



Butte Creek Island Ranch Hunter Handbook

California Waterfowl

Waterfowl Season

4381 Colusa Highway
Gridley, CA 95932



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California Waterfowl Hunt Program

Butte Creek Island Ranch Hunt Details

Butte Creek Island Ranch: This 110 acre CWA owned property sits between Butte Creek and Sanborn Slough and across from the famed Little Dry Creek Unit of the Upper Butte Basin Wildlife Area. Hunts will take place in either stand up blinds or pit blinds located in three separate units. Mallards and Wood Ducks are commonly harvested in this area as they come into the marsh after feeding in the nearby rice.

Decoys are provided. Two groups of three hunters will be drawn each hunt date. Groups will draw for blinds before the morning hunt.

Capacity: Three Hunters

Google Link: [Click here](#)

Hunt details:

- **Hunt Date: Check-in, 1 ½ hours before legal shoot time. Please do not be late for check-in.**
- **Enter property and proceed down road. If there is a stop sign, wait for CWA employee, if the sign shows an arrow, continue driving to parking lot.**
- Note: All hunters and guests need to register *individually* using the Hunt Confirmation link. Please forward registration link to all guest hunters. Hunts canceled due to flooding or unforeseen conditions will not be made up or refunded
- 3 dz decoys located inside blind. Hunters may bring personal decoys
- All parties will park in designated parking area and will walk to their selected blind
- Hunt ends at Noon

What to bring:

- Recommended: All hunting gear, including valid hunting license, CA Duck stamp, Federal Duck stamp, ear and eye protection, steel ammunition, gun, floating gun case, chest waders, camouflage jacket, hat, gloves, food/drinks, and warm clothes

When you arrive:

- You will be checked-in by a California Waterfowl representative.
- **Note:** If you arrive early please wait in your vehicle until a CWA representative arrives
- Keep dogs and guns locked up in your vehicle until ready to leave for blinds in the morning. Dogs should be kept on a leash until you reach your hunting blind



If you have any questions prior to the hunt date please contact:

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Waterfowl Shoot Times

Check-in, 1 ½ hours before legal shooting time.
Please do not be late for check-in.

Date	Sacramento	
	AM (half an hour before sunrise)	PM (sunset)
October 24	6:54	6:15
October 31	7:01	6:06
November 1*	6:02	5:05
November 7	6:09	4:59
November 14	6:18	4:53
November 21	6:24	4:48
November 28	6:31	4:45
December 5	6:38	4:44
December 12	6:44	4:45
December 19	6:49	4:47
December 26	6:52	4:51
January 2	6:53	4:56
January 9	6:53	5:02
January 16	6:51	5:09
January 23	6:48	5:17
January 30	6:43	5:25
February 7	6:35	5:34
February 14	6:27	5:42



Directions to Butte Creek Island Ranch

Look for the flashing sign at entrance

Address: 4381 Colusa Highway, Gridley, CA 95932

Google Map-[Click Here](#)

From Sacramento to Butte Creek Island Ranch

- Take CA-99 North towards Yuba City/ Marysville
- Stay on CA-99 until you reach Gridley
- Take left on Sycamore St. in Gridley (Sycamore St will turn into Gridley Colusa Highway)
- After 11 miles, Butte Creek Island Ranch will be on your left.
- It is about a half mile after the Little Dry Creek Entrance and if you cross over Butte Creek, you've gone too far

From Vallejo/Berkeley to Butte Creek Island Ranch

- Take I-80 East towards Sacramento
- Merge onto I-505 N via exit 56 toward Redding
- Merge onto I-5 after 35 miles
- After about 15 miles take exit 569 (Hahn Rd)
- Turn right onto Hahn Rd.
- Take the 2nd left onto Lone Star Rd
- After 10 miles turn right onto State Highway 20/CA-20. Continue to follow CA-20
- After about 4 miles turn right onto Market St/CA-20/CA-45.
- In $\frac{3}{4}$ mile turn left onto Bridge St.
- After about 10 miles turn right onto Gridley Rd.
- Around 7 miles later Butte Creek Island Ranch will be on your right (As soon as you cross Butte Creek)
- If you see Little Dry Creek refuge, you have gone about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile too far

From Redding to Butte Creek Island Ranch

- Head South on Interstate 5
- Take the South St/Road 16 exit, exit 618
- After $\frac{1}{4}$ mile turn left onto South St.
- After $\frac{1}{2}$ mile turn right onto 6th St.
- After around 11 miles turn left onto County Hwy-39/County Road 39
- In 10 miles turn right onto State Highway 45/CA-45
- After around 8.5 miles turn left onto CA-162/State Highway 162
- In 5 miles turn right onto County Road Z
- In 5 more miles turn right onto Road 70.
- In .40 miles take the 1st left onto Road YY



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- In roughly 2 miles turn left onto Gridley Rd.
- After about 2.4 miles, Butte Creek Island Ranch will be on your right (As soon as you cross Butte Creek)
- If you see Little Dry Creek refuge, you have gone about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile too far



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Butte Creek Island Ranch - Overview Map





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Butte Creek Island Ranch - Blind Map



Duck Blind Descriptions

- Blind #1 – Stand-up blind
- Blind #2 – X-Fowler Floating Blind
- Blind #3 – Stand-up blind
- Blind #4 – Stand-up blind



Butte Creek Island Ranch Duck Blind – Instructions

1. Try not to stomp down vegetation
2. You must stay in your assigned blind while hunting. Blind 2 has the ability to move East in the unit if chosen to do so. **Be courteous of other hunters. Tule seats provide**
3. Noon end of hunt. If you pick up before noon please call the Onsite Hunt Coordinator.
4. Staff will help you out of the blind if needed
5. All trash and empty shell casings need to be picked up. **Please leave the blind better than you found it**
6. The decoys need to be picked up, attach lines to decoy clips and store back in blind
7. Be sure to pick up all gear you brought with you
8. If you need to contact the onsite coordinator for any reason, use your cell phone

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Blind safety rules

1. Muzzle pointed in a safe direction – ALWAYS!!!
2. Finger off the trigger until ready to shoot – ALWAYS
3. Make sure the safety is on until you are ready to shoot – ALWAYS
4. Open the actions when hunters/dogs are retrieving game, no shooting at cripples and flying birds when dog/hunters are out of blind
5. Shooters “Safe zone of fire” should be established in front of shooter, not behind or over anyone’s head. Use the imaginary clock example of 10 o’clock and 2 o’clock in front of the shooter. Talk about where each shooter will be shooting prior to the start of shoot time



The Ten Commandments of Firearms Safety

1. Treat every gun as if it were loaded
2. Watch that Muzzle! Be able to control the direction of the muzzle at all times
3. Be sure the barrel and action are clear of obstructions
4. Be sure of your target before you pull the trigger
5. Unload guns when not in use
6. Never point a gun at anything you do not intend to shoot
7. Never climb a fence or tree or jump a ditch with a loaded gun
8. Never shoot a bullet at a flat, hard surface or water
9. Store guns and ammunition separately, beyond the reach of children and careless adults
10. Do not drink alcoholic beverages or use mind altering drugs before or during shooting