

CHEMEHUEVI INDIAN TRIBE



Entering Chemehuevi Tribal Lands constitutes consent to abide by all Codes, Ordinances, and Enactments adopted by the Chemehuevi Indian Tribal Council.

Rules and Regulations

Permits are required for hunting, fishing, camping, off-road driving, and all other recreational activities. Violators of tribal laws and regulations are trespassing and are subject to tribal and federal sanctions. Visitors must inquire locally for permits and information.

Trespassing:

Violation of the code triggers spontaneous revocation of permission to enter tribal lands and renders the violator a trespasser. It shall be unlawful for any person to trespass on Chemehuevi tribal lands. This prohibition includes trespass by property belonging to or under the control of a person, as well as trespass directly by the person. Any property which is in trespass on Chemehuevi tribal lands, and whose owner is unknown, shall be treated as abandoned.

Searches and Seizures:

Any authorized officer may, without a search warrant, search any aircraft, watercraft, vehicle, box, game bag, locker, toolbox, ice chest, camper, camper shell, trailer, backpack, bedroll, sleeping bag, or other container or package. Any authorized officer may inspect all wildlife or plants or parts thereof taken, possessed, or transported on the Chemehuevi tribal lands, and may seize as evidence all wildlife which such officer has probable cause to believe has been taken, possessed, or transported in violation, and any object which the officer has probable cause to believe has been used as the instrumentality of such illegal taking, possession, or transportation.

Prohibited Devices:

Any device Connected to a motor which cannot be used at any time for the taking of wildlife, and which if seen in such use by the officer, may be summarily seized by the Conservation Officer.

Time and Method of Taking Wildlife:

Wildlife, except fish and bullfrogs, shall be taken only during daylight hours. **No Person** shall take or attempt to take any species of wildlife with the use of a jacklight, other artificial light, saltlick, or with the use of any contrivance designated a “public nuisance”. **No Person**, while armed with a firearm or other weapon which discharges a projectile capable of taking big game or domestic livestock, and which is readily available for use, shall search for big game or domestic livestock by casting the rays of a spotlight or other artificial light into any area where big game or domestic livestock may reasonably be expected to be. Chemehuevi Conservation Officers shall be exempt from the provisions

of this section while in the performance of their duties. **No Person** shall use wildlife or any edible portion, thereof, as bait in taking any wildlife. Wildlife, except fish and bullfrogs, shall not be taken by any person who is within or upon, or is using any method within, upon or attached to, a vehicle, automobile, aircraft, powerboat, sailboat, watercraft, or floating object towed by watercraft. **No Person** shall shoot from a vehicle or otherwise wantonly or willfully discharge any firearm upon, from, across, or into a road/trail. **No** game animal may be taken with the aid of a dog or dogs. Hunter may use dogs as retrieval only for Upland Bird and Waterfowl Hunting. Fish may be taken only by angling. The line shall be constantly attended, and the hook, fly, or lure shall be used in such a manner that the fish voluntarily take or attempt to take it in their mouths. **No Person** may take, net or trap any live baitfish, for any purpose, from tribal waters.

Possession of Firearms or Game Taking Devices in Refuge Areas, Exceptions, Licenses/Permits:

No Person shall carry, transport, or have in his possession devices for taking game within or upon a Wildlife refuge. During a closed season on all hunting, Chemehuevi tribal lands shall be deemed a wildlife refuge, to the extent that circumstances reasonably indicate that a person carrying, transporting, or possessing devices for taking game is using, has used, has attempted to use, or is attempting to use such devices in violation. This section shall not apply to authorized officers who are authorized to carry firearms and are in the performance of official duties, or to persons who are crossing tribal lands over state highways carrying unloaded devices. The provisions of this Section shall not prohibit a lessee, permittee, or his family or employee or a tribally licensed trapper or hunter from carrying firearms pursuant to the rights and duties of his lease, permit or license.

Importation, Transportation, Release or Possession of Live Wildlife:

No person shall import or transport onto tribal lands to sell, trade, or release within tribal lands, or possess, any live wildlife.

Possession, Storage, Sale and Gift of the Carcass or Parts of Wildlife:

The carcass or parts of the carcass, of wildlife lawfully obtained may be possessed by the person who took such wildlife and may be placed in storage. Possession of wildlife unlawfully obtained anywhere is unlawful. The purchase and/or sale by any person of any wild game taken on tribal lands, including amphibians, wild birds, or fish, and the possession of such purchased or sold game, is unlawful. Heads, horns, antler, hides, feet, or skin of wildlife lawfully taken, or the treated or mounted specimens thereof, may be possessed, sold and transported at any time, except that migratory birds and parts thereof may be possessed and transported only in accordance with Federal regulations. A person may make a gift of the carcass or parts of the carcass of his lawfully obtained wildlife, or he may have it prepared in a public eating-place and served to himself and his guests. A Tribal Permit for its taking must accompany the carcass of any wildlife possessed or being transported until it reaches the hunter's or fisherman's residence or the commercial processing plant where it is to be processed.

Duty to Report Shooting Accident Resulting in Injury or Death, Duty to Give Assistance:

Any person who, while taking wildlife, is involved in a shooting accident resulting in injury to any person shall render every possible assistance to the injured person, and he shall immediately report the accident to the nearest law enforcement officer after rendering such assistance. Such person shall within ten days file with the Chief Conservation Officer a full and complete written report of such accident on the form provided by the Department.

Misuse of Firearms:

No Person shall handle or discharge any firearm while intoxicated, or in a careless or reckless manner or with wanton disregard for the safety of human life or property.

Setting of Fires:

The willful or careless setting or starting of any fire by any person while on tribal lands is unlawful. Campfires must always be attended by an able-bodied person.

Archaeological Resources:

It shall always be unlawful for any person to take or attempt to take, possess, transport, buy or sell, damage, deface or destroy any archaeological resource found on Chemehuevi tribal lands.

Licenses/Permits Required:

No Person shall take or attempt to take any wildlife on Chemehuevi Tribal Lands unless at the time of taking or attempted taking he/her has a valid tribal license/permit to do so in his/her personal possession. **No Person** taking or attempting to take wildlife on tribal lands shall fail or refuse to exhibit his license/permit(s) to do so to an authorized Conservation Officer upon request. No State of California/Arizona hunting, or fishing licenses or permits shall be required by the Tribe on tribal lands.

Taking Birds

No Person shall take or injure any bird or harass any bird upon its nest, or remove the nest or eggs of any bird, except as may occur in normal horticultural and agricultural practices. The killing of non-game birds is prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any person on the Chemehuevi tribal lands to shoot, take, ensnare, or trap for the purpose of killing or in any other manner to injure or destroy any non-game bird. It shall be unlawful for any person to take game birds with any weapon other than a shotgun. All migratory game birds taken must retain at least one wing until inspected by an authorized officer.

It Is Unlawful To,

Fish in any waters on tribal lands without a valid license/permit to do so in his/her possession.

Take fish from any waters on tribal lands in excess of the number permitted.

Fish in any waters on tribal lands during a period of the year not permitted.

Fish in any manner or place not permitted.

Take any Bass shorter than 13” in total length.

Take amphibians, crustaceans, mollusks, or reptiles in any manner or place not permitted.

Litter roads, roadsides, campgrounds, waters, or any other tribal land.

Clean fish in streams, springs, or lakes.

Destroy or deface signs, tables, improvements, crops, or personal or tribal property.

Obtain by fraud or misrepresentation a license/permit.

Take, possess, transport, import, trade, buy, sell or offer for sale any bird/fish/small game/big game within tribal lands, except as permitted.

Allow any edible portion of game fish to go to waste.

Pollute any tribal waters.

Destroy, remove, injure or cut any green tree, or standing dead tree on tribal lands.

Cut, damage, or destroy any fence or sign on tribal lands.

Hunt for small game on tribal lands without a valid permit to do so in his/her possession.

Take small game in excess of the number permitted.

Hunt small game during a period of the year not permitted.

It Is Unlawful To,

Hunt small game in any manner or place not permitted.

Allow any edible portion of small game to go to waste.

Hunt big game in any manner or place not permitted.

Shoot, or attempt to shoot, any wildlife within one quarter mile of any campsite, residence, cabin, or building, or shoot from or across any road.

Obtain any fishing or hunting license/permit during a period for which his/her license/permit has been revoked.

Have in his possession, while hunting, any contrivance designed to silence, muffle, or minimize the report of a firearm.

Enter upon land closed to entry while hunting, fishing, camping, hiking or while driving on tribal lands.

Use any explosive compound or corrosive, narcotic, poison, or other deleterious substance for the purpose of taking, stunning, or killing fish, birds, small game or big game.

Take or injure any bird or harass any bird upon its nest, or remove the nest or eggs of any bird, except as permitted.

Carry, transport, or possess devices for taking game within or upon a Wildlife Refuge, except as permitted.

Misuse firearms.

Use a pack outfit on tribal lands except as permitted.

Camp in any area on tribal lands without a camping license/permit.

Camp in any area of tribal lands other than a designated campsite.

Build a campfire other than in a designated campsite.

Transfer from one person to another a camping license/permit, or to accept a transferred camping license/permit.

Camp in any place or manner or at any time not permitted.

It Is Unlawful To,

Allow any unleashed dog to roam within any campground, or any other populated or public place.

Disobey a lawful order of any authorized Conservation Officer.

Take, possess, transport, import, buy, sell or offer for sale, molest or in any way interfere with Big Horn Sheep on tribal lands.

Picnic in other than a designated campground or picnic area, provided, however, that Tribal members may picnic anywhere on tribal lands which has not been designated a “Refuge” or “No Picnicking”.

It is unlawful to take any protected or endangered species of wildlife at any time.

Off-Road Licenses/Permits Required:

No Person shall operate any off-road motor vehicle within tribal lands, except in areas or on roads/trails designated for recreational use. **No Person** shall operate any off-road motor vehicle within tribal lands in any area or on any road/trail designated for recreational use when not in actual possession of a valid license/permit to do so.

License/Permit Access Roads and Areas, Licenses/Permits:

No Person shall operate any motor vehicle on any license/permit Access Road or in any license/permit Access Area within tribal lands unless,

The operator has in his/her possession a valid Chemehuevi Off-road license/permit.

The operator must also have in his/her possession a valid Chemehuevi license/permit for hunting, fishing, or camping, if they are engaged in any of those additional activities.

The Chemehuevi Conservation Department may issue an Off-road license/permit to any person, who meets all the following requirements,

The operator must possess a valid motor vehicle operator’s license, provided, however, that any child under the age of 16 years old may be issued a license/permit if his/her parent personally applies for a license/permit for the child and signs the required License/Permit Agreement and a parental consent form indemnifying and holding the Tribe harmless for any liability arising or alleged to arise from the minor’s off-road motor vehicle activities. The parent shall be personally liable for any violation of the code committed by the child. The operator must sign a License/Permit Agreement.

It Is Unlawful To,

Blaze new trails or roads.

Displace or remove vegetation, rocks, clay, artifacts, plants, or any other features of the land or water, except as a natural and unavoidable outcome of activities.

Exceed reasonable and prudent speeds to the extent that they are endangering themselves or others.

Litter.

Violate any other published or posted rule, regulation, or ordinance of the Chemehuevi Tribe.

Operate on tribal lands any motor vehicle which is not equipped with an unmodified original-equipment muffler, including a spark arrestor, if so, equipped originally, in good repair.