

Whiskeytown Unit

Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity
National Recreation Area
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

UNDERSTANDING FEDERAL REGULATIONS at WHISKEYTOWN



IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY
TO KNOW AND OBEY ALL FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS
APPLICABLE TO WHISKEYTOWN UNIT

WHO WE ARE:

The National Park Service (NPS) was established by Congress in



1916 to "conserve the wildlife and the scenery and to preserve them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Since then, National Park Service Rangers have had full "police" powers to protect people, resources and property within Areas of the National Park System.

National Park Service Rangers, Criminal Investigators and Special Agents enforce all Federal and California laws applying to Whiskeytown.

The State of California shares "concurrent" jurisdiction with the National Park Service.

The Shasta County Sheriff California Highway Patrol California Department of Fish and Game and other State agencies also work inside the boundaries of Whiskeytown Unit.

The Congress has directed the Secretary of the Interior to make regulations to manage N.P.S. Areas. Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations covers NPS Areas, including Whiskeytown.

Here are a few of the more commonly misunderstood regulations:

36 CFR 2.2 WILDLIFE PROTECTION



YOU MAY

HUNT IN WHISKEYTOWN. You must obey California Hunting Regulations, Seasons and Bag Limits.

Some parts of Whiskeytown are closed to hunting for safety. These closed areas include Campgrounds, Beaches, Launch Ramps and Residential Areas.

A large area surrounding the Whiskeytown Environmental School (NEED Camp) is also closed for the safety of the children.

Check with a Ranger or at Headquarters for MAPS showing HUNTING AREA CLOSURES.

TRAPPING IS NOT ALLOWED

USE OF ARTIFICIAL LIGHT TO VIEW WILDLIFE IS NOT ALLOWED

36 CFR 2.4 WEAPONS TRAPS AND NETS

Weapons may be possessed:

1 IN THE FIELD:

WHEN USED TO LEGALLY TAKE WILDLIFE outside of areas closed to hunting

2. In a **MOTOR VEHICLE** when they are:

UNLOADED (which means no live rounds in the firing chamber OR in the magazine)

AND

RENDERED TEMPORARILY INOPERABLE (broken down, bolt out, shotgun barrel off, etc.) or

STORED IN A CASE or

STORED SO AS TO PREVENT THEIR READY USE

Shooting in a manner that endangers people or property is prohibited.

You may not target shoot or sight in weapons.

State issued permits for carrying concealed weapons (CCW) **ARE NOT VALID WITHIN WHISKEYTOWN.**

36 CFR 1.5 AREA CLOSURES AND USE RESTRICTIONS

The superintendent may close all or a part of Whiskeytown to:
public access
certain activities
during certain times of the day or year

Check with a Ranger or at Headquarters for MAPS showing USE RESTRICTIONS and AREA CLOSURES.

36 CFR 2.1 - PRESERVATION OF RESOURCES

All plants, animals and minerals are protected within Whiskeytown.

Some fruits may be gathered for personal use (ask at Headquarters).

Wildlife may only be taken during lawful hunting seasons.

Removal of minerals is prohibited (see 36 CFR 7.91 Goldpanning)

You may not use a metal detector at Whiskeytown.

36 CFR 2.3 Fishing:



Fishing at Whiskeytown is subject to all California laws and regulations.

YOU MAY NOT USE MINNOWS TO FISH IN WHISKEYTOWN LAKE.

Fishing from ALL boat docks is prohibited.

Fishing within 200 feet of swim floats public docks and designated swim beaches (Oak Bottom, Brandy Creek and Whiskey Creek) is prohibited.

WHEN STREAM FISHING IS CLOSED AND CLEAR CREEK IS FLOWING AT THE LEVEL OF THE POWERHOUSE AFTER BAY YOU MAY NOT FISH THERE.

36 CFR 2.10 Camping:



CAMPING WITHIN ONE MILE OF THE LAKE must be in Oak Bottom, Brandy Creek R.V or Dry Creek Group Campgrounds **BY PERMIT ONLY**

To camp **MORE THAN ONE MILE FROM THE LAKE** you must get a **backcountry use permit** at Headquarters.

BRANDY CREEK R V CAMPGROUND is for self contained recreational vehicles only **NO TENTS ARE PERMITTED.** A "self contained R.V " has a built in sewage holding tank.

36 CFR 2.13 Fires



During **HIGH FIRE DANGER PERIODS**, open fires are not permitted outside developed areas. The developed areas are:

- Oak Bottom Campground
- Oak Bottom Picnic Area
- Brandy Creek Picnic Area
- Dry Creek Campground
- Whiskey Creek Campground

Check with Rangers, ask at Headquarters or ask the California Department of Forestry for fire restrictions.

"OPEN FIRE" MEANS campfires "Hibachis" or any flame not powered by containerized petroleum



During periods of high fire danger smoking outside vehicles and buildings or outside the developed areas listed above is not allowed.

36 CFR 2.35 Alcohol and Controlled Substances:



The following areas are closed to the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages:

- Oak Bottom Beach, Beach Picnic Area and Beach Parking Lot
- Brandy Creek Beach, Beach Picnic Areas, Parking Lots and Beach Access Road.
- Whiskey Creek Group Picnic Area

Maps of alcohol closure areas are available at Headquarters.

Other areas within Whiskeytown are still open to alcohol.

VIOLATIONS OF EACH SECTION OF TITLE 36 CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS IS PUNISHABLE BY UP TO 6 MONTHS IN JAIL AND A \$5,000.00 FINE.

36 CFR 4.10(a) Off road travel



All motor vehicles must be driven on designated roads within Whiskeytown.

All vehicles driven within Whiskeytown must be "street legal" and currently registered.

"Green Sticker" (California Off Highway Vehicle) registered vehicles are not permitted.

The NPS, the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service and the State of California are cooperating to develop an off highway vehicle use area. This area will extend from the north boundary of Whiskeytown to Shasta Dam

36 C.F.R. 7.91 Gold Panning:

Gold Panning is permitted within Whiskeytown when:

- 1 A digging tool not more than 4 inches wide and not more than 8 inches long is used.

AND

2. A plastic or metal gold pan is used.

AND

3. You dig below the existing water line.

AND

4. You have a permit to Gold Pan (\$1.00 at Headquarters).

YOU MAY NOT USE suction devices (from eyedroppers to suction dredges) underwater viewing devices, larger digging tools, rockers, sluices, scuba equipment, wetsuit or other methods to remove gold.

Digging in banks and undermining vegetation or structures is also prohibited.

WHERE TO GET MORE INFORMATION:

Whiskeytown Headquarters: (916) 241-6584

Whiskeytown Visitor Information Center (916) 246-1225

California Department of Forestry (Fire Information ONLY) (916) 225-2412