



**US Army Corps
of Engineers®**

**Restoration Advisory Board
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Camp Croft Formerly Used Defense Site
Spartanburg, South Carolina
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The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is providing an update for the Camp Croft FUDS to the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) in lieu of conducting the RAB meeting in person due to concerns regarding COVID-19. This update summarizes progress at the Camp Croft FUDS since the last RAB meeting held on 6 February 2020 (May 2020 RAB meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19).

1. Project 03 Munitions Debris Area and Project 05 Complex Remaining Lands:

The remedy identified in the January 2019 Decision Document (DD) consisting of Public Education for Projects 03 and 05 has been implemented. The Public Education tools implemented consists of signage and educational materials, to enhance the community's understanding of site conditions.

The signage was designed to inform the public of the potential presence of MEC and what to do if possible MEC is encountered. Sign design was based on the following considerations:

- The primary message is the Army's standard 3Rs (Recognize, Retreat, Report) message for Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) awareness
- Fitting the message to a sign size of at least 12 inches wide by 18 inches high
- Adjusting background color and information to be compatible with other park signs to maintain effectiveness.

Figure 1 depicts the two sign designs installed under this effort. The signs were installed from 22 June to 24 June 2020. Ninety-four signs were installed according to direction with UXO avoidance safety protocols. Each of the sign GPS coordinates were recorded to support future inspection and maintenance activities. Figure 2 Camp Croft Sign Placement Map shows the location of the sign installed.



Figure 1: Signage

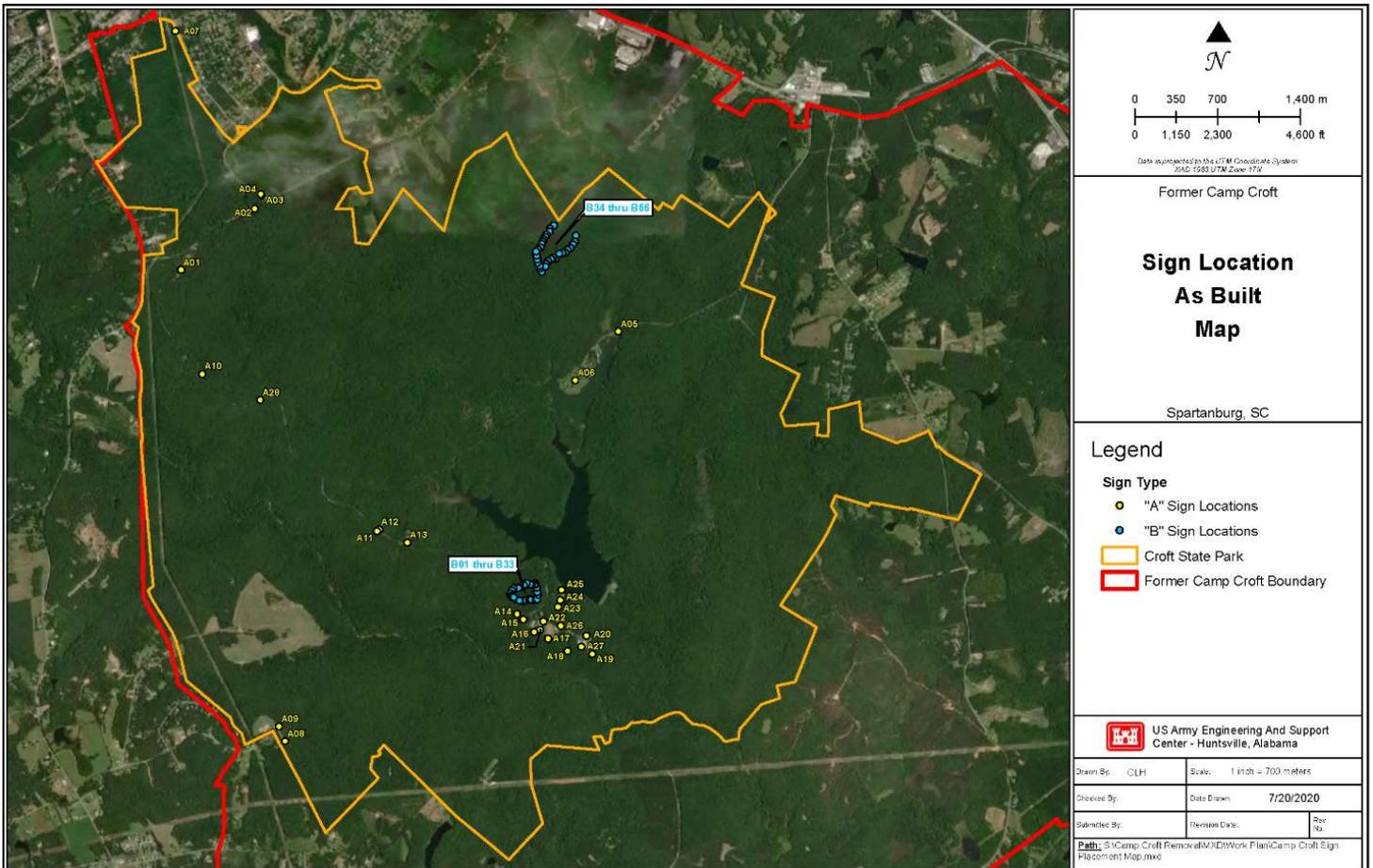


Figure 2. Camp Croft Sign Placement Map

In addition, a tri-fold brochure developed for the Camp Croft FUDS (outside and inside material) and distributed to the Spartanburg Library and Croft State Park’s Office is presented in Figure 3 and Figure 4. On June 23 2020, 500 Tri-folds were delivered to the Library and the remaining 4,500 were delivered to the Croft State Park’s office.

The remedial action has been implemented for Project 03 and 05. Future inspection and maintenance activities will be conducted in accordance with long term maintenance protocols.



BACKGROUND

Camp Croft Infantry Replacement Training Center (IRTC), which was officially activated on January 10, 1941, consisted of two general areas: a series of firing ranges and a troop housing area with attached administrative headquarters, with housing for 20,000 trainees and support personnel. Camp Croft IRTC served as one of the Army’s principal IRTCs; approximately 250,000 soldiers were trained at the facility. Camp Croft was also a prisoner-of-war camp during World War II.

Camp Croft had at least 12 live ammunition training ranges used for small arms ammunition, anti-tank rockets, anti-aircraft artillery, 60 millimeter (mm) mortars, and 81mm mortars. The training range impact areas comprised 16,929 acres; a 175-acre grenade court was also located at the camp. In November 1946, the entire installation (just over 19,000 acres) was declared surplus and excessed to the War Assets Administration in 1947. Over the next 3 years, the land was either sold or transferred by quitclaim to organizations, business interests, or private interests. One of the most significant conveyances was 7,089 acres by quitclaim deed to the South Carolina Commission of Forestry; the property is now known as Croft State Park.

3Rs Explosives Safety Guide

**FORMER CAMP CROFT
SPARTANBURG, SC**

IF YOU ENCOUNTER MUNITIONS

Camp Croft Emergency Contacts

Croft State Park Office	Phone: (864) 585-1283
Or Call 911	



Follow the 3Rs
of Explosives Safety

Visit the US Army's Explosives Safety Education website:
www.denix.osd.mil/uxo

**ATTENTION:
Stay on Designated Trails**

We want your visit to be as safe as possible!
Croft State Park is part of former WWII training facility. Munitions from range training areas have been discovered and removed from the park by the United States Army Corp of Engineers. Areas designated for public recreational use have received a higher level of investigation and clearance.

FOR YOUR SAFETY - PLEASE STAY IN THESE AREAS DESIGNATED FOR PUBLIC USE



Munition found on
Former Camp Croft

Always remember the 3Rs of Explosive Safety

● **Recognize** You may have encountered a munition.
● **Retreat** Do Not Touch It in any way and carefully leave the area.
● **Report** Call 864.585.1283 or 911. Report what you saw and where you saw it.





Figure 2: 3Rs Tri-Fold Exterior

Follow the 3Rs



Recognize

Recognizing when you may have encountered a munition

Recognizing when you may have encountered a munition is the most important step in reducing the risk of injury or death. Munitions may be encountered on land or in the water. They may be easy or hard to identify.

To avoid the risk of injury or death:

- Never move, touch, or disturb a munition or suspect munition.
- Be aware that munitions do not become safer with age; in fact, they may become more dangerous.
- Do not be tempted to take or keep a munition as a souvenir.

Munitions come in many sizes, shapes, and colors. Some may look like bullets or bombs, while others look like pipes, small cans, or even a car muffler. Whether whole or in parts, new or old, shiny or rusty, munitions can still explode. The easiest way to avoid injury or death is to stay out of areas marked with warning signs or charted as restricted.

Retreat

Do not touch, move, or disturb it, but carefully leave the area.

Avoid death or injury by recognizing that you may have encountered a munition and promptly retreating from the area.

If you encounter what you believe is a munition, do not touch, move, or disturb it. Instead, immediately and carefully leave the area by retracing your steps—going out the way you entered. Once safely away from the munition, mark the path (e.g., with a piece of clothing) so police can find the munition.

Report

Immediately notify the police.

Protect yourself, your family, your friends, and your community by immediately reporting munitions or suspected munitions to the police.

Report what you saw and where you saw it in as much detail as possible. This helps the police and military or civilian explosive ordnance disposal personnel find, evaluate, and address the situation.

If you believe you may have encountered a munition, call the emergency contacts on the back of this brochure and report:

- ♦ The area where you suspect that you encountered a munition.
- ♦ Its general description. (Remember, do not approach, touch, move, or disturb it.)
- ♦ When possible, provide:
 - Its estimated size
 - Its shape
 - Any visible markings, including coloring.





Figure 3: 3Rs Tri-Fold Interior

2. Project 07 Maneuver Area/Croft State Park:

The remedy identified in the September 2019 Decision Document (DD) consists of Advanced Geophysical Classification & Analog supported Surface and Subsurface Munitions Removal, Long Term Management (LTM) and Public Education (3Rs Program). Implementation of the remedy requires several plans to be submitted and approved by project stakeholders within the Department of Defense (DoD) and South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SC DHEC) and SC Parks, Recreation, and Tourism (SCPRT). These plans are in various stages of review and approval. Due to FUDS program funding limitations, USACE has created 19 subareas within Project 07 boundaries for award/clearance in increments. Currently, 5 subareas (1-4 and 6) have been awarded for implementation of the remedy (see Figure 4). Field work for survey/clearance is tentatively scheduled for late April 2021. Signs similar to those

produced for Projects 03 and 05 will be installed within the Project 07 boundaries and additional brochures will be produced for distribution.

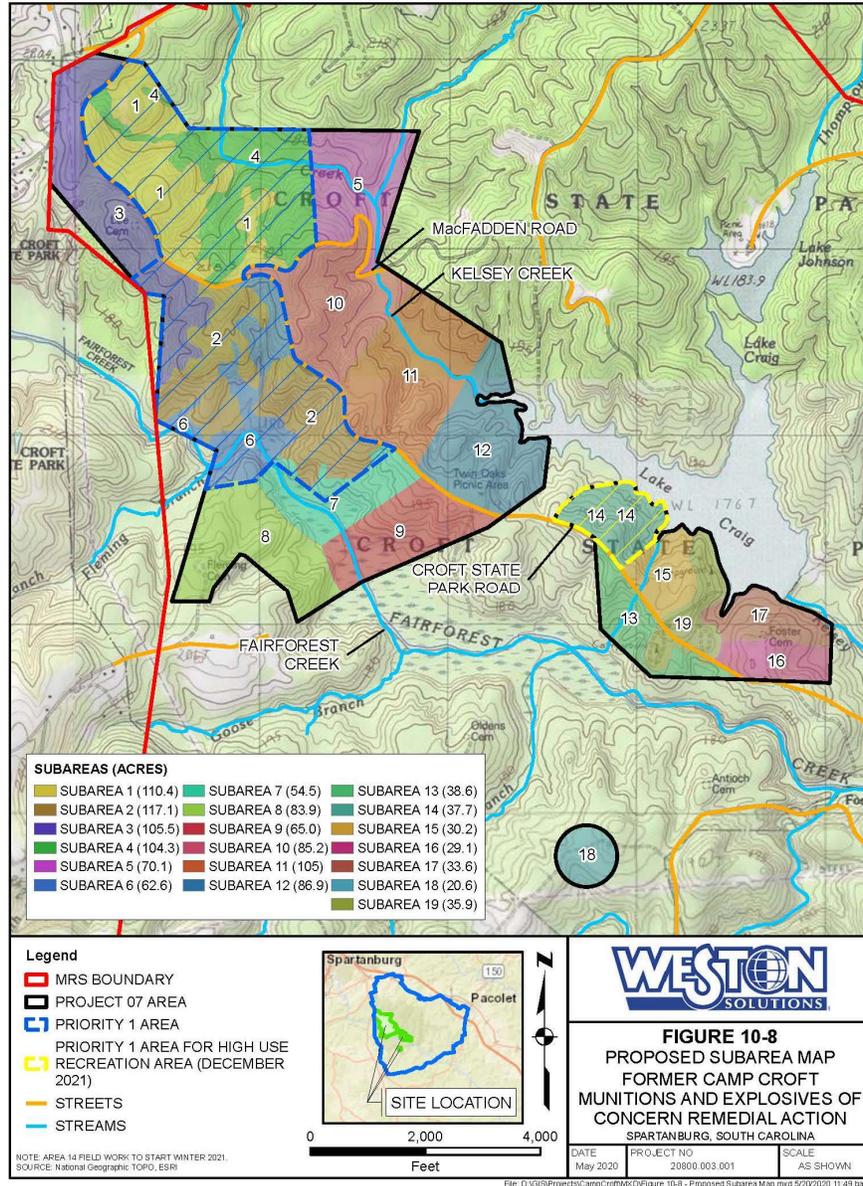


Figure 4: Camp Croft FUDS Project 07 Subareas

3. Future Work/Contract Award for Project 07:

USACE is planning to award a task order in FY21 for the current contract at Project 07 to implement the remedial action at additional subareas.

4. Decision Documents:

Decision Documents (DD) for Projects 08 (60/81MM Mortar Area), 09 (Grenade Maneuver Area), and 10 (105MM Area) are currently being reviewed by USACE Headquarters and tentatively scheduled to be approved in FY20.

5. Next RAB Meeting:

The next RAB meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 5, 2020. USACE will continue to coordinate with the Camp Croft RAB members regarding the viability of conducting the RAB meeting in person and provide project updates as needed.