

MOD Pendine Programme Information

Firings will take place for the duration of each day as specified below:

Dates	Activities
25 April	Local Gunfire and Explosions
26 April	Beach open to the public
27 April	Beach open to the public
28 April	Beach open to the public
29 April	Local Gunfire and Explosions
30 April	Local Gunfire and Explosions
01 May	Local Gunfire and Explosions
02 May	Local Gunfire and Explosions Extended Hours until 1.00 a.m. 03 May
03 May	Local Gunfire - Extended Hours From midnight May 2 nd to 1.00 a.m. 03 May then 08.00 – 16.30
04 May	Beach open to the public
05 May	Beach open to the public
06 May	Beach open to the public
07 May	Local Gunfire and Explosions
08 May	Local Gunfire and Explosions
09 May	Local Gunfire and Explosions
10 May	Beach open to the public

Hi - I am writing to notify you of the potential increase in noise level from 8 April 2024 for approximately 2 weeks at the Ministry of Defence (MOD) Test and Evaluation Range at Pendine. This potential increase in noise level will consist of two explosive activities during that period, please note this activity will not be undertaken during a weekend.

These noise levels may exceed the site's usual noise limit of 135 decibels (dB) and noise monitoring will be in place during this period. QinetiQ operate the facility on behalf of the MOD, and as part of the work to plan and manage explosive trials carry out acoustic forecasting, modelling and/or subsequent test shots. If it is assessed that the upper range limit of 135dB might be exceeded, the trial may be postponed until more favourable conditions allow. However it is not always possible to delay and the trial is allowed to proceed as long as the statutory noise limit of 140dB will not be breached.

QinetiQ operates an advance alert service to inform the local community about forthcoming range activity. Registration is free via [MOD Pendine](#) website and the QinetiQ Careline team can be contacted via Freephone telephone on 0800 0921345.

Please Note - We have introduced a tannoy announcement system which can be heard from the beach near the lookout tower which will provide public announcements on beach access. Please ensure you listen to any announcements as they may be advising you that the Range is now active and asking you to move away from the MOD part of the beach.

Sirens may also be heard on some occasions. Please do not be alarmed these are for site employees only.

Activity Descriptions

Beach = *MOD beach only. The closures do not apply to the public part of the beach at Pendine village.*

Local Gunfire = Gunfire that is likely to be noticed only by communities close to MOD Pendine.

Gunfire = Gunfire that may be noticed by communities in the vicinity of the MOD Pendine.

Explosions = Explosions that may be noticed by communities in the vicinity of MOD Pendine and Taf Estuary.

Visible smoke= smoke that may be noticed by communities in the vicinity of MOD Pendine and Taf Estuary.

The operating hours are usually from 0800 hrs to 1615 hrs. However these times may be subject to change or extension at any time without opportunity for prior notice.

Red flags or red lights indicate that firing is taking place and that the beach (within the Land Area) plus the Sea Area are closed to general public access for safety purposes. If you need to cross the Sea Area during firing, for your safety, please contact Range Control before you enter on 01994 45 2240 on VHF Channels 16 or 73. The coordinates of the buoys marking the Sea Area can be found on the website below.

This schedule is subject to not only the daily acoustic forecast, but also to tide times, weather conditions and operational requirements. Any one, or a combination of these factors, may mean that the activity has to be cancelled and rescheduled at short notice and it may not always be possible to provide you with an updated schedule of work.

QinetiQ conducts work at MOD Pendine on behalf of the MOD, under contract with the Secretary of State for Defence. Because of the nature of the work, QinetiQ is limited as to the level and detail of information it can provide in these communications.

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