



**SAINT LOUIS COUNTY**  
Parks and Recreation

**ARCHERY**  
**DEPARTMENT POLICY**

**PURPOSE:**

St. Louis County Parks and Recreation manages facilities to accommodate the sport of archery as a hobby, while protecting and preserving our resources.

**POLICY:**

It is the policy of the St. Louis County Department of Parks and Recreation to provide and manage archery ranges (field and target) with the assistance of specifically designated Archery Clubs, as described below, to allow citizens the opportunity to participate in educational, recreational, and competitive archery activities. Archery in County Parks is allowed if the activity results in no damage or injury to people, animals, and plants, as well as historical, archaeological, and cultural sites.

**PROCEDURE:**

**Ranges**

St. Louis County Park Archery Ranges are comprised of two (2) classifications, field ranges and target ranges.

- A. **Field ranges:** Field ranges are located in woodlands and consist of sequentially placed targets, much like a golf course with varying elevations, target sizes and distances. The distances for targets may be twenty (20) to eighty (80) yards.
- B. **Target ranges:** Target ranges are located in a clear area with an earth embankment behind the target butts. Shooting distances are marked and vary from six point five (6.5) to sixty (60) yards. One ADA target is accessible via asphalt paving.
- C. **Sponsoring Organizations:** St. Louis County Parks partners with various local archery organizations to assist park staff in managing individual archery ranges in specific parks. Each club assists in the

maintenance and operation of a County Park archery range within a specific County Park. Each respective organization also raises funds for the maintenance and operation of archery ranges, promotes educational and competitive archery activities, and assists with archery range strategic planning.

D. Archery ranges are located in the following parks:

1. Buder Park  
     4 targets, 1 ADA target range  
     Range Sponsor – Buder Park Archery Club  
     Contact: Bill Myers: 314-458-3571
2. Jefferson Barracks Park  
     28 target field range  
     Range Sponsor – South County Archers  
     Contact: Wayne Sluhan: 636-942-2277

**Rules**

1. Individuals using St. Louis County Parks and Recreation Archery Ranges in any way, whether as a shooter, spectator, worker, event contestant or official, etc., must wear a prominent garment such as a hat, vest, shirt, or jacket that is hunter orange.
2. Users must comply with all site-specific rules posted at each respective archery range.
3. Archery ranges are for longbows, recurve bows and compound bows. The only allowable arrows are target arrows and field points; broadhead tipped arrows are prohibited.
4. Crossbows are not permitted on archery ranges. Crossbows are permitted on targets 1-9 at Jefferson Barracks.
5. Alcoholic beverages, as well as any substance that may cause physical or mental impairment, are prohibited when using archery ranges.
6. Archery ranges are available for public use at no fee throughout the year. Ranges are available during park hours. Archery ranges may be closed for public use for tournaments, special events, or during maintenance.
7. The perimeter of archery ranges are clearly posted with warning signs marked, “DO NOT ENTER.” No one is permitted on the ranges except those participating in archery activities; pursuant to St. Louis County Trespassing Ordinance #101.080.
8. No changes may be made to the range without prior approval by the Park Supervisor.

**Reservations**

1. Reservations are required for tournaments and special events in or near the range and for range maintenance. When reservations are issued, the range is closed to the public. The reservation fee is twenty dollars (\$20) per day, except for maintenance workdays, when no fee is charged.
2. No refunds are granted. Reservations are not transferable and may be revoked or changed at any time at the discretion of the Director.

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