

# 3Rs Safety Guide

## Former Lake Murray Bombing Range

South Carolina  
Lexington County



### Shull/Twin Islands



US Army Corps  
of Engineers.

## Introduction

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

The former Lake Murray Bombing Range was used from 1942 to 1945 for practice bombing by aircrews stationed at the former Columbia Army Air Base. An area associated with the former Lake Murray Bombing Range, known as Shull/Twin Islands, was used as a practice bombing range and has been identified through historical research and site visits as having potential explosive hazards. The munitions known or suspected to have been used at the range include practice bombs with spotting charges and pyrotechnics.

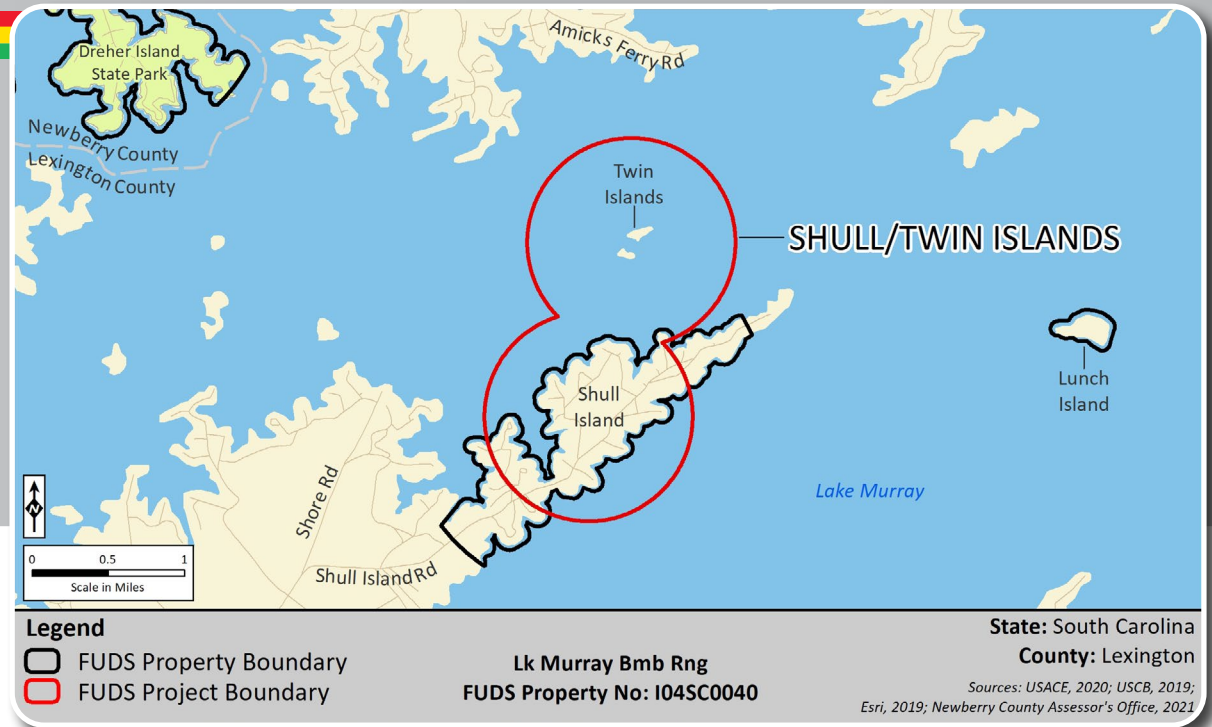
The former Shull/Twin Islands range is located in Lexington County, South Carolina. The former range includes the Twin Islands, a majority of Shull Island, the land immediately southwest of Shull Island, and the surrounding waters of Lake Murray. The land within this former range is privately owned and is used for commercial, residential and recreational purposes. The water area of the former range is used for recreational purposes.

Because explosive hazards associated with military munitions from past military training may remain on the land and in the waters of the former Shull/Twin Islands range, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recommends that landowners and visitors follow the **3Rs of Explosives Safety – Recognize, Retreat and Report.**



Source: U.S. Air Force

An aircraft that dropped practice bombs on the former Lake Murray Bombing Range was the North American Aviation B-25 Mitchell



## Frequently Asked Questions

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

**A:** Military munitions, such as practice bombs with spotting charges and pyrotechnics, are known or suspected to have been used at the former Shull/Twin Islands range. 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 encountered 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 – call **911** and advise the police of what you saw and where you saw it.

**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 the former Shull/Twin Islands range,

and some munitions may remain on the land and in the surrounding waters. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has determined that further investigation is required for the former Shull/Twin Islands range.

**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 landowners and the community. Additionally, it will coordinate with landowners 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). Additional information can be found by searching on the property name, Lk Murray Bmb Rng, in the GIS Tool that is available by clicking on the Interim Risk Management link at [www.fuds.mil](http://www.fuds.mil).

## Follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety

**Recognize**

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

**Retreat**

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

**Report**

call **911** and advise the police of what you saw and where you saw it.



**Example of practice bomb debris**

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### **For More Information**



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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 Lake Murray Bombing Range, 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>