

# 23 SOPS UXO SAFETY BRIEF



**WARNING!**

**HAZARDS FROM UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE (UXO)  
COULD EXIST ON THIS INSTALLATION  
DIGGING IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED!**

**IF YOU SEE UNEXPLODED ORDNANCE**

**DO NOT TOUCH IT!**

**RECORD THE LOCATION, RETREAT FROM AREA  
AND REPORT TO SECURITY FORCES 471-2285**



# ***New Boston AFS UXO History***

- **1942-1956: Aerial Bombing**
  - **Used by Navy & Army Air Corps for air-to-ground bombing & strafing**
  - **Two primary ranges**
    - **Joe English Pond (Air-to-Ground)**
    - **Shooting Field (rocket attacks & strafing)**
  - **Armament used**
    - **Practice & high-explosive bombs (3 lbs up to 2,000 lbs)**
    - **50 Cal & 20 MM ammunition**
    - **Rockets (2.25" up to 5" in diameter)**
- **1959: USAF acquires land**
- **1960: Satellite operations begin**



# *Munitions Debris as Found in the Field*





# Installation UXO Boundaries

## No Digging Anywhere on Station

**HOT LINE**  
**PLEASE CALL THE**  
**RECREATION**  
**HOT LINE FOR**  
**CURRENT**  
**INFORMATION**  
**471-2488**

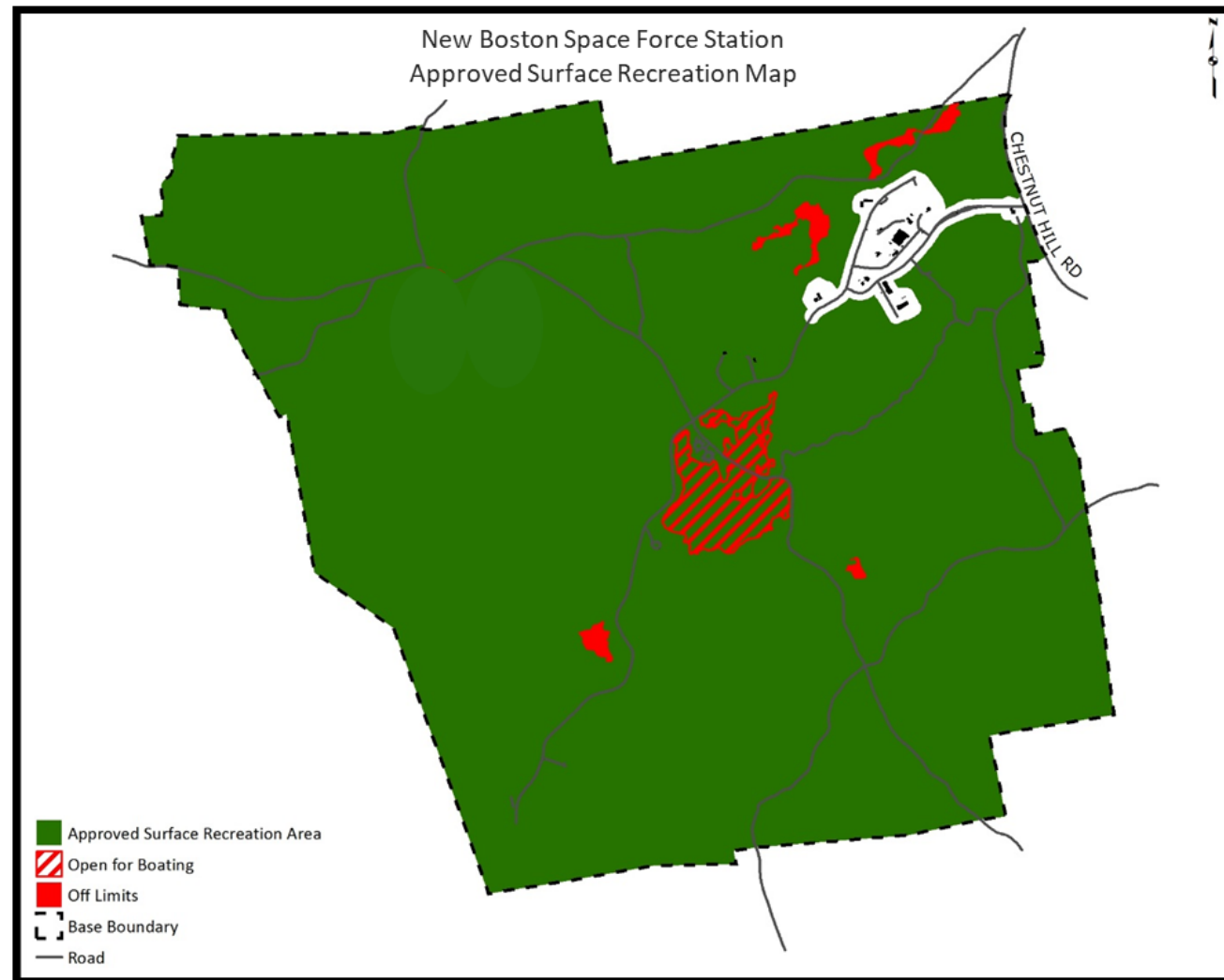
**NOTICE**  
No Swimming/Wading/Boating  
Or Fishing

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By Order Of The  
Installation Commander

**BOATING PERMITTED**  
**Kayaks, Canoes, Rowboats and**  
**Paddleboards ONLY!**  
*Anchors and Motorized crafts*  
*are not allowed*  
By Order Of The  
Installation Commander

Please remove any vegetation from your boat before launching!  
Help 23 SOPS stop invasive species from spreading!







## **DO**

- **Recreate throughout the Installation (SURFACE ONLY)**
- **Pay attention to signage**
- **Retreat and report any UXO**
- **Fish and boat only in dedicated ponds this includes Joe English Pond**

## **DON'TS**

- **Dig anywhere unless you have an approved Explosive Safety Submission or an approved local Operational Risk Management Worksheet for the activity and the area has been cleared by a UXO technician**
- **Fish, swim, wade or boat in any of the RED ponds**
- **Touch any metal or suspicious objects**



# Remember the 3 **R**s

- **Recognize**

- **Before entering an actual or suspected UXO contaminated area, get a UXO familiarization briefing from local explosive safety personnel. Be alert to anything unnatural – it may be UXO**

- **Retreat**

- **Do not move toward UXO. Immediately leave the area the same way you entered. Other UXO may be present. If you can see the UXO, it can “see” you.**

- **Report**

- **Note the location, route, landmarks, or any other features that would aid authorities in locating the UXO. Report this information to Security 471-2285.**