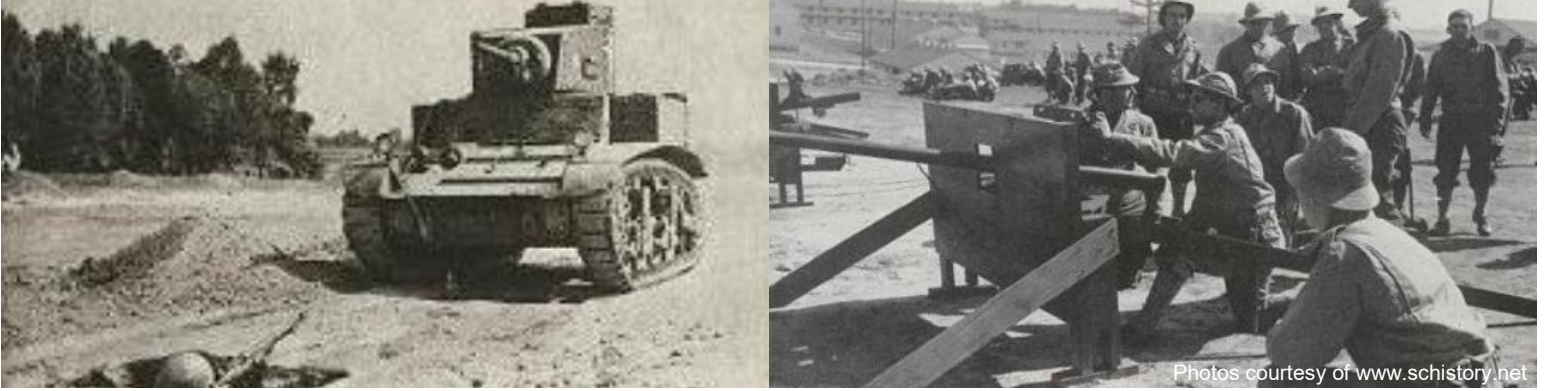


SITE SUMMARY



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DEFENSE ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROGRAM FOR FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES

Across the country, the Department of Defense acquired properties, often during times of war, to use for military training, testing, and demonstrations. When no longer needed, many of these properties were cleaned up according to the best practices available at the time and then transferred to other owners such as private individuals or other government entities. These Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) can range from privately-owned farms to National Parks. They also include residential, industrial, and educational properties. We are committed to protecting people and the environment and improving public safety by cleaning up these properties. The Defense Environmental Restoration Program for Formerly Used Defense Sites was established to evaluate and, if necessary, to remediate Formerly Used Defense Sites. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) manages the program on behalf of the Department of Defense.

Congress passed the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, also known as Superfund, in 1980 and the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act in 1986. These laws give the Corps the authority for certain cleanup activities and dictates the process we must follow. We conduct investigations to determine the potential risk to people and the environment from the military's use of the property. Public involvement and community participation are important components of the process. The Corps partners with stakeholders throughout the process, including congressional representatives, state and local governments, regulatory and environmental agencies, and affected property owners.

SUMMARY

The former Camp Croft comprises about 19,000 acres, located three miles southeast of Spartanburg City in South Carolina. The site was originally acquired between 1941 and 1944. Camp Croft was used for advanced training of Army units preparing for combat operations during WWII. Training was mostly to prepare for offensive warfare, which meant that infantry training was conducted across numerous ranges and through the wooded terrain beyond those established ranges. In 1947, the entire Camp Croft was declared excess and the land was disposed of piecemeal by sale or quitclaim to organizations, business interest, and former owners.

The Corps is concerned about potential hazards resulting from the military's use of these numerous training ranges. These overlapping ranges and maneuver training areas have been delineated into different projects:

Project 03 (Munition Debris Area): This project consists of five non-contiguous areas that total 269 acres, with four parcels near the Creek Golf Club and one a half mile south of Croft Lake. Debris from rockets, landmines, mortars and various grenades have been found in these areas. The project is currently in the Remedial Action phase and is expected to move into indefinite Long Term Management in 2022.

Project 04 (CP CROFT): This project is allocated for the Active Restoration Advisory Board that meets quarterly to discuss projects and activities within the former Camp Croft.

Project 05 (Range Complex Remaining Lands): This project addresses the 9,093 acres not associated with any specific range listed in this fact sheet. Munitions debris is sparse and hazards are considered low.

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Project 06 (Rocket and Rifle Grenade Area): This is a 109-acre area south of the corner of Dairy Ridge Road and Highway 295. Substantial amounts of munitions, including rockets, grenades, warheads, and fuzes, have been found here. In 2013, a Time Critical Removal Action was performed here; approximately 9,900 pounds of munitions debris were properly removed and disposed.

Project 07 (Maneuver Area/Croft State Park): Three separate parcels of land in Croft State Park near Croft Lake totaling 1,277 acres are suspected as former maneuver areas. Previous investigations have uncovered 60mm and 81mm mortars, 2.36" M9 rocket debris, and various types of unexploded ordnance and munitions debris/fragments on or near the ground surface.

Project 08 (60/81mm Mortar Area): This 301-acre area along Henningston Road was used as a mortar range. During previous investigations, unexploded ordnance and munitions debris from 60/81mm mortars were found.

Project 09 (Grenade Maneuver Area): This is a 451-acre area near Johnson Lake Road and Diamond D Club Road. Previous investigations have uncovered munitions debris from hand grenades and high explosive mortars.

Project 10 (105mm Area): Located south and west of Highway 176 out to Whitestone Road, this 1,400-acre site was used for artillery and combat training. Multiple investigations and removal efforts have occurred here to address the thousands of pounds of munitions debris found over time, including 105mm projectiles, mortars, smoke canisters, and explosive bursters.

Project 11 (60mm Mortar Area): This 303-acre area is located between State Road S 42-390 and Whitestone Road. Previous investigations have uncovered an expended 60mm practice mortar and grenade, munitions debris and undifferentiated fragments, and debris from 2.36" rockets.

Project 12 (Gas Chamber and Cantonment Areas of Interest): These five non-contiguous areas total 67 acres and are located along Dairy Ridge Road and east of the Kohler plant. Historically, rifle grenade, grenade, mortar, and small arms debris have been found in the area.

Project 13 (Grenade Court): Previously used as a grenade court, this 25-acre area is located northwest of the corner of Dairy Ridge Road and Highway 295. Previous investigations have not found munitions debris onsite, but historic drawings and photographs suggest grenade training occurred here.



SAFETY FIRST: Remember the 3 Rs

Because of how the military used the area, there could potentially be buried munitions in portions of the different Camp Croft project sites. These could be dangerous and may not be easily recognizable. Never touch, move, or disturb something you think may be a munition. Remember the 3 Rs: Recognize, Retreat, Report.

Recognize: The item you found could be dangerous. **Retreat:** Do not touch it in any way, and leave the area.

Report: Call 911 immediately.

 **Recognize**  **Retreat**  **Report**

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