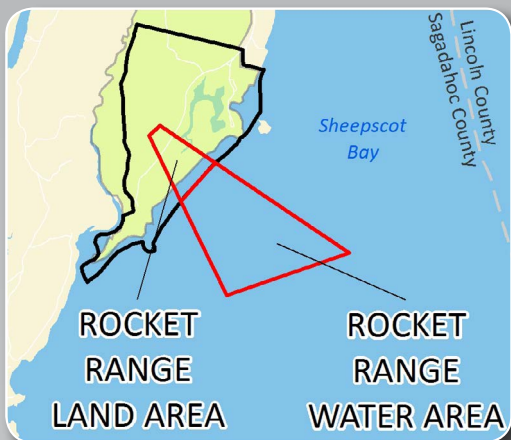


# 3Rs Safety Guide

## Former Maine Bombing Area

Maine  
Sagadahoc County



**Rocket Range Land Area**  
**Rocket Range Water Area**



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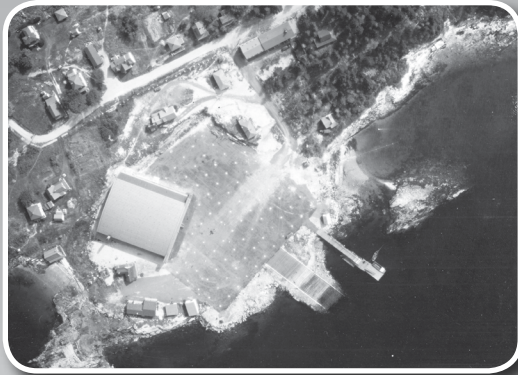
## Introduction

The purpose of this guide is to provide information about the military training activities that took place at the former Maine Bombing Area and to raise awareness of the explosive hazards that may exist at the property.

The former Maine Bombing Area was used from 1944 to 1946 for aerial rocket practice by personnel stationed at the former Naval Air Station Brunswick. Portions of the former Maine Bombing Area, the Rocket Range Land Area and the Rocket Range Water Area, have been identified through historical research and site visits as having potential explosive hazards. The munitions known or suspected to have been used at these areas include practice rockets and small arms ammunition.

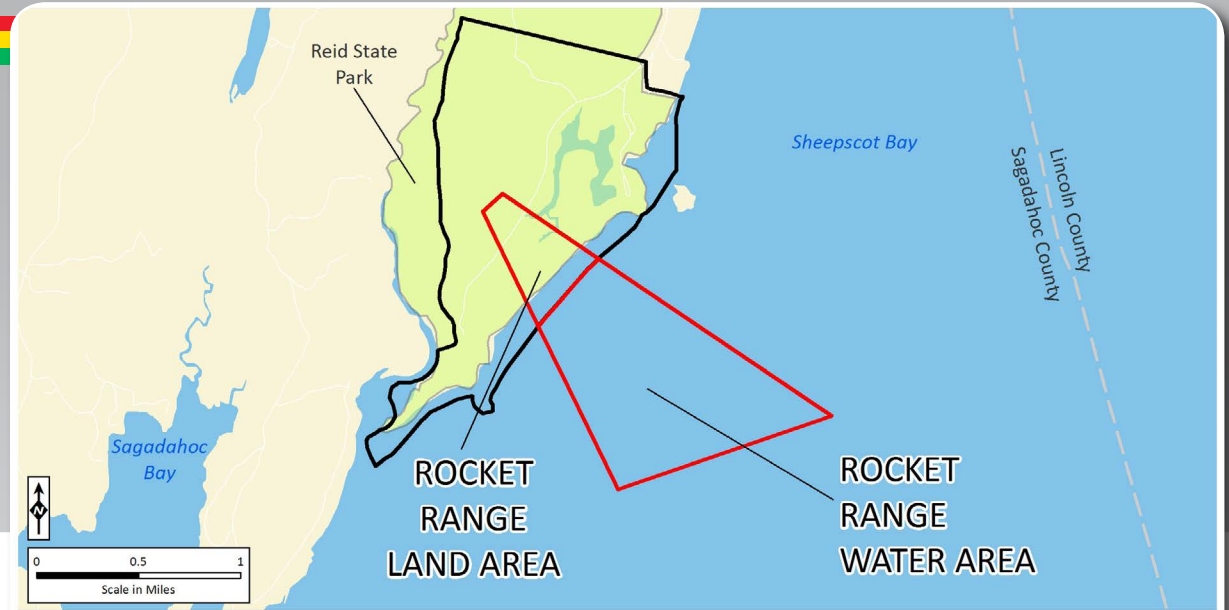
The Rocket Range Land Area is located in Reid State Park, within the town of Georgetown, and the Rocket Range Water Area is located in the adjacent waters of Sheepscot Bay, in Sagadahoc County, Maine. The land and water are publicly owned and managed, and are used for recreational purposes.

Because explosive hazards associated with military munitions from past military training may remain at the former Maine Bombing Area, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recommends that the landowner, water body manager and visitors follow the **3Rs of Explosives Safety – Recognize, Retreat and Report.**



Source: U.S. Navy

Aerial view of the former Naval Air Station Brunswick, 1944



Legend

- FUDS Property Boundary
- FUDS Project Boundary

Maine Bombing Area  
FUDS Property No: D01ME0440

State: Maine  
County: Sagadahoc

Sources: USACE, 2019;  
USCB, 2019; Esri, 2020

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q:** What types of potential hazards exist?

**A:** Military munitions, such as practice rockets and small arms ammunition, are known or suspected to have been used at the former Maine Bombing Area. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is unable to rule out the presence of munitions that may pose an explosive hazard.

**Q:** What do I do if I suspect I may have come across a military munition?

**A:** If you suspect you may have come across a military munition, the best way to ensure your safety is to follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety: **R**ecognize – when you may have come across a munition, and that munitions are dangerous; **R**etreat – do not approach, touch, move or disturb it, but carefully leave the area; and **R**eport – immediately what you saw and where you saw it to local law enforcement, call **911**.

**Q:** What are the findings of the work that the government has completed?

**A:** Based on historical research and site inspections, military munitions are known or suspected to have been used at these areas, and

some munitions may remain on the land and in the waters of Sheepscot Bay. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has determined that further investigation is required at the former Maine Bombing Area.

**Q:** What will be done next?

**A:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will make explosives safety education material that is based on the 3Rs available to the landowner, water body manager and the community. Additionally, it will coordinate with the landowner and water body manager as it plans required response activities.

**Q:** Where can I get more information?

**A:** For more information, call the Formerly Used Defense Sites Information Center toll-free number 1-855-765-FUDS (3837) or visit the Interim Risk Management link at [www.fuds.mil](http://www.fuds.mil). Learn more about munitions and explosives safety at <https://3Rs.mil>.

## Follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety

**R**ecognize

when you may have come across a munition, and that munitions are dangerous.

**R**etreat

do not approach, touch, move or disturb it, but carefully leave the area.

**R**eport

immediately what you saw and where you saw it to local law enforcement, call **911**.



**A practice rocket at the former Maine Bombing Area**

## **Former Maine Bombing Area**

### **For More Information**



**US Army Corps  
of Engineers.**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is responsible for identifying, investigating and, when necessary, conducting an appropriate response to address contamination and military munitions resulting from past Department of Defense activities at Formerly Used Defense Sites, also referred to as FUDS.

For information about the former Maine Bombing Area, contact the FUDS Information Center by calling the toll-free number 1-855-765-FUDS (3837). For general information about the FUDS Program, visit [www.fuds.mil](http://www.fuds.mil).

### **Follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety**



Visit the U.S. Army's Explosives Safety Education website:  
<https://3Rs.mil>