

Access Opportunities on the Defence Estate Aldershot & Minley Training Area



Location

Aldershot and Minley Training Areas are located to the west of Aldershot and north west of Farnborough in Hampshire.

Site Description

The two Training Areas cover an area of approximately 2000 hectares of lowland heathland habitat which supports a wide range of associated fauna and flora. It is made up of a diverse mosaic of heathland, conifer woodland, areas of mature and semi- mature broadleaved woodland, mire, scrub, acid grassland and grass meadows, particularly in the Minley area.


The majority of the area is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest and forms part of the European designated Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area.



Military Use

The Training Areas are used for dry training exercises only. Dry training does not involve the use of live ammunition, but it may include the use of pyrotechnics, blank ammunition and other battle simulators such as smoke grenades and thunder flashes. Be prepared for sudden noises!

Access Opportunities

Public access is permitted along all public rights of way within both Training Areas at all times. Open access on foot is allowed in areas within the managed access symbol  on the Ordnance Survey Explorer maps.

This access is subject to the terms and conditions of the Aldershot and District Military Byelaws, which are displayed at the principal access points onto the Training Areas.

Do not interrupt any military training activities and please observe the conditions of the Byelaws all times.

There are parking areas and lay-bys on the periphery of the Training Areas for use by the public and the military. Please do not obstruct vehicular access onto the Training Areas.

Further Information from

For further information on access please contact the Army Training Estate Training Area Officer on 01483 798357.

OS Map References

OS Landranger Sheet 186 (1:50,000)
OS Explorer Sheet 145 (1:25,000)

