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Cape Poge Little Neck Bomb Target Site



World War II Military Ordinance Has Been Found at Little Neck

Based upon historical documents, Munitions and Explosives of Concern used at the Little Neck Bomb Target Site included Miniature Practice Bombs, 100 pound practice bombs, and flares. As of the summer of 2009, only AN-Mk 23 and AN-Mk 5 Miniature Practice Bombs have been found at the Little Neck Bomb Target Site.

The formerly used defense site, Cape Poge Little Neck Bomb Target Site, consists of approximately 141 acres on Chappaquiddick Island. The Bomb Target Site is located on the eastern shore of Martha's Vineyard in the Town of Edgartown, Dukes County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts and lies within the Cape Poge Wildlife Refuge. The site includes two areas used by the Navy to train pilots; the Little Neck Bomb Target Site and the Cape Poge Beach Calibration Range. The Navy acquired the sites as bombing targets in connection with the First Naval District flight training program headquartered at Naval Air Station Quonset Point, Rhode Island and Naval Auxiliary Air Station Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. The First Naval District used the site for day and night practice bombing from 1944 until 1946.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District is partnering with The Trustees of Reservations, who owns and manages the Cape Poge Wildlife Refuge, and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to protect the public and the environment from potential hazards due to the presence of munitions and explosives of concern at the Cape Poge Little Neck Bomb Target Site. A Time Critical Removal Action was conducted from Simons Point to 1000 feet north of Shear Pen Pond, including Drunkards Cove in 2009. Additional investigations will be conducted as necessary, to determine the source of the munitions at Cape Poge Little Neck. Though a removal action has taken place, there is still the possibility that munitions will continue to be found at the site. If you see an item that is suspect, **RECOGNIZE** the potential danger, **RETREAT** — leave the area immediately and **DO NOT TOUCH** the item(s), **REPORT** the item(s) — Call 911.

AN-Mk 23 Miniature Practice Bombs potentially containing a spotting charge



DO NOT Touch!

Call 911 immediately!



For more information please call the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District, 978-318-8264.



This map is a product of the Geographic Information System of The Trustees of Reservations. Source data obtained from 1:25,000 scale USGS topographic maps, field surveys, Global Positioning System (GPS), and the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, MassGIS. Boundary lines and trail locations are approximate. May 2007.