Feather River Wildlife Area

Description

The Feather River Wildlife Area is approximately 2,800 acres of dense riparian overstory of valley oaks and cottonwoods, with an understory of wild grape, pipevine, and California rose. This riparian habitat supports a wide variety of wildlife, including coyotes, river otters, ash-throated flycatchers, warblers, phoebes, and numerous waterfowl species. Abbott and O'Connor Lakes are within this area. The area includes six units: Abbot Lake, O'Connor Lakes, Star Bend, Nelson Slough, Lake of the Woods, and Shanghai Bend.

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

Recreation

History

Recreational Opportunities



Activities: fishing, wildlife viewing, birdwatching, and seasonal hunting

Some areas are only accessible by boat.

Hunting: Game species include deer, rabbit, tree squirrel, waterfowl, wild turkey, pheasant, quail, and dove.

Type C: Feather River Wildlife Area including the Abbott Lake, Lake of the Woods, Nelson Slough, O'Connor Lakes, Shanghai Bend, and Star Bend Units do not require the purchase of a hunting pass for entry. Entry permits and/or passes or special drawing may be required for hunting on some Type C wildlife areas.

Facilities: None

More Information

- Fishing and Hunting Regulations
- License Items and Fees

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)

Sutter and Yuba counties

10 miles south of Marysville and Yuba City on the Feather River

Access: Access from Star Bend fishing access on Feather River Blvd.

Unit Maps: Abbott Lake, O'Connor Lakes and Star Bend (PDF) ☐ | Lake of the Woods (PDF) ☐ | Nelson Slough (PDF) ☐

Topographic Maps: Abbott Lake (PDF) ☑ | O'Connor Lakes/Star Bend (PDF) ☑ | Nelson Slough (PDF) ☑ | Lake of the Woods (PDF) ☑ | Shanghai Bend (PDF) ☑

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