

**DEER AND TURKEY HUNT
OPERATIONS PLAN ANNEX B VTS-Milan
Instructions Form**

Volunteer Training Site Milan—2023-24 Deer Quota Hunts and 2024 Turkey Quota Hunts

Contacts/Resources: - **EMERGENCY: 911**
Range Operations Control Staff Duty (HUNT STATUS LINE) – (615) 426-5935
Range Operations Officer – (731) 845-3563
Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency – (731) 423-5784

Public Information:

Dates/Hours (Access vs. Hunting): All times listed in **Central Time.**

Scout Date/Hours – Access allowed 7am – 4:30pm **through the Lavinia Gate only. (Must check-in with Range Control for Safety Brief before moving into the Training/Hunt Areas)**

(TWRA will be available for questions at the check station 8:30 am – 12 noon).

Hunt Dates/Hours – Access allowed 2-hours before sunrise to 1-hour after legal shooting hours (hunting allowed 30 minutes before sunrise – 30 minutes after sunset). **Entry and exit only authorized through Graball Gate for all hunts.**

Legal Deer Hunting Equipment: Archery equipment, muzzleloaders (using 0.36 cal. or larger), and shotguns (using single solid ball or slugs) are allowed in training areas 7 through 14 (Archery, Muzzleloader, and Shotgun Zone). Archery equipment will be allowed in training areas 2 through 5 and sub sections of training areas 12 and 13. (Archery ONLY zone; see current TN Hunting & Trapping Guide for more information on legal hunting equipment).

No personal equipment shall be left on property between permitted hunts or between scout and hunt dates. All personal property shall be marked with the hunter's TWRA identification number. Personal property that does not meet these requirements may be impounded and disposed of according to state procedures. Hunters must obtain a copy of the Deer Hunt Map.

Legal Turkey Hunting Equipment: Archery equipment and shotguns (using ammunition with No. 4 shot or smaller) are allowed in training areas 7 through 14 (Shotgun Zone). Archery equipment will be allowed in training areas 2 through 5 (Archery ONLY zone; see current TN Hunting & Trapping Guide for more information on legal hunting equipment).

No fanning or reaping is permitted. No personal equipment shall be left on property between permitted hunts or between scout and hunt dates. All personal property shall be marked with the hunter's TWRA identification number. Personal property that does not meet these requirements may be impounded and disposed of according to state procedures. Hunters must obtain a copy of the Turkey Hunt Map.

VTS-Milan Prohibited Acts: **You can only hunt in the permitted Training Area (TA).** Do not scout/hunt anytime other than the times provided. No access is permitted on property outside of the authorized hunt/scout dates. No handguns are allowed on property. Possession of any centerfire rifle or handgun ammunition, or muzzleloading ammunition smaller than .36 cal., is prohibited. Do not bring firearms or archery equipment on scout day. Do not enter safety/security zones, cemeteries, research plots, or bypass closed gates, barricades, or road closed signs unless otherwise marked. Do not drive motorized vehicles on any field, trail, or non-improved roadway; you may drive on improved roads which have gravel/asphalt, including power or gas line rights-of-way, unless otherwise marked. Hunters may park alongside improved roads. No ATVs, UTVs, dirt bikes, or similar off-road vehicles. Do not block ingress/egress of any gate, trail, or road. State law prohibits shooting from or across roads, and within 100 yards of a building or structure. No camping on the property is allowed, all permit holders must be out of the TAs at the end of each day. Do not remove any material (metal, plants, artifacts, etc.) from VTS-Milan.

Bag Limit: Three (3) deer (according to permit), no more than one antlered per permitted deer hunt. One (1) bearded turkey per permitted turkey hunt unless accompanied by a juvenile. Successful applicants, 21 years or older, may bring a youth hunter, ages 6-16, that may also harvest one bearded turkey. Adults limited to bring one youth per day. Juveniles are authorized one (1) bearded turkey in addition to the permit bag limit, but must be accompanied by the permit holder. Coyotes may be taken without limit during any permitted hunt. Deer and turkey harvests apply towards statewide bag limits.

Special Regulations: Entry and exit only authorized through Graball Gate for all hunts. All hunters must abide by all laws and rules in order to retain access for hunting privileges on VTS-Milan. VTS-Milan is Federal Property controlled by the Tennessee Department of Military. Call the Hunt Status Line prior to traveling to VTS-Milan for scouting/hunting to verify that the hunts have not been changed/cancelled. Scouting/hunting is subject to change based on the readiness requirements of the Military. ALL HUNTERS MUST CONTACT RANGE CONTROL DURING THE DESIGNATED SCOUT DATES FOR MANDATORY SAFETY BRIEF AND GRABALL GATE CODE.

Hunters must possess the following: 1. TWRA Quota Hunt Permit, 2. Appropriate TWRA Hunt License(s), 3. a photo I.D. (youth excluded), and 4. hunter safety certification proof unless born prior to 1/1/69. All deer hunters (including archery hunters and non-hunting adults) must wear, on the upper portion of their body and head, a minimum of 500 square inches of daylight fluorescent "hunter" orange, visible front and back during all hunts and on scout days. If you will be late getting game to the check station, you get locked behind a gate, and/or there is a closed gate you think should be opened, call the Range Operations Control Staff duty phone or the phone number listed on the gate. Permitted hunters have approval to hang approved tree stands in the proper manner (see TN Hunting & Trapping Guide for more information) during their permitted hunt dates, but these must be removed at the end of their permitted hunt period.

If your wounded game travels into a safety or security zone, do not enter and instead call the Range Operations Control Staff duty phone for assistance.

Game Check Procedure: Please follow statewide big game checking procedures. If TWRA Check Stations are in operation, please stop for data collection. Hunters are subject to inspection in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated (T.C.A.) 70-6-101, and any other applicable law, of their identification, hunting permit, hunting license, and all equipment for compliance with these requirements by the TWRA or law enforcement personnel at any time while on VTS-Milan. Driving on VTS-Milan roads is at your own risk. The speed limit of all roads during permitted hunts is 15 mph, unless otherwise posted. One non-hunting juvenile (under age 16) may accompany an adult hunter (21 years or older, who has a valid VTS-Milan quota permit) on approved scout and hunt dates. All hunting/permitted juveniles (ages 6-16) must be accompanied by an adult (21 years or older who is not required to have a permit/license) who remains in position to take immediate control of the hunting device.

VTS-Milan Transportation Rules: Firearms and crossbows in vehicles must be unloaded in both chamber and magazine and cased during transport with the safety on and the action open (whenever possible). Charged muzzleloaders may be transported if the ignition source has been removed/disabled.

Safety is Your Responsibility: You are reminded that the landowner and its licensee owe no duty to keep this property or premises safe for entry, nor is any warning required for any purpose. Allowing you to hunt on the property does not give any assurance that the property is safe for such use, does not make you an invitee, and does not mean that the landowner or its licensee assumes any responsibility for you or any other person on the property. Under Tennessee Code Annotated (T.C.A.) 70-7-105 your safety is your responsibility when you agree to hunt on the property.

Liability Waiver:

In consideration for the issuance of permit, the undersigned expressly waives the duty of care for injuries that arise to his or her person in accordance with T.C.A. 70-7-105 and does hereby release, remise, forever discharge, and agree to hold harmless the government of the State of Tennessee, the Tennessee Department of Military, the Tennessee Army National Guard, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, and their officers, agents, and employees (both civilian and military, of and from any and all manner of action, causes of action, suits, charges, claims, demands, and liabilities, of whatever kind or nature to include death, personal injury, and/or property damage due to accident or negligence, which arises or may arise on VTS-Milan pursuant to this permit, and further covenants not to sue or file any claim for such death, personal injury, and/or property damage. The undersigned further acknowledges that this release is given voluntarily and without any representations of any kind, other than those explicitly set forth within this document. The undersigned acknowledges that being within a designated hunting area involves risk of serious injury and/or death. Communications are not available in all areas where hunting activities are permitted, and the undersigned acknowledges that this may reduce or inhibit any form of rescue or medical evacuation while participating in these activities.

"By my signature I agree that I have reviewed this information, understand all the rules noted above, and have inspected my weapon for proper and safe function according to manufacturer's guidelines."

"If the hunter or non-hunting juvenile is a minor under the age of 18, I agree to all the rules and requirements noted above on their behalf."

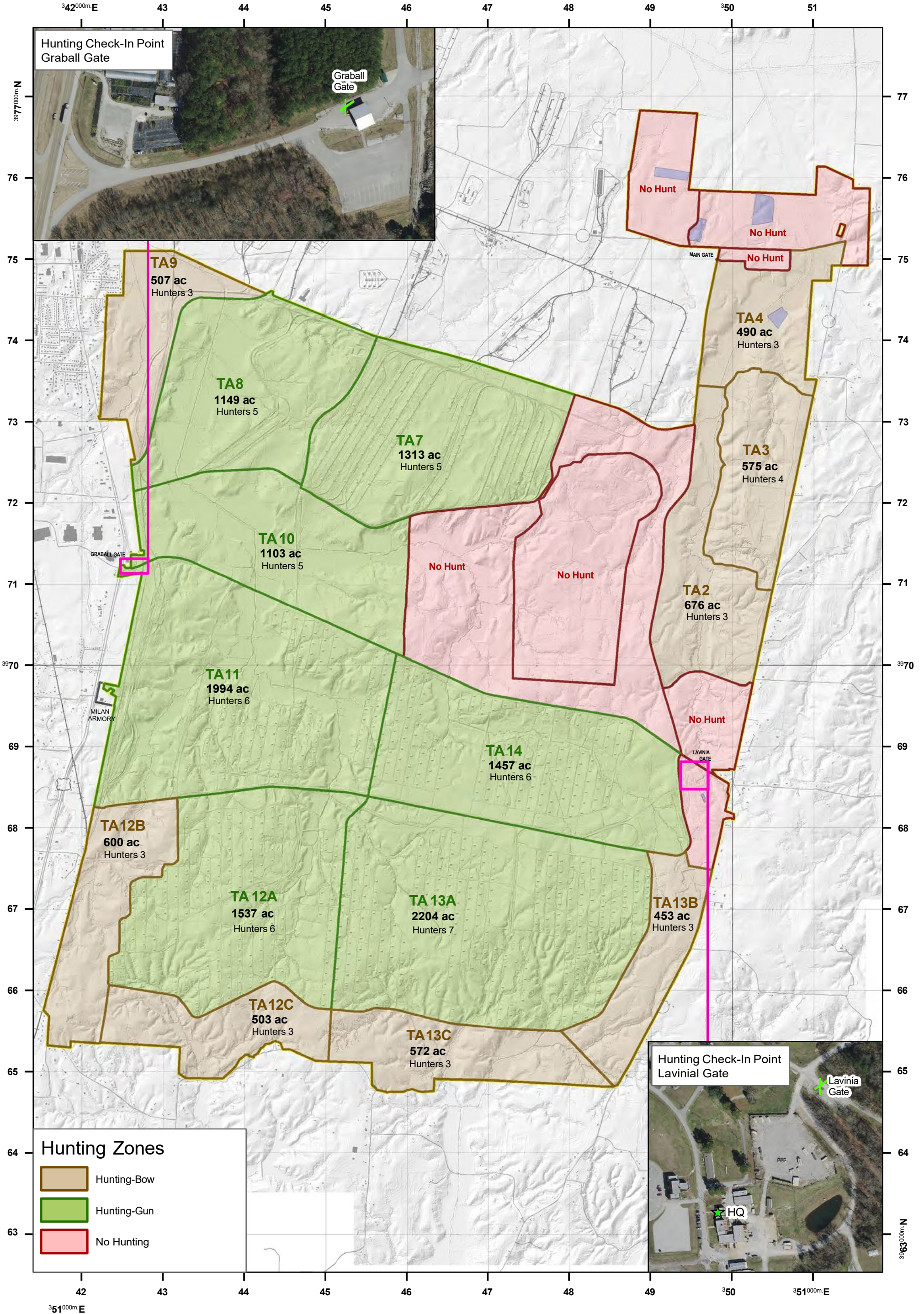
"If the hunter or non-hunting juvenile is a minor under the age of 16, I agree and attest that I am at least 21 years of age."

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Printed Name: _____

Printed Name of juvenile: _____

VTS MILAN HUNTING PLAN - DEER



ELLIPSOID WORLD GEODETTIC SYSTEM 1984
 GRID 1000 METER UTM ZONE 16N
 PROJECTION TRANSVERSE MERCATOR
 VERTICAL DATUM MEAN SEA LEVEL
 HORIZONTAL DATUM WORLD GEODETTIC SYSTEM 1984

Map Date: 5-02-2023

