Recreational Target Shooting Sites
San Bernardino National Forest

Recreational target shooting is an activity enjoyed by many people in Southern California. In the San Bernardino National Forest people can only shoot in designated and signed areas and only at certain times, due to fire danger rating. Contact your local Ranger Station to confirm the status of a shooting area. Target shooting areas may be closed due to fire restrictions, road conditions, and/or other safety issues. Adventure Pass may be required.

If an area is open, then the activity level will dictate terms and conditions in which shooting can occur such as the length of day or hours of operation. Activity Levels can be obtained by calling your local ranger station or (909) 382-2997.

» Lighting Gulch, Big Pine Flats and Arrastre are in Fire Danger Rating Area 692
» 1N09 is in Fire Danger Rating Area 665
» Bee Canyon is in Fire Danger Rating Area 673
» Fobes Road is in Fire Danger Rating Area 670

• Shooting will be allowed all day during activity levels 1 & 2
• Shooting will close at 1:00pm during activity level 3
• Shooting is NOT allowed during activity levels 4 & 5

If the target shooting area is closed, shooters have another option. There are three developed shooting ranges on the forest, listed here:

• Lytle Creek Firing Line (951) 782-7436
• Big Bear Valley Sportsman Club (909) 585-4686
• Arrowhead Fish & Game (909) 337-7000

Ammunition, firearms & targets
• Target shooting rules apply to firearms, air rifles and gas guns. This includes devices used in recreational paintball activities.
• Shooters shall not use paintballs or other forms of ammunition that would result in visible residue except where authorized in ranges that operate under special use permit (see above).
• Steel core, armor piercing or Teflon ammunition is not permitted. You may only shoot at a target which is dirt, paper, wood, clay pigeon, or a spinning/knockdown target. Pick up and dispose of your targets when you are done.
• Shooters are prohibited from destroying any natural future. Also prohibited is discharging a firearm or any other implement (such as a bow) capable of taking human life, causing injury, or damaging property as follows: in or within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site or occupied area; or across or on a body of water; or in any manner or place whereby any person or property is exposed to injury or damage as a result in such discharge.

For more information, please contact:
• San Bernardino Supervisor’s Office (909) 382-2601
• Mill Creek Visitor Center (909) 382-2882
• Big Bear Discovery Center (909) 382-2790
• San Jacinto Ranger Station (909) 382-2921
TARGET SHOOTING is allowed ONLY in designated and signed areas.

Target Shooting Area / Fire Danger Rating Area (FDR)

Arreste 1 Target Shooting Area / FDR 692
Arreste 2 Target Shooting Area / FDR 692
Lightning Gulch Target Shooting Area / FDR 692
Big Pine Flats Target Shooting Area / FDR 692
1N09 Target Shooting Area / FDR 665

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