



Hunting: Seasons and Trip Planning



Hunting is authorized in 69 national parklands, including Mojave National Preserve. Here, the National Park Service (NPS) continues to provide a unique experience and support for an important American heritage and cultural value. Have a safe, enjoyable, and lawful hunt: familiarize yourself with applicable NPS and California Department of Fish & Game (CDFG) regulations and San Bernardino County ordinances. A current copy of hunting regulations is indispensable, and is available online at www.dfg.ca.gov/regulations or by calling (916) 653-4899.

General Regulations, Licensing, & Firearm Use

Licensing

Hunting is permitted in accordance with CDFG regulations. All hunting activities require a license; additional permits, stamps and tags might apply. Please be prepared to present your license, permits and/or tags if requested by a NPS park ranger or CDFG game warden.

Firearms

The discharge of firearms is allowed only while legally hunting. Target shooting or “plinking” is prohibited. Firearms transported within the preserve must be unloaded, cased, and broken down, except during lawful hunting activities. Firearms must comply with CDFG regulations for the species hunted. No shooting is permitted within ½ mile of developed areas, including campgrounds, information centers, Kelso Dunes, Fort Piute, Sweeney Granite Mountains Desert Research Center, and the Desert Studies Center at Zzyzx.

Hunting or Shooting from Vehicles

With the exception of mobility-impaired disabled persons in possession of a Motor Vehicle Hunting License, it is illegal to shoot at game from a public roadway (paved or unpaved) or to pursue, drive, herd, or take any bird or mammal from any type of motor vehicle.

Dogs

Dogs used during hunting activities must be under the owner’s control at all times. When not hunting, dogs must be on a leash. Temperatures range from below freezing to over 110°F; never leave your pet unattended inside a vehicle.

Spotlighting

During the general hunt season for mule deer, lights may not be used for night hunting. Otherwise, furbearing and nongame mammals may be taken with the aid of a spotlight operated from a vehicle provided such a vehicle is stopped and standing with the motor off. No spotlight may be used from a vehicle which is on a public road.

Water Sources

Hunting at water sources is limited to a 30-minute time period every hour.

Groups

The NPS requires a Special Park Recreation Use Permit for groups of at least 7 vehicles or 15 individuals participating in common recreational activities, including hunting. Fees apply. Proof of insurance and posting of a bond might also be required. Call (760) 252-6107 or visit www.nps.gov/moja for more information.

Camping

Campgrounds

The Mid Hills Campground and Hole-in-the-Wall Campground are available year-round, equipped with pit toilets, trash and recycling receptacles, potable water, fire rings and picnic tables. Fees: \$12 per site per night, \$6 for America the Beautiful Senior/Access Pass holders. Reservations are not accepted. Campsites available on a first-come, first-served basis, and can accommodate a maximum of 8 people and 2 vehicles.

The Black Canyon Equestrian & Group Campground (located at Hole-in-the-Wall) is ideal for

larger groups. Campsites feature pit toilets, trash and recycling receptacles, potable water, fire ring, grill, and picnic area with tables. Fees: \$25 per group per night. Reservations required: call (760) 928-2572 or (760) 252-6104.

Firewood

Cutting or collecting any wood, even downed wood, is prohibited. All firewood, including kindling, must be brought in.

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Backcountry Camping

Backpacking, horsepacking, and roadside vehicle camping do not require a permit or fee. Do not camp along paved roads or near day-use areas (except for clearly designated roadside campsites—see below), and stay at least 200 yards from all water sources. Do not camp on private property. Bury or pack out human waste in catholes 6–8

inches deep, at least 200 feet from water, camp, and trails. Pack out all hygiene products.

Roadside vehicle camping is allowed in areas that have traditionally been used for this purpose and are marked with rock or metal fire rings. Do not create new campsites or enlarge existing ones.

Land Access

Wilderness

Wilderness boundaries are marked by means of flexible, brown wilderness marking posts. Motor vehicles, motorized equipment, and/or mechanical transport (including bicycles) are not allowed in designated wilderness areas. While hunting is permitted in designated wilderness, access is by foot, horse, or pack animal, only.

Private Property

Private inholdings are found throughout the preserve. Please respect the rights of our neighbors. It is your responsibility to obtain permission (preferably in writing) from the landowner before hunting on, camping on, or entering private property.

Radio-Collared Deer

Some mule deer bucks in Mojave National Preserve have been fitted with VHF high-frequency radio collars. These deer may be legally hunted in accordance with CDFG regulations as part of a valid deer tag for Zone D-17.

If ever a radio-collared buck is harvested, please return the equipment to the nearest visitor center or ranger station or to any NPS or CDFG official

encountered in the preserve. To make arrangements for pick-up, call (760) 252-6100. Returned and reused collars save hundreds of dollars in new equipment and allow researchers to complete the life history information for that animal.

Collars may also be returned to any CDFG office (contact info. below); please specify that the collared deer was harvested in Mojave National Preserve.

Hunting Seasons, Bag Limits & Times

Hunting in Mojave National Preserve: 2009 – 2010

Hunt	Season	Limit	Times
Rabbit (Cottontail)	7/1/09 – 1/31/09	5 rabbits per day, 10 in possession	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset
Mourning Dove & White Winged Dove	9/1/09 – 9/15/09	10 birds per day, 20 in possession	½ hour before sunrise to sunset
Mule Deer <i>Archery Hunt</i>	9/5/09 – 9/27/09	One buck, forked horn or better per tag	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset
Mule Deer <i>General Hunt</i>	10/10/09 – 11/1/09	One buck, forked horn or better per tag	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset
Bobcat <i>Hunting permit required</i>	10/15/09 – 2/28/10	5 per season	Anytime
Gambel Quail <i>Zone C</i>	10/17/09 – 1/31/10	10 birds per day, 20 in possession	½ hour before sunrise to sunset
Chuckar (Red Legged Partridge)	10/17/09 – 1/31/10	6 birds per day, 12 in possession	½ hour before sunrise to sunset
Bighorn Sheep <i>Fund-raising hunt</i>	11/1/09 – 7/10/10	One adult ram per tag (one tag issued)	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset
Mourning Dove & White Winged Dove	11/14/09 – 12/21/09	10 birds per day, 20 in possession	½ hour before sunrise to sunset
Bobcat <i>Trapping permit required</i>	11/24/09 – 1/31/10	No limit	Anytime
Bighorn Sheep <i>General hunt</i>	12/5/09 – 2/7/10	One adult ram per tag (9 tags issued)	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset
Hare (Jackrabbit)	Open year-round	No possession limit	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset
Coyote	Open year round	No bag limit	Anytime

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