RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

1. Bails Ferry Boat Ramp
2. Reading Island River Access and Group Campground (by permit only)
3. Mouth of Cottonwood Creek Wildlife Area
4. Battle Creek Wildlife Area
5. Governor Fish Hatchery
6. Battle Creek Fishing Access
7. Old Battle Creek Fishing Access
8. Oak Slough Trailhead
9. Jellys Ferry River Access
10. Massacre Flat Primitive Camping Area
11. Hog Lake Plateau Trailhead
12. Iron Canyon Trailhead
13. Perry Gillis River Access and Trailhead
14. Paynes Creek Crossing Trailhead
15. Bass Pond Trailhead
16. Paynes Creek Wetlands
17. Bend Bridge Boat Ramp
18. William B. Ide Adobe State Historic Park
19. Coyote Pond

GPS Coordinates

- Bails Ferry Boat Ramp: 40° 25.048' N, 122° 11.557' W
- Reading Island River Access and Group Campground: 40° 23.117' N, 122° 11.641' W
- Mouth of Cottonwood Creek Wildlife Area: 40° 23.625' N, 122° 12.174' W
- Battle Creek Wildlife Area: 40° 23.826' N, 122° 11.702' W
- Governor Fish Hatchery: 40° 24.194' N, 122° 11.817' W
- Battle Creek Fishing Access: 40° 24.194' N, 122° 11.817' W
- Old Battle Creek Fishing Access: 40° 24.194' N, 122° 11.817' W
- Oak Slough Trailhead: 40° 19.156' N, 122° 11.458' W
- Jellys Ferry River Access: 40° 19.066' N, 122° 11.336' W
- Massacre Flat Primitive Camping Area: 40° 18.999' N, 122° 11.101' W
- Hog Lake Plateau Trailhead: 40° 19.732' N, 122° 11.300' W
- Iron Canyon Trailhead: 40° 19.702' N, 122° 11.300' W
- Perry Gillis River Access and Trailhead: 40° 19.958' N, 122° 11.702' W
- Paynes Creek Crossing Trailhead: 40° 18.409' N, 122° 11.871' W
- Bass Pond Trailhead: 40° 19.318' N, 122° 11.714' W
- Paynes Creek Wetlands: 40° 18.157' N, 122° 11.553' W
- Bend Bridge Boat Ramp: 40° 17.107' N, 122° 11.553' W

GPS Coordinates

- Geographic Coordinate System: WGS-84, decimal-minute format

Legend
- Interstate Highway
- State Highway
- County Road
- Private
- Driveway or Farm Road
- Non-engineered Trail
- Gate
- Bridge
- Seasonal Crossing
- Valve Point
- Target Shooting Area
- Wetland
- Bureau of Land Management (BLM)
- CA Department of Fish and Game (CDFG)
- CA State Lands Commission
- Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)

- Remove all visible mud, plants, and fish/animals
- Haltmate water from all equipment before transporting anywhere
- Clean and Dry anything that came in contact with the water
- DO NOT release or put plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water

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From the lush riparian areas surrounding the Sacramento River and its tributaries to the rolling hills of the blue oak savanna, the Bureau of Land Management's Sacramento River Bend area offers diverse habitat for bald eagles, osprey, migratory and song birds, deer, and salmon. You can enjoy hiking, camping, boating, horseback riding, cycling, boating, picnicking, and wildlife viewing. This guide is provided to assist in planning your explorations, enjoying, and protecting your public lands.

Explorers & Native Americans

Trappers and explorers, most notably Jedediah Smith in 1828, were the first to contact Native peoples in this region. By the 1840s, Euro-American settlers had established a permanent presence in the region. In the 1860s and 70s, the area was a popular grazing site for sheep, and lava-rock walls constructed by sheep-holders of the era can still be found. The growth of northern California spurred the lumber industry in the mountains to the east. This led to the construction of extensive v-flumes throughout the area, such as the Blue Ridge Flume, a 42-mile conduit for cut lumber from high-elevation sawmills. Remnants of this flume are visible from the Vista Trail.

The Sacramento River Bend area is at the historic territorial intersection of two Native American tribes—the Yana to the east, and the Nomlaki to the west. Ancestors of these hunter-gatherers have left evidence indicating 6,000 to possibly 10,000 years of prehistoric existence. Traces of Native uses across the landscape include villages, hunting and fishing camps, stone tool workshops, occupation rock shelters, circular stone features and rock art. Their use was focused on the river and major streams, and left a rich prehistoric legacy as yet little explored or damaged. These cultural resources are fragile, irreplaceable and protected by law.

Wildlife

Keep an eye out for river otters, beavers, osprey and turtles as you travel through the wetlands and along the river and creeks. You may even see majestic bald eagles soaring over the area, which are not to be confused with the dark-colored turkey vultures. Deer are abundant and often seen by visitors to the area. Remember that even seemingly harmless animals can be dangerous if they feel threatened; please enjoy wildlife without touching, feeding, or moving too close.

Concerns have increased in recent years over population declines of migratory birds that breed in North America and winter in South America, called neotropical migratory birds. The BLM manages the Paynes Creek Wetlands area, located along the Pacific Flyway, to enhance populations of these birds and other species.

- The Sacramento River is cold (45–50 °F) year-round, and deceptively swift and powerful. Always wear an approved flotation device when on the river. Current river conditions and flow data can be checked at http://cedc.water.ca.gov/rivcond.html.
- Summer temperatures can exceed 100 °F, and there is no potable water available in the area, so bring plenty of drinking water.
- Poison oak is common in this area, especially in the cooler areas along the river. Learn what it looks like and avoid it. As the saying goes, "leaves of three, let it be!"
- Mountain lions live in this area. If you encounter a mountain lion, do not run; instead face the animal, make noise and try to look bigger by waving your arms; throw rocks or other objects. Pick up small children.
- Rattlesnakes are a common sight on warm days. Watch your step.
- The Yana Trail fords Inks Creek, the Scout Trail fords Turtle Creek and the Hog Lake Trail fords Paynes Creek, making them impassable at times of wet weather. Contact the BLM for trail conditions prior to a wet-weather hike.
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Most attractions along the river can be reached by foot, mountain bike or horseback. All trails are closed to motorized vehicles. Several trailheads are located on Highway 36, Bend Ferry Road and Jellys Ferry Road. The Paynes Creek Wetlands trail systems allows for great springtime wildlife viewing. The Yana Trail, with trailheads at Perry Riffle, Bass Pond and Jellys Ferry, is a great way to explore the backcountry. Most trails are rugged and unmarked and encourage self-discovery. Please remember to close any gates behind you. Happy exploring!

In order to protect sensitive plants, animals and cultural resources, reduce erosion, and promote a challenging and primitive recreation experience, all motorized vehicles, including motorcycles and ATVs, are restricted to the public roadways shown on the attached map. Please help keep this public land special, and do not drive off roads, on trails and over the grass or other open terrain.

Any group event held in the Sacramento River Bend area—weddings, reunions, horsemanship trials, races, etc.—may require a permit. Please contact the Redding Field Office at least three months prior to holding an event in the area. The Redding Field Office staff can inform you of the regulations governing this area and help find the perfect site for your group. Any fees collected are used for facilities maintenance within the Sacramento River Bend area.

If you build an open fire, please extinguish your fire and scatter your rock ring and cold ashes when you leave. Open fires and charcoal grills are prohibited during fire restrictions. Please call the BLM Redding Field Office for current fire restrictions.

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California Department of Fish & Game (530) 225-2300 www.dfg.ca.gov/lands/water/wa/region1/index.html The California Department of Fish and Game can provide specific information on wildlife areas, as well as state-wide fishing and hunting regulations and information. California Welcome Center (800) 4-SHASTA www.shastacascade.com The Welcome Center provides information on many locations in the north state. Coleman National Fish Hatchery (530) 365-8622 www.fws.gov/coleman Coleman offers self-guided tours, interpretive displays, and salmon viewing, and is host to the Return of the Salmon Festival every October. Ide Adobe State Historic Park (530) 529-8599 www.ideadobe.tehama.k12.ca.us Enjoy the interpretive displays and special events, such as the Living History Days. Red Bluff Recreation Area and Sacramento River Discovery Center (530) 527-1136 www.srdc.tehama.k12.ca.us The Red Bluff Recreation Area offers fishing, boat launches, camping, and a fish-viewing plaza, as well as as the Sacramento River Discovery Center's interpretive displays.