

Sevilleta NWR Consolidated List of Refuge Regulations

It is your responsibility, and your co-workers/students, to know and follow refuge regulations. The following regulations and policies are in effect for each research Primary Investigator and their sub-permittees/employees/staff.

All research personnel must keep a copy of a valid permit with them at all times while conducting research on the refuge.

Entry to the refuge is only for objectives, locations, and personnel listed on your permit. To minimize disturbance to wildlife and habitat, you may travel only on established roads on direct routes to and from research site(s). The vehicle speed limit is 25 mph. Bicycles and pets are not permitted. A research permit is not a permit for touring/hiking/sightseeing.

All Sevilleta gate combinations are changed annually. For security reasons, gate combinations are subject to change at any time throughout the year without prior notice. Do not share the gate combination with anyone, even other permittees. If anyone requests the combination from you, refer them to the refuge office.

Close and lock all gates when entering or leaving.

To minimize disturbance to wildlife, park vehicles and do not conduct work within a minimum of one-half mile from any water source. Park to the side of the road, so that other vehicles and equipment have room to pass.

To protect wildlife, habitat, cultural, and historical resources, collecting plant, animal, or mineral specimens, antlers, man-made objects, and artifacts is prohibited unless otherwise specified on the research permit.

Permanent research sites must be designated with an approved sign. Upon completion of the field season project, all stakes, flagging, transect markers or other man-made items must be removed unless a structure has been built for a long-term study and approved by FWS.

To minimize human impact on the refuge lands and wildlife, camping, fires, weapons, and littering is prohibited.

Do not enter the refuge or drive on dirt roads when conditions are wet or muddy. If it starts to rain/snow, please leave the refuge before you cause damage to the roads. Permittees will be held financially responsible for road damages.

Permittees must report vehicle accidents and human injuries to the refuge office within 24 hours to complete the necessary documentation. If possible, do not move vehicles from the scene of an accident until an investigation takes place.

Possession of alcohol or controlled substances on federal property is prohibited, as is entering the refuge under the influence of alcohol or medication to such a degree as to endanger oneself, another person, or property.

Respect others' vehicles, structures, equipment, and research projects.

Road hazards, damaged fencing, injured animals, or anything unusual must be reported to the refuge office. As part of our efforts to preserve and restore native habitats on Sevilleta NWR, we also request that any new colonies of invasive plants and non-native animal sightings be recorded/reported.