



HEADQUARTERS SALISBURY PLAIN
TRAINING AREA
Westdown Camp, Tilshead, Salisbury, Wiltshire
SP3 4RS

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SALISBURY PLAIN TRAINING AREA (SPTA) NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2012

Stop Press: The military road between New Zealand Farm Camp and Joan a Gore Cross will be closed to vehicles for road works during the week commencing 26 March. This route is also a public bridleway (West Lavington 42) and walkers, cyclists and riders will be unaffected.

TRAINING IN APRIL

In the first two weeks ACF units from Surrey, Devon and Kent hold Easter camps on the Plain.

From 2 – 5 April the Defence Logistics School exercise TIMBER TRUSS has convoys of heavy wheeled trucks using tracks and roads across the whole Plain.

16 – 29 April will see large armoured exercises from the Land Warfare Centre, Warminster RARDENS REVENGE (17/18 Apr) and FOXES THRUST (23 – 26 Apr) deploy onto the training area together with a Warrior Company from 1st Bn Royal Regiment of Fusiliers and an armoured engineer squadron from 22 Engineer Regiment.

Note. Vehicle movement may cause delays at tank crossings and drivers should take care when approaching crossings as mud clearance parties and mechanical sweepers will be at work

Live Firing. Firing is closely managed to ensure that legal noise limits are not exceeded and disturbance is minimised. Although some may find the noise intrusive, it is well below legal limits.

Late Firing on Larkhill Ranges: 3rd, 4th, 10th, 12th, 17th, 19th, 21st, 24th, & 26th April.

AS90 Firing from Salisbury Plain East: 3rd.

AS90 Firing from Salisbury Plain West & Tilshead, Chitterne, Shrewton triangle: Nil.

Complaints about Firing Noise should be made to (01980) 620819.

Military Flying. Helicopters, Hercules (C130) and fast jets may be active at any time. Fox Covert & Everleigh Dropping Zones will be active for most of the period.

Complaints about low flying should be made to 0207 218 6020 or e-mail lowflying@mod.uk.

ACCESS

Access to Salisbury Plain is regulated by Salisbury Plain Military Lands and Bulford, Larkhill and Imber Range Byelaws. This Newsletter is published up to 6 weeks before the event and urgent training bids may come in subsequently. **Always comply with local signs and flags.**

**Access timings can be found on the SPTA Walks Line: (01980) 67 4763.
A new format is in use ... We welcome feedback.**

Larkhill Ranges. Rights of way through Larkhill Ranges are closed when red flags are flying.

No firing is planned for: 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 28 & 29 April

Note. During range fires access may be denied (risk of unexploded ordnance “cooking off”).

Bulford Ranges. Rights of way through Bulford Ranges are closed when red flags are flying.

No firing is planned for: 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 21, 22, 28 & 29 April.

Imber Ranges. Difficult terrain and unexploded military debris makes it hazardous to leave the tarmac roads. The public are excluded from Imber Ranges except when the roads are opened to reduce journey times across Imber Ranges. It is planned to open roads through Imber as follows:

From	To	Remarks
5 Apr (1600)	10 Apr (0800)	Easter Bank Holiday

Planned Church Opening times are:

Good Friday	(6 Apr)	1200 – 1700
Easter Saturday	(7 Apr)	1000 – 1700
Easter Sunday	(8 Apr)	1115 – 1700
Easter Monday	(9 Apr)	1000 – 1700

St Giles’s Day (1 Sep) is during the Pre-Afghanistan exercise. Date of service to be determined.

31 May (1600)	6 Jun (0800)	Bank Holiday
10 Nov (1000)	10 Nov (1200)	Remembrance Day Church Service only
22 Dec (1600)	7 Jan (0800)	Christmas and New Year

Notes.

1. Even when the roads are open the village remains out of bounds to the public.
2. These dates may change if operational training needs dictate.

Possible further dates:

From	To	Remarks
<i>4 Augt</i>	<i>10 Aug</i>	<i>To be confirmed.</i>

Provisional Dates for Future Major Exercises. During the following access may be restricted on Larkhill Ranges and in the Chitterne – Shrewton – Tilshead Triangle north of the B390.

21 May	-	24 May	Ex LION STRIKE
7 Jun	-	21 Jun	Ex WESSEX THUNDER (New Date)
13 Aug	-	16 Sep	Ex PASHTUN DAWN
12 Nov	-	26 Nov	Ex WESSEX THUNDER (New Date)

What You Can Do to Reduce Crime. Please report suspicious activity to **PLAINWATCH (01980 674700)**. The more information received the better e.g. time, place, vehicle registration, description of individuals and vehicles. If a crime is taking place call 999 and do not challenge the offenders.



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