



REGULATIONS OF THE BOLSA CHICA ECOLOGICAL RESERVE



The Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve was established to protect and preserve sensitive habitat for rare plants, wildlife, and birds, many of which are threatened or endangered. As visitors to the Bolsa Chica, it is necessary to remember at all times that we are guests in a wilderness environment which has been set aside as a protected home for those wild animals, and as guests it is our duty to cause no harm to the residents or their habitat. Therefore, it is essential that all visitors abide by the following regulations:

YOU MAY ...

- **Walk the trails**
 - **Jog the paths**
 - **Take photographs and videos**
 - **Observe wildlife**
- ...on or from designated trails and overlooks only.
- **Fish ONLY in the DFG designated fishing area** behind the Bolsa Chica Interpretive Center, next to the Warner bridge. Persons age 16 and older are required to have a valid fishing license which must be worn in plain sight above the waist at all times. All Dept. of Fish & Game regulations regarding size, quantity, and fish species MUST be strictly followed; those not in compliance risk citation and loss of catch.

YOU MAY NOT ...

- **Step or walk off trail, climb or skirt any fence, hike vertically down the slope of any overlook, enter any restricted area, or enter into the flood control channel at any time.**
- **Bring any pets or dogs, leashed, unleashed, carried, or otherwise confined, anywhere within the Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve, including parking lots.** Exceptions are made for ADA compliant service animals ONLY. Release of pets or wild animals into the reserve is strictly prohibited.
- **Ride any bicycle, motorcycle, ATV, pocket bike, mini bike, scooter, moped, Segway, or other non-pedestrian device, nor may you operate any remote controlled vehicle, airplane, glider, or boat, or fly any kite** anywhere in the Ecological Reserve, including all trails, bridges, and overlooks. Off-road riding of any kind is likewise strictly prohibited.
- **Hunt, collect, harm, harass, or kill any animal, bird, reptile, nest, egg, insect, flower, or plant** anywhere in the Bolsa Chica. Harassment includes but is not limited to touching, chasing, feeding, prodding, or any other activity which may alter the animal's health or normal behavior. All hunting and collecting is prohibited; this includes egg shells, feathers, rocks, seashells, bones, skins, artifacts, and all other natural, archaeological, historical, and biological materials.
- **Park your vehicle in any Ecological Reserve parking lot for any purpose other than visiting the Bolsa Chica wetlands or Interpretive Center.** All vehicles must be parked within designated parking spaces.
- **Swim, wade, or boat** in any body of water in the Bolsa Chica.
- **Set or use any fire or incendiary device,** including fireworks, smoke bombs, flares or other combustible materials.
- **Consume alcoholic beverages of any kind anywhere within the Ecological Reserve.**

Please contact the Ca. Dept. of Fish & Game if you observe any violations of the above rules. Call the DFG CalTip Hotline toll free at 1 (888) 334-2258, or contact the Orange County Sheriff's Department at (714) 647-1832.