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UK Defence Training Estate - North

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Ref: Formal request to access Warcop
Training Area (Danger Area), Mickle Fell
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FORMAL REQUEST TO ACCESS WARCOP TRAINING AREA (RANGE DANGER AREA) – MICKLE FELL NORTH / SOUTH

INTRODUCTION

1. Mickle Fell is located in the Warcop Training Area (WTA), Range Danger Area (RDA). The WTA RDA is a mix of MOD owned land and privately owned land. The MOD holds a licensed agreement with the private landowners for areas of private land that the WTA RDA encompasses (the red and blue shaded area shown on the maps at enclosures 1 and 2).
2. When Live Firing activities are being conducted at the WTA, the RDA, including Mickle Fell, is active. That means that when weapons are firing, rounds, of various natures (types) may fall (land) inside the RDA.
3. Access to Mickle Fell (effectively, access to the WTA RDA) by members of the public is permitted. Public access days are published by various means by Headquarters Warcop Training Area (HQ WTA). [Defence training estate Warcop: public access days - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)
4. Access to mickle Fell is only permitted, by prior arrangement, and agreement, with HQ WTA (acting on behalf of the WTA Training Safety Officer (WTA TSO). By accepting HQ WTA 'permission' to access the WTA RDA you are agreeing to fully comply with the important safety information contained within this letter.

AGREED ROUTES

5. The DTE – North, Warcop Training Area, Access Opportunities Leaflet (see enclosure 3) clearly articulates the permitted routes on the WTA estate and the full extent of the WTA RDA (more simply titled 'Danger Area' on the leaflet map). Please note that the Mickle Fell access routes are not shown on the leaflet map as Mickle Fell, and the permitted routes to access the fell summit are on privately owned land, not MOD owned land.
6. Members of the public requesting permission to access Mickle Fell should note that there are only two permissible routes, both routes are described, in detail, at paragraphs 8 and 9. **The reason that permission to access Mickle Fell is linked to using either of the two permissible routes is that Warcop Camp Guardroom keep a record of issued permits on a given Public Access day. So, should member(s) of the public fail to report in, on completion of their day's activity, HQ WTA will know which route the individual(s) took and use this information to aid any attempt to locate the, potentially missing, individual(s). HQ WTA cannot commence Live Firing until certain that the WTA RDA is clear.**

7. Permits are not always required to access public pathways and bridleways on the Warcop Defence Training Estate (within the Danger Area Boundary as shown on the map in enclosure 3). **However, the public rights of way can only be accessed during non-firing periods when the barriers are raised, and the red flags are lowered. This is due to public safety (Your Safety) reasons. The WTA is a much-used UK Armed Forces Range Complex / Training Area. When Live Firing is being conducted, a variety of weapons / weapon systems can be used, these often utilise the full extent of the RDA. Any persons within the RDA during live firing are putting themselves at extreme risk. Therefore, not only must you stick to the agreed routes, but you must also strictly adhere to the permitted access periods.**

MICKLE FELL – PERMITTED ROUTES

8. Mickle Fell Northern Route:

- The northern route starts at ‘Maizebeck’ (Grid: NY 791 263) and proceeds in a south-easterly direction along the route of the county boundary fence line¹ to ‘Kings Pot’ (Grid NY 803 241).
- From there the route turns north-east onto Mickle Fell.
- The summit lies about 600m north-east of the fence line along the ridge and is defined by a large cairn (pile of stones).
- The Trig Point (758) is located about 1 ¼ miles further to the east. It is lower than the summit.
- After visiting the summit, retrace your approach route back to ‘Maizebeck’.

9. Mickle Fell Southern Route:

- The southern route starts at the cattle grid on the B6276 Middleton to Brough Road (Grid: NY 832 199) and proceeds in a north-westerly direction along the route of the county boundary fence line to ‘Hanging Seal’ (Grid: NY 804 224).
- From there the route turns due north following the fence line onto Mickle Fell.
- The summit lies about 600m north-east of the fence line along the ridge and is defined by a large cairn (pile of stones).
- The Trig Point (758) is located about 1 ¼ miles further to the east. It is lower than the summit.
- After visiting the summit, retrace your approach route back to the B6276 Middleton to Brough Road.

SAFETY BRIEF

10. The MOD, by virtue of the Occupiers’ Liability Act, has a Duty of Care, to members of the public, to take steps to safeguard their safety whilst on MOD property. Therefore, it is essential that all members of the public requesting permission to access the WTA RDA are issued a Safety Brief. Please read, and comply with, the following guidance, advice, and direction (Safety Brief):

SER	SAFETY BRIEF
1	<p>WTA OVERVIEW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warcop Training Area includes a Live Firing Range Complex. It is used for the conduct of Live Firing activities, including Small Arms Weapons, Anti-Tank Weapon Systems, Mortars and Artillery Systems, as well as Armoured Fighting Vehicles and Protected Mobility Vehicle Mounted Weapon Systems.

¹ Marked on an OS Explorer Map as a ‘County (England)’ Boundary and interspaced with marked ‘BS (Boundary Stones)’.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HQ WTA (on behalf of the TSO), manage the WTA, including the production of firing schedules, the WTA range programme and conduct of other third-party activities occurring at Warcop. • HQ WTA are therefore able to advise on the ability to access the WTA RDA and on the permissive routes to be used.
2	<p>CONTROLLED ACCESS</p> <p>All members of the public (walkers) accessing the WTA RDA (Mickle Fell) must adhere to the following rules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access is restricted to those who have been granted permission (permit holders) only. • Access is permitted along permitted routes only, walkers are to remain on the identified route(s). • Prior to Access. Walkers must telephone Warcop Camp Guardroom (Telephone: +44 (0)1768 34 3236 / Duty Mobile: +44 (0) 7816 086159) and inform the Guardroom Staff that you are about to commence walking the route. • On Completion. Walkers must telephone Warcop Camp Guardroom and inform the Guardroom Staff they are clear of the area. • All walks must to be undertaken during day light hours only. • Camping or the lighting of fires is not permitted. • You must respect the rights of local landowners and not disturb nesting birds, livestock, or local wildlife. • To be issued a permit, walkers must read the Safety Brief, sign, and submit a copy of the Mickle Fell Access Permit Request Proforma (Annex A) and return it to HQ WTA (FAO: The TSO). • The issued permit grants access to the WTA RDA on the specific access date only. It does not grant 'year-round' access. • Permits are not transferrable. • HQ WTA retains the ability to withdraw a permit if an individual(s) fails to comply with the stated guidance, advice, and direction (Safety Brief), or, for any reason, the MOD considers it appropriate to withdraw permits. • HQ WTA Staff conduct regular military debris clearance operations. However, items buried under the surface are not always detected and can, through weather erosion and time, make their way back to the surface. • DO NOT to touch or disturb any suspicious objects of any description! • Note: Historically, some individuals have had difficulty in maintaining a telephone signal whilst on the fell. Contact MUST be made with the Warcop Camp Guardroom Staff, even if that requires you to visit the Warcop Camp Guardroom in person. This process ensures that HQ WTA can confirm that all individuals granted permission to access the WTA RDA are clear of the RDA before Live Firing can commence.

3	<p>MEDICAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no medical facilities at Warcop Camp and other than facilitating your access, HQ WTA are unable to offer direct support to walkers. • You are solely responsible for your own medical requirements, in the event of an emergency you are to contact the Emergency Services directly. • You are advised to ensure that you are in possession of all the necessary telephone numbers, any personally prescribed medication, and the essential, minimum, emergency supplies and equipment required when conducting hill walking activities, before commencing your walk.
4	<p>MINIMUM CONTACT DETAIL REQUIREMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before access is permitted, you will need to provide your personal contact telephone number and an alternate contact telephone number (mobile or landline). • This is so that should HQ WTA and / or the Warcop Camp Guardroom need to contact you at any time (prior to, during, or after your walk) there is a high probability of speaking directly to you, or another individual that is aware of your walk regarding a 'no-show', unexpected delays, or emergencies.
5	<p>HQ WTA / WARCOP CAMP GUARDROOM CONTACT DETAILS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WTA Range Control – Telephone: +44 (0)1768 34 3230. WTA Range Control is only staffed when the Range Complex is active (Live Firing is being conducted). • Warcop Camp Guardroom – Telephone: +44 (0)1768 34 3236 / Duty Mobile: +44 (0) 7816 086159. Warcop Camp Guardroom is staffed 24 hours a day. • In the event you are delayed within the WTA RDA you MUST contact the Warcop Camp Guardroom and inform them of your situation. This is so that the Warcop Camp Guardroom can inform HQ WTA. The TSO may need to delay Live Firing until confirming that ALL personnel that have been granted access to the WTA RDA are accounted for. • Warcop Camp Guardroom staff WILL NOT be able to provide any form of direct support to walkers.

SUMMARY

11. Public access to the WTA RDA is permissible, in accordance with the local byelaws, the information and procedures contained within this document (including the enclosures and Annex A), are not intended to restrict access. They are in place to ensure that HQ WTA has a balanced, measured, safe system in place. One that enables, safe, public access to the WTA RDA, whilst maintaining the WTA as a military 'Safe Place to Train'.

12. Only when a completed Mickle Fell Access Permit Request Proforma has been returned to HQ WTA will permission be granted and a permit to access WTA RDA (Mickle Fell) issued (example at enclosure 4). **Once issued it is not transferrable and must be used on the stated dates and times.**

13. HQ WTA and the TSO take the rights of the public to access Mickle Fell seriously. This document is produced to ensure that everyone can safely access this beautiful piece of the North Pennines. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

13. Any questions regarding access to the WTA RDA (Mickle Fell) should be directed to HQ WTA or the undersigned.

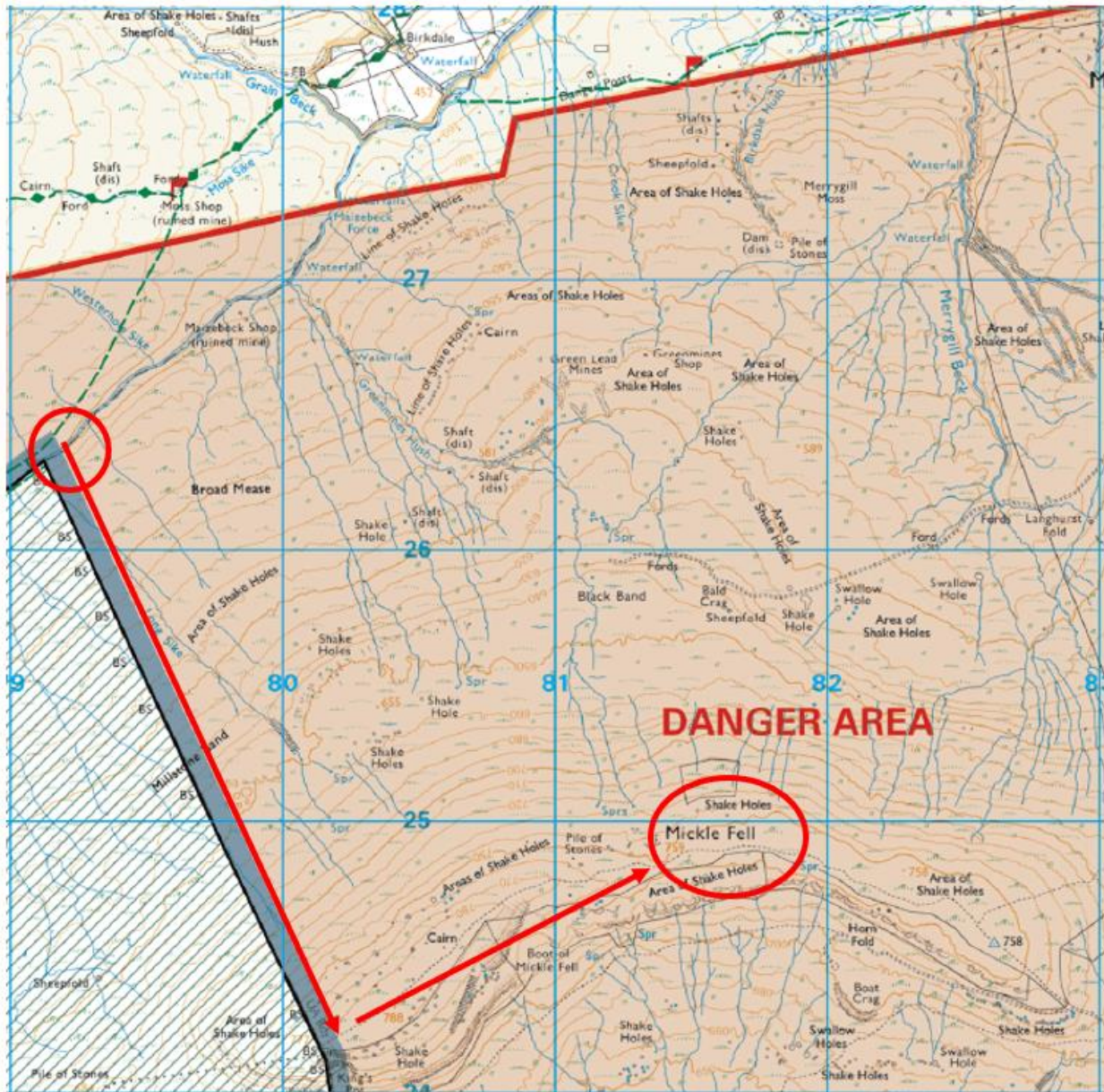
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Warcop Training Area

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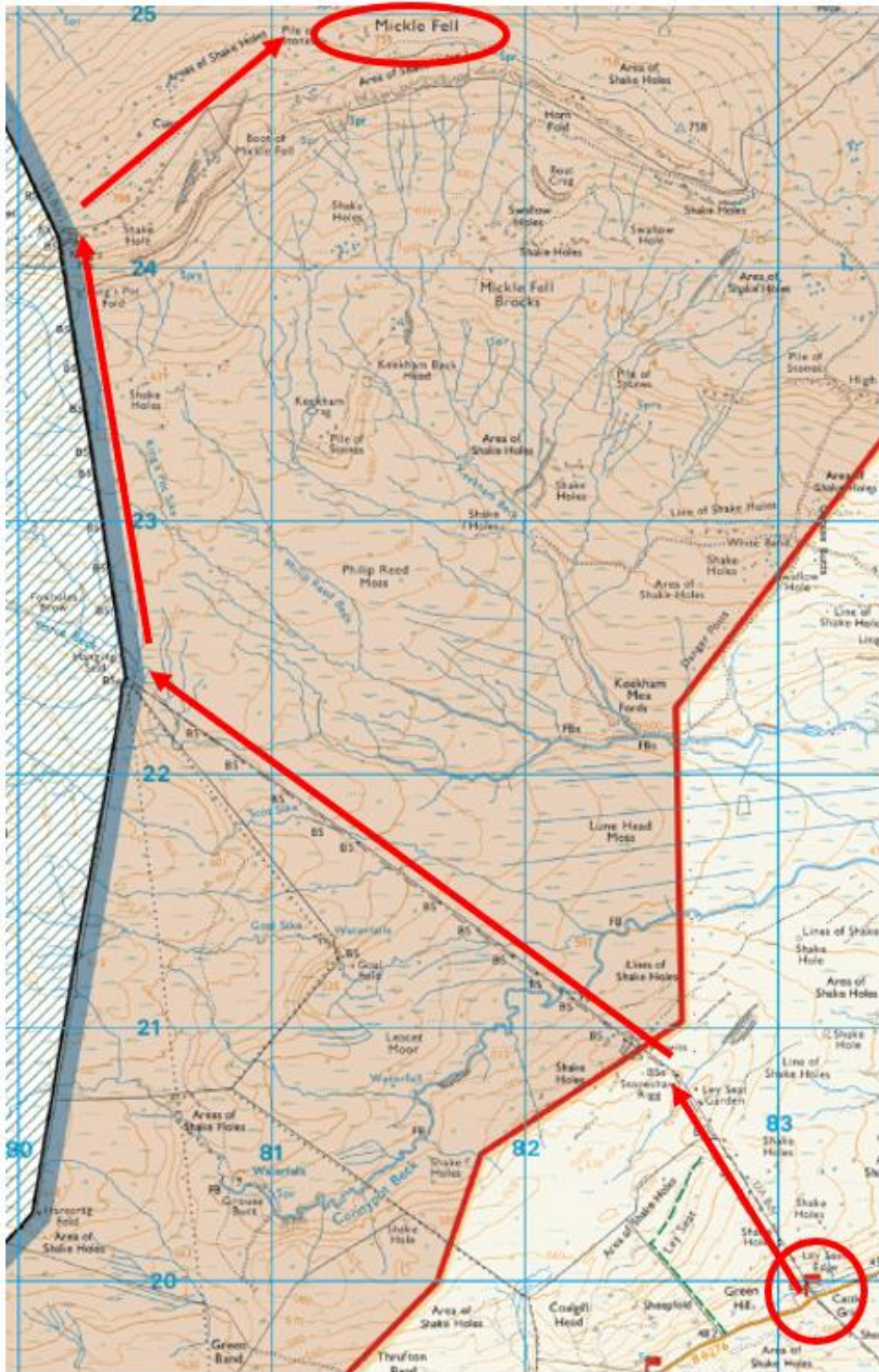
Enclosure 1 – Warcop Training Area, Range Danger Area Map (Northern Route).
Enclosure 2 – Warcop Training Area, Range Danger Area Map (Southern Route).
Enclosure 3 – The DTE – North, Warcop Training Area, Access Opportunities Leaflet.
Enclosure 4 – WTA Mickle Fell Access Permit – Example.

Annex A – WTA Mickle Fell Access Permit Request Proforma.

WARCOP TRAINING AREA – RANGE DANGER AREA MAP (NORTHERN ROUTE)



WARCOP TRAINING AREA – RANGE DANGER AREA MAP (SOUTHERN ROUTE)



WTA MICKLE FELL ACCESS PERMIT – EXAMPLE



Permit No.
0324

EXAMPLE ONLY

**MICKLE FELL ACCESS PERMIT
2024**

NAME: John Smith

DATE: 30th/31st March 2024

AUTHORISED PERSONNEL

It is a requirement to carry this pass as a means of identification when using the PERMISSIVE MICKLE FELL ROUTE

For further information contact Warcop Camp Guardroom:

- Telephone: +44 (0)1768 34 3236.
- Duty Mobile: +44 (0) 7816 086159.

WTA MICKLE FELL ACCESS PERMIT REQUEST PROFORMA

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PLEASE SIGN THE DECLARATION BELOW AND RETURN IT TO:

FAO: Training Safety Officer
 Warcop Training Area
 Warcop Training Camp
 Appleby-in-Westmorland
 Cumbria
 CA16 6PA

I wish to walk the following routes (delete as applicable):

Mickle Fell – Northern Route:

Mickle Fell – Southern Route:

Date of access requested:

Notes:

- Permits will be issued by HQ WTA on receipt, and approval, of your proforma.
- I have read and fully understood the Formal Request to Access Warcop Training Area (Range Danger Area) – Mickle Fell North / South document, including the details listed in the Safety Brief.
- I hereby agree to adhere to all guidance, advice, and direction listed.
- **Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS.**

Signature:

Date:

Name

Address:

Email Address:

**Personal Contact
 Telephone Number:**

**Alternate Contact
 Telephone Number:**