

Mount Ainslie South – Campbell Park Unexploded Ordnance Warning

Much of the area on the Campbell Park map has been identified by the Department of Defence as potentially containing unexploded ordnance (UXO). Advice from the ACT Government indicates that the potentially contaminated area extends beyond the boundaries advised by Department of Defence on its website, and includes areas on the Mount Ainslie South/ Remembrance Park map. All of this area is within a former military live field firing range and has seen activity from 1911 to 1957. UXO items from World War I and World War II that have the potential to cause serious injury have been located in recent years on the eastern and southern slopes of Mount Ainslie, particularly around the Campbell Park area.

The Department of Defence recommends to land management authorities that all present land usage in areas containing UXO should continue. Orienteering has been a regular land use on Mount Ainslie, including the Campbell Park area, since 1971 with no incidents or reports of UXO by orienteers. It is nevertheless important for all orienteers using the area to be aware of the risks associated with UXO and to take appropriate precautions.

If you find an item that you cannot identify, do not touch, tamper with or disturb it in any way. Note carefully its appearance, its location and the best route to the item. If possible, please mark the location of the item on your orienteering map and in the terrain, without disturbing the object. Advise the event organisers at the earliest practicable opportunity and be prepared to accompany an organiser to the site of the object if required. The organisers may require your assistance in liaising with ACT Policing and other relevant authorities.

Additional material regarding UXO hazards will be on display at the event and pamphlets published by the Department of Defence will be available for collection if you would like further information. If you are bringing children to participate in the event, please ensure that they are fully aware of possible UXO hazards and how to respond to them.

You are reminded that orienteering is an outdoor adventure activity which involves a certain level of risk to participants and that by participating in events containing possible UXO hazards, you are prepared to accept that risk.

For further information regarding UXO, visit the Department of Defence website, www.defence.gov.au/uxo