

# CAMP RIPLEY MILITARY RESERVATION

# CAMP RIPLEY STATUTORY GAME REFUGE

ALL VEHICLES AND PERSONNEL MUST  
BE REGISTERED AT THE DNR CHECK  
STATION PRIOR TO PROCEEDING TO  
THE HUNTING AREA.

ALL VEHICLES AND PERSONNEL ARE  
SUBJECT TO INSPECTION PRIOR TO  
LEAVING THE REFUGE.

**CLOSED ZONES  
OFF-LIMITS TO HUNTING  
INCLUDING AMMUNITION  
"DUD" AREAS**

## CAMP RIPLEY BOUNDARY

## OBEY THESE SIGNS

**RESTRICTED  
AREA**

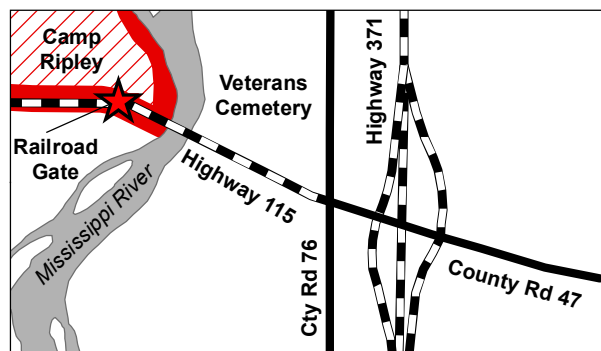
**DO NOT  
TRESPASS**



**FOOT TRAFFIC  
ONLY!!!**

**SPEED  
LIMIT**

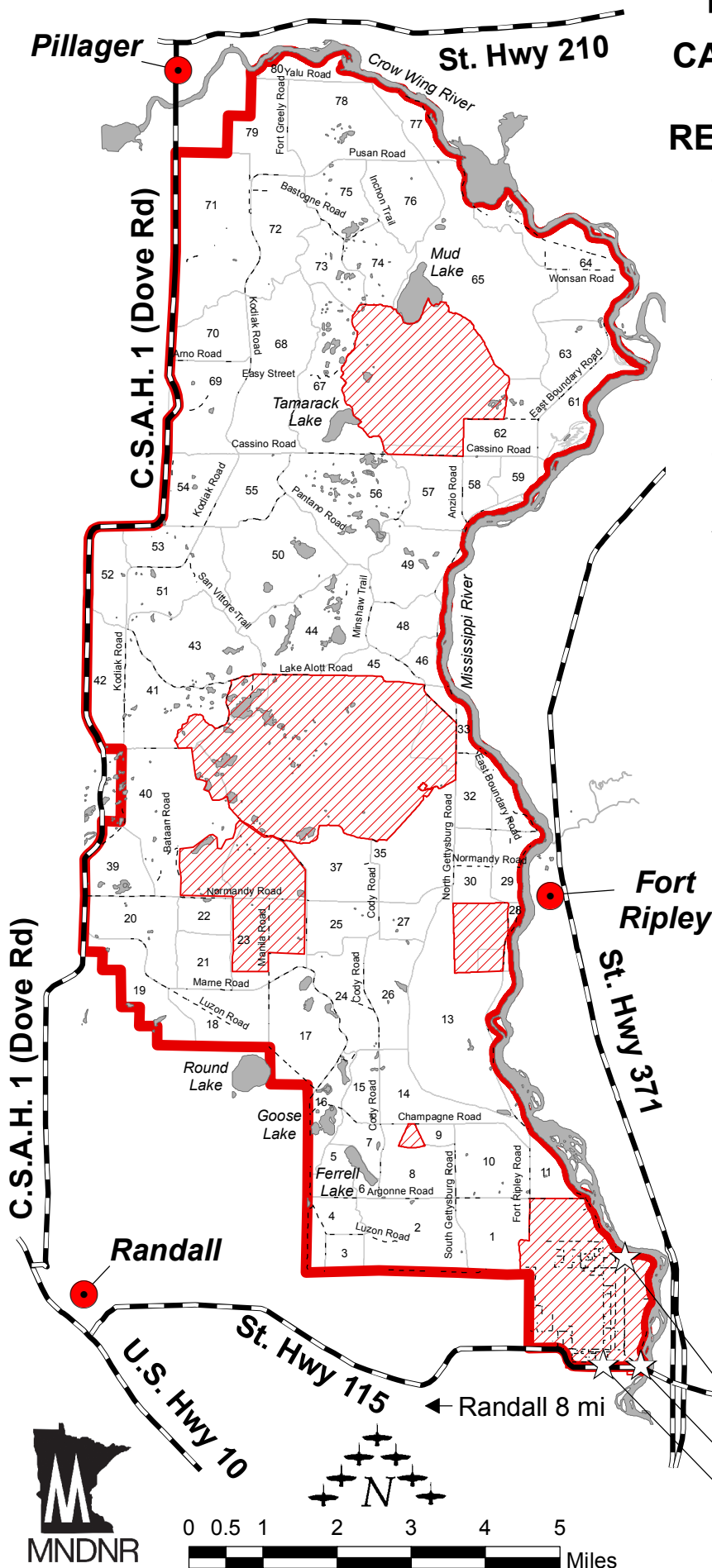
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DNR CHECKSTATION (STOP HERE)

RAILROAD GATE (ENTRANCE &amp; EXIT)

MAIN GATE (EXIT ONLY)



## CAMP RIPLEY ARCHERY SEASON

### Cooperation with these rules and instructions will ensure an enjoyable and safe hunt for everyone involved.

1. You must have a valid archery license and special hunt permit in your possession to enter and hunt at Camp Ripley. You must carry your license and hunt permit with you while hunting. Non-hunters are excluded, and pre-hunt scouting is **NOT** allowed. Permits are not transferable to anyone else. Archers may be checked for legal permit and license in the hunting area.
2. Bring only legal archery equipment. Crossbows are allowed if you are 60 or older, or with a valid permit. Firearms on any person or in any vehicle will be seized. Bows must be unstrung, cased or contained in the trunk of a car when being transported.
3. Littering in the hunt area is strictly prohibited and subject to penalties. **IF YOU PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT!**
4. Alcohol is permitted in the camping area only. Hunting while intoxicated is unlawful. Per Camp Ripley rules, **absolutely no alcohol is permitted in the hunt area**. Alcohol found in the entry-line during morning check-in, or in the hunt area will be seized, and those found using alcohol in the hunt area may be escorted off base and have their hunt permit revoked at discretion of military security.
5. Vehicles must be in designated camping and parking areas or in the double entry-line overnight. **Saving places or butting** in the double entry-line is **NOT** allowed. **Do not block roads or trails** anywhere on base.
6. No electricity or water is available in Camp Ripley. Towing services are available through local vendors at owner's expense. Lock-out service is available, with liability waiver.
7. **No open fires are permitted** anywhere except in an emergency. However, portable grills are allowed in the camping area.
8. The speed limit is 25 MPH. If you are caught speeding you may be escorted off base and have your hunt permit revoked at the discretion of military staff. During wet weather road conditions may be extremely poor (travel at your own risk). Stay on main roads if you are not driving a 4-wheel drive vehicle.
9. ATVs and permanent tree stands are **NOT** allowed at Camp Ripley. All personal property (including portable stands) **MUST** be removed from the hunt area each night. Stands left overnight may be used by anyone, and may be confiscated by DNR officers.
10. Per state law (M.S. 97B.085, Subd. 1) radio devices **MAY NOT** be used to assist in taking deer. However, use of 2-way radios and cell phones for safety is allowed & encouraged.
11. Based on the conditions of your permit, **ONLY DEER MAY BE HUNTED**. The bag limit for this year's hunt is 1 deer. You may use a bonus permit to take an antlerless deer, **OR** you may take a deer of either sex on your regular archery license. Since Camp Ripley is a Statutory Game Refuge **all other wildlife species (including coyote & porcupine) are protected and may not be taken**. Deer wearing radio collars may be shot. However, all radio collars must be surrendered to DNR officials.
12. All deer taken **MUST** be registered at the DNR Check Station. Your permit and license must be presented during registration. Please register deer as soon as possible. Teeth and other samples may be taken for research purposes. You **MUST** clear the hunt area by 7:30 p.m. each night. **Tracking & recovery assistance will NOT be provided** after dark or the day after the hunt.
13. Avoid hunting around closed areas. **DO NOT GO INTO ANY AREA SHOWN IN RED ON YOUR MAP, EVEN TO PURSUE A WOUNDED DEER! DNR AND MILITARY STAFF WILL NOT RECOVER DEER THAT ENTER CLOSED AREAS. IF A WOUNDED DEER ENTERS A CLOSED AREA, YOU LOSE THE DEER!** DO NOT PASS BEYOND ANY CLOSED BARRIER, GATE, OR WARNING SIGN FOR ANY REASON – **ENTERING CLOSED AREAS PRESENTS SIGNIFICANT RISK OF DEATH OR BODILY HARM AND CONSTITUTES TRESPASS**. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW WHERE YOU ARE AT ALL TIMES AND TO TAKE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS. Violators of this rule will have their bows seized and court appearance arranged by DNR Officers.
14. Anyone attempting to disturb or remove any military equipment will be prosecuted. This includes all types of armaments and ammunition. **Report all DUDS** found to the DNR Check Station or Military staff; **DO NOT HANDLE**. Mark duds with string or flagging on nearby vegetation, and obtain coordinates if using a GPS unit.
15. The Commissioner of Natural Resources may close the season without prior notice if violations of the above regulations occur.

*Stay Alive - Do Not handle Duds or Shells*

**HUNTING IN CAMP RIPLEY IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT – PRESERVE THAT PRIVILEGE  
BY RESPECTING ALL PROPERTY, KEEPING THE CAMP CLEAN, AND FOLLOWING REGULATIONS**

## ARRIVAL & ACCESS INSTRUCTIONS AT CAMP RIPLEY

1. **TRAFFIC, PRE-ENTRY PARKING INSTRUCTIONS AND ENTRY/EXIT PROCEDURES:** In order to facilitate efficient and safe movement of traffic for bow hunters and other motorists using the roadways in the area of Camp Ripley, please adhere to the following (traffic control officers will be patrolling the area):

At all times, **enter** Camp Ripley **only** through the east Railroad Gate by the Mississippi River Bridge on Highway 115, and **exit** from either the Main Gate or the Railroad Gate as noted on the enclosed maps. **Posted arrival time to enter Camp Ripley for your hunt is 5:00 a.m. the day preceding your hunt. Do not arrive or line up anywhere on public roads outside of Camp before this time, and do not attempt to enter the railroad gate the day before your hunt until directed by traffic control officers!** After 5:00 a.m. you may stage on CR76 north and south of MN Hwy 115. **Vehicles staging on CR76 must be occupied at all times.** If needed, traffic control officers at the intersection of CR76 and MN Hwy 115 will alternate the flow of traffic onto MN Hwy 115 after 5:00 a.m. As directed, hunters will then drive onto MN Hwy 115 and enter the railroad gate. If vehicles arrive and park on CR76 before the posted arrival time the day before the hunt **and** are deemed a safety hazard by traffic management officers, those vehicles will be forced to leave the area or towed. **DO NOT** stage or park on MN Hwy 115, CR47 or MN Hwy 371 at any time! In no event can any vehicle block the movement of traffic at the interchange of MN Hwy 115 and MN Hwy 371.

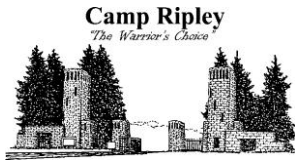
If you are arriving from the south, take MN Hwy 371 north of Little Falls to the CR46 exit. Go two blocks west on CR46 and then turn north onto CR76 and stage on the right shoulder of CR76 south of MN Hwy 115. If you are coming from the north on MN Hwy 371, exit at CR48, and go west and then immediately south on CR76 (parallels MN Hwy 371 and serves as a frontage road) and stage on the right shoulder north of MN Hwy 115. Hunters coming from the west on MN Hwy 115 or from the east on CR47 must plan accordingly and also stage or park on CR76.

Do not block driveways or turn lanes, and allow plenty of space around these areas. **CAUTION:** Parking on the road shoulder is inherently dangerous due to risk of collision with vehicles operating at highway speeds. Be careful, and use extreme vigilance when parking and moving around parked vehicles on the shoulder.

2. No person other than those in possession of a valid Camp Ripley archery permit and a Minnesota archery license will be authorized entry into Camp Ripley during the hunt. PETS, FIREARMS & ATVs are **NOT** allowed at Camp Ripley.
3. Have your valid Camp Ripley permit and Driver's License/I.D. ready for inspection upon entry at the railroad gate. Enclosed you will find a vehicle registration form with your permit for morning check-in each day of your hunt. If you lose your vehicle registration forms, duplicate forms may be obtained at the railroad security gate. **If you lose your special hunt permit, your I.D. will be verified by security staff upon arrival at the railroad gate, you will be allowed to proceed into Camp Ripley, but you MUST obtain a duplicate special hunt permit from DNR personnel at the DNR Check Station the morning of the hunt.** In the event of a lost permit, we recommend you allow for enough time to obtain a duplicate before DNR staff begin checking-in the double-entry line.
4. After initial arrival and check-in at the Railroad Security Gate, you will proceed to billeting, the double entry-line, or the camping area (see rules 5, 7 & 10 below) depending on your overnight stay circumstances. **DO NOT park or camp in coned-off or taped-off zones within the larger camping area.** After initial arrival you may exit through the main gate, and re-enter the installation through the railroad gate at any time of the day or night through 8:00 p.m. on the last day of your hunt.
5. A double entry-line will be allowed to form on the east edge of the road (East Motor Pool Road) beginning at the DNR Check Station (see rule 7 below regarding campers & trailers in line). No saving places or butting in the entry-line. **If caught butting in line, you will be escorted to the end or detained until the line is completely checked through. DO NOT** block any roads or trails in Camp Ripley with your vehicle or trailer. Vehicles or trailers blocking roads or trails will be towed as needed to maintain access.
6. All hunters must pass through the DNR Check Station before entering and after exiting the hunt area. Archers will receive last-minute instructions at the DNR Check Station and be allowed to enter the hunt area beginning at 5:45 a.m. each morning of the 1<sup>st</sup> hunt, at approximately 6:00 a.m. on the first morning of the 2nd hunt, and at approximately 5:00 a.m. on the second morning of the 2nd hunt (change from daylight savings to standard time). **Vehicle registration forms MUST be filled out completely before reaching the DNR Check Station each morning** -- failure to do so will delay your entry to the hunt area. Please be prepared so that you do not delay the line. **You will not need to present your permit or I.D. at the DNR Check Station during morning check-in** unless your permit is lost. After the entry-line has been checked through in the morning, vehicles may **NOT** be parked anywhere on East Motor Pool Road, except the entry-line will be allowed to reform beginning at 5:00 p.m. on day 1 of your hunt. You **MUST** exit the hunt area by 7:30 p.m. each night, except on the last day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> hunt when you must leave the hunt area by 6:30 p.m. (change from daylight savings to standard time). Unless delayed while registering deer at the DNR Check Station, you must leave Camp Ripley by 8:00 p.m. on the last day of your hunt. Please plan accordingly to comply with these timeframes. (CONTINUED – OVER)

## ARRIVAL AND ACCESS INSTRUCTIONS -- CONTINUED

7. Camping is allowed to the west of Motor Pool road only – no water or electricity is available. Absolutely **NO** campers, tents, trailers, or extra vehicles are to be parked to the right (east) side of the double lineup unless instructed to do so by security. To minimize traffic congestion, camper-trailers (including portable fish house trailers) are **NOT** allowed in the entry-line, and are **NOT** allowed down-range in the hunt area – they must remain in the camping area. Only utility trailers meant for hauling gear and big game are allowed in the entry-line and hunt area. Please plan accordingly. Those found with camper-trailers in the lineup will be required to disconnect it in the camping area before they will be allowed to enter the hunt area.
8. If your camping circumstance will involve the use of a contained wood stove, or if you will be transporting wood that will be used outside of the installation after the hunt, only firewood purchased at a state park or from a DNR-approved vendor may be brought onto Camp Ripley. The receipt supplied by the approved vendor must be retained as proof of purchase. Visitors bringing unapproved firewood onto Camp Ripley need to surrender it and may be fined.
9. Portable toilets and garbage barrels or dumpsters will be provided near the camping area. Please use them. Do not litter or move the barrels and dumpsters. Please take your garbage with you if barrels and dumpsters are full.
10. Access to additional facilities within the main base will be made available during the hunt this year, including the use of rooms for overnight stay. See the enclosed letter from Camp Ripley and map of the main base for details and instructions on accessing these facilities. Overnight rooms may not be reserved until after September 1. However, if you do use these facilities, note that you must still arrive and depart the installation as instructed above.
11. Please use your map and read and follow the hunt regulations on back. **DO NOT** request maps from the military during the hunt. If you become lost or separated from your party, contact another archer, DNR personnel, or military staff for assistance immediately. Keep a first aid kit in your vehicle or on your person. In the event of accidents or injuries, contact DNR or military staff for assistance. Do not move anyone who has possible spinal or internal injuries. **For emergencies you may contact Camp Ripley Security at (320) 632-7375, or Range Control at (320) 616-3137 during the hunt.**
12. Falling from trees is the leading source of bow hunting related accidents. Use extreme caution when erecting and hunting out of tree stands, especially early in the morning, and use a safety harness whenever possible.
13. Portable stands may not be left overnight in a game refuge. Any stand left overnight does not provide the owner a claim to public land and may not be used to pre-empt another hunter from hunting that area or vicinity. Stands left overnight may be legally used by any hunter finding it, and may be confiscated by DNR officers.
14. Report any illegal activity to the DNR Check Station or Military staff.
15. Per Camp Ripley rules, please note that the use of cell phones is NOT allowed while driving a motor vehicle within the main base on the south end of the installation.
16. For general information on the Camp Ripley Regular Archery Hunt, call 320-616-2468. After the auto-attendant answers, dial 1 for the Wildlife Directory, and then dial 2 for the Camp Ripley Archery Hunt Information Box. Other questions concerning the Camp Ripley Archery hunt may be answered by calling 320-616-2468, Ext. 222 or Ext. 223. NOTE: If possible, please call with inquiries more than five days before the hunt; otherwise it may not be possible to answer your questions in time for the event.
17. Questions concerning lottery drawing results must be directed to the DNR Information & License Center at 1-888-646-6367 in early-September.
18. Due to military and state agency training needs, unexpected conflicts may arise after these rules and instructions have been published that may result in changes to entry procedures and camping locations. Your understanding and cooperation regarding any changes from published instructions is appreciated. At all times, please follow instructions from military security regarding entry, line-up, and camping when you arrive at Camp.
19. Ongoing construction in the hunt area may result in some last-minute closed (no trespass) areas that do not appear on the enclosed map. Military security will try to alert you to any such last-minute changes, but regardless, it is your responsibility to obey all areas posted as off-limits or restricted use.



STATE OF MINNESOTA  
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS  
**MINNESOTA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD**  
OFFICE OF THE POST COMMANDER  
CAMP RIPLEY  
15000 HIGHWAY 115  
LITTLE FALLS MINNESOTA 56345-4173



Dear Bow Hunter,

August 1, 2015

Congratulations on being selected to hunt on Camp Ripley. You are being given an opportunity to hunt an area renowned for producing record setting white-tailed deer. My staff and I are proud to be good stewards of training site resources, home to a vast population of animals.

If this is your first time coming to Camp Ripley congratulations and welcome. You are in for a very exciting and unique experience. There are several things I would like to bring to your attention before you hunt on Camp Ripley.



**Viking Club**  
**Open From**  
**1800-2300**  
**Closed Nov. 1**

We have a great deal to offer while visiting our 53,000 acres of state owned land. I want to encourage you to take advantage of the Viking Club, the Snack Bar (open from 0800-1300), the Post Exchange and our billeting resources.

Camping in the designated area is free-of-charge but if you are looking for something different and have not made arrangements for a place to stay, please take advantage of the housing available at Camp Ripley. You may contact our Housing Office beginning September 1<sup>st</sup> at 320-616-3140 for availability, room rates, and make reservations.



**Camp Ripley**  
**Housing**  
**320-616-3140**  
Rooms start at \$25

An evening meal will be provided by volunteers from the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association and Minnesota State Archery Association. Proceeds from this meal help support the Deployed Soldier and Youth Hunts at Camp Ripley.

I want your trip to Camp Ripley to be a safe one, so please obey the speed limits, always wear your seat belt and do not use your cell phone while driving. Speed limits are posted and will be enforced on the installation. Do not drink and drive and do not drink and hunt. Again, congratulations and have a safe hunt. Good Luck.

**Post Exchange**  
**Open 1000-1700**  
**Closed Oct. 31**  
**Closed Nov. 1**  
**Some restrictions**  
**will apply\*\***

**Obey Posted**  
**Speed Limits**  
**Down Range**  
**Speed Limit is**  
**25 MPH**

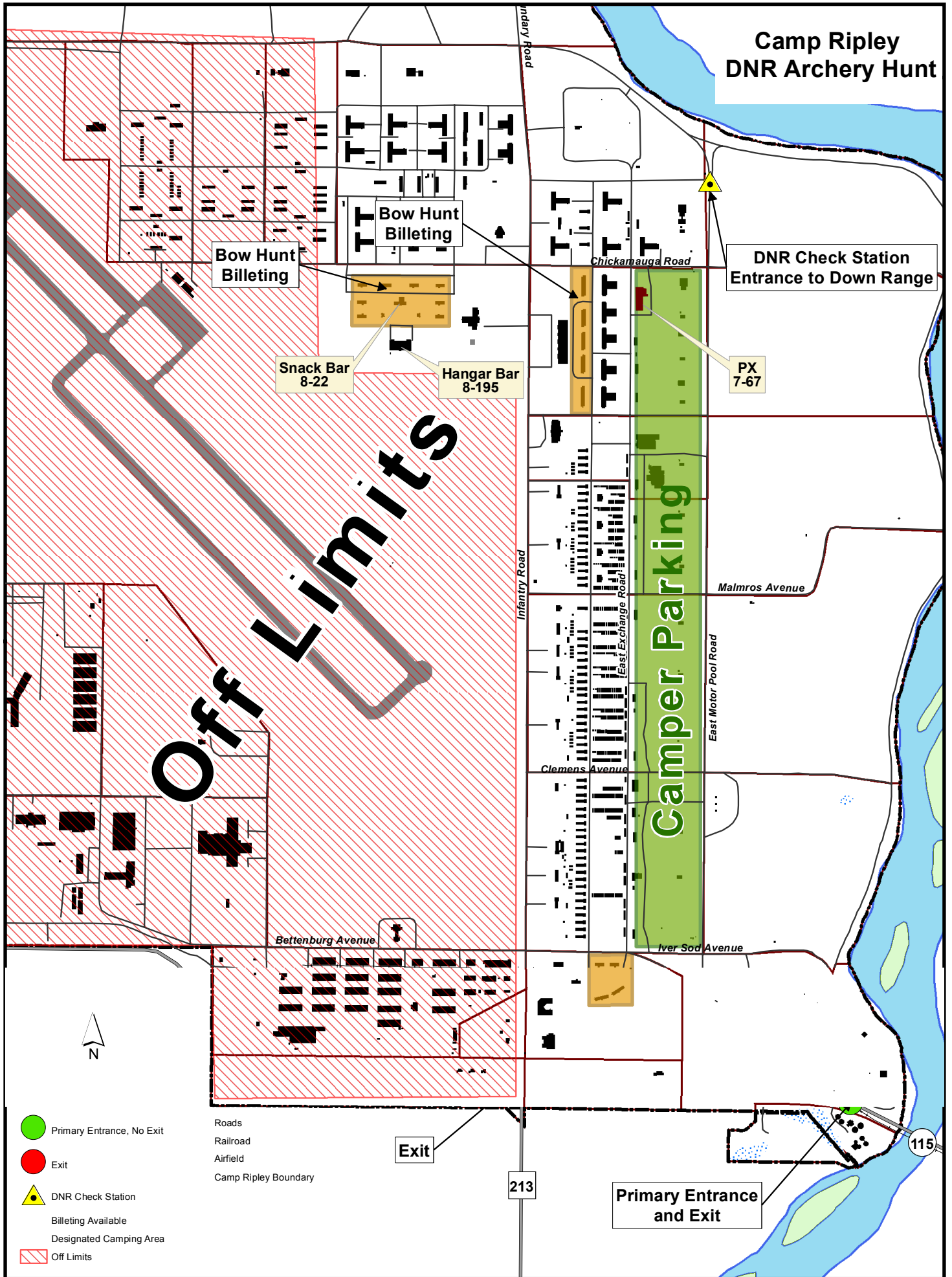
Sincerely,

Scott A. St. Sauver  
Colonel, Minnesota Army  
National Guard  
Camp Ripley Post Commander

\*\*No tobacco, alcohol, military issued items or high ticket items for persons without a military ID.



# Camp Ripley DNR Archery Hunt



DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ LICENSE PLATE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**VEHICLE AND OCCUPANT REGISTRATION  
RELEASE AND LIABILITY**

VEHICLE - CIRCLE ONE:    CAR        PICK-UP    VAN        RV        SUV        COLOR \_\_\_\_\_

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, UTILIZING THE CAMP RIPLEY MILITARY RESERVATION AND ITS FACILITIES, UNDERSTAND THAT I DO SO AT MY OWN RISK, HOLDING CAMP RIPLEY, THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, THEIR OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES FREE AND HARMLESS OF ALL LIABILITY FOR SUCH USE.

PRINTED NAME

SIGNATURE

CITY

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**\*\*THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY ALL VEHICLE OCCUPANTS AND TURNED IN AT THE DNR CHECKPOINT PRIOR TO ENTERING THE HUNTING AREA.**

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