

Visitor's Guide

Habitat Type
 G = Grasslands
 OW = Oak Woodlands
 T = Tidepools
 FM = Fresh Water Marsh
 S/R = Stream/River
 D = Desert
 E = Estuary
 CH = Chaparral
 MM = Mountain Meadow

Wildlife Viewing - Best Viewing Season: F = Fall, S = Summer, W = Winter, Sp = Spring

	Location	Directions	Habitat Type	Wildlife Viewing	Hunting	Fishing	Guided Tours	Nearby Camping	Hiking	Boat Access	Visitor Center	Restrooms	Drinking Water	Fees
Northern California	Ash Creek Wildlife Area	Hwy 299, 3 mi E of Bieber, Modoc/Lassen Co	FM	Sp	●	●			●			●		
	Battle Creek Wildlife Area	Coleman Fish Hatchery Rd 7 mi E of Cottonwood, Shasta/Tehama Co	S/R, G, OW, FM	F,W, Sp					●			●		
	Butte Valley Wildlife Area	In the Western part of Butte Valley off Hwy 9, Siskiyou Co	FM, D	Sp, S, F	●			●	●			●		
	Eel River Wildlife Area	6 mi SW of Eureka off Hwy 101, Humboldt Co	FM, E	F,W, Sp	●			●	●					
	Fay Slough Wildlife Area	1/2 mile N of Eureka off Hwy 101, Humboldt Co	FM, E	F,W, Sp	●			●	●					
	Honey Lake Wildlife Area	Hwy 395, 20 mi E of Susanville, Lassen Co	D, FM	Sp,W	●	●		●	●	●		●		
	Lake Earl Wildlife Area	Old Mill Rd, 3 mi N of Crescent City, Del Norte Co	E	F,W, Sp	●	●		●	●	●		●		
	Shasta Valley Wildlife Area	Ball Mtn Rd, 15 mi E of Montague, Siskiyou Co	G, FM, S/R, D	Sp, W	●	●		●	●	●		●		
	Tehama Wildlife Area	3 mi S of the town of Paynes Creek, on Plum Creek Rd., Tehama Co	OW, S/R, CH	Sp, F	●	●		●						
	Willow Creek Wildlife Area	16 mi N of Susanville on State Route 139, Lassen Co	FM	Sp, F	●			●						
Sierra Nevada	East Walker River WA	Hwy 182, 5 mi N of Bridgeport, Mono Co	S/R, CH	Sp, S	●	●		●	●					
	Hope Valley Wildlife Area	Hwy 89, 10 mi S of Meyers to Hwy 88-89 junction, Alpine Co	MM	Sp, F	●	●		●	●					
	Hot Creek Wetland & Hatchery	Hot Creek Hatchery Rd, 3 mi S of Mammoth Lakes, Mono Co	S/R, CH	F, W				●	●					
	Mt Whitney & Blackrock Hatcheries	Hwy 395, 1 mi N of Independence, Inyo Co	S/R, CH	Sp, F				●				●	●	
	Feather River Hatchery	Washington St, Oroville, Butte Co	S/R	F		●	♿	●	●			♿	♿	
Central Valley	Gray Lodge Wildlife Area	Pennington Rd, 10 mi W of Gridley or Live Oak, Sutter/Butte Co	FM	F,W, Sp	●	●	♿		♿			♿	●	●
	Los Banos Wildlife Area	Henry Miller Rd, 12 mi N of Los Banos, Merced Co	FM, G	W	●	●		●	●	●		●	●	●
	Mendota Wildlife Area	3 mi S of Mendota near Whites Bridge, Fresno Co	FM, G	F, W	●	●								
	Nimbus/American River Hatcheries	Gold County Blvd, Rancho Cordova, Sacramento Co	S/R, OW	F, W		●	♿	●	♿		♿	♿	♿	
	Oroville Wildlife Area	Oro Dam Blvd, 3 mi E of Oroville, Butte Co	S/R, FM	W, F, Sp	●	●		●	●	●		●		
	Spenceville Wildlife Area	Approx. 15 mi E of Marysville, Yuba Co	OW	Sp, F	●	●		●	●					
	Woodbridge ER	Woodbridge Rd., 2.5 miles W of Interstate 5 near Lodi (via Thornton Rd), San Joaquin Co	FM	F, W			♿	●				♿		
	Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area	Chiles Rd, 3 mi E of Davis, Yolo Co	FM	F,W	●				●			♿	●	
	Cache Creek Wildlife Area	Approx. 29 mi W of Williams, S of Hwy 20, Lake Co	S/R, G, OW, CH	F, W, Sp	●	●	●	●	●			●		
	Elkhorn Slough ER	Elkhorn Rd, 6 mi E of Moss Landing, Monterey Co	E, OW	F, Sp			●	●	♿		♿	♿	♿	●
Bay Area/Central Coast	Grizzly Island Wildlife Area	Grizzly Island Rd, 10 mi S of Suisun City, Solano Co	E	F, W, Sp	●	●			●	●		●		●
	Moss Landing Wildlife Area	Hwy 1, 1/2 mi N of Moss Landing, Monterey Co	E	F, W, Sp	●	●		●		●				
	Napa River Ecological Reserve	Yountville Cross Rd, 12 mi E of Yountville, Napa Co	S/R, OW	Sp					●					
	Napa-Sonoma Marshes WA	NW of Hwy 37 near Vallejo SE of Hwy 121, Napa Co	E	F, Sp	●	●			●	●				
	Abalone Cove ER	Palos Verdes Dr, Rancho Palos Verdes, Los Angeles Co	T	F					●			●	●	●
	Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve	Pacific Coast Hwy, Huntington Beach, Orange Co	E	All			●		●		●	●		
	Blue Sky Ecological Reserve	Espola Rd, in Poway, San Diego Co	S/R, OW, CH	All					●	●		●		
	Buena Vista Lagoon ER	Hill St, Oceanside, San Diego Co	E, FM	Sp, F				●	●		●	♿	●	
	Imperial Wildlife Area	Hwy 111, 5 mi N of Niland, Imperial Co	FM	All	●	●			●	●		●	●	●
	San Jacinto Wildlife Area	Davis Rd, 23 mi N of Lakeview, Riverside Co	G, FM	Sp, W	●			●	●			♿	●	●
Southern California	Santa Rosa Plateau ER	Clinton Keith Rd, 35 mi E of Murrieta, Riverside Co	G, OW, CH	Sp			●	●					●	
	Upper Newport Bay ER	Back Bay Dr, Newport Beach, Orange Co	E	All			●	●	●			●	●	

Here are some of our most popular places to visit. Actually, California

Wildlife Areas, Ecological Reserves, Fish Hatcheries

Map#	Phone	Exceptional Features
WA 18	530 294-5824	Nesting Canada geese, sandhill cranes, pronghorn antelope, large numbers of spring staging snow geese and whitefronts; Canada goose hunting.
WA 29	530 225-2300	Spawning chinook salmon in fall, breeding bald eagles, osprey, spring wildflowers.
WA 7	530 398-4627	Nesting ducks and Canada geese, pronghorn antelope; Canada goose and duck hunting.
WA 25	530 225-2300	Tundra swans; migrating ducks.
WA 22	530 225-2300	Raptors; migrating and nesting ducks.
WA 31	530 254-6644	Nesting Canada geese, sandhill cranes, pronghorn antelope, deer; Canada goose, duck and pheasant hunting.
WA 6	707 464-2523	Aleutian Canada geese, migrating ducks.
WA 10	530 459-3926	Nesting Canada geese, ducks, sandhill cranes, deer; spectacular view of Mt. Shasta; outdoor classroom; bass and trout fishing; duck, goose and pheasant hunting.
WA 33	530 597-2201	Large wintering deer herd, oak woodlands; turkey and quail hunting.
WA 26	530 225-2300	Nesting Canada geese, sandhill cranes, ducks.
WA 70	530 495-2570	Trout fishing in the East Walker River; nesting Canada geese in cliffs next to road.
WA 57	916 358-2885	Spectacular high mountain meadows; fall colors from quaking aspen, cross country skiing.
FH 15	760 934-2664	Rainbow trout broodstock (2-3 years old), rich riparian habitats attract abundant wildlife below hatchery.
FH 18	760 878-2272	Historic 1916 hatchery; spectacular vistas of high Sierras; excellent bird watching along stream above hatchery.
FH 4	530 538-2222	Fall spawning chinook salmon and winter spawning steelhead can be seen through viewing window in fish ladder.
WA 45	530 846-7505	Excellent viewing of waterfowl and other wetland associated wildlife; duck and pheasant hunting. Viewing platform, photo blind.
WA 88	209 826-0463	Waterfowl and other wetland wildlife; duck and pheasant hunting.
WA 94	559 655-4645	Waterfowl and other wetland wildlife; duck and pheasant hunting.
FH 6	916 358-2820	Fall spawning chinook salmon crowd ladder late Oct-Dec; winter spawning steelhead; excellent wildlife viewing along American River below hatchery.
WA 42	530 538-2236	Egret and heron nesting colony; salmon fishing in the Feather River.
WA 48	916 358-2885	Extensive oak grasslands; numerous small ponds; turkey hunting; waterfalls.
ER 32	916 358-2353	Sandhill cranes and wetland birds, Oct-Feb (self-guided viewing from parking area and adjacent mound); tours by reservation only.
WA 65	530 757-2431	Waterfowl and other wetland wildlife; duck hunting.
WA 53	707 944-5500	Oak woodland habitat, remote hiking, tule elk, wildflowers, bald eagles.
ER 50	831 728-2822	Rolling hills with live oak and Monterey pine forests overlook tidal creeks & salt marshes. Excellent visitor center & education programs.
WA 76	707 425-3828	Tule elk, river otters, waterfowl and other wetland wildlife; duck and pheasant hunting; fishing.
WA 92	831 649-2870	Sea otters, harbor seals, and water associated birds.
ER 24	707 944-5500	Oak woodland and streamside vegetation attracts a large variety of songbirds.
WA 75	707 944-5500	Waterfowl and other wetland wildlife; impressive views of hills and vineyards around north San Francisco Bay.
ER 88	310 305-9503	Tidepools support rich assortment of animals. Birds of prey in fall and winter; gray whales in fall and spring.
ER 89	714 337-0684	Excellent bird watching year round. Black skimmers and numerous tern species nesting in spring.
ER 102	760 486-7238	Oak woodlands and streamside vegetation attracts songbirds, birds of prey, reptiles and mammals.
ER 99	760 439-2473	Excellent viewing during spring and fall of birds navigating the Pacific Flyway.
WA 103	760 359-0577	Waterfowl and other wetland wildlife, several bird species unusual for California; duck, goose and pheasant hunting.
WA 101	909 654-0580	More than 240 bird species; excellent bird of prey viewing in winter.
ER 94	909 677-6951	Vernal pools excellent January through mid-May.
ER 92	949 640-6746	Excellent bird watching year round. Largest population of endangered light footed clapper rails. Canoeing, marine lab and bay fishing.



California has 106 wildlife areas, 109 ecological reserves and 21 fish hatcheries.