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The site is https://usafa.isportsman.net/ and provides a wide-array of information on the Academy’s natural resources and their management, recreational trails, volunteer opportunities, regulations, and other useful links. Some web pages are still under construction.

The lower overhead cost of online permitting may allow Natural Resources to maintain or reduce the cost of a base fishing permit ($21 annual, $7.25 one-day). Computer stations for purchasing and printing permits are in the works for the Outdoor Recreation Center and Farish Recreation Area. Until those stations are in place, individuals wishing to obtain permits must access the site online. Cellular phone service is spotty to unavailable at Farish Recreation Area, so fishing permits for that site must be purchased online prior to arrival.

During the rollout of the new permitting system, the traditional paper fishing permits will be sold over-the-counter at Outdoor Recreation and Farish through 2016. Starting in 2017, use of the sportsman system will be mandatory. Persons eligible for a lifetime base fishing permit – Purple Heart recipients and veterans with a 60 percent or higher DAV disability – still need to visit Natural Resources at Building 9030, northeast of Falcon Stadium for their free permit.

To provide comments on the website, permitting system, or for other questions, contact the USAFA Natural Resources office at (719) 333-3308.

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**SANTA FE TRAILHEAD, NORTH GATE PARKING LOT TO CLOSE**

**U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo.** – On March 16, 2020, the Santa Fe Trail trailhead and the North Gate parking lot, just before the Air Force Academy North Gate entrance, will permanently close to allow construction of the new Academy Visitors Center.

The trail can be accessed at the Edmondson Trail Head located immediately off Woodmen Road just west of I-25, the Santa Fe Trailhead-Baptist just west of I-25 on Baptist Road, or at the western end of Park Drive on the Academy.

A new trailhead will open after construction, but the date has not been determined.

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