

## GENERAL RANGE INFORMATION.

**Thank you for showing an interest in coming to our range. Please read the following points to ensure that you understand our conditions of entry to the range.**

**The duty Range Officer in charge has absolute control over the range.**

All persons entering the range, whether members or visitors, place themselves under the control of the Range Officer of the day & must at all times comply with their lawful directions, instructions & the rules of safety.

Each person entering the forest to go to the range does so at their own risk

1. **RANGE SAFETY:** Each person on the range is responsible for safety on the range. The Range Officer are there administer safety only. Should anyone identify/see an unsafe situation or practice that is likely to cause danger or damage they must notify a Range Officer immediately.

**If you are a new visitor to the range you must be familiar with our Range Rules before you shoot on the range. These can be found on our web site under 'Range'.**

2. **RANGE HAZARDS:** As this range is located with in a forest there exists a number of hazards associated with this site.
  - A. There is loose gravel in the carpark surrounds & on the road. Please tread carefully when walking on this type of surface to prevent slipping.
  - B. After a shower of rain the path to the target frames can be slippery including the astro turf. Please take care.
  - C. Noise. Hearing protection must be worn.
3. **HEARING PROTECTION:** Please ensure that you and your companions wear very good hearing protection while shooting. The following hearing protection standard is the minimum we recommend.
  - A. Grade 5 ear muffs
  - B. Specially moulded ear plugs to a grade 5 standard.
  - C. A combination of ear muffs and foam type ear plugs.

The following is not acceptable.

- A. The foam type ear plugs by themselves.
- B. The use of low grade ear muffs by themselves.

**If you turn up at the gate without hearing protection or just the foam type ear plugs we have the right to refuse you entry to the range however the following options are available to you,**

**A Go home & come back another time with proper hearing protection.**

**B Hire a pair of ear muffs from us at the range or**

**C Buy a pair of ear muffs from us at the range.**

4. **RANGE ENTRY:** The NZDA Auckland branch allows members of other shooting clubs and the public to shoot on our range. You will need to produce your firearms licence when checking in and pay the appropriate range fee. If you are in charge of a firearm and can't produce your current firearms licence when signing in, you will not be able to shoot. We offer members of other shooting clubs a cheaper range fee if you can produce your current membership card.
5. **FIREARMS LICENCE:** Regarding the presentation of your Firearms Licence at the range, you must produce your current as issued Firearms Licence when asked for. A colour photocopy of your licence will not be accepted nor will a mobile phone copy.

If you have renewed your Firearms Licence but not have received the new one due to a backlog in getting them printed we will accept an official police letter from the arms officer stating that you have been issued a new licence. You will also need to produce some form of official photo ID when signing in.

6. **SMOKING:** As our range is located within a working forest, a **NO SMOKING** rule is in effect at all times. This includes the use of E cigarettes. Failure to abide by this rule may result in your immediate removal from the forest.

7. **DRIVING THROUGH THE FOREST:** Drive with your vehicle headlights on fully when in the forest.

When entering the forest drive slowly as there are other people using the road, i.e. walkers, runners, cyclists & horse riders. Drive directly to the range site & do not deviate off on to the other roads. If you are unsure on how to get to the range site when the gate is open for entry wait for the gate person to escort you in.

Before you enter the forest, please ensure that you have sufficient funds to cover range the fee costs. Do not turn up without funds and expect to be given credit regarding the payment of range fees etc.

8. **UNLICENCED SHOOTER:** An unlicensed shooter is permitted to shoot on the range provided he or she is under the immediate supervision of a non-shooting licenced shooter. Immediate supervision means that you must be within an arms length of the person being supervised. All unlicensed will be required to where a yellow vest (supplied by NZDA) while on the range.

We do allow children to shoot on the range under immediate supervision provided they are capable of handling the rifle without being a danger to others. If you bring children to the range you are responsible for their wellbeing and behavior. They must have good hearing protection. They must remain with you & not run around the site.

Any licensed shooter who is in charge of a firearm will have to pay a range fee even if the firearm is just being used by a non-licensed shooter regardless of that person's age.

9. **YOU NEED:** You will need to bring your own drinking water, and food. Collect all your rubbish including targets and take it home with you

10. **PROGRAMME TERMINOLOGY & COMMENTS.**

- ❖ **GENERAL PRACTICE DAYS:** On these days the range is open to licenced shooters from the general public, other shooting clubs and NZDA members who wish to sight in their rifles. **THERE IS NO SHOOTING ON THIS RANGE DURING THE WEEK.**
- ❖ We do not operate a booking system for the range on these days. You just turn up for the appropriate entry time. The morning session is generally quite busy with the afternoon a bit quieter.
- ❖ **The Auckland NZDA does not have rifles available for visitor use.**
- ❖ **NZDA AUCK. MEMBERS ONLY SHOOT:** These shoots are for NZDA Auckland members only. If you not an NZDA Auckland member please do not turn up to the range and expect to shoot. You will be turned away.
- ❖ **BENCHREST & LOAD DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE:** These sessions are only for NZDA Auckland Branch members who reload their own ammunition. Do not turn up to these sessions intending to shoot if you are not a member. You will be turned away. This also applies to the 200m Saturday afternoon shoots.
- ❖ **SERVICE RIFLE - BOLT ACTION RIFLE SHOOT:** These are open to the general public to shoot in. The Inter club service rifle shoots are not open to the public.
- ❖ **SEMI-AUTOMATIC FIREARMS.** The only semi-automatic firearms to be used on this range are rimfire cartridges of .22 caliber or smaller with a magazine that holds, no more than 10 cartridges.
- ❖ **RANGE TEMPLATE:** The 100& 200m ranges are classified as "Reduced Danger Area Range." Centrefire rifles up to 7.62 & including 8x 57 can be fired on the range. Rifles over 8mm and up to & including 338 Lapua can be fired from a benchrest **only with prior approval. Special conditions apply.** This is done from benches 1 & 2 only on the 100m range.

11. **AMMUNITION: THE USE OF TRACER or INCENDURY AMMUNITION IS PROHIBITED.**

Failure to abide by this rule may result in your immediate removal from the range.

Please ensure that the ammunition you intend to shoot is the correct type for your rifle and that it is in good condition.

12. **MISFIRE/ HANGFIRE:** After loading your rifle & you are ready to fire, the trigger is activated & the primer fails to detonate instantly please do the following.
- A. Keep the barrel pointed at your target & do not open the action.
  - B. Keep the bolt closed for at least 30 seconds. If you open the bolt immediately after pulling the trigger you may experience a hangfire or a delayed ignition of the propellant & this will put you in a dangerous situation causing serious injury.
  - C. Please advise the Range Officer who will attend to you.

D Any ammunition that fails to fire & you do not have the means to dispose of it please hand it to the Range Officer. Do not throw it over the mound or put it in any of the brass containers.

13. **TARGETS** are available for a small sum, or you can provide your own.
14. **GEAR:** You are responsible for all your own gear including your rifle. When you come to the range please check that you have all the correct ammunition, rifle cleaning gear, any rests. Leave other shooters gear alone when on the mound.
15. **LOST PROPERTY:** If you believe that you have left some of your gear at the range, please make contact with the range contact at, [range@deerstalkers.co.nz](mailto:range@deerstalkers.co.nz) to see if has been handed in.
16. **FIREARMS ON BENCHS:** Any firearm left on the bench when the range is closed must have a chamber flag inserted in the chamber & the magazine removed where possible. Chamber flags are available for purchase. No firearm in the rack or on the bench is to be handled when the range is closed.
17. **MUZZLE BRAKES:** If you are going to shoot a firearm with a muzzle brake you are to notify the duty Range Officer during the initial briefing. The concussion created by the muzzle brake is felt on both sides of the shooter and extends well behind the shooter. This is very upsetting to others in close proximity. We are not able to baffle you off. If we can accommodate you on the range we will. If we can't you will not be able to shoot that firearm. If you shoot a firearm with a muzzle brake and fail to notify the duty Range Officer it will be removed from the range.
18. **PHOTOGRAPHS:** If you intend to take photographs of your friends at the range please exercise respect of others around you who might not like to have pictures taken of them & posted on the social media networks.
19. **CELL PHONES:** Do not expect to get cell phone reception on the range. The cell phone coverage is anywhere from nonexistent to patchy at best
20. **ANIMALS:** No Pets (or any animals) are to be brought to the range. Sudden loud noises can cause distress to them.
21. **TRAVEL DIRECTIONS AND GATE ENTRY TIMES.**

The Auckland Branch range is located within the Matariki Forest, Riverhead, at the end of Weir Road. Entry is via the gate at the end Forestry Road, Riverhead. (See travel directions)

**NEW GATE ENTRY TIMES ARE: IN 8.45am -9.00am and IN/OUT 12.45 pm - 1.00 pm to closing.**

**NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT TURN UP ON DAYS WHEN WE HAVE SPECIAL SHOOTS ON THE RANGE & EXPECT TO DO A GENERAL PRACTICE SHOOT, YOU WILL BE TURNED AWAY. MAKE SURE THAT YOU READ THE RANGE PROGRAMME PROPERLY.**

**NOTE: YOUR GATE ENTRY TIMES ARE EARLIER THAN THE RANGE STARTING TIMES. THE GATE DOES CLOSE ON TIME.**

**Directions to Range:** From Auckland via North Western Motorway travel towards Kumeu on SH16. Take the turn off to Riverhead (SH28) and continue to the roundabout just before Riverhead. Turn left at the roundabout into Riverhead Road and continue until you come to the Deacon Road turn off on the right. Travel along Deacon Road for about 200m and take the Forestry Road turn off on the next right. Drive to the forestry gate where you will be given instructions on what to do.

From the North Shore you can take the Coatsville – Riverhead Rd. Travel to Riverhead and head towards SH16. Once through Riverhead you will turn right at the roundabout into Riverhead Road. Follow the road to Deacon Road as outlined above.

**THERE IS NO SHOOTING ON THIS RANGE DURING THE WEEK.**

**A REMINDER THAT THE DUTY RANGE OFFICER IN CHARGE HAS ABSOLUTE CONTROL OVER THE RANGE.**