

Fishing: Questions & Answers

Q: What permits are needed to fish and where can they be purchased?

A: Authorized patrons and guests between the ages 16 and 65 must obtain as appropriate, Virginia (state or county) freshwater fishing licenses and Base fishing permits. Virginia Saltwater fishing licenses are required for anyone attempting saltwater fishing except when fishing from MWR piers that maintain pier licenses. Dependents and guests under the age of 12 must be directly supervised by an adult, 18 years of age or older, who holds a valid fishing license and Installation permits. Permits are sold at the NAS Oceana and NASO Dam Neck Annex MWR ITT offices and they are currently valid, in authorized locations only, at: NAS Oceana and NASO Dam Neck Annex (unless notified otherwise, permits may also be authorized at select locations on JEB Little Creek and JEBLC Fort Story). Permits are currently \$8.00 for a full calendar year, but the cost is subject to change. (Note: Installations where permits are purchased will receive the funding to support Conservation projects on that Installation.)

Q: When can I Fish?

A. Fishing is only authorized during state sanctioned seasons. Fishing is from sunrise to sunset (dawn to dusk), unless otherwise stipulated in the Base Fishing Instruction.

Q: With what can I Fish?

A. Fishing shall be conducted only by angling with a hook and line or rod and reel, held in hand. No more than two treble hooks are permitted on any fishing lure. In catch-and-release waters, barbed hooks are discouraged and treble hooks are prohibited. A hand-held landing net may also be used to remove legally hooked fish. No live bait fish are authorized.

Q: Where can I get more specific information regarding fishing on base?

A. Visit the Natural Resources Website and view the CNRMA Fishing Instruction. The general content of the instruction is still good, but there have been updates to fishing area locations, and ticket purchasing locations. Contact the NRC for the most current information.

Q: Can I use a boat?

A. Only at those locations authorized in the Fishing instruction. The boat and trailer should be cleaned; thoroughly flushing water through the motor's cooling system, live wells, and other areas that hold water and drying the boat and equipment for five days in a sunny location before transferring it to a new body of water.

Additional Information

WARNINGS:

No off-road or 4-wheel driving is authorized.

Be aware there are venomous snakes and poisonous plants on the premises.

It is unlawful and strictly PROHIBITED to harm, disturb, or collect plants and animals.

The release of fish or of other aquatic wildlife not caught on the premises is PROHIBITED.

The release of any animals or the planting of any plants without the written approval of the Base's Natural Resources Manager is PROHIBITED.

It is recommended that individuals recreating on site use insect repellent.

It is required to provide, when requested, appropriate identification, permits and passes to Base Security and Conservation Law Enforcement Officers.



Please enjoy yourself while recreating on base and help us maintain it by packing out your trash and placing your litter in appropriate receptacles.

Public Access

Hunting, Fishing & Archery range utilization is open to anyone with Base Access privileges. Members of the General Public that would like to recreate on base must have a qualified sponsor. Sponsors can be active or retired military or government civilians with current base access identification. Contact the Natural Resource Center (NRC) at 757-433-2151 or stop by the NRC, Building 78, to ensure you have all appropriate access documentation. You may also visit the Natural Resources Websites at:

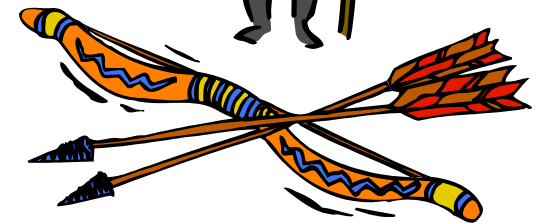
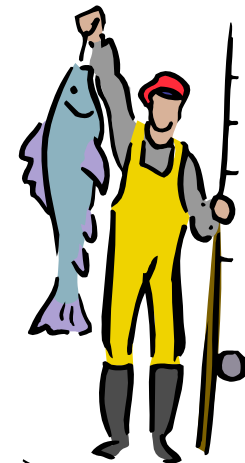
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Hunting, Fishing & Archery Range

NAS Oceana,
NASO Dam Neck Annex,
& NALF Fentress



Hunting: Questions & Answers

Q: What do I need to do to hunt on the local bases?

A: (1) You must be Active Duty, dependent or retired military. DoD Civilians are allowed and Non-DoD affiliated civilians are allowed with a qualified sponsor.

(2) You need a Hunter Safety Course Certificate valid in the state of Virginia.

(3) You need to attend the annual Basic Hunter Indoctrination (Indoc.) conducted by Navy Natural Resources Staff.

(4) You need to register your weapons at the NASO Security Office, prior to bringing on base.

(5) You need a State and an Installation Hunting/Trapping License/Permit.

Note: The above (1-5) will allow you to deer hunt with shotgun, buckshot only, at NASO Dam Neck Annex, and NALF Fentress.

(6) To hunt via Shotgun with Slugs, Muzzleloader, or Archery (in addition to the above requirements):

Shotgun Slugs?

Annually, you must qualify with your shotgun by shooting 3 out of 3 slugs within a 9" circle @ 50 yards. You will be allowed to shoot from a seated rest. Note: Slugs are only allowed for use at NALF Fentress.

Muzzleloader?

Annually, you must qualify with your muzzleloader by shooting 3 out of 3 slugs within a 9" circle @ 50 yards. You will be allowed to shoot from a seated rest. Flintlock, Percussion Cap and In-Lines are allowed on NAS Oceana, NASO Dam Neck Annex, and NALF Fentress only in designated hunting areas.

Archery?

You must have graduated from the International Bowhunter Education Program (IBEP). Annually, you must qualify by shooting two arrows from an elevated platform into the kill zone of each of three 3D deer targets placed at varying ranges. The ranges will vary from directly beneath the platform out to 30 yards maximum. Your archery tackle will be inspected prior to any qualification attempt and can be grounds for rejection if determined to be unsafe. The qualification will be with Broadheads attached unless you will be hunting with Mechanical Broadheads; you will be allowed to shoot field points in this instance.

Q: Where do I purchase a permit?

A: You must have both the appropriate State Hunting Permit(s) and a Base Hunting Permit. Contact the appropriate state Wildlife Agency for information on purchasing their permits. Base Hunting Permit can be purchased from the NAS Oceana or NASO Dam Neck Annex MWR ITT ticket offices. The fee for the annual Installation license/permit is \$20.00 (subject to change). (Note: Installations where permits are purchased will receive the funding to support Conservation projects on that Installation.)

Q: Where and when are qualifications?

A: A schedule of qualifications will be posted at the NRC/NAS Oceana Bldg. 78, made available at the Basic Indoctrination Classes, and will be posted on the Natural Resources Program Website. Muzzleloader and shotgun qualifications will be conducted at the NSAHR Northwest Annex IAMS range. Bow qualifications will be conducted at the NRC, Bldg. 78, archery range. All qualifications must be observed by designated NRC representatives on scheduled days to be valid.

Q: Where can I hunt on base?

A: The NASO Natural Resources Program controls and manages all hunting aboard NAS Oceana, NASO Dam Neck Annex, and NALF Fentress. Areas are designated at each base for Archery, Shotgun, and Muzzleloader as applicable. Maps of the exact hunting areas are located on the Natural Resources websites or can be obtained at the Natural Resources Center, NASO bldg. 78.

Q: Can I hunt anything else besides deer?

A: Yes. Small game hunting is authorized at NAS Oceana and NALF Fentress. Furbearer trapping is authorized at NAS Oceana, NALF Fentress and NASO Dam Neck Annex, but is restricted to a single trapper annually via a lottery selection. Contact the NRC for more details.

Q: When can I deer hunt?

A: Within the State Hunting season dates, generally from Oct 1st through the 1st Saturday in January. NAS Oceana has an extended hunting season through the end of February. Operational Security and Threat Conditions will dictate closures but normally NAS Oceana, NASO Dam Neck Annex and NALF Fentress are open 6 days a week, closed only on Sundays (and select Holidays).

Q: Can I deer hunt from the ground?

A: Ground hunting or stalking is only allowed by Archers (except crossbow archers). No ground hunting is allowed on any base by Shotgun, Muzzleloader or Crossbow hunters.

Q: Do I need a tree stand?

A: Tree stands are required of all Shotgun, Muzzleloader and Crossbow hunters. These stands must be elevated at a shooting height of 15 feet. Climbers and clip-ons are allowed with minimal tree limb removal permitted. NAS Oceana, NASO Dam Neck Annex, and NALF Fentress have no permanent tree stands available. Any permanent tree stands found on these bases are not maintained and are unauthorized for use. You must use your own tree stand, at your own risk.

Q: Where do I find the Base's Annual Hunting Rules & Regulations (R&Rs)?

A: On the NAS Oceana and NAVFAC MIDLANT Portal Natural Resources websites (see back page of brochure) or at the NASO NRC, bldg. 78. For questions regarding the R&Rs visit the Natural Resources Center (NRC), NASO bldg. 78, or call the NRC at 757-433-2151.

Archery Range: Questions & Answers

Q: Where is the Archery Range?

A: The range is located off of Oceana Blvd., across from the Oceana Stables, at/adjacent to the Natural Resources Center, NASO building 78.

Q: What do I need to do to use the archery range on NAS Oceana?

A: Obtain a permit from the Oceana MWR ITT ticket office and visit the NRC to fill out the appropriate paperwork and obtain required signatures and stamps. Register your weapon with NASO Security, prior to bringing on base. Contact the NRC if you have additional questions.

Q: Can I use the range if I purchased a base hunting permit?

A: Yes, the hunting permit and the archery range permit are all on 1 single permit. If you qualify to be a hunter you can use the archery range for the permitted calendar year. If you do not qualify to be a hunter or you do not want to hunt but just use the archery range you may get your permit stamped for archery range use only. You are not authorized to use this range until you have obtained the range or appropriate hunting stamps, signatures and card lamination. (To get your permit stamped for archery range use only visit the NRC, Oceana Building 78.)