

2011 - 2012

APAFR MILITARY RECREATION AREA REGULATIONS

A1.1. **OUTDOOR RECREATION PROCEDURES:** The Military Recreation Area (MRA) is open daily throughout the year except when prohibited by military activities. Information on the recreational status of the MRA may be obtained on the web site at www.avonparkafr.net or by calling the recorded message at (863) 452-4254. Information is updated weekly or as soon as feasible after changes become known.

A1.1.1. **Authorized Personnel.**

A1.1.1.1. Active duty and retired military personnel, including National Guard and Reserves members, and 100% disabled veterans. (An appropriate ID card identifying the status of the bearer must be presented when purchasing a Military Recreation Permit. For 100% disabled veterans, proof of 100% disability must also be presented if the percentage is not stated on the ID card.)

A1.1.1.2. DoD civilian personnel, contractors, and volunteers.

A1.1.1.3. Avon Park Correctional Institution (AvPCI) personnel.

A1.1.1.4. Spouses or dependents of A1.1.1.1., A1.1.1.2., or A1.1.1.3. who must be accompanied by their spouse or parent/legal guardian who is the Permit Holder.

A1.1.1.5. Escorted guests of A1.1.1.1. or A1.1.1.2. APCI personnel may not bring guests or purchase guest permits.

A1.1.1.6. APCI inmates are not allowed to use Air Force property for any outdoor recreational activity except by special permission from DET 1, 23 WG/CEVN. When special permission is granted, inmates must conform to all local, state, and federal laws and regulations, including proper licensing procedures.

A1.1.2. **Permits.**

A1.1.2.1. A Military Recreation Permit is required by each individual or family using the MRA and must be purchased from the Outdoor Recreation Office prior to any use of the area. The price for the MRA Permit is \$30.00 per year or \$10.00 per week. The permit allows the holder and his/her spouse and any underage dependents to use the MRA for all forms of non-hunting outdoor recreation activities, and allows only the permit holder and one underage dependent at a time to hunt. Permits may be purchased at the Outdoor Recreation Office during scheduled office hours which are posted Wednesdays of each week online or over our phone recording. Free-use MRA permits may be issued to persons specified by the Detachment 1 Commander.

A1.1.2.2. MRA Guest Permits are available for escorted guests of active-duty, retired military, and DoD civilian personnel. The price for the MRA Guest Permit is \$10.00 per week. Guest Permits are valid for one week from date of purchase. A Guest Permit allows the holder and his/her spouse and underage dependents to use the Military Recreation Area for non-hunting outdoor recreation activities, and the Guest Permit Holder to hunt with his or her host. Although spouses and underage dependents may accompany the MRA Guest Permit Holder while hunting, they may not possess guns. A MRA Permit Holder's spouse or dependents over 18 years of age must purchase a Guest Permit before entering the area to hunt. (Exception: Spouses of APCI personnel may not hunt since APCI personnel may not bring guests or purchase guest permits.) Dependents under 18 years old may accompany the MRA Permit Holder into the area to hunt without purchasing a permit; however, only one underage dependent at a time may possess a gun. Only one guest at a time is allowed when the MRA Permit Holder enters the area to hunt. Up to four guests are allowed for non-hunting activities and a separate Guest Permit is required

for each guest. Special permission must be obtained from the Detachment 1 Commander, before more than four guests are escorted into the area. The Permit Holder must personally accompany the guest(s) while in any area outside of the Austin Hammock Campground boundary. The Permit Holder is liable for all the actions of his/her family members and guests during the time that the individual(s) is/are on the installation.

NOTE: Dependents under 18 years old may accompany the MRA Permit Holder into the area to hunt without purchasing a permit; however, only one underage dependent at a time may possess a gun. Only one guest at a time is allowed when the MRA Permit Holder enters the area to hunt. Up to four guests are allowed for non-hunting activities and a separate Guest Permit is required for each guest. Special permission must be obtained from the Detachment 1 Commander before more than four guests are escorted into the area. The Permit Holder must personally accompany the guest(s) while in any area outside of the Austin Hammock Campground boundary. The Permit Holder is liable for all the actions of his/her family members and guests during the time that the individual(s) is/are on the installation.

A1.1.2.3. Proof of completion of State-certified Hunter Education Course is required. Purchase of a Military Recreation Permit certifies that the individual named on the permit has signed a Release of Liability and a statement that he/she understands and will abide by the regulations.

A1.1.2.4. Any recreationist younger than 18 years old must, at all times, be under the direct control of a Military Recreation Permit Holder or Military Recreation Guest Permit Holder who is his/her legal guardian.

A1.1.2.5. Each Permit Holder will be issued a Vehicle Pass and a Military Recreation Area Permit. The Vehicle Pass must be displayed on the left side of the dashboard, and the permit must be in the Permit Holder's possession whenever the Permit Holder is in the Area.

A1.1.2.6. The loan or transfer of a Permit, Guest Permit, or Vehicle Pass is prohibited.

A1.1.2.7. A \$5.00 replacement fee will be charged for a lost or destroyed Permit or Vehicle Pass.

A1.1.2.8. Only one MRA Permit may be purchased per year by each eligible individual. These permits are valid from 1 July to 30 June of the following year, regardless of the date they are purchased.

A1.1.2.9. All individuals using the MRA for outdoor recreation must personally sign in on the Military Recreation Area Register, located at the Outdoor Recreation Office, before entering the area and sign out when departing. (Exception: Permit Holders using the area known as the "1200 Acres" may use the register located in the parking area on Arbuckle Road in Frostproof, FL.) The Registers will be available when the Military Recreation Area is open and will not be available when the Area is closed. Individuals who fail to sign in or out are subject to having their recreational privileges revoked.

A1.1.2.10. There may be times that the Military Recreation Area must be closed on short notice. In order for the Outdoor Recreation Office to maintain accountability of the location of all users, the MRA is divided into Recreational Units, and each user must designate which specific unit he/she wishes to use on the Register, as well as what activity, such as scouting, camping or hunting. When an individual wishes to change units, he/she must sign out from his/her current unit and sign in on the new unit. When an individual has signed in to camp in the Austin Hammock Campground, he/she is still required to sign in and out of each Recreational Unit used during the course of the camping period. Users should write on a different line on the register each time they sign in and out of a Recreational Unit. When camping, leave the original line's sign out block open until ready to depart the installation.

A1.1.2.11. Users may enter Recreational Units no earlier than two hours before sunrise and exit no later than two hours after sunset (except as specified in paragraph A1.2.6.2 below.)

A1.1.3. **General Regulations.**

A1.1.3.1. Vehicles may be used only for fishing access to Arbuckle Creek and for direct access to Austin Hammock Campground. No cross-country driving is permitted.

A1.1.3.2. Boats with trailers may not be used in the canoe launching area.

A1.1.3.3. Vehicles shall not be parked in such a manner as to obstruct roads or fire lanes.

A1.1.3.4. All animals are protected and may not be harassed, injured, killed, or removed from the installation, except as specifically authorized by the Detachment 1 Commander, and state and federal hunting and fishing regulations.

A1.1.3.5. The possession of a gun while in Sandy Point Wildlife Refuge (west of Ebersbach Grade) is prohibited.

A1.1.3.6. The operation or placing of game feeders, baiting stations, or bait is prohibited at all times.

A1.1.3.7. Plants, animals, or historic or cultural artifacts shall not be taken or collected. Neither plants or their parts nor any animals shall be introduced, liberated, planted, or placed on any part of the installation, except as specifically authorized by the Detachment 1 Commander.

A1.1.3.8. Live trees or standing dead trees may not be cut.

A1.1.3.9. Driving metal into any tree or hunting from a tree in which a metal object has been driven, is prohibited.

A1.1.3.10. Camping and campfires are permitted only in the Austin Hammock Campground. Special permission for use of this campground for organized group activities may be obtained by contacting the Outdoor Recreation Office. When the Airfield is under a lockdown, Austin Hammock campground MUST be evacuated. All camping gear may remain in the campground, but all personnel must evacuate during the lockdown periods as posted on the schedules.

A1.1.3.11. Campground quiet hours are 11:00 p.m. - 4:30 a.m.. People and/or their dogs creating excessive noise or exhibiting behavior that disturbs other recreationists may be removed from the installation.

A1.1.3.12. The possession of guns is allowed only while hunting. A valid state hunting or fishing license and applicable permits must be in the individual's possession while hunting or fishing. A state Wildlife Management Area stamp is not required at APAFR.

A1.1.3.13. Hunting while intoxicated or possession of open alcoholic beverage containers in a moving vehicle is prohibited.

A1.1.3.14. All Military Recreation Permit Holders must display their permits, licenses, and identification, and submit to a vehicle inspection upon request from any Avon Park AFR employee, military security officer, or Florida State Wildlife Officer.

A1.1.3.17. Runway Access:

A1.1.3.17.1. Vehicular traffic near the runway complex is restricted to the abandoned taxiway northeast of the inactive runway and the road connecting Kissimmee Road with the south cul-de-sac area).

A1.1.3.17.2. Crossing the active runway or taxiway is prohibited. Approved access to the southeastern portion of the runway complex may be gained by walking around the northern end of the runway or driving the road around the south end from South Boulevard and parking in the outer cul-de-sacs.

A1.2. **HUNTING REGULATIONS.**

A1.2.1. All persons shall comply with state and federal fish and game license laws.

A1.2.2. Military Recreation Area Permit Holders and Military Recreation Area Guest Permit Holders must be at least 18 years old.

A1.2.3. Anyone entering the area to hunt must have a Military Recreation Permit or a Military Recreation Area Guest Permit. Before being issued a Military Recreation Permit, purchasers must show photographic identification and, if hunting, a valid state hunting license. A state (any state)-certified hunter education course is also required. Those under 18 must be under the direct control of their parent or legal guardian.

A1.2.4. **Hunting Seasons:**

A1.2.4.1. The 2011-2012 hunting season dates for the Military Recreation Area are:

Archery Season	17 September 2011	-	16 October 2011
Muzzleloading Gun Season	22 October 2011	-	04 November 2011
General Gun Season	05 November 2011	-	22 January 2012
*Fall Turkey (bearded only) Season	17 September 2011	-	01 January 2012
Antlerless Deer Season	19 November 2011	-	25 November 2011
Small Game Season	12 November 2011	-	04 March 2012
Spring Turkey Season	17 March 2012	-	22 April 2012

*see State Regulations for specific season i.e. Archery/Muzzleloading turkey etc.

A1.2.5. **Weapons:**

A1.2.5.1. Center-fire rifles are prohibited.

A1.2.5.2. For safety reasons, rim-fire rifles may be used only within 50 meters of Arbuckle Creek.

A1.2.5.3. During Archery Season, only archery equipment may be brought onto the installation, except as specified in paragraph A1.2.6.2.

A1.2.5.4. During Muzzleloading Gun Season, only muzzleloading guns may be brought onto the installation, except as specified in paragraph A1.2.6.2.

A1.2.5.5. Pistols with a barrel length exceeding nine inches are not permitted on the installation at any time.

A1.2.5.6. Pistols are not permitted on the installation during Spring Turkey Season.

A1.2.5.7. Target practicing is prohibited throughout the installation.

A1.2.6. Use of Dogs:

A1.2.6.1. Dogs are permitted only for the taking of birds, rabbits, raccoons, and opossums. Training or using dogs for taking of deer or hogs is expressly prohibited. No dogs of any breed are allowed in the MRA during Spring Turkey Season.

A1.2.6.2. Use of dogs for night hunting of raccoons and opossums in accordance with state regulations is permitted in the MRA east and south of the Avon Park Correctional Institution with the exception of the airfield, the North Military Recreation Area and the Ballfield. Use of firearms for hunting raccoons and opossums between sunset and sunrise is allowed during Archery and Muzzleloading Gun Seasons, but all modern firearms must be removed from the installation by sunrise.

A1.2.6.3. All dogs must wear a collar bearing the name, telephone number and address of the owner, have current rabies vaccination, and have the rabies vaccination tag attached to their collar.

A1.2.6.4. All dogs are prohibited in the Military Recreation Area during Spring Turkey Season.

A1.2.7. General Hunting Regulations.

A1.2.7.1. Individuals hunting during Muzzleloading Gun, General Gun, or Small Game Seasons or outside the regularly established hunting seasons must wear at least 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange material as an outer garment. Such clothing must be worn above the waistline. This rule does not apply to persons hunting with a bow and arrow during the Archery Season or while hunting during Spring Turkey Season.

A1.2.7.2. Only legal game, fish, frogs, turtles (except gopher tortoises), and wild hogs, may be taken.

A1.2.7.3. The transportation of live wild game is prohibited.

A1.2.7.4. Hunters shall check all game taken at the Outdoor Recreation Office either in person or, when no Outdoor Recreation personnel are available, using a weekend recreation report.

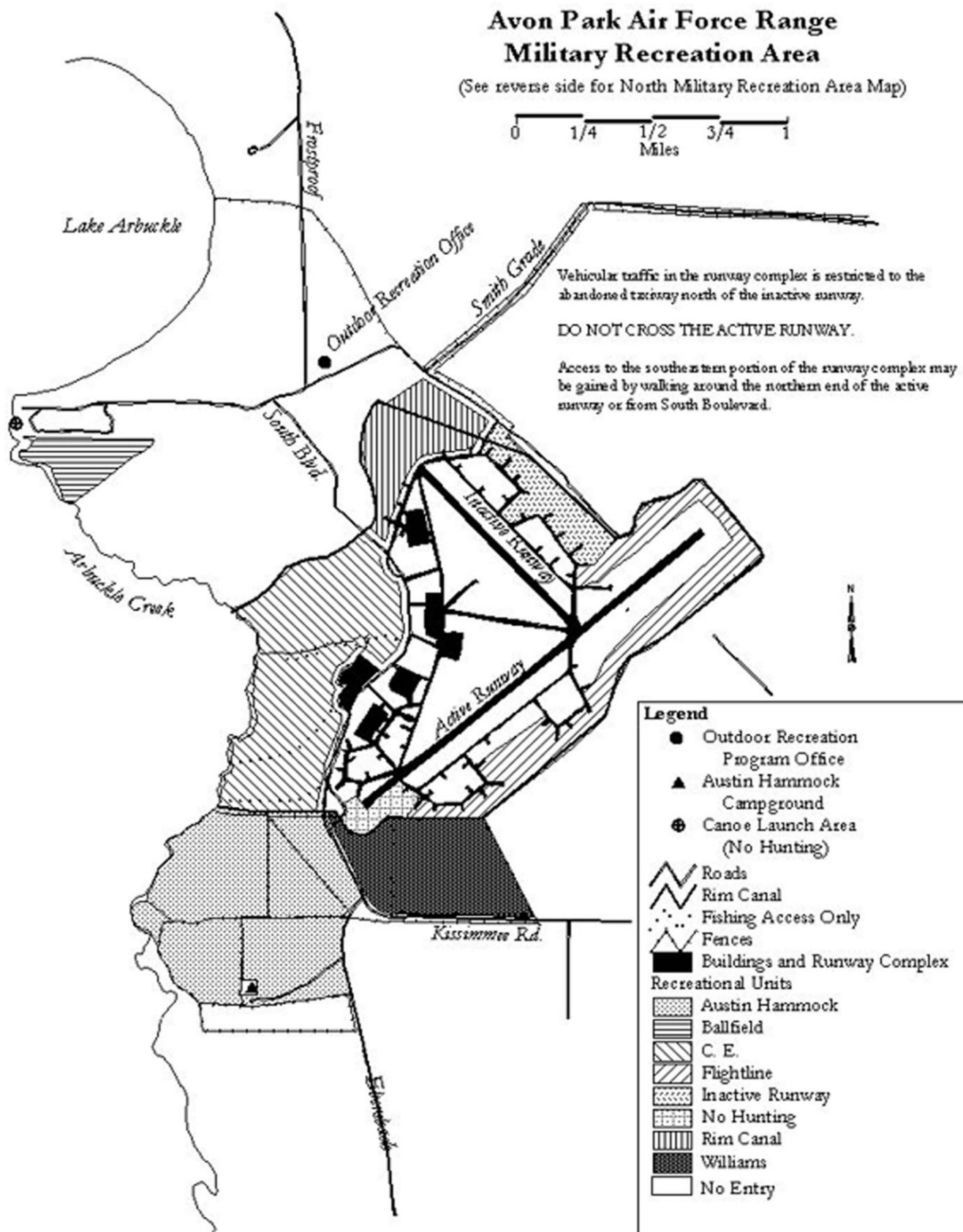
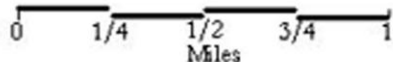
A1.2.7.5. Loaded, capped, or primed guns are prohibited and ammunition must be physically separated from guns at public campsites, the Outdoor Recreation Office, in/on vehicles while parked or traveling on roads, while being transported through the main base, or within 50 feet of designated roads as shown on the map.

A1.2.7.6. The discharge of guns (including pellet/BB guns) or the use of archery gear is prohibited within 200 yards of Austin Hammock Campground and the Volunteer Village campsites, or within 100 yards of any building or recreation facility in the cantonment area.

A1.2.7.7. The harvesting of rattlesnakes is prohibited.

Avon Park Air Force Range Military Recreation Area

(See reverse side for North Military Recreation Area Map)



Vehicular traffic in the runway complex is restricted to the abandoned taxiway north of the inactive runway.

DO NOT CROSS THE ACTIVE RUNWAY.

Access to the southern portion of the runway complex may be gained by walking around the northern end of the active runway or from South Boulevard.

Legend

- Outdoor Recreation Program Office
- ▲ Austin Hammock Campground
- ⊕ Canoe Launch Area (No Hunting)
- Roads
- Rim Canal
- ⋯ Fishing Access Only
- Fences
- Buildings and Runway Complex

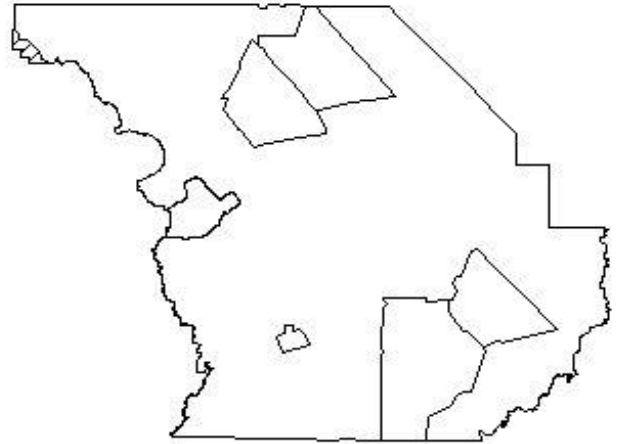
Recreational Units

- ▨ Austin Hammock
- ▨ Ballfield
- ▨ C. E.
- ▨ Flightline
- ▨ Inactive Runway
- ▨ No Hunting
- ▨ Rim Canal
- ▨ Williams
- No Entry






North
Military
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Avon Park Air Force Range



Legend

-  Frostproof Gate
-  Parking Area
-  Range Boundary
-  Paved or Shell Roads
-  North Military Recreation Area

