



FORT PICKETT

Fort Pickett provides a live-fire and maneuver training site for active and reserve Army components, as well as the largest block of special use airspace in Virginia.

The post has the highest active component man-days and the third highest total man-days in the Army National Guard. It is also the leading National Guard Training Center for the Marine Corps and the ground warfare forces of the Navy (such as

Special Warfare). Because of such heavy use, the post's ranges and firing points produce large amounts of noise, dust, and smoke, and require a dark-night sky for night flight operations.

However, as Fort Pickett's isolation dissipates and suburban development steadily closes in, conflicts with the growing population will increase over such training-related noise, vibrations, and smoke. To protect its mission, Fort Pickett is partnering with the Ward Burton Wildlife Foundation—started by NASCAR driver and Daytona 500 winner Ward Burton—

to preserve land near and adjacent to its boundary, ranges, and training routes. The Ward Burton Wildlife Foundation and other partners are acquiring conservation easements to ensure compatibility with these mission capabilities.

In addition to preventing incompatible development and protecting Fort Pickett's training capabilities, the partnership is also protecting local water resources and riparian zones. Buffer lands and wildlife corridors along the post's boundary preserve the Nottoway River drainage and serve as habitat for species vital to the local fishing and ecotourism industry.

BENEFIT SUMMARY

COMMUNITY

- Protects working lands
- Provides recreational opportunities

MILITARY

- Preserves live-fire and maneuver training that produces significant noise
- Provides for future mission growth and multi-Service missions



Training at Fort Pickett includes working in a joint service environment for maneuver (top) and sling load operations, which include rigging a humvee to a helicopter (bottom).

KEY PARTNERS

- Albemarle-Chowan Watershed Roundtable
- Albermarle-Pamlico National Estuary Partnership
- Brunswick County
- Commonwealth of Virginia
- Dinwiddie County
- Ever Green
- Lunenburg County
- Nottoway County
- Roanoke River Basin Association
- The Conservation Management Institute at Virginia Tech University
- The Nature Conservancy
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation
- Virginia Department of Forestry
- Virginia Outdoors Foundation
- Ward Burton Wildlife Foundation

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FAST FACTS FROM FY 2009 THROUGH FY 2024 | Project Status: In Progress

Authority	Transactions	Acres Protected, Managed, or Improved	Total Funds Expended
10 U.S.C. § 2684a	115	21,212	\$57.8 million

Subtotals may not sum to combined totals due to rounding