

COSSA Range Orientation Information

COSSA manages 27 distinct shooting bays and ranges, known collectively as COSSA Park. Applicants for membership are required to attend an orientation meeting for new members before receiving their member ID cards and the padlock combination to the east and west entrance gates to COSSA Park. Orientations are held monthly, or as the need arises.

COSSA Park is located approximately 24 miles east of Bend off highway 20. If you are coming from the Bend area, please allow an hour to drive to COSSA Park and find the orientation location. See the accompanying map.

The orientation covers safety rules and procedures and the proper use of the various shooting venues provided at COSSA Park. The venues most commonly used by casual shooters are: (1) the Public Range, (2) the High Power Gong Range, and (3) the Fockler 200 Yard Sight-in Range. These are all unsupervised ranges with benches for multiple shooters. It is essential that you know and follow COSSA safety rules and procedures in order to avoid mishaps. COSSA has never had a serious injury at COSSA Park, and we aim to keep it that way.

The orientation also provides a tour of COSSA Park facilities. Many shooting venues are intended for certain types of shooting activities. Misuse of COSSA facilities can result in damage to targets, props and signage. For example, shooting high power jacketed ammunition at soft steel targets intended for black powder and lead bullets can result in holes through the targets.

To prepare for the orientation we ask that you click on the below links for the COSSA Safety Manual, the Member's Guide to Safety and Range Use, and the Safety Quiz. Read the safety manual and member's guide and fill out the safety quiz. There is no pass/fail grade for the quiz. The intent of the quiz is to spark discussion about range safety during the orientation. Bring your quiz and your copy of the safety manual to the orientation. The orientation will last about 90 minutes. Please wear clothing appropriate for the weather, have ear and eye protection, and bring extra water and a snack.

If you can attend the next orientation, please call Ed Hauswald at 540.272.3387 or Bill Lewis at 541.480.4635. If you cannot, please plan to attend the next orientation scheduled on the COSSA website calendar.

Thanks again for your interest in COSSA.