

STATE OF CALIFORNIA - THE RESOURCES AGENCY – VISITOR / HUNTER INFORMATION
GRAY LODGE WILDLIFE AREA 3207 Rutherford Rd., Gridley, Ca 95948 (530)846-7500

The Gray Lodge Wildlife Area is owned and operated by the California Department of Fish and Game. Its primary purpose is 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 regardless of whether you are hunting, fishing or "just looking". Regulations are posted at various locations and also in the brochure "Hunting and Other Public Uses on State and Federal Wildlife Areas".
2. Camping, primarily for hunter use, is permitted during the hunting seasons. Under special permit, group overnight camping may be granted at the check station area, except during the hunting season.
3. Birdwatching and sightseeing hours are sunrise to sunset, including holidays. Area of use is restricted to Tour Route Road and limited hiking routes during the waterfowl hunting season.
4. Hunting is by permit only. A "Visitors Pass" is required of all non-hunters on all days when public hunting is in progress. Obtain pass at check station.
5. Travel is restricted to designated roads. Obey all road signs, drive slow and with caution. Park only at designated parking lots. Tour route road is limited to vehicle use only.
6. Foot access is from parking lots only. Hunting access is not allowed from check station parking lot. Sightseeing foot access is limited to posted hiking trails during waterfowl season.

HUNTING

8. Firearms use is under special permit in conjunction with public hunting and field trials. **STEEL SHOT REQUIRED FOR WATERFOWL, COOT AND MOORHEN SHOOTING.** No shot shells larger than 12 gauge and under the authority of 550 (b)(1) and in addition to the regulations on shot size found in Section 551 (b)(3) the possession and/or use of shot sizes larger than BB in non-toxic shot other than steel, in the field, is prohibited on State and Federal wildlife areas. Hunters are limited to 25 shot shells while in the field. Lead shot is allowed for pheasant, snipe, rabbit and dove only.

9. Dogs are allowed on the area, but must be kept under control and not allowed to run at large. Dogs must be kept in autos or on a leash in the check station area and sanctuary. Dog trials with advance approval are allowed.

10. The check station opens at least two hours before shooting time. All hunters must check out at the check station, report hunting results and return permits upon leaving.

11. During the **WATERFOWL** hunting season, the area is open to waterfowl hunting only on Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays. The area is open New Years Day and closed to hunting on Christmas Day. During **PHEASANT** season, the area will be open for pheasant hunting the first 9 days of the season; thereafter on Saturday, Sunday and Wednesdays only. **DOVES:** Daily during the September dove season and only on waterfowl or pheasant hunt days during the late dove season. **RABBIT** and **QUAIL:** Only on pheasant hunt days. **DEER:** see the current years BIG GAME HUNTING booklet for application information.

12. Hunters without reservations may obtain permits on shoot days via the first-come first-served line at checking station, providing quota has not already been filled.

13. Keep the area clean, do not "pick" birds in the field or at parking lots. Birds may be "picked" at designated area provided near the check station.

14. Keep under cover, wear dull-colored clothing and respect that "other fellow's decoys". Retrieve birds promptly in heavy cover areas.

15. Conduct your hunting in a sportsmanlike manner. High shooting or "skyscraping" not only makes for poor shooting, but cripples many birds. Hunters who consistently "skyscrape" may be ejected from the area.

16. Shooting hours for waterfowl are one half hour before sunrise to sunset. Pheasant shooting hours are 8:00 a.m. to sunset. Shooting days and hours for waterfowl are posted at the check station.

FISHING - Open daily during period when waterfowl season is closed. Hours are sunrise to sunset. Avis ponds are open all year. Night frogging prohibited. In addition, all main ditches will have some or all of the following species; bass, crappie, catfish, bluegill and carp.