



# Nature's Mystery Geocache

## Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge Complex

The coordinates will get you within 20'-80' of the location **and all locations can be reached by trail**. At the location you will be able to complete the task. Once you have **completed seven or more of the 10**, search for the cache near the public entrance to the Sacramento NWR Visitor Center (N 39°25.788 W 122°11.169). Here you will sign the **final log book** and claim your **cache**. Then go to [geocaching.com](http://geocaching.com) and log your find (cache ID#: GC1GKV3). If you have any questions, visitor center hours are 9 am to 4 pm Monday - Friday from March through October and seven days a week November through February. **Remember – there are no hidden caches at these locations, placing caches in these areas is prohibited**. Also, **wildlife comes first on refuges**, so please **follow all rules and regulations**. Note for numbers **one through six we recommend going during the daytime and not alone**, due to mountain lions in the area.

### 1. Near Squaw Hill, CA

**Coordinates: UTM: E 578605 N 4418266**  
**N 39°54.650 W 122°04.821**

Clue: The *river* can be *seen* here. (In Spanish)

Task: Meet a tree – use your senses to explore it and then describe it.

### 2. Near Hamilton City, CA

**Coordinates: UTM: E 587062 N 4399699**  
**N 39°44.565 W 121°59.033**

Clue: Along this *creek* you will find a certain kind of *tree*.

Task: Take the coordinates of your favorite nature discovery. What are the coordinates and what was your discovery?

### 3. Near Ord Bend, CA

**Coordinates: UTM: E 585953 N 4387128**  
**N 39°37.777 W 121°59.908**

Clue: You'll find this unit at a *bend* in the river.

Task: When the wind blows - find the loudest tree on this unit and describe it. What makes it the loudest tree? Do you know what kind of tree it is? (A winter clue – this tree is also one of the tallest trees)

### 4. Near Dayton, CA

**Coordinates: UTM: E 593533 N 4384486**  
**N 39°36.301 W 121°54.631**

Clue: Spanish speaking birds like this unit because it's a *dry plain*.

Task: Discover a bird. What bird group is it in? (Raptor, waterfowl, shorebird, wading bird, songbird, sea bird, etc.) Why? Can you describe its call or song?

### 5. Near Butte City, CA

**Coordinates: UTM: E 585279 N 4367994**  
**N 39°27.438 W 122°00.526**

Clue: You'll find this unit on the Norte side of the road.

Task: What are three things you should be aware of when visiting wildlife refuges? Expand on one of them (warning signs, description, etc.).

### 6. Near Princeton, CA

**Coordinates: UTM: E 585727 N 4366070**  
**N 39°26.396 W 122°00.229**

Clue: Once you find the parking lot, go over the levee and through the woods.

Task: Look for signs of wildlife. Describe one sign (feather, track, scat, etc) that you found. What do you think left that sign?

### 7. Near Colusa, CA

**Coordinates: UTM: E 0582461 N 4338115**  
**N 39°11.302 W 122°02.711**

Clue: Sometimes it's nice to sit and enjoy the *environment simply for its own sake*.

Task: Close your eyes for a few minutes. During this time listen to what nature has to tell you. Describe what you heard.

**8. Near Colusa, CA**

**Coordinates: UTM: E 0582304 N 4338635**

**N 39°11.581 W 122°02.815**

Clue: If you're really quiet you may *discover* that the journey is sometimes more important than the destination.

Task: Lots of wildlife call this trail home. Can you find three wildlife homes? Describe them.

**9. Near Willows, CA**

**Coordinates: UTM: E 0573429 N 4363970**

**N 39°25.328 W 122°08.816**

Clue: *Park, stretch and scope* out the wildlife.

Task: Wildlife have interesting behaviors, some aren't so different from behaviors you have. Pick an animal and describe what it is doing.

**10. Near Willows, CA**

**Coordinates: UTM: E 056999 N 4364772**

**N 39°25.778 W 122°11.201**

Clue: Explore the wonders of the *wetlands* as you *walk* along the trail.

Task: Many animals depend on this tall fuzzy wetland plant for food and cover – what is it? Describe how it feels to you.