

Deer Fawns

Female deer are giving birth at this time of year and the fawns are a common sight. USMA residents and personnel may come across a fawn and not see an adult around, thinking that the fawn is abandoned or hurt. This is not the case. A mother deer leaves her fawn(s) unattended for several hours at a time during the first two weeks after birth, returning only to nurse the fawn(s). Fawns are unable to follow their mothers around for any length of time during these first two weeks, and so, spend most of their time bedded down.

Bedded fawns are not abandoned and do not need to be "rescued" by people. USMA personnel should not approach or handle these fawns. Your scent trail could lead dogs or coyotes to the fawns, resulting in the possible death or injury to the fawns.

Newborn fawn sightings will occur starting around the third week in May and continue through mid-July.

For additional information, contact the USMA Wildlife Biologist at 938-3857.