Defence Infrastructure Organisation

Salisbury Plain Training Area
Newsletter
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After a busy March activity on the Plain will be significantly reduced in April. There are 3 mechanised company groups with warrior and a squadron of CVRT deployed across the plain at varying times in the first 3 weeks. 21 April to 4 May is Exercise Joint Warrior, a large air assault exercise with 4 parachute drops on the various DZ across the plain and lots of aviation in support. The Battalion is supported by a Dutch armour Battle Group with American tracked M113s. The key days are 28-30 Apr where the Battle Group is moving from West to east and back again. The public should be aware that tank crossings over the A360, A345, A338, B390, and the C22 (Tilshead to Chitterne) roads will be very busy and if conditions are wet mud clearance parties will be working on the crossings. In dry weather conditions dust clouds may produce a hazard at these crossings. Notice is given that the training areas in the Copehill Down and Bourne Valley (SPTA East) areas will be heavily used by tracked and wheeled armoured vehicles over this period and that recreational use of the Salisbury Plain military lands is to be restricted to public rights of way only as per the byelaws.

Please report all concerns to the Complaints Help Desk on 01980 620819 in the first instance.

Related Links - Gov.uk/DIO

Monthly firing calendar for April 2018 (subject to change)

1. Artillery live firing days from areas 6, 7 and 8 (east of Chitterne):

   Nil

2. Artillery live firing days on Salisbury plain (East) (North of Bulford & West of Tidworth):

   Nil

3. Late firing days on Larkhill/Westdown danger area (North of Larkhill):

   03, 05, 10, 12, 14, 17, 19, 24, 26,

4. Non-firing days on Larkhill/Westdown danger area:

   01, 07, 08, 21, 22, 28, 29

5. Non-firing days on Bulford fixed firing ranges:

   01 – 16, 28, 29

6. Late firing days on Imber ranges, areas 1, 2, 3, 4 (East of Warminster)

   Nil

Note: Bulford Fixed Firing Ranges Closed 29th Mar – 16 Apr 18
Warminster Fixed Firing Ranges Closed 23rd Mar – 09th Apr 18

Governance – Prohibited Activities

3. (1) Without prejudice to the provisions of byelaw 2, no person when on the Military Lands shall except with the prior permission of the MoD and in accordance with the terms of such permission:

> (m) Dig or search for any projectile or any lead or other metal, pottery, bottles, or any other thing or interfere with or take or retain or be on possession of any projectile or lead or other metal, pottery, bottles or any other thing found within the Military Lands.
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> (n) Have in his possession any device for detecting metal.

This simply means: DO NOT PICK UP OBJECTS whilst on the training area, and metal detecting on military lands is illegal.

Byelaw Governance – Antisocial Behaviour

Parish members are encouraged to report all illegal activity on Salisbury to the Wiltshire Police. If serious crime is experienced the 999 should be dialled, and for all other reports including: illegal off-roading, illegal motor biking, drone use, poaching, hare coursing, petty theft, camping on MoD land, kite flying please call 101 and list the call as 'antisocial behaviour' and a Byelaw violation. Once reported please inform Range control on the Plainwatch number: 01980 674700 or email PLAINWATCH@landmarc.mod.uk.

Access

Access to SPTA is regulated by Salisbury Plain Military Lands, Bulford, Larkhill and Imber Range Byelaws. Always comply with local signs and flags. Rights of way in Range Danger Areas are closed when red flags are flying.

This Newsletter is published up to 6 weeks before the event and changes may occur. Access timings for the next week can be found on the SPTA Walks Line: (01980) 674763.

Imber Ranges. The public are excluded at all times, except when the roads are specifically opened. Planned opening dates for 2018 are as follows:

Event	Open	Closed
Easter	1800hrs Thur 29 Mar 18	0800hrs Tue 03 Apr 18
Summer	1800hrs Fri 17 Aug 18	0800hrs Fri 24 Aug 18
Christmas	1800hrs Thur 27 Dec 18	0800hrs Wed 02 Jan 19

A leaflet on public access to Imber is available online and should be read in advance of any visit: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/435909/Imber_A5_Leaflet-final_Online_version.pdf

Note. Dates may change if operational training needs dictate.

What Can You Do To Reduce Crime On Salisbury Plain?

If any crime is taking place call 999, (or 101) and do not under any circumstances challenge the offenders.

Health and Safety reminder for ALL Military Training Areas and Ranges:

- Do not touch or tamper with Military debris.
- Wash your hands before you eat.
- Clean your footwear before you enter your car or home.

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