Welcome

Enjoy Your Visit!
Come explore one of the Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge’s many riverside units. Currently the refuge is composed of thirty units along an 80-mile stretch of the Sacramento River from Red Bluff to Colusa. Twenty-four of these units are partially or entirely open to the public, and there is no recreation fee.

February 2018
Visitor Activities & Restrictions

The refuge vision is to create a linked network of up to 18,000 acres of riparian and floodplain habitats, including forests, grasslands, freshwater marsh and other aquatic habitats. By using innovative restoration techniques and working with public and private partners, the refuge provides lands that help fulfill the needs of native fish, wildlife and plants. The refuge is committed to provide quality wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities, including wildlife observation, interpretation, environmental education, photography, hunting and fishing.

Unit Access

Working to conserve, protect and restore Sacramento River habitats for wildlife and people.

General Information

There are no recreation fees. Please respect all signs' instructions, area closures and access regulations.

Day use only, open 2 hours before legal sunrise to 1-1/2 hours after legal sunset. Only boat access to gravel bars is allowed at other hours.

Access varies and may be by foot and/or boat.

Hunting is allowed only in designated areas from August 15 to May 31 (see individual unit leaflet and/or hunting regulations on our website).

Dogs are welcome but must be kept on leash, except for authorized hunting activities under the immediate control of a licensed hunter.

Bicycling

Bicycles allowed in designated area May 15 through August 15 (see individual leaflets or our website for restrictions).

Wildlife Observation

Photography

Fishing is allowed, follow State regulations.

Camping allowed only on gravel bars for up to 7 days during a 30 day period. Camping is prohibited on other refuge lands.

Take out what you bring in. Littering is unlawful!

Refills and pistols are prohibited. Only shotguns or archery equipment allowed during hunting season, in hunting areas (see regulations). No target shooting.

Fires are prohibited except for portable gas stoves on gravel bars.

Horses are prohibited.

Motorized vehicles are prohibited. Mobility impaired visitors should consult refuge manager for allowed conveyances.

Be Prepared

This is a natural and wild area, be alert! You may encounter ticks, mosquitoes, wasps, yellow-jackets, bees, poison oak, stinging nettle, poison hemlock, rattlesnakes, feral pigs & mountain lions.

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NOTE: The following special rules apply when the “Island” areas of Mooney and Foster Island are closed to public use. Contact Refuge Manager for details.

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La Barranca

Mooney

Todd Island

Heron Island

Flynn

Areas Enlarged

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Heritage Landing South

Heritage Landing North

Foster Island

Rio Vista

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