over, and persons having the Virginia permanently disabled resident lifetime license will be provided a hunting license free of charge. Non-hunters will be issued a certificate of completion of the Marine Corps Base Hunter Orientation Safety Course in lieu of a license. The cost to replace a lost license is \$1.00.

e. Virginia Hunter Education Course. Hunters who need to attend a Virginia Hunter Education Course are advised to contact the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries at www.dgif.state.va.us for a listing of course offerings. Courses are scheduled at the Marine Corps Base Rod and Gun Club in April, August, and September. Registration information will be shown on the class announcement flyer and posted on the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries website.

f. Marine Corps Base Hunter Orientation Safety Class. Classes are given at Building 5-9 (Game Checking Station) and will start promptly per the schedule listed in enclosure (2). Hunters who were licensed to hunt at Marine Corps Base, Quantico during the 2003-2004 hunting season are excused from the class; all other hunters must attend.

g. Early Checkout. The early checkout schedules for assignment of daily hunting permits are shown at enclosure (3).

h. Mainside Qualification. In order to hunt in the mainside archery hunting area, Marine Corps Base licensed hunters must attend the Mainside Archery Qualification Class. The class schedule is listed at enclosure (2). Because there is limited class space, hunters should sign up in advance at the Game Checking Station to reserve a seat. During the Game Checking Station hours of operation, signup may be accomplished in person or call 703-784-5523/5329. The training class includes an archery skills test. Archery hunters should bring their archery equipment and at least six arrows. Either broadhead or field points will be allowed. Successful qualification will require the archer to shoot 3 out of 5 arrows into an 8-inch round target placed at a distance of between 15 and 25 yards. Qualification is from an elevated position.

i. Access to Scout Hunting Areas West of Interstate 95

(1) Non-Hunting Days. On non-hunting days, permission to enter training areas must be obtained from the Range Management Branch, G-3, Marine Corps Base, in person; this includes any scouting, dog training, or temporary tree stand installation/retrieval. Access will only be authorized from 1 hour before sunrise to 1 hour after sunset.

(2) Spring Gobbler Season. Hunters wanting to scout and roost gobblers after hunting hours during the spring gobbler season may get permission from the Range Management Branch. These individuals must return to Range Management Branch no later than 1 hour after sunset. Failure to return passes on time will be handled as hunting violations.

j. Access for Scouting East of Interstate 95

(1) Training Areas 2, 3, and 4. These areas are normally open for hunting activities only during the Christmas holidays and are not open for scouting.

(2) Mainside. Personnel who have completed the Mainside Archery Qualification Class may obtain permission at the Game Checking Station to do pre-season scouting in the mainside hunting area from 8 September 2004 to 1 October 2004, inclusive. Scouting will be permitted only between 0800 and 1400, Monday to Saturday, and the scouting pass must be returned to the Game Checking Station by 1500. Individuals must park at designated mainside hunting parking areas.

(3) Engineer Test Area. On days authorized by the Noncommissioned Officer in Charge, Engineer Test Area pre-season scouting will be allowed during Game Checking Station operating hours from 7 September 2004 to 1 October 2004. Passes must be picked up and turned in at the Game Checking Station and all parking must be outside the Engineer Test Area gate.

k. Time Restriction for Arrival at Hunting Areas. Hunters having a valid daily hunting permit may arrive at and enter their assigned hunting area no sooner than 0400 except for hunters assigned to dove fields during September. Dove field arrival is limited to 1 hour before the legal shooting time.

l. Deadline for Return to the Game Checking Station. Per paragraph 3003.2b of the reference, the normal deadline for return to the Game Checking Station is 1 hour after hunting ceases, with the exception that waterfowl hunters in designated blinds are given 1 1/2 hours. During deer season hunters assigned to hunting areas 9B, 13, 14A, 15C, 16A, 16B, 17A, 17B, 17C, and 17 Upshur will be given 1 1/2 hours after hunting ceases to return to the Game Checking Station before they are considered late.

m. Hunter Checkout Deadline. The issue of daily hunting permits for the current day's hunt will cease 1 hour before legal shooting time ends.

n. First-Come First-Served Checkout. At 1 hour after hunting ceases, on hunting days or closing time on non-hunting days, all unissued and unreserved permits for the next day's hunt will be issued on a first-come first-served basis.

o. Hunting Map. Changes on the 2004-2005 hunting map include:

(1) The addition of range gates 8A and 8B on Marine Corps Base #8. Gates 8A and 8B will routinely be locked.

(2) Addition of a waterfowl hunting blind "E" near the outlet of Little Creek into Quantico Creek.

(3) Addition of a hunter parking area on Telegraph Road, Route 637, for access to Engineer Test Area.

(4) Addition of a hunter parking area on Marine Corps Base #4 adjacent to Aquia Creek, for access to archery areas 5C and 7C.

p. Russell Road Landfill. This area is only available on a limited basis and is restricted for use by hunters in wheelchairs and their hunting partner. They can request use of the area per the guidelines at paragraph 3005 of the reference. No vehicle traffic is allowed on the landfill cover. Hunting will be from designated stands. The hunting partner may not take antlered bucks but may take antlerless deer during the entire archery and firearms seasons. Other game such as squirrel, dove, and turkey may be taken during legal seasons. Shotguns and muzzle loading guns per the reference may be used during the designated firearms seasons.

3. Special Deer Management Policies

a. Special Muzzle Loading Gun Season. This season will not be in effect aboard Marine Corps Base, Quantico.

b. Bonus Deer Tags. These tags, sold by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, will not be accepted for deer harvested from Marine Corps Base, Quantico.

c. Deer Management Assistance Program Tags. The Game Checking Station may provide Deer Management Assistance Program tags to hunters for the harvest of antlerless deer in archery hunting areas: Mainside, Engineer Test Area, 2, 5C, 6C, 7C, 8A, 8B, 17C, and 17 Upshur. Only Deer Management Assistance Program permits issued by the Game Checking Station are valid at Marine Corps Base, Quantico. No more than two Deer Management Assistance Program tags can be used per day per hunter. Deer tagged with Deer Management Assistance Program tags will not count against either daily or season bag limits.

d. Crossbows. Disabled hunters who are authorized by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to hunt with crossbows are authorized to utilize the equipment on Marine Corps Base, Quantico but must provide the Game Checking Station with a copy of the crossbow authorization form and must have the form in their possession while hunting.

e. Bag Limits. The daily deer bag limit is one; the season limit is four. Any of the tabs on the Virginia deer, bear, and turkey license can be used at Marine Corps Base, Quantico so long as no more than two antlered bucks are harvested and the total number of tabs notched at Marine Corps Base, Quantico does not exceed four. Deer Management Assistance Program tags authorized in archery areas do not count against daily or season limits.

4. Bobwhite Quail and Ruffed Grouse Seasons Closed. Bobwhite quail and ruffed grouse may not be harvested on Marine Corps Base, Quantico. Bird dog training is allowed per procedures in reference (a). Quail populations have declined to low numbers at Marine Corps Base, Quantico. The intent is to reopen the season when quail recover and fully occupy the available habitat on Marine Corps Base, Quantico. All hunters are encouraged to report to the Game Checking Station locations where quail are observed.

5. Nuisance Species. Hunters may take at anytime, while checked out to hunt, animals designated as nuisance species in Virginia and include, coyote, groundhog, European starling, and English sparrow. Hunters will report to the Game Checking Station any nuisance species that are taken on Marine Corps Base, Quantico. Hunters are reminded that shooting or harming dogs is illegal.

6. Fields Off-Limits to Migratory Waterfowl Hunting. Fields planted to annual grains and manipulated to attract doves may not be legally hunted for geese and ducks. A map of these fields will be posted at the Game Checking Station.

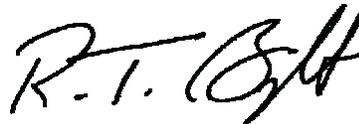
7. Use of the Conservation Volunteer Program Guest Card. Paragraph 3003.1d(4) of the reference specifies that the Conservation Volunteer Program Guest Card is only to be used by a guest who is hunting with the host volunteer. This provision will be enforced and requires that volunteers may only use the Conservation Volunteer Program Guest Card to check out a guest into the same area that they are hunting. Due to limited space during spring gobbler season, the guest of a volunteer utilizing their Conservation Volunteer Program Guest Card will hunt under the same pass as the Conservation Volunteer Program host. This will be known as a Conservation Volunteer Program Guest "companion" hunt. Both members of the party may carry a weapon but must travel to and from the hunting area in the same vehicle and must

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stay within 20 yards of one another. This is a typical arrangement where one hunter is the primary caller and the other hunter is the primary shooter. Failure to abide by this restriction to hunt together will result in forfeiture of hunting privileges at Marine Corps Base, Quantico.

8. Tagging and Check In Policy. All deer, bear, and turkey taken on Marine Corps Base, Quantico property must be checked in at the Game Checking Station where a Big Game Check Card will be issued. Specific instructions for Sunday-tracking and game registrations will be provided at the Game Checking Station.

9. Action. Addressees will adhere to and ensure the widest dissemination of the contents of this bulletin.



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DISTRIBUTION: A

2004-2005 HUNTING SEASONS

		BEAR
Archery	9 Oct-6 Nov	One per season.
Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries regulations apply: Females with cubs may not be harvested. Minimum weight 100 lbs live or 75 lbs dressed. Bear can be taken in any open hunting area, including Mainside.		
		CROW
	4 Sep-31 Jan	No bag limit. It is lawful to hunt crows only on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.
		DEER
Archery	2 Oct-12 Nov	Either-sex.
Firearms	13 Nov-31 Dec	Buck-only, except on designated either-sex days, which are, 13, 20, 26, and 27 Nov, and 4, 11, 18-31 Dec.
Marine Corps Base, Quantico Deer Hunting Notes & Definitions:		
Antlerless Deer: Females (does) and male fawns (button bucks) have no polished bony antler protruding above the hairline and are considered to be antlerless deer.		
Bucks: During the buck-only portion of the firearms deer season, only mature bucks, those with polished antlers protruding above the hairline, may be taken. Deer management assistant program and antlerless tags may not be used on mature bucks.		
Daily Bag Limit: One deer per hunter per day, except that hunters in the archery only areas: Mainside, Engineer Test Area, 2, 5C, 6C, 7C, 8A, 8B, 17C, and 17 Upshur may take up to two additional antlerless deer per day on Deer Management Assistance Program tags, which do not count against either the daily or season bag limit.		
Season Bag Limit: Four per license year. No more than two bucks (see definition above) can be taken at Marine Corps Base, Quantico during the 2004 deer season. Antlerless deer taken on Deer Management Assistant Program tags do not count against the season limit.		
Special Youth Antlerless Deer Regulation: The Virginia youth antlerless deer regulation applies at Marine Corps Base, Quantico.		

DOVE

4 Sep-25 Sep
9 Oct- 7 Nov
28 Dec-15 Jan

Daily Limit: 12. During the first season, 4 Sep-25 Sep, hunting is allowed from 1200 until sunset. Designated dove fields will be open on Mondays and Saturdays when feasible. Dove may be taken in any open gun hunting area during legal hunting hours and seasons. During the last two seasons, legal hunting hours are 1/2 hour before

FURBEARERS

Fox	1 Nov-31 Jan	No limit
Opossum	15 Oct-31 Jan	No limit
Raccoon	15 Oct-31 Jan	Daily limit: Two

Note: Legal hunting hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset only. Night hunting is prohibited.

QUAIL & RUFFED GROUSE

Season closed

RABBIT

1 Nov-31 Jan Daily limit: Six

SEPTEMBER GOOSE

4 Sep-25 Sep Daily limit: Five

SEPTEMBER TEAL

16 Sep-25 Sep Daily limit: Four

SQUIRREL

4 Sep-31 Jan Daily limit: Six

TURKEY (Fall Seasons)

Archery	2 Oct- 6 Nov
Firearms	25 Oct- 6 Nov
	25 Nov (Thanksgiving Day)
	6 Dec-31 Dec

TURKEY (Spring Gobbler)

2 Apr: Youth Turkey Hunt. Youth hunters 15 years of age or younger may hunt and must be accompanied by their parent, guardian, or authorized adult. The adult may not carry a weapon. All participants must be licensed to hunt on Marine Corps Base, Quantico for the 2004-2005 hunting season.

9 Apr-14 May

Hunting Hours - 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1200 for the entire season.

Daily Limit: One.

Annual Limit: Three, no more than two turkeys may be taken in the fall.

WATERFOWL: Duck, goose, and swan seasons established by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries will be in effect at Marine Corps Base, Quantico from 4 Sep 04-31 Jan 05.

WOODCOCK 30 Oct-13 Nov **Daily limit:** Three
 18 Dec-31 Dec

2004-2005 GAME CHECKING STATION HOURS OF OPERATION,
MARINE CORPS BASE HUNTER ORIENTATION SAFETY CLASS SCHEDULE,
AND MAINSIDE ARCHERY QUALIFICATION CLASS SCHEDULE

DATES	GAME CHECKING STATION HOURS OF OPERATION	HUNTER ORIENTATION SAFETY CLASS TIMES
1 Sep-3 Sep	0800-1600	0800, 0900, 1000
4 Sep-1 Oct	0800-1 1/2 hour past sunset	0800, 0900, 1000
2 Oct-24 Nov	0530-1 1/2 hour past sunset	0545, and as requested from 0645-0945 (Monday -Saturday) and 1315- 1515(Monday-Friday).
25 Nov (Thanksgiving)	0530-1200	0545, 0700
26 Nov-31 Dec	0530-1 1/2 hour past sunset	0545, and as requested from 0645-0945 (Monday -Saturday) and 1315- 1515(Monday-Friday).
3 Jan-31 Jan	0630-1 1/2 hour past sunset ¹	As requested from 0645-0945 and 1315- 1515.
1, 4 Apr-8 Apr	0800-1300	0815, 0915, 1015
2, 9 Apr-14 May	0445-1300	0500, 0600, 0700, 0800
MAINSIDE ARCHERY QUALIFICATION CLASS SCHEDULE²		
7 Sep-30 Sep (Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, only)		1300
16 Oct and 6 Nov		1300

- Note: 1. At 1 hour before sunset, no more passes will be issued and the Game Checking Station will close as soon as the last hunter has returned.
2. Hunters should pre-register at the Game Checking Station for these classes.

2004-2005 EARLY CHECKOUT SCHEDULES

FALL/WINTER HUNTING SEASON			
Hunter Category	Checkout Time¹		Authorized Issue of Daily Permits²
	In-Person	Telephone	
GREEN with CVP Card ³	1125-1130	1140-1700	Will be issued permits from the GREEN quota.
GREEN and BLUE with CVP Card	1130-COB ⁴	1145-1700	GREEN will be issued permits from the GREEN quota; at 1300, GREEN may also be issued permits from the BLUE quota. BLUE CVP will be issued permits from the BLUE quota first and then from GREEN quota, if BLUE permits are unavailable for the desired area.
BLUE and BROWN with CVP Card	1200-COB	1215-1700	BLUE may be issued from any available permits in the GREEN or BLUE quotas. BROWN CVP will be issued permits from the BROWN quota first and then from the GREEN quota, if BROWN permits are unavailable for the desired area.
BROWN	1230-COB	1245-1700	May be issued from any available permits in the BROWN quota.

Note: 1. Thanksgiving, early checkout times begin 2 hours earlier than times listed in the table.

2. Each hunter is permitted to checkout or reserve a maximum of two hunting permits, one for himself/herself and one for a friend.

3. CVP: Conservation Volunteer Program Card.

4. COB: Close of business.

ENCLOSURE (3)

SPRING GOBBLER HUNTING SEASON			
Hunter Category	Checkout Time		Authorized Issue of Daily Permits¹
	In-Person	Telephone	
GREEN with CVP Card ²	1125-1130	1140-1300	Will be issued permits from the GREEN quota.
GREEN and BLUE with CVP Card	1130-1300	1145-1300	GREEN will be issued permits from the GREEN quota; at 1230, GREEN may also be issued permits from the BLUE quota. BLUE CVP will be issued permits from the BLUE quota first and then from GREEN quota, if BLUE permits are unavailable for the desired area.
BLUE and BROWN with CVP Card	1145-1300	1200-1300	BLUE may be issued from any available permit in the GREEN or BLUE quotas. BROWN CVP will be issued permits from the BROWN quota first and then from the GREEN quota, if BROWN permits are unavailable for the desired area.
BROWN	1200-1300	1215-1300	May be issued from any available permits in the BROWN quota.

- Note: 1. Each hunter is permitted to checkout or reserve a maximum of two hunting permits, one for himself/herself and one for a friend. If the hunter has a Conservation Volunteer Program Guest Card, he/she may take a guest on a "companion" hunt. The hunters must proceed to and from the assigned hunting area in the same vehicle and must stay within 20 yards of one another. Each hunter may carry a weapon.
2. CVP: Conservation Volunteer Program Card.

WATERFOWL BLIND¹ AND DOVE FIELD² ASSIGNMENTS	
AT 1125, HUNTERS IN LINE WILL BE SERVED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER:	PERMIT QUOTA ELIGIBILITY
(1) GREEN with CVP Card ³	GREEN
(2) GREEN	GREEN
(3) BLUE with CVP Card	BLUE & GREEN
(4) BLUE	BLUE & GREEN
(5) BROWN with CVP Card	BROWN, GREEN & BLUE
(6) BROWN	All remaining permits
(7) First-Come First-Served	All remaining permits
(8) At 1145, telephone reservations will be accepted first-come first-served.	All remaining permits

- Note:
1. A calendar will be published prior to the season that designates for each hunting day which waterfowl blinds are coded GREEN, BLUE or BROWN for early checkout purposes. The color designation of the blinds will be rotated on a systematic basis. Due to the limited number of blinds, a hunter may reserve or pick up only one blind during early checkout. To encourage equal access to blinds, any individual who hunted a blind may not reserve the same blind for the next day's hunt prior to 1215 during early checkout.
 2. Reservations for dove fields during the September season will be held at the Game Checking Station until 1115 on the hunting day.
 3. CVP: Conservation Volunteer Program Card.