



Yukon Training Area

Description

The Yukon Training Area (YTA) is part of the larger Fort Wainwright complex. The YTA borders Eielson Air Force Base to the north and east and is surrounded on three sides by private land and recreational/conservation land is located to the northeast. The YTA is located approximately 15 miles southeast of the main Fort Wainwright area and consists of 266,891 acres within the installation boundaries. Eight light maneuver training areas are contained within 257,281 acres. More than 25,000 acres are allocated as dudged impact areas. Airspace affiliated with the YTA includes the Yukon 1 MOA and restricted airspace R-2205.

The YTA is the most developed of the three major training areas. Many of the operational sites are accessible during moderate weather conditions via hard-surfaced or unimproved roads. During winter months, some roads may become impassable.

The Manchu Range and Impact Area is a basic weapons marksmanship range. The facility is a nonstandard multiuse facility used to train small arms weapons systems. The site has electricity and an impact area of approximately 35.5 acres. Facilities at the range include a range support building and a latrine.

The Digital Multipurpose Training Range (DMPTR) is a range designed to satisfy the training and qualification requirements of armor, infantry, and aviation units. Electrical power and fiber optic connections are present at the site. The facility has an after action review (AAR) building, a small range operations center, a vehicle instrumentation building, an ammunition breakdown point and latrines.



A 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division, Stryker Mobile Gun System, manned by three Soldiers, fires off a High Explosive Plastic round at simulated targets during nighttime qualifying maneuvers portion of a three week MGS training course at the YTA's DMPTR. Navigating with the use of thermal imaging, the crew is given instructions and targets to engage from the DMPTR operations center, while they progress through the range. (Photo by Brian Schlumbohm / Fort Wainwright PAO)



Parked side-by-side on the DMPTR, located on the YTA; roughly 40 miles south of Fort Wainwright. Cloudless skies and partial moon allowed for a 15 second exposure and some "painting" with a flashlight to capture a line of Stryker Mobile Gun Systems from the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division. 18 Strykers and over 54 Soldiers were participating in night qualification maneuvers on the GMS. (Photo by Brian Schlumbohm /Fort Wainwright PAO)



The Infantry Platoon Battle Course (IPBC) is designed for the training and qualification requirements of infantry platoons, mounted or dismounted, on movement techniques and operations. Infrastructure provided to the site includes electrical power and fiber optic communication. The IPBC shares range facilities with the DMPTR.

The Infantry Squad Battle Course is designed for the training and qualification requirements of infantry squads on movement techniques and operations. Electricity and fiber optic communication are both present at the site. The range facilities include a range operations center, a range support building, and a latrine.

The Grizzly Battle Course is designed for the training and qualification requirements of infantry squads on movement techniques and operations. The site utilizes a generator to power the range operations center and has battery operated targets.

McMahon Trench is a collective live-fire range designed to train soldiers on trench clearing procedures. There are no facilities or infrastructure present at the site. The YTA has six drop zones (DZ), five landing zones (LZ), 28 artillery firing points (FP), and four observation points (OP) located throughout the training area. Two of the OPs, CAM I and CAM II, are equipped with fiber optic communications.

To support military exercises, the YTA has three forward operating bases (FOB). The Husky FOB is co-located with the Husky DZ to support unmanned aircraft system (UAS) operations. The Winter Camp FOB supports the DMPTR and Moose Creek Complex while the Bravo Battery FOB supports FP Bravo 1, 2, and 3.

For additional information on YTA, reference USARAK Regulation 350-2 at http://www.wainwright.army.mil/range_control/.

Training venues at the Yukon Training Area include:

- [Basic weapons marksmanship range](#)
- [Direct fire gunnery range](#)
- [Collective live fire range](#)
- [Indirect fire facilities](#)
- [Special live fire ranges](#)
- [Other, nonlive fire facilities](#)
- Light maneuver training areas in 257,281 acres
- Digital Multipurpose Training Range (DMPTR)
- [Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise \(CALFEX\)](#)
- Infantry Platoon Battle Course (IPSC)
- [Husky Drop Zone](#)
- Impact Area

Capabilities at this venue

- Air Assault Operations
- Airborne Operations
- Live Fire Operations
- Mounted and Dismounted Maneuver
- Nuclear, Biological or Chemical Attack
- Urban Operations

Equipment/Supplies Available

- Range equipment and supplies (i.e. paper targetry, target frames)