

Bow Fishing Rules

Fish and game laws and park rules apply

Modesto Reservoir and Woodward Reservoir

Bow fishing is allowed only for Carp during daylight hours at Woodward Reservoir April 15th - May 15th, and at Modesto Reservoir March 15th – June 30th, and July 15th - October 15th.

During the period of July 1st to July 14th bow fishing is only permitted in the inlet area of Modesto Reservoir.

Bow fishing is only allowed from a boat 100 yards or more away from other people and all campgrounds, day use, and boat launch areas.

You must not shoot in the direction of other people.

Bow fishing is not allowed between the shoreline and the buoy lines.

All Carp caught must be taken out of the park and disposed of properly.

Only tethered arrows commercially designed for bow fishing may be used or possessed inside either park when bow fishing.

No bows or arrows may be openly displayed in the park except when bow fishing or within the public archery range at Modesto Reservoir.

Bows and arrows must be stored in a secure place when not in use.

No other weapons are allowed inside the park including crossbows and spears.

Bow hunting is not allowed inside the park

Anyone under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult when bow fishing.