## Fish Slough 1/2 Marathon Loop

Distance: 13.2 Miles

Elevation Gain: minimal

Location: 5 miles north of Bishop, California.

**Time of Year:** Oct – April - It is extremely hot in the summer.

## **Directions:**

From Bishop, take U.S. Highway 6 north for 1.4 miles. Turn left on Five Bridges Road and proceed 2.4 miles to Fish Slough Road. Turn right

**Description:** This  $\frac{1}{2}$  marathon loop is relatively flat and loops along a wetland surround by volcanic tablelands.

**Description of the Area:** The 36,000-acre Fish Slough Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) is a place where geographic isolation, geology, climate, and hydrology have created a rare and irreplaceable ecosystem. Located in the transition between the Mojave Desert and Great Basin biomes, Fish Slough encompasses an array of plant communities including wetlands, alkali meadows and uplands. With 126 wetland taxa described, Fish Slough represents one of the richest wetland floras in the Great Basin. The ACEC also provides habitat for rare endemic plants, such as the Fish Slough milk-vetch and the alkali Mariposa lily.

## Gear:

- Running Shoes
- Water bottle
- Weather Appropriate Clothing
- Recovery Food / Drink in the car

