

East Holme Rifle Range

Range standing orders 2026

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1. COMMAND AND CONTROL

Nathaniel Bond is responsible for delegation of responsibility, or directly responsible for the control, safety, inspection and maintenance of the range and facilities within the East Holme Rifle Range complex, including the Range Danger Area (RDA).

List of delegated roles to be displayed in the range office building and photographed whenever changes are made to provide backup copy.

2. LOCATION

Postal Address

East Holme Rifle Range,
Holme lane,
Wareham,
Dorset
BH20 5DH

What three words:

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Grid Reference:

SY 91185 84961

Latitude and Longitude

50.664255 -2.126084

3. USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Ambulance Emergency 999

East Holme Rifle Range building 01929 551255

Holme estate office 01929 463301

Nat Bond 07585 302989

4. RANGE OPENING AND CLOSING PERIODS

Next range firing times to be posted on chalkboard outside range building by 8pm the preceding day. Range normally open Mon-Sat and closed Sundays unless specified otherwise by Nat Bond. The rang complex is closed over the following times:

Easter Bank Holiday- Thursday to Monday inclusive

November 11th and Remembrance weekend (Sat & Sun)

Christmas Eve - Boxing Day inclusive

New Years Eve and New Year's Day

Two week shut down for maintenance (flexible)

5. DAYLIGHT FIRING TIMES

Normal Daylight firing times 09:30 - 17:00

Target Calibration rounds (Non HME from 25m or less) may be used from the earlier time of 08:30

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Allowance is made for extension of firing times to 08:00-17:30 where light allows and good reason exists. Temporary requirement to highlight extensions to Lulworth Range control.

6. THE FIRING DAY

Not currently defined in this document

7. NIGHT FIRING

Not currently permitted

8. ACCESS

Access via Holme lane, When coming from A351, turn onto Grange road, signposted for Creech, Steeple and Kimmeridge. Turn right opposite the Springfield Country Hotel onto Home lane. Turn right 300 yards after the hump back bridge. Following the postcode will cause you to miss the turn onto Home Lane.

9. BOOKING PROCESS

By Email to ehrrbookings@alaska.ltd.uk

Dates are passed to Lulworth Range control. As a courtesy bookings are not taken less than a week in advance

10. ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

No food or accommodation currently available on site

11. RANGE RECONNAISSANCE AND TARGET REQUIREMENTS

Contact EHRR to arrange range recognisance and advise on available targets, Target faces must be under 1200mm diameter be specified from the available options at booking or arranged well in advance. Change requests should be submitted at least a week in advance to ensure your request is received as staff are part time.

Steel targets not permitted.

Plastic backing not permitted.

12. MILITARY AND SERVICE USE

Not currently offered

13. COMPLETION OF RANGE LOG

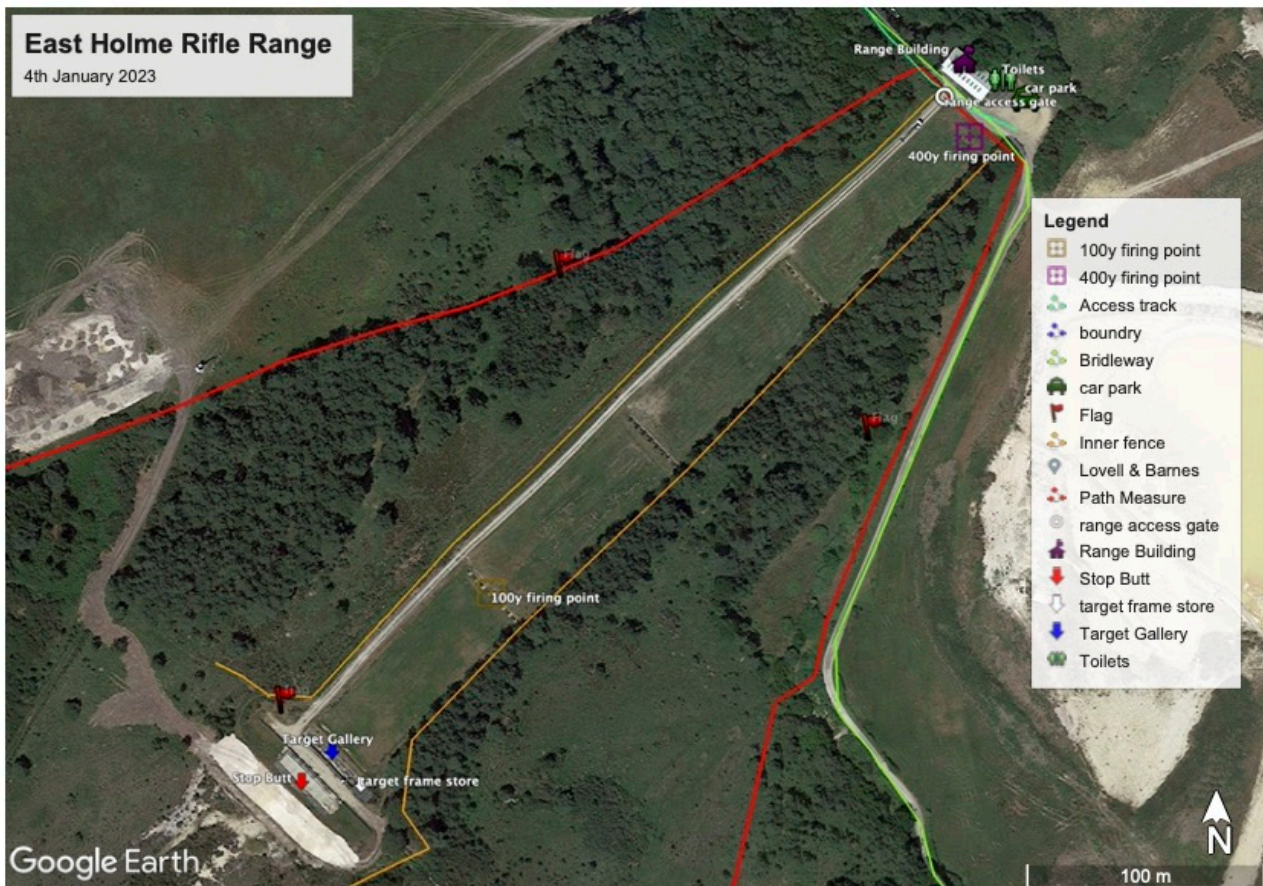
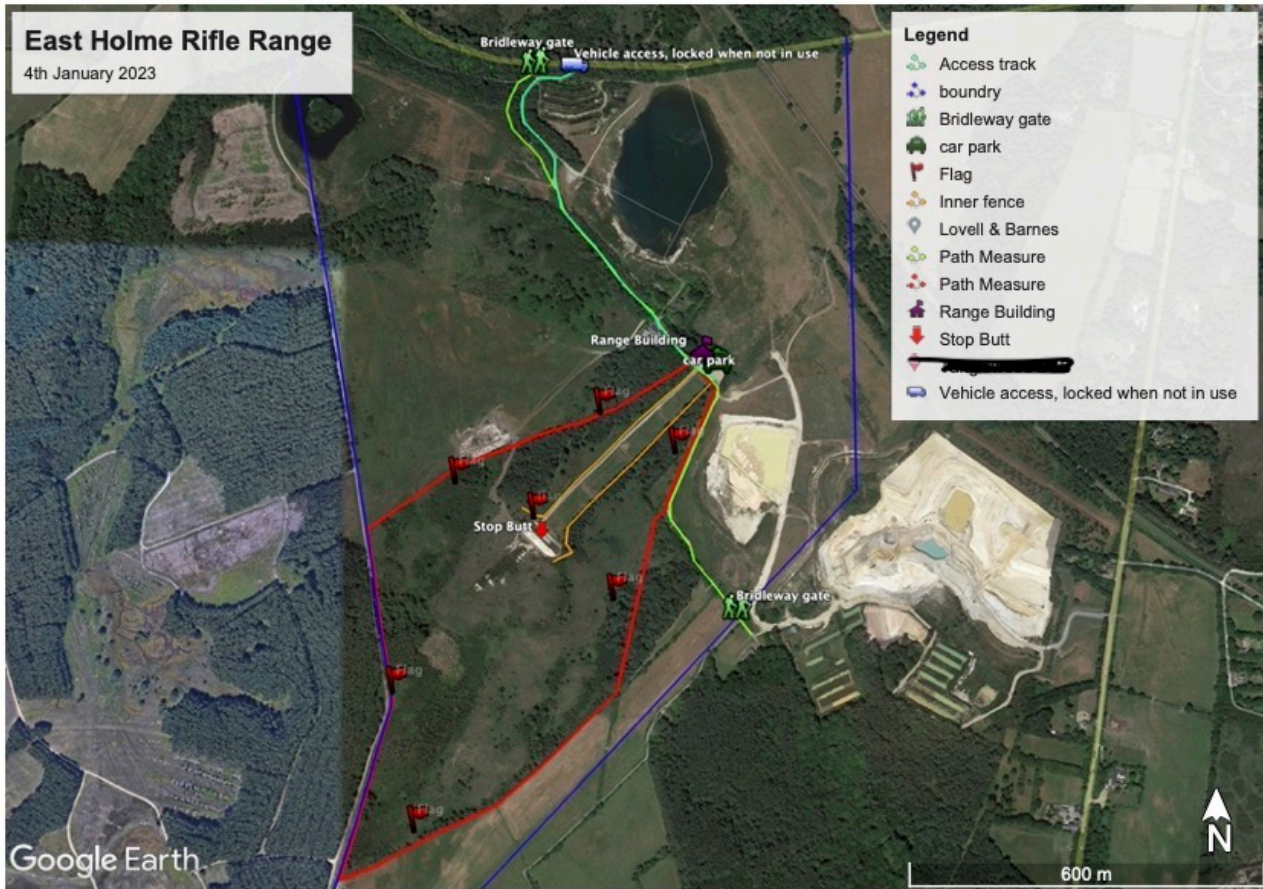
All shooters must sign onto the range, Any round not logged by the target system must be logged on departure.

14. RANGE INSPECTIONS

Range will be inspected monthly by Nathaniel Bond or the delegated individual. NRA will be asked to inspect annually if they are willing to do so.

Range not currently available for service use so not currently inspected by Police or MoD

15. MAP



16. RANGE DANGER AREA

The safety exclusion zone is enclosed by stockproof fence which is accessible by prior notice to authorised individuals when flags are lowered. The firing days notice must be checked prior to entry.

No access is permitted when flags fly.

17. RANGE QUALIFICATIONS AND RMO RESPONSIBILITIES

The Duty RMO (Range managing officer)/RSO (Range Safety Officer) is to be a person Qualified as an RSO appointed by EHRR and normally an employee thereof. On the firing line there must be a qualified RSO running the line assisted by an appropriate number of qualified deputies.

RMO is responsible for, or responsible for delegating where appropriate:

Ensuring the Persons under their control are properly briefed

Other activities defined in the delegation of responsibilities

18. SHOOTING TEAMS

Heading not currently in use

19. AIR DANGER HEIGHTS

Air Danger height 500ft (152.4m) above ground level.

20. AIR INFRINGEMENT

RMO to Stop all firing with the "STOP STOP STOP" procedure if an aircraft enters the air danger zone. Should infringement appear imminent but time sufficient to do so then the RMO should call for guns to "unload and show clear".

21. FLAGS AND LAMPS

Red Flags must be in the majority red but may have styling or emblem on them to differentiate from MoD boundary flags

Red flags must be flown on the boundary at least 30 minutes prior to firing commencing.

The range in use flag to the right of the target gallery should be flown as a boundary flag

Flags must be lowered for entry into the RDA other than by the RMO or range management team.

22. TARGETS

Currently used to support Shot marker target systems, only range employees or suitably briefed deputies should be interacting with the target frames and systems.

Gallery target frames may be used manually provided a suitable alternative method of recording zero procedure and misses is implemented or shot marker used in addition for round tracking only.

Castles may be used provided zero procedure is adequately recorded and misses accounted for.

Metal plates are not currently permitted

23. CLEAR RANGE AND PERMISSION TO FIRE

Once the Boundary and RDA have been observed from the top of Holme Mount and the gate from the butts to Battle Plain, The observing party will inform the RMO.

24. COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF ORDINANCE AND DEBRIS

Any live or defective rounds are the responsibility of owner (of the ammunition) to remove at the end of their firing slot. Any rounds left behind should be recorded including: location, time and photograph for cross reference to range records to identify the owner. Where the RMO is legally able to possess such they may take it into custody. In all other scenarios 101 (police non emergency) should be called to arrange for suitable disposal.

25. RANGE CONDUCT

Specific safety rules and procedures for individual ranges may be found in the range regulations. No firing is to take place on any range until permission has been granted by RMO.

Should there be questions on conduct on the range the order of precedence is: Legal requirements; the most recent version of this document; the most recent version of the Range Regulations; the word of the RMO; NRA or MLAGB handbook as appropriate.

Any Individual found to be contravening any regulations or orders will be instructed to stop firing and may be asked to leave the range, when shooting as part of a club or group of individuals the club or group may be asked to leave also. A full report of the incident will be forwarded to Nat Bond and retained on file in the RMO office regardless of any further action being needed.

26. RMO IDENTIFICATION

The RMO should be clearly distinguishable. As standard the RMO should be in, and solely the RMO should be in, high vis orange.

Certified RSOs acting as deputies should be in high vis red for preference or yellow, this may be top, vest, cap or armband. It is the RMOs decision as to whether to such a demarking item is sufficiently clear.

27. FIRING FROM VEHICLES

Is not currently permitted

28. FIRING AT MOVING TARGETS

Is not currently permitted

29. USE OF TRACER AMMUNITION/ PYROTECHNICS

Is not currently permitted

30. AIRBORNE ILLUMINATION

Is not currently permitted

31. AUTHORISED FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION

See Range Regs for range specific restrictions

32. USE OF BLANK AND DRILL AMMUNITION

Must be treated as live ammunition and used only at 100 yards or subjected to additional risk assessment

33. AMMUNITION POINT

Ammunition is the users responsibility

34. MOVEMENT AND INDIVIDUAL RANGE ACCESS

Access by users on foot only from the carpark behind the 400 yard firing point. Only the RMO or delegated person(s) to use vehicles within the RDA when flags fly.

Suitably authorised persons may use vehicles as authorised when flags are down

35. 200 MIL RULE

Staggered firing not permitted

36. LASERS

With explicit permission only.

37. NEGLIGENT DISCHARGE

Fill out form in annex J of RCO instruction manual. Ban individual from range and review suitability of competence assessment.

38. AUTOMATIC FIRE

Subject to activity specific risk assessment. Not permitted beyond 150m. Not permitted in Lanes 1,2,7 or 8. Zeroing procedure must be carried out in single shot mode or equivalent additional control prior to bust fire at 100y/m Only lane to be used at a time. Shot-marker or other tracking system must be used to account for every round fired. Firing positions must be prone supported, benched supported or from appropriate Jig.

39. NIGHT FIRING

Blank fire of black powder weaponry only.

40. VEHICLE PARKING/SPEEDING

Site speed limit 15mph unless otherwise displayed. Parking to be found behind the 400 yard firing point next to toilets.

41. DOGS AND HORSE RIDING

Dogs not permitted unless full range has been hired to one entity in which case the entity is responsible for any dogs they choose to permit.

Note there is a bridleway behind the 400 yard firing point.

Signs to be placed warning of sudden gunfire on bridleway approaches.

42. MEDICAL COVER

Clubs are advised to bring their own first aider. The RMO should be First aid at work trained.

First aid kit in Range building with haemostatic dressing(s)

43. HEARING PROTECTION

Mandatory unless peak volume below 110db and continuous below 90db, then advised.

44. EMERGENCY IMMEDIATE ACTION AND CHECK FIRE PROCEDURES

On the call "STOP STOP STOP" all shooters should remove fingers from trigger and await further instruction.

Emergency action should follow procedure laid out in the NRA RCO or RSO training manual and NRA handbook

45. UNSUITABLE SHOOTING CONDITIONS

The RMO will declare unsuitable shooting conditions. An RSO may also stop firing however he may not restart without RMO approval.

46. RANGE MAINTENANCE

The delegated individual will be responsible for the monthly inspection.

The delegated individual is responsible for carrying out required maintenance

The RMO is responsible for Daily checks.

47. HEATH AND RANGE FIRES

Firing should be stopped by unloading and showing clear. The Fire service should be called on 999

If Alaska or Holme estate fire suppression equipment and trained operators are available they should also be notified.

48. CADET TRAINING

Not currently permitted

49. DEER MANAGEMENT

Deer managers should check next shooting time prior to entering the danger area and should check for raised flags every 20 minutes.

50. COMMUNICATIONS SUMMARY

Landline 01929 551255.

Hand held radios used for on site communication.

Mobile phones should be carried whenever reasonably practical.

51. RDA PERIMETER TRACK

Note the MOD boundary cannot be driven externally

52. CIVILIAN SHOOTING CLUBS

Follow standard booking procedures as defined in the booking procedures document

53. DANGER AREA ENTRY ON NON FIRING DAYS

Notify the duty phone preferably by text. Check the blackboard on the range building for next firing day prior to entry. If a flag is seen to be raised the do not enter the danger area. If a flag is raised while you are in the danger area then exit the danger area immediately and report to the RMO to record the incident.

54. USE OF DRONES

Must be cleared by RMO and Lulworth range control to enter Lulworth ranges restricted airspace.