



## Hunting: Seasons and Trip Planning



### Regulations

Make your hunting trip safe, enjoyable, and lawful by familiarizing yourself with applicable National Park Service and California State regulations and San Bernardino County ordinances. A current copy of *California Hunting Regulations* is indispensable, and is available from the California Fish and Game Commission (916-653-7664).

#### Permit & License

All California Hunting Regulations apply within Mojave National Preserve. A California State hunting license is required. In addition, a permit is required for deer, bobcat, and bighorn sheep hunting; an Upland Bird Stamp for hunting quail or chukar (red-legged partridge); and a Migratory Bird Stamp for hunting mourning dove. Please be prepared to present your hunting license and tags if requested by a park ranger or state game warden.

#### Firearm Use

The discharge of firearms is allowed only while legally hunting. "Plinking" and target shooting are not permitted. No shooting is permitted within ¼ mile of any campground, dwelling, hiking trail, visitor center, or other public gathering area. All firearms transported within the Preserve must be unloaded, cased, and broken down, except during lawful hunting activities. Firearms must comply with California Hunting Regulations for the species hunted.

#### Hunting Reminders

During general deer season, spotlighting for game or non-game animals is illegal. Hunting at water sources is limited to a 30 minute time period every hour. Special hunting regulations are in effect at Providence Mountains State Recreation Area (760-928-2586).

### Access

#### No Shooting Areas

San Bernardino County ordinance has designated the following locations as Safe Areas: Fort Piute, Mid Hills Campground; Hole-in-the-Wall Campground, Group Campground, Fire Center, and Information Center; and Granite Mountains Research Natural Area. These areas are closed to hunting and the discharge of all weapons.

#### Wilderness

Motor vehicles, motorized equipment, or mechanized transport (cars, trucks, ATVs, dirt bikes,

bicycles) are not allowed in designated wilderness areas. All wilderness areas remain open to hunting, but access is by foot, horse, or pack animal only.

#### Private Lands & Property

Private property inholdings are found throughout the Preserve. Please respect the rights of our neighbors. It is your responsibility to receive permission from the landowner before hunting on private property; it is advisable to obtain written permission.

### Camping

#### Campgrounds

Camping fees at Hole-in-the-Wall Campground are \$12.00 per night. Mid Hills Campground is temporarily closed due to damage caused by a wildfire. The Hole-in-the-Wall Equestrian and Group Campground is available by reservation only; please call 760/928-2572 for information. Maximum stay is two weeks per campsite and 30 days per year camping anywhere in the Preserve.

#### Roadside Camping & Backpacking

Previously impacted roadside campsites may be used without a permit. Backcountry walk-in camping is also allowed without a permit. Camping is not allowed within 200 yards of a water source or well, or at designated trailheads.

#### Campfires

Check with a Ranger for any fire restrictions upon arrival. Because wood is scarce in the desert, collecting or cutting wood is not allowed. Fire rings are provided in campgrounds. If you are backpacking or roadside camping, consider using a campstove rather than building a fire to minimize your impact. Fires in **existing** fire rings or "fire pans" are permitted outside the developed campgrounds. A fire pan is a metal container such as a garbage can lid. Pan fires make it easier to properly and safely dispose of ashes and coals later, leaving the site less disturbed.

<b>Dogs</b>	Dogs are permitted and may be used during hunting activities. If not being used for hunting, dogs must be on a leash, not to exceed six feet, at all times.	Temperatures in the area range from below freezing to over 110 degrees; do not leave your pet unattended or inside a vehicle.
<b>Leave No Trace</b>	As urban centers grow, more people will be drawn to Mojave National Preserve for its beauty and solitude. No matter where we go to recreate, we should leave our camps and travel routes as we found them for the next visitor to enjoy.  Do not bury trash and toilet paper as scavengers will quickly dig it up; pack it out with you when you leave.	Use “cat holes” for the disposal of human and pet waste. Cat holes should be six to eight inches deep and must be at least 300 feet from water sources. Or better yet, pack it all out with you.  Preserve the past: examine, but do not collect, cultural or historic artifacts.
<b>Driving Reminders</b>	Wildhorse Canyon Road is temporarily closed due to damage from recent rainstorms.  All vehicles operated in the Preserve must be street legal. Driving off established roadways is prohibited.	The possession of an open container of an alcoholic beverage in a vehicle is illegal. Driving a motor vehicle while intoxicated or under the influence is illegal.

## Hunting Seasons 2005-2006

hunt	season	limit	times
<b>cottontail rabbit</b>	July 1, 2005 to January 29, 2006	5 per day, 10 in possession	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset
<b>mourning dove and white winged dove</b>	September 1, 2005 to September 15, 2005	10 per day, 20 in possession	½ hour before sunrise to sunset
<b>mule deer Archery Hunt</b>	September 3, 2005 to September 25, 2005	1 buck, forked horn or better, per tag	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset
<b>mule deer General Hunt</b>	October 8, 2005 to October 30, 2005	1 buck, forked horn or better, per tag	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset
<b>bobcat hunting permit required</b>	October 15, 2005 to February 28, 2006	5 per season	anytime
<b>Gambel's quail</b>	October 15, 2005 to January 29, 2006	10 per day, 20 in possession	½ hour before sunrise to sunset
<b>chukar (red legged par-</b>	October 15, 2005 to January 30, 2006	6 per day, 12 in possession	½ hour before sunrise to sunset
<b>bighorn sheep Fund Rasing Hunt</b>	November 5, 2005 to February 5, 2006	1 adult ram per tag (1 tag issued)	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset
<b>mourning dove and white winged dove</b>	November 12, 2005 to December 26, 2005	10 per day, 20 in possession	½ hour before sunrise to sunset
<b>bobcat trapping permit required</b>	November 24, 2005 to January 31, 2006	no limit	anytime
<b>bighorn sheep General Hunt</b>	December 3, 2005 to February 5, 2006	1 adult ram per tag	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset
<b>hare (jackrabbit)</b>	open year round	no limit	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset
<b>coyote</b>	open year round	no limit	anytime