

SOUTHPORT RIFLE RANGE

BYE_LAWS

Made by His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the War Department under the provisions of the Military Lands Acts, 1892 to 1903, as amended by the Defence of the Realm (No.2) Regulations, 1914, made under the Defence of the Realm (No.2) Act, 1914.

1. The area affected by these Bye-laws (hereafter called the "Danger area") is situate at Marshside Southport, in the parish of Southport, Lancashire.

It is bounded as follows:- ON THE SOUTH by a fence about 60 yards in length and about 60 yards South of Dock-lane. ON THE WEST AND EAST by a line between posts (painted red and white) and terminating at posts (painted black and white) placed at North-West and North-East corners of the area. ON THE NORTH by a line between two latter posts (painted black and white) and about 1060 yards apart.

Its length, running North and South, is about 3120 yards, its width is about 1060 yards at the widest part, narrowing to 60 yards at Southern end.

2. During such time as firing is taking place, the Danger area will be closed to the public and notice that the danger area is closed will be given as follows:-

(a) By Red Flags hoisted at the following places; -

On Sea Wall at Marshside marsh, where crossed by the Western boundary of area.

(b) By look-out men placed where necessary to warn persons who may be approaching it.

(Note:- When firing practice is taking place at 600 yards firing point s. of Dock-road, it will be suspended temporarily as occasions may require, to allow the passage of traffic along that road.)

3. No person shall enter or remain within the Danger area when and during the time the flag is hoisted as aforesaid, and no vehicle, horse, vessel, boat or craft of any kind or thing shall be brought or allowed to remain thereon, and the public roads and footpaths therein will be closed.

4. Notice Boards, with a copy of these Bye-laws will be placed where any road or footpath enters the Danger area.

5. The following persons, viz.:-

(1) The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Command

- (2) The Officer in charge of the Range
- (3) Any Officer, Warrant Officer, Non-commissioned Officer or Military Police for the time being under the Command of the said General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, or of the said officer in charge
- (4) Any person authorised in writing under the hand of the said General Officer Commanding-in-Chief or of the said Officer in Charge, or
- (5) Any Constable

shall have power and are hereby authorised:-

- (i.) To remove from the Danger area, and take into custody, without Warrant, and bring before a Court of Summary Jurisdiction, as provided by the Military Lands Act, 1892 to 1903, to be dealt with according to law, any person contravening Bye-law No.3.
- (ii.) To remove from the Danger area any vehicle, horse vessel, boat or craft of any kind or thing found thereon.

6. Any person doing anything prohibited by or otherwise contravening Bye-law No.3 shall be deemed to commit an offence against the same, and is, under the said Acts, liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding FIVE POUNDS.

7. A map showing the limits of the Danger area and the positions of the flags referred to in Bye-law No.2 and the roads and paths affected can be inspected at the following places:-

Town Hall, Southport
Six Police Stations in the Borough

8. Copies of these Bye-laws can be obtained at the office of the Commanding Royal Engineer

9. These Bye-laws shall come into force forthwith

Dated this Fifteenth day of December, One Thousand nine Hundred and Fourteen

(Signed) R. H. BRADE

On behalf of His Majesty's principle Secretary of State for the War Department