



BOW AND GUN RANGE REGULATIONS

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THE LANGLADE COUNTY BOW AND GUN RANGE IS OPERATED AND ADMINSTRATED BY THE LANGLADE COUNTY FORESTRY, PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT WITH REGULATIONS AS ESTABLISHED IN LANGLADE COUNTY CODE- CHAPTER 16- FORESTRY, PARKS AND RECREATION ORDINANCE. VIOLATIONS OF CHAPTER 16 ARE SUBJECT TO PENALTIES INCLUDING FORFEITURES AS ELABORATED IN THE ORDINANCE

BELOW ARE BASIC EXCERPTS FROM THE ORDINANCE RELATED TO THE BOW AND GUN RANGE :

Firearms.

Within Defined Shooting Ranges. No person shall discharge any firearm, air gun, or bow in any shooting range under management, supervision, and control of the Committee and Department contrary to posted regulations. The following are the general rules at shooting ranges:

- i) *Handle a weapon in a negligent or reckless manner.*
- ii) Discharge any weapon on the range while any part of a person is downrange for the firing line.
- iii) Point any weapon in use at the designated firing line in any direction other than downrange.
- iv) Fail to comply with a cease-fire order called by the range officer or any other person.
- v) Fail to make reasonable efforts to ensure ll discharged projectiles impact the backstop.
- vi) Leave any loaded weapon un attended at any time.
- vii) Shoot or attempt to shoot structures or objects that are not designated targets, or that are outside of firing lanes.
- viii) Shoot at archery targets with anything other than a bow or crossbow.
- ix) Use any weapons or projectiles that discharge paint.
- x) **DO NOT draw from a holster and fire**
- xi) Whenever a person is visible down range for any reason, all individuals in the range shall cease firing and unload and break open the actions of their firearms. Firearms are not permitted down range from the shooting benches in the target access area. Loaded firearms are permitted only at the designated firing benches. Actions of firearms are to be in the open position until the shooter is ready to fire. All firearms are to be shot or fired only into the backstops. No targets are to be placed on the ground. Targets are to be placed only on target holders. No targets are to be placed on or on top of the backstops. All rifle and pistol shooting must impact the target holders and backstops. Targets.
- xii) Only paper or cardboard targets may be used in the rifle and pistol shooting range. In the shotgun area only, clay-birds may be used for targets. It is unlawful to shoot at glass, plastic or metal targets, unless such metal targets are provided by the Department as part of a shooting range infrastructure. The use of explosive and incendiary targets or devices are strictly prohibited.
- xiii) Users of the range must remove or dispose of all spent shell casings and cartridges, live ammunition, targets, arrows, bolts and materials brought to the range at their own cost.
- xiv) Alcoholic beverages and containers are absolutely prohibited at the shooting range site and shall not be consumed on or brought to the premises. It shall be unlawful to discharge any firearm in the range while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs or be present at the range while under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs as determined by a law enforcement officer. Under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs means that the actor's ability to handle a firearm is materially impacted because of his or her consumption of an alcoholic beverage, of a controlled substance or controlled substance analog under Chapter

- 961 of the Wisconsin Statutes, of any combination of an alcoholic beverage, controlled substance and controlled substance analog, or of any other drug or of an alcoholic beverage and any other drug.
- xv) Range Hours- When the range gates are closed for any reason the range is closed to public use. Range hours shall be posted at the gate, no person shall be inside of the range gates when the range is posted as closed.
 - xvi) Fully automatic weapons are prohibited on the Range. The use of armor piercing, tracer, or incendiary ammunition is prohibited. Any centerfire cartridge with a projectile larger than .50 cal. is prohibited, except shotgun shells containing a slug may be utilized at the rifle ranges. **Rapid-fire, bump stock or slide firing devices are prohibited.**
 - xvii) No person shall discharge any firearm in any area within the Range not specifically designated for such use.
 - xviii) No activity is permitted on the berms or the backstops, including the mining of lead or copper.
 - xix) Dogs shall be allowed at shooting ranges for training purposes. No person shall possess a dog unless the dog is on a leash not more than 8 feet long and under the control of the owner at all times. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the use of service animals.
 - xx) Shooters under the age of 14 years must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or an adult designated by the parent or guardian.

Wildlife Take-Hunting, Trapping and Fishing.

Any wildlife take must follow state and federal regulations and rules, licensing, in addition to limitations placed in the Chapter. Outdoor recreation including hunting, fishing and trapping are uses required under §28.11, however the County can restrict hunting fishing and trapping in areas where these uses create safety issues for other public uses.

Hunting utilizing firearm which have a single projectile (slugs or bullets) is restricted within the defined areas:

- Langlade County Langlade County Bow and Gun Range Property outside of the defined shooting range fence and encompassing the entire 120 acres more or less. Note that hunting utilizing archery equipment, crossbow and shot shells for areas outside of the range fence and within the range property is allowable.

Fees and Charges

No person shall use any facility, land or area for which a fee or charge has been established by the Committee without prior payment of such fee or charge.

Daily passes are available for purchase at the range near the regulations sign at the cost of \$5.00 per day. Annual passes are available for purchase during business hours at the Langlade Forestry, Parks and Recreation Office, 1633 Neva Road, Antigo, Wisconsin 54409.

Enforcement and Penalty Assessments

- 1) **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION.** Any person upon land or waters under the management, supervision, and control of the Committee shall present identification to Department employees or law enforcement upon request. Persons may request identification from employees prior to verify

official status prior to providing information. Employee information may include business card with County logo or official employee identification cards.

- 2) **ENFORCEMENT.** Any law enforcement officer, Conservation wardens under Memorandums of Understanding, the County Forest Administrator or assigned Forestry, Parks and Recreation Department staff or others as designated by the Committee may enforce the provisions of this chapter. Citations by assigned enforcement officials may be based upon personal observations or based upon information and documentation provided by Department employees. Assigned enforcement officials shall have at all times the right to enter the premise of any County building, structure or enclosure in any park, wayside or special recreation area, including such grounds, buildings, structures, campsites or enclosures which may be leased or set aside for private or exclusive use of any individual group of individuals for the purpose of determining that there is compliance with this chapter and the rules and regulations made by the Committee and may use all necessary means to attain that end.
- 3) **PENALTY ASSESSMENTS.** Any person, firm, or corporation, including those doing work for others who shall violate any of the provisions of the Ordinance shall:
 - a) Upon conviction thereof, forfeit to Langlade County the sum of not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$20,000.00 plus court assessments, surcharges and other court cost that may be imposed. Each day a violation exists shall constitute a distinct and separate violation of this Ordinance and as such, forfeitures shall apply accordingly.
 - b) In addition to the penalties above, any person damaging the property of the County or another person shall remain liable in a civil action for the amount of that damage.
 - c) Every subsequent offense within twelve (12) months of the first offense shall be considered a subsequent offense. Multiple offenses by the same person or entity within a 3-year timeframe shall be considered subsequent offenses.
- 4) **DAMAGES.** In addition to the penalties specified in 16.08(4), any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be liable for any damages. Whenever evidence of unlawful cutting on County lands shall be lodged with the District Attorney, he shall, on recommendation of the Committee, bring suit to recover damages as provided by §26.09, Wis. Stats. Similarly, civil suit shall be brought against parties responsible for forest fire damage under §26.21, Wis. Stats.
- 5) **INJUNCTION.** Any use or action which violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject to a court injunction prohibiting such violation.
- 6) **RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLIANCE.** Any person, firm, or corporation causing a violation or refusing to comply with any provisions of this Ordinance shall be issued a citation at time of violation or will be notified in writing of such violation by the County Forest Administrator or his designated representative, giving the person responsible a time period not to exceed 30 days from the date on the letter of notification to have the violation brought into compliance with the provisions of this Ordinance. Each day a violation exists thereafter shall constitute a distinct and separate violation of this Ordinance, and as such forfeitures shall apply accordingly.

REPORT ANY EMERGENCIES OR VANDALISM AFTER BUSINESS HOURS TO THE LANGLADE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AT 715-627-6411 OR DIAL 911.

FOR A FULL COPY OF THE FORESTRY, PARKS AND RECREATION ORDINANCE GO TO www.langladeforestryandparks.com .

For more information please call the department at 715-627-6300 during regular business hours.