

## G8 Fort Hunter Liggett Antlerless Deer Hunt

That portion of Monterey County lying within the exterior boundaries of Fort Hunter Liggett (FHL) Military Reservation, except as restricted by the Commanding Officer.

This antlerless hunt shall be open **October 1, 2 and October 8-10, 2022**, except if rescheduled by the Commanding Officer with Department concurrence between the season opener and December 31.

Refer to the California Mammal Hunting Regulations Section 353 for legal methods of take. **Non-lead ammunition restrictions are in place**. For FHL Hunting and Fishing specific information, please refer to <u>FHL's iSportsman web portal</u>, and <u>Fort Hunter</u> <u>Liggett Hunt and Fish Regulation 420-26</u>.

Tags are valid only for the type of deer designated on the tag. Antlerless deer are defined as female deer, fawns of either sex other than spotted fawns, and male deer with an unbranched antler on one or both sides which is not more than three inches in length.

Bag limit shall be **one** antlerless deer per tag. Immediately after killing the deer, the tag shall be attached to an ear of the antlerless deer. Successful hunters must bring their deer to the Wildlife Check Station (WCS) for data collection, when the WCS is open. Deer teeth and other biological data will be collected to obtain deer age and herd health information used for deer management.

The hunting area can consist of up to 130,000 acres of varied oak woodland, chaparral, and grassland habitat. Due to the rugged terrain, some physical effort will be required to traverse the property.

**FHL requires all hunters to** (1) create an FHL iSportsman account and purchase an FHL hunting permit, (2) be vetted through the National Crime and Information Center (criminal background check), and (3) register their firearms with the FHL Directorate of Emergency Services. Go to https://fthunter.isportsman.net/ for information on purchasing permits, check-in/out procedures, and obtaining other area specific requirements pertaining to hunting on the base. For other hunting or fishing questions, email the FHL Hunt and Fish Program or call the FHL Hunt and Fish Program at (831) 386-2954.

For operational safety consideration, some FHL hunt areas may have weapon restrictions. If you are proficient in their use, it is advisable to bring other methods of take (i.e., shotgun with slugs, muzzleloader and/or archery equipment) to utilize these weapon restricted areas. FHL or the CDFW cannot guarantee that rifle areas will be available during your hunt. Hunters should check the FHL iSportsman's Forecast Maps a few days prior to the hunt for information on the hunt areas and if any weapon restrictions are in place.

Primitive camping is allowed on the base, but only in the designated campground or rooms are available at FHL at the Hacienda and the hotel. Call Outdoor Recreation (831) 386-2677 for access procedures and current fees. Hunters can also camp at the nearby Los Padres National Forest.

Prior to the hunt, FHL will send an information package to all successful G8 tag holders that will cover FHL's deer management goals and other G8 hunt information.

Most accidents associated with big game hunting involve a loaded gun in the vehicle. Remember what you learned in your hunter safety classes, be careful and enjoy yourself.

## **NONLEAD RESTRICTIONS**

When hunting any game on FHL, you may only use certified non-lead projectiles/ammunition in firearms (includes centerfire rifles, pistols, and revolvers; shotguns and muzzle-loading rifles). In addition, while hunting any game on FHL, hunters may not possess any lead projectiles/ammunition and a firearm capable of firing that lead projectile or ammunition.

For more information, including a list of certified non-lead projectiles/ammunition that may be used in firearms for the taking of deer or other big game mammals; a map detailing the non-lead area; and links to other related topics, visit <u>CDFW's Nonlead</u> <u>Ammunition in California web page.</u>