



# Range Manual

Eugene, Oregon Chapter

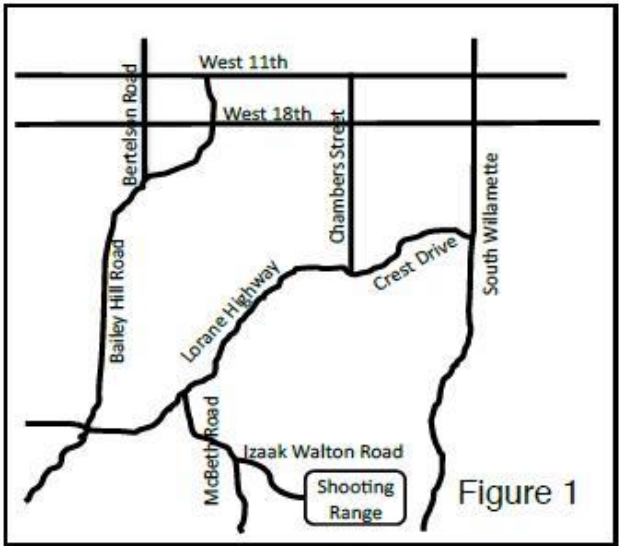
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# Range Basics

The Eugene Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America operates a shooting range at 30930 Izaak Walton Road. The range is at the east end of the road and through a sliding electronic activated gate. See Figure 1.

You must be a Eugene Chapter member with a current gate card or fob, or a guest in the company of a Eugene Chapter member with current access, to enter the range.



Each member is responsible for their behavior and the behavior of his or her guests and their compliance with all range rules.

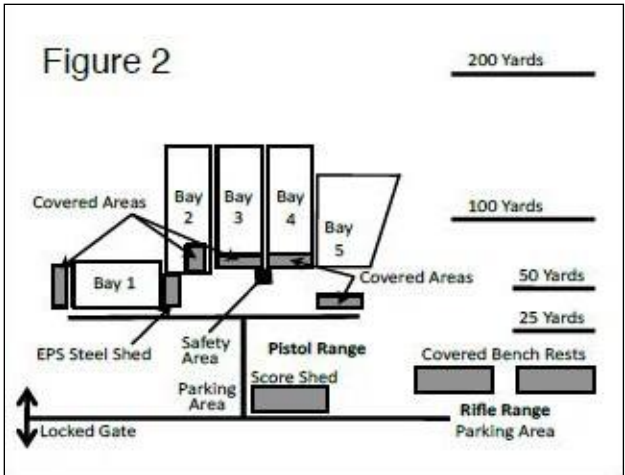
All IWLA board members are senior range safety officers and have total discretion over all range activities. All members are required to

abide by the decisions of Senior RSOs. Failure to do so will result in automatic loss of membership privileges without reimbursement. In the event of disagreement with a SRSO decision, the member is invited to the next board meeting (4th Tuesday of the month; check the website for location) to plead their case. Decision of the board is final.

The range consists of five pistol bays and a rifle range. See Figure 2. Both areas have portable toilets.

The five pistol bays allow for live-fire pistol drills and timed movement through staged scenarios, as well as basic target shooting.

Bays 1-4 have covered areas for protection from bad weather. A safety area for handling unloaded handguns is located between Bay 3 and Bay 4.



Shooters are encouraged to use bays 3 and 4 before other bays.

Due to the **EXTREME** hazard to both shooters and bystanders from bullet fragments bouncing off steel targets, users of any steel target should be **AT LEAST 10 yards** from the target when engaging. Further is better, but this should be considered an absolute **MINIMUM!**

The rifle range has two covered areas with bench rests. Target stands are set at 25, 50, 100, and 200 yards. Three Steel Target Plates are located at the 200 yard line. A single steel plate is located above and to the left side of the 200 yard Target stand. It is only visible from the first three bays of the Lower Rifle Shed. It is 280 yards from the firing line. **Under no circumstances is anyone allowed to access this target for any reason except during cleanup and maintenance days.**

Shooting in either the pistol bays or the rifle range is permitted only on a designated firing line. A Eugene Chapter member with guests is the range officer in control of and responsible for the safety of their guests.

All shooters are expected to use their firearms only at the appropriate location for their particular firearm as defined in the ***Range Rules*** section of this booklet.

Range operation and maintenance are a volunteer effort. Please do your part: pick up after yourself and your guests and volunteer for range activities.



# Hours of Operation

The range is open daily from 8:00AM to 7:00PM or sundown, whichever is earlier, with two exceptions.

First, the fourth Saturday of each month is range clean-up day. All or part of the range may be closed for repair, maintenance, or improvements. Shooting is allowed after maintenance is complete. Check with maintenance personnel to assure range is safe

for shooting. Eugene Chapter members are encouraged to volunteer for these activities. Time spent volunteering services for the range qualifies for workbond equal to 1 hour = \$5.00 credit toward the member's range fee.

Second, each year prior to Western Oregon deer season, the rifle range is closed even to Eugene Chapter members for Sighting-In Days. Sighting-In Days has been an annual Eugene Chapter public service and fundraising event at the range for over 50 years.

During Sighting-In Days, the rifle range is open to the public to sight in rifles in return for a donation. **Eugene Chapter members wishing to sight in their rifles must also donate.** Again, as with range clean-up, Eugene Chapter members are encouraged to volunteer to staff this activity.

# The Four Rules of Firearm Safety

As a member of the Eugene Chapter, you represent the range and shooting sports to guests and other individuals. This is your opportunity to demonstrate safe firearms procedures and serve as an example, especially to new shooters, as they learn the sport. The following four rules of firearm safety are based on a common sense respect for the destructive capability of firearms. Please memorize these rules, repeat them to your guests, and practice them at all times.

**1) Always assume a firearm is loaded.**

Therefore:

**2) Never point a firearm at anything you don't wish to destroy.**

**3) Keep your finger off the trigger until your sights are on target.**

**4) Be sure you know what is behind your target and about to pass in front of your target.**

# Eugene Chapter Range Rules

## **Members and Guests**

- 1) This is a private shooting range for members of the Eugene Chapter, IWLA.
- 2) Membership cards must be visibly worn on range property.
- 3) People enter this range at their own risk.
- 4) Guests must be accompanied by a member who is responsible for guest safety and compliance with all range rules.

5) People entering this range must be legally able to possess firearms under existing state and federal statutes.

## **General Range Procedures**

6) Loaning gate cards or fobs is strictly prohibited.

7) Vehicles must stay on designated roads. Speed limit is 15 miles per hour.

8) No alcohol or drugs at the range, nor anyone under their influence.

9) Eye and ear protection is mandatory in all shooting areas, **even for nonshooters.**

## **Archery Rules**

10) No broadheads, broached or expandable arrows.

11) Standard long bows, recurve bows, and compound bows are acceptable on the range.

12) Always draw the bow pointed toward the target, with or without arrows, never into the air.

- 13) Family members under 16 must be accompanied by an adult member.
- 14) Wait behind shooting line until all archers are finished shooting and the signal to collect (clear) is given.
- 15) Never shoot in front of the entrance to Pistol Bay #1.
- 16) Before shooting, check to make sure your equipment is safe, and wear eye and ear protection at the range.
- 17) Most importantly vary your targets on Club Archery Target to extend its lifespan.

## **Firearm Safety**

- 18) Observe the four rules of firearm safety (pages 9-10) at all times.
- 19) It is recommended that firearms be carried from vehicles to shooting benches fully enclosed in cases and that cases be set on benches muzzle-end down range before removing the rifle.
- 20) Except when preparing to fire, rifles are to be unloaded and with actions open.

- 21) Loaded firearms should never be pointed above the berm or other designated backstop.
- 22) Uncased firearms must have actions open unless on a firing line. Holstered handguns are considered cased.
- 23) Uncased firearms must always point directly down range or be carried vertically, pointed up or down.
- 24) Unloaded rifles must be placed on a shooting bench or in a designated rack. Actions must be open.
- 25) At the rifle range, load and shoot only from the designated firing line. In the pistol bays, load and shoot only within the area protected by berms and side walls.
- 26) No tracer, flare, incendiary, explosive, or steel core penetrator ammunition or Tannerite type targets at any time.
- 27) Fully automatic firearms may be used only with prior authorization of the Board.

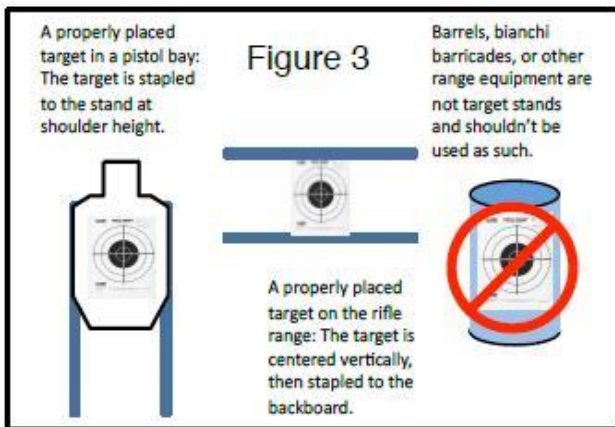


28) **[THIS IS A NOISE ORDINANCE]** Only rifles chambered in cartridges with standard powder capacities of LESS than 130 grains are permitted at the rifle range (standard capacities are found in loading manuals of reputable firms). Handguns and shotguns firing slugs are permitted.

29) FIRING SHOT FROM A SHOTGUN IS NOT PERMITTED AT ANY TIME OR AT ANY LOCATION ON RANGE PROPERTY EXCEPT AS SPECIFICALLY PERMITTED BY THE BOARD.

30) Handguns, and long guns chambered in handgun calibers, may be fired in the pistol bays. **However, firing rifle calibers in any barrel length is NOT allowed.** Examples of permitted calibers: 22LR, .38 Special, .45 Colt, and .44 magnum. Examples of NOT PERMITTED calibers: .223 Remington, 7.6x39, and .308 Winchester.

## Targets and Shooting



31) All targets must be affixed to designated target stands or at the designated height of target boards. See Figure 3.

32) Use of approved steel targets is as follows: Eugene Practical Shooters' targets located in the steel shed, next to the latrine, are permitted in the pistol pits. Purchase of an entry key is allowed after a member has observed a club sanctioned match and paid a \$25 key fee.

Targets from the EPS shed and the dueling trees **must remain in the pistol bays**. Members may purchase board approved steel targets to use either in the pistol bays or on the rifle range. Please see website for specific information. **No steel targets other than the board approved targets are allowed!**

33) Only paper or cardboard targets are allowed. Eugene Practical Shooters may use range-supplied steel targets at matches and for practice in the pistol bays. All rifle shooters may use the gongs or their approved steel targets.

34) Do not place targets beyond the 200 yard target stand or on any berm, backstop, barrel, or structure. **Do not go beyond the 200 yard Target Line.**

35) Never go forward of a firing line without first informing all other shooters.

36) When someone is down range, all firearms shall be unloaded and either cased or laid down with breech open. All firearms shall remain untouched until the "All Clear" is given.

## **Wildlife and Pets**

37) No shooting when wildlife is present in front of the firing lines.

38) No hunting on range property.

39) Pets must be on a secured leash no longer than 15 feet or in a portable kennel.

# Explicit Dos and Don'ts

## **Dos**

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**Do** shoot down range at all times.

**Do** use the target stands provided in the pistol bays and on the rifle range to hold your targets.

## **Don'ts**

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**Don't** point the muzzle of your gun up range, above the berm or backstop, or at the ground near your feet.

**Don't** use barrels, barricades, or other range equipment in place of target stands.

## **Dos**

**Do** use paper or cardboard targets.

**Do** pick up after yourself and your guests and leave the range a nicer place for the next shooter.

**Do** be an active Eugene Chapter member. Volunteer for range clean-up, improvement projects, and other special events.

## **Don'ts**

**Don't** use old DVDs, cans, any type of glassware, plastic bottles, or other recyclable garbage for targets.

**Don't** leave a mess for someone else to clean up.

**Don't** use unapproved steel targets.

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**Do** use approved steel targets.

**Don't** use trash cans for used cartridges.

**Do** remove your used targets after shooting.

The next shooter doesn't need to clean up your mess!

**Do** use cartridge recycle bins for used cartridges.

# Eugene Chapter Sponsored Events

The Eugene Chapter holds a number of regularly scheduled sports shooting events throughout the year. Range safety officers are on duty at the range during all Eugene Chapter-sponsored events. All present, members and guests alike, are subject to a range safety officer's orders. A range safety officer is empowered by the Board of Directors to eject anyone whose conduct the range safety officer considers to be a hazard to safety. In preparation



for an event, the Range Committee or the Board of Directors may modify the range rules as necessary to permit the safe and successful conduct of that event.

## **Scheduled Events**

**Sighting-In Days** is held each year prior to Western Oregon deer season. The Eugene Chapter has sponsored this public service and fundraising event for over 50 years. It is organized and staffed by chapter volunteers.

During this time, use of the rifle range requires a donation to the Eugene Chapter. The use of targets, benchrests, sandbags, and spotting scopes, as well as advice and coaching from experienced shooters, are included in the donation price.

## **Sports Shooting Events**

The Eugene Practical Shooters (EPS), in conjunction with the Eugene Chapter, sponsors sports shooting handgun matches on the first and third Saturday of each month rain or shine. All shooters are welcome. Fees vary according to the event. For more information, see the Eugene Practical Shooters website: [www.eugenepacticalshooters.com](http://www.eugenepacticalshooters.com), or the IWLA Eugene Chapter Calendar page.

Ladies only steel and IDPA matches are on the 4th Sunday of each month from April through September. For more information, contact Gina Gardner 541/554-4129 or email: [ginaggait@gmail.com](mailto:ginaggait@gmail.com). Check the website for details.

During all scheduled sports shooting events, that portion of the range being used for the event is cordoned off and closed to use by nonparticipants.

## **Monthly Calendar**

**Check the website!**

**[www.izaakwaltoneugene.org](http://www.izaakwaltoneugene.org)**

1st Saturday: Eugene Chapter Benefit Match.

2nd Saturday: Precision Rifle Match.

3rd Saturday: International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA) match.

4th Tuesday: Monthly Eugene Chapter meeting.  
Please see calendar on website for location and time.

4th Saturday: Range Maintenance and New Member Orientation. All or part of the range may be closed for clean-up, repair, general maintenance, or improvements.

4th Sunday: IWL Ladies Steel and IDPA Match, April through September.

# Contact Information

The Eugene Chapter and the range are governed by an elected Board of Directors. Questions or comments about the chapter or the range can be made at the monthly meetings. For further information or to contact the board between meetings, please contact:

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The following websites contain information relevant to firearm owners:

**[www.iwla.org](http://www.iwla.org)**

The IWLA is a national non-profit conservation organization defending soil, air, woods, waters, and wildlife.

**[www.izaakwaltoneugene.org](http://www.izaakwaltoneugene.org)**

The Eugene Chapter of IWLA supports local conservation projects, promotes the safe use of firearms, and operates a members-only shooting range.

**[www.eugenepacticalshooters.com](http://www.eugenepacticalshooters.com)**

EPS operates sports shooting events for the Eugene Chapter. The website contains directions to the range, sports shooting match dates, and match scores.

**[www.nra.org](http://www.nra.org)**

The National Rifle Association is a nonprofit organization that promotes firearm safety, lobbies in support of Second Amendment rights, and is the leader in firearms education.

**[www.oregonfirearms.org](http://www.oregonfirearms.org)**

The Oregon Firearms Federation is a nonprofit firearms-rights watchdog for Oregon.

**[www.idpa.com](http://www.idpa.com)**

The International Defensive Pistol Association focuses on concealed carry, defensive pistol tactics.

**[www.uspsa.org](http://www.uspsa.org)**

The United States Practical Shooting Association focuses on competitive sport pistol shooting.

**[www.nssf.org](http://www.nssf.org)**

The National Sports Shooting Federation is the industry trade association seeking to promote, protect, and preserve hunting and shooting sports.

**[www.oasr.org](http://www.oasr.org)**

The Oregon Association of Shooting Ranges supports and represents shooting ranges across the state.

**[www.gunowners.org](http://www.gunowners.org)**

The Gun Owners of America is a non-profit lobbying organization formed to preserve and defend the Second Amendment rights of gun owners.





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