

# Oroville Wildlife Area

## Notice

### [CDFW Wildlife Area Operational Changes due to COVID-19](#)

The Department plans to operate wildlife areas to provide recreational opportunities while keeping the public and Department staff safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please continue to check the [Department's Closure Page](#) for updates.

## Description

The approximately 11,800-acre Oroville Wildlife Area is primarily riparian woodland habitat along the Feather River and grasslands around the Thermalito Afterbay. Warm water fish species (largemouth bass, bluegill, green sunfish, channel catfish, and black crappie) can be found in the numerous dredger ponds and the Thermalito Afterbay. Salmon, steelhead, shad, and striped bass can be found in the Feather River.

Wildlife species seen in the area include coyote, badger, fox, bobcat, porcupine, osprey, white-tailed kite, egrets, woodpeckers, and warblers. There are good populations of coyotes, deer, dove, quail, and waterfowl, and fair populations of squirrel and rabbit.

For more information, call the area at (530) 538-2236 or the North Central Region Rancho Cordova office at (916) 358-2900.

Recreation

Hunting

History

## Recreational Opportunities



**Hours:** one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset, except for at designated camping areas

**Activities:** fishing, wildlife viewing, hunting, and shooting range

The shooting range is for rifles, pistols, shotguns, and archery and is open from sunrise to sunset. There is no rangemaster.

**Facilities:** camping, restrooms, and launch access

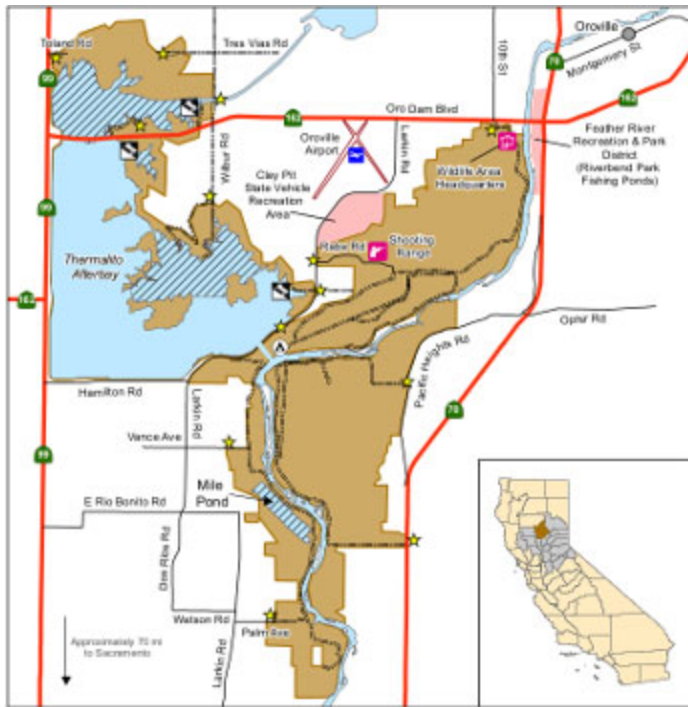
For motel information, contact the [Oroville Chamber of Commerce](#) at (530) 538-2542.

**NOTE: Visitors are responsible for knowing and complying with all regulations pertaining to**

## the use of Department lands.

Please refer to the Public Uses on State and Federal Lands section of the [Waterfowl, Upland Game, and Public Use Regulations \(PDF\)](#) [booklet](#) for both statewide and property-specific regulations. A searchable [Property-specific regulations table](#) is also available online.

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## Location

### North Central Region (Region 2)

Butte County

adjacent to the Feather River, west of Hwy 70 and south of Highway 162

945 Oro Dam Blvd, West  
Oroville, CA 95965

**Access:** Access is via Highway 162 to the headquarters entrance, about 1/2 mile west of Highway 70, or at Larkin Road. Access for Thermalito Afterbay Unit is Wilbur Road at Hwy 162. The Thermalito Unit is five miles west of Oroville, east of Highway 99. Shooting range access is via Rabe Road.

Topographic Maps: [Area \(PDF\)](#) | [North Unit \(PDF\)](#) | [South Unit \(PDF\)](#)

