

GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR TRIP TO THE DSC RIFLE RANGE

The DSC Rifle Range is open to the public May through November on Saturdays and Sundays from 11:00am to 4:00pm. The winter hours (December through April) are Sundays 11:00am through 3:00pm. The rifle range is also open additional days and extended hours in the weeks leading up to Michigan's Rifle Deer Season. On rare occasions the rifle range may open late or be closed for special events/holidays. It is best to look at the Rifle Calendar and/or the Plaid & Khaki monthly newsletter in the office or online at www.DSCWEB.org before you make your trip.

For the safety of all our visitors we require that all shooters bring their firearms to the DSC rifle range unloaded and enclosed in a case.

The DSC rifle range can handle virtually any caliber of rifle or shotgun. Rifles may be of the rimfire, centerfire, or muzzle loader type. Only slug type ammunition may be used with Shotguns at the rifle range. No buck-shot or bird-shot may be used at the rifle range. Shotguns should have either standard front & rear sights or a scope to be safely/accurately fired at the rifle range. The DSC rifle range can also accommodate large caliber and specialty target pistols. These are pistols of .357 and larger caliber with a 6" or longer barrel.

Ammunition may be of lead, copper, brass, steel, or plastic construction. Projectiles may NOT be of the tracer, incendiary or explosive type. Ammunition may either be factory or reloaded.

No firearms or ammunition are available for purchase/rent at the rifle range. The DSC does have a small Pro-Shop located in the Skeet and Trap building on Dequindre Road that sells some common ammunition types.

Our firing line is covered and paved with large shooting benches and stools at each of our 20 lanes where shooters can fire at ranges of 50, 100, or 200 yards. We also have 2 additional "sight in" lanes ranged at 25 yards.

We require all new firearms and firearms with new or unset sights/scopes, shoot a few rounds at the 25 yard line to make certain they are on paper before going to a longer range.

When you arrive at the rifle range, please park in the lot and sign in at the main table under the overhead. Do not drive to the targets. The DSC rifle range is staffed by NRA trained and certified Range Safety Officers. Please listen carefully to and follow the on-duty Range Safety Officers instructions at all times. Generally, all instructions are given over our loudspeaker PA system to make it easier to hear while wearing hearing protection.

Eye and ear protection are required under the overhead when the line is HOT. We encourage you to bring your own safety gear, ear plugs and safety glasses are available for purchase at the rifle range.

Firearms and other equipment are to be brought to the benches at the firing line only when the line is HOT. Until then, leave your gear behind the firing line. When the on-duty Range Safety Officer announces that the line is HOT, shooters may approach and/or sit at the benches, handle their firearms, fire at their assigned targets or transport their firearms to the line with the muzzle UP, magazine removed and the action OPEN. Firearms are to be uncased at the firing line.

For muzzle loaders of all types, powder and bullets must be loaded at the back bench with the butt on the ground and barrel in the notch. Primers are to be loaded into the rifle ONLY at the bench on the firing line.

Only one caliber firearm and ammunition is permitted on the shooting bench at a time. Internal and external magazines on all pistols, shotguns, and rifles are to be loaded with only ONE cartridge at a time. Upon request, special permission to load multiple cartridges may be given by the on-duty Range Safety Officer and is often granted for .22 rifles. Rapid firing of any rifle, shotgun or pistol is NOT permitted during open shooting.

One target is included with your range fees, and additional targets are available for purchase. We have two sizes of target frame for you to attach your target to: one is for smooth bore shotguns, .22 rifles, most pistol caliber rifles, and approved pistols (high/tall frame); a second is for all centerfire rifles (low/standard frame). Our target frames are sized this way so each round fired ends up in the rubber backstop. Thus, all shooting is to be conducted from a seated position with the rifle/shotgun/pistol on the top of the shooting bench.

ALWAYS remain behind the firing line until the on-duty Range Safety Officer announces that the line is SAFE. Shooters are only allowed down range to change/return targets when the line is SAFE. Firearms are NOT to be handled when the line is SAFE and all visitors should remain behind the firing line and away from the benches. Firearms are required to have an Empty Chamber Indicator before the line is made cold. Empty Chamber Indicators are available on the range at no charge.

When you are done shooting for the day do not handle/remove your firearms from the shooting benches and pack up unless the line is HOT. After the line has been made SAFE, please retrieve your target frame from down range, return it to the sign-in desk and let a Range Safety Officer know you are done shooting for the day.

While at the DSC rifle range, if you have any questions about safety, range operation, functioning/malfunctioning of your firearm, club membership, or anything else please don't hesitate to ask any on-duty Range Safety Officer's.

And as always, thank you for visiting. We hope this brief guide will help you get the most out of your trip to the Rifle Range and you will make the Detroit Sportsman's Congress your preferred destination for sporting, conservation and firearm related activities.

DSC Rifle Range Safety Officers