

FIRING RANGE RULES

Permissible Firearms

Only firearms utilizing single projectile ammunition may be fired on DNR managed firing ranges. However, shotguns utilizing multiple projectile ammunition may be fired at stationary targets for purposes of assessing shotgun patterns and in areas specifically designated by DNR for shotguns. Any weapon prohibited by GA Code Section 16-11-122 (i.e., sawed-off shotguns, or sawed-off rifles, machine guns, submachine guns, dangerous weapons, or silenced weapons as defined in that section) and any weapon firing more than once with a single trigger pull shall not be allowed on DNR firing ranges.

Muzzle loading firearms must be loaded only with black powder or Pyrodex®.

Firearms using centerfire cartridges .50 caliber or larger are prohibited.

General Range Rules

No alcoholic beverages (as defined in O.C.G.A. 3-1-2) shall be possessed on any DNR managed firing range.

No person under the influence of alcohol or drugs is permitted on a DNR firing range.

No smoking is permitted on or near the firing line.

Non-shooters must remain at least six feet behind the firing line whenever any shooter is at the firing line.

Tracer or any ammunition considered to be incendiary or explosive is prohibited on the firing range.

Targets must be constructed of paper, cardboard, or similar material that will not shatter or cause bullet ricochet. Metal targets may be used for special events if approved by DNR in advance.

Ground level targets must be positioned so that a bullet will not strike flat ground before the backstop; all targets must be located so that a bullet will strike between the base and half-way up the backstop.

No shooting at flying or thrown objects is allowed except with shotguns and shot shells in areas specifically designated by DNR for such shooting activities.

All children (16 years old or younger) shooters must be accompanied by an adult shooter 18 years old or older.

All objects, trash, targets, and spent cartridge hulls must be removed by firing range users when leaving the range.

Range use is allowed only in accordance with range hours and dates posted at the firing range.

Shooters shall fire only at the target directly down range of that person's position.

All persons using DNR firing ranges must wear adequate hearing and eye protection.

Authority O.C.G.A. Title 27; O.C.G.A. §27-1-4

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Gun Handling Rules

Any firearm must be unloaded and either cased or have its action open, except when it is at firing line and is being used for firing.

In the event of a firearm malfunction, the shooter must keep his/her firearm pointed down range, unload as soon as possible, and advise all persons at the firing line of the malfunction.

In the event of a malfunction of another shooter's firearm, all firearms must be unloaded with actions open for the duration of the malfunction.

All firearms on the firing line must be grounded, unloaded, with actions open whenever anyone is downrange.

Muzzles must be pointed downrange for all firearms on the firing line.

The muzzle of every firearm when in the firing position must be in front of the front edge of the bench upon which it rests.

All loading of muzzleloaders must be by single charge dispensers; pouring powder from larger containers directly into a muzzleloader is prohibited.

Loading muzzleloaders must be done at least six feet behind the firing line whenever another muzzle loading firearm is on the firing line.

Shooters must be at the firing line before capping or priming muzzle loading firearms.

In the event of a hangfire, muzzle loading firearms must be kept pointed downrange until the problem is corrected.

Containers of black powder or Pyrodex® must remain closed except when needed for filling a single charge dispenser.

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