RESTRICTIONS ON ACCESS TO THE WOOMERA PROHIBITED AREA

Woomera Prohibited Area Access Requirements
The Woomera Prohibited Area (WPA) is prescribed as a Prohibited Area under the Woomera Prohibited Area Rule 2014 and is used for the testing of war materiel. A permit is not required for travel on the following Standing Permission routes/areas:
• Tarcoola to Darwin rail line
• Stuart Highway
• William Creek Road
• Lake Cadibarrawirracanna Road (Public Access Route 18)
• Olympic Dam Highway (B97)
• Woomera Village.

Please note however that the above areas or routes may be closed for short periods during testing. A permit is required for travel to all other areas within the WPA.

Access Zones
The WPA is divided into four access zones, each with different levels of accessibility. Each access zone has exclusion periods, during which access will be prohibited. This includes all roads and tracks within the affected area. Access to the Red Zone is not permitted at any time. Amber Zone exclusion periods will be published in March of each year, showing the access restrictions which apply during the following financial year (i.e. 1 July to 30 June). Notifications for restrictions in parts of the Green Zone may be provided only three weeks in advance so keep an eye on the Woomera Prohibited Area Coordination Office website for details.

Exclusion Periods for the 2015/16 Financial Year
The planned exclusion periods for Amber Zone South-Eastern Corner (Defence Periodic Use Zone 1) and Amber Zone Centre-line Corridor (Defence Periodic Use Zone 2) are published in March each year for the following financial year. The exclusion periods are subject to change so please ensure you check the WPACO website (www.defence.gov.au/woomera) for the latest exclusion periods.

Green Zone closures
WPA Green Zone closures may occur for up to eight weeks each financial year affecting access to the Standing Permission routes detailed above. Notifications for restrictions in parts of the Green Zone will be provided with at least three weeks’ notice, so keep an eye on the Woomera Prohibited Area Coordination Office website for details.

For more information on access zones, exclusion periods and permits, visit the Woomera Prohibited Area Coordination Office website at www.defence.gov.au/woomera or ph 1300 727 420.
Tourist permit application requests should be made to the Woomera Test Range at least 10 business days prior to travel via email woomera.enquiries@defence.gov.au or phone (08) 8674 3370.