

GRAY LODGE WILDLIFE AREA – TYPE A AREA – 9100 ACRES

The Gray Lodge Wildlife Area is owned and operated by the California Department of Fish and Game. Its primary purposes are to provide marshland wildlife habitat, waterfowl feed, loafing ponds and controlled public hunting in addition to other compatible recreational opportunities.

1. Area regulations are enforced year-round and apply to all visitors. Regulations are posted at various locations and in the current years issue of "Hunting and Other Public Uses on State and Federal Wildlife Areas".
2. Birdwatching and sightseeing hours are sunrise to sunset, including holidays. Public use is restricted to the Tour Route Road and limited hiking routes during the waterfowl season. A "Visitors Pass" is required of all non-hunters on days when public hunting is in progress. Obtain pass at check station.
3. Travel is restricted to designated roads. Please obey all road signs, drive slow and with caution. Park only at designated parking lots. Tour route road is limited to vehicle use only.

HUNTING AND FISHING

HUNT DAYS - WATERFOWL, COOTS, MOORHENS AND SNIPE: Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during open seasons. PHEASANTS: Every day during the first 9 days of the pheasant season. Thereafter, during the regular pheasant season, pheasant hunting will be allowed only on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays. DOVES: Daily during the September dove season and only on waterfowl or pheasant hunt days during the late dove season. RABBIT: Only on pheasant hunt days. DEER: See the current years BIG GAME HUNTING booklet for application information. HOLIDAYS: The area is open New Years Day and closed to hunting on Christmas when those days fall on a Sat., Sun., or Wed. hunt day.

PROCEDURE FOR OBTAINING A PERMIT TO HUNT:

A. BY APPLYING FOR A HUNTING RESERVATION - Application for reservation forms are available for about \$1 each at sporting goods stores where hunting licenses are sold. Applications must be sent to Sacramento at least 17 days in advance of the desired hunt date. No reservations available for dove hunting in September.

B. ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS - Vacancies from non-show reservation hunters and by hunters checking out of the area during the day are filled from hunters established on the first-come, first-served waiting list.

CHECK STATION HOURS - During waterfowl season the check station will be open two hours before shooting time. During pheasant season, reservations will be honored on waterfowl shoot days with vacancies being filled on a first-come, first-served basis. On non-waterfowl shoot days, quotas shall be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations must be presented at the checking station on the hunt date and at least one hour before waterfowl shooting time.

SHOOTING HOURS - Shooting hours for waterfowl and doves are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Pheasant and rabbit shooting hours are 8 a.m. to sunset.

SHOT SHELL AND SHOTGUN RESTRICTIONS - Steel shot required for waterfowl, coot and moorhen hunting. No shot shells larger than 12 gauge and no shot size larger than BB permitted. Hunters are limited to 25 shot shells while in the field. Lead shot is allowed for pheasant, dove and snipe only. .

FISHING - Open daily during period when waterfowl season is closed. Hours are sunrise to sunset. Ponds and the adjacent one-half mile of the 833 canal are open all year. Night frogging is prohibited. In addition, all main ditches will have some or all of the following species: bass, crappie, catfish, bluegill and carp.

RULES

1. All hunters must carry their hunting license and daily permit in the field. Permits must be returned to the check station and hunting results reported before leaving.
2. Camping, Boating and Swimming,. Limited hunter use camping is permitted during the hunting season. Under special permit, group overnight camping may be granted at the check station area, except during the hunting season. NO open fires allowed; only gas stoves may be used. No boats or swimming are allowed;
3. Dogs and Dog Trials - Dogs must be kept under control and not allowed to run at large. Dogs must be kept in cars or on a leash at the check station area. Dog trials require advance approval from the Area Manager. .
4. No high shooting or "skyscraping". Give decoy hunters a wide berth. Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. Violators may be ejected from the area. Birds may be "picked" at the designated area near the check station. Please, do not pick birds in the field or at the parking lots.

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