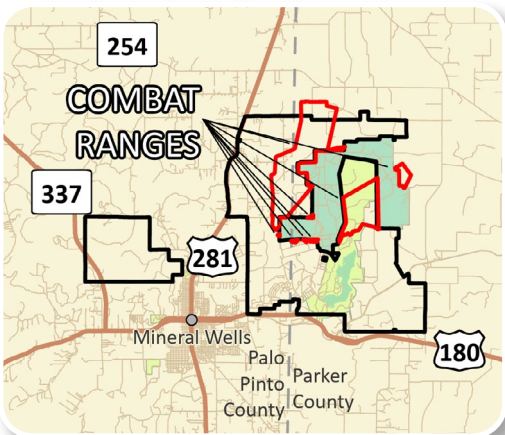


3Rs Safety Guide

Former Camp Wolters

Texas

Palo Pinto and Parker Counties



Combat Ranges



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Recognize
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Report

Introduction

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

The former Camp Wolters was used between 1925 and 1946 by the Texas National Guard and the U.S. Army for infantry training. A portion of the camp was reactivated in 1951 and used until 1974 for multiple military purposes by various branches of the Department of Defense. Several areas associated with the former Camp Wolters, known as Combat Ranges, were used between 1941 and 1946 and have been identified through historical research and site visits as having potential explosive hazards. The munitions known or suspected to have been used at the ranges include medium to large caliber munitions, mortars, grenades, bulk demolition materials, pyrotechnics and small arms ammunition.

The Combat Ranges are located northeast of downtown Mineral Wells, in Palo Pinto and Parker counties, Texas. A portion is located in Mineral Wells State Park and within the city limits of Mineral Wells. The land is publicly and privately owned, and is used for residential purposes, wildlife management and ranching.

Because explosive hazards associated with military munitions from past military training may remain at the Combat Ranges, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recommends that landowners and visitors follow the **3Rs of Explosives Safety – Recognize, Retreat and Report.**



Aerial view of the former Camp Wolters

Source: University of North Texas Libraries,
The Portal to Texas History, crediting Palo
Pinto County Historical Association

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What types of potential hazards exist?

A: Military munitions, such as medium to large caliber munitions, mortars, grenades, bulk demolition materials, pyrotechnics and small arms ammunition, are known or suspected to have been used at the Combat Ranges. 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: **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; and **Report** – 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

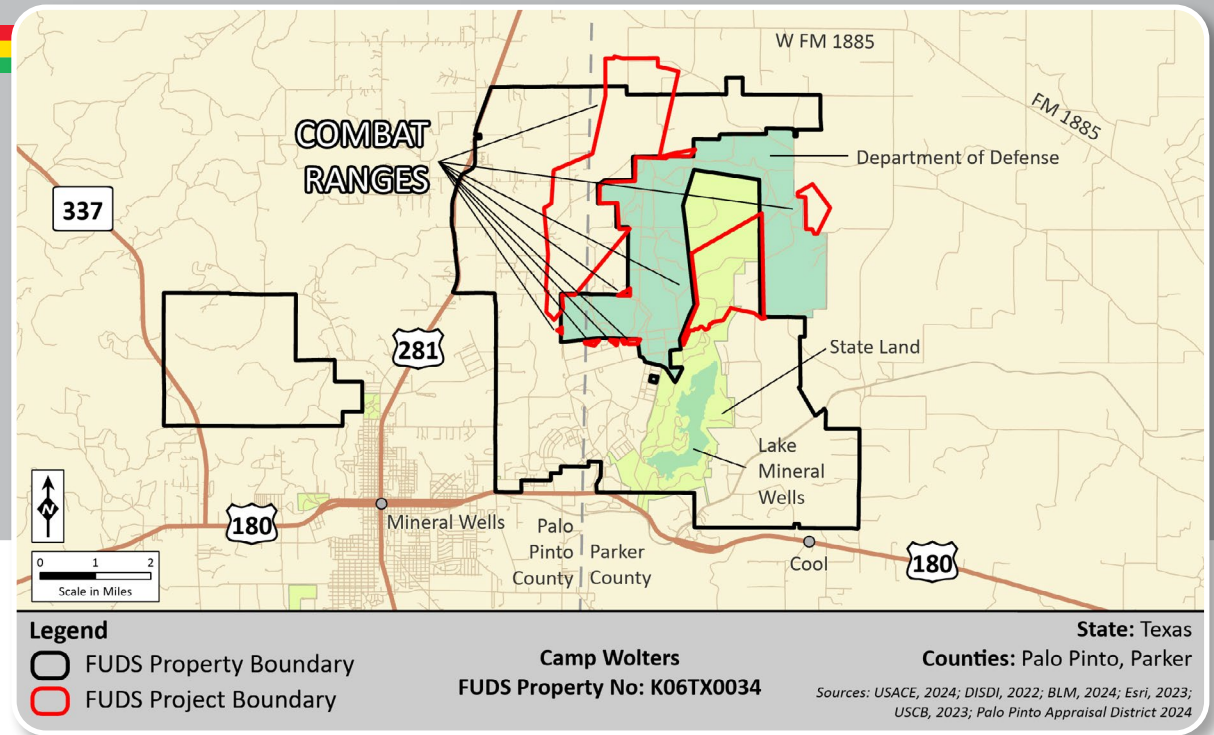
suspected to have been used at these ranges, and some munitions may remain on the property. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has determined that further investigation is required for the Combat Ranges at the former Camp Wolters.

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) or select the GIS Tool on the Interim Risk Management page at www.fuds.mil. Learn more about munitions and explosives safety at <https://3Rs.mil>.



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Example of a large caliber munition

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For More Information



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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 Camp Wolters, 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.

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