

Hunting Pre-Registration Form: 2026 Camp Edwards Controlled Hunt Program

- Permission to hunt at Camp Edwards is at the discretion of the Camp Commander. Changes in base security status may result in cancellation of the hunt.
- Hunters must pre-register annually
- Pre-registration deadline for participation in Turkey Hunting: April 10
- Pre-registration deadline for participation in Deer Hunting: October 1
- Hunters only need to submit 1 pre-registration form to participate in both turkey and deer hunting.
- You will only hear back if you are denied access to the hunting program.

2026 controlled hunt dates. Please check hunts you wish to pre-register for:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Turkey Hunt: Sat., April 25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Archery Deer Hunt: Thurs., Nov. 12 – Sat., Nov. 14 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spring Turkey Hunt: Mon., May 4 – Sat., May 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> Military/First Responders Deer Hunt: Fri., Dec. 4
Open to active duty/retired military personnel and active duty/retired first responders: police, fire, and EMS. All hunters must show valid/current/not expired ID. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Deer Scouting: Thurs., Oct. 1. Hours 8 am –12 pm, check in/out at Range Control. | <input type="checkbox"/> Shotgun Deer Hunt: Mon., Dec. 7 – Sat., Dec. 12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Deer Hunt: Sat., Oct. 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Muzzleloader Deer Hunt: Thurs., Dec. 17 – Fri., Dec. 18 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paraplegic Deer Hunt: Thurs., Oct. 29 – Sat., Oct. 31 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archery Deer Scouting: Wed., Nov. 4 – Thurs., Nov. 5.
Hours 8 am –12 pm, check in/out at Range Control. | |

MassFishHunt Customer ID Number: _____

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

FID/LTC Number: _____ Expiration Date: ____/____/____

(A valid FID or LTC is required to hunt Camp Edwards during Firearms seasons)

Drivers License Number: _____ State: _____

Vehicle Plate Number: _____ State: _____

Please let us know any serious medical conditions: _____

I certify all information is true and correct.

Signature

Date

Mail or deliver form to:

MassWildlife Southeast District, Camp Edwards Controlled Hunt, 195 Bournedale Road, Buzzards Bay, MA 02532

Camp Edwards Controlled Hunting Program: Information for Hunters

Changes in installation security or training status may result in cancellation or modification of the hunt.

Access to Camp Edwards on Joint Base Cape Cod (JBCC) is restricted and necessitates pre-registration of hunters. Hunting on Camp Edwards has been allowed since 1956 through a controlled hunt managed by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife), Camp Edwards Natural Resources Department, and cooperating organizations. Some areas of Camp Edwards may be closed to hunting due to military training, groundwater remediation activities, or other safety or security reasons. Maps will be provided at check-in. Hunting and trespassing violations may result in suspension of hunting privileges at Camp Edwards and fines issued under State or Federal laws.

JBCC is located in the towns of Bourne and Sandwich. Camp Edwards is an active military training area and access is strictly controlled. About 11,000 acres are open to hunting. The hunting area is dominated by pitch pine - scrub oak habitat and is separated into sections by marked dirt roads. The topography has many hills and hollows typical of the terminal moraine.

Hunters must check in daily before entering the base. Hunters are subject to a background check, must take a map of the legal hunting areas, must fill out a liability release form, and must return the daily hunting permits no later than one half hour after the end of legal hunting time. Information on the hunt may be obtained from MassWildlife at (508) 759-3406.

Pre-Registration

Pre-registration is open to all licensed hunters. To be eligible to hunt Camp Edwards, hunters must submit the pre-registration form by April 10 (turkey) or October 1 (deer). Hunters will be subject to a background check and permission to hunt is at the discretion of the Base Commander.

Daily Check-In Procedures

Hunters must enter the base from the Route 28 (General MacArthur Blvd) Rotary and follow the signs on Connery Avenue to proceed immediately to the check in station. The check in station will open daily at 4:30 a.m. for turkey seasons and 5 a.m. during deer seasons.

At the check in station, staff will determine if potential hunters:

- pre-registered by the appropriate dates and passed security screens
- reviewed and understand the un-exploded ordinance (UXO) informational materials
- received a copy of the hunting map and regulations
- are dressed in 500 square inches of hunter orange (during firearms deer seasons)
- possess a valid hunting/sporting license and any applicable/required permits or stamps and a valid F.I.D. or L.T.C. card if hunting with a firearm/muzzleloader (not required for archery hunting only)
- filled out a liability release and indemnification form

Hunters found in compliance with the items above will be issued a daily hunting permit and vehicle access permit.

Hunters must comply with all pertinent laws and regulations including statewide hunting regulations, Camp Edwards hunting regulations and posted signs. Successful hunters must check their game at the check in station. Passes must be returned to the check-in station at the end of the hunting day. **Passes must be returned in person no later than ½ hour after the end of legal hunting time!** Failure to comply with all rules and regulations will be just cause for denial of future deer hunting privileges at Camp Edwards.

Directions to the Hunt Check-in Building on JBCC: From the north: Cross the Cape Cod Canal at the Bourne Bridge and follow Route 28 (General MacArthur Blvd.) south to the Joint Base Cape Cod Rotary. Take the third exit off the Rotary onto Connery Avenue and take an almost immediate left across the paved cut through in the median and proceed straight across the other side of Connery Avenue and through the open gate onto a gravel access road that proceeds to the north underneath the powerlines. Follow the gravel road approximately 0.38 miles to the check in station.