

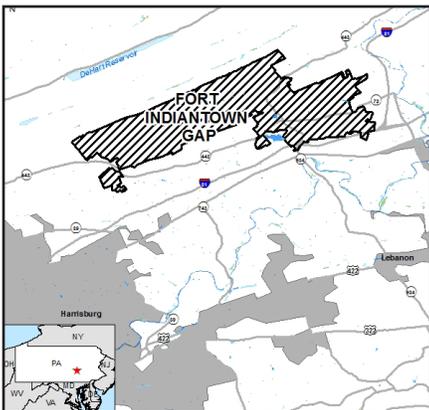


U.S. ARMY :

# FORT INDIANTOWN GAP : PENNSYLVANIA



**F**ort Indiantown Gap National Guard Training Center (FTIG) is one of the busiest National Guard training sites in the country with over 100,000 troops training there annually. Home to the headquarters of the Pennsylvania Army National Guard—the nation’s second largest National Guard—FTIG is a world-class, commander-centric, combat-focused installation that supports active duty and reserve unit training across all the Services.



FTIG is home to the Eastern Army Aviation Training Site, which provides a combination of virtual simulations and hands-on experience in an array of procedural training areas, aircraft qualifications, and instructional training on utility and cargo helicopters to aviators. Aircraft stationed at FTIG’s airfield execute the largest Flying Hours Program in the Army National Guard, averaging over

9,000 flight hours annually, making it one of the Army’s busiest heliports. FTIG also provides ground training support ranging from individual warrior tasks to brigade-level collective training exercises. The installation hosts multiple military equipment maintenance facilities, artillery exercises, and a live-fire air-to-ground training range. Protected lands help minimize noise and night-lighting conflicts.

Much of the land buffering FTIG and underneath its aviation training areas is agricultural, forested, or wetlands located within a global Important Bird Area known as the Kittatinny Ridge, an important migratory bird route and habitat for a variety of rare neo-tropical birds such as the cerulean and golden-winged warblers, and the threatened northern long-eared bat. Maintaining forested and undeveloped areas in and around FTIG helps ensure that military training capabilities are preserved, helps maintain the health of the Chesapeake Bay, and provides high quality drinking water for multiple communities in the Susquehanna River watershed.

## BENEFIT SUMMARY

### COMMUNITY

- Protects working agricultural and forest lands that benefit the local economy
- Preserves important ecological areas, water quality, and species of concern
- Supports recreational activities such as hunting, trapping, and fishing

### MILITARY

- Protects high-noise live-fire training, including small arms and artillery firing
- Protects ground maneuver capabilities
- Supports aviation activities such as aerial gunnery, bombing, and maneuver training



Fort Indiantown Gap hosts multiple ground-based training activities such as joint armored war fighting exercises (top), and multiple aviation-related training activities (bottom).

## KEY PARTNERS

- Audubon Pennsylvania
- Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development
- Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
- Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission
- Pennsylvania Game Commission
- The Appalachian Trail Conservancy
- The Conservation Fund
- The Kittatinny Ridge Coalition
- The Lebanon Valley Conservancy
- The Manada Conservancy
- The Nature Conservancy
- The Ward Burton Wildlife Foundation
- Trout Unlimited

## FAST FACTS THROUGH 30 SEP 2017

- » Acres preserved: **4,011**
- » Transactions conducted: **2**
- » Total funds expended: **\$6.2 million**
- » Project status: **In Progress**

## CONTACT

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