



What to Expect at the Clay Target Range

The Spread Oaks Lodge clay target course is located only a short walk from the lodge and overlooks the smaller of our two stocked lakes. It is configured with a low and high house (not regulation skeet) and three external traps. We provide up to two-hours of clay target shooting *one time* during your stay, and it includes shotgun rental, 2 boxes of 12-ga or 20-gauge ammunition per guest, hearing protection, and shooting glasses. Advance notice of your interest and preferred shooting time is needed to give staff sufficient preparation time.

Staff will review shotgun safety with your party before the handling of the first shotgun. For experienced shooters, after the safety talk the lodge will simply provide you an overview of how the clay target equipment works. If there are inexperienced shooters in your group, our staff will remain with your party to monitor both safety and shotgun handling. We are also happy to provide basic shooting instruction.

Please note that, during duck season, there may be times that we encourage you NOT to shoot clay targets. We do this is because at certain times of the year ducks roost in adjacent waterways. Yes, you can still shoot, but it may impact the results of your hunt the next day. It's just about communication, and we aim to please.

Don't forget that we can book a shooting clinic for you with National Sporting Clays Level III instructor and Master Class shooter Adam Blair! (<https://www.shootwithadam.com/>). Adam's per person \$250/hour charge includes instruction, targets, and ammunition.

Clay Target Course Safety

Spread Oaks' number one priority is the safety of our guests and staff. Safety is just as much your responsibility as it is ours, meaning do not hesitate to bring anything that makes you uncomfortable to anyone's attention, whether on staff or not.

There will be no mixing of weapons at the course. For example, no one is to shoot a rifle while another is using a shotgun. If you are bringing multiple weapons to the range, they must be left in cases while another weapon type is engaged.

Limit to the number of people allowed at the clay course at one time – including spectators – is six to eight.

Breeches to remain open at all times until you are in the shooting station.

Check gun is unloaded before entering or leaving shooting station.

Barrels are to be pointed down or towards range at all times.

Never swing a gun across adjacent shooter.

Eye and ear protection are required at all times.

Never mix gun gauges while shooting. Pick one gauge to shoot at a time.

Never load more than two shells at a time.

No alcohol consumption before shooting. Period.

After discharge, be sure gun is back on safety and/or chamber is open.