

Study Guide
Izaak Walton Shooting Facility
3055 H Ave., Toledo, IA



Ike's Tract- Study Guide for Test

History of the Ike's Tract

- Property originally acquired for \$1 from C.G. and Bernice Moore. Title to the Tama-Toledo Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America, Inc., on September 2, 1959
- Property managed by Tama-Toledo Ike's Chapter until the club disbanded in 1982
- Property leased by the Izaak Walton League of America, Inc. to the Tama County Conservation Board on January 26, 1983.
- Managed by the Tama County Conservation Board (CCB) as a public shooting facility since 1983.
- Tama County Conservation Board took title of the property in 2014.

Problems of the past

1. Vandalism
2. Shooting outside of assigned hours
3. Irresponsible shooting endangering others
4. Hauling in and leaving trash/items
5. Use of the range in a manner not originally intended such as Bump firing, military type weapons , etc.

Ike's Tract Closed

- April 4, 2012 CCB votes to temporarily close the facility due to escalating problems.
- May 2 Forty-three interested shooters attend CCB Board meeting to discuss problems and what to do to get range reopened

CCB forms Ike's Tract Advisory Committee consisting of responsible shooters, adjoining landowners, and CCB personnel.

- May 8 Advisory Committee meets and dicusses:
 1. How to address noise and safety issues
 2. Control public access via user fee, application process, etc.

3. Producing a calendar to show special activities at the range (i.e. hunter safety classes, Lions Club Youth Shoot, 4-H Youth Gun Club use, etc.)
 4. Acceptable targets, target stands
 5. How to restrict number of shooters
 6. Range hours
 7. Directing area of berm to be shot into- methods to do this
 8. How to access earthen fill to build up berms
 9. Padlocks for entry gate
- June 6 TCCB meets, discuss suggestions of the Advisory Committee, adopts range rules and rules for “Authorized Shooters”
 - June 12 Advisory Committee meets, receives update, discusses other issues for re-opening
 - July 11, 2012 TCCB meets, establish initial user fees at \$40 (good thru 31Dec13), Set sign-up meeting date (August 2), review report from Ben Berka, Iowa DNR
 - August 3, 2012 Range opens under new rules

PLEASE
Read the
Following
Range
Rules

Ike's Tract Shooting Range Rules

1. This is a **RESTRICTED USE FACILITY**. To legally use this facility and shooting range with a firearm or a bow a person must have paid the annual user fee, signed a range use agreement for this facility, been issued a range use card and an entry gate key by the Tama County Conservation Board. Contact the Tama County Conservation Board at (641) 484-2231 or tccb@tamacounty.org to acquire the proper permit.
2. State and Federal laws apply to the range.

3. Park hours (i.e. Range Hours) will be Monday through Saturday, 8:00am to sunset or 8 p.m. (whichever occurs first) and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will be a violation of state law to be present on the facility outside of these hours.
4. It is mandatory that ear and eye protection be worn by everyone at or near the firing stations.
5. No fully automatic weapons, bump style or similar auto type action will be allowed to be used at the range. Bump firing is the act of using the recoil of a semi-automatic firearm to fire multiple shots in rapid succession.
6. Armor piercing, incendiary, tracer, chemical and explosive projectiles, or devices designed to fire or propel explosive, incendiary, or chemical projectiles are prohibited. Also prohibited are any form of exploding target.
7. All firearms shooting a single projectile, and shotguns shooting shot #5 or larger, will be discharged from one of the firing stations/benches. Shotguns using #6 shot or smaller can be used for shooting clay pigeons. Single projectiles and shot #5 or larger are to impact the earthen berm in front of the firing station.
8. Firearms shall be discharged from the firing stations. Firearms may be discharged adjacent to the benches from the ground in the prone, sitting and standing positions. All firearms discharged shall be fired in an easterly direction only.
9. Only paper targets shall be allowed. Also prohibited are any form of exploding target. Shotgun shooters may shoot clay pigeons. Shooters shall attach their targets to the belting provided at the backstop taking care not to strike any of the wooden support structure while firing. If using your own target holders the target frame will be placed at the berm in a manner so rounds **will not** strike any of the wooden support system and all rounds will enter directly into the berm.
10. No shooting of objects on the ground or in trees is allowed.
11. No cross-range shooting is allowed.
12. No target is to be placed atop the earthen berms. Firing at any target placed atop the earthen berm will result in automatic revocation of the shooter's annual permit to use the facility.
13. No single projectile fired from a firearm shall have a trajectory over the earthen berm. A violation of this rule will result in automatic revocation of the shooter's annual permit to use the facility.
14. No person under 18 is allowed to discharge a firearm without the direct supervision of an adult shooter authorized to use this range.
15. All shooters must coordinate amongst themselves before going down-range to place, retrieve, change or tend to targets.
16. Shooters are responsible for picking up their paper targets and spent cartridges/shells and placing them in the garbage cans provided.
17. Target shooting with bow and arrow is allowed in the mowed area immediately north of the parking lot. Arrows are to be shot to the north only.
18. No drugs or alcohol or persons under the influence are allowed on the range property; this includes the parking area.
19. When someone is shooting clay pigeons or shooting trap no other people will be allowed to use the range. If a shooter who desires to shoot clay pigeons arrives while others are using the range the trap shooter must wait for the range to clear before beginning to shoot.
20. All shooters must sign in at the log in station upon their arrival and before commencing firing at the range.

Rules for Authorized Shooters

You must be an “authorized shooter” to use the range with a firearm or bow. To become an Authorized Shooter a person must

1. pay user fees of \$50. The user fee includes an Authorized Shooter’s family. Family is defined as a spouse, significant other, and/or children under 21 years of age **living at home**.
2. sign a user agreement form upon payment of the fee.
3. be issued a range use card and gate key.

An Authorized Shooter may have only ONE guest at the range. The guest is required to become an Authorized Shooter if they desire to continue to use the range after their initial visit. **An Authorized Shooter must be present while the family member and or guest is utilizing the range.**

The Authorized Shooter will receive a range use card and a key allowing them access to the gate placed across the entrance to the shooting range.

The **gate shall be closed and locked after entering the range**. Upon entering the range, the Authorized Shooter shall write their key number and fill the entry log out completely including the date and time at a registration station located near the range.

4. The Authorized Shooter shall have their range use card along with their photo ID on their person while utilizing the range. Any Authorized Shooter can ask to see another shooter’s range use card/ID.
5. An Authorized Shooter shall not loan their key to anyone else. Loaning a key to anyone else will result in immediate revocation of all range use privileges.
6. All range use privileges are subject to cancellation for violations of range and or the rules for Authorized Shooters.
7. There will be no reimbursement of the user fee.
8. Violation of the rules for Authorized Shooters is prohibited. All rules will be enforced.
9. If an Authorized Shooter observes unlawful acts or a shooter using the range improperly, unsafely, or without authorization please note the following:

- Do not confront the person(s) if the person is shooting unsafely or erratically.
- **Observe and note pertinent facts** relative to the violator- name (if known), sex, race, hair color, height, weight, clothing, etc.
- **Write down motor vehicle license numbers and vehicle descriptions** while departing.
- **Vacate the range immediately for your safety**
- After vacating the facility, if the person is violating a law or endangering others call the Sheriff's dispatch at 641-484-3760 and report the activity.

FOR OTHER PROBLEMS- MINOR INFRACTIONS

For other problems or minor infractions call the County Conservation Board office at 641-484-2231 to report the problem and be sure to report accurate observations. You may also e-mail the information to: tccb@tamacounty.org

Definitions for Legitimate Use

The Tama County Conservation Board wishes to provide a safe and orderly shooting range at the Izaak Walton Shooting Facility (Ike's Tract). The range is available for public use under the rules and guidelines developed for the facility.

The facility will be available to the following user groups during the hours and times as specified by the Tama County Conservation Board.

1. Authorized Shooting

- ⦿ The shooting range will be available for "authorized" individuals and families wishing to use the shooting range during range hours without direct supervision.
- ⦿ To become an "authorized shooter" a person must:
 - i. pay user fees of \$50 (good through December 31, 2017). The user fee includes an Authorized Shooter's family. Family is defined as a spouse, significant other, and/or children under 21 years of age living at home. The Authorized Shooter must to be present while the family member is utilizing the range.

- ii. sign a user agreement form upon payment of the fee.
- iii. be issued a range use card

2. Organized Clubs and Groups

- ⦿ The shooting range will be available to organized shooting clubs and groups upon appointment at times established by the Board. No one organization will be allowed to reserve the shooting range for more than eight (8) hours per month unless special arrangements are made with the Director at the TCCB office. Organized clubs and groups are expected to have a competent range instructor (firing line commander) in control of the shooting range at all times. A small group registration fee may be required as specified by the Board. (Examples of this type of use may include: Use of the range for Hunter Safety Classes, Lion's Club Youth Shoot, 4-H Youth Shooting Club, etc.)

Ike's Tract- The Goal

- ⦿ **To return the facility to its original intended use and provide a safe and neighborhood friendly facility where responsible shooters can hone skills and share the joys and challenges of safe shooting sports with our youth while developing skills for hunting.**
- ⦿ Only Responsible Shooters are WELCOME
- ⦿ Must abide by the Range Rules or will forfeit privilege of using the range
- ⦿ Please monitor others using YOUR range, report any violators of range rules
- ⦿ Keep YOUR range clean and orderly
- ⦿ Be respectful of others using YOUR range, wait your turn
- ⦿ Maintenance crews have the ROW, must cease firing and wait for crew to finish
- ⦿ Please observe "Range Reserved" signs when posted
- ⦿ Lock gate behind you when you arrive and when you depart

Please Note:

- ⦿ Winter- The facility will not be plowed during the winter months
- ⦿ No 200 yd shooting allowed



All revenues generated from user fees will be utilized for this facility only!

RANGE
RESERVED

DATE:

Sat., 4Aug12

EVENT:

Hunter Safety

**RANGE WILL BE
CLOSED TO ALL
PERSONS DURING
RESERVATION EVENT.**

An example of the reserved sign which will be posted at the entrance if facility is reserved.



Know sunset times before using the range

Website to make sunrise-sunset calendar:

<http://www.sunrisesunset.com/USA/Iowa.asp>

NOTE: Sunday shooting hours are 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Log in and log out every time you shoot!

Volunteers are a Valuable Resource



Becoming authorized to use the Izaak Walton Shooting Facility **does not** make you a member of the Izaak Walton League of America.



Volunteers recently constructed two portable shooting stations for the **SHORT RANGE**. The benches can be used on the **short range only** and will allow shooters to fire at different distances and provide a place to lay weapons & ammo. Be sure to place portable benches alongside the covered shooting stations after each use.