Youth Safety at the former Blair Rifle Range

About the former Blair Rifle Range and UXO

The former Blair Rifle Range, located in the Northlands area of North Vancouver, was used by the Canadian Armed Forces for military training from the 1930s to 1960s. Soldiers trained in this area with different kinds of weapons and often used live ammunition. These weapons included different types of bombs called mortars and grenades, and some of it didn't explode when it should have. These old bombs are called unexploded explosive ordnance or UXO.

What does UXO look like?

UXO can look like pieces of old junk, rusty pipes, rusted cans, pieces of metal, or discarded parts from a car engine. No matter how old UXO is, it's always dangerous because of the way it was made and because it has explosives inside. **Never touch anything** that looks like it may be UXO.

UXO can be hard to spot. It can be covered with grass or leaves. Sometimes it's covered in dirt or underneath snow, but it can even be underwater in a pond or beside a river.

Staying safe at the former Blair Rifle Range

There may still be UXO at the former Blair Rifle Range. To ensure the safety of people visiting the area, the Department of National Defence (DND) conducted a search, and cleared away UXO near the marked trails that people walk, jog and bike on.

We also put up **safety signs** to warn people about how to stay safe and what to do if they see something that may be UXO.

Because this is an old military training area, it's important to practice UXO safety whenever you're in the area. **Always stay on marked trails** for walking, jogging or biking. **Do not dig or start a campfire,** and **never touch anything that looks like it could be UXO.**

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 Blair Rifle Range, please contact us at UXOCanada@forces.gc.ca.

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