



## CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Wildlife Branch  
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# J10 Fort Hunter Liggett Apprentice Either-Sex Deer Hunt

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

This either-sex hunt shall be open **November 10-12 and November 18 and 19, 2017**, except if rescheduled by the Commanding Officer with Department concurrence between the season opener and December 31.

This hunt is provided only to licensed junior hunters with a valid California junior hunting license (must be between twelve (12) and seventeen (17) years of age as of July 1, 2017). Juniors receiving an apprentice tag must be accompanied by an adult, eighteen (18) years of age or older with a current California hunting license.

Refer to Section 353 for legal methods of take. **Non-lead ammunition restrictions are in place** - please check with the base regarding additional details regarding other area specific regulations which may be in place.

Tags are valid only for the area, and class 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. Either-sex deer are defined as antlerless deer as described above, or legal bucks that have two or more points in the upper two-thirds of either antler. Spike bucks may not be taken (Section 204 (d), Fish and Game Code.).

Immediately after killing the deer the tag shall be attached to an ear of the antlerless deer or to an antler of the antlered 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 consists of up to 130,000 acres of varied oak woodland, chaparral and grassland habitat. Most deer will be in the chaparral up in the canyons and will require some effort to be successful. Some deer will be found on the grasslands at lower elevations.

FHL requires all hunters to (1) purchase an FHL hunting permit, (2) be vetted through the National Crime and Information Center, and (3) register their firearms through the Directorate of Emergency Services. Call Outdoor Recreation at (831) 386-2677 or go to <http://fhlfmwr.com/outdoorweekly.html> for information on purchasing permits, check-in/out procedures, and obtaining other area specific requirements pertaining to hunting on the base.

For operational safety consideration, some FHL hunting 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 weapons restricted areas. FHL or the CDFW cannot guarantee that rifle areas will be available during your hunt. Hunters should contact the base a few days prior to the hunt to confirm the hunt areas and if any weapon restrictions are in place. Hunters can call (831) 386-3310 for a recorded message or can check <http://fhlfmwr.com/outdoorweekly.html>.

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

An information package may be obtained by calling (831) 386-2214 and leaving a message (requesting an information packet) with your name and mailing address.

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 go to the following web address: [www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/Nonlead-Ammunition](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Hunting/Nonlead-Ammunition).