

Hunting Opportunities

Big Bar Ranger Station - Shasta-Trinity National Forest



The Big Bar Area has a variety of game species for hunters to test their skills against. Since the seasons and hunting requirements vary according to species, hunters are urged to check out California Department of Fish and Game Regulations. A valid State of California hunting license is required.

Deer

The Big Bar Area is located in the B-2 zone which is a two buck area. During late summer and early fall hunters can pursue the Columbian blacktail deer with bows or rifles. To be legal a buck must have at least one fork on either side of its antlers.

Deer hunting on the District is usually better at higher elevations during the early part of the season and at lower elevations after storms force deer down from their summer range.

Pigeon

Pigeon Point, Junction City, and high mountain saddles provide challenging pass shooting opportunities for the shotgun enthusiast who wishes to pursue the wily band-tailed pigeon. The best time for shooting is normally between dawn and mid day, with occasional good shooting in the evening hours. Pigeon season usually corresponds with the beginning of the general deer season, but check California Department of Fish and Game Regulations to be sure.

Quail

Fall hunting for mountain and valley quail is another popular feature in the Big Bar area.

Located in scattered coveys throughout the surrounding area, these birds can provide exciting challenges, especially because of the steep, rugged terrain in which they live.

Bear

The California black bear season begins in late fall. Because of the rugged terrain in the area, hunting dogs are often used to locate and chase down the bears. Several bears are taken from the country around Big Bar each year.

Hunting courtesy

- Respect the rights of private property owners.
- Adhere to hunter safety regulations.
- Do not shoot or deface public signs; they are expensive to maintain and replace.
- Do not drive beyond gated Forest Service roads. These roads are closed to protect easily damaged road surfaces.
- If you become lost, don't wander off; stay put until help arrives.
- Be careful with campfires and smoking. Smoke only in cleared areas; extinguish all fires.

Don't forget your Permits

Before entering the Trinity Alps Wilderness Area, don't forget to pick up your free Wilderness and Campfire permits at the Big Bar or Weaverville Ranger Stations.

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