

FEATURE

Hunting, recreational permit process changing at Fort McCoy

Starting in March 2019, all Fort McCoy hunting, fishing, and trapping permits will be sold through the Fort McCoy iSportsman automated website at <https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net>.

Fort McCoy permits will no longer be available for purchase through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) GoWild system, including online, statewide vendors, and WDNR Service Centers.

Fort McCoy permits will only be available through the individual's iSportsman account and must be purchased online using a credit or debit card. Those who have not used iSportsman will first need to register at <https://ftmccoy.isportsman.net> prior to purchasing any permits.

This is a one-time registration. If the account holder has forgotten his or her username/permit number or password/PIN, he or she should contact the Permit Sales Office to get it reset.

Once an account has been created, the individual can log in and select "Acquire Permit(s)" to view available permits and applications. Select the desired permit or permit application by clicking "Add to Cart." Follow the permit or application prompts and then click "Save."

To purchase permits, select "View Cart and Checkout," follow the prompts for payment, and confirm the order. Once payment is received, permits will be posted to the iSportsman account. Fort McCoy permits are not transferable or refundable.

Fort McCoy permit holders are also required to obtain the appropriate Wisconsin hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses and stamps before participating in these activities on the installation. Wisconsin licenses and stamps can be purchased online at <https://gowild.wi.gov> or through a license sales agent.

All permit holders are required to use iSportsman to check in and out daily when participating in activities on the installation by calling iSportsman at 866-277-1597, visiting www.ftmccoy.isportsman.net, or through the kiosk located at the Hunter Information Point. The Hunter Information Point is located at the intersection of South J Street and Highway 21 and will be open for all hunting/fishing/trapping seasons.

In addition to the specific activity



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(Above) A deer stands in the snow Feb. 6, 2017, on North Post at Fort McCoy. (Below) A wild turkey is seen on North Post on Sept. 28, 2018, at Fort McCoy. Permits to hunt both deer and turkey will now be sold through Fort McCoy's iSportsman website.



permit (both Fort McCoy and Wisconsin), all users must also have a valid annual Access Pass.

The free Fort McCoy Access Pass can be obtained through iSportsman when logging in to the account for

the first time after March 1 annually. If the account holder does not have a valid Access Pass, iSportsman

will automatically prompt him or her to select the Access Pass. The pass is valid March 1 through Feb. 28.

The annual Fort McCoy Access Pass serves as the permit for nonhunting/fishing recreational activities. The iSportsman system will not allow check-in for any activity if individual does not have the current Fort McCoy Access Pass.

Recreational participants/permit holders must ensure that the training areas and/or lakes they plan to use are open for that day by checking the Game Line daily through the iSportsman system.

If using the website, click on Game Line on the blue menu bar. Visitors also may call 866-277-1597 and listen for Game Line prompts. The Game Line works in conjunction with the hunting and fishing maps.

To review rules, regulations, and maps, go to <https://www.ftmccoy.isportsman.net> and select Regulations from the menu bar.

Fort McCoy permits for turkey and deer hunting seasons will include the required carcass tag/harvest authorization for that permit. WDNR carcass tags/harvest authorizations will not be valid on Fort McCoy. Harvest reporting will also be completed at Fort McCoy during the hunter check-out process.

Deer and turkey will no longer need to be registered with the WDNR. Fort McCoy will provide all harvest information to the WDNR at the end of each season.

Details on the registration process and harvest confirmation will be provided to permit holders at time of purchase.

Fort McCoy daily and 30-day firewood permits will be available for purchase through the iSportsman system starting in April.

Throughout this transition, additional information will be posted on the Fort McCoy iSportsman website at www.ftmccoy.isportsman.net.

For more information about permits or recreational access, contact the Permit Sales Office by phone at 608-388-3337; by email at usarmy.mccoy.imcom-central.mbx.dpw-permit-sales@mail.mil; or by mail at Directorate of Public Works, (IMMC-PWE-N/Permit Sales), 2171 South 8th Avenue, Fort McCoy, WI 54656-5136.

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