



Natural Resources Office
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Youth Hunt Weekend

FY27 Eglin AFB



Hunt Dates:

09 - 10 January 2027

Permit cost: \$10

- All individuals (6-15 yrs. of age) possessing a current Eglin AFB Youth Hunt Weekend Permit are eligible to participate. **Participants must be accompanied by and hunt under the direct supervision of a non-hunting adult (21 yrs. of age or older). Supervising adults must hold a current Eglin Sportsman or Recreation Permit. Supervising adults must also hold a current General Gun Season Dog Unit Stamp specific to either the Sikes or Choctaw management units if supervising youth hunters within those dog hunt units (applies to both still hunters and hunters hunting with the aid of dogs).**
- Hunter education certification is encouraged, but not required, for youth participants. Supervising adults born on or after 1 June 1975 must possess proof of completing a state hunter safety course if the youth hunter has not taken the course.
- Youth Hunt Weekend dates apply to all Eglin Management Units that allow hunting.
 - Brier Creek and Jackson Units hunters must check-in/out of designated check stations and check all game harvested.
 - All other Unit-specific regulations apply (e.g., archery areas allow archery equipment only, dogs prohibited in stalk hunt units, abiding by walk-in-only area restrictions, use iSportsman check-in/out feature in required areas, etc.).
- The Jackson Units will be open to motor vehicle access, at designated access points, the Friday prior to the hunt for scouting and stand placement purposes. All other Units are accessible in accordance with Management Unit-specific regulations (see current *Regulations Handbook*).
- The following are legal to take during the Youth Hunt Weekend: antlered and antlerless deer (antlerless tag required), wild hog, gray squirrel, quail, rabbit, opossum, raccoon, beaver, coyote, armadillo, and skunk. **Management Unit Antler Point Restrictions outlined below apply to this hunt. Daily bag limits follow those established by the FWC for each species.**
- Each Eglin Youth Hunter will be issued one Eglin antlerless deer tag at time of permit purchase. This **antlerless deer tag is only valid for use during the 2-day Youth Hunt Weekend and is tied to the Youth Hunter, NOT the supervisor.** The antlerless deer tag must be immediately attached to the antlerless deer upon harvest, prior to the animal being moved or transported.
- All deer harvested during this hunt (including antlerless) apply to a youth hunter's statewide annual bag limit of five total deer and must be reported to FWC's Harvest Reporting System under the youth hunter's name/account in accordance with FWC requirements. **When reporting antlerless harvest youth hunters should include the number on the antlerless deer tag that was utilized.**
- Allowable methods of take for this hunt are outlined in the 2026 - 27 Eglin Outdoor Recreation, Hunting, & Freshwater Fishing *Regulations Handbook*.
- For additional information or questions, please contact the Natural Resources Office at 882-4165 or 4166.

LEGAL DEER DEFINITIONS BY MANAGEMENT UNIT

Antlered Deer (All Units EXCEPT Jackson and Brier Creek Units)

*Any deer with at least 3 points (≥ 1 inch in length) on one side OR having a main beam length of 10 inches or more.**

Antlered Deer (Jackson and Brier Creek Units)

*Any deer with at least 4 points (≥ 1 inch in length) on one side OR having a main beam length of 14 inches or more.**

Antlerless Deer (All Units)

An antlerless deer is any deer without antlers or antlers less than 5 inches but DOES NOT include spotted fawns.

**The FWC allows youth to harvest one antlered deer annually that does not meet the established Antler Point Restriction (APR) for that WMA or Management Unit. This exemption may be utilized during this hunt if it has not already been utilized elsewhere by the Youth Hunter during the 2025 - 26 deer season.*