EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE

OUTDOOR RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES & PERMITTING GUIDANCE

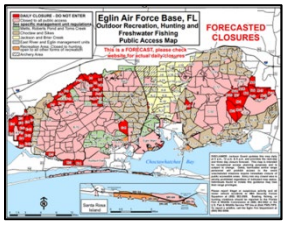
RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

- The Eglin Reservation consists of nearly 464,000 acres of which 255,000 acres are open to conditional public access, supporting a variety of recreational opportunities including fishing, hunting, hiking, kayaking, cycling, bird watching, and disc golf.
- The Natural Resources Office (also known as Jackson Guard) manages public recreational access and offers annual Special Opportunity Events, including the Youth Fishing Rodeo, and Mobility-Impaired and Youth Lottery Hunts.
- More information is available at eglin.isportsman.net.

PERMIT & I.D. REQUIREMENTS:

- All individuals 16 or older entering the Reservation must obtain an Eglin recreation permit. Youth under 16 are not required to purchase most recreation permits, however they must be accompanied by a recreation permit holder 16 or older.
- Multiple permit types are offered based on recreational interests. Annual background checks are required to obtain a recreation permit. Recreation permits can be acquired in person at Jackson Guard or online via eglin.isportsman.net.
- A military ID or a Common Access Card (CAC) alone does not permit recreational access outside of Main Base.

RESERVATION ACCESS:



- Access to most portions of the Reservation is allowed two hours before sunrise until two hours after sunset. However, please note that Eglin public beaches on Santa Rosa Island, the Coastal Restriction Areas (CRAs), and White Point Recreation Area are closed from sunset to sunrise.
- Closed Areas are designated by the Installation Commander and remain closed to all forms of entry year-round. Closed Areas are highlighted in pink on the Recreation Map.

- Open Areas are also subject to daily closures to support the military mission. All individuals must check the Public Access Map (PAM) at eglin.isportsman.net/ReservationAccess.aspx before entering the Reservation. Daily closures are highlighted in red on the PAM.
- Use of the Avenza Maps App is strongly encouraged when recreating on the Reservation. This app shows your geo-referenced position on the landscape.

MAIN BASE:

- Access to and recreation on Main Base is restricted to DoD-affiliated personnel and escorted guests carrying current military ID, Common Access Card (CAC), or an Installation Visitor Pass.
- The 96 Force Support Squadron (FSS) manages all recreation on Main Base (except for hunting). Visit eglin96fss.com for more information on recreation opportunities offered by the 96 FSS.
- Anyone wishing to hunt in designated areas of the Main Base must obtain a Sportsman's Permit, available at Jackson Guard or the iSportsman permitting website accessible via eglin.isportsman.net.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES & EQUIPMENT:

- The following are prohibited on Eglin AFB: Magnet fishing, ATVs/UTVs, dirt bikes, golf carts, drones, dumping/littering, fireworks, building permanent structures, driving around gates, removing or vandalizing signage, trespass into permanent or temporary closed areas, digging/soil disturbance, camping outside of designated campsites, tree cutting, bush hooks, trotlines, harassing or releasing wildlife, baiting, and defacing government property.

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