



Firearm Protocol When and Where You Can Shoot Stanislaus National Forest



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Firearms

The Forest Service, the State of California, and the counties within the Forest Service boundaries have regulations to ensure that firearms are being used in a manner where they are not hindering safety, damaging property, or damaging the resource the Forest Service is charged with protecting.

Restrictions In Effect

Visitors may not shoot any firearm, air rifle or gas gun (this includes BB guns) within the boundaries of any Wilderness area (Emigrant, Carson-Iceberg or Mokelumne) except by licensed hunters in-season (36 CFR 261.58 (m)).

GENERAL PROHIBITIONS

It is prohibited, per 36 CFR 261.10d to use a firearm or any other implement capable of taking human life, causing injury, or damage to property:

- In or within 150 yards of a residence, building, dispersed campsite, developed Recreation Site, or other occupied area.
- Across or on a Forest Development road, or body of water adjacent thereto, or in any manner or place whereby any person

or property is exposed to injury or damage as a result of such discharge.

- Into or within a cave.
- The Code of Federal Regulations, Section 261.9a Prohibits damaging any property of the United States. This includes signs, trees, buildings and structures.
- The Code of Federal Regulations, Section 261.6a Prohibits damaging any green tree.
- Discharging a firearm is prohibited by the Forest Service in the area of Donnell's Reservoir per 36 CFR 261.58m (Forest Order 12-12).
- Shooting is prohibited in and around the Candy Rock Quarry except for certain times during the day per Code of Federal Regulations 36 CFR 261.58m (Forest Order 15-04).
- Alpine County Ordinance 9.16.010 restricts the use of firearms further in the parts of the Stanislaus National Forest within Alpine County.

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- While hunting with a valid hunting license, the use of a firearm for the disposal of livestock, or for protection is permissible in the Wilderness areas. Recreational shooting of any kind is not.
- The State of California has a Game Refuge between the North and the Middle Forks of the Stanislaus River. Parts of this refuge lie within the Stanislaus National Forest. It is illegal, per the California Fish and Game Code, to possess a firearm in the State Game Refuge unless the firearms are completely disassembled and or encased and unloaded.

Vehicles:

Per California State law it is illegal to possess a loaded firearm in a vehicle. When going out to or returning from target shooting your firearm and the ammunition need to be separate and the firearm needs to be in a locked container.

An exception to this law is if you are a licensed hunter, engaged in hunting, during hunting season, you may have rounds in magazine or

in the barrel of your firearm, but those rounds cannot be chambered.

Carrying your firearm on the National Forest

Unless you have a concealed weapons permit, per California Penal Code, Section 25400, a person is guilty of carrying a concealed firearm when the person does any of the following:

- Carries concealed within any vehicle that is under the persons control or direction any pistol, revolver, or other firearm capable of being concealed on the person.
- Carries concealed upon the person any pistol, revolver, or other firearm capable of being concealed upon a person.

California Penal Code, Section 26350 prohibits any person from carrying a handgun, loaded or unloaded, in a public place where discharging or possessing a firearm is prohibited.



Help Keep The Forest Safe....And Clean

Know where your bullet is going before you discharge your weapon. The best places to target shoot are those areas with a backstop, such as a hillside to stop your bullet and see where it is.

We ask that any visitors to the Forest who may witness shooting incidents or actions involving firearms (that they believe not in accordance with established local, State or Federal policy) report such occurrences to appropriate law enforcement officials.

We also request the cooperation of shooters in the proper pickup and disposal of spent shell casings, clay pigeon target remnants, paper target remnants or anything else associated with the activity. Please take with you any trash, empty ammo boxes or anything else brought into the Forest by you or members of your shooting party. The target shooting area should be in as good (or better) condition when you depart as it was when you arrived. The Forest and its many visitors and inhabitants will greatly benefit from your concern and cooperation.