Port of Milford Haven

Castlemartin Firing Range

Castlemartin Range is situated to the south of the Milford Haven Waterway. The landward ranger covers some 5900 Acres and is used for live firing of small arms as well as Tank and artillery. The Seaward Danger Area associated with the range is shown in the image below. The danger area extends out to sea from the coast between Little Furznip, (51° 39"2 N 05° 03"5 W) and St. Govans Head (51° 35"8 N, 04° 55"5 W). The boundary Latitudes and Longitudes are can be seen by clicking on the image:

The gunnery ranges are active for up to 44 weeks in the year, starting in late February and ending in mid-December.

It is worth noting that the actual danger area on any particular day depends on the type of weapons and ammunitions being fired. The area can extend out to 12 nautical miles off the coast, or as little as 3 nautical miles.

For anyone transiting this part of the coast you should check firing times before going. The firing times are published in local newspapers and can often be found at the local marinas. Firing times are also available on the recorded message line on 01646 662367. Alternatively you can also contact Castlemartin Control Tower when the range is active on 01646 662336, or from the gatehouse 01646 662280.

When the range is active and an exclusion zone is in place range safety vessels will be in the area. They will be on the lookout for vessels transiting too close and will intercept or make contact with you on VHF channel 16. When firing the Castlemartin Control Tower will also be monitoring the sea danger area. They may also try to make contact with vessels entering the danger area on VHF Channel 16.