

Regional Parks San Bernardino County Shooting & Hunting FAQs

Q1. Can I bring in a firearm from another state into California and what is the legal way to transport a firearm and ammunition?

Answer: Firearms and transporting them are regulated by the California Department of Justice, Bureau of Firearms, **visit** <u>www.oag.ca.gov/firearms</u>.

Q2. What do the colors represent on the shooting map?

Answer: There is a shooting restriction legend at the bottom right hand corner of both sides of the map that contains 10 different color codes. These colors describe the shooting restrictions for each specific color area indicated on the map.

Q3. The map does not show much detail, how do I determine my position when referencing the map?

Answer: The map is broken down into the Public Land Survey System (PLSS) which uses range, township and sections as used in Thomas Guide map books. Visit www.nationalmap.gov/small_scale/a_plss.html for more information on PLSS. Once you understand the PLSS system you can determine your position in relation to the map when using the Thomas Guide. You can also access the County of San Bernardino Firearms Ordinance by visiting www.cms.sbcounty.gov/parks/FishandGameCommission/FirearmsOrdinance/aspx, which gives a detail of exact boundaries using the PLSS and other identifying land marks and roads to determine your position in relation to the map.

Q4. I have gone to an area that is indicated on the map as being open to shooting only to find that BLM or other government agencies have posted no shooting signs. Can I still shoot there?

Answer: No. The map was drawn up with input and review from all government agencies that administer these public lands. The map serves as a guide to enable safe and responsible shooting and hunting in San Bernardino County. Due to the development of areas or other factors an agency will have an obligation to protect the welfare and safety of the public or property within these areas so they will post no shooting signs. You should seek out an alternate site.

Q5. Can I shoot or hunt with an air rifle or bow and arrow in a shotgun-only area?

Answer: Air rifles, bow and arrows do not meet the definition of a firearm, therefore they are not included in the county Ordinance Relating to Firearms. Visit www.wildlife.ca.gov/Regulations for the California Department of Fish and Game website for questions concerning hunting.

Q6. Can I target shoot in the San Bernardino National Forest and what kind of targets can I shoot?

Answer: For information on target shooting in the San Bernardino National Forest please visit www.fs.usda.gov/activity/sbnf/recreation/otheractivities.

Q7. Are there any policies regarding hunting and shooting in Bureau of Land Management (BLM) areas?

Answer: There are policies regarding hunting and shooting in Bureau of Land Management areas. Please visit www.blm.gov/programs/recreation/recreation-programs/recreational-shooting/california for the BLM website.

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