

Camp Fickes Shooting Range

Range Instructions

Safety is always the first consideration. At the short range (0 to 100 yards) you will find a bulletin board with the basic NRA shooting safety instructions. If you aren't a seasoned shooter you may want to look them over for your safety and the other shooters.

What to bring:

Besides your gun(s) and ammunition, bring hearing protection and eye protection (prescription eyeglasses are fine).

Target frames are provided at both the short and long ranges but it is your responsibility to provide your own targets. A staple gun will be necessary to attach the targets to the frame.

At the Short Range, if you are shooting rifles a good spotting scope will be necessary to allow you to see where you are hitting the target, especially at the 50 and 100 yard lines. At the shorter distances a pair of binoculars should be sufficient.

At the Long Range a very good spotting scope will be required at the 200 yard line if you wish to see your hits.

More on the Long range below.

There is no food, water or electricity so bring what you will need. There are porta-potties available at both ranges.

The Short Range

There are 22 shooting positions provided for rifles and handguns which range in distance from 100 to 0 (depending where you place the target frames). With your eye and ear protection on, select a table which provides the distance from the target that you plan on shooting. When shooting has ceased, declare to the other shooters you need a cease fire to place your target. Once the line is clear (all firearms on the tables and empty) walk to the target frame corresponding to your table number and staple the target to the frame.

Once this is accomplished and you return to your table, inform the line all is clear at which time shooting will resume and you can begin firing at your target.

Remember that you will need to extend the same courtesy to the other shooters needing to work on their targets.

The Long Range

The Long Range has 3 firing distances, 200 yards, 300 yards and 600 yards. There are 15 firing positions provided. The targets are housed in what is called the “pits”. This is an earth and concrete containment area where the targets are raised and lowered on a pulley system.

There are target frames provided for the general public. These are wooden frames with plastic backing to attach your targets. The frames with the plastic backing are the only ones provided for public use.

The paper backed targets are for highpower match practice and have match targets installed.

Prior to heading down to the pit, you will be required to sign in at the gate by the stat house and close the gate after you indicating that firing is in progress. If there are shooters at any of the three shooting lines, check in with them and let them know you need to put up a target. Once your target has been attached to a vacant target frame, you have a choice of shooting with the shooters currently occupying the range or waiting until they finish shooting and set up your shooting position at a shooting line at a different distance.

Only ONE shooting line can be used at one time!!

A spotting scope is absolutely necessary to see your bullet strikes at those distances. It's virtually impossible to see hits at 600 yards unless you have someone in the pits pulling the targets for you and spotting your shots. For this you will need a way to communicate and walkie talkies go a great job. Shooting the Long Range is really a two person job.

Range Protocols

On the main menu there is a button called “Range Rules”.

These are the “LAWS” that must be adhered to for one to be allowed use of the range. These rules are mainly for safety purposes and to allow shared use of the range by multiple shooters.

One last request! If you brought it with you, take it home. Pick up after yourself and leave the forest clean for those coming after you.