



ARCHERY DEPARTMENT POLICY

PURPOSE:

To provide and manage facilities in St. Louis County Parks 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 as long as the activity results in no damage or injury to people, animals, plants, 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 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. County Park Archery Ranges are located in the following parks:

1. Buder Park; 4 targets, 1 ADA target range; Sponsor- Buder Park Archery Club contact: Bill Myers: 314-458-3571.

2. Creve Coeur Park; 14 target field range; Sponsor- Northside Archers contact: Bob Brombeck: 314-427-2953.

3. Jefferson Barracks Park; 28 target field range; Sponsor- South County Archers contact: Wayne Sluhan: 636-942-2277.

Rules

1. Individuals using County Park 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 any and all site specific rules posted at each respective County Park Archery Range.

3. County Park Archery Ranges are for longbows, either simple or compound, and target arrows only. Arrows, including practice arrows, with broadhead tips are prohibited.

4. Crossbows are not permitted on St. Louis County Archery Ranges unless a letter of exemption has been issued by the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) allowing use due to an approved disability. A Letter of Exemption may be obtained by contacting the Director of MDC in Jefferson City. User must have this letter with them when using a crossbow within a County park.

5. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited when using County ranges.

6. Ranges are available for public use at no fee throughout the year during daylight hours when the County Parks are open as posted. They are not available for public use when reserved for tournaments, special events, or during maintenance.

7. The perimeter of County Park 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 Parks Department.

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 general public use. 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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