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FEDERAL PRISON GUIDE

VISIT PACKET: FCI FORT DIX

Federal Correctional Institution · Joint Base Mdl, NJ · Phone 609-723-1100

VISITING

VISITING HOURS AND DAYS

WHO	DAYS	HOURS
East and West compounds	Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays	8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Satellite camp	Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays	8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Special Housing Unit (SHU)	Mondays only, for a two-hour period. No SHU visits on federal holidays.	Within 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The front lobby stops processing visitors at 2:00 p.m. Visits end at 3:00 p.m. and everyone must be off the grounds by 3:30 p.m.

No visiting Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday unless a federal holiday falls on one of those days. [1]

The BOP's own papers disagree. The Fort Dix handbook (revised July 6, 2026) still lists **Monday** visits. The newer visiting rules (July 13, 2026) do not. Go by the newer rules and confirm by calling 609-723-1100 before you drive on a Monday.

THE RULES AT THE DOOR: ID, POINTS, WHAT YOU CAN BRING

HOW MANY VISITS	Each inmate on the East and West compounds gets **8 points on the 1st of each month**. Every visit costs **2 points**, so that is **4 visits a month**. Points do not carry over. Legal visits are free. [1]
HOW MANY PEOPLE	No more than **3 adults and 3 children** at one time without approval. You sit facing each other, not side by side. [1]
ID	Everyone **16 or older** needs a valid photo ID: driver's license, passport, state ID or another government photo ID. [1]
GETTING ON THE BASE	Fort Dix is on a military base. The driver needs a license, and the car must be insured and registered. They will ask for all three. Every adult needs ID to get onto the base. [2]

SCREENING	Everyone must clear the **metal detector**. If you fail the walk-through and the hand wand, you do not get in. An **ION scanner** tests for drugs; a positive reading means no entry. Metal in your body? Bring a doctor's signed note saying where it is. [1]
MONEY FOR VENDING MACHINES	Up to **$60 in $1, $5 and $10 bills**. You cannot put money on their account in the visiting room. [1]
WHAT YOU CAN CARRY	One clear plastic container, no bigger than 1 foot deep by 1 foot wide. For a baby: 3 clear bottles (3/4 full), 2 unopened jars of baby food, 1 pack of wipes, 5 diapers, 1 blanket, 1 change of clothes. **No strollers.** Lockers at the front entrance for everything else. [1]
NOT ALLOWED IN	Food, newspapers, magazines, phones, pagers, cameras, recording equipment, radios, pictures, tobacco. [1]
WHEN IT GETS CROWDED	Staff first ask for volunteers to leave. Then they look at how often you visit and **how far you traveled**. If all else is equal, **first in, first out**. [1]
ROOM SIZE	East visiting room holds 250, West 350, camp 150. [1]

HOW TO GET ON THE VISITING LIST

1. Your loved one mails you the visiting form, **BP-A0629** (Visitor Information).
2. Fill it out completely and mail it back to their **counselor** by **regular mail only**. Faxed copies are not accepted.
3. The Unit Team runs a background check and tells your loved one yes or no. **They** tell you. Do not drive until you are approved.
4. The list holds immediate family plus **10 friends or other relatives**. They must have known you before prison unless the warden makes an exception.
5. They can change the list **once every six months**.
6. Transferred from another prison? The old approved list is honored for **30 days**.

Fill out the visiting form for Fort Dix

[1]

DRIVING DIRECTIONS (FROM THE BOP)

FROM PHILADELPHIA (BEN FRANKLIN BRIDGE)	Route 30 East to Route 38 East. About 20 miles, turn left onto Route 616 (Pemberton). Two lights, turn right onto Route 630. It becomes Pointville Road. Go to the FCI Fort Dix checkpoint.
FROM PHILADELPHIA (WALT WHITMAN BRIDGE) OR THE SOUTH (DE, MD, VA)	I-295 North to exit 40 (Route 38 East). About 20 miles, left onto Route 616 (Pemberton). Two lights, right onto Route 630, which becomes Pointville Road. Go to the checkpoint.
FROM NORTH JERSEY (NJ TURNPIKE)	Turnpike to exit 7. Route 206 South to North Pemberton Road and Woodlane Road (County Road 630); turn left. Stay on 630 through two lights; it becomes Pointville Road. Go to the checkpoint.

FROM THE SHORE (GARDEN STATE PARKWAY)	Exit 82 (Route 37 West) to Route 70 West to Route 530 (exit for Fort Dix, Browns Mills). After the bridge over the lake, turn left at the light onto Lakehurst Road (it becomes Juliustown Road). Right onto Pointville Road to the checkpoint.

Street address for your GPS: 5756 Hartford &, Pointville Rd, Joint Base Mdl, Nj 08640. [2]

WHAT TO WEAR TO A VISIT

The BOP beats to its own drum. The front desk has the final say. Keep a spare outfit in the car.

FCI FORT DIX

Rules dated **July 13, 2026** (this year)

Official rules (PDF) (bop.gov/locations/institutions/ftd/ftd_visit.pdf) En español (PDF) (bop.gov/locations/institutions/ftd/ftd_visit_sp.pdf)

Skirts and dresses	Skirts/dresses no more than 2 inches above the knee.
Shorts	No shorts of any kind, except small children under 10.
Colors to avoid	No khaki clothing with plain white or khaki shirt (FCI). No dark green trousers with white or green shirt (camp). No clothing resembling inmate-issued style or color.
Leggings, spandex	No spandex pants, tights or leotards.
Bras and metal	Posted rules: not mentioned. **Intel from the Inside** Underwired bras are not allowed at FCI Fort Dix, period, even though the posted rules don't mention them. A current inmate watched an 80-year-old woman get suspended from visiting for six months over one. Wear a sports bra or a bra with no wire.
Camouflage, military	No camouflage clothing.
Shoes	No open-toe shoes. No flip-flop style beach shoes.
Children	Children under 10 may wear shorts; infants may be barefoot.

ALL 24 RULES, IN THE BOP'S OWN WORDS

LENGTH AND FIT

- Skirts/dresses no more than 2 inches above the knee.
  BOP wording: "Skirts/dresses more than 2 inches above knee level"
- No shorts of any kind, except small children under 10.
  BOP wording: "Shorts of any kind (except for small children under age of 10)"
- No sleeveless blouses; shirts must cover the entire shoulder.
  BOP wording: "Sleeveless blouses (shirts must cover entire shoulder)"
- No low-cut blouses or dresses exposing chest or midriff.
  BOP wording: "Low cut blouses/dresses which expose the chest or midriff"
- No crop tops.
  BOP wording: "E. Crop tops"
- No halter tops or tops exposing shoulders or mid-section.
  BOP wording: "Halter tops or tops which expose the shoulders or mid-section"
- No backless tops.
  BOP wording: "H. Backless tops"
- No sheer, net, mesh or transparent garments.
  BOP wording: "Transparent garments of any kind (made of sheer, net, mesh or transparent material)."

- No spandex pants, tights or leotards.
  BOP wording: "Spandex pants, tights or Leotards"
- No shirts or jeans with holes.
  BOP wording: "Shirts or jeans with holes"
- No bathing suits.
  BOP wording: "D. Bathing suits"
- No sweat pants or sweat shirts.
  BOP wording: "Sweat pants/sweat shirts"

COLORS AND UNIFORMS

- No khaki clothing with plain white or khaki shirt (FCI).
  BOP wording: "color of that issued to inmates (for example, khaki colored clothing with plain white or khaki shirt"
- No dark green trousers with white or green shirt (camp).
  BOP wording: "at the FCI or dark green trousers with plain white or dark green shirt at the FPC) is not allowed to"
- No clothing resembling inmate-issued style or color.
  BOP wording: "Clothing which is similar to and resembles the style or"
- No camouflage clothing.
  BOP wording: "S. Camouflage clothing"

SHOES

- No open-toe shoes.
  BOP wording: "Q. Open toe Shoes"
- No flip-flop style beach shoes.
  BOP wording: "Flip-flop style beach shoes"

HATS, HOODS AND COATS

- No hats or head coverings.
  BOP wording: "Hats or head coverings (other than those worn for religious purposes)"
- Religious head coverings are allowed.
  BOP wording: "Hats or head coverings (other than those worn for religious purposes)"
- No hooded clothing of any kind, including coats and jackets.
  BOP wording: "Hooded clothing of any kind, i.e. Coats, jackets, shirts, etc."

CHILDREN

- Children under 10 may wear shorts; infants may be barefoot.
  BOP wording: "Shorts of any kind (except for small children under age of 10)"

EVERYTHING ELSE

- No sexually suggestive, revealing, or provocative clothing.
  BOP wording: "be worn inside the Visiting Room. Clothing which is sexually suggestive or revealing is"
- No bare feet except for infants.
  BOP wording: "No bare feet will be allowed except for infants."

MAIL AND THE MAILING ADDRESS

Use their committed name exactly as the BOP Inmate Locator shows it. The name and number below are examples (JOHN ANTHONY SMITH-JONES, 12345-678).

JOHN ANTHONY SMITH-JONES
Reg. No. 12345-678
[Building/floor number: ask them]
Federal Correctional Institution
P.O. Box 2000
Joint Base Mdl, Nj 08640

The Fort Dix handbook puts a **building/floor number** line under the register number. Ask your loved one for theirs. [2]

The **camp uses the same P.O. Box**.

Use the P.O. Box only. Never mail to the street address (5756 Hartford &, Pointville Rd, Joint Base Mdl, Nj 08640).

WHITE ONLY	Envelopes and paper must be **white**. [2]
NO LABELS	Mail with a **printed label** for the address or return address may be rejected. Write it in ink. [2]
NOTHING ON IT	Glitter, lipstick, crayon, stains, oil or **perfume/cologne**: rejected. [2]
POSTAGE DUE	Mail with postage due is refused. [2]
STAMPS	Stamps and envelope flaps may be torn off before they get it. [2]
LEGAL MAIL	Opened in front of them, but the envelope is **photocopied** and they get the copy. It must say "Special Mail - Open Only in the Presence of the Inmate." [2]
MONEY	Never put money orders or checks in a letter to the prison. They go to the BOP lockbox in Des Moines (see the Money tab). [2]

Books and magazines: at a low security prison, soft-cover books and magazines can come from anyone. Hardcovers only from a publisher or bookstore.

> **INTEL FROM THE INSIDE**
> At Fort Dix: no more than **5 items** per package, **soft cover only**, and write **BOP APPROVED X BOOKS** in big letters next to the address. Even then, the mailroom can reject it.

Sources

1. FTD 5267.09N, Visiting Regulations (July 13, 2026) bop.gov/locations/institutions/ftd/ftd_visit.pdf
2. FCI Fort Dix Admission and Orientation Handbook (revised July 6, 2026) bop.gov/locations/institutions/ftd/ftd-ao_handbook.pdf