



# Practicing UXO Safety

## at the Former Saint-Bruno Range, parc national du Mont-Saint-Bruno, Montérégie, Québec

Training at past military sites often involved the use of ammunition that contained explosives, some of which did not function as intended. These old military munitions are called unexploded explosive ordnance (UXO). UXO may still be present at the former Saint-Bruno Range and can be dangerous if disturbed.

### History of the former Saint-Bruno Range

From 1938 to 1947, the former Saint-Bruno Range was used for military training and weapons practice. The military then used it as a rifle range until its closure in 2017.

In 2000, part of the former range was transferred to the Government of Québec and it now forms part of the parc national du Mont-Saint-Bruno (see figure 1). The Department of National Defence (DND) is working closely with the ministère de l'Environnement, de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques, de la Faune et des Parcs and the Société des établissements de plein air du Québec to ensure safe community use of the site.

### UXO risk reduction work

DND completed biological and UXO surveys in the east corner of the park in July 2023 and started removing UXO from targeted areas in fall of 2023. UXO removal work will continue throughout 2024. All UXO work will be performed between trees with environmental conservation measures in place. UXO safety signs will be installed in the area (see figure 2).

### Upcoming site work

- **UXO removal:** 21 May 2024 to late fall 2024
- **Location:** east corner of the parc national du Mont-Saint-Bruno

### Trail use

Trails will remain open while this work is underway, with limited temporary closures expected.

We encourage you to use good judgement and caution when using this part of the parc national du Mont-Saint-Bruno. This includes staying on designated trails and avoiding digging or starting campfires.

### UXO program

Through its UXO program, DND is working to reduce UXO risks at former military sites across Canada and ensure these areas are safe for Canadians. DND conducts ongoing research, interviews, and in-person site visits. If any possible risks are identified, steps are taken to inform the public and perform the necessary UXO site surveys and clearance work. To learn more about UXO safety and DND's UXO program, visit [Canada.ca/UXO-Safety](https://Canada.ca/UXO-Safety).

## If you see something that looks like it may be UXO, please follow these steps:



Don't touch it.



Turn around and leave the area the same way you came in.



Call 911 or local police.

If you have any questions about DND's UXO activities at the former Saint-Bruno Range, please contact us at :  
[UXOCanada@forces.gc.ca](mailto:UXOCanada@forces.gc.ca).

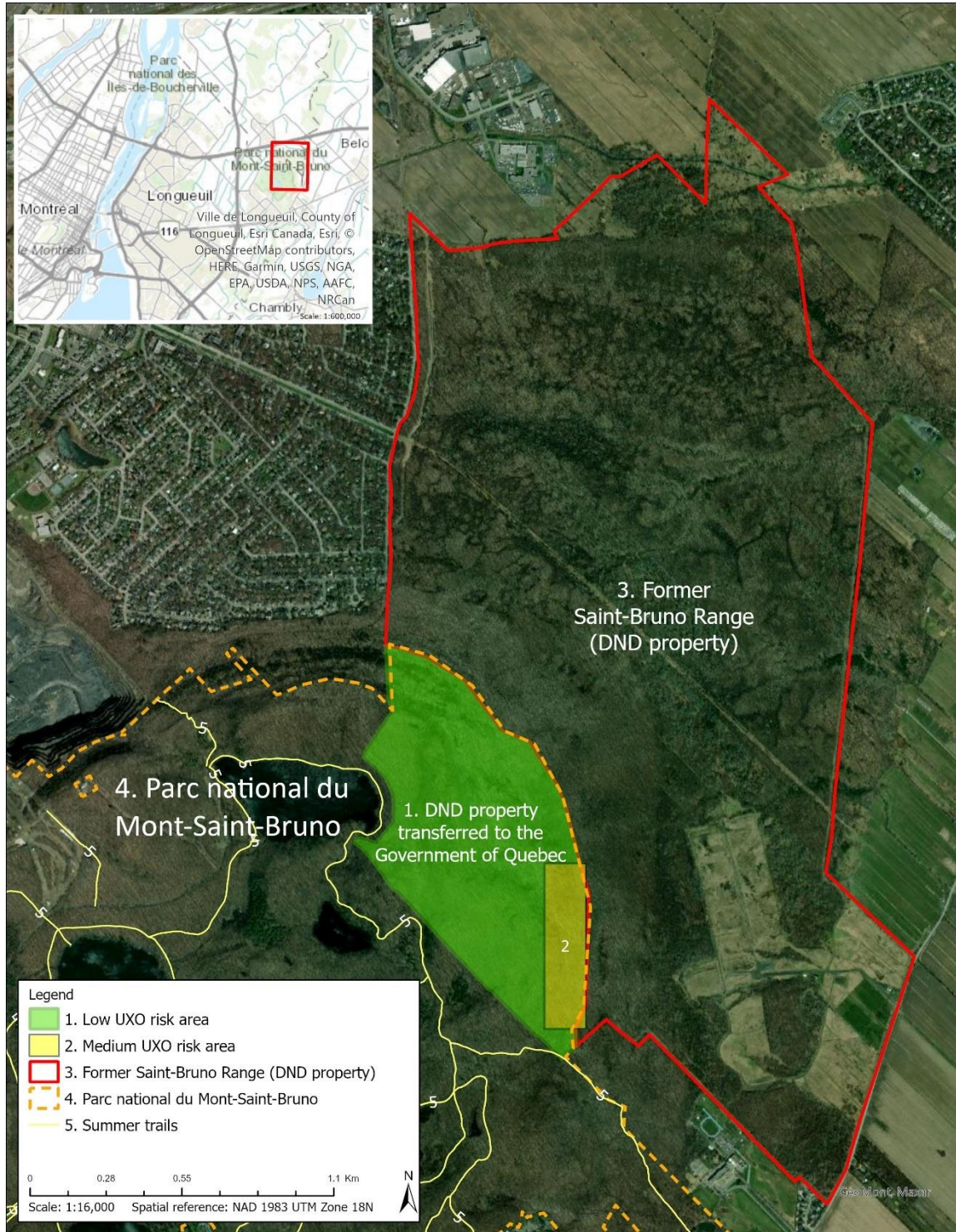


Figure 1 – Map of the former Saint-Bruno Range, and area of UXO survey and removal work in the east corner of the parc national du Mont-Saint-Bruno





# Caution! Attention!

## Former military training area

## Ancien secteur d'entraînement militaire

If you see something that looks like it may be Unexploded Explosive Ordnance (UXO):

Si vous apercevez un objet qui ressemble à une munition explosive non explosée (UXO) :

Don't touch it



N'y touchez pas

Turn around and leave the area



Faites demi-tour et quittez les lieux

Call 911 or local police



Appelez le 911 ou la police locale



No dig area/  
défense de  
creuser



Stay on trails/  
rester sur les  
sentiers



No camp fires/  
feux de camp  
interdits

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Figure 2 - UXO safety sign