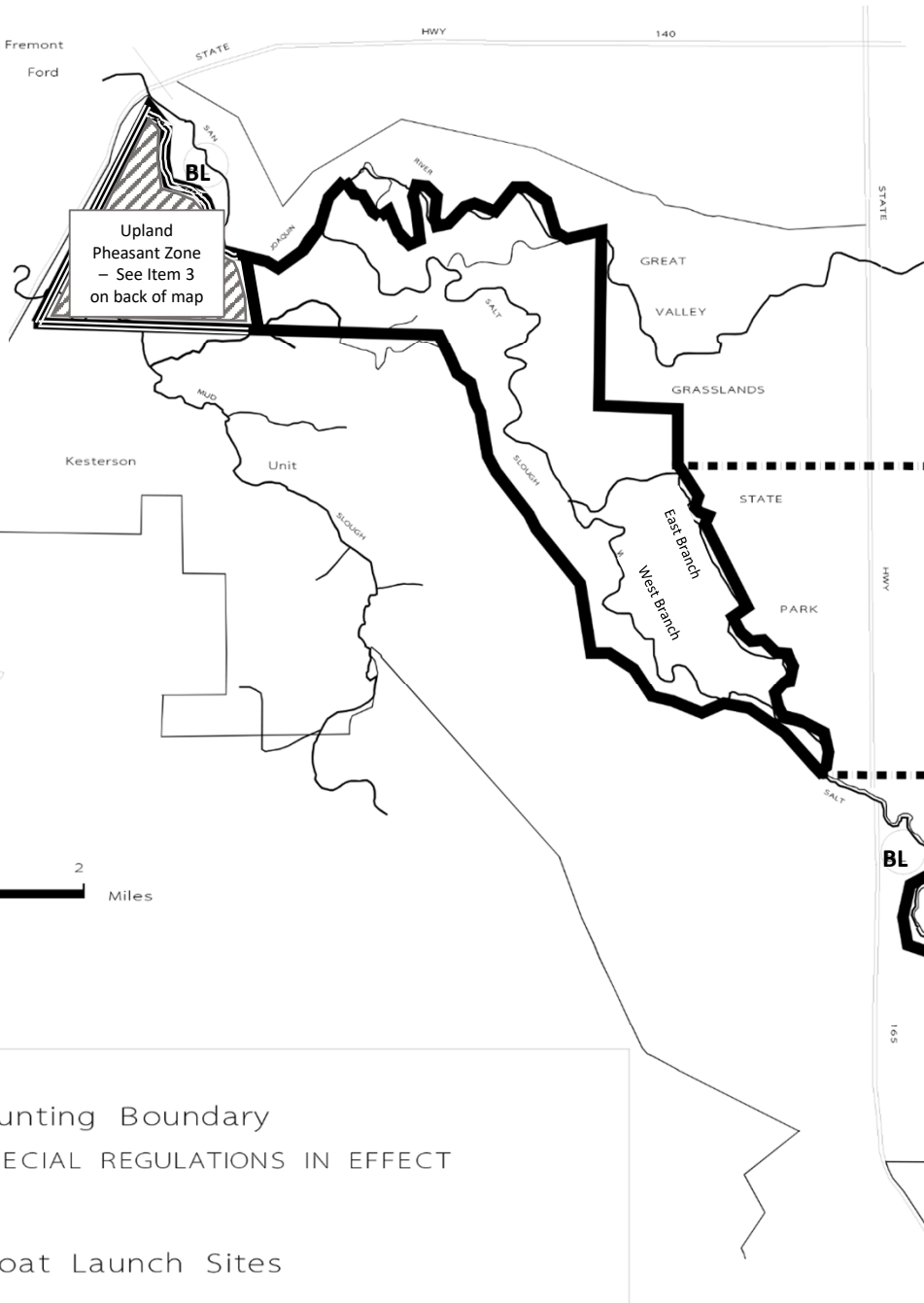


FREITAS UNIT SAN LUIS NWR

A permit from the Kesterson Check Station is required to launch at Fremont Ford boat launch to hunt the Freitas Unit on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays.



Hunting allowed only on west side of Salt Slough's east branch. Hunt boundary located at center of slough.

A permit from the Salt Slough Check Station is required to launch at the South Freitas boat launch on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays.

Hunting Boundary
SPECIAL REGULATIONS IN EFFECT

BL Boat Launch Sites

U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE – SAN LUIS NWR COMPLEX

The Refuge hunting program is operated through a cooperative agreement between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

FREITAS UNIT - REFUGE HUNTING REGULATIONS

Ducks, geese, snipe, coots, common gallinules hunting only, is permitted 7 days per week on any existing watercourse or water body within the Freitas Unit hunt zone under the following general regulations (see map on reverse):

1. Permits obtained from the check station are required on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays. During the remainder of the week, the Freitas Unit is open on a first-come, first-served basis, with no daily fee, hunter quota, or check-in required.
2. Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays: South Freitas boat launch permits are issued at the Salt Slough Check Station. North Freitas boat launch permits are issued at the Kesterson Check Station. You are required to launch your boat and park at the boat launch indicated on your permit; however, you may travel via boat to hunt in either portion (north or south) of the Freitas hunt zone.
3. During pheasant season, Freitas boat-in waterfowl hunters may not enter the Upland Pheasant Zone on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays without first changing your hunt assignment and obtaining a pheasant zone permit at the Kesterson check station. When hunting the pheasant zone on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays (during pheasant season), only pheasants may be hunted. On Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays during waterfowl season, Freitas boat-in waterfowl hunters may enter the zone to hunt waterfowl, coots, and moorhens. Before and after pheasant season, Freitas boat-in waterfowl hunters may enter the zone 7 days/week during waterfowl season; however, a Freitas hunt permit and Type A pass are required on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays. Consult state hunting regulations for specific season dates.
4. Construction of permanent blinds is prohibited. Only portable blinds and temporary blinds constructed of natural materials are permitted. We prohibit the cutting/breaking of woody vegetation. You must remove all blinds, equipment, and belongings from the refuge by the end of each daily hunt visit.
5. You may possess not more than 25 federally approved nontoxic shotgun shells while you are in the field.
6. Permits must be completed and returned to the check station at the end of each hunt (Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays).
7. You may not transport loaded firearms while traveling in a boat under power.
8. Access to the Freitas Unit is via boat only. The South Freitas parking lot and boat launch is closed between the hours of 8 p.m. and 2 a.m.
9. Inboard water thrust and air-thrust boats are prohibited (for example, jet skis, air boats, inboard jet boats are prohibited).
10. Vehicles parked in the boat launch parking lots must not block the ramp or other vehicles. Vehicles using the South Freitas boat launch must display a parking pass obtained at the check station on Wednesdays, Saturdays, Sundays.
11. All Federal and State regulations, season dates, bag limits, boat safety and equipment rules, and shoot times apply to this area.
12. Use or possession of alcoholic beverages while in the field is prohibited.
13. Fishing on the Freitas Unit is prohibited.
14. The Freitas hunt boundary is sign-posted on the ground. To further assist hunters in locating the hunt areas, below are the latitude-longitude coordinates, which can be entered into GPS units or smartphone mapping applications:
North Freitas boat launch hunt zone northern boundary: 37.297754, -120.912793
North Freitas boat launch hunt zone southern boundary: 37.250924, -120.858378
South Freitas boat launch hunt zone northern boundary: 37.242853, -120.844052
South Freitas boat launch hunt zone southern boundary: 37.219017, -120.834293

For more information, contact: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, PO Box 2176, Los Banos, CA 93635 (209) 826-3508
www.fws.gov/refuge/san-luis