

Introduction

The purpose of this guide is to inform you of the military training activities that took place at the former Camp Bowie and to raise awareness of the explosive hazards that may exist at the property.

The U.S. Army acquired approximately 120,000 acres in Brown and Mills counties in 1940 to establish Camp Bowie as an infantry, artillery and armored division training center. The camp consisted of a barracks area, training areas and live-fire artillery ranges. An area of the former camp, approximately 47,713 acres, has been identified through historical research and site visits as being an Artillery Impact Area.

Former Camp Bowie is located in Brown and Mills Counties and is south of Brownwood, Texas. Today a portion of the property is owned by the Texas National Guard and the city of Brownwood, and the remainder is privately owned.

Because explosive hazards associated with military munitions from past military training may remain on the former Camp Bowie Artillery Impact Area, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recommends landowners and visitors follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety – Recognize, Retreat, and Report.



Rocket at former Camp Bowie

Former Camp Bowie

For More Information



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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is responsible for identifying, investigating and, when necessary, conducting an appropriate response to address contamination and military munitions resulting from past Department of Defense activities at Formerly Used Defense Sites, also referred to as FUDS.

For information about the former Camp Bowie, contact the FUDS Information Center by calling the toll-free number 1-855-765-FUDS (3837). For general information about the FUDS Program, visit www.fuds.mil.

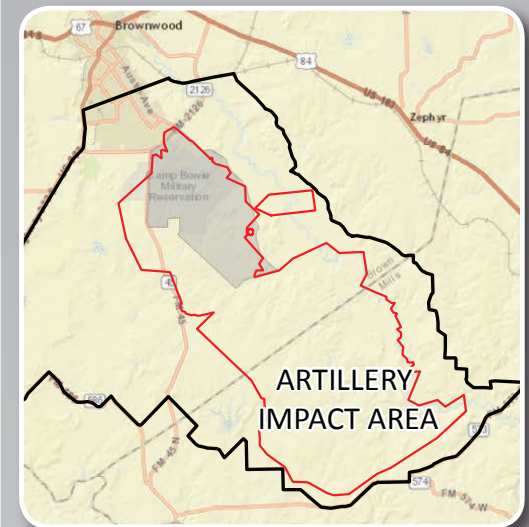
Follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety



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

3Rs Safety Guide

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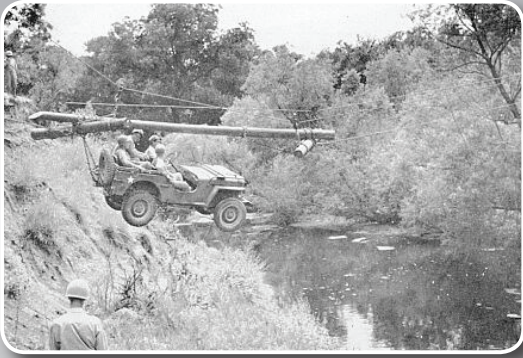


Artillery Impact Area



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Source: <http://www.browncountyhistory.org>



Jeep crossing a bridgeless creek at Camp Bowie

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: *What types of potential hazards exist?*

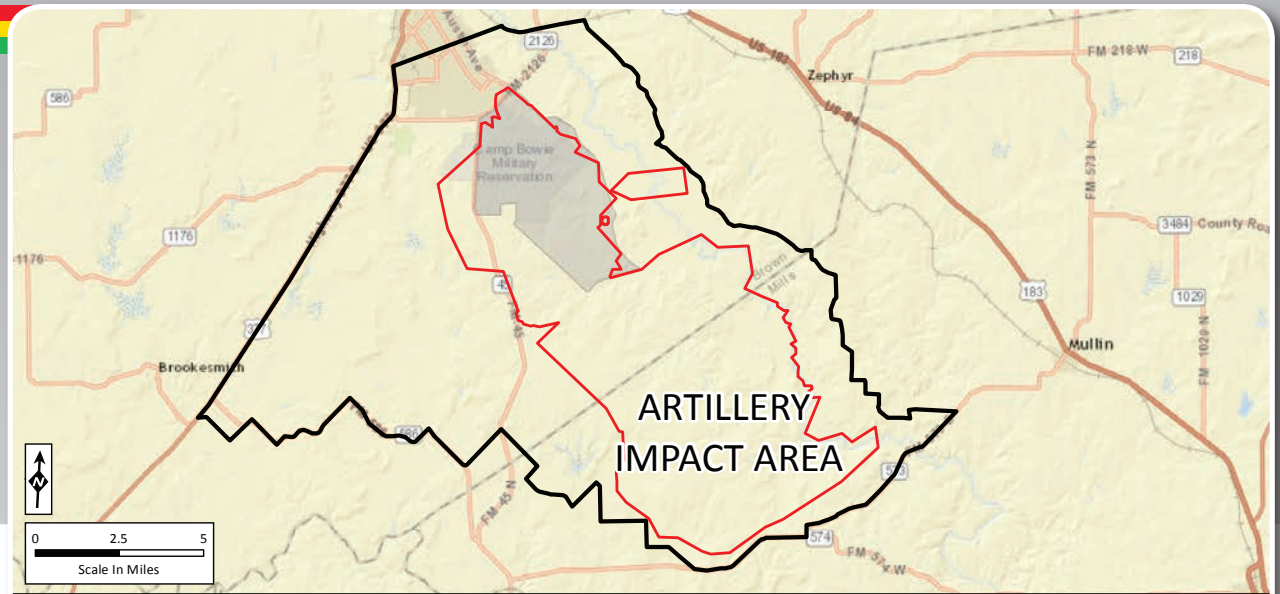
A: Military munitions such as artillery projectiles, mortars and rockets were potentially used at the Camp Bowie Artillery Impact Area. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is unable to rule out the presence of munitions that may pose an explosive hazard.

Q: *What do I do if I suspect I may have come across a military munition?*

A: If you suspect you may have come across a military munition, the best way to ensure your safety is to follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety: **Recognize** that munitions are dangerous; **Retreat** — do not approach, touch, move or disturb it, but carefully leave the area; and **Report** immediately what you saw and where you saw it to local law enforcement — call 911.

Q: *What are the findings of the work that the government has completed?*

A: Historical research and site inspections indicate that military munitions were previously used at this camp and some munitions may remain on the



Legend

- FUDS Property Boundary
- Project Boundary
- DOD Facility

Former Camp Bowie
FUDS Property No: K06TX0009

State: Texas
Counties: Brown, Mills
Sources: USACE, 2014; Esri, 2015

property. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has determined that further investigation is required for the Artillery Impact Area at the former Camp Bowie.

Q: *What will be done next?*

A: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will make explosives safety education material that is based on the 3Rs available to landowners and the community. Additionally, it will coordinate with landowners as it plans required response activities.

Q: *Where can I get more information?*

A: For more information, call the Formerly Used Defense Sites Information Center toll-free number 1-855-765-FUDS (3837). Additional information about the site can be found by using the Geographical Information System tool on the Formerly Used Defense Sites website at www.fuds.mil.

Follow the 3Rs of Explosives Safety

Recognize

when you may have come across a munition, and that munitions are dangerous;

Retreat

do not approach, touch, move or disturb a suspect munition, but carefully leave the area; and

Report

immediately what was found to local law enforcement — call **911**.