



# THE OAK RIDGE SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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The Oak Ridge Sportsmen's Association (ORSA) is an organization of shooters, hunters, archers, fishermen and others, dedicated to outdoor sports, conservation, and encouragement of shooting sports. ORSA's goals are recreation, education, and support of regional, state, and national efforts to protect the rights of law-abiding citizens to continue to enjoy these activities freely and safely. The Association was originally formed in the early 1940's. Within a decade club members purchased the current property from the

Atomic Energy Commission, using funds derived from the sale of bonds. Volunteers from the membership have constructed the majority of the facility.

Membership in ORSA is open to any citizen of the United States who has never been convicted of a felony, and whose activities and behavior are consistent with the best interests of the majority of ORSA membership.

There are two types of memberships available. Annual members are expected to pay their dues (**\$150 currently**) on time and provide support for the various programs and labor required to maintain the facilities. Permanent members are those who have purchased two or more bonds from the Association (only one prior to 4-13-83). These bonds are for sale at a price of **\$100 each** and pay interest in the form of *reduced* ORSA dues. The bonds may be financially attractive to those over 65 years of age. Bondholders have all of the regular membership privileges and responsibilities, plus the right to vote on changes to ORSA By-Laws, and on the sale or purchase of real property. Contact the ORSA Secretary for details on bond purchases.

## RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

As an Annual Member you may enter the ORSA grounds at any time and use the facilities, subject to ordinary good sense and the particular rules for that facility. While the various programs have precedence over individual use, there is usually ample free time on every range. Use of special supplies such as target supports and 3D archery targets, and some facilities such as the skeet traps indoor range, competition range and action pistol range are controlled, and in general only those actively participating in those special interest programs may use these items/facilities. There are no restrictions on your "*joining*" the special interest clubs in ORSA. The clubs you hear mentioned are merely for organizational purposes. Contact the appropriate club officer and join in. **All members are expected to assist with the operation of ORSA, either by actively helping with one or more programs, by holding an office, or by contributing labor to Roads and Grounds for upkeep and improvement.**

Of ORSA's members, about 25% are active in regular programs. You do not have to participate, but if you do there are advantages. As an active member you have access to more of the equipment that can only be made available to organized programs. You can take advantage of group purchases of ammunition and reloading supplies at reduced prices. You will meet other members who share your interests, have specialized knowledge, are experts, and are generally willing to help. Instruction is often available in areas you may not know well and in general you will have the opportunity to learn more about shooting by observing others and swapping ideas.

Your membership is for your immediate family **ONLY** (Spouse & Children < 18 years). Your minor children **must** always be under your control while on the grounds. You are welcome to bring an occasional guest, but you should encourage "*local guests*" to join ORSA.

Un-sponsored applicants are on probation and must obtain a sponsor during their 1<sup>st</sup> membership year. A sponsor's statement must be submitted along with renewal dues this includes membership in NRA or other shooting related organization (IDPA, USPSA, NSSA, ATA, ASA, SASS etc.). You are always welcome at ORSA Board meetings, which currently occur on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm EST. You may also attend the meetings of the various clubs at the times established for that group. Your presence will help the officers keep in touch with your interests, and help you get to know ORSA better. Remember the more you actively participate, the more you get for your dues.

ORSA provides each member with a monthly newsletter (RANGEFINDER), either mailed to your address or via the ORSA website (ORSAONLINE.ORG). **Read it!!!** A calendar of events and a list of officers are always included. Contact any officer for information on any event that interests you.

ORSA is a **PRIVATE** club. Non-members may attend scheduled activities, but otherwise the grounds are restricted to members and their escorted guests. Our insurance policy and common sense demand that we be firm in this respect. While at ORSA, always wear your membership badge. Remember that your badge and key are non-transferable-- loaning or duplicate them is strictly prohibited. If you meet someone without a badge who is neither at

a scheduled event nor escorted by a member, introduce yourself and inquire whether they are a member. If they are not, make sure they understand that the grounds are private property and request they leave. The Board will prosecute flagrant cases of trespassing.

## **PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO ORSA MEMBERS**

ORSA operates several programs for which new members are encouraged to register. In general these programs require a modest fee to cover costs such as targets. Firearms are often provided to club members. The newsletter provides information on courses. Contact the specific program organizers for details. The Board must approve all programs, schools, or group activities. Use of the facilities for commercial purposes is prohibited.

**INSTRUCTIONAL SCHOOLS:** Several schools including pistol, smallbore rifle, skeet and archery are open to members for a modest fee to cover expenses. Only the smallbore rifle school is open to adolescents (those under 19). NRA qualified instructors provide expert instruction. Usually participants only need to provide ammunition and ear and eye protection. Classes are held several times each year for those members desiring to obtain a Tennessee Firearms Carry Permit. For these classes, members must provide their own firearms and ammunition.

**COMPETITIVE LEAGUES:** Numerous competitive leagues including skeet, NRA, IDPA, IPSC and SASS pistol, smallbore rifle silhouette, smallbore gallery and prone rifle, silhouette pistol and DCM operate year round. Competition is informal, however rigorous safety rules are enforced by qualified range officers. Modest entry fees cover expenses and national organization registration.

**SCHEDULED MATCHES:** Throughout the year local and regional matches are scheduled and advertised in the newsletter. Owing to the uniqueness of the Association's facilities, competitors from as far away as Maine and Florida participate. Non-members are welcome to participate.

## **GENERAL RULES FOR USE OF ORSA RANGES AND OTHER FACILITIES**

Always fire straight down range towards the hillsides at an appropriate target. **DO NOT** shoot across the ranges. Don't fire anything but skeet or trap loads above the horizon. Only load and handle weapons when the range is clear and no one is down range and you are ready to fire. No shooting of wildlife and no fully automatic weapons. **Absolutely NO alcoholic beverages or drugs on any of the ranges.**

**Never go into the woods down range on any range.** The archery range is the exception, of course, but even here; do not wander off the course into the wooded area behind the various targets.

**Clean up any mess you make on any range at any time.** Clean up the last person's mess if they were not decent enough to do it.

**Use each range for its intended purpose. THIS IS NOT AN ARBITRARY RULE!! The ranges are designed to be safe only when used as intended.**

**Eye and ear protection are MANDATORY. Participants and spectators at all the ranges must wear eye and ear protection.**

Remember that we have critical neighbors. **DO NOT fire before 9:00 AM, and never after sunset. No shooting on Sunday morning before 12:00 noon except for matches approved by the Board.** Some organized matches will begin before noon on Sundays, but this **does not** give the individual member authorization to shoot on any other range at that time.

Contact the ORSA BOARD to schedule any event or special occasion such as a large family picnic or to rent the Clubhouse. Use of ORSA by outside organizations must always be scheduled 90 days in advance through the ORSA Board. Additional general as well as specific rules are included herein. Specific rules are posted at each range. Please read them.

## ORSA FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR YOUR USE

(SEE MAP FOR LOCATIONS)

- (1) **CLUBHOUSE:** Available to members at a modest fee for meetings and parties with approval of ORSA Secretary. Facilities include TV, restrooms, kitchen and a fireplace. Restrooms are located inside the clubhouse and portable toilets are located about the ranges. The clubhouse is normally locked with access provided on a restricted basis as described for other restricted facilities.
- (2) **SKEET & (15) TRAP RANGES:** Three Skeet and three Trap range are available for your use. Due to the expense of the automatic traps used here as well as safety considerations unrestricted access is not allowed to this equipment. Portable traps and hand throwers are not permitted at any time. Use of the western most field (*field #3*) is restricted while the 1000 yard high power range is in use. No slugs or buckshot and no rifle or handgun fire on these ranges because of the fishing pond and HP ranges in the background and the proximity to our eastern boundary neighbors.
- (3) **HIGH POWER (HP) RIFLE RANGE:** The High Power Rifle Competition Range is recognized as one of the finest tournament ranges in the nation. Twenty-four firing points with protected pits and counterbalanced target carriers are provided. The range is used for organized, ORSA-sponsored tournaments, leagues, and rifle clinics. In addition to scheduled events, the High Power Rifle Range may be used for practice by ORSA members who hold an NRA rifle competition classification or who have participated in at least 50 percent of the CMP service rifle clinics conducted during the previous 12 months. Usage by outside organizations may be authorized by the ORSA Board but must be supervised by NRA-classified personnel designated by the ORSA Board. No other use is authorized. It is mandatory that the Fishing Pond be inspected and cleared before firing. Firing may take place only from marked firing lines at 200, 300, 600, 800, 900, or 1,000 yards. The access road must be blocked by closing the range control gate at the yard line in use--points **(B), (C), (D), (E), or (F)**. Only paper targets sanctioned for NRA or CMP competitions may be used. Targets must be mounted on 6' X 6' cardboard frames and tied to target carriers in the pits. The number of the target carrier must match the number of the firing point in use. To protect ORSA's investment in this competition range, plinking, hunting rifle sight-in, and all other casual uses are strictly prohibited.
- (4) **PLINKING RANGE:** This range currently receives little scheduled use but is frequently busy. You may shoot most calibers of handgun, any shotgun, muzzleloader, or small bore rifle here. **However, the use of centerfire rifles or handguns firing rifle cartridges is prohibited.** Bring your own target holders. This is the **ONLY** range you can plink on. Use metal cans or plastic jugs for plinking targets (no grass or rocks). Pick up garbage when finished. Avoid the pipe stands in the ground that are used to support homemade target holders.
- (5) **COMPETITION RANGE:** For competition or competition practice using smallbore rifle, handgun, or muzzleloader. Do not use centerfire rifle cartridges. Shoot only on ORSA approved target holders. No shotguns. Target lines at 25 yards, 50 yards, 50 m and 100 yards are equipped with pipe bases for target holders. Do not plink on this range because firing into the ground damages the target holders. Plink and shoot shotguns on the **(4) Plinking Range** to the east.
- (6) **BENCH REST RANGE:** Equipped with "both-handed" benches, covered firing points, and target holders at 50, 100, and 200 yards may be used for precision shooting of any caliber rifle, handgun, or shotgun (with slugs) at paper targets only. **If target holders (made of fiberboard) are not up, do not hang targets on the wooden frames!!!** Fire only from the bench area, not from the ground in front. The road to the target area is for maintenance only. A gravel walkway has been provided down the center of the range for shooters to walk to stands. For safety purposes stay on this walkway while hanging/removing targets so that you may be seen by shooters at or approaching the shooting benches. **NEVER** fire shotguns (with shot) at these boards; several hits from a scatter loaded with shot will destroy them. This range is specially designed for sighting-in hunting rifles, and for super-accurate shooting from the benches. **Watch it!!!...The Field Archery Range** is close to our western boundary. Absolutely no plinking.
- (7) **FIELD ARCHERY RANGE:** This walk-through range is designed for the bow hunter. Under no circumstances are firearms or crossbows to be carried into the range. **NO GUNS HERE EVER!!** In order to preserve the expensive targets, use only target or field points. Contact an archery club member before wandering down the trail.
- (8) **INDOOR RANGE:** Equipped with restrooms, central heating, exhaust fans, shooting booths with electric target carriers, illuminated targets, drinking water fountain, gun rest, storage and lobby space. It is impractical to allow unrestricted access to this range. Past vandalism and abuse has made it impossible to issue keys without special training and precautionary measures. The range is usable for smallbore rifle,

smallbore handgun, centerfire handguns using target ammunition only (no jacketed or magnum loads), and for archery; This range is used extensively for several regular shooting programs including Junior Rifle, and Beginner's Pistol courses.

- (9) **PICNIC AREA:** There seems to be very little interest in this area; and it has not been maintained. Currently, there are no facilities to use; of course, NO shooting is ever permitted here.
- (10) **FISHING POND:** Open to all members and family any evening **after sunset, until 8 A.M.** Also every **Sunday until noon** (except during scheduled High Power Shoots), and every day when no one is using the HP range. If asked to leave by a HP range user during the daylight hours after 8 A.M., **please do so without grumbling.** After all, there are more fishing holes in Tennessee than rifle ranges. Rules are simple. NO live bait is to be used. If you must have minnows, seine them out of the pond and bury those you don't use. **DO NOT** feed to the bass and bream. Take only what you are going to eat today and throw the babies back to grow. No nets (except for minnows), no shooting into the lake, and no swimming...our insurance man has migraines if we even mention it. Boats are fine, but no motors.
- (11) **MAIN GATES:** **Always lock the main & secondary gates when entering or leaving** unless there is a scheduled event in progress.
- (12) **MATCH CAMPING:** For out-of-town shooters in matches; see R&G Chairman's for use. No fee is charged for visiting shooters.
- (13) **BUFFER SPACE:** This open space between the Plinking Range and the Covered Competition Range is not to be used for any reason.
- (14) **ACTION PISTOL RANGE:** This range has seven bermed shooting lanes and is used for organized, ORSA sponsored competitive events of action pistol organizations such as the International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC), International Defensive Pistol Association (IDPA), and the Single Action Shooting Society (SASS). In addition to organized competitions, the action pistol range may be used by ORSA members who are also members of IPSC, IDPA, or SASS for competition practice under the restrictions set forth later herein. No other use is authorized. In particular, there will be no plinking by any members on the action pistol range.

In over 50 years of use, there have been only three firearms injuries on the ORSA grounds. Don't jeopardize your future; that of someone else or that of ORSA itself by a stupid act or careless moment. Don't hesitate to object when someone else is being careless or is violating the rules laid down for use of the different ranges. Contact any officer, or call the Oak Ridge Police if you witness vandalism, trespassers, or other abuse of your Association's facilities.

## ORSA RANGE RULES

### General Safety Rules For All Ranges

- No hunting of any kind.
- No shooting under the influence or possession of alcohol or drugs.
- Do not shoot before 9AM (noon Sunday) or after sunset.
- Before shooting check down range.
- No handling of guns with personnel down range.
- Always keep guns pointed in a safe direction. Shoot straight down range.
- Guns open and unloaded at all times except when on shooting station and ready to shoot.
- Obey all NRA and other applicable range and safety rules.
- Eye and Ear protection mandatory for both shooting and watching.
- Plink ONLY on the Plinking Range
- NO** fully automatic firearms are permitted.

## Range Locator by Firearm & Ammunition Type

### Rifles

Centerfire - Bench Rest & High Power Rifle Range.

Permitted on Action Pistol Range for supervised IPSC matches and permitted for SASS matches and practice if rifles are of pistol caliber and of a type designed before 1900 (ie, those permitted by SASS rules). Rimfire .22 – Plinking, Competition, Bench Rest, and Indoor Range Shotshells – Plinking Range

### Handguns

Centerfire Rifle Cartridges - Silhouette and Bench Rest Ranges

Authorized as permitted by the several action shooting organizations on the Action Pistol Range during supervised matches and practice.

Centerfire Pistol - Plinking, Competition, Bench Rest, and Action Pistol Ranges. For the Action Pistol Ranges, cartridges are restricted to power factors of 230 or less (muzzle velocity times bullet weight divided by 1000)

Target Lead only – Competition and Indoor Ranges

Rimfire .22 – Plinking, Competition, Bench Rest, Action Pistol and Indoor Range Shotshells  
– Plinking Range

### Shotguns

Shotshells - Skeet, Trap and Plinking Ranges. Authorized for use in practicing on Action Pistol range in Bays having all steel targets only. Authorized on other bays only during supervised matches.

Slugs - Plinking and Bench Rest Ranges

Buckshot – Plinking Range

### Muzzleloaders

Solid Bullet – Plinking, Competition, Action Pistol and Bench Rest Ranges

Shot – Action Pistol and Plinking Ranges

### Pneumatic Guns

Pellets - Plinking, Competition, Bench Rest and Indoor Ranges BB's

– Plinking, Competition and Bench Rest

### Bows

Arrows with field or target points – Archery and Indoor Ranges

Arrows with hunting points – Plinking Range

### CrossBows

Bolts – Plinking Range and in designated archery crossbow area

**FULLY AUTOMATIC FIREARMS ARE NOT PERMITTED AT ANY TIME!!**

## Range List

Numbers in ( ) REFER TO MAP LOCATIONS

### (2) SKEET & (15) TRAP RANGES

Shot ONLY: shotguns with shotshells. No Slugs or Buckshot. No shotshell larger than no. 8 for skeet ranges and no larger than no. 7 ½ for Trap ranges. Shoot pattern boards with lead shot only. No Slugs. Violators will be banned from the ranges. Use NSSA or ATA approved targets only. Never shoot at broken or irregular targets. Only trained or qualified personnel are permitted to load and operate the traps. Guns must be open at all times except when on the shooting stations or in the racks. When on station and ready to shoot—load no more than two shells on any station except station 8 where only one shell may be loaded. Before leaving station, remove all shells, spent or unspent, from gun.

### (3) HIGH POWER RIFLE RANGE

Shoot ONLY: High Power target rifles at proper distances (200, 300, 600, 800, 900, and 1000 yards). Before shooting, close the appropriate safety gate across the road; make sure the fishing pond, High Power Silhouette and target pit areas are clear. Shoot only at NRA approved high power rifle targets hung on range target frames.

### (4) PLINKING RANGE

Shoot ONLY: .22 caliber rimfire rifles and handguns. Muzzleloading rifles and handguns. Handguns with pistol or revolver cartridges. No centerfire rifle cartridges. Shotguns with either shotshells, buckshot, or slugs. No centerfire rifle shooting allowed. Use targets such as cardboard or wooden boxes, plastic jugs or bottles, paper or clay targets and swingers. DO NOT use glass bottles, hard targets, or objects capable of turning bullets. **Clean the range after use. Pick up all target debris.**

### (5) COMPETITION RANGE

Shoot ONLY: .22 caliber rimfire rifles and handguns. Muzzleloading rifles and handguns. Handguns with pistol or revolver cartridges. No centerfire rifle cartridges. No centerfire rifle or shotgun shooting allowed. **No Plinking.** Use only ORSA approved or provided targets stands and targets. **DO NOT** fire in such a way that the bullets strike pipe target holders which are installed in the ground.

#### **(6) BENCH REST RANGE**

Shoot ONLY: Rifles, both centerfire and rimfire. Muzzleloading rifles and handguns. Shotguns with slugs only. No shotshells or buckshot. Handguns, both centerfire and rimfire. Use this range for sighting in and target shooting only. **No Plinking.** Only paper targets are to be used on this range and are to be hung in the inner areas of the target frames only. Walk down the centerline path to place and remove targets. *The road at left side of the range is for maintenance only.*

#### **(7) FIELD ARCHERY RANGE**

Arrows must have target or field points only. No broadheads, blunts, or low penetration points allowed. NO crossbows or firearms allowed. Shoot ONLY at designated targets. Stay in the shooting lanes. Never stand in front of the shooting line. **DO NOT** walk the course backwards. Follow the numbered signs. When retrieving lost arrows behind targets, stand bow on target face in plain view of approaching archers. Check behind before pulling arrows. The nock end can injure bystanders.

#### **(8) INDOOR RANGE**

Shoot only: .22 caliber rimfire rifles or handguns. Rimfire and centerfire handguns with lead alloy handgun ammunition only. No magnum loads. Archery-target or field point only. No crossbows. No broadheads, blunts, or low penetration points allowed. **DO NOT** use jacketed, half jacketed, or gas checked bullets. Range fans are to be operated when shooting firearms. Only approved paper targets are to be used in this range. They are to be hung such that bullets do not strike target carriers, or surrounding framework and/or wood rails on the wall down range used for hanging targets. **Smoking or eating in the range is highly discouraged.** **Unburned powder is present as are highly flammable excelsior bales.** Do not dispose of cigarette butts in the water fountain, bathroom fixtures, or in the landscaping outside the range. Excelsior bales are for archery only. Check behind you before pulling arrows from bales. Clean the range after use.

#### **(10) FISHING POND**

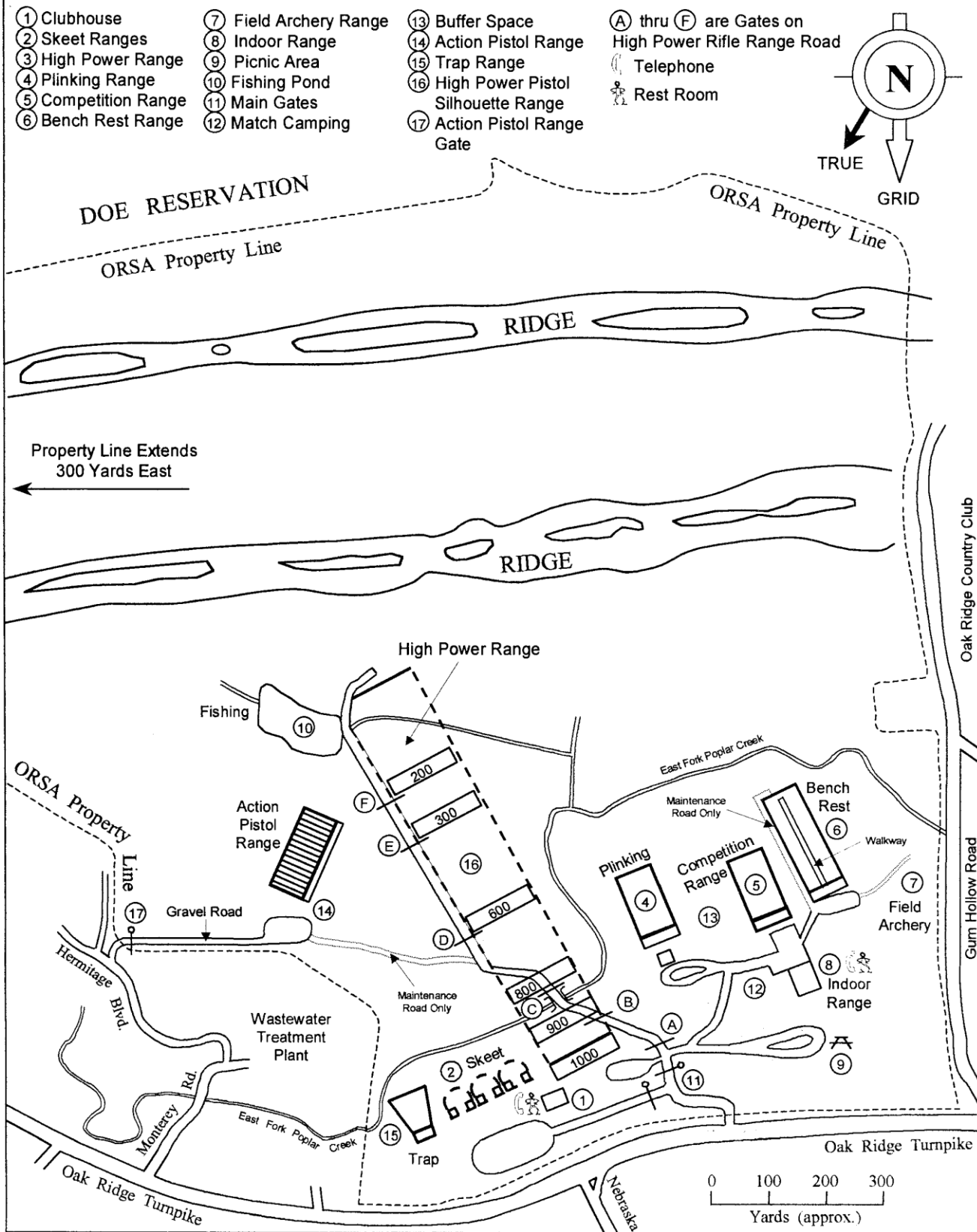
Pond is for fishing only. Swimming is prohibited. No firearms. Fish with dead bait or artificial bait only. Worms, crickets, etc are permitted but not minnows. No motorized boats allowed on the pond. **Shooting takes precedent over pond usage.** No fishing when High Power Range is in use.

#### **(14) ACTION PISTOL RANGE**

The safety regulations of the various action shooting organizations will be followed. Shooting may take place only in the designated shooting bays. All shots must impact on one of the walls of the active shooting bay. Muzzles must remain down range and not break the 180 degree line. Only one shooter will be allowed to fire in any one bay at a time. Targets must be approved IPSC or IDPA paper or steel targets. No glass, paper, wood, glass, plastic or cans. All targets must be placed on ORSA approved target stands. Steel targets may be of any design, but must be placed a minimum of 12 yards from the point from which in will be engaged. Props, barricades, barriers, etc. will not be used as target stands. All targets must be placed to assure that no shoot through or near misses will impact any prop, barricade or barrier. Thrown targets are not permitted. **Plinking is absolutely prohibited.**

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