

Grizzly Island Wildlife Area Joice Island Unit Wild Pig Hunts

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) offers wild pig hunting opportunities in March, April and May at the Joice Island Unit of the <u>Grizzly Island Wildlife Area</u> in Solano County.

The Joice Island pig hunt drawings will be administered online exclusively. Deadline to apply annually is February 14, by 4pm.

The limited-entry, permit-only hunts help control the population of <u>wild pigs</u> on the Joice Island Unit, a 2,150-acre wetland area consisting of thick cattails, tules, brush and standing water. Hunters may only use shotguns with nonlead slugs or archery equipment. Dogs and bicycles are not allowed.

Four hunters will be drawn for 13 consecutive weekends for a total of 52 hunters. The maximum hunting party size for this hunt is two hunters. There is no charge to apply. The first hunt weekend will be <u>reserved only for apprentice hunters</u> holding junior licenses, age 12 to 15. Hunters may apply for all hunts but will only be selected for one. Hunters may not enter more than once as part of multiple parties. Permit holders may bring one non-hunting partner. Junior license holders receiving a permit must be accompanied by an adult 18 or older. The adult accompanying the junior hunter does not need to be a licensed hunter.

- Apprentice Hunt Weekend Junior License Holders Only (Age 12 to 15) May Apply (First weekend in March)
- General Hunt Weekends Adults and Junior License Holders May Apply (Weekends beginning the second weekend in March extending to the last weekend in May.)

To apply for both the apprentice and general hunts, please visit CDFW's <u>Special and Apprentice</u> <u>Hunts Online Registration System</u> and either log in or create a new account. Navigate the drop-down menus and apply for the weekend of your choice. Permits with maps and additional information will be e-mailed to successful applicants.

CDFW reserves the right to cancel any of these hunts and close the area to all public users without prior notification due to unforeseen circumstances or emergencies.

For more information or questions, please contact CDFW at (707) 425-3828.