

## ANNEX E – FORT PICKETT RANGE OPERATIONS BRIEFING

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TRAINING AND THE ENVIRONMENT AT FT. PICKETT-MTC  
SOLDIER'S ONLINE FIELD CARD

BY FOLLOWING THESE GUIDELINES YOU CAN HAVE A BETTER TRAINING EXPERIENCE AND HELP KEEP FT. PICKETT IN A  
CONDITION SUITABLE FOR REALISTIC TRAINING.  
ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

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### WILDLIFE

PLEASE DO NOT HARRASS OR HARM ANY FISH OR WILDLIFE SPECIES, TO INCLUDE NESTS, DENS, BURROWS, DAMS, OR ANY OTHER STRUCTURES.

#### Potentially Hazardous Animals and Plants

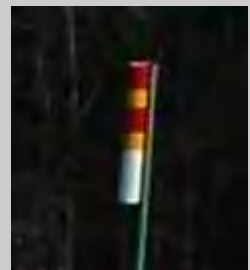
- [Copperheads](#) are the only poisonous snakes found on Ft. Pickett.
- [Black Widows](#) are the most common dangerous spiders in the area.
- Carefully remove [ticks](#) without squeezing them to avoid possible infection of Lyme's Disease or Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. **Notify unit medical personnel immediately.**
  - \* \* Some unit SOP's may preclude individuals from personally removing ticks.
- Be aware of [Poison Ivy](#) patches and vines. If exposed, wash area thoroughly with soap and water.

#### Threatened & Endangered Species (TES)

- Be aware that state and/or federal laws as well as state, federal or Army regulations protect several T & E plant and animal species found on Ft. Pickett. These include the [Bald Eagle](#), [Michaux's Sumac](#), some [Bivalves](#), and the [Roanoke Logperch](#).
- It is unlawful to maliciously damage or destroy, as well as to remove, cut or dig up any T & E plant species on the installation.
- Anyone found in violation or found responsible for damage to these species or their habitat may be charged with criminal and civil penalties, including a \$50,000 fine, 1 year in prison, or both.
- Stay out of protected areas marked with either [Endangered Species signs](#) or Seibert Stakes.

#### Seibert Stakes

- Seibert stakes mark [offlimits areas](#), including land rehabilitation ([LRAM](#)) project sites and training hazards.  
See right for color coding.



### Wetlands

- Avoid all vehicle use in [wetlands](#) (ponds, creeks, streams, and swampy areas), except where [established fords](#) exist.
- It is unlawful to dredge, fill, or destroy a wetland. Any action impacting a wetland must have prior approval from Facilities Engineers.

### Camouflage

- **Use camouflage netting or previously downed wood. Do not cut any live vegetation without written approval from [Range Operations](#). Denuding bivouac and tactical concealment areas decreases natural concealment and detracts from training.**

### Vehicle Movement

- Obey all posted [speed limits](#), including 25 mph on tank trails and 5 mph on bridges. Use only [bridges](#), [established fords](#), or other approved water crossings. Watch out for culverts and streams that may be overgrown with vegetation.
- Minimize damage to trees, soils, and vegetation when off road maneuvers are required. Avoid sharp and neutral steer turns whenever possible. Remain on established roads/trails when the ground is saturated.

### Clearance Activities

- Police all barbed, commo, concertina, and trip wires after training activities. This is essential for tactically sound operational conduct, as well as keeping the maneuver areas clean and safe.
- Return all recyclable materials to the Fort Pickett-MTC [Recycling Center](#), located at Kemper St. and East 24<sup>th</sup> St., Bldg. 2360. Do not burn or bury trash in maneuver areas. Keep dumpster lids/doors closed to prevent access by crows and raccoons.
- Restore disturbed areas to a natural condition: fill all holes (spade holes and fighting positions), cover refilled areas with leaves and/or pine needles, level all mounds, police up all litter, clean up and report any petroleum spills, and remove any road blocks.

### Cultural/Archeological Resources

- If any artifacts are found, immediately report the location to the Natural Resources Office.
- Removal of any [cultural or archeological artifacts](#) is a federal offense. **ALL DIGGING** must be coordinated through [Range Operations](#).

### Fire

- In the event of a fire, immediately notify Range Operations. Protect personnel, equipment, and facilities. Obey pyro suspensions established during dry periods.
- Soldiers may be asked to fight fires under the direction of Natural Resources personnel.

### Hazardous Substances/POL

- In the event of a [spill](#), notify Range Operations immediately. Do not refuel near waterways or natural drainages.

- Use drip pans, drums, and dry absorbents to [control, contain, and cleanup spills](#). These are available at the Spill Response Office, Bldg. 2360.
- Do not mix wastes together in the same drum. Clearly mark contents.
- Collect all used weapons cleaning patches and store them for proper disposal as hazardous waste.
- Turn in all hazardous waste generated at Ft. Pickett to the Hazardous Waste Storage Site, Bldg.2360.
- Turn in all used oil to the MTC-Fort Pickett [Recycling Center](#),Bldg. 2360.

#### Forest Management

- **Stay alert to the possibility of falling trees or limbs. Report hazardous areas to Range Operations.**
- Be aware that [prescribed burns](#) are conducted in the [Controlled Access Area](#) and the various maneuver areas.
- Do not drive metal into trees, or damage trees with equipment. Remove commo wire and 550 cord to prevent tree girdling. Avoid [newly seeded areas](#) to prevent erosion.
- Bivouac in various sites to give overused areas a break.

#### Unexploded Ordnance

Do not pick up or touch any [UXO](#). Mark the site and notify Range Operations immediately.

#### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

##### AREA CODE (434) DSN (438)

RANGE OPERATIONS FIRING DESK	292-2227/8334
SPILL RESPONSE/HAZMAT	292-2144
NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE	292-8501
RECYCLING CENTER	292-2800
OPERATIONS OFFICER	292-8390