

Photography Tours at the Sacramento NWR Complex

Come photograph the concentrations of wintering waterfowl and other wildlife at the refuges of the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) Complex with Assistant Refuge Manager Steve Emmons. Whether you're a seasoned or casual nature photographer at the refuges, these tours are geared to varied interest and skill levels. See schedule below. If you would like more information or to sign up for a tour, please call the Sacramento NWR at 530-934-2801 or e-mail us at: sacramentovalleyrefuges@fws.gov.



Saturday, October 10th

Photographing the Refuge

6:00 am ~ 11:00 am – meet at the Sacramento NWR Visitor Center parking lot.

Witness the sunrise and morning activities of our winter residents as we capture flocks of thousands of ducks and geese flying onto the refuge at sunrise. We will concentrate on photographing waterfowl, but come prepared to take scenic and close-up photographs as well. Reservations required, space is limited (16) - sign up early.

Saturday, November 7th

Photographing the Refuge

7:00 ~ 11:00 am – meet at the Sacramento NWR Visitor Center parking lot at 7 am or at the North Central Valley Wildlife Management Area - Llano Seco Unit parking lot at 7:30 am.

Capture our majestic Sandhill Cranes on your camera. We will concentrate on photographing the cranes along with ducks, geese and migrating shorebirds, so have your telephoto lens with you, but come prepared to take scenic and close-up photographs as well. Reservations required, space is limited (16) – sign up early.

Note: If meeting at the Llano Seco Unit, we will be at the parking lot with the observation platform off Seven Mile Lane, NOT at the Llano Seco Unit of the Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area.



Saturday, December 19th

Photographing the Refuge

2:00 pm ~ 6:00 pm – meet at the Sacramento NWR Visitor Center parking lot.

Each evening, shortly after sunset, tens of thousands of ducks and geese leave the Refuge all at once to spend the night feeding in nearby rice fields. We will photograph the birds along the auto tour route in the afternoon and set up to photograph the evening spectacle against the sunset sky. Come prepared with telephoto and wide angle lenses. Reservations required, space is limited (16). [Note: sign ups will not be accepted until after November 15, 2009].



Photos by Steve Emmons