

**UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS** - visitors may discover Unexploded Ordnance (UXO). **Do not touch or pick up any unidentified objects**, report their location to Landwick Gate on 01702 383388.

**PROHIBITED ACTIVITY** - the MOD Shoeburyness Byelaws and site rules and regulations prohibit certain activities on any part of the land or sea area estate, including: **Fishing, bait-digging, watersports/sailing, unauthorised shooting, trespass on/photography of operational areas/buildings/equipment, camping or unauthorised overnighting, off-road driving, fly-tipping etc.** Visitors are advised to familiarise themselves with the byelaws published at GOV.UK

Under the provisions of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), it is an offence to disturb nesting birds by photography or any other activity.

Anyone found to be acting in contravention of the byelaws or site rules and regulations will be asked to leave and is at risk of prosecution. PROWs must not be obstructed for any purpose or reason. Please report any prohibited activity to Landwick Gate on 01702 383388.

**DRIVING** - the Road Traffic Act applies across the estate. All motor vehicles must be road legal and all drivers must hold the appropriate UK license and insurance. E-vehicles are not permitted.

**BARRIERS** - various types of fixed and mobile barriers are located on the Range. **Never** pass or move a closed barrier.



**RED FLAGS** - 24 Red Flags are located around the Range. Red Flags flying indicates that the Range is **ACTIVE** and all PROW routes are closed. Red Flags are always flown at full mast.



**BYELAW SIGNS** - located at points where visitors may gain legitimate access to the site. These signs explain the authority under which the MOD and its representatives are permitted to close the estate in the interest of public safety.

**DANGER/PROHIBITION SIGNS** - in a variety of sizes and styles, these signs warn visitors that they are in the vicinity of the Range and its hazards. Visitors must comply with all instructions.



**OPERATIONAL SAFETY CLOSURES** - occasionally, the Range is required to operate overnight. On these occasions, Essex Highways permits QinetiQ to keep affected PROWs closed to ensure public safety. The Range is divided into four Land Areas (see over) and overnight closures can affect one or more Land Area at a time. Closures are signalled by the flying of Red Flags, and notified by signage and on our website.

**RESIDENTIAL AREAS** - to gain access to residential areas (other than PROWs), visitors must be sponsored by a Foulness resident. **Un-sponsored visitors will not be admitted via Landwick Gate.**

**FOULNESS HERITAGE CENTRE** - open to members of the public from 12pm-4pm on the first Sunday of the month from April to October. **Visitors must book in advance at [foulnessheritage.org.uk](http://foulnessheritage.org.uk).** Booked visitors are permitted entry via Landwick Gate from 11:45am and use of the spine road to travel to and from the centre but for no other purpose or access. Visitors must remain on the designated route. Exhibits depict the history of rural community life on Foulness, **not military history.**

Questions? If you're on the Range: 01702 383388.  
All other times: Careline 0800 0560108/  
[qqshbenquiries@qinetiq.com](mailto:qqshbenquiries@qinetiq.com) or  
[qinetiq.com/shoeburyness](http://qinetiq.com/shoeburyness)

# QINETIQ MOD Shoeburyness

## Public Access

### A guide for recreational visitors



MOD Shoeburyness (inc. Foulness Island) is owned by the Ministry of Defence. Due to the nature of work conducted, access to and use of the estate is controlled by the Shoeburyness Artillery Ranges and Military Lands Byelaws. Most of the estate consists of operational areas and private farmland where access is prohibited. The estate is not open to the public and the main 'spine' road is not part of the public highway however, unsponsored members of the public can gain limited, legitimate access.

**USING PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY ROUTES (PROWs)**

A network of footpaths, bridleways and byways traverses the Range estate, these are known as Public Right of Way routes (PROWs). Visitors don't need permission to access the PROWs but they are **only open when the Red Flags are lowered and the Range is not active**. Access is prohibited when the Range is **ACTIVE**, and the Red Flags are flying.

Visitors must not deviate from the definitive PROWs and must use them in accordance with their legal designation (e.g. no cycling on footpaths, no motor vehicles on bridleways etc). Visitors must comply with all signs and signals which are for their safety. The car park adjacent to the security point at Landwick Gate is **closed to unsponsored recreational visitors** (e.g. dog walkers). The launching of watercraft is not permitted from any part of the estate including Wakering Stairs Headway.

**THE BROOMWAY**

PROW No.16/28, The Broomway, is on the sea side of the sea wall and is the only legitimate route for unsponsored visitors to travel to and from Foulness Island. There's no motor vehicle access onto Foulness Island via this route, it's not way-marked, is tidal, and can be very hazardous to navigate without a guide. We strongly recommend that visitors familiarise themselves with the dangers associated with the route before attempting to use it.

**PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY ROUTES**

