



AIR FORCE

OUTDOOR RECREATION

# USAFA

## NATURAL RESOURCES FISHING PROGRAM

United States  
Air Force Academy  
Outdoor Recreation Center  
Bldg 5136

719-333-4475/2492



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# RECREATIONAL FISHING

The four Air Force Academy lakes and three Farish

Recreation Area lakes are stocked with 9-11" rainbow trout from May through September and channel catfish are occasionally stocked in the Academy's lakes. Grass carp are used to control aquatic weeds and should be released.

The sale of fishing permits covers the yearly cost of stocking the hatchery-reared trout and catfish. **All anglers 16+ years of age must purchase a one-day or annual fishing permit**, which is valid for both the Air Force Academy and Farish Recreation Area. A permit allowing the use of a second fishing rod is also available. **A state fishing license is NOT required.**

## ELIGIBILITY

**Fishing is NOT open to the general public;** only active duty military, military retirees, current DoD civilians, and sponsored guests are eligible to fish the Air Force Academy and Farish Recreation Area lakes. Camping and lodging guests at Farish Recreation Area that do not meet one of these user categories can only purchase one-day fishing permits. Additional fishing information and regulations is available in USAFAI32-7001.



### FISHING PERMITS AVAILABLE BY CUSTOMER TYPE

Customer Type	Annual	1-Day	2 <sup>ND</sup> Rod
Active Duty (and dependents w/ID)	X	X	X
Military Retiree (and dependents w/ID)	X	X	X
60% Disabled Veterans (and eligible caregiver) with VHIC	X	X	X
Purple Heart Recipients and >60% Disabled Veteran with a VA rating letter	50% OFF	X	X
USAFA DoD Civilians, AAFES & NAF Employees (and dependents w/ID)	X	X	X
Non-USAFA DoD Civilian Employee (and dependents)		X	X
Sponsored Guest/Contractors must be sponsored		X	X



# PERMIT PRICING

**ANNUAL PERMIT: \$24**

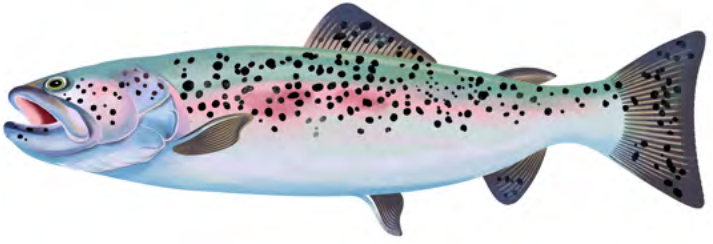
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**DAILY PERMIT: \$9**

**2<sup>ND</sup> ROD PERMIT: \$7**

(required if using 2 poles simultaneously)

All anglers ages 16+ **MUST** have a permit.  
(State license is not required to fish on USAFA  
or Farish)



Purchase USAFA fishing permits at Outdoor Recreation,  
Peregrine Pines FamCamp or go online to  
<https://usafa.isportsman.net>.

## ANNUAL DAV/PURPLE HEART PERMITS AND HANDICAP ACCESS TO KETTLE LAKES

Annual fishing permits 50% OFF regular price are available for Purple Heart recipients and veterans with a 60% or higher Department of Veterans Affairs (DAV) disability rating. Disabled veterans must bring their military identification card and DAV letter to Natural Resources to receive the 50% OFF annual fishing permit. Call Natural Resources at (719) 333-3308 to schedule an appointment.

Fishermen with a state-issued handicap vehicle license plate or placard can apply for a DoD access badge that operates the airfield's west gate; providing easier access to the Kettle Lakes. A **“disabled veteran” license plate does not meet the Airfield’s requirements for gate access.** Call Natural Resources at 719-333-3308 to schedule an appointment for completing the paperwork that must be processed by the Pass and Registration Center. **Airfield gate badges are valid for one-year and can only be renewed within 30 days of expiration.**



# FISHING REGULATIONS

- The daily catch limit is three fish.
- Fishermen 16+ years of age must have a base permit.
- A second rod permit is required to use two poles simultaneously.
- Cleaning fish and disposing of entrails in the lakes is prohibited.
- Guests must be accompanied by their sponsor.
- Protect wildlife - dispose of fishing line and trash appropriately.
- Ice fishing is prohibited on all lakes.
- Single person float tubes are the only flotation device allowed. A personal flotation device (PFD) must be worn if using a float tube.
- Camping, swimming, boating and open fires are prohibited.
- For more information call Natural Resources at (719) 333-3308.



# PREVENTION OF INVASIVE DISEASES

- Don't dump bait/aquarium fish in the lakes.
- Don't transfer fish between the lakes.
- Clean all fishing tackle and gear.
- Disinfect waders and float tubes with a 10% bleach solution.

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