



## Texas Camp Barkeley

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### ***Facility and Location***

Camp Barkeley is located in the west central part of Texas, 12 miles southwest of Abilene, in Taylor County. Camp Barkeley was activated in 1941 and consisted of approximately 77,000 acres. Used as a recruit training and infantry base in World War II, Camp Barkeley became surplus to Army needs in 1945 and the land was sold off for private use.

At its peak, Camp Barkeley housed in excess of 60,000 men. It was also used as a prisoner of war camp, an armored training center, and an officers training school for the medical corps. Today, the only military use of Camp Barkeley is as a Texas National Guard training site. As an army training camp and division training center, Camp Barkeley had a very active artillery range. This included rockets, grenades, mortars, and small arms. Pit areas were built for grenade training and igloos were built for munitions storage. Although this site had a well-defined range complex, historical records indicate firing occurred at locations throughout the maneuver area. Correspondence on the subject of range clearance, dated August 3, 1946, with the Corps of Engineers, Headquarters, Fourth Army states "A concerted effort was made to clear the Camp Barkeley range of all duds." It further indicates that any additional efforts to clear the Camp Barkeley site would be less than fully successful due to the "...extremely rugged..." terrain. This determination was made after repeated attempts to clear particular areas.

### ***Media Sampled and Findings***

**Surface Water** — In 2007, four of four samples detected perchlorate from 0.01 to 0.03 ppb.

### ***Appropriate Actions***

Not Applicable. All samples were below the EPA and DoD Preliminary Remediation Goal of 15 ppb.