

Hello David,

I will be making a long-planned trip to the Alma KS area the week of Dec 12 to hunt quail and pheasants with a friend and his brother. Understanding that my 4 dogs and I like to cover more acreage than he prefers, he suggested that I look into hunting Fr Riley on my own for a couple of days; hence, I found your link.

First, whether we meet or not, I want to tell you that it is a wonderful service-hobby that you have undertaken. I am sure that you have brought joy to many servicemen, youth and others.....Glen Harvey

David, I have really enjoyed following your posts. I am coming to hunt in the area tomorrow. Let me know if you want some company. We spoke briefly back in December. I have a German Shorthair, Lucy. Have a wonderful day!

Greg Fairbanks

I am a Soldier here on Ft riley well actually I live in JC but I have been an avid bird hunter in Southwest Kansas for most of my life and I was wondering if we could get together soon and have you show me what type of cover and land I should be hunting up here in the northern part of the state the terrain and the cover is vastly different than that of where I am used to hunting.....

1LT Stewart, Jason

David

HI! Sorry for not replying to you sooner. Glad to hear you enjoyed your dove hunt. My oldest grandson just turned 12 last month. He is waiting to get his hunter safety course and do some turkey hunting alone with pheasant and quail.

You have a great day and looking forward to visit with you soon.

Dennis Kuehler

Hello David,

I am interested in quail and pheasant hunting at Ft. Riley. We are looking at coming down on Monday, Dec. 27th. I didn't know if you were available that day or could let me know some areas that would be worth checking out. It would be my father and I and possible one other.

Jeff Green

David,

I found this website when doing a search about Kansas public lands and the opportunity to turkey hunt in Kansas. I am a resident of Mississippi and travel out of state each spring in pursuit of the wild turkey. I love hunting especially turkey hunting but I am newly wed and just out of college. I have always hunted public land in the mid west but never Kansas. Fort Riley and its surrounding public lands have caught my attention and I have begun a search to get my feet wet on these unfamiliar grounds. Any help you could give me would be truly appreciated. I am not asking for a guide service or anything of the sort I would just like to know some basic details that most articles leave out. Is Fort Riley crowded in the spring turkey season? Would you justify spending the money to travel 11 hrs and turkey hunt Fort Riley? Does the lake land have an abundance and opportunity to turkey hunt outside of fort riley? As I said any help would be appreciated.

Thanks,

Jeremy Aldridge

David:

I saw your website and I am interested in using your services to hunt quail on the Fort. I hunt with a friend and he and I are avid quail hunters. We live in suburban KC, but hunt all over the state. I have always heard about the great hunting opportunities at Fort Riley, but wasn't sure how to go about getting on to hunt and where to go.

Jim Farrow

David,

I just spoke with you over the phone about getting some deer hunting information from you. You offered to send me a MAP with some information as to where you have seen deer on post. Thanks again for doing that and thank you for giving back to soldiers by taking the time to take them hunting. You are a good man.

Josh Lunning

David,

My sincere appreciation for what you are doing. I had the opportunity to hunt on the Fort, the first time, in 1994. That was my first trip to Kansas and we continued our trips until 2006, hunting on the Fort subsequent years until security tightened, then we hunted the Milford area and Lincoln. To say I love Kansas and quail hunting are two major understatements.

My dearest memory is walking into a Kansas covey behind a picture perfect point with my Dad on my right and my son on my left. That was my Dad's last wild bird hunt. He was 90, as is your Dad, when he passed away in Feb., so you're doing the right thing by traveling to your Dad's birthday. Cherish every day.....

Again, thank you for your service, your sacrifice and God Bless America!! Keep your powder dry and good hunting.

Best regards,

Mike Mangum

Dave,

We did indeed find the Mega-covey, just as you said we would if we did. Bee came to a rigid tail-curved point not quite halfway down the bean field on the right. Jim made unnecessary fun of me as I started my jog to the dog...so I slowed. As soon as I did, birds started pitching out of the field into the CRP off Bee's left hip. Let's call it four. Then the nut arose as one, and let's call them nine.

Then, as Bee could stand the turmoil no longer, she made three steps down the slope and we'll say three more bolted from the edge. Summer, doing her own thing, but not so socially unacceptably too far away, got there by the third rise. She came to ultra-stylish point 25 yards closer, and there, below Summer's left flank, was Lucy, doing the same as Summer. Note that Bee had come back to attention 25 yards downhill at the third unforced fly-away.

So then was the time when their laughing at my hurry proved instead to have been the proper way to behave. Norm and Jim stuck their thumbs directly up their own anal cavities as they discussed how lovely it would be at this fine moment in time to remove the camera from Norman's vest pocket. As they thereafter struggled with strap in pocket, it was about at that moment that the interior portion of your Mega-covey left unforced and unmolested from in front of Summer and Lucy. We shall call that 14, and the unprejudiced math of the matter says it was 30 birds, give or take.

Here is the short version...we hunted the CRP hard looking for those birds. I told Macrae that wherever those birds went, they had been forced there before today, and no one had thought to look for them wherever it is they went. It you want to shoot those single birds, 'bra, you need to go where you don't think they are. As Jim and I made a second turn through the bottom where the deer ladder stand is, Norman (swearing now that he called our names at least twice, just as we called his twice in the creek point) witnessed his two dogs track down a covey-let of six birds in the transition of the CRP and the wood line. Unencumbered by good manners demanded when other folks are around, Norma doinked two birds with 3 shots and his varmint retrieved/rooted them both. To make matters worse, he killed two hens, despite my best efforts to teach him to kill cocks.

Se we gathered eight today. Lost none, missed a few (which is polite, Norman) and sit a bit wobbly now in the room looking forward to tomorrow and to Mattie and you being in it.
Bill McFadyen

Dave,

Thanks for your time on the phone! I appreciate the help.
Mail me a map whenever you have time.

Paul Scofield

David

Just wanted to thank you again for taking me and my dogs hunting. We really enjoyed it. Sorry to hear about your lab.

Spoke to my dad about January and I think he would like to come. Will watch weather and daily journal to see how hunting is going in January and let you know closer to time if we can make it. After reviewing map and Google earth I have a much greater understanding of area so I think we can make it on our own if you are busy or booked with somebody else. Thanks again and hope you get a turkey.

Ryan Summers

David,

It's Stewart Robinson following up on our conversation this morning. I appreciate your time and input. As I said we will be leaving Oxford MS and heading north on Tuesday November 16th. We won't hunt till the 17th and plan to head home on the 21st. We will be staying at the state park.

I think you said you were free on the 19th and 20th and plan to join us for some quail hunting. We greatly appreciate your input and help. I have CC'd Ben Summerall who will be on the trip with me.

Looking forward to it.

Stewart C. Robinson JR

Hi David, My name is Taylor Potter. I am interested in hunting on Ft. Riley this year and was wondering what your availability is for the week of Thanksgiving. Quail hunting is what I am interested in. I havent hunted on Ft Riley since around 1996, just about the time it seem the birds vanished. Please let me know what you have available. I really enjoyed your website.

Thanks, Taylor Potter

Wow, what great shots. I mean Pics LOL

The day was about as good as it gets for temp & wind & sun & beauty

Thanks for taking us out & taking some pics for us to remember it by...:)

Hope you get your turkey. We sure saw a lot & a lot of tracks did we not?

Terry Claudell

David,

Thanks in advance for your time. I will have the opportunity to hunt FT Riley next year and am an avid pheasant hunter. I have been flying to ND each year for an annual outing with a colleague of mine but next year we will be shifting our focus to KS due to a move. Is there any info you could give me on what you think would be a good opportunity for just two hunters a lab? I am active duty obviously so I immediately though on base would be good but I have absolutely no knowledge of the area, on or off base.

Also, could you comment on the opportunity for success? If you had a week to hunt, would you travel to a nearby state or is KS the 'South Dakota of the Midwest'?

Thanks again,

Tim

CDR Tim Tobiasz

David,

I am moving up to that area in the next few weeks. I was medically discharged from the Air Force last week after 8 years. Do you have any openings? I am a KS resident and am going to be heading up to Manhattan for college. Probably easier to hunt around there than coming back to McPherson area. Thank you for your time.

Tom Becker

David,

Thank you for having Dave forward the picture to me. I enjoyed looking at your website. It is really nice.

You sure know how to make a couple of old hunters feel good! Wanted you to know the feeling was mutual. That was a fun day. Thanks again.

Till we meet again, wishing you many happy hunting and fishing days.

Tom Laisure

Hi Dave,

I just read your page on the web. Well sounds like you really know the camp and are a true quail hunter (just our kind of hunter). My Father and I have been hunting the Fort for, I guess about 20 years now (Dad a little longer). We live in IL. and hunt mainly Quail *with our setters. We plan on hunting the camp Nov 21 - 25.* If you have an open day possibly we could meet and have a hunt together. Sounds like we may have a fun day. If you are interested please reply.

Thanks
Tony La Greca

I am curious about quail hunting the base this year. I have been inquiring more about it, but the only time that I will have available to come out is on a weekend. Can you register your guns and/or by a permit before hand? What kind of terrain could I expect?

Zach Moon