



Black Rapids Training Area

Description

The Black Rapids Training Site (BRTS) is made up of 3,807 acres, and is located 30 miles south of Delta Junction, next to the Delta River. The BRTS is to the east of Fort Greely and the Donnelly Training Area. This training area is surrounded by a mixture of private and public land. The BRTS is self sufficient, with a water filtration system in place and power that runs from onsite generators. The BRTS barracks can accommodate 100 students and 30 cadre at one time. There are male and female latrines and showers. There is also one large classroom, equipped with smart boards, that can accommodate 100 students and one small classroom. The dining facility (DFAC) onsite can feed 130 within 1.5 hours.

Courses for the U.S. Army Northern Warfare Training Center (NWTC) are conducted at the BRTS while the NWTC is based at Fort Wainwright. The NWTC provides training in demanding cold weather and mountain environments. There is glacier access 30 miles south of BRTS used for the Basic Mountaineering Course. For additional information on the NWTC, visit <http://www.wainwright.army.mil/nwtc/>

There is a 12 lane Land Navigation Site at BRTS that is point certified by both military and civilian survey teams. No points are within 300 meters of each other and elevation points range from 2K' to 6K' levels.

Training venues at Black Rapids Training Site include:

- Land Navigation Site
- High Angle Marksmanship Range
- Rock site with permanent protections
- Small Arms Range: 25M
- Ski lift, downhill skill runs, and 5 and 10 km cross country trails



Sgt. Champlin, a medic and instructor at NWTC, operates a Small Unit Support Vehicle in the mountains above the BRTA during a demonstration of the vehicle's capabilities to Cold Weather Orientation Course students. (Army photo by Capt. Richard Packer, USARAK Public Affairs.)



Soldiers are mentally and physically put to the test at the NWTC in Black Rapids. They are tested on 49 tasks and must travel several miles through mountainous terrain between checkpoints during the testing phase of the Basic Mountaineering Course. (Army photo by Staff Sgt. Trish McMurphy, USARAK Public Affairs)

Capabilities at this venue

- Cold Weather Training
- Mountaineering/Glacier Training

Equipment/Supplies Available

- Carpenter Shop
- Classroom with smart boards
- Motor pool with working heavy duty lift and direct support mechanics
- NIPR connectivity (SIPR available fall 2012)
- Ski Shop
- VTC connectivity (available fall 2012)
- Warming shelters