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## ADS Trail Guide, Pacific Region

**Site Name:** Shasta Valley Wildlife Area Approximately 8 miles east of Yreka, and 1.5 mile east of Montague

**State:** California

**ADS Region:** Pacific

**Owner/Operator's Contact Info:** CA Dept. of F&W (530) 459-3926

**Website:** <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/lands/places-to-visit/shasta-valley-wa>

**Link to Director:** <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Explore/Director/Email>

**Email Link to Director:** <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Explore/Director/Email>

**Description of Site:** The Shasta Valley Wildlife Area was designated as a wildlife area by the Fish and Game Commission in 1991. It contains approximately 4,700 acres of Great Basin juniper woodland, riparian forest, seasonal wetlands, and crop lands, with Mt. Shasta as a backdrop. Sandhill cranes, waterfowl, raptors, and shorebirds are commonly seen at Shasta Valley. Deer, porcupines, and coyotes are among the mammals that can be seen. There are three deep water reservoirs and numerous seasonal wetlands on the wildlife area.

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Shasta-Valley-Wildlife-Area/428339807246909>

**Directions to Site:** From I-5 take exit 776. If coming from the north, turn LEFT at the bottom of the off-ramp. If coming from the south, turn RIGHT at the bottom of the off-ramp. Proceed 5 miles on the road you turned onto until it butt-ends into Montague-Grenada Road. Turn LEFT, go a very short distance through historic Montague, and turn RIGHT on W. Webb (there is a statue of a cowboy and horse at the corner). Cross the RR Tracks and proceed about 1 1/2 miles to the entrance of the wildlife area on your right (look for white wooden wagon wheels. Use either entrance. Proceed another 1 1/2 miles to Parking Lot #2. Approximately 8 miles east of Yreka, and 1.5 mile east of Montague

**Conditions at Site:** Gravel roads, some rocks on the dirt roads, Star Thistle in mid to late summer along dirt roads, bugs in late July and August. Mostly flat. No shade. Several lakes in the area. Open to hunting.

**Map of Area link:** <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=87745&inline>

**Public Use Map:** <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=88804&inline>

**Has submitter driven site recently?** No

**Track Surface:** gravel & dirt

**Track Width:** unknown

**Are ER Room and Veterinary Care nearby?**

**Emergency Room Info:**

**Veterinary Facilities:**

**How is cell phone reception?** unknown



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**Are pets permitted on site on leash?** Yes

**Additional services available onsite:** (Camping, water, stabling, etc.) This wildlife area is open to the public from the first of March through the end of September. This is an old ranch of about 4500 acres. All gravel roads are open to all traffic. Many of the dirt roads are closed to motorized traffic but can be used by equestrians (ridden or driven).

**Is a permit required?** Yes

**Permit Cost:** CDFW Lands Pass required. Daily \$4.32/Annual \$25.10

**Link to pass:** <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Lands-Pass>

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**Submitted on:** 01/06/2018



# The American Driving Society, Inc.

**Site Name:** Mammoth Mountain region MLTPA P.O. Box 100 PMB #432 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

**State:** California

**ADS Region:** Pacific

**Owner/Operator's Contact Info:** (760) 934-3154

**Website:** <https://www.mammothtrails.org/activity/34/equestrian/>  
<https://www.mammothtrails.org/trails/>

**Email:** [nicolemontano@mltpa.org](mailto:nicolemontano@mltpa.org)

**Description of Site:** This is a great introduction to the sagebrush steppes at the base of the Sherwins Range and an authentic western experience right at the edge of town. From the staging area at Sierra Meadows Ranch, ride east along the main trail down valley along the Mammoth Creek drainage. The trails are soft and sandy, with good footing for your horses and a variety of side trails for access to the creek—or to loop around on your way back. A number of classic westerns have been filmed here. And with the wide-open views, the wildflowers along the creek, and the occasional glimpse of mule deer in the grass, it's easy to see why.

**Trail Map:** <https://www.mammothtrails.org/experience/96/equestrian-trail-riding-mammoth-creek-loop-at-sierra-meadows/#mapTab>

**Directions to Site:** Dependent upon trailhead

**Conditions at Site:** Miles upon miles of graded dirt roads and dedicated trails.

**Has submitter driven site recently?** No....do your own research before heading out!

**Track Surface:** dirt

**Track Width:** unknown

**Are ER Room and Veterinary Care nearby?**

**Emergency Room Info:**

**Veterinary Facilities:**

**How is cell phone reception?** unknown

**Are pets permitted on site on leash?** Yes

**Additional services available onsite:** (Camping, water, stabling, etc.) Stabling available at Sierra Meadows in Mammoth town.

**Link to Sierra Meadows:** <http://www.sierrameadowsranch.com/about-us/>

**Is a permit required?** No

**Permit Cost:**

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# The American Driving Society, Inc.

**Site Name:** Pismo State Beach Park

555 Pier Avenue Oceano, CA 93445

**State:** California

**ADS Region:** Pacific

**Owner/Operator's Contact Info:** (805) 473-7220

**Website:** [https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=595](https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=595)

**Email:**

**Description of Site:** Riding at any time is always available. Riding you have both the use of the beach and the dunes. For carriage driving I'd recommend paying attention to the tides (you want low) and week days are preferable as there are less tourists. To drive on the beach pneumatic tires are recommended over wooden wheels.

**Trails:** <https://www.slohorosenews.net/pismo-dunes-natural-preserve-riding-slo-county-trails/>

**Directions to Site:** The Pismo Dunes Natural Preserve is accessible from Grand Avenue in Grover Beach. Take the Grand Avenue Exit off the 101 Fwy and travel west toward the ocean. Grande Avenue will end at the beach. There is an informal yet large staging area on the east end of the parking lot on the north side of the end of Grand Avenue before you get to the gate.

**Conditions at Site:** Your horse must be very traffic safe for you are sharing the beach with everything else; cars, motorcycles and all kind of off-road vehicles as well as water and air craft.

**Has submitter driven site recently?** No

**Track Surface:** sand

**Track Width:** Yes, passable in places

**Are ER Room and Veterinary Care nearby?**

**Emergency Room Info :**

**Veterinary Facilities:**

**How is cell phone reception?** unknown

**Are pets permitted on site on leash?** Yes

**Additional services available onsite:** (Camping, water, stabling, etc.)

Nearby stabling & camping: <http://pacificdunesranch.com>

**Is a permit required?** No

**Permit Cost:**

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## The American Driving Society, Inc.

**Site Name:** Woodward Reservoir 14528 26 Mile Rd, Oakdale, CA 95361 East of Manteca.

**State:** California

**ADS Region:** Pacific

**Owner/Operator's Contact Info:** (209) 847-3304

**Website:** <http://www.stancountyparks.com/woodward-reservoir/>

**Email:**

**Description of Site:** Horses are permitted in area A through FF only. Park Brochure: <http://www.stancounty.com/parks/pdf/Parks-Brochure-WR.pdf> Horse riding is available on the Cocklebur Beach day use area located off Eastman Rd. on the north side of Woodward Reservoir.

**Directions to Site:** Woodward Reservoir Regional Park is located at 14528 26-Mile Rd., a few miles north of Oakdale off Highway 120. It offers over 3,700 acres of land and 2,900 acres of reservoir for recreation and camping.

**Conditions at Site:** Woodward Reservoir is a 24-hour outdoor recreational facility open to the public for camping, day use, horse riding, and dog training. Horse riding is available on the Cocklebur Beach day use area located off Eastman Rd. on the north side of Woodward Reservoir. It has miles of roads around the lake. There is day camping and overnight camping is allowed in the primitive area (areas A to FF) \$15/night. You need to tie to trailers or bring portable stalls.

**Has submitter driven site recently?** No

**Track Surface:** macadam?

**Track Width:** unknown

**Are ER Room and Veterinary Care nearby?**

**Emergency Room Info:**

**Veterinary Facilities:**

**How is cell phone reception?** unknown

**Are pets permitted on site on leash?** Yes

**Additional services available onsite:** (Camping, water, stabling, etc.)

**Is a permit required?** Yes **Permit Cost:** See website above

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## The American Driving Society, Inc.

**Site Name:** Chino Hills State Park 4721 Sapphire Road; Chino Hills, CA 91709

Latitude/Longitude: 33.9198 / -117.7144

**State:** California

**ADS Region:** Pacific

**Owner/Operator's Contact Info:** (951) 780-6222

**Website:** <https://www.chinohills.org/?NID=284> AND  
[http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=648](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=648)

**Email:** unlisted

**Description of Site:** Chino Hills State Park is unique in that it provides refuge for both biodiversity and solitude to the visitors who enjoy their outdoor experiences. There is no other location in the LA Basin where people can drive a short distance and be swept away with scenic vistas, hike, bike, or ride a horse on over 90 miles of trails. At 14,102 acres, the park is managed as an open space habitat where all plant and animal life are protected.

**Directions to Site:** The park is located 10 miles northwest of Corona. Take the 91-Freeway to Highway 71-North, turn left at Soquel Canyon. Proceed to Elinvar and turn left. Elinvar merges into Sapphire on the left, the park entrance is located on the right.

**Conditions at Site:** 8 am-5 pm; Fri, Sat, Sun. The park is closed during extreme winds and for 48 hours when the park gets ¼" of rain. The park is also closed during times of extreme fire danger, when the National Weather Service announces a Red Flag Warning. During a park closure, signs are posted at all entrances. Please observe all posted closures. Watch for rattlesnakes. Suggest calling to check status. Drinking Water—Available at the Rolling M Ranch area, the Equestrian Staging area, and the Bane Canyon Picnicking areas. Dogs are not allowed at Chino Hills State Park except at Bane Canyon Road, the Rolling M Ranch and in the campgrounds. They must be on leash at all times and are not allowed in the backcountry or on trails.

**Has submitter driven site recently?** No

**Track Surface:** unknown

**Track Width:** unknown

**Are ER Room and Veterinary Care nearby?**

**Emergency Room Info:**

**Veterinary Facilities:**

**How is cell phone reception?** unknown

**Are pets permitted on site on leash?**

**Additional services available onsite:** (Camping, water, stabling, etc.)

**Stable link:** <http://www.chinohillsstatepark.org/park-activities/camping> Equestrian

Camping Equestrians may camp in the southern and central portions of the Equestrian Staging Area. Currently, no designated equestrian sites exist so camping is dispersed and undeveloped. There are horse corrals, hitching posts, a mounting assistance ramp, chemical toilets, troughs, potable water, and shade canopies with plenty of pull through



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parking space available. A trail connects the Equestrian Staging Area with the nearby Rolling M Ranch and campground where developed restroom and shower facilities are available approximately ¼ mile away.

**Is a permit required?** Yes

**Permit Cost:** Vehicle entrance is \$5.00 per day, \$4.00 per day for Seniors age 62+.

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## The American Driving Society, Inc.

**Site Name:** Spenceville Wildlife Area Approximately 18 miles east of Marysville, and north of Camp Far West

**State:** California

**ADS Region:** Pacific

**Owner/Operator's Contact Info:** CA F&W (530) 538-2236

**Website:** <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Lands/Places-to-Visit/Spenceville-WA>

**Email:**

**Description of Site:** Spenceville Wildlife Area is comprised of approximately 11,900 acres of blue oak - gray pine woodland characteristic of the Sierra Foothills. The elevation of the area varies from 200 to 1200 feet. The wildlife area is bordered on the west by Beale Air Force Base and on the north, south, and east by privately owned ranches. There are numerous ponds, creeks, trails and riparian zones in the area. Equestrians may access the area at the designated camp area and the access gates on Waldo Road located by the corrals. Carriages allowed on roads only, Over 25 miles of dirt public roads may be driven outside the fence. Also 25 miles of steeper dirt roads through adjoining properties (beware of cattle guards). Not allowed on horse trails.

**Map of Area:** <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=87893&inline>

**Directions to Site:** Nevada and Yuba Counties; approximately 18 miles east of Marysville, and north of Camp Far West. From Marysville take Highway 20 approximately 18 miles and turn right on Smartsville Road for 1 mile to enter the Wildlife Area.

**Conditions at Site:** Area closed during certain hunting seasons, check with park. Equestrian camping available. Carriages allowed on roads only. Over 25 miles of dirt public roads may be driven outside the fence. Also 25 miles of steeper dirt roads through adjoining properties (beware of cattle guards). Not allowed on horse trails.

**Has submitter driven site recently?** No...do your research before going

**Track Surface:** roadway

**Track Width:** Possibly passable

**Are ER Room and Veterinary Care nearby?**

**Emergency Room Info:**

**Veterinary Facilities:**

**How is cell phone reception?** unknown

**Are pets permitted on site on leash?** Yes

**Additional services available onsite:** (Camping, water, stabling, etc.)

**Is a permit required?** Not sure

**Permit Cost:**

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## The American Driving Society, Inc.

**Site Name:** Ernie Howlett Park and Rolling Hills Estates Equestrian Trails  
25851 Hawthorne Blvd, Rolling Hills Estates

**State:** California

**ADS Region:** Pacific

**Owner/Operator's Contact Info:** City of Rolling Hills Estates (310) 377-1577

**Website:** <http://ci.rolling-hills-estates.ca.us/government/community-services/city-parks-facilities-trails/ernie-howlett-park>

**Email:**

**Description of Site:** Ernie Howlett Park is a 35 acre recreational park about 20 miles south of downtown Los Angeles open to the public from dawn to dusk with an Equestrian Center with riding & turn-out rings, open pipe corrals & box stalls, wash racks, toilets & hitching rails and picnic tables under shady trees with usually a nice ocean breeze even in the summer. Ample parking even for big rigs with enough space to turn around. While driving in one of the large rings (as well as outside around on the grass in the equestrian area) is fine, the main attraction is to serve as base to explore the many miles of adjacent equestrian trails. There are 400 miles of trails on the P.V. Peninsula - mainly for horseback riders - but there are many miles also great for carriage driving. Carriages are allowed in the park as well as on the trails (as indicated on the trail signs!) - but should always be cautious to not spook local riders. (For weekend use check with the City before to make sure that no horse show is going on that day). Driving horses should stand well and be able to pull over to the side to let riders pass, as not all local riders are familiar anymore with carriages. A groom should be along for assistance if needed. Some of the trails are challenging. The park as well as the trails have served very well as site for the California Classic CDE from 1990 - 2000 - but did not include training level. But with those qualifiers, the trails are beautiful!

**Directions to Site:** From the Southeast: Take San Diego Freeway (405) north to Harbor Freeway (110) south From the East: Take the Artesia Freeway (91) to the Harbor Freeway (110) south From the North: Take any Freeway South to Downtown L.A. then take Harbor Fwy 110 south From the Northwest: Take San Diego Freeway (405) south to Harbor Freeway (110) south Then for all: Take Harbor Freeway (110) south to Pacific Coast Highway (PCH Hwy 1) and take exit 4 onto PCH west for 4.3 miles to Hawthorne Blvd (Hwy 107). Turn left - south - onto Hawthorne Blvd and take Hawthorne Blvd 1.1 miles up the hill to Ernie Howlett Park entrance on your right. Keep to the right through the parking lot to get to the Equestrian area.

**Conditions at Site:** To reach the trails by carriage, hitch at the equestrian area then drive back through the parking lot to the west side to the opening between three rail fences. Start at the Howlett trail and follow the trail which goes between Howlett Park and a row of houses, then turns right in between houses. As you follow along it will turn



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sharply left and downhill into a tunnel underneath of Hawthorne Blvd. You may want to put your groom down for that turn. (None of the horses ever had a problem with the tunnel during the 11 years of CDE's) After the tunnel turn left down alongside Hawthorne Blvd. At the bottom the trail turns right with the old landfill on your left. Follow it for about 1/3 of a mile, where you'll find the entrance to the Landfill Loop Trail on your left. Don't worry about the sign of "No vehicles" - it does not mean carriages, as you'll see on the other side of the fence the large sign with the landfill loop trail rules incl. at the bottom "Carriages please go clockwise around the loop trail". There is a post in the entrance to prevent motor vehicles. The clearance available with the post in is 6' = 180 cm. A marathon carriage is 125 cm. They set the post so I could make it with my four-in-hand of big warmbloods, but you may have your groom fully open the gate fully (the post is locked though). Enjoy the clockwise drive around the loop trail, which is 2.2 km = 1.5 miles and return to Howlett Park - either the same way you came - which then makes it all together about 3 miles (5 km) = a good hour at the walk. If you are in for a longer drive, turn right as you come out of the landfill again, and explore the botanical garden trail. Either further through the Crenshaw tunnel to Rolling Hills Road - or even further, and later back alongside P.V.Drive North - which may involve a busy street crossing with a traffic light across Crenshaw Blvd. (You can avoid the street crossing by turning before Crenshaw Blvd to go back through the Crenshaw tunnels which you also used on the outbound leg.) Or, for a shorter drive, turn right on the outbound leg before the Crenshaw Tunnel and back along P.V.Drive North Trail and down back to the Hawthorne Tunnel along Hawthorne Blvd on Moccasin Trail.

**Has submitter driven site recently?** Driven extensively from 1981 - 2007. Walked today to check - all still ok

**Track Surface:** Varied. Sand Arena, grass areas, gravel parking lot, most trails wood chipped

**Track Width:** Most trails at least 15'wide, often wider, but also some narrow spots. Two carriages can pass with few exceptions.

**Are ER Room and Veterinary Care nearby?** Human - Yes, Horse - Yes

**Emergency Room Info:** Torrance Memorial Hospital 310-325-9110

**Veterinary Facilities:** James A. Giacomuzzi, DVM 310-798.6721; Larry H. Kelly, DVM 310-530-3833; Ruth V. Sobeck, DVM 310-530-8194

**How is cell phone reception?** ok at Howlett Park, sometimes spotty on the trails

**Are pets permitted on site on leash?** Yes

**Additional services available onsite:** (Camping, water, stabling, etc.) Water, wash racks, open pipe corrals and even box stalls. riding rings, ridden dressage arenas, grass picnic areas with tables, tennis, basket, & racket ball courts, children playground, BBQ pits. large grass athletic field (off limit to horses). Unfortunately, usually no overnight camping, but exceptions are possible for special events with advance permission from



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the City. Gas stations, restaurants & shopping near by just down on Hawthorne Blvd.  
Supermarket on Rolling Hills Road (off Hawthorne Blvd).

**Is a permit required?** No

**Permit Cost:** none

**Submitted by:** Hardy Zantke (310) 375-6162

**Submitted on:** 05/25/2017



## The American Driving Society, Inc.

**Site Name:** Fort Ord National Monument Reservation Rd, Monterey County, CA 93933

**State:** California

**ADS Region:** Pacific

**Owner/Operator's Contact Info:** BLM (831) 582-2200

**Website:** <https://www.blm.gov/programs/national-conservation-lands/california/fort-ord-national-monument>

**Email:**

**Description of Site:** A rich history, diverse habitat and bountiful recreation opportunities await you at the Fort Ord National Monument. Another coastal gem with more than 86 miles of trails provides opportunities to hike, bike or ride your horse through rolling hills, pockets of chaparral and oak woodlands. You will see a huge diversity of plant life and animals in habitats that include streamside corridors, grasslands, maritime chaparral, oak woodlands and seasonal pools.

**Directions to Site:** The Fort Ord National Monument has two main access points. The Creekside Terrace Trailhead is located off of Reservation Road and the Badger Hills Trailhead is located off of Highway 68 in Salinas (across from the Toro Cafe). Equestrians should use the entrance at Inter Garrison Rd., where parking is available for horse trailers.

**Conditions at Site:**

**Trail Map:** <https://www.blm.gov/sites/blm.gov/files/documents/files/program-nlcs-california-fort%20ord-trail-map.pdf>

**Has submitter driven site recently?** No

**Track Surface:** dirt and paved

**Track Width:** Yes, passable in places

**Are ER Room and Veterinary Care nearby?**

**Emergency Room Info:**

**Veterinary Facilities:**

**How is cell phone reception?** unknown

**Are pets permitted on site on leash?** Yes

**Additional services available onsite:** (Camping, water, stabling, etc.)

**Is a permit required?** No **Permit Cost:**

**Submitted by:** HF (302) 632-8024

**Submitted on:** 01/08/2018



## The American Driving Society, Inc.

**Site Name:** Dru Barner Georgetown Ranger Station, 7600 Wentworth Springs Road, Georgetown, CA 95634

**State:** California

**ADS Region:** Pacific

**Owner/Operator's Contact Info:** US Forest Service (530) 333-4312

**Website:** <https://www.hipcampa.com/california/eldorado/dru-barner-campground>

**Email:**

**Description of Site:** Located in the depths of Eldorado National Forest, Dru Barner Campground is home to some serious wildlife and wilderness. Horse lovers will be loving the equestrian friendly features, and you're right on the shore of the awesomely picturesque Lake Walton. Set up your tent in one of the many first-come, first-served sites and take it easy. The campground is generally open year-round however, the access road is not plowed during the winter.

**Link to Trail Guide:**

[https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/fsbdev7\\_018833.pdf](https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fsbdev7_018833.pdf)

**Directions to Site:** Location: 7.5 miles east of Georgetown on Wentworth Springs Road (Forest Road 1), then 1 mile north east on Forest Road 13N16 and 0.5 miles northwest on Forest Road 13N58.

**Conditions at Site:** **CAUTION:** There are bears in the area. Please keep all foods, soaps, and garbage properly stored. The park provides day-use facilities for staging non-motorized trails recreation. A day-use fee is charged. The campground is ideal for equestrian use, with two water troughs, several pull through spaces, and access to trails. Annual day-use passes are available at the Georgetown Ranger Station. Sites are limited to a maximum of 1 vehicle and 6 people. Use the fire ring provided and make sure your fire is dead out before leaving. Use only water, not soil. Use only dead and down wood. A campfire permit is required for fires at units without established fire rings. Please keep family pets on a leash at all times.

**Has submitter driven site recently?** No

**Track Surface:** dirt

**Track Width:** yes

**Are ER Room and Veterinary Care nearby?** Human - Yes, Horse - Yes

**Emergency Room Info:** Marshall Divide Wellness Center

**Veterinary Facilities:**

**How is cell phone reception?** unknown

**Are pets permitted on site on leash?** Yes

**Additional services available onsite:** (Camping, water, stabling, etc.) camping, troughs, restrooms

**Is a permit required?** Not sure

**Permit Cost:** Fees apply

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