

§550. Regulations for General Public Use Activities on All State Wildlife Areas Listed Below.

- (a) State Wildlife Areas:
- (1) Antelope Valley Wildlife Area (Sierra County) (Type C);
 - (2) Ash Creek Wildlife Area (Lassen and Modoc counties) (Type B);
 - (3) Bass Hill Wildlife Area (Lassen County), including the Egan Management Unit (Type C);
 - (4) Battle Creek Wildlife Area (Shasta and Tehama counties);
 - (5) Big Lagoon Wildlife Area (Humboldt County) (Type C);
 - (6) Big Sandy Wildlife Area (Monterey and San Luis Obispo counties) (Type C);
 - (7) Biscar Wildlife Area (Lassen County) (Type C);
 - (8) Buttermilk Country Wildlife Area (Inyo County) (Type C);
 - (9) Butte Valley Wildlife Area (Siskiyou County) (Type B);
 - (10) Cache Creek Wildlife Area (Lake County), including the North Fork Cache Creek and Harley Gulch management units (Type C);
 - (11) Camp Cady Wildlife Area (San Bernardino County) (Type C);
 - (12) Cantara/Ney Springs Wildlife Area (Siskiyou County) (Type C);
 - (13) Cartago Wildlife Area, Inyo County (Type C);
 - ~~(14)~~ Cedar Roughs Wildlife Area (Napa County) (Type C);
 - ~~(15)~~ Cinder Flats Wildlife Area (Shasta County) (Type C);
 - ~~(16)~~ Clear Lake Wildlife Area (Lake County), including the Rodman Slough Unit (Type C);
 - ~~(17)~~ Collins Eddy Wildlife Area (Sutter and Yolo counties) (Type C);
 - ~~(18)~~ Colusa Bypass Wildlife Area (Colusa County) (Type C);
 - ~~(19)~~ Coon Hollow Wildlife Area (Butte County) (Type C);
 - ~~(20)~~ Cottonwood Creek Wildlife Area (Merced County), including the Upper Cottonwood and Lower Cottonwood management units (Type C);
 - ~~(21)~~ Crescent City Marsh Wildlife Area (Del Norte County);
 - ~~(22)~~ Crocker Meadow Wildlife Area (Plumas County) (Type C);
 - ~~(23)~~ Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area (Yuba County) (Type C);
 - ~~(24)~~ Decker Island Wildlife Area (Solano County) (Type C);
 - ~~(25)~~ Doyle Wildlife Area (Lassen County) (Type C);
 - ~~(26)~~ Dutch Flat Wildlife Area (Modoc County) (Type C);
 - ~~(27)~~ East Walker River Wildlife Area (Mono County) (Type C);
 - ~~(28)~~ Eel River Wildlife Area (Humboldt County) (Type C);
 - ~~(29)~~ Elk Creek Wetlands Wildlife Area (Del Norte County);
 - ~~(30)~~ Elk River Wildlife Area (Humboldt County) (Type C);
 - ~~(30) Eureka Slough Wildlife Area (Humboldt County);~~
 - (31) Fay Canyon Wildlife Area (Alpine County) (Type C);
 - (32) Fay Slough Wildlife Area (Humboldt County) (Type C);
 - (33) Feather River Wildlife Area (Sutter and Yuba counties), including the Abbott Lake, Lake of the Woods, Marysville, Morse Road, Nelson Slough, O'Connor Lakes, Shanghai Bend, and Star Bend management units (Type C);
 - (34) Fitzhugh Creek Wildlife Area (Modoc County) (Type C);
 - ~~(35) Fitzhugh Creek Wildlife Area (Modoc County) (Type C);~~
 - ~~(36)~~ French Valley Wildlife Area (Riverside County) (Type C);
 - ~~(37)~~ Grass Lake Wildlife Area (Siskiyou County) (Type C);
 - ~~(38)~~ Gray Lodge Wildlife Area (Butte and Sutter counties) (Type A);
 - ~~(39)~~ Green Creek Wildlife Area (Mono County) (Type C);
 - ~~(40)~~ Grizzly Island Wildlife Area (Solano County), including the Garibaldi Crescent (Type A), Gold Hills (Type B), Goodyear Slough (Type B), Grey Goose (Type C), Grizzly Island (Type A), Island Slough (Type B), Joice Island (Type A), West Family (Type B) and Montezuma Slough management units;
 - ~~(41)~~ Hallelujah Junction Wildlife Area (Lassen and Sierra counties) (Type C);
 - ~~(42)~~ Heenan Lake Wildlife Area (Alpine County) (Type C);
 - ~~(43)~~ Hill Slough Wildlife Area (Solano County);
 - ~~(44)~~ Hollenbeck Canyon Wildlife Area (San Diego County) (Type C);
 - ~~(45)~~ Honey Lake Wildlife Area (Lassen County) (Type B);
 - ~~(46)~~ Hope Valley Wildlife Area (Alpine County) (Type C);

- (4647) Horseshoe Ranch Wildlife Area (Siskiyou County) (Type C);
 (4748) Imperial Wildlife Area (Imperial County), including the Wister Management Unit (Type A) and Finney Ramer Management Units (Type C);
~~(48) Indian Tom Wildlife Area (Siskiyou County) (Type C);~~
 (49) Indian Valley Wildlife Area (Lake County) (Type C);
 (50) Kelso Peak and Old Dad Mountains Wildlife Area (San Bernardino County) (Type C);
 (51) Kinsman Flat Wildlife Area (Madera County) (Type C);
 (52) Knoxville Wildlife Area (Napa and Yolo counties) (Type C);
 (53) Laguna Wildlife Area (Sonoma County) (Type C);
 (54) Lake Berryessa Wildlife Area (Napa County) (Type C);
 (55) Lake Earl Wildlife Area (Del Norte County) (Type C);
 (56) Lake Sonoma Wildlife Area (Sonoma County) (Type C);
 (57) Little Panoche Reservoir Wildlife Area (Fresno County) (Type C);
 (58) Los Banos Wildlife Area (Merced County) (Type A);
 (59) Lower Sherman Island Wildlife Area (Sacramento County) (Type C);
 (60) Mad River Slough Wildlife Area (Humboldt County) (Type C);
 (61) Marble Mountains Wildlife Area (San Bernardino County) (Type C);
 (62) Mendota Wildlife Area (Fresno County) (Type A);
 (63) Merrill's Landing Wildlife Area (Tehama County) (Type C);
 (64) Miner Slough Wildlife Area (Solano County) (Type C);
 (65) Monache Meadows Wildlife Area (Tulare County) (Type C);
 (66) Morro Bay Wildlife Area (San Luis Obispo County) (Type C);
 (67) Moss Landing Wildlife Area (Monterey County) (Type C);
 (68) Mouth of Cottonwood Creek Wildlife Area (Shasta and Tehama counties) (Type C);
 (69) Mud Lake Wildlife Area (Siskiyou County) (Type C);
 (70) Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area (Solano, Napa, and Sonoma counties), including the American Canyon, Coon Island, Dutchman Slough, Huichica Creek, Napa River, Ringstrom Bay, Sonoma Creek, Tolay Creek, ~~White Slough~~, and Wingo management units (~~All Type C, except White Slough~~); and Green Island, Southern Crossing, and White Slough management units;
 (71) North Grasslands Wildlife Area (Merced and Stanislaus counties), including the China Island, Gadwall, and Salt Slough management units (Type A);
 (72) O'Neill Forebay Wildlife Area (Merced County) (Type C);
 (73) Oroville Wildlife Area (Butte County), including the Thermalito Afterbay Management Unit (Type C);
 (74) Petaluma Marsh Wildlife Area (Marin and Sonoma counties), including the Black John Slough, Burdell, ~~Day Island, Green Point, Novato Creek, and Petaluma River, Point Sonoma, and Rush Creek~~ management units (Type C); and Bahia, Day Island, Green Point, Novato Creek, Point Sonoma, and Rush Creek management units;
 (75) Pickel Meadow Wildlife Area (Mono County) (Type C);
 (76) Pine Creek Wildlife Area (Modoc County) (Type C);
 (77) Point Edith Wildlife Area (Contra Costa County) (Type C);
 (78) Putah Creek Wildlife Area (Solano County) (Type C);
 (79) Rector Reservoir Wildlife Area (Napa County) (Type C);
 (80) Red Lake Wildlife Area (Alpine County) (Type C);
 (81) Rhode Island Wildlife Area Contra Costa County (Type C);
 (82) Sacramento Bypass Wildlife Area (Yolo County) (Type C);
 (83) Sacramento River Wildlife Area (Butte, Colusa, and Glenn counties) (Type C);
 (84) San Felipe Valley Wildlife Area (San Diego County) (Type C);
 (85) San Jacinto Wildlife Area (Riverside County) including the Davis Road Unit, and the Potrero Unit (Type A);
 (86) San Luis Obispo Wildlife Area (San Luis Obispo County);
 (87) San Luis Reservoir Wildlife Area (Merced County) (Type C);
 (88) San Pablo Bay Wildlife Area (Marin and Sonoma counties) (Type C);
 (89) Santa Rosa Wildlife Area (Riverside County) (Type C);
 (90) Shasta Valley Wildlife Area (Siskiyou County) (Type B);
 (91) Sheepy Ridge Wildlife Area (Siskiyou County) (Type C);
 (92) Silver Creek Wildlife Area (Lassen County) (Type C);

- (93) Slinkard-Little Antelope Wildlife Area (Mono County) (Type C);
- (94) Smithneck Creek Wildlife Area (Sierra County) (Type C);
- (95) South Fork Wildlife Area (Kern County) (Type C);
- (96) South Spit Wildlife Area (Humboldt County) (Type C);
- ~~(96) Spannus Gulch Wildlife Area (Siskiyou County) (Type C);~~
- (97) Spenceville Wildlife Area (Yuba and Nevada counties) (Type C);
- (98) Surprise Valley Wildlife Area (Modoc County) (Type C);
- (99) Sutter Bypass Wildlife Area (Sutter County) (Type C);
- (100) Tehama Wildlife Area (Tehama County) (Type C);
- (101) Truckee River Wildlife Area (Placer and Nevada counties), including the Boca, Polaris, Union Ice, and West River management units (Type C);
- (102) Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area (Butte and Glenn counties), including the Howard Slough, Little Dry Creek, and Llano Seco management units (Type A);
- (103) Volta Wildlife Area (Merced County) (Type A);
- ~~(104) Walker River Wildlife Area (Mono County) (Type C);~~
- ~~(105)~~ Waukell Creek Wildlife Area (Del Norte County) (Type C);
- ~~(106)~~ Warner Valley Wildlife Area (Plumas County) (Type C);
- ~~(107)~~ West Hilmar Wildlife Area (Merced and Stanislaus counties) (Type C);
- (107) West Walker River Wildlife Area (Mono County) (Type C);
- (108) White Slough Wildlife Area (San Joaquin County) (Type C);
- (109) Willow Creek Wildlife Area (Lassen County) (Type B);
- (110) Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area (Yolo County).

(b) Area Regulations:

(1) Regional Manager's Authority: The regional manager shall have the authority to regulate public use of State wildlife areas where such use is not provided for in these regulations or in sections 551 and 552 of this title.

(2) Entry Restrictions. The department may limit the number of persons entering any area listed in section 550 or 551 of this title during any period for safety reasons, to reduce crowding, to provide for the limited take of a species, or may close portions of areas or close areas entirely to public entry or to specific activities. No person shall enter an area that has been closed to the public, except by written permission of the regional manager. On wildlife areas where entry and exit sites are designated by the department, no person shall enter or leave except at designated sites.

(3) Procedures for Issuing Entry Permits. In the event that the department elects to limit the number of hunters, trappers, or other users, entry permits will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis, or by a drawing to be held at a designated department office. The department shall inform the commission in writing and the public via the news media of any implementation of the provisions of this subsection, when limits imposed under this subsection differ substantially for a specific area from the prior year. Such notification shall include: the State wildlife area affected, the time period, the reason for the limitation or closure, the number of entry permits to be issued, and the method of issuance.

(4) Permit Requirements. No person shall enter any State wildlife area or portion thereof where the department has limited public entry without a valid entry permit in their immediate possession. [See subsections 551(f), (g), and (h) for regulations regarding general requirements and costs for individual entry permits. See subsection 551(q) for entry permit requirements for specific areas.] Upon leaving the State wildlife area, the permit must be completed and returned to the checking station, or drop box.

(5) Use Permits for Organized Events. Any person organizing an event or gathering to be conducted on a State wildlife area shall obtain a use permit from the appropriate regional manager. Such events or gatherings shall be compatible with wildlife area objectives.

(6) Motor Driven Vehicles.

(A) No person shall drive, operate, leave, place, or stop any motor driven vehicle or trailer on any State wildlife area except on public or established roads or on designated jeep trails and such other areas as designated by the Department. No person shall park or leave any motor driven vehicle or trailer in any area where signs prohibiting parking are posted. Unless noted in subsections 551(q) or 552(a) the use of off highway vehicles (OHV's) and all terrain vehicles (ATV's) is prohibited on areas owned and/or managed by the department. The Department may designate the parking lot where a person must park a vehicle while on the wildlife area.

(B) No person shall drive a vehicle carelessly in willful disregard of the rights or safety of others, or without due caution or at a speed or in a manner likely to endanger any person, property, or wildlife.

(7) Signs, Traffic and Road Closures.

(A) Drivers of motor driven vehicles operated within the wildlife areas shall comply with the directions of traffic signs posted in the area by the department.

(B) No person shall damage, remove, or destroy any barrier, sign, signpost, or signboard on any wildlife area.

(8) Boats.

(A) The department may restrict the use and operation of boats on State wildlife areas, department administered national wildlife refuges, and State recreation areas to protect natural resources or provide for the orderly operation of hunting and fishing programs on these areas. Boating restrictions may include, but not be limited to, limiting boat speeds, limiting motor size and type, or prohibiting the use of motors. During the times waterfowl are present, the provisions of Section 251 of this Title will also apply.

(B) Except as prohibited in subsection 551(q), boats may be used under the following regulations on State wildlife areas, department administered national wildlife refuges, and State recreation areas.

1. When launch sites are designated by the department, all boats must be launched and removed from those sites.

2. All persons shall remove their boats from the waters or beach when instructed to do so by an employee of the department. Any peace officer may remove the boat of any person who has been instructed to remove their boat from the waters or beach, and fails to comply with the instruction of the employee of the department.

3. The use of boats may be restricted to certain zones designated by the department.

4. Boat speed shall not exceed five miles per hour unless otherwise noted in subsection 551 (q).

5. Any peace officer may remove any boat that is left unattended in the waters or on the beach in excess of 72 hours.

(9) Vandalism and Litter.

(A) No person shall tamper with, damage, or remove any property not his own when such property is located within a State wildlife area.

(B) No person shall leave, deposit, drop, bury, or scatter bottles, broken glass, feathers, hides, wastepaper, cans, sewage, or other rubbish in any State wildlife area except in a receptacle or area designated for that purpose, and no person shall import and deposit any rubbish or toxic substance into State wildlife areas from other places. Where no designated receptacles are provided, any refuse resulting from a person's use of the area must be removed from the area by such person.

(10) Trees and Minerals.

(A) No person shall dig up, cut, damage, or remove from a wildlife area any trees, shrubs, vines, plants or wood, except that vegetation may be cut and used for the purpose of building blinds, unless otherwise directed by the area manager.

(B) No person shall dig up or remove any humus, soil, sand, gravel, or rock.

(11) Bottles and Artifact Collecting. No person shall collect or remove bottles or artifacts, or dig or otherwise disturb the soil to locate or remove bottles or artifacts, from any Wildlife Area.

(12) Camping and Unattended Personal Property. No person shall camp, including on a boat, in any part of a State wildlife area except in areas designated by the department. (See subsection 551(q) for additional camping restrictions on specific areas). Camping on wildlife areas shall be limited to not more than seven consecutive days, and not more than 14 days total in any calendar year, except by written permission of the Regional Manager. Personal property may not be left on State wildlife areas for camping or other purposes, except at authorized locations. Decoys may not be left in the field overnight, except as provided in subsection 551(q). Any hunting blinds on wildlife areas shall be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

(13) Fires. From April 30 through October 30 on Type C areas, and during the entire year on Type A and B areas, no person shall build or maintain fires except in portable gas stoves, in charcoal briquette barbecues, or in fireplaces at sites developed by the department. No fire shall be left unattended and all fires shall be extinguished with water before leaving. (See subsection 551(q) for additional fire restrictions.)

(14) Use of Dogs and Field Trials. The department may prohibit or restrict the use of dogs on any State wildlife area (see subsection 551(q)). Except as further prohibited in subsection 551(q), dogs are allowed only for hunting or when under immediate control. Dogs must be leashed at designated campsites and checking station areas. Special permits are required for field trials. Dog training is allowed only in areas designated by the department.

(15) Pesticides Use. No person, other than authorized federal, state, or local employees conducting a pest control program approved by the department, shall apply any pesticide in any State wildlife area.

(16) Livestock. No person shall permit livestock, including but not limited to cattle, horses, sheep, goats, and hogs, to browse, graze, bed, cross, or otherwise trespass on any State wildlife area except under an authorized grazing permit issued by the department. The recreational use of horses is allowed, except as designated in subsection 551(q). Persons who fail to remove their livestock from any State wildlife area within 48 hours after receiving official notice of trespass by the regional manager through certified mail, shall be in violation of this section.

(17) Fish and Frogs. Fish and frogs may not be taken for commercial purposes (see subsection 551(q) for specific area regulations).

(18) Hunting and Trapping. Hunting and trapping shall be allowed on State wildlife areas during the regular open seasons subject to subsection 550(b)(19), 551(b), and 551(q), and such other area use regulations as specified by the regional manager.

(19) ~~Special Restrictions.~~ (Areas where hunting and possession of firearms and archery equipment ~~is~~ are prohibited). No person, except authorized personnel, shall possess or discharge a firearm, bow and arrow, air or gas gun, spear gun, or other propulsive device of any kind in the following areas: Battle Creek, Crescent City Marsh, Elk Creek Wetlands, Eureka Slough, and Hill Slough wildlife areas; Cordelia Slough and Montezuma Slough management units of Grizzly Island Wildlife Area; White Slough Unit of Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area; and Bahia, Day Island, Green Point, Novato Creek, Point Sonoma, and Rush Creek units of the Petaluma Marsh Wildlife Area.

(20) Fireworks / Explosives - No person shall possess or light fireworks or other explosive or incendiary devices on any state owned or managed wildlife area, except by written permission of the area manager or as provided for in Sections 551(b) or 551(q).

(2021) Possession and use of Alcohol or other Controlled Substances. No person shall possess or use alcohol or other controlled substances while in the field hunting or engaged in other authorized recreational activities on any State wildlife area or Federal wildlife refuge. For the purpose of this section, "in the field" is defined as all areas except checking stations and designated parking areas. The possession and/or use of controlled substances pursuant to 11550 of the Health and Safety Code are prohibited on all areas managed and/or controlled by the department.

(2122) Ejection. The department may eject any person from a State wildlife area for violation of any of these rules or regulations or for disorderly conduct, intoxication, or when a department employee determines that the general safety or welfare of the area or persons thereon is endangered. The decision, in such respect, of any department employee assigned management or enforcement responsibilities for the area shall be final.

(2223) User Responsibility for Knowing Regulations. All wildlife area users shall be responsible for area-specific regulations listed under subsection 551(q). Failure to comply with any of the area-specific regulations shall be a violation of this subsection.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 203, 355, 713, 1050, 1526, 1528, 1530, 1570-1572, 1765 and 10504, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 355, 711, 713, 1050, 1055.3, 1526, 1528, 1530, 1570-1572, 1585, 1764, 1765, and 10504, Fish and Game Code.