

# OUTDOOR RECREATION ON FORT DRUM

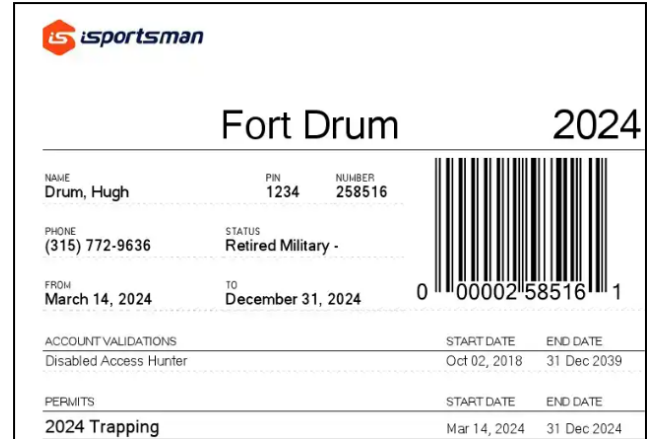
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## RECREATIONAL ACCESS PASSES AVAILABLE ON-LINE

Recreation on Fort Drum—including hunting, fishing, trapping, and wildlife viewing—is open to everyone!

Before entering the training areas, all recreationists must have a Fort Drum Recreation Pass; a NYSDEC license (for hunting, fishing & trapping); and check-in (and check-out) daily by accessing your account on the iSportsman web site with a smart phone or computer or calling the Sportsman's Hotline at 1-855-267-9770. The web site is updated at approximately 3:00 pm each day, listing training areas that are open the following day. Recreationists can check into up to three training areas at a time. NOTE: The iSportsman system is built based on a smart phone/computer interface and works better than calling by phone.

Fort Drum Recreational Access Passes are **ONLY available on-line** through the [FortDrum.iSportsman.net](http://FortDrum.iSportsman.net) web site. Passes are **FREE!** Recreational Access Passes are valid from January 1 to December 31.



The image shows a printed recreation pass from iSportsman for Fort Drum in 2024. The pass includes the following information:

NAME Drum, Hugh		PIN 1234	NUMBER 258516	0 00002 58516 1
PHONE (315) 772-9636	STATUS Retired Military -			
FROM March 14, 2024	TO December 31, 2024			
ACCOUNT VALIDATIONS Disabled Access Hunter		START DATE Oct 02, 2018	END DATE 31 Dec 2039	
PERMITS 2024 Trapping		START DATE Mar 14, 2024	END DATE 31 Dec 2024	



Recreationists can obtain access passes from a home, library, or other computer terminal with internet access and a printer. Once the information has been input into the system, the recreational access pass can be printed on a normal printer (the print out will look like the example above). Passes for each person in the vehicle should be placed on the driver's side of the vehicle when entering Fort Drum.

Regulations can be downloaded from the web site, but Recreational Use Maps must be picked up in person at the Natural Resources Outreach Facility (S-2507). It is the responsibility of every recreationist to have an updated map and know the regulations before recreating on Fort Drum!

(Turn this page over for other requirements to recreate on Fort Drum.)

**FORT DRUM IS AN ACTIVE MILITARY INSTALLATION. RECREATIONAL USE IS SECONDARY TO MILITARY TRAINING. ALL RECREATIONISTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR KNOWING THE LAWS, REGULATIONS, AND PROCEDURES FOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES ON FORT DRUM.**

# FORTDRUM.ISPORTSMAN.NET

The Fort Drum iSportsman web site is not only the gateway to receive a Recreational Access Pass, but also provides an overview of recreation and natural resources management on Fort Drum. The most updated information can be found in the "New News" section; events related to outdoor recreation and the environment are located under the "Upcoming Events" section; and season dates can be found on the web site as well. There are numerous links and downloadable files on a variety of topics.

You can also join us on our Facebook page—just search "Fort Drum Natural Resources."



The screenshot shows the website's navigation menu with the following links:

- LOGIN/REGISTER**  
Need to login? New to iSportsman? Click here to login or register.
- OPEN AREAS**  
Need to check which areas are available? View area status here.
- CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT**  
Just need to check-in? Click here to go directly to the check-in page.
- ALERTS/NEWS**  
Keep up-to-date with the latest alerts and news at your facility.
- FD REGULATION 420-3**  
Important information you need to know before checking in.
- HAZARDS & VIOLATIONS**  
Report training area hazards, violations, or wildlife sightings.

The website also features a scenic image of a lake with autumn foliage and the Fort Drum Natural Resources logo.

**QUESTIONS? FORTDRUM.ISPORTSMAN.NET**



# THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT RECREATING ON FORT DRUM

## NYS LICENSES

To hunt, fish, or trap on Fort Drum, a New York State hunting, fishing, and/or trapping license must first be obtained. NYS licenses are available on Fort Drum at the PX. Anyone allowed to access Fort Drum can purchase a NYS license at the PX. Otherwise, NYS licenses are available from off-post vendors and on-line (but allow 14 days for hunting licenses and tags.) See the NYSDEC web site for information about hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses (<https://dec.ny.gov/regulatory/permits-licenses/sporting-and-use/sporting>).



Active duty military personnel and family members stationed at Fort Drum are eligible to purchase sporting licenses as **NYS RESIDENTS** instead of non-residents. NYS residents who are active service members of either the New York State Organized Militia, U.S. Reserve Forces, or certain members of the U.S. Armed Forces are eligible for **FREE** sporting licenses. See the NYSDEC web site (<https://dec.ny.gov/regulatory/permits-licenses/sporting-and-use/sporting/free-reduced-fee>) for more information.

## HUNTER EDUCATION



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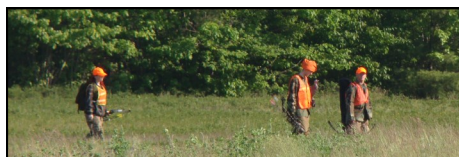
All first-time hunters and trappers must pass a safety/ education course before obtaining a license in

New York State. Courses are **FREE** and administered by the NYSDEC. To learn more and sign-up for a class, see the NYSDEC web site (<https://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/hunting/hunter-education>). Hunter education classes are also now offered on-line for a fee.

## BLAZE ORANGE CLOTHING

All recreationists in Fort Drum training areas from Sep 1— Mar 30 and May 1—May 31 are required to visibly display a minimum of 144 square inches of blaze orange on the front and back of their upper bodies, and also wear blaze orange

headgear when in the field or engaged in a recreational activity.



See Fort Drum Regulation 420-3 paragraph 2i for exceptions to wearing blaze orange.

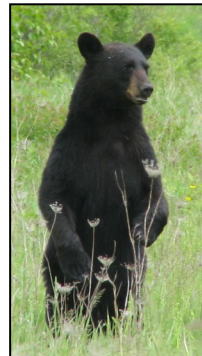
## FIREARMS

On Fort Drum, all rifles, shotguns, compound bows and crossbows transported in a vehicle must be unloaded and cased. See Fort Drum Regulation 420-3 Paragraph 7d for more information.

Weapons no longer need to be registered if used in the **Training Area**. However, if you already have one, please keep your registration card in a safe place if it is necessary again in the future.

## REPORTS / SIGHTINGS?

The new web site has a place to report hazards, violations, and wildlife sightings.



Click on “Hazards & Violations” on the home page, selected the “hazard” (which includes wildlife sightings), select the date, add a description, select a location, and submit.

There is also a Bear Hotline to text or call and report bear sightings. If texting, drop a pin on the location of the sighting; and include your contact information (name, phone number or email), number of bears, and what the bear was doing.

**Fort Drum Bear Hotline:**  
**315-405-3189 (text or call)**

## DISABLED ACCESS OPPORTUNITIES

There are several opportunities for hunters with accessibility requirements to hunt on Fort Drum at a waterfowl blind; in a designated hunting area; and hunting from an ATV on a trail network in five different subtraining areas.

See Fort Drum Regulation 420-3 paragraph 11 for more information.



## PUBLICATIONS

Several publications are available at the Natural Resources Outreach Facility (Bldg. S-2507) or can be downloaded from the web site.

A new *Birds of Fort Drum* brochure was published in 2023.



## OUTDOOR ADVENTURE DAY



Everyone is welcome to a free, family-friendly event focused on outdoor recreation and natural resources on Saturday, August 17, 2024 from 10:00 am — 4:00 pm. It will be held rain-or-shine in and around the Natural Resources Outreach Facility off of Rte. 26. See the web site for more information.

