

Interested Parties Meeting – November 4, 2015
for
American Legion Archery Range Improvements

Please comment on what you like or dislike about the proposed range improvements:

That looks fantastic provided there are adequate safety measures (fences, signs, policies) as there have not been in times past. My only negative impression from looking at the proposal is that a target at 15 yards is of little value except for children progressing to the base range of 20 yards. Yes, that is a bit of value, but in 15 years of going there it's the -two- 20 yard targets that have had the centers shot out of them over and over and over.

I like the increased number of targets.

I like the elevated platform. I like that it's not longer than 50yds.

I dislike the midevil/fantasy Archer group that puts everyone at risk. The targets get better up pretty bad and will go months without being replaced.

I think the improvements look great.

Like the expansion of targets, lengths.

Hunting seems to be the only goal. Target competitions need longer range.

What additions or changes would you like to see for the proposed range improvements?

I'd like to see more park patrol officers with the powers to hand out hefty fines for using broadheads and alcohol and lose privileges for a time or indefinitely. (a wall of shame would be appropriate but would violate civil rights)

I don't see any information on the ground cover. Currently the grass is often overgrown and my family has lost a LOT of arrows in that field.

Staging area/tables in back to prep gear or wait your turn if busy. Because it gets busy! Each distance should have room for 2 shooters not just 1. Maybe a target on each side of the walkway. I would even remove the 15yrd to make room for 2 shooters per lane. 10 and 15 are so close in not sure both are needed. You can shoot 15 from elevated if needed, but take that lane off of the non-elevated shooting.

I think the range needs more light so the range can be open after dark since during the fall and winter months it is dark by the time most people get off work cause crowding on the weekends. Taller fences on the east side to block the sun from interfering with sight to the targets. Have reserved times so the group of midevil archers are not putting other shooter at risk of being shot or other injury. it is a real issue, I have stopped going to the range because of this group, at 10 yards most are not able to hit the target. I would also like to see some most distances like a 75 or 100 yard range, with newer bows and crossbows these distances are very obtainable for target practice, and I believe an archery should be comfortable shooting double their maximum taking distance.

- Motion Sensor lights. LED to save money

- Place to hang bows when retrieving arrows
- Would you wrap the target posts? Kids break lots of arrows hitting the posts.

Longer distances! Lights to extend the day during fall and winter.

What are your preferred target distances and how many of each? (The proposed plan has 12 ground level targets and 5 elevated targets. Please note the MO Dept. of Conservation does not recommend targets for hunting practice over the 40-50 yard range.)

The existing ranges seemed to be determined with practicality in mind, knowing the kind/volume of traffic they would receive and planning accordingly. If there could have been a THIRD 20 yard target, it would have perhaps met the traffic the range experienced year after year. However, regardless of what MDC recommends, this range is targeted strictly at hunters considering that competition recurve archers such as those who participate in the ShowME State Games tend to -start- out at 50 yards and work out to 90+ meters. I like that we've a good resource for hunting practice (provided the prohibition against bladed heads is honored), but it does seem to reject a very fast growing and time-honored sport of competitive recurve archery. Thank you so much for benefiting CoMo and surrounding environs this way!

We are beginners so we often use the short-mid range targets. It can often be crowded, especially near bow hunting season.

I think the distances are perfect. Can 2 people shoot elevated at the same time? That would be ideal.

Like I said above I would like to see some 75-100yrd target maybe 1 of each. At least 3 50yrd and 2-30 and 40 yrds one of each elevated and 1 of each 20 and 10yrd.

usflightarchery.com For future we'd like to see a flight archery practice field – 1,000 feet long. Thank you.

There are many target shooters in Columbia:
 World Cup – 50 meters, 70 Meters, 90 meters
 Field 30 yards, 40 yards, 50 yards, 60 yards
 I practice two times the longest hunting distance

