



STATE FOREST TARGET SHOOTING REGULATIONS

THE LETTER OF THE LAW

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General Forest Recreation Rules & Public Conduct

(9) Target Shooting.

(a) A Person may not:

- (A) Place targets on live trees or shoot live trees for any purpose;
- (B) Shoot across or along any road or trail;
- (C) Shoot carelessly, recklessly, or without regard for the safety of any Person, or in a manner that endangers, or is likely to endanger, any Person or property;
- (D) Shoot glass of any kind;
- (E) Shoot appliances, furniture, or other materials determined by Department personnel or a law enforcement officer to be garbage;
- (F) Shoot targets other than non-exploding targets commercially manufactured for the specific purpose of target shooting, except for paper targets privately manufactured by the Person or persons engaging in target shooting; or
- (G) Engage in target shooting or other shooting related activity at times between one half-hour after sunset until one half-hour before sunrise.

(b) A Person engaged in target shooting must:

- (A) Remove from State Forest Land all shell casings, targets, and other debris resulting from the target shooting activity; and
- (B) Use an appropriately sized, non-flammable, natural backstop or a commercially-manufactured bullet recovery system of sufficient size to capture all projectiles.

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THE TRANSLATION

Target Shooting “DO”s

- **DO** shoot between 1/2 hour before sunrise and 1/2 hour after sunset.
- **DO** know your surroundings so you aren’t shooting at trails, roads, forest employees or other forest visitors.
- **DO** pack out all of your garbage including brass, shells, targets and other trash.
- **DO** shoot at a fire safe backstop such as an earth berm or a commercially manufactured bullet recovery system that is big enough to catch all of your rounds.

Target Shooting “DON’T”s

- **DON’T** shoot exploding targets. (No Tannerite.)
- **DON’T** shoot targets that aren’t commercially made for target shooting unless they are paper targets you make at home.
- **DON’T** place targets on live trees or shoot at live trees for any purpose.
- **DON’T** place targets on stumps or logs.
- **DON’T** shoot into dry brushy areas.
- **DON’T** shoot in a manner that is likely to endanger people or property.
- **DON’T** shoot trash. This includes glass, appliances, furniture or other items you would normally throw away.