

Prohibited Activity

The MOD Shoeburyness Byelaws and site rules and regulations prohibit certain activities, specifically:

Fishing, bait-digging, watersports/sailing, unauthorised shooting, trespass on or photography of operational areas/buildings/equipment, camping or unauthorised overnighting.

Under the provisions of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), nesting birds must not be disturbed by photography or any other activity.

Anyone found to be acting in contravention of the byelaws or site rules and regulations will be asked to leave and is at risk of prosecution. PROW are routes of passage and must not be obstructed without permission from Essex Highways. If you observe any prohibited activity, please contact the guards on 01702 383388.

Residential Areas

To gain access to the residential areas of the site (other than the PROWs) visitors must either have official business (e.g. postal deliveries) or must be sponsored by a Foulness resident. Unannounced recreational visitors will **not** be admitted unless they are visiting the Heritage Centre.

Foulness Heritage Centre

The Foulness Heritage Centre is open to members of the public from 12pm-4pm on the first Sunday of the month from April to October. Visitors are permitted access to Foulness Island, via Landwick Gate, from 11:45am. Visitors can use the main spine road to travel to and from the Heritage Centre but for no other purpose or access. Visitors must remain on the designated route.

Barriers - visitors will see various types of fixed and mobile barriers. You should **never** pass a closed barrier.



Red Flags - there are 24 red flags located around MOD Shoeburyness site. Red flags flying indicates that the Range is **ACTIVE** and that the byelaws are in force. When the Range is active members of the public are not permitted to enter. Red flags are always flown at full mast.



Range Byelaw Signs - these signs are located at points where visitors may gain legitimate access to the site. They explain the authority under which the MOD and its representatives are permitted to close the area in the interest of public safety. If you intend to visit, you are advised to familiarise yourself with the byelaws which can be found on www.gov.uk

Danger/Prohibition Signs - these signs come in a variety of sizes and styles and are designed to warn visitors that they are in the vicinity of the Range. If you come across one of these signs you **must** read it and comply with all instructions.



Operational Safety Closures

Occasionally, the Range is required to operate overnight. On these occasions, Essex Highways allows QinetiQ to keep affected PROWs closed to ensure public safety. The Range is divided into four Land Areas and overnight closures usually affect more than one Land Area at a time. Closures will be indicated by the flying of Red Flags and signage at public entry points and on our website.

The Road Traffic Act applies on MOD Shoeburyness.

If you are on site and are unsure about anything, please contact Landwick Gate on 01702 383388. Further information can be found at www.shoeburyness.qinetiq.com

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Public Access

A guide for recreational visitors



Introduction

MOD Shoeburyness (inc. Foulness Island) is owned by the Ministry of Defence. Due to the nature of work on the Range, access is controlled by the Shoeburyness Artillery Ranges and Military Lands Byelaws. Much of the Range consists of operational areas and private farm land where access is prohibited. The Range is not generally open to members of the public and the main road is not part of the public highway however, there are legitimate ways for members of the public to gain access when the Range is not active.

Using Public Right of Way Routes

A network of footpaths and byways traverses the Range, these are known as Public Right of Way routes (PROWs). Red Flags flying indicates that the Range is active. PROWs are only open to the public when the Red Flags are lowered and the Range is not active. You do not need permission to use the PROWs but must not attempt to access them when the Red Flags are flying. If you use the PROWs, you must not deviate from the designated routes (see map). You should observe and comply with all signs and signals which are there for your safety (see reverse).

The Broomway

PROW No.16/28 known as The Broomway, is on the sands, (sea side of the sea wall). It's not way-marked and can be hazardous to navigate without a guide. We strongly recommend that you familiarise yourself with the dangers associated with the route before attempting to use it.

Unidentified Objects

There's a risk that visitors may discover Unexploded Ordnance (UXO). **Don't touch or pick up any unidentified objects**, report their location by calling Landwick Gate 01702 383388.

Public Right of Way Routes (PROWs)

