



INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOR THE FIRST TIME SHOOTER AND VISITOR AT BISLEY

The Ranges at Bisley, National Shooting Centre

STICKLEDOWN RANGE

This gallery range has a total of 50 targets. Distances available are 800, 900, 1000, 1100 and 1200 yards. Rifles*, gallery rifle and pistols by special arrangement can be shot on this range.

CENTURY RANGE

This gallery range has a total of 108 targets. Distances available are 100, 200, 300, 500 and 600 yards. Rifles*, gallery rifle and pistols by special arrangement can be shot on this range.

ELECTRONIC TARGETS

These are available on both Stickledown and Century ranges. Electronic targets may be booked by clubs for a half day or for a full day. Individual NRA members may also book them for a half day or for a full day. The following restrictions apply - no expanding ammunition and no muzzle loading or black powder nitro cartridges.

SHORT SIBERIA

This rifle range has 8 x 100 yards targets and 8 x 200 yards targets available for hire. Rifles*, gallery rifle and pistols by special arrangement may be shot on this range.

Should you wish to shoot at a combination of distances and it is necessary for you to move across the range you will only be charged for one target. Targets for the weekend need to be booked by midday on the preceding Monday.

ZERO RANGE

This range is 71' 7" in distance and is available for fullbore rifle prone shooting only. Targets can be purchased from the Range Office and do not need to be booked in advance. However it is advisable to telephone the Range Office on 01483 797777 ext 152 to check the range is open prior to shooting.

MELVILLE RANGE

This range has a total of four bays each containing ten targets and a bay of advancing targets. These are gallery rifle and pistol turning targets at 25 and 50 metres. Gallery rifles and pistols† only can be shot on this range. Targets for this range can be purchased at the Range Office, please telephone prior to travelling to check availability.

CHEYLESMORE RANGE

This range has a total of three bays each containing nine targets and one bay of four targets. These are gallery rifle and pistol turning targets at 25 metres. Gallery rifle and pistols† only can be shot on this range. Black Powder is limited to two of the bays. Targets for this range can be booked as for Melville.

Firearms and their limitations

*RIFLE

A maximum calibre of .577" and a maximum muzzle velocity of 3200 ft/sec (1000m/s) and a maximum muzzle energy of 3319ft lbs (4500 Joules).

†GALLERY RIFLES AND PISTOLS

Defined as a maximum calibre of .455", and a maximum muzzle velocity of 2150ft/sec (655 m/s), and maximum muzzle energy of 1496ft lbs (2030 joules).

In addition Antique and Muzzle Loading Rifles/Muskets, Pistols and firearms of larger calibre whose ammunition is initiated by a black powder, or equivalent, charge may be discharged on all the ranges except: 300m,

Zero, air gun ranges and bays A and D of Cheylesmore.

MARKERS

Markers can be booked at the cost of £25.00 per half day (£27.50 on Sundays) but we encourage you to try to supply your own as the supply of markers cannot be guaranteed. Please keep your marker informed of what is happening and stand them down using a message 10 where appropriate.

HOW TO BOOK A TARGET

Telephone or e-mail the Range Office. Bookings for the weekend must be made by midday on the preceding Wednesday. 01483 797777 ext 152 or on range.office@nra.org.uk You will need to have ready the following information:

- Your name
- Your NRA membership number
- The date you want to shoot.
- The time you want to shoot at eg either am or pm or all day.
- What distance you require
- If you need a marker

HOW TO BOOK A RANGE OFFICE TARGET

These are available in one hour slots at a variety of distances. Electronic targets are available throughout the week and at weekends all year round. This service is only available to individual members of the NRA.

Telephone or e-mail the Range Office to check availability. You will need to produce your NRA membership card when you pay for the target.

SIGNING IN

When you arrive at the Range Office you will need to do the following:

- Inform the staff that you have arrived. They will then confirm your target number and issue you with a radio if necessary. They will brief you on any relevant points that may affect you (eg reverse echelon shooting).
- Complete the relevant booking sheet eg yellow booking-in sheet if shooting on the rifle ranges, the blue sheet for Short Siberia and the pink sheet if shooting on the pistol ranges. This is to confirm that you understand and agree to comply with the range regulations.
- After you have finished shooting you will need to sign off on the booking sheet and return your radio if you were issued with one. You will also need to complete your attendance record on the computer in the range office.
- For reference the range allocation sheets are displayed outside the Range Office at weekends.

RADIOS

These are collected from the Range Office at the time of signing in. Channel 16 on any radio will communicate with Range Control, which is used as an EMERGENCY channel. Channel 1 to the butts. When speaking on the radio press in the button on the side of the radio, pause then speak. Call the person you wish to speak to and identify yourself. Then wait for a reply. Once you have received a reply pass your message.

Example;

“Hello Control this is target number 27 on Century.”

“**This is Control go ahead target 27**”

“Target 27 what time does shooting finish today?”

“**Control at 5 O'clock**”

RADIO CODE MESSAGES

Range Officers will use the following Code Messages when communicating with the Butts by radio. The target number will be given, followed by the message number:

Message

- 1 Firing about to commence.
- 2 No spotting disc visible.
- 3 Spotting disc unmistakably disagrees with signalled value. Check that the spotting disc shows LAST shot and signal is correct value* (para 201). Range Conducting Officer is to view target before passing message.
- 4 A shot has been fired but no signal has been made. Examine target carefully and signal the shot if found or a miss* (para 203).
- 5 Firer has challenged for a higher value for his shot. Examine the whole target and signal correct value* (para 205).
- 6 Radio the number of hits as score board figures are not clear (SR and Cadets only).
- 7 A miss has been signalled but firer has challenged for a scoring shot. Re-examine the target carefully and signal the hit if found or a miss* (para 204).
- 8 Firer has challenged his score. Re-examine the target and radio the correct number and value of shots* (para 213).
- 9 Marking/shooting appears to be unduly slow. Butt/Range Conducting Officer to check and correct where necessary.
- 10 Stand easy. Half-mast target.
- 11 It is suspected that the wrong shot hole has been patched out. Butt Officer is to consult marker and confirm correct value*➤.
- 12 Stand easy. Lower target, patch out and put target back up.
- 13 Blow off shots are about to be fired (MR only). Ensure that all targets are fully lowered until Message 1 is given.
- 14 It is suspected that there is a second shot on the target: inspect the target and indicate any further shot found in addition to the shot presently shown.*

* Also confirm the result by radio.

➤ This message may only be sent after Message 4 or Message 7 has been sent.

START AND FINISH SIREN

One long blast on the siren is to signal the start of shooting and two to stop shooting. In the event of an emergency, a continuous blast will signal an emergency stop.

FIRST AID

If you require first aid, contact Control on the highest number channel on any radio. The Range Office has a First Aider on duty at all times.

SPEED LIMIT

This is 15mph on camp and drivers should conform to one-way systems. Park in designated car parks only and do not drive on verges.

NOTICES AND SIGNS

All people should appreciate that it is their responsibility to follow instructions on notice boards together with any further instructions that are issued by the Range Office.

DOGS

Must be kept on a lead at all times in the domestic area of Camp and also on the ranges when shooting is taking place. Please clean up after your dog.

**IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF ANYTHING
PLEASE ASK THE RANGE OFFICE STAFF.**

THEY ARE HERE TO HELP YOU!

**range.office@nra.org.uk
01483 797777 ext 152**