

Competitors please note.

1. **DRIVING TO THE RANGE:** After turning off the village road opposite the Bridge of Tilt Hotel you are on a narrow, winding public road with passing places. Drive slowly and cautiously for your own protection. After you turn left at Old Bridge of Tilt take the hairpin bend VERY slowly: there have been several head-on near misses. You are on a narrow road used only by estate staff and residents. Please keep to 20mph on this road until you reach a "crossroads", where you turn right up the hill past the Home Farm. **IT IS ESSENTIAL TO KEEP TO 15 MPH BETWEEN THE "CROSSROADS" AND THE RANGE.** 15 mph seems painfully slow when driving, but the time lost is less than two minutes. It is particularly important to observe the limit when passing the Home Farm cottages, and Blairuachdar steading (the large farm steading on the left at the top of the hill above the Home Farm). Be especially careful when coming down the hill after leaving the range. There have been complaints about irresponsible driving by range users, which threaten the good relations we must maintain.
2. **TICK WARNING:** Ticks are abundant in this part of Scotland and many carry the agent of Lyme disease. Lyme disease can be very serious indeed. For your own safety please look at www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Lyme-disease/ and read the appropriate sections, including how to remove a tick.

After reaching home, check yourself for ticks. Ticks like soft skin so you need to check those areas which need the use of a mirror (or someone you know very well indeed). One other place hard to see is the point of your elbow, where a local stalker eventually found a tick when he had acute symptoms. The gadgets for safe removal are sold in chemists, outdoor shops and vets' surgeries and by: www.bushwear.co.uk

3. **CAMPING ON THE RANGE:** The Trustees of Atholl Estates do not allow "mechanised camping" - i.e. the use of caravans, camper vans or motor homes - anywhere on the estate except in the recognised caravan park close to Blair Atholl village. This does not prevent someone using a camper van or motor home in place of a car to access the range but the vehicle must not remain on the range overnight, and caravans must not be taken to the range at any time. Camping "under canvas" is not affected by this ban. Anyone wishing to camp in that way is asked to contact Keith Baxby kbaxby@btinternet.com for advice on where to camp (please NOT at the 1100-yard point) and how to access toilet facilities.

Thanks for your co-operation

West Atholl Rifle Club