

Garrison Commander's Hunting and Fishing Open House

Fort Benning, GA

10 September 2026

Agenda

- Opening Remarks
- GCHFAC
- Gold Star Hunt
- Natural Resources
- Regulation Changes
- Mandatory Deer Check Dates
- Law Enforcement
- Violations
- Fort Benning Bass Club
- Closing Remarks

GCHFAC Members

Mr. Thomas Siter

- Garrison Commander – COL Justin Daubert
- President – Mr. Thomas Siter
- Vice President 1 – Mr. Mark Moore
- Vice President 2 – Mr. Joe LaBranche
- Secretary – Vacant
- MSC Voting Representatives

Next Hunting and Fishing Committee Meeting – 14OCT26

Next GCHFAC Meeting – 21OCT26

Gold Star Children Hunting Event

CSM(R) Aaron Forry

(931) 220-1535

aaronforry3@gmail.com

Facebook Page: National Gold Star Youth Outdoors

Gold Star families have lost a father, mother, brother, sister, son, daughter, or other loved in service to the nation.



MWR - Equipment Resource Center

- Equipment Resource Center is now offering a DIY Bike Repair Station. For a \$10 pass you get all the tools you will need to do your own bike repairs to get ready for the hunting trails.
- For the hunters that love to hunt but have mobility issues, ERC now offers an accessible track chair complete in a trailer for \$60/day or \$90 for a weekend.
- For the hunters who like to campout on site but do not have all the necessary gear, ERC now offers Camping package fit for any terrain.
- Contact us at 706-545-7978 or stop by building 1707 to inquire about everything we have to offer.



The Quick Escape Package
\$25

Operation: Happy Camper Package
\$45

The Five-Star Forest Package
\$60

add a mountain bike or kayak + \$10

Equipment Resource Center & Outdoor Recreation

CAMPING Packages

Save up to 25% compared to individual rentals
Perfect for first-time campers
Effortless camping fun for the whole family

Scan for package details!
benning.armymwr.com



Fort Benning Help the Hooch

October 2 · 9AM-11AM

- + Open to Fort Benning soldiers, civilians, contractors, and their families
- + Pizza and free t-shirt provided **while supplies last** at luncheon
- + Don't miss the Unearth the Unusual Competition with **PRIZES**



Natural Resources

Violation Reporting via iSportsman



Ft Benning Incident Reporting

Incident Reporting is Down Until Further Notice for Wildlife Violations on Ft Benning Please Call the MP Desk at 706-545-5222.

- Map Link no longer functional...update TBD.
- **Report suspected violations or suspicious activities via MP Desk – 706-545-2222**

Mandatory Deer Check

- Georgia Hunters - mandatory deer check station at NRMB Harmony Church (corner of Rykus Avenue and 1st Division Road) Deer Check/Cleaning Station.
- Alabama Hunters – Due to limited harvesting, shifting data collection to every other year.
- 2026 Mandatory Deer Check Days
 - Georgia
 - 31 October, 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22 November
 - Alabama
 - 7, 8, 14, 15 November

**AL and GA Regulation:
Due to Chronic Wasting
Disease (CWD) – Do not
transport deer across
state lines.**

FB 200-1 Changes

- Updated Hunting Dates for AL and GA in Tables 10-1 and 10-2.
- Off-road vehicles (ORVs) and all terrain vehicles (ATVs) are prohibited on Fort Benning, unless installation authorities grant an exception based upon demonstrated medical disability. Disabled hunters may not hunt from a moving ORV/ATV. Disabled hunters may submit applications for exception to this policy to the Chief, NRMB at the address listed in suggested improvements on page 1. The application must be accompanied by documentation about the medical disability.

FB 200-1 Changes

- Cantonment Scouting is allowed year-round except during deer season when scouting is only allowed from 1100-1400.
- Dove hunters hunting the approved dove fields must check into the dove field they are hunting C-16 Dove Field or C-39 Dove field. Hunters cannot be checked into both dove fields at the same time.

FB 200-1 Changes

- Hunters may check into two hunting areas simultaneously provided that the hunting areas are adjacent to each other except areas C-06, N-20, S-06, and S-08 where you can only check into one of these areas at a time.
- Cutting/chopping of any tree species without prior approval ***Automatic six (6) month suspension**
- Theft or damage to public and/or private property **(minimum five (5) year suspension if convicted)**

FB 200-1 Changes--Suppressors

- Must comply with MCoE 190-11 (must be registered as weapons through Provost Marshall's Office) and National Firearms Act (NFA, Title 18, Section 922, USC) at all times!
- Must have validated hunting pass, weapon registration, and NFA documentation on their person at all times while hunting.
- If hunting with a suppressor, you must check-in using Suppressor Activity (Deer, Pig, or Small Game With Suppressor).

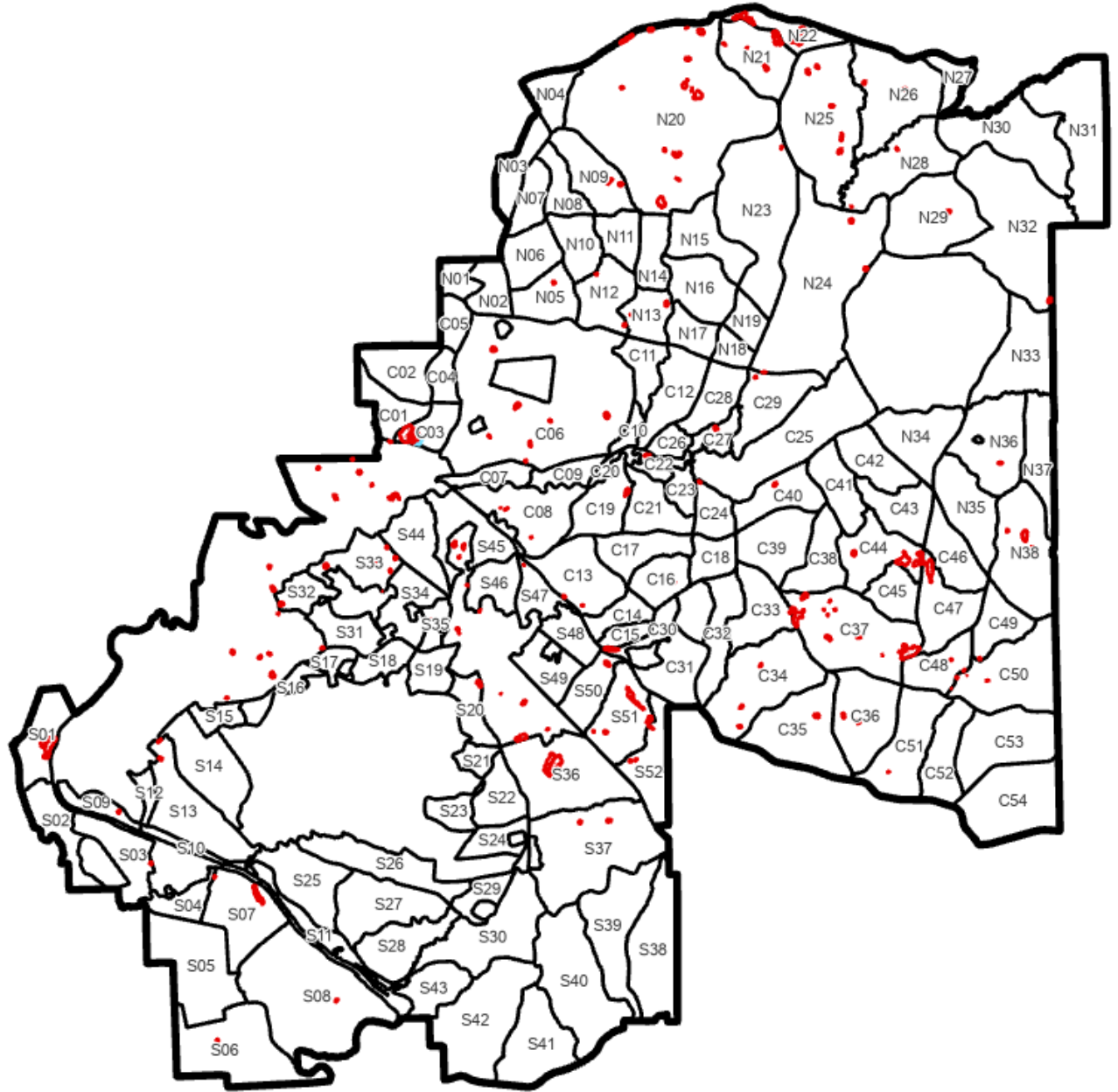
Violations:

- Hunting with an unregistered suppressor IAW MCoE 190-11
***Automatic five (5) year suspension**
- Failure to provide identification or documentation when requested by CLEO ***Automatic permanent suspension**

FB 200-1 Reminders

- Turkey: Only one (1) gobbler allowed post-wide per season
- Fox Squirrel: One (1) per day, one (1) in possession
- Open Areas are “first come, first served”
- Don’t forget to check out, set an alarm on your phone!!!
- “Trophy” deer jawbone memo
 - Allows hunters two (2) weeks to obtain jawbone from taxidermist & return to NRMB
 - If not returned, can be suspended unless given extension by CLEO or NRMB

Pine Beetle Damage

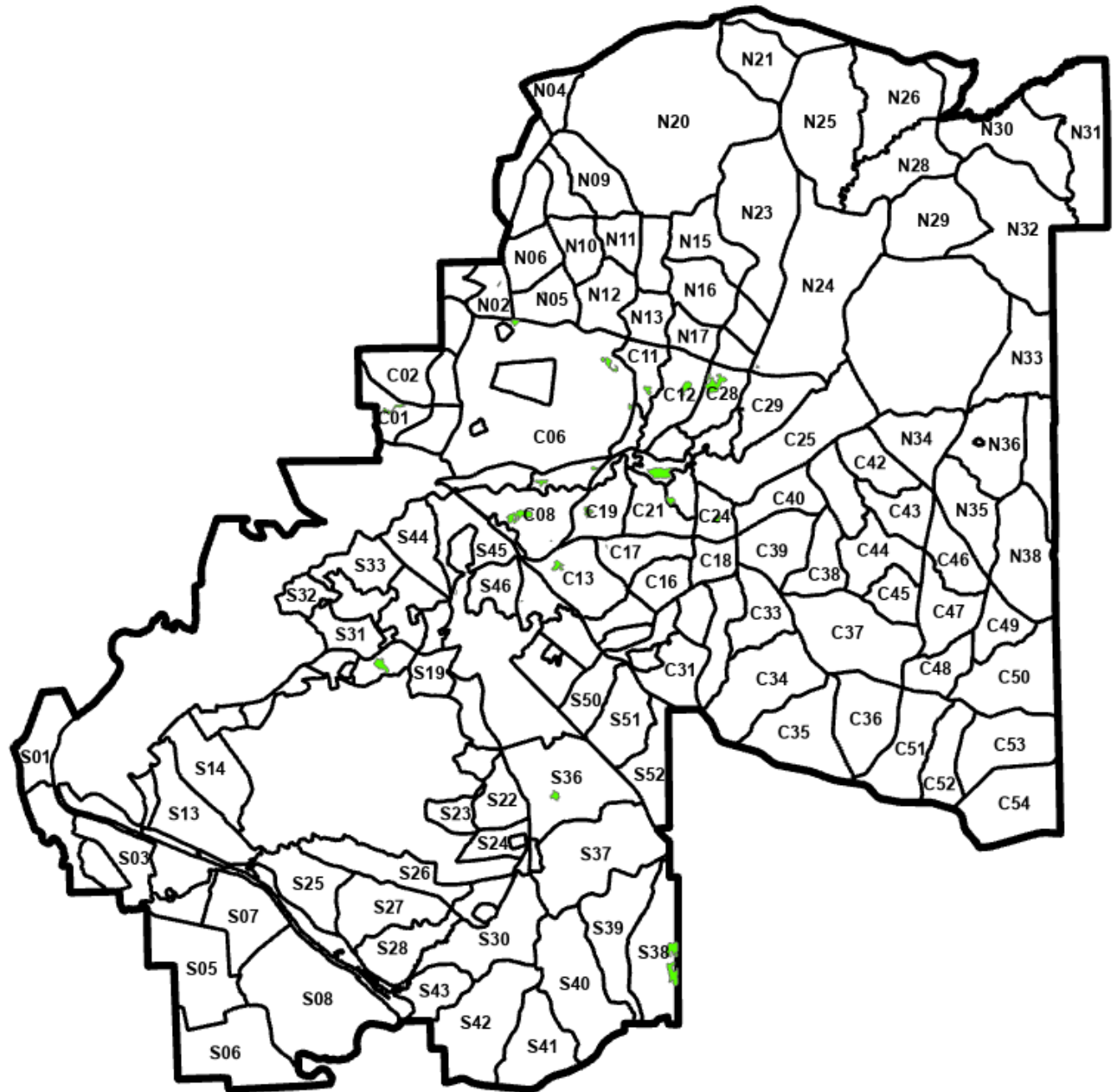


2026 Pine Beetle Stats

- >160 separate beetle infestations across FBGA
- Completed ~150ac. of salvage (harvesting); Goal of ~500ac.
- Expected efforts to continue through EOY 2026
- Up to 4 separate crews working at a time, mostly weekdays

TSI

Mulching



Timber Stand Improvement: Mulching

- Targeting areas where fire alone has not controlled dense vegetation
- Expected start in OCT; Goal of ~400ac.
- Long-term benefits for training, wildlife habitat
- Two machines working in unison, one site at a time, around training schedule
 - Locations may shift day to day

General Remarks

- Potential impacts to hunting:
 - Noise – Loud machinery, dawn to dusk
 - Equipment & Hunter/Vehicle interactions
 - Closing Areas – Will vary with size and scope of individual site
 - All efforts will be to keep as many areas open as operationally possible
 - Areas will be closed if negative interactions occur
- To minimize issues between hunting & harvesting:
 - Do not park & minimize driving near:
 - Logging decks / Staging Areas
 - Logging Equipment, such as set-out trailers
 - Haul Routes – routes between “main roads” & equipment / decks

Law Enforcement

CAPT. Caruana / OFC. Persons

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Duty Cell: (319) 237-6618/ (762) 766-4800

- Safety Violations = Zero Tolerance
- Table of Penalties – increased suspension for certain offenses. (ex: hunting with an unregistered suppressor auto 5-year suspension first offense)
- Hunter Safety Checks
- FB 200-1 (Table 10-2) *Only go by the dates posted*
- Do not argue or fight over hunting/fishing issues. Contact GW to assist with any issues.
- Properly Label all personal equipment left in training areas.
- It is unauthorized for individuals to cut/ harvest any tree species without having FB NRMB written approval.
- Report any violations or complaints to the section's email address

Please Include Your Name, Number, Location, and If Possible, Tag # or Permit #.

Current Issues

- Hunting out of Table 10-2 season dates
- Harassment (Do not approach hunters/ if you observe a problem report it)
- All weapons and suppressors MUST be registered with IAW MCoE Reg 190-11
- Weapons and Ammunition not being transported IAW MCoE Reg 190-11
- Trail Cameras should only be used in the Woodline for hunting purposes only (DO NOT post images of individuals, training or roadways)
- Hunting in closed areas or exclusion areas

Destin Army Recreation Area



MWR - Destin Army Recreation Area

- 210 miles south of Fort Benning in beautiful Destin, FL
- Hotel rooms (14), Suites (14), Studios (40), 2 & 3 bedroom Villas (18), price range \$80-\$230/night
- RV slots (42) range \$50-\$75/night
- Swimming pool and splash park
- 2 playgrounds
- Waterfront area for BBQ and sun gazing
- Conference room rental
- Full-service Marina: pier fishing (we covered your fishing license), rentals include pontoon boats, jet skis, paddle boards, kayaks, 4-, 6-& 8-hour charter fishing trips

Uchee Creek Recreation Area



MWR - Uchee Creek Recreation Area

- 385-acre campground nestled along the banks of Chattahoochee River.
- Cabins and Chalets (55)
- Short- and long-term RV sites (96) and primitive tent sites (17)
- Amenities: Lodge, Activity Center, Fest Tent, picnic pavilions, walking trails, swimming pool with splash pad, two playgrounds, two dog parks, sports fields, pickleball/tennis court, Country Store, and 3 comfort stations with laundry facilities
- Many cabins and chalets are pet friendly
- Full-service Marina: Fishing boat rental, pontoon boat rental, private boat launch, ethanol free fuel for purchase, and single & tandem kayak rentals, fishing pier
- Activity Center accommodates 300 guests & the Lodge 150 guests for events. The newer Fest Tent beside the Activity Center is also available for rent.

MWR – Recreational Shooting Complex

- Hunting and Fishing permit validations/printing
- Hunting vests and hats available
- Authorized location to do cantonment qualifications
- Operating days and times (0900-1800 weekends, 1100-1800 weekdays)



NRA Basic Pistol Course

Ladies Night Pistol Shoot



Beginner Pistol Shooting Course

SEP 12 9 am - 12 pm

MWR – Outdoor Recreation Programs



BIG BUCK Contest

\$25 per hunter

2 Categories: Archery & Firearm
Register August 12 - October 1
must register before harvesting deer to qualify

To register, prize info and eligibility,
 scan QR code or visit benning.armymwr.com

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—FAMILY— FISHING NIGHT

RUSS POND • 4 - 6 P.M.

SEPT	OCT	OCT	NOV	NOV
22	6	20	3	17

FREE FAMILY FISHING

- No registration or fishing license required
- Open to young anglers aged 15 and under
- We'll provide fishing poles and bait

For more details, give Outdoor Recreation a call at 706-545-7978.

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PADDLE & PICNIC

SEPTEMBER 19
7 A.M. - 2 P.M. Meet at Outdoor Recreation at 7 a.m.

7 mile kayak down the Chattahoochee River

\$25 per person

Register September 1 - 18

limited space - all participants under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian
 price includes kayak, life jacket, paddles, food and transportation (both drop-off and pick-up)

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KINGS POND CAMPOUT

SEP 26 - 27
 Starts at 2 p.m. on Saturday

Free • Open to ID Cardholders

Enjoy kayaking, games, bonfires, overnight camping and fun activities!

Need camping gear? 50% off all camping gear for participants - offer only applies to participants who are registered.
 Details found at benning.armymwr.com or scan qr code!

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FISHING LOCATIONS



Fishing Regulations

MCOE 200-1 HUNTING, FISHING, AND RECREATION, Chapter 7

- ON POST
 - Ponds and Streams
 - Chattahoochee River
- OFF POST STATE LAWS APPLY
 - Multiple Lakes, Streams and Ponds
 - Saltwater options Atlantic or Gulf

MWR DESTIN – Charter Options

BASS
CATFISH
BREAM



BASS
CATFISH
BREAM
TROUT



SNOOK
RED FISH
GROUPER
SHARK
SEA BASS AND SEA
TROUT
Too many species to
list.....

FISHING METHODS / COSTS

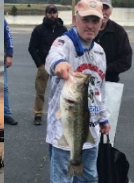


- \$ BANK FISHING – Hook, Bobber, Lures, Bait
- \$\$ Co Angler on a boat
- \$\$\$ Tournament Co-Angler
- \$\$\$\$ Boat operator – fun fishing
- \$\$\$\$\$ Charter / Guide
- \$\$\$\$\$\$ Tournament Angler

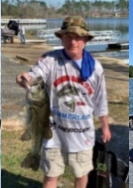


Bass Fishing - Tournaments

- Benning Bass Club is a BASS sanctioned club. Tournaments cost \$25 plus a variety of annual costs associated with club/BASS fees. Fishing is focused on major lakes in Georgia and Alabama, lakes are different every month. They fish tournaments monthly (Except JULY/AUG) throughout the region that can lead to State, Regional and National Qualifications. Website - [Benning Bass Club | Facebook](#)
- Uchee Creek Bass Tournament. Fishing tournaments are focused on the Northern Section of Lake Eufaula. Membership required. Occurs once a month out of Uchee Creek. Costs \$80 per tournament. No sanctioning body. POC - Mark Mayes at markfmayes@gmail.com



Monthly Bass Tournaments – Boater or Non Boater
 Meetings: 2nd Tuesday 1800hrs monthly
 Location: Summerland Outdoors, 7591 River Rd, Columbus
 BASS qualifier for State, Regional and National Competition
 Enjoy the outdoors, learn, compete (Community Support Activities Too)
 See us on FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/benning.bassclub.3



Closing Remarks

- Questions
- Special thanks to
 - MWR ODR
 - All the Vendors
 - Uchee Creek
 - CSM (R) Ephraim Rogers
 - Sponsors and Donors