

**STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**DLNR ANNOUNCES GOAT HUNTING TO OPEN ON KAUAI**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources is pleased to announce the opening of archery, muzzleloader, and regular rifle hunting seasons for feral goats on the island of Kauai. Pursuant to Title 13, Chapter 123 “Rules Regulating Game Mammal Hunting,” the following rules and conditions will be in effect for the hunt:

2022 KAUAI GOAT HUNTING SEASON					
Hunting Season	Fees		Unit(s) Open to Hunting	Season Duration	Bag Limits
	Resident	Non-Res.			
Archery Season	\$5.00	\$25.00	Units F	July through August; Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday & State Holidays	Two goat and one pig per archer per hunting day
			Unit K	July through August; Saturday, Sunday & State Holidays	
			Unit A	June 4-5, 2022 ONLY <b>*175 permits will be selected through lottery. Applications available April 4*</b>	Two goats per tag issued and one pig per archer
			Units G	Year-round; Daily	No limit; goat and pig Permit Required
Youth, Senior Citizens, and disabled hunters Muzzleloaders Only season	\$5.00	\$25.00	Unit A	June 11-12, 2022 ONLY <b>*Permits available in April for Disabled, Seniors 65+ and Youth 15 under*</b>	One goat per tag issued and one pig per hunter per hunting day
Regular Rifle and Muzzleload Season	\$15.00	\$30.00	Units A Muzzleloader Only	June 18 <sup>th</sup> to August 28, 2022; Saturday and Sunday only (Two weekends/hunter)	Two (2) goats per permit-tag; Two permits issued/ hunter
			Units B	May 6 <sup>th</sup> to August 29, 2022: Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday (Two slots/hunter)	Two (2) goats per permit-tag; Two permits issued/hunter

**The State building is currently closed to the public, all hunting applications can be found on <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/kauaiforestusers/>.** Please be aware that the turnaround time after we receive the application could be up to 7 working days. Applications will also be at various Kauai vendors as well as at all hunter check stations. For more information on the access, please call the Kauai Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) office at 274-3433

**Payments via mail must be in the form of a personal check or a money order. No cash will be accepted through the mail. All qualified applicants will be issued permits and all application fees and tag fees are non-refundable.**

**ARCHERY ONLY SEASON:** Applications are available at various Kauai vendors, all hunter check stations and at <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/kauaiforestusers/>. Validated archery permits will be mailed to each hunter after

application has been received. **Unit F and K** bow hunters must sign-in and sign-out at either the Waimea Heights, Mango Tree or the Kokee Hunter Checking Station. **Unit G** bow hunters must obtain a Unit G-Archery Pass from the Lihue DOFAW office. Each pass is good for three (3) consecutive days and is free of charge.

**Unit A Archery Season:** The Unit A archery hunt is one weekend only on, **June 4-5, 2022**. **To prevent overcrowded hunting conditions, a public lottery will be held to assign 175 permits. Hunters must apply using the Unit A Archery application form in order to be drawn for the hunt.** Applications will be available on April 4, 2022 at various Kauai vendors, all hunter check stations and at <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/kauaiforestusers/>. A \$5 non-refundable processing fee will be charged per applicant. Deadline for the application will be on May 6, 2022 and the lottery will be held on May 11, 2022. Not all applicants are guaranteed to be selected. There will be no standby or transferring of tags. **Tags will not be issued over the counter prior to the hunt.** Please call the Lihue DOFAW office at (808)274-3433 for more information.

**Unit A Youth, Senior Citizen and disabled hunter muzzleload only season:** The Unit A Youth, Senior Citizen and disabled hunter muzzleload only season is one weekend only, June 11-12, 2022. Applications are available at various Kauai vendors, all hunter check stations and at <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/kauaiforestusers/>. Validated permits will be mailed to each hunter after application has been received.

**Unit A Muzzleloader Season:** Applications are available at various Kauai vendors, all hunter check stations and at <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/kauaiforestusers/>. Muzzleload hunters will be assigned two weekends in the Unit A hunting area through public lottery. Applications for the Muzzleload season are in conjunction with the rifle season applications. The season duration is June 18<sup>th</sup> to August 28<sup>th</sup> on Saturday and Sunday only. **The deadline for submitting applications for the muzzleloader hunt is 4:00 p.m., Friday, April 1, 2022.** Specific information may be obtained on the application form.

Hunters are allowed limited access to Hunting Unit A using the “water tank valley” access road or the Polihale road junction below Mana Ridge. Hunters must use the access route to go directly into the hunting area. Hunters must first sign-in at the Polihale Beach, Polihale road junction or Mana Tunnels hunter checking station and sign-out after hunting. Hunters are advised to keep their firearms cased and unloaded while driving through the corn fields. **Unit A is open to muzzleload firearms only.** For more information on the access, please call the Kauai Division of Forestry and Wildlife (DOFAW) office at 274-3433.

**REGULAR RIFLE SEASON:** Applications are available at various Kauai vendors, all hunter check stations and at <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/kauaiforestusers/>. Each Hawaii resident hunter will be charged \$15.00 which includes processing the lottery application and rifle tag (\$30.00 for non-resident hunter). A maximum of eight (8) hunters may apply together as a hunting group (no exceptions). Rifle hunters will be assigned two weeks. The season duration is May 7<sup>st</sup> to August 30<sup>th</sup> on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Specific information may be obtained on the application form. Hunters will have the option of using a conventional rifle, muzzleloader rifle, shotgun, handgun or archery equipment on their assigned hunting week, but may carry only one means of take while actually hunting. **The deadline for submitting applications for the regular rifle hunt is 4:00 p.m., Friday, April 1, 2022.** The public drawing to assign hunting dates will be held in the Lihue State Office Building Conference Room at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 2022.

Hunters will also be allowed to take pigs on their assigned hunting weekend and the bag limit will be one pig per hunter per day. **Permit-tags are non-transferable between hunters. Hunters must immediately tag their animal upon taking it. Boning of game will be permitted, but the unskinned tail must be left attached to the carcass.** Each firearm hunter is required to wear a blaze-orange shirt or vest, sign-in and out at a hunter checking station, observe legal hunting hours and safety zones and the lawful carriage of firearms during the goat hunting season. Hunters are reminded to review Title 13, Chapter 123 “Rules Regulating Game Mammal Hunting,” prior to hunting.