

Meade Range Schedule for 2023

MRPC and MR&GC has limited access to **Patuxent Research Refuge shooting ranges**. These ranges are under the executive management of the **Department of Interior** and the administrative management of the **Department of Defense**.

For MRPC definition we refer to the ranges as the “Meade Ranges.”

Shooting Events

Club Shoot - 50 yards - This is a general event in which participants may shoot handguns, modern rifles up to .30 caliber, shotguns and black powder firearms. Range Officers have the knowledge and some tools to assist participant.

Club Rifle - Modern Rifle cartridges up to .30 caliber (no Black powder). This event affords participants to zero their rifle, test out the operation of their rifle and attendant equipment. Range Officers have the knowledge and some tools to assist participant.

Practical Rifle - 300 Yards - Modern Rifle cartridges up to .30 caliber (no Black powder). This event is for the experienced shooter who possesses a zeroed rifle and has complete knowledge of their attendant equipment. Participants should have the physical capability to quickly jog over 200 yards of uneven terrain.

Weaponcraft - is a group of active and former law enforcement, military and related government agency personnel who were or are directly involved in offensive and defensive firearms usage and training. Its purpose is to develop and test new techniques in the handling and implementation of handguns, shotguns and carbines, validate selected techniques and pass that knowledge on to others. Participants are vetted for their training and experience prior to invitation to the group.

Juniors - The Meade Rifle and Pistol Club Junior Shooting Program is designed to provide junior shooters, ages 18 years and younger, with the knowledge and skills to safely handle and operate firearms. Training in safety and marksmanship is conducted by NRA certified instructors. The club provides rifles, ammunition, targets and all other necessary equipment. Additionally, one of the instructors is a certified Rifle Shooting Merit Badge instructor.

NRA Instruction - Periodically MRPC and MR&GC schedules a well-known local instructor to put on NRA courses for Club members. Look on the Range schedule for events. The purchase and use of Lead-Free ammunition may be necessary for participation. There will be additional fees for participation.

Sign Up List for Shooting at Meade Ranges

If you wish to participate in an event at the Meade Ranges you must email notice to Chief Range Officer MRPCRangeOfficer@gmail.com by 1200 (EST) on the Wednesday just prior to the scheduled event.

Please provide your:

Full Name

Date of Birth

Place of Birth

Place Range Date in email SUBJECT line

Meade Range Access Road to Entry Gate

The only authorized entry for MRPC and MR&GC members to the Meade Ranges is through a gate on Range Rd at Riverscape Rd, off Piney Orchard Parkway (for GPS use -Intersection Range Rd. and Riverscape Rd., Odenton, MD - Don't use Ft Meade Ranges). This road is a one lane macadam road maintained by AMTRACK and caution should be used. The gate at the end of the road is the entrance to the Meade Ranges. It is at this gate that you must be for entry at the designated time of 0800).

The access gate is administered by Department of Defense employees and a valid Driver's License for vehicle operator is needed. The gate is only open for a short time (at most ten minutes) from the 0800 entrance time so it is imperative you are on time. There will usually be a large number of vehicles in line so have your Driver's License handy and turn your car sound system off.

Once gaining entry, you will be required to stay for the full time your group is participating for their activities this is usually for 3-5 hours. At the end of your activity all participants and their vehicles will be allowed to exit the ranges.

Meade Range ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE LIMITATIONS

Club members are allowed to use the ranges only during scheduled club events and when a qualified Range Officer is supervising the range. At a scheduled range event, the range gates are unlocked by DoD Police Range Command at 0800. All firearms must remain in your vehicle until the Range Officer commands.

Departure time is dictated by the Range Officer. At the earliest 1100.

Meade Range Operations

Upon entering the Meade range facility, assigned Range Officers will drive to Range Command to check out the ranges scheduled for Club activities. All Participants will meet in the centrally located gravel parking lot opposite Range 4 and 5. Wait for the Range Officer to put up the Red Safety Flag at the assigned range and follow his direction.

- *The Club does not rent guns or sell ammunition*
- *The Club does not sell water or snacks*
- *Wear attire for activity of several hours in an austere environment in all weather conditions*
- *We don't cancel for rain.*
- *Bring targets and target stands. The club does have some for use. Some members construct their own from plans on-line or purchase from midwayusa.com – U.S Ballistics 2 in 1 Adjustable Target Stand*

Sunday January 8 – Gate opens 0800

Club Shoot

Club Rifle

Sunday January 15 - Gate opens 0800

Club Shoot

Practical Rifle

Weaponcraft

Saturday February 11 - Gate opens 0800

Club Shoot

Practical Rifle

Sunday February 19 - Gate opens 0800

Weaponcraft

Club Shoot

Club Rifle

Saturday March 11 - Gate opens 0800

Club Shoot

Practical Rifle

NRA Instruction

Sunday March 19- Gate opens 0800

Weaponcraft

Club Shoot

Club Rifle

NRA Instruction

Sunday April 9 - Gate opens 0800

Club Shoot

Practical Rifle

Juniors

NRA Instruction

Sunday April 16 - Gate opens 0800

Weaponcraft

Club Shoot

Club Rifle

Sunday May 7 - Gate opens 0800

Club Shoot

Practical Rifle

Juniors

Sunday May 21 - Gate opens 0800

Weaponcraft

Club Shoot

Club Rifle

Saturday June 3 - Gate opens 0800

Club Shoot

Practical Rifle

NRA Instruction

Weaponcraft

Saturday July 15 - Gate opens 0800

Club Shoot

Practical Rifle

Weaponcraft

Sunday August 6 - Gate opens 0800

Weaponcraft

Club Shoot

Club Rifle

Sunday September 10 - Gate opens 0800

Club Shoot

Practical Rifle

Juniors

Sunday September 17 - Gate opens 0800

Weaponcraft

Club Shoot

Club Rifle

NRA Instruction

Sunday October 8 - Gate opens 0800

Club Shoot

Practical Rifle

Juniors

NRA Instruction

Sunday October 15 - Gate opens 0800

Weaponcraft

Club Shoot

Club Rifle

Sunday November 5 - Gate opens 0800

Club Shoot

Practical Rifle

Sunday November 12 - Gate opens 0800

Weaponcraft

Club Shoot

Club Rifle