



**U.S. Army Corps  
of Engineers**  
Little Rock District

# Fact Sheet

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## Corps delays next phase of field work on former Camp Robinson property until January 2002

For safety and scheduling reasons, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Little Rock District is delaying the second phase of ordnance investigations on property that was once part of the World War II-era Camp Robinson.

Representatives from Parsons Engineering Science of Norcross, Ga., the Corps' contractor, completed geophysical investigations in June and July. While in the field, they investigated just over 101 acres in 16 sectors to get a representative sample of the more than 13,000-acre site.

Those initial field investigations identified more than 2,500 magnetic anomalies. Each one needs to be investigated to determine whether it actually is ordnance left from the Army's use of the property or something else, such as a metal object or an iron-bearing rock.

Originally representatives from Parsons were scheduled in mid October to begin digging up the identified anomalies. The work schedule has slipped for several reasons, and now it is being delayed to keep workers from having to be in the field during hunting season and

prevent temporary relocations during the upcoming holidays.

Now the contractors are scheduled to begin their investigations after the first of the year. The work will take about 13 weeks, depending upon the weather and other factors.

The area affected includes a two-acre former grenade range at the North Little Rock Airport and at a 13,400-acre former artillery training area, located north of Highway 89 in Faulkner County.

### Temporary relocations

The schedule change also will provide more time for residents and the Corps to prepare for the temporary relocations that will be necessary for the investigations.

Because the investigations involve digging suspected ordnance items, no one can be in the area except qualified ordnance technicians. If people are away from their homes during the day, the project shouldn't effect them since the contractors work during daylight hours Monday through Thursday.

However, the project could affect some people who live or work in the

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on temporary  
relocations? Contact the  
Corps' Real Estate Office  
at 1-800-534-4270.**

area during the daytime. If they need a place to stay, the Corps will arrange for a temporary place, such as a local motel, that is within government cost limitations.

If you live or work on the property that was once part of Camp Robinson and want more information about the temporary relocations, contact the Corps' Real Estate Office at 1-800-531-4340.

### Site history

The land being studied under this Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis was once part of Camp Pike, later known as Camp Joseph T. Robinson. During World War II, Camp Joseph T. Robinson was an Army installation much larger than it is now. The camp was used to train troops to use a variety of weapons, including



**RECOGNIZE - Ordnance will likely be rusted and will look like big bullets or pointed metal pipes.**

**RETREAT - Remember where you saw the Unexploded Ordnance. If possible, when you are safely away from the UXO, mark the area.**

**REPORT - To protect yourself, your family and your friends, immediately report what you saw to a parent, the police or a teacher. Ask them to call 911.**

rifles, pistols, machine guns, live grenades, mortars and various field artillery.

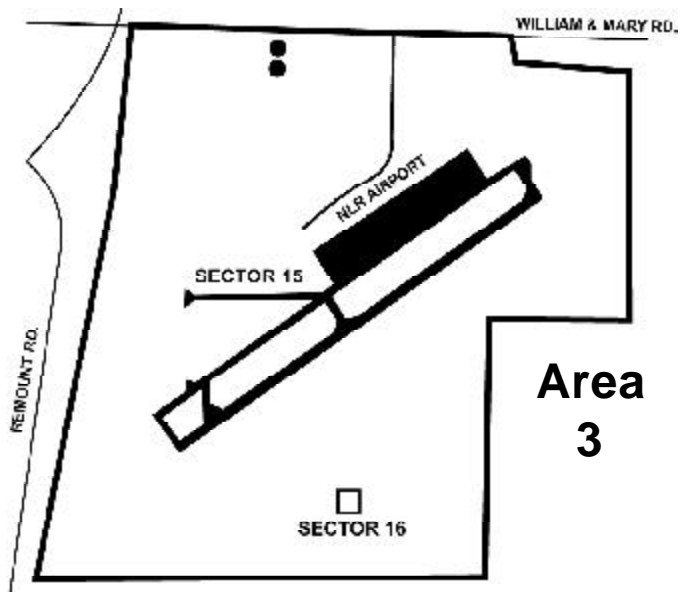
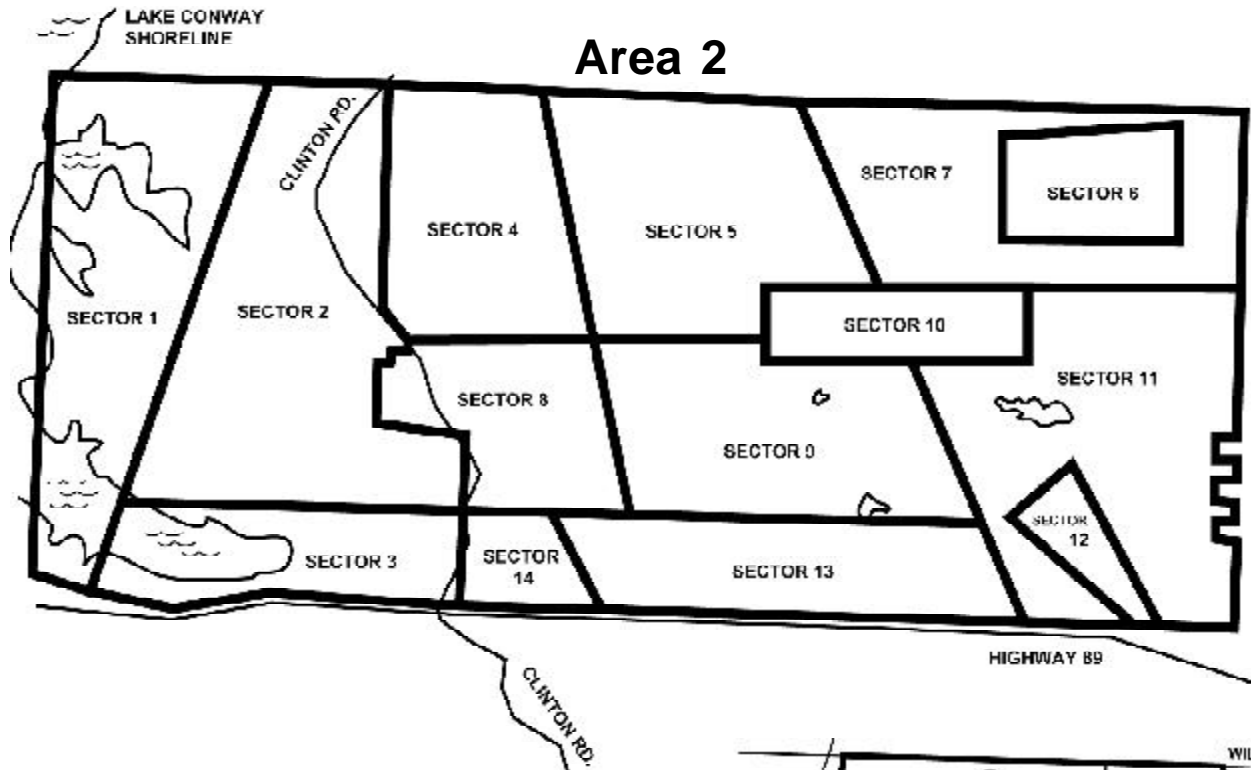
After the war, Camp Robinson was declared surplus and broken up. Most of it was transferred to the Arkansas National Guard. Some of it went to the city of North Little Rock and Central Baptist College.

Another portion was retained by the federal government and used as an Army Reserve Center, now called Camp Pike. The remainder was sold to private landowners.

Portions that are no longer owned by the military or

the National Guard are eligible for environmental investigations and cleanup assistance under the Formerly Used Defense Sites program. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers responsible agency for conducting environmental restoration work under the FUDS program.

The public will be informed of the results of the investigation when the draft EE/CA report is complete and coordinated with the public. A public meeting will be held, and the report will be available at the Mayflower library and on the Internet at [www.projecthost.com](http://www.projecthost.com).



### Area Maps

The entire Camp Robinson FUD site includes more than 13,000 acres divided into two areas.

† Area 2 is located north of Highway 89 and west of Lake Conway. It includes the Camp Robinson Wildlife Demonstration Area which is managed by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and several subdivisions that are being developed quickly.

† Area 3 includes the North Little Rock Airport, however some properties that are to the east of the area fall within the evacuation range if anomalies are investigated in Sector 16. People in these areas might require temporary relocations.

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