

Sevilleta NWR Consolidated List of Refuge Regulations

It is your responsibility, and your co-workers/students, to know and follow refuge regulations.

The following regulations and policies are in effect for each Primary Permittee and their sub-permittees/employees/staff/sub-contractors.

All permittees must keep a copy of a valid permit with them at all times while on the refuge.

Entry to the refuge is only for objectives, locations, and personnel listed on your permit.

To minimize disturbance to wildlife and habitat, you may travel only on established roads on direct routes to and from approved site(s). The vehicle speed limit is 30 mph. Bicycles and pets are not permitted. A Special Use Permit is not a permit for touring/hiking/sightseeing.

All Sevilleta gate combinations are changed annually. For security reasons, gate combinations are subject to change at any time throughout the year without prior notice. Do not share the gate combination with anyone, even other permittees. If anyone requests the combination from you, refer them to the refuge office.

Close and lock all gates behind you when entering or leaving.

To minimize disturbance to wildlife, park vehicles and do not conduct work within a minimum of one-half mile from any water source. Park to the side of the road, so that other vehicles and equipment have room to pass.

To protect wildlife, habitat, cultural, and historical resources, collecting plant, animal, or mineral specimens, antlers, man-made objects, and artifacts is prohibited unless otherwise specified on an approved Sevilleta NWR Special Use Permit.

Long-term research sites must be designated with an approved sign. Approved work within Right-of-ways must also use appropriate signage as written within the Special Use Permit. Upon completion of the project, all stakes, flagging, transect markers or other man-made items must be removed unless otherwise approved by FWS.

To minimize human impact on the refuge lands and wildlife, camping, fires, weapons, and littering is prohibited.

Do not enter the refuge or drive on dirt roads when conditions are wet or muddy. If it starts to rain/snow, please leave the refuge before you cause damage to the roads. Permittees will be held financially responsible for road damages.

Permittees must report vehicle accidents and human injuries to the refuge office within 24 hours to complete the necessary documentation. If possible, do not move vehicles from the scene of an accident until an investigation takes place.

Entering the refuge under the influence of alcohol or medication to such a degree as to endanger oneself, another person, or property is prohibited. Respect others' vehicles, structures, equipment, and projects.

Road hazards, damaged fencing, injured animals, or anything unusual must be reported to the refuge office. As part of our efforts to preserve and restore native habitats on Sevilleta NWR, we also request that any new colonies of invasive plants and non-native animal sightings be recorded/reported.