

Hunter Safety Program

Fort McClellan Army National
Guard Training Center



Game Management and Law Enforcement Staff

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- LTC Alexander Shaw – Environmental Program Manager
- Bernie Tucker – FMTC Environmental Team Leader
- Ethan Rose – Wildlife Biologist

Law Enforcement

- LTC Steve Witherington– DPTMS Officer
- Barb Berryman – Lead Police Officer
- CPT Joshulyn Evans – Range Officer



Agenda

- Å Range Control
- Å Law Enforcement
- Å Game Management
- Å Range Officer
- Å Q&A





RANGE CONTROL

Fort McClellan Army National Guard
Training Center

CPT Joshulyn Evans
Range Control Officer



Hunting and Fishing

- Hunting & Fishing is not Authorized in a scheduled training area
- Contact Range Control if Soldiers are in your area
- Know where you and your people are supposed to hunt





No one will bypass road blocks.

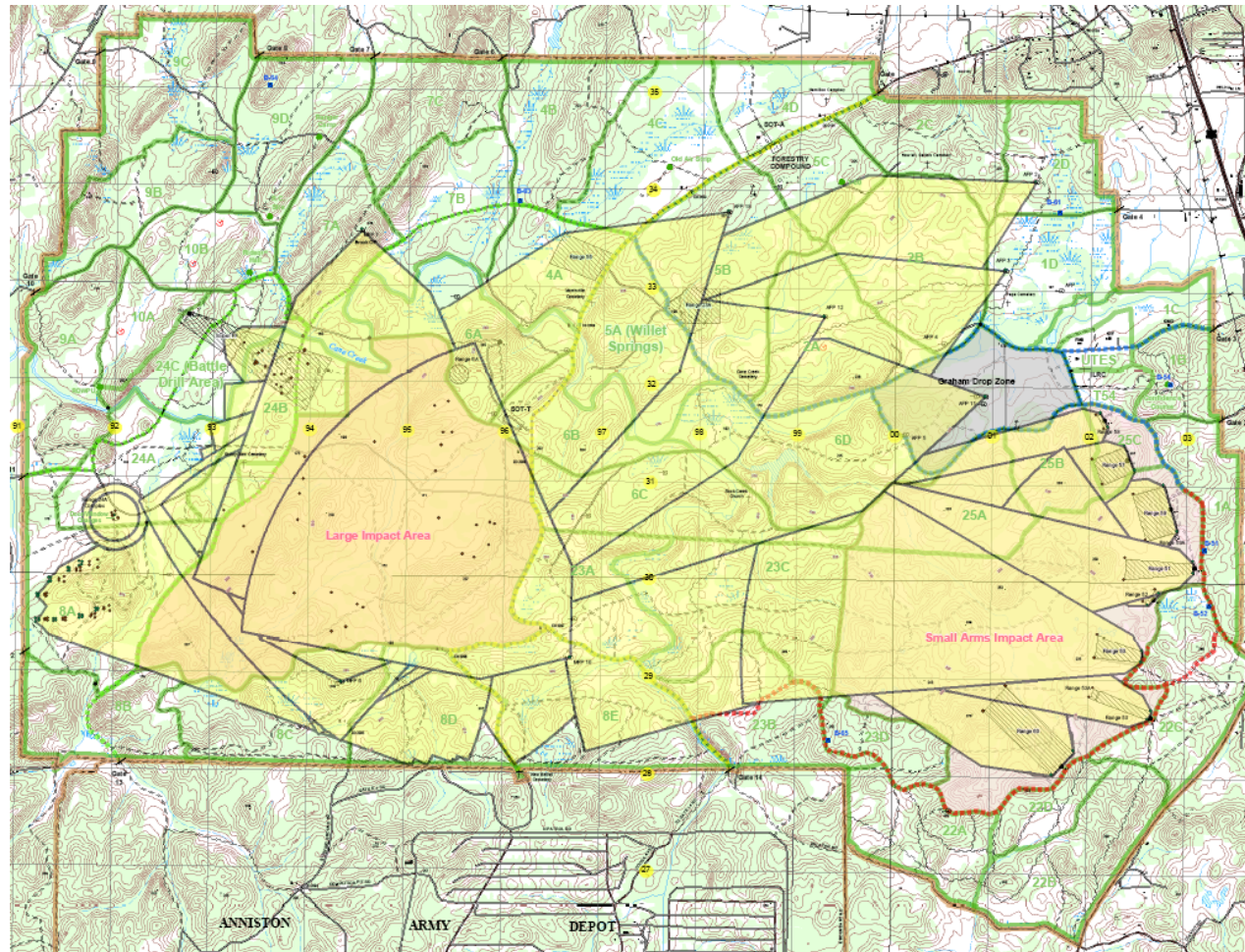




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Surface Danger Zones



Pyrotechnics, UXO and Duds

- **No one is authorized to enter impact areas**
- Report all UXO that are discovered to **RANGE CONTROL**. Do not handle or disrupt, mark area
- All Ranges and Training Areas on Pelham Range are considered to be dangerous 24 hours a day, **all ranges are off limits to hunting**
- Dudded impact areas on Pelham Range are the large & small impact areas
- **STAY OUT – NO EXCEPTION**





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Weather Information

Updates on all severe weather available from Firing Desk.

Post closing will effect Hunting on Pelham Range

Outdoor alert and notification system sounded for tornado warnings only.



Basic Guidelines

- Respond to all guidance/directives received from Range Control personnel
- Avoid Impact Areas
- Observe Road Blocks
- Avoid and Report any UXO
- RANGE CONTROL phone number 1-256-847-3038



Questions?



Law Enforcement

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Lead Police Officer
Ms. Barb Berryman



GATE 3 Pelham Range



Law Enforcement

Pelham Range

All Endangered Species areas are clearly posted. Do not Disturb. NO VEHICLE traffic is allowed in a Wetland areas

All Fording Sites on Pelham Range are off limits unless designated by Range Control for authorized use

Mark map accordingly as the one in GMO. Carry map with you hunting.



Law Enforcement

Pelham Range

A VALID Alabama State license is required to hunt or fish on Pelham Range
Range Note: MUST be purchased prior to purchase of PR license

Pelham Range operates under the SMDR 200-3-1 Regulation. It is available on the web site for review/print as well as IAW Alabama State Laws



Law Enforcement

Pelham Range

NO SCOUTING or driving outside your assigned area

No PISTOLS allowed on PR even if you have a permit to carry (Exception for local LE)

ALL GUNS and CROSSBOWS must be in a locked/sealed case.
(UNLOADED)



Law Enforcement

Pelham Range

Possession of ammunition for species other than being hunted is not allowed. PR is shot gun (slug only) or muzzle load

THIS INCLUDES ARROWS in bow cases and quivers

Hunter orange must be a minimum of 500 sq in (to include a hat) and must be visible for all angles. It must be worn at all times. (Except 12 or higher off the ground)



Law Enforcement

Pelham Range

Violations are administered in various forms. Judicial (citations), administrative (suspensions) and/or a combination of both.

Various agencies such as MPs, CCSD/State Trooper or ANY OTHER DESIGNATED personnel may be authorized for LE/Security purposes on PR

Traffic/Seatbelt use as well as use of electronic devices while driving are strictly enforced



General Information

All vehicles are subject to search upon entry to Pelham Range

When individual game limits are met for deer/turkey, you may not re enter the range during those seasons

ALL hunters must clear the range at the main entry gate before exit at any time (ex: lunch or the end of the day) This is in addition to GMO clearance requirements



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Game Management



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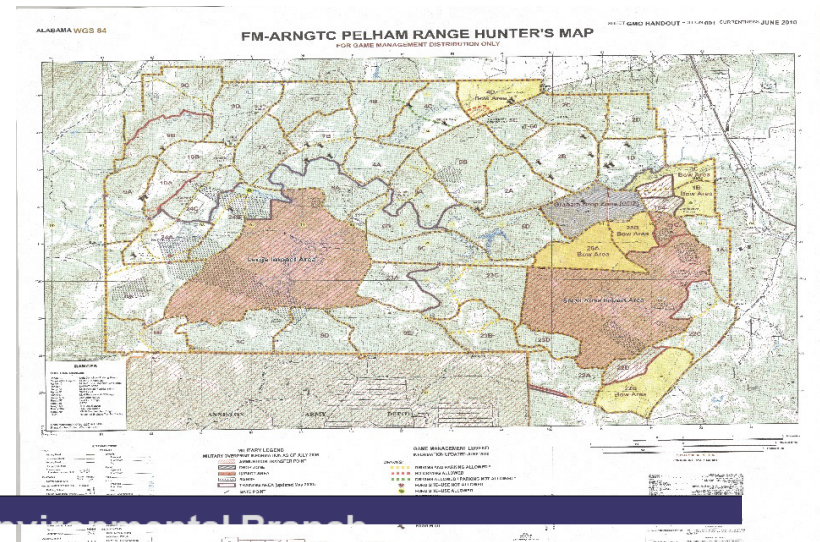




General Information

- Pelham Range is US Government Property.
- Military training is first priority.
- 16,000 acres to hunt.
- Priority sign-up:
 - 1 Military
 - 2 DOD Civilians
 - 3 General Public
- Office #: (256)676-4302
- Maps available at GMO.

Hunts may be cancelled or changed.



Background

- Program Guidance:
 - The deer hunting program, along with all other natural resources, are driven by our Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP). The overall objective is to create a healthy ecosystem.

- Our three main objectives for deer management are:
 - to maintain a balanced herd sex ratio,
 - increase number of buck in 3.5+ age classes, and
 - promote overall quality deer while supporting a sustainable harvest.



2019-2020 Deer Season Summary

- 296 licenses issued to hunt Pelham Range.
- 172 total deer harvested.
- 81 Doe
- 91 Bucks



Buck harvested during the 2019-20 season.



Regulation Guidance

Deer Harvest Restrictions:

- Limited two (2) bucks and two (2) does per hunter/season.
- Hunters must harvest one doe before their second buck or until doe quota is reached.
- Bucks must have 4pts on one side.
- All points on bucks must be 1 inch in length to count.
- No hunting within 100 yards of food plots.

How points are measured.

Count only points
1 inch or longer

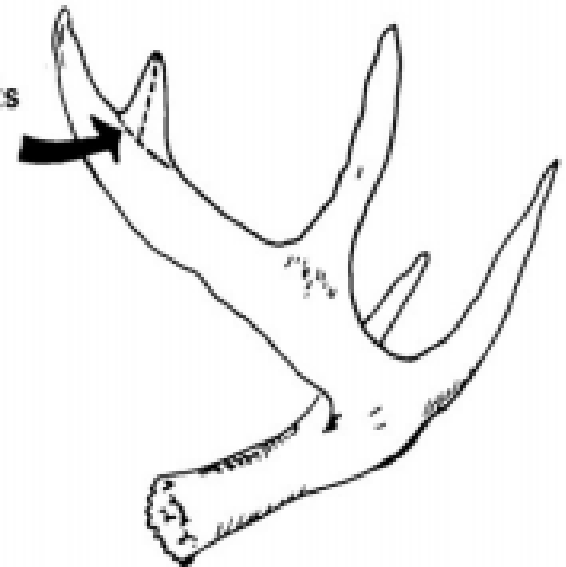


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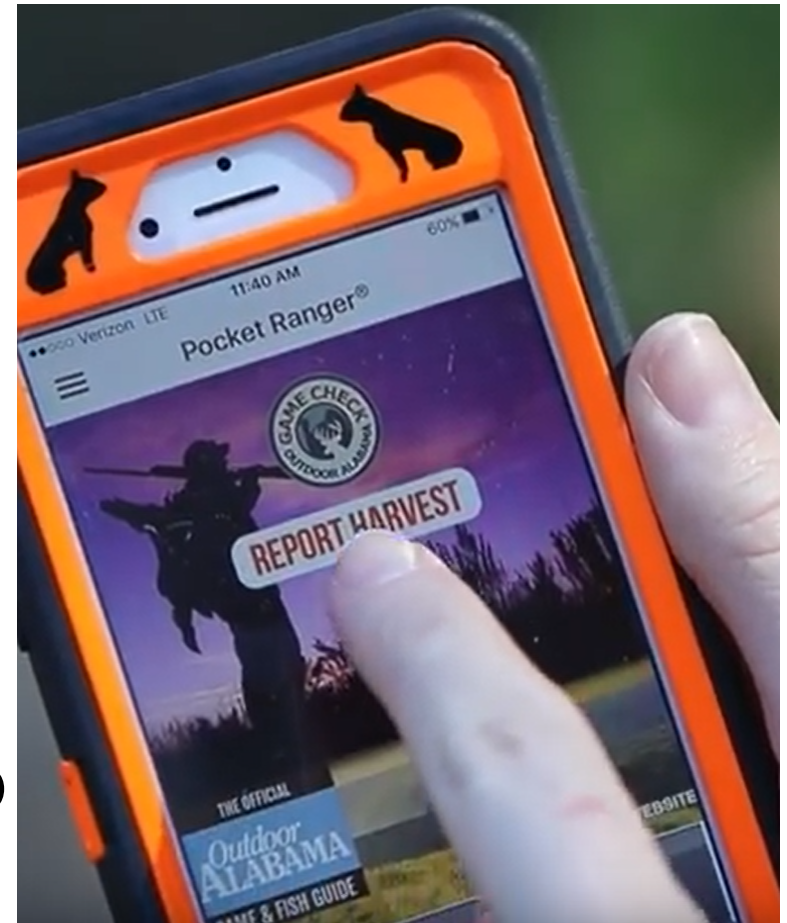
Regulation Guidance

- A managed doe harvest is allowed.
- “Buck only”, “Doe only”, or “Either sex” signs will be posted for each hunt.
- “Either sex hunts” may be added or suspended at any time.
- If harvest limits are reached for deer/turkey, there will be no access to Pelham Range.



Regulation Guidance

- State harvest record must be recorded prior to moving the animal.
- When reporting a harvest, it should be reported as **Federal Land**.
- Then, specify as Fort McClellan.
- Hunter confirmation number **MUST** be reported to the GMO before another permit is issued.



Regulation Guidance

- All game will be retrieved from the field.
- All harvested game will be reported to the GMO within 7 days.
- For suspensions, two weeks will be defined as eight bow days and four gun days.
 - Suspension will follow Table 1 in the hunting regulation.



Regulation Guidance

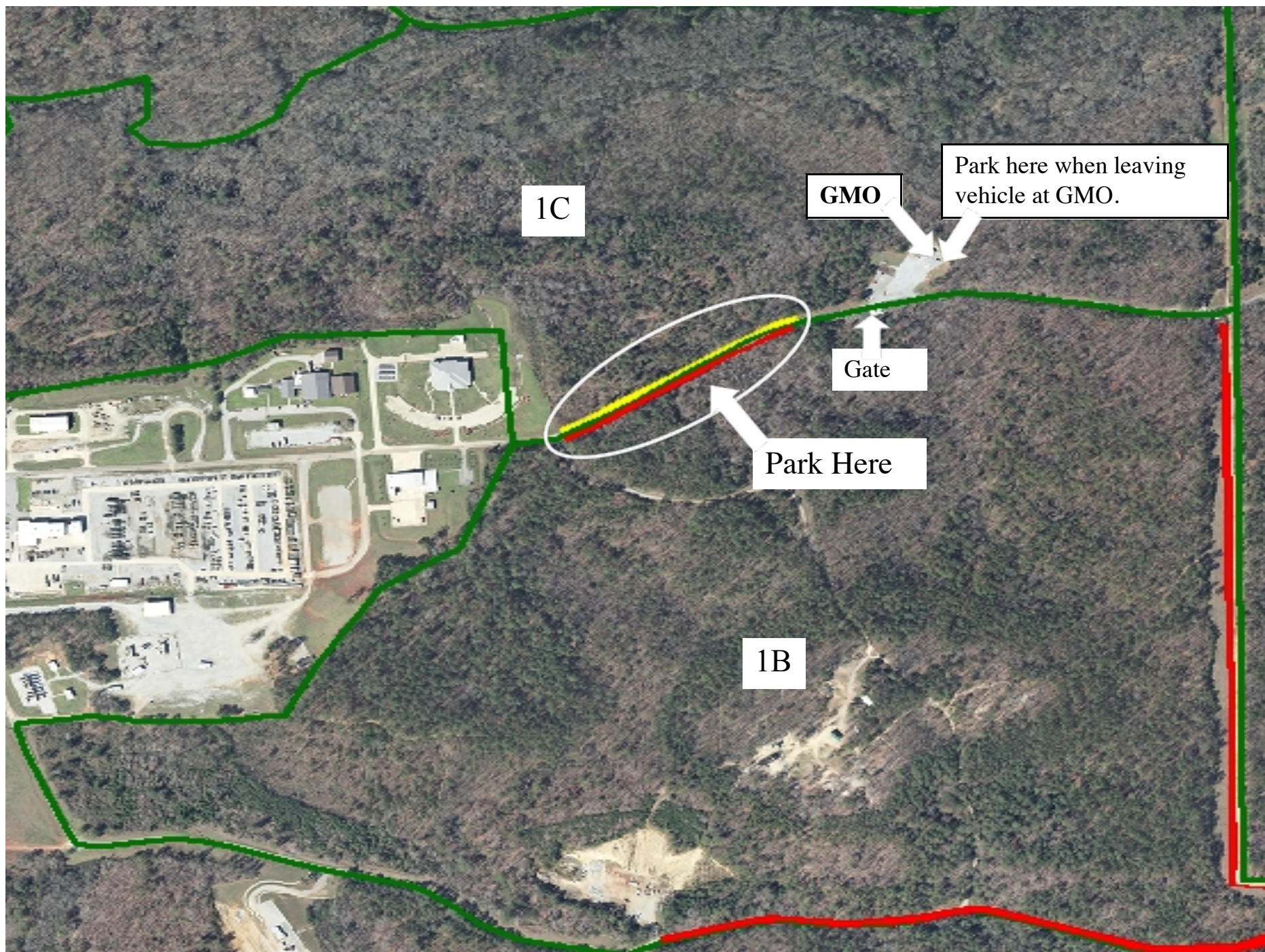
Hunting with youth

- Youth harvest counts toward sponsoring adult on regular hunts.
- Violations by youth also count towards sponsoring adult.
- One youth per adult on deer and turkey hunts.



Regulation Guidance

- Hunters MUST check-in at the gate and park beyond the road block (even when hunting 1B and 1C).
- 1B and 1C are still BOW ONLY for deer and turkey season.
- When bringing an adult observer, you must provide the name of the observer.
 - Only that observer will be allowed through the gate.
- If you leave your vehicle at the GMO, you must park the vehicle in the grassy area to the right of the GMO.



1C

GMO

Park here when leaving
vehicle at GMO.

Gate

Park Here

1B

Projects: Natural Resources

Prescribed Burning



Prescribed burning helps keep woody undergrowth under control and promotes highly nutritious growth of herbaceous plants. It is the largest habitat improvement project implemented on the FM-ARNGTC. 7,000+ acres are improved annually.



Projects: GMO

Supplemental Food/Salt Licks:

The GMO maintains 25 food plots and 12 salt/mineral licks across Pelham Range.

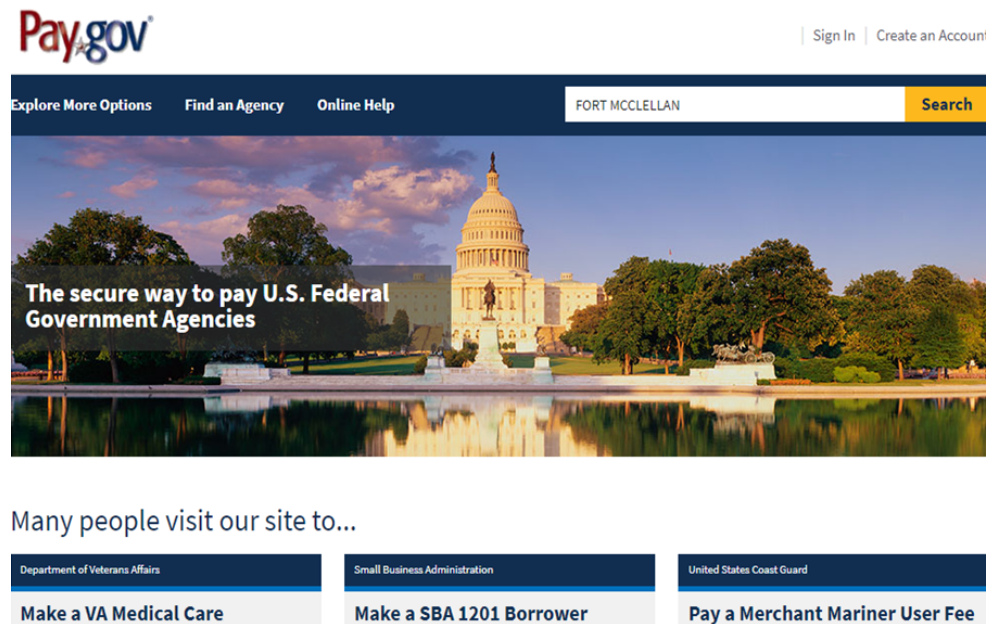
GMO Operations/Expenses:

- Administrative Costs,
- Equipment Purchase/Repair,
- Wildlife Surveys, and
- Quail and turkey habitat enhancement projects.



Purchase a license.

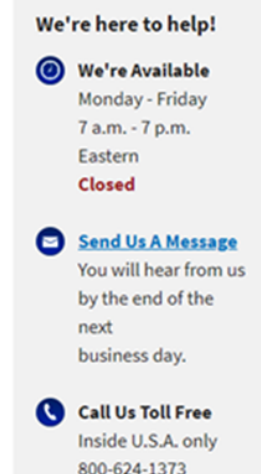
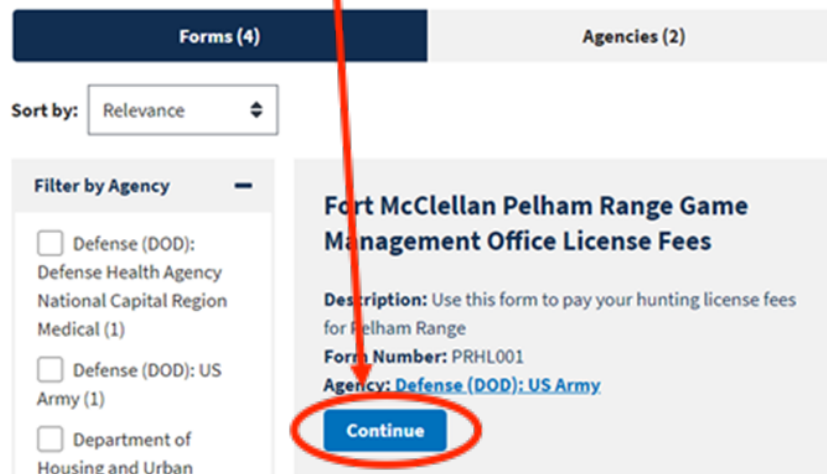
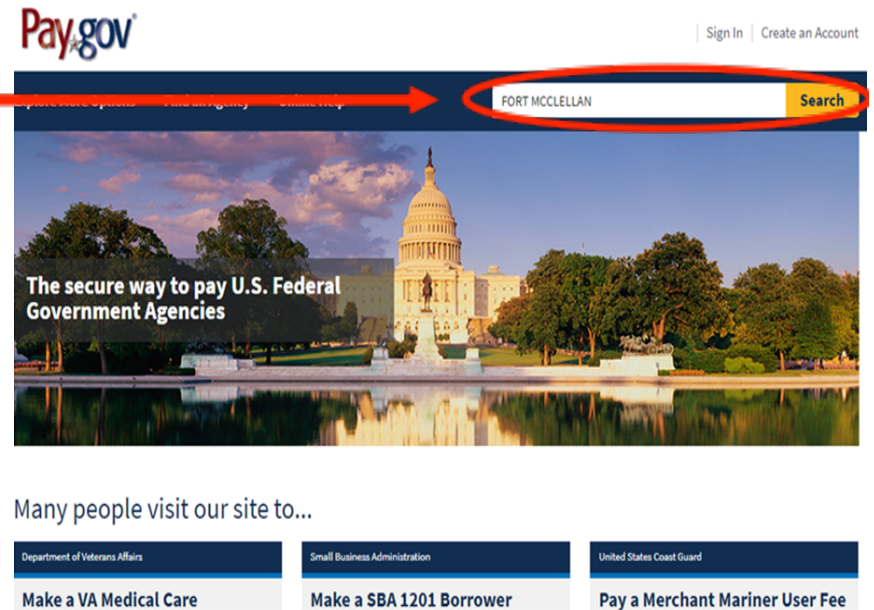
- 1) Go to Pay.gov or the GMO website to purchase a license.
- 2) Licenses are not sold at the GMO.



Purchase a license (cont.).

3) Search “Fort McClellan” on the home page.

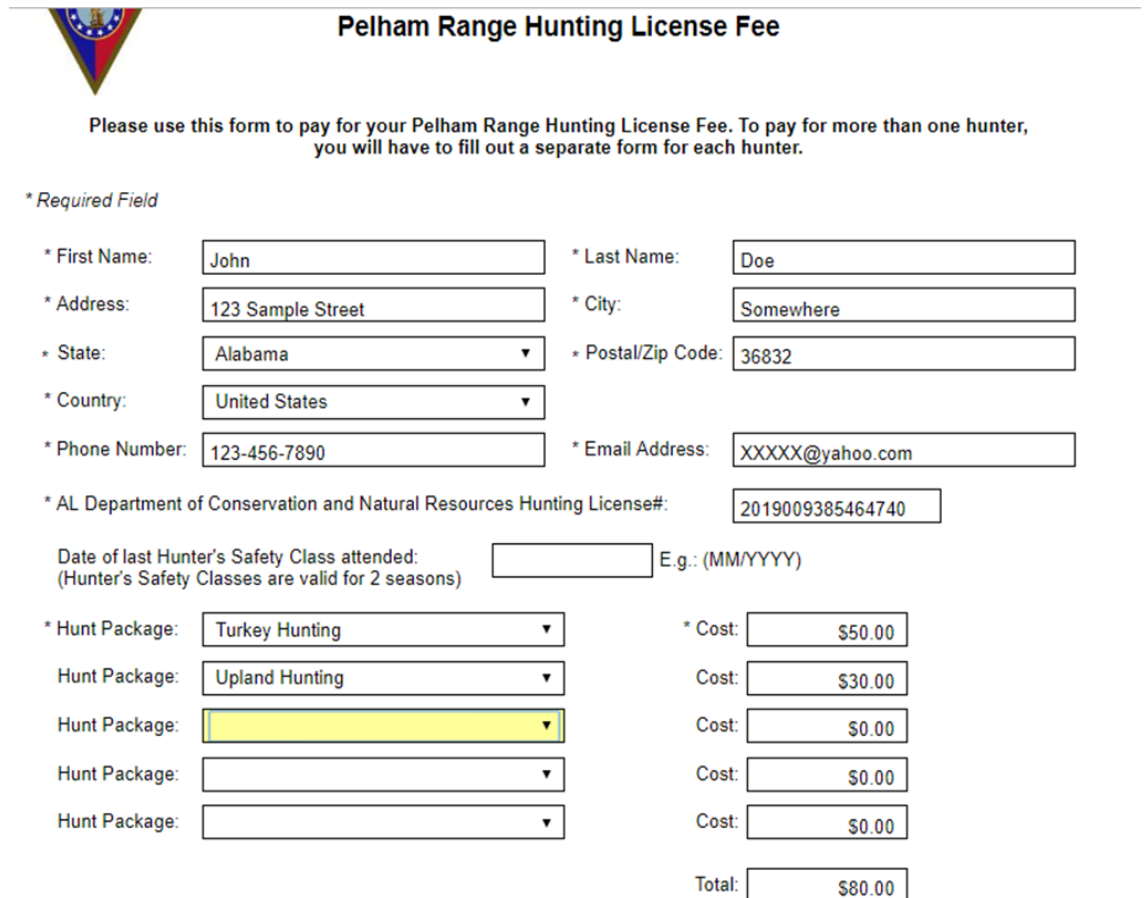
4) Next, click continue on “Fort McClellan Pelham Range Game Management Office License Fees”.



Purchase a license (cont.).

5) Finally, enter person information, select hunting package, and pay.

Accepts:
PayPal, Credit Card,
Electronic Check from your
bank, Debit Card.



Pelham Range Hunting License Fee

Please use this form to pay for your Pelham Range Hunting License Fee. To pay for more than one hunter, you will have to fill out a separate form for each hunter.

** Required Field*

* First Name:	<input type="text" value="John"/>	* Last Name:	<input type="text" value="Doe"/>
* Address:	<input type="text" value="123 Sample Street"/>	* City:	<input type="text" value="Somewhere"/>
* State:	<input type="text" value="Alabama"/>	* Postal/Zip Code:	<input type="text" value="36832"/>
* Country:	<input type="text" value="United States"/>		
* Phone Number:	<input type="text" value="123-456-7890"/>	* Email Address:	<input type="text" value="XXXXXX@yahoo.com"/>
* AL Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Hunting License#:	<input type="text" value="2019009385464740"/>		
Date of last Hunter's Safety Class attended: (Hunter's Safety Classes are valid for 2 seasons)		<input type="text"/> E.g.: (MM/YYYY)	

* Hunt Package:	<input type="text" value="Turkey Hunting"/>	* Cost:	<input type="text" value="\$50.00"/>
Hunt Package:	<input type="text" value="Upland Hunting"/>	Cost:	<input type="text" value="\$30.00"/>
Hunt Package:	<input type="text" value=""/>	Cost:	<input type="text" value="\$0.00"/>
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		Total:	<input type="text" value="\$80.00"/>



Purchase a license (cont.)

- GMO License Fees for 2019-20 Seasons
 - Deer- \$90
 - Turkey- \$50
 - Upland- \$30
 - Combination- \$120 (Deer & Turkey only)
 - Fishing- \$10 (when available)
 - Senior- \$10 (all license)
- All licenses can be claimed at the GMO, but money is not refunded at the GMO
- The following is required to claim a license: your pay.gov receipt, a valid state drivers license, and a valid AL hunting license (if under 65).
- Licenses and permits may be revoked by the commander for abuse of the program or inappropriate behavior.

Claiming permits

General:

- Permits are issued each week of hunting.
- **Unless** otherwise noted on the GMO calendar.
- Permits have to be claimed **in person** on your given priority day.
- Hunters are responsible for making sure information on cards are correct before leaving GMO.

Claiming permits

Availability Board:

- The “availability board” at the GMO will show what areas are open to hunting.
- Area availability varies each week depending on training.

Availability Board

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THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
1 ABCD	1 ABCD	1 ABCD	1 ABCD	1 ABCD	1 ABCD	1 ABCD
2 ABCD	2 ABCD	2 ABCD	2 ABCD	2 ABCD	2 ABCD	2 ABCD
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5 ABC	5 ABC	5 ABC	5 ABC	5 ABC	5 ABC	5 ABC
6 ABCD	6 ABCD	6 ABCD	6 ABCD	6 ABCD	6 ABCD	6 ABCD
7 ABC	7 ABC	7 ABC	7 ABC	7 ABC	7 ABC	7 ABC
8 ABCE	8 ABCE	8 ABCE	8 ABCE	8 ABCE	8 ABCE	8 ABCE
9 ABCD	9 ABCD	9 ABCD	9 ABCD	9 ABCD	9 ABCD	9 ABCD
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■ AREA CLOSED
 ■ BOW AREA
 ■ UPLAND AREA
 ■ AREA FULL

Claiming permits (cont.)

Deer Hunting:

- Bow hunters will fill out days they chose to hunt with their chosen area on their “Bow Card” and present it to GMO staff.
- **Bow card MUST be on your dash.**
- Gun hunters will receive a permit card with their license number, date, and chosen area.
- **Gun permit card MUST be on your dash.**

Claiming permits (cont.)

Upland and Turkey Hunting:

- Hunters must claim a permit for the days they hunt.
- Hunters will have access to all areas that are open on the days of hunting.
- **Upland permit MUST be on your dash**

PELHAM RANGE HUNTING PERMIT (UPLAND)

NAME(S) _____ LIC # _____

Date: _____	Area: _____	Date: _____	Area: _____
Date: _____	Area: _____	Date: _____	Area: _____
Date: _____	Area: _____	Date: _____	Area: _____
Date: _____	Area: _____	Date: _____	Area: _____
Date: _____	Area: _____	Date: _____	Area: _____
Date: _____	Area: _____	Date: _____	Area: _____
Date: _____	Area: _____	Date: _____	Area: _____



Check in/out Procedures

Deer Hunting:

- Gun hunters must check-in and out at Gate 3.
- **Gun hunters MUST also return hunting permit to GMO.**
- Harvested game will be checked by GMO staff during gun hunts.
- Bow hunters must check-in and out at Gate 3.
- Harvested game is self-checked at GMO, unless the GMO is opened.
- Fill out ALL blanks on check-out cards.

Check in/out Procedures (Cont.)

Turkey and Upland Hunters:

- Hunters must check-in and out at Gate 3.
- Harvested game is self-checked at GMO, unless harvest takes place when GMO is open.
- Fill out ALL blanks on check-out cards.

Check in/out Procedures (Cont.)

General information:

- Until October 31, 2020, hunters can enter Pelham range at 5:00am and must exit Pelham Range no later than 7:00pm.
- From November 2020-February 2021, hunters can enter Pelham range at 5:00am and must exit Pelham Range no later than 6:00pm.
- **During turkey season, hunters can enter at 5:00am and must exit by 6:00pm.**

Important dates:

- For early license issue only the GMO will be open Thursday, 08 Oct 2020 (1pm-6pm), Friday, 09 Oct 2020 (1pm-6pm), and Wednesday 18 Nov 2020 (1pm-6pm) for license issue only
- The youth hunt will be on Nov 14th-15th.
- Refer to the GMO website or the posted information outside the GMO for the monthly GMO operation schedule and dates.

Hunting for 2020-21

- 61 bow hunting days*
- 22 gun hunting days*
- 44 turkey hunting days*
- 36 upland game hunting days*
- Hunting days, map, regulation, and GMO schedule are posted at:

<https://al.ng.mil/ALABAMA/Resources/Pages/FortMGMO.aspx>

*The number of hunting days and areas available are contingent upon availability based on training at Pelham Range.



Please report any suspicious activity!

- Any suspicious activity, game violations, or unusual sightings need to be reported.
- This is so the staff at Pelham Range can check validity of reports and monitor things that may affect hunting or management on the property.

Report of mountain lion hit coming off Pelham Range in 2019.

Hit by car today on Mudd Street near Patton Chapel. I guess it came out of Pelham Range.



Same picture, but from the Missouri Department of Conservation website. Found after a quick Google search. Was hit in 2015 by a car in Missouri.



Mountain Lion Hit by Car
This mountain lion was struck by a car on May 12, 2015, in Laclede County, on I-44 near the Gasconade River. Because of its severe injuries, it had to be euthanized. It was an adult male. As they disperse to find their own territories, young males often wander hundreds of miles. The ones that have shown up in Missouri have come from states to our west. Because biologists have not discovered proof of a breeding population in our state, the species is still considered extirpated here and indiscriminate killing is illegal. Any that are killed must be reported to the Conservation Department within 24 hours.
Cliff White
Download: [mountain_lion_hit_by_car_5-12-15.jpg](#)
Photo by MDC Staff, courtesy Missouri Department of Conservation.
Need something larger? Contact Us to request different sizes.

A photograph of a deer with large antlers standing in a forest. The deer is facing left, and its antlers are prominent. The background consists of many thin tree trunks and some foliage, suggesting a wooded area. The lighting is natural, and the overall tone is somewhat muted.

Contact Information:

Wildlife Biologist: Ethan Rose

Email: ethan.1.rose2.nfg@mail.mil

Office #: (256)676-4302

Cell #: (334) 954-9661

Range Control

Range OIC, CPT Joshulynn Evans



Getting the drop on without dropping

Treestand safety too important to ignore

Bow season has already begun and firearms season is not far behind.

To get the drop on a deer, many deer hunters will be in the deer woods and climbing trees using commercial climbing stands to homemade ladder stands hunters as a height as an advantage.



Charles Johnson

Outdoors Editor

Sadly, though, safety is the last thing on some hunter's minds.

One slip, one fall can not only ruin a hunt, but it can also your life.

Responsible hunters owe it to themselves and their families to utilize proper tree stand safety when hunting. With the modern climbing harnesses and safety restraint vests, there is no excuse for hunters to leave the ground without a fall restraining device.

Tree fall causes

Most falls from treestands occur when the hunter is either climbing or descending the tree.

This is when the hunter allows their attention to wander or either the stand itself slips causing the hunter to tumble out to the ground and even a fall from a few feet can result in serious injury.

While climbing style stands are designed to be safe, instances can occur where the stand is not affixed properly to the tree and slides down unexpectedly. Lock-on style stands can be secure on the tree but a wet surface or misstep will send the hunter straight down. Screw-in steps and strap-on ladders can cause sudden mishaps if not installed properly.

Treestands left attached to trees can suffer damage or straps can become loose from storms and high winds. Cold temperatures can cause

straps and can be tucked inside when not in use. Vests come in different colors, among those are camouflage and blaze orange. A special strap will absorb the weight of the hunter if a fall does occur. Also, with the safety strap attached to the back, it will keep the hunter upright in the case of a fall.

When climbing or descending, a life line can be used to attach to the harness and a Prussic knot can be slid up and down the rope. The deer drag can be used as an assist to get back into the stand and/or to take pressure off the chest and legs after a fall.

Certain models of the safety system are made of mesh material to keep cool on those warm afternoons.

A vest is the best option as belts and other fall restraints can allow a hunter to turn upside down thus making it almost impossible to return to an upright position.

Other hunting safety precautions

Most deer hunters carry along a fanny or small pack when hunting from elevated platforms to hold a few useful items in an emergency.

A sport or referee-type whistle can be used to signal help in case of an accident or injury. A cell phone can be used to contact someone for assistance, but some remote areas may not have coverage.

Regardless of whether you're hunting from a tree stand or not, it is a good idea to tell someone where you are planning to hunt and the time you plan to return, especially if you hunt alone. Leave a note or map in your vehicle with directions or





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GMO Parking

- Hunters may not park at the GMO or enter Pelham Range before 5:00am.
- The GMO parking lot is also used by Range Control and Contractors
 - Do not congregate in the parking lot
- If you are leaving your vehicle at the GMO and riding on to the range with another hunter you must park your vehicle to the far right of the parking lot

Ethics

- **SAFETY ALWAYS!!**
- Be courteous to the guards, staff, and other hunters
- We appreciate your participation

