

**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:

2024 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; daily	Two goat and one pig per archer per hunting day
			Unit K	July through August; Saturday, Sunday & State Holidays	
			Unit A	June 1-2, 2024, ONLY	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 8-9, 2024, ONLY	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 15 th to August 25, 2024; Saturday and Sunday only (Two weekends/hunter)	Two (2) goats per permit-tag; Two permits issued/ hunter.
			Units B	May 3 rd to August 26, 2024: Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday (Two slots/hunter)	Two (2) goats per permit-tag; Two permits issued/hunter.

Applications can be obtained from the State Building, 3060 Eiwa Street Ste. 306, Lihue, HI 96766, various Kauai vendors, and all hunter check stations. Permits can be purchased online at <https://gohunthawaii.ehawaii.gov/public/tags>. 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; all application and tag fees are non-refundable. Link to Application: <https://dlnr.hawaii.gov/recreation/files/2024/03/goat-rifle-app-24.pdf>

ARCHERY ONLY SEASON: Unit F and K bow hunters must sign in and out at 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. Permits are available at the Kauai State Building or online at <https://gohunthawaii.ehawaii.gov/public/tags>.

Unit A Archery Season: The Unit A archery hunt is only one weekend, **June 1-2, 2024**. **Due to hunter demand and allowing more hunter participation, the archery hunt will be split into two one-day hunts. To prevent over-crowded hunting conditions, a public lottery will be held to assign 100 daily permits. Hunters must apply using the Unit A Archery application form to be drawn for the hunt.** Applications will be available on April 1, 2024, at various Kauai vendors, all hunter check stations, and the Kauai State Building. A \$5 non-refundable processing fee will be charged per applicant. The application deadline will be April 26, 2024, and the lottery will be held on May 1, 2024. Not all applicants are guaranteed to be selected. There will be no standby or tag transfer. **Tags will not be issued over the counter before the hunt.** Please call the Lihue DOFAW office at (808)274-3433 for more information.

Unit A Youth, Senior Citizen and disabled Hunter muzzleloader only season: The Unit A Youth, Senior Citizen, and disabled Hunter muzzleloader only season is one weekend, June 8-9, 2024. Permits can be purchased at the Kauai State Building or online at <https://gohunthawaii.ehawaii.gov/public/tags>.

Unit A Muzzleloader Season: Applications are available at various Kauai vendors, all hunter check stations, and the Kauai State Building. Muzzleload hunters will be assigned two weekends in the Unit A hunting area through a public lottery. Applications for the Muzzleload season are in conjunction with the rifle season applications. The season lasts from June 15th to August 25th, on Saturday and Sunday only. **The deadline for submitting applications for the muzzleloader hunt is 4:00 p.m., Friday, April 5, 2024.** 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 sign in at the Polihale Beach, Polihale road junction, or Mana Tunnels hunter checking station and sign out after hunting. Hunters must 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.

Hunters possessing a 2024 Unit A Goat Muzzleload tag may obtain a rifle permit in the Puu Opae portion of Hunting Unit A. The permit will be valid only in the Puu Opae Portion of Hunting Unit A on days assigned by the lottery. Hunters using rifles in the Puu Opae portion must use the Marine Road access and sign in and out at the Puu Opae Hunter Check Station. To obtain the permit, hunters must bring their 2024 Unit A Goat Muzzleload tag to the Lihue State Building (3060 Eiwa Street Ste. 325, Lihue, HI 96766). Maps of the Puu Opae Portion will be available at the Kauai State Building

REGULAR RIFLE SEASON: Applications are available at various Kauai vendors, all hunter check stations, and the Kauai State Building. Each Hawaii resident hunter will be charged \$15.00, which includes processing the lottery application and rifle tag (\$30.00 for non-resident hunters). 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 7th to August 30th on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Specific information may be obtained on the application form. Hunters can use a conventional rifle, muzzleloader rifle, shotgun, handgun, or archery equipment on their assigned hunting week. Still, they may carry only one means of take while hunting. **The deadline for submitting applications for the regular rifle hunt is 4:00 p.m., Friday, April 5, 2024.**

The public drawing to assign hunting dates for Unit A Muzzleload and Unit B Rifle will be held in the

Lihue State Office Building Conference Room 209 at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2024.

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 must 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 must review Title 13, Chapter 123, “Rules Regulating Game Mammal Hunting,” before hunting.