

Safety tips for the former Tracadie Range

The former Tracadie Range is made up of more than 18,000 hectares of land and waterways near the town of Tracadie-Sheila in northeastern New Brunswick. The Army and Air Force used the area as a training firing range from 1939 until 1994. Following that, the Department of National Defence carried out clearance work — over a five-year period — to remove leftover ammunition from the range. As a result the land can now be used for forestry, blueberry production and recreational activities.

Although the cleanup reduced the risk, there is still the chance that live ammunition may be found. Anyone using the land must be cautious. Here is important information to help you safely enjoy your visit to the former Tracadie Range.

What activities are permitted on the former Tracadie Range?

The Province of New Brunswick has approved using the land for the following activities:

- Forestry.

- Blueberry production and picking.
- Hunting, fishing and trapping.
- Motorized recreation on designated trails (ATV and snowmobile use).
- Boating.
- Non-motorized recreation (hiking, cycling, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, canoeing).

Are there any activities I should avoid?

Since the land was a former military training site, there is always the chance that live ammunition could be found.

Any activities — such as digging, planting and bulldozing — that involve disturbing the ground are prohibited, unless authorized by the New Brunswick Department of Natural Resources and Energy.

Stay off restricted areas. These are clearly marked by signs.

What does ammunition look like?

Ammunition can be partially or completely buried, making it difficult to identify. It could also be covered by snow or vegetation. These items come in many shapes and sizes — from small bullets — to pieces of mortar or bombs.



Ammunitions found on the site

- Note the location** including how far and what direction the item is from the nearest road, trail or other landmark. You should also mark the point where you left the road or trail to help authorities find the object.



How to mark the location of an ammunition

I think I have found ammunition. What should I do?

- Do not touch or move the suspected ammunition.** It could explode causing injury or death.
- Do not turn on a radio or use a cellular phone** within ten metres (30 feet) of the suspicious object.
- Mark the location** so the item can be easily spotted and found by authorities. This will also warn others. If you can, use flagging tape placed on a nearby tree or shrub to mark the location. If you do not have flagging tape, use toilet paper, stack rocks, or break branches to show the item's location. Be careful not to touch the suspected ammunition.

- Report what you have found.** Call RCMP immediately at **(506) 393-3000** (24 hrs). It is their job to properly check and dispose of any suspicious objects. It is NOT up to you to decide if something is or is not a hazard.

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