

California Fish and Game Commission June 2023 Field Trip Details

Who: Commissioners, staff, California Department of Fish and Wildlife staff, and members of the public

What: Visit to the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area

When: Wednesday, June 14, 2023; meet at 7:30 pm

Where: Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area – meet at Parking Area A

The Commission invites members of the public to join commissioners, staff, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) staff for a field trip Wednesday afternoon. Members of the public are welcome to attend but must provide their own transportation.

Most of this field trip takes place outdoors, though the terrain is mostly flat. Consider layering clothing and bringing sun protection and drinking water.

Field Trip Overview

Join the commissioners as they visit the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area just outside Sacramento. Located in the heart of the Pacific Flyway, the area's approximately 16,600 acres is a haven for fish, waterfowl, shorebirds and wading birds, neotropical migratory birds, raptors, invertebrates, snakes, turtles, toads, and bats. Vegetation community types include managed seasonal and permanent wetland, natural seasonal wetland, natural perennial wetland, and riparian woodland. The area provides opportunities for birdwatching, waterfowl hunting, educational programs, and more!

Representatives from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Yolo Basin Foundation will discuss the roles their organizations take in managing the area. The evening will be capped off by watching the “flyout” of the largest urban colony of Mexican free-tailed bats in California!

Meeting Location

From Davis, take I-80 East and exit at Mace Blvd. Turn left at the end of the off-ramp (Chiles Road). Go straight through the next light and travel approximately 4-miles to the end of the road. Drive up onto the levee, turn left at the top, and enter the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area

From Sacramento take I-80 West. At the west end of the Yolo Causeway, take the first exit (County Road 32A, East Chiles Road). Turn right at the end of the off-ramp and go under the freeway. Turn left onto the levee and enter the Wildlife Area on the left.

After entering the wildlife area through the main entrance, turn right on the levee, go through the gate, then follow the road down into the basin. Park in the first large parking area.

See the exact location on Google Maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/udfsdxKanXEaMQdi9>

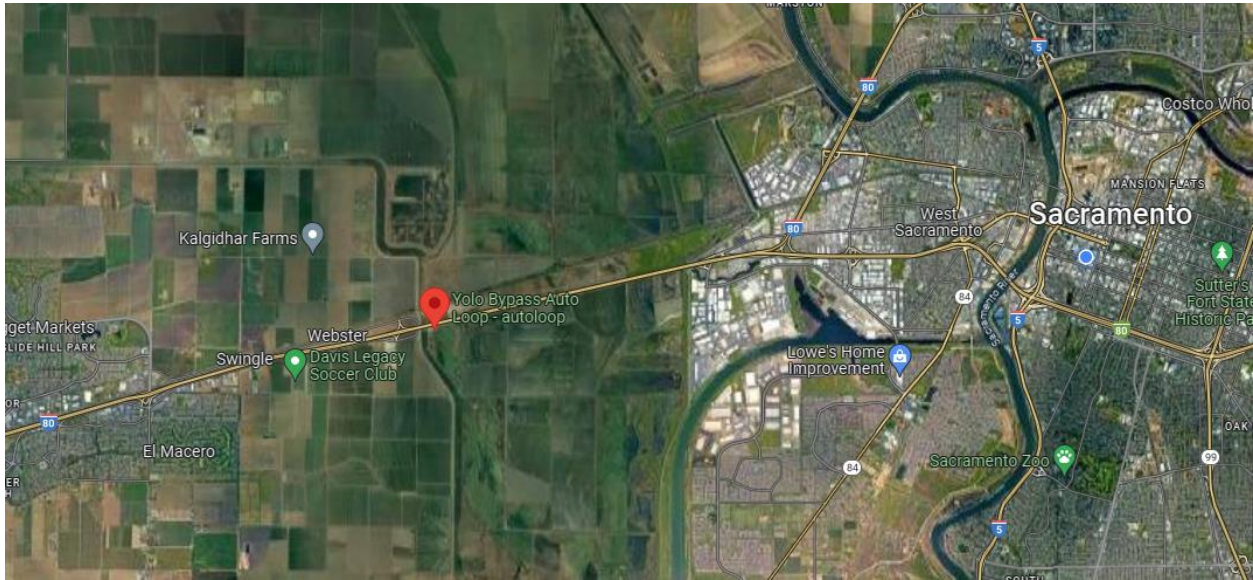
More information

<https://www.yolobasin.org/yolobypasswildlifearea/>

<https://www.yolobasin.org/storymap/>

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Lands/Places-to-Visit/Yolo-Bypass-WA>

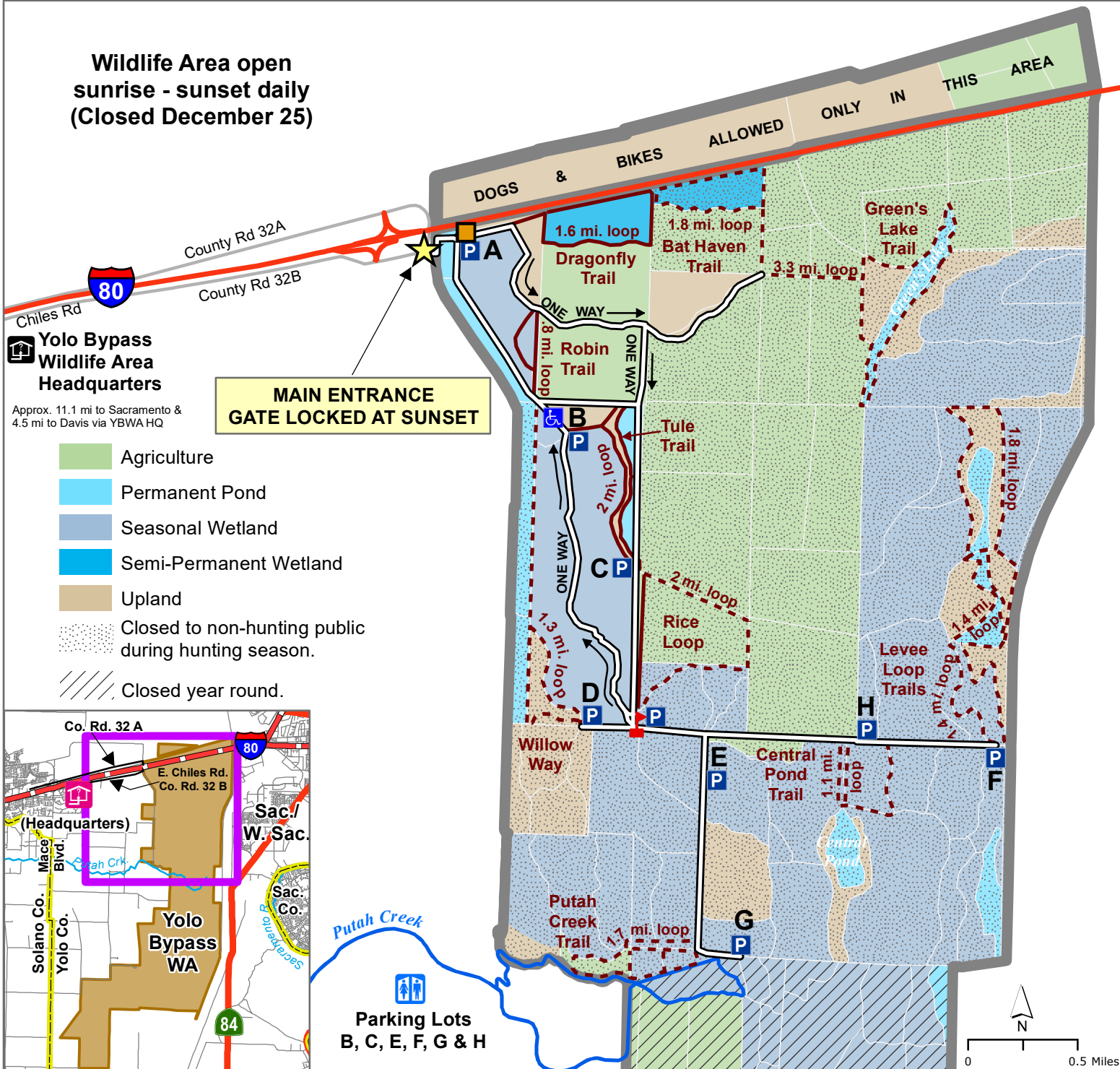
Map of General Area



California Department of Fish and Wildlife Bay Delta Region WILDLIFE VIEWING AND HIKING TRAIL MAP YOLO BYPASS WILDLIFE AREA Yolo County



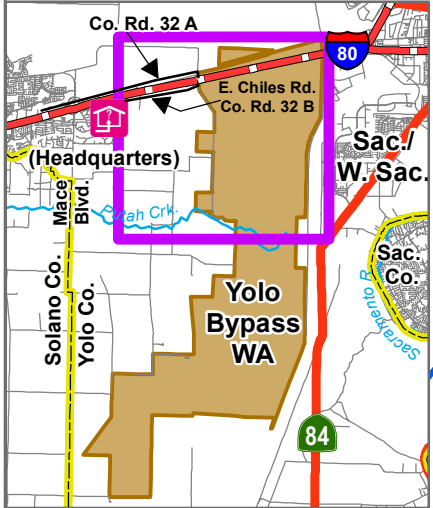
**Wildlife Area open
sunrise - sunset daily
(Closed December 25)**



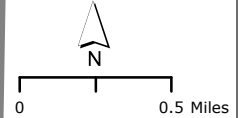
**Yolo Bypass
Wildlife Area
Headquarters**
Approx. 11.1 mi to Sacramento &
4.5 mi to Davis via YBWA HQ

**MAIN ENTRANCE
GATE LOCKED AT SUNSET**

- Agriculture
- Permanent Pond
- Seasonal Wetland
- Semi-Permanent Wetland
- Upland
- Closed to non-hunting public during hunting season.
- Closed year round.



**Parking Lots
B, C, E, F, G & H**



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| Wildlife Area Headquarters | Hunter Check Station (October - February) | Year Round Hiking Trails | Seasonal hiking trails closed to non-hunting public during hunting season. |
| Parking | Access to Area for Dogs and Bikes is through this gate at parking lot A. | Auto Route | |
| Mobility Parking | | | |