

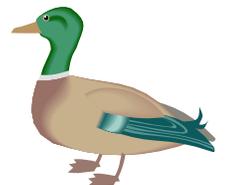


Planning Your Visit to the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge

Please share this information with the chaperones and adults of the students. For your enjoyment and to get the most out of your experience, we ask for your assistance with the following:

Group Facilitation:

- Wear warm, dry clothes (layers are preferable) and sturdy shoes. During the late fall, winter and early spring it is common to have cold, wet, and windy weather.
- If concerned about biting insects, contact the refuge within a week of your visit and we can give you the latest information. Typically from November-February biting insects are not a problem.
- Teachers and chaperones are responsible for student behavior and need to supervise students at all times when at the refuge.
- Students should be wearing nametags (clear and large enough to read). This assists the naturalists (and your chaperones) in working with the group and it personalizes the experience for the students.
**Tip: on the way to the refuge, using masking tape and a marker write the student's name on it.*
- Before your visit, divide your class(es) into the appropriate number of groups (2-3) to accommodate the number of activity rotations you have requested.
- Pack it in, pack it out! Bring garbage bags to pack out your trash and dispose of it at your school. Our trash bin cannot accommodate the entire group's trash. **Tip: bring extra bags to take back your bottles and cans to recycle.*





Auto Tour/Platform:

- The best driving speed is 10-15 miles per hour. Stop in vehicle pull-outs to view the wildlife. You can only get out of your vehicle at the designated park-and-stretch areas.
- The auto tour can be soft with wet weather. Keep your vehicle in the middle of the road (the grass can be deceptively wet). Use the pull-offs or wider sections of road to let vehicles pass.
- Encourage the students and parents to close car doors quietly and talk softly.
- Keep hands, heads, and other body parts inside the vehicle at all times.
- It is illegal in the state of CA to have passengers in the back of a pickup truck (even if it has a cover).



What to bring:

- **Lunch/snacks**
- **Water** (if the weather is warm that day, encourage the students to bring extra water or bring a large water jug to let the students refill their bottles)
- **Trash bags** (a group of 30 students usually need 2 bags)
- **Nametags** (or masking tape and marker)
- **Layers of clothes** (remind the students they will be outside for part of the day and be prepared for the weather)
- **Old tennis shoes** (durable footwear is recommended for your safety)
- **Binoculars** (optional)

More information can be found on our website: <http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Sacramento>
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