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Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area



Sunrise on Napa Slough and Napa River
Photo Courtesy of Karen Taylor, CDFW

Description

The Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area is approximately 15,200 acres of baylands, tidal sloughs and wetland habitat. Many waterfowl species and shorebirds including the California Ridgway's rail can be found here. Most of the area is accessible by boat only, though some areas can be accessed from land.

This area is regularly used by hunters, fisherman, bird watchers, photographers, and hikers. It is comprised of the following units: Huichica Creek, Napa River, Southern Crossing, Ringstrom Bay, Wingo, Tolay Creek, Sonoma Creek, White Slough, Green Island, and American Canyon.

Please consult the [Wildlife Tour Guide \(PDF\)](https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=93823&inline) (<https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=93823&inline>) for a description of the wildlife at each unit.

For more information, please contact the [Bay Delta Region \(/Regions/3\)](#) Napa office at (707) 944-5500.

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Activities: fishing, boating, wildlife viewing, hiking, and hunting

To best appreciate this area, one needs to use a small boat or kayak and navigate the many sloughs that circulate through the interior of the marsh. Consult local [tide tables \(http://www.co-ops.nos.noaa.gov/\)](http://www.co-ops.nos.noaa.gov/) for the best (and most safe) boating opportunities to tour the area. Also please be aware of waterfowl hunting activity during the months of October through January each year.

It is highly recommended that you print out a map and become familiar with it prior to visiting.

[Bird List \(PDF\) \(https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=93808&inline\)](https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=93808&inline)

Facilities: Restrooms are available at Huichica Creek, Green Island and Napa River (Pond 1) Units.

PLEASE NOTE: For information on public use regulations for this area and other Department lands please refer to the [CDFW Public Lands Regulations \(https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=93480&inline\)](https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=93480&inline) booklet. Scroll to the Table of Contents. Locate the page number for general regulations for public uses on all Department lands. For additional regulations that apply only to certain properties, check the Table of Contents for sections that refer to additional or property-specific regulations for wildlife areas or ecological reserves. **All visitors are responsible for knowing and following the general and property-specific regulations.**

Related Documents

Outdoor California Articles

- [When Wine Making Meets Wildlife, It Can Be A Beautiful Thing: The Napa-Sonoma Marsh \(PDF\) \(https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=85243&inline\)](https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=85243&inline) by Larry Wyckoff © 2002
- [The Napa-Sonoma Marshes: Then and Now \(PDF\) \(https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=85241&inline\)](https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=85241&inline) by Tom Huffman © 1999

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Location

Bay Delta Region (Region 3)

Napa, Sonoma, & Solano Counties

just north of San Pablo Bay, primarily between the Napa River and Sonoma Creek

2148 Duhig Road, Napa, CA 94559

Please consult the [Directions Tour Guide \(PDF\)](https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=93821&inline) (<https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=93821&inline>) for directions to the wildlife area's various units.

Public Boat Launch Ramps:

Vallejo: next to Brinkman's Marine

Hudeman Slough*: in Sonoma County, on Skaggs Is. Road, 1 mile south of Ramal Road

Cuttings Wharf: in Napa County, on Cuttings Wharf Road, south of State Hwy 12/121


*The Hudeman Slough ramp is accessible with a key issued by the County Regional Parks Department, available by calling (707) 565-2041. For more information, see the [County Parks website](http://www.sonoma-county.org/parks/pk_hudeman.htm) (http://www.sonoma-county.org/parks/pk_hudeman.htm).


Topographic Maps: Detailed 7.5-minute quadrangle maps are available through local map dealers or the [US Geological Survey](http://www.usgs.gov/) (<http://www.usgs.gov/>). For this area, see "Sears Point" and "Cuttings Wharf".


[CDFW Lands Viewer \(/Lands/Viewer\)](#)


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