

WCSC FIRST STEPS RIFLE COURSE: The M1 Garand

Williamson Conservation and Sporting Club is offering the NRA First Steps Rifle Course focused on using the M1 Garand. The course will be Saturday, June 6, 2026 from 8:00 AM until 3 PM. Students should arrive by 7:45 AM.

The Club has 6 M1 rifles for use with the course, although anyone with an M1 in safe condition is encouraged to bring and use it. Students are requested to bring appropriate eye and hearing protection, although we will have some available. Students are also encouraged to bring mats, slings, and cleaning supplies. Also, please let us know if you are bringing your own M1.

Cost of the course will be \$110 and will include all ammunition needed to complete the course. Registration and payment must be received by May 10. Please make the check payable to Donald Rimai, PO Box 505, Webster, NY 14580. The class size will be limited by the number of club rifles needed by students. Following classroom instruction, the students will shoot the CMP national match course of fire. For those wishing to sign up and do not own an M1 rifle, please first contact Don Rimai at donrimai@gmail.com. Students should register pay all fees by May 10. Registration for this course is at <https://www.nrainstructors.org/CourseDetails.aspx?Courseid=918696>. Students who need a club rifle should first contact the instructor to reserve one prior to registering.

Topics covered include:

- A. Firearms safety
- B. Fundamentals of loading, shooting, and unloading the M1 Garand rifle
- C. Ammunition selection
- D. Cleaning of the rifle
- E. Safe storage of firearms
- F. Opportunities to enhance shooting skills

Students should also bring appropriate refreshments. Please bring appropriate attire for the weather conditions as shooting will be done outdoors.

Don Rimai, certified NRA rifle instructor