

**2018 Small Game Hunting Rules**  
Resource Enforcement and Compliance (REC) Section

1. Seasons, Weapons, Dates, Times and Areas. (may vary)

<u>SEASON</u>	<u>WEAPON</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>AREAS</u>
Squirrel	Archery Shotgun Rifle	1 Jul 18- 30 Jun 19	Weekends and some holidays 0800-1700 Jul/Aug 0500 1 Sept/28 Oct 0600 3 Nov/2 Dec 0500 8 Dec/27 Jan 0900-1700 Feb/Aug	Specific Areas
Coyote	Shotgun- Slug, Rifle Handgun, (see weapons info in the General Hunting Rules)	Same	Same	Same
Cottontail	Archery Shotgun Rifle	1 Jul 18- 27 Jan 19	Same	Same
Dove	Shotgun	1-9 Sep 18 11 Nov- 23 Dec 18	Same	Same
Quail	Archery  Shotgun	18 Aug 18- 03 Sept 18 20 Oct 18- 27 Jan 19	Same  Same	Same  Same
Pigeon	Shotgun	15-23 Dec 18	Same	Same
Crow	Shotgun	8 Dec 18 31 Mar 19	Same	Same

**NOTES:**

Date Changes. The above dates may change due to CA DFW setting proposed seasons after these regulations are issued, or for other reasons. The official dates will be displayed at the WOB.

Small Game Hunters. Must read and comply with this and the 2018 General Hunting Rules prior to hunting small game, and comply with all hunting regulations. Dove hunters have the priority during the early morning hours during the first part of the dove season. You can only hunt dove and quail with lead this year. No lead will be authorized in 2019/20.

All Hunters. Must read and comply with the Camp Pendleton base orders and all Hunting Rules that are available at the Wardens Office Building (WOB) and all California and Federal regulations.

Deer Hunters. Firearm deer hunters have the priority during the deer general season. Limitations may be put on the numbers of small game hunters placed within deer hunting areas for safety reasons. Deer firearm hunters may shoot coyotes during the deer rifle season.

Archers. Archers are not required to wear hunter orange unless archers hunt within the same areas as rifle or shotgun hunters.

2. **Daily Bag and Possession Limit.** The legal number of game that can be taken daily aboard Camp Pendleton is outlined in the DFG regulations and displayed at the WOB. A hunter may take and possess only one daily bag limit each day on base. Specific restrictions may be in place that further restricts daily bag and possession limits.

3. **Changing Areas.** Hunters who are legally in an area will hunt that area ONLY. Small game hunters may change areas during the day by calling the WOB at 760-725-3360 between 0900 and 1500 and surrendering the area currently assigned. That area will then be available to other hunters. If space is available, hunters may be placed in another area over the telephone. Do not hang up until a WOB employee has confirmed the information and game taken. Hunters are required to physically drive back to the WOB (bldg 2648) at the end of their day.

4. **Weapon Types.** During the small game season, only rifles, shotguns, crossbows and archery equipment conforming to DFW and REC Section regulations may be used. See more information on this subject within the General Hunting Rules. Special use areas may have further weapon restrictions. Only single shot rifles are authorized. No burst type weapons may be used. Camp Pendleton restricts the use of musket, black powder and percussion type weapons due to fire concerns.

5. **Use of Dogs.** Hunters who use dogs will have their dog in voice and immediate control at all times. Care will be taken that dogs do not infringe on the hunting of others. The use of one or two dogs to help find and return downed game is encouraged. No dogs may be used when hunting during the deer rifle season when deer rifle hunters are already hunting in the same area. Dog owners will follow regulations and keep dogs restrained or on a leash when not hunting. Dogs can be used hunting small game species listed above (except coyote) between 1 July 2018 and 27 January 2019.

6. **Safety.**

a. All small game hunters and helpers will wear a hunter orange shirt or jacket, or an orange safety vest while hunting, except archers (unless they are within firearm hunting areas). Orange hunting vests or shirts will be worn as the outer most clothing and will be bright orange in color. The vest will cover the front and back upper torso of the chest and back, and also be worn by helpers. Orange shirts or jackets are authorized for use in place of vests if no other outer clothing is worn over the orange shirt or jacket. REC staff has final say as to what is or is not hunter orange.

b. Daytime temperatures can reach above 90 degrees. Hunters should carry plenty of water in the field and be aware of the symptoms and proper first aid treatment for heat stroke and heat exhaustion.

c. Smoking is only allowed inside and just next to your vehicle while in the training/hunting areas, when not hunting.

d. You must be familiar with the Fire Danger Rating (FDR) system stipulated for that day. Your hunting privileges may be suspended or revoked if caught smoking in the field or violating the FDR.

e. Each hunter shall have in his possession a copy of the environmental operations map and be familiar with its contents for the specific hunting area they are hunting.