

Unidentified Objects - visitors may discover Unexploded Ordnance (UXO). **Do not touch or pick up any unidentified objects**, report their location to Landwick Gate on 01702 383388.

Prohibited Activity - the MOD Shoeburyness Byelaws and site rules and regulations prohibit certain activities on any part of the estate, specifically: **Fishing, bait-digging, watersports/sailing, unauthorised shooting, trespass on/ photography of operational areas/buildings/equipment, camping or unauthorised overnighting, off-road driving.**

Under the provisions of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), it is an offence to disturb nesting birds 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. PROWs must not be obstructed for any purpose or reason. Please report any prohibited activity to Landwick Gate on 01702 383388.

Driving - the Road Traffic Act applies across the estate. All motor vehicles must be road legal and all drivers must hold the appropriate UK license. E-vehicles are not permitted.

Barriers - various types of fixed and mobile barriers are located on the Range. **Never** pass or move a closed barrier.



Red Flags - 24 Red Flags are located around the Range. Red Flags flying indicates that the Range is **ACTIVE** and all PROW routes are closed. Red Flags are always flown at full mast.



Range Byelaw Signs - 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 Range in the interest of public safety. Visitors are advised to familiarise themselves with the byelaws which are published on GOV.UK

Danger/Prohibition Signs - in a variety of sizes and styles, these warn visitors that they are in the vicinity of the Range and its hazards. Visitors must 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 (see map inside) and overnight closures can affect one or more Land Area at a time. Closures are indicated by the flying of Red Flags, signage at public entry points, and on our website.

Residential Areas - to gain access to residential areas (other than PROWs), visitors must either have official business (e.g. postal deliveries) or must be sponsored by a Foulness resident. Unannounced and unsponsored recreational visitors will **not** be admitted.

Foulness Heritage Centre - open to members of the public from 12pm-4pm on the first Sunday of the month from April to October. **Visitors must book in advance - details are on foulnessheritage.org.uk**. Visitors are permitted entry via Landwick Gate from 11:45am and can use the spine road to travel to and from the centre but for no other purpose or access. Visitors must remain on the designated route. Exhibits depict the history of rural community life on Foulness, **not military history**.

Questions? If you're on the Range: 01702 383388.
All other times: Careline 0800 0560108/
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Public Access

A guide for recreational
visitors



MOD Shoeburyness (inc. Foulness Island) is owned by the Ministry of Defence. Due to the nature of work on the Range, access and use 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 'spine' road is not part of the public highway however, there are legitimate ways for unsponsored members of the public to gain access when the Range is not active.

Using Public Right of Way Routes (PROWs)

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**. Visitors do not need permission to access the PROWs but they are only open to the public when the Red Flags are lowered and the Range is not active. Visitors must not attempt to access them when the Red Flags are flying.

Visitors must not deviate from the definitive routes and must use them in accordance with their legal designations (e.g. no cycling on footpaths, no motor vehicles on bridleways etc). Visitors must comply with all signs and signals which are for their safety. The car park adjacent to the security point at Landwick Gate is MOD property and is **closed to recreational visitors** to Wakering Stairs (e.g. dog walkers).

The Broomway

PROW No.16/28 (The Broomway), is on the sea side of the sea wall. It is the only legitimate route for unsponsored visitors to travel to and from Foulness Island. It is not way-marked, is tidal, and can be very hazardous to navigate without a guide. We strongly recommend that visitors familiarise themselves with the dangers associated with the route before attempting to use it.

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