

US Fish & Wildlife
2016-2017 Colusa NWR Hunt Area
Habitat Description and Safety Hazards
When Completely Flooded

See flood-up map for current conditions; conditions will fluctuate depending on weather i.e. rain storms.
* All pools and ponds generally get deeper from west to east

Assigned Ponds

West Side of Ohm Road – Major dirtwork project done summer 2016... **roads may be muddy**

- AP 3** Watergrass unit with islands and some cattail/tule patches. Major dirtwork project this summer...new swales cut; early/short irrigation to accommodate dirtwork resulted in stunted watergrass.
- AP 4** Watergrass unit with islands and heavy cattail/tules in SW corner. Major dirtwork project this summer...new swales/potholes cut; early/short irrigation to accommodate dirtwork resulted in stunted watergrass.
- AP 5** Watergrass unit with islands and some cattail/tule patches. Major dirtwork project this summer...new swales/potholes cut; early/short irrigation to accommodate dirtwork resulted in stunted watergrass
- AP 7** **Heavily disked** to control cattail; Major dirtwork project this summer...new swales/potholes cut. Several small to large tule patches remain throughout, with open water and uneven/disked pond bottom. **Walking through this unit will be very challenging.**
- AP 8** Some cattail interspersed with open water. Major dirtwork project this summer... new swales/potholes cut;
- AP 9** Shallow and vegetated (cattail and bulrush) on west side; east side has open water with a mix of cattail/tule patches, and a few islands near the middle. Major dirtwork project this summer...new swale cut on east side. Tule transplants added to several islands.
- AP 10** Shallow and vegetated (cattail and bulrush) on west side; east side has open water with a mix of tule/cattail patches, and a few islands near the middle. Major dirtwork project this summer...new swales/pothole cut.

East Side of Ohm Road

- P1 A, B, C** Alkali bulrush, cattail and tule cover interspersed with open water; few islands.
- P2 A, B, C** Alkali bulrush, cattail and tule cover interspersed with open water; large open water area near middle; five islands.

Free Roam

West Side of Ohm Road

- T18** Uplands along the west half; mix of alkali bulrush and open water with some islands and tule/cattail clumps in the northeast corner. Major dirtwork project this summer...swale cut along east side. New crossing at NE corner.
- T20** T20:1 open water throughout with tule/cattail clumps on east side; west side open and shallow.
T20:2/T20:3 have tules/cattails mixed with openings; east side of T20:2 is deep water (up to 3 ½ feet).
- T21** West half of T21:1 is upland, east half is tules mixed with open water. T21:2 is a mix of alkali bulrush and open water, with cattail/tule around the perimeter.
- T22** A mix of grassy islands/peninsulas, tule, and a little open water.
- T23** Mostly upland/native grass with northeast corner T23:1 and north half T23:2 marsh (mix of tules/open water).
- T24.1** Short-grass upland.
- T24.2** Permanent wetland with tall cattail/tules; water primrose and minimal open water areas.
- T24.12** West half is vernal (rain-water) ponds and grassland; east half is open wetland with islands and a few cattail clumps. New swale cut from NW to SE corner.
- T24.13** Mix of alkali plants and grassland with many small vernal (rain-water) ponds and one large vernal pond.
- T25** Mix of vernal (rain-water) ponds and uplands; small area of managed wetland in middle/south; **Dangerous "Deep Soft Mud Area" is fenced--Do not enter this area for any reason, it is life-threatening.**

East Side of Ohm Road

- P3** Tule/cattail cover with moderate openings in south half; mix of open water and alkali bulrush with tule clumps in north half
- P4** Heavy tule/cattail cover with potholes in north and south thirds; open water with a few islands in middle third
- P5** Small area of heavy tule cover in north end; open shallow water in south half
- P6** Moderate cover throughout with interspersed tule clumps and open water; some deep water (3½ feet)
- T26** Short-grass upland
- T27.3** Newly restored pond in 2014. Most of the good cover to hide in is located in the northern 2/3rds of the pond. This pond had good food production (swamp timothy). This pond has much open water in the west and southern portions.