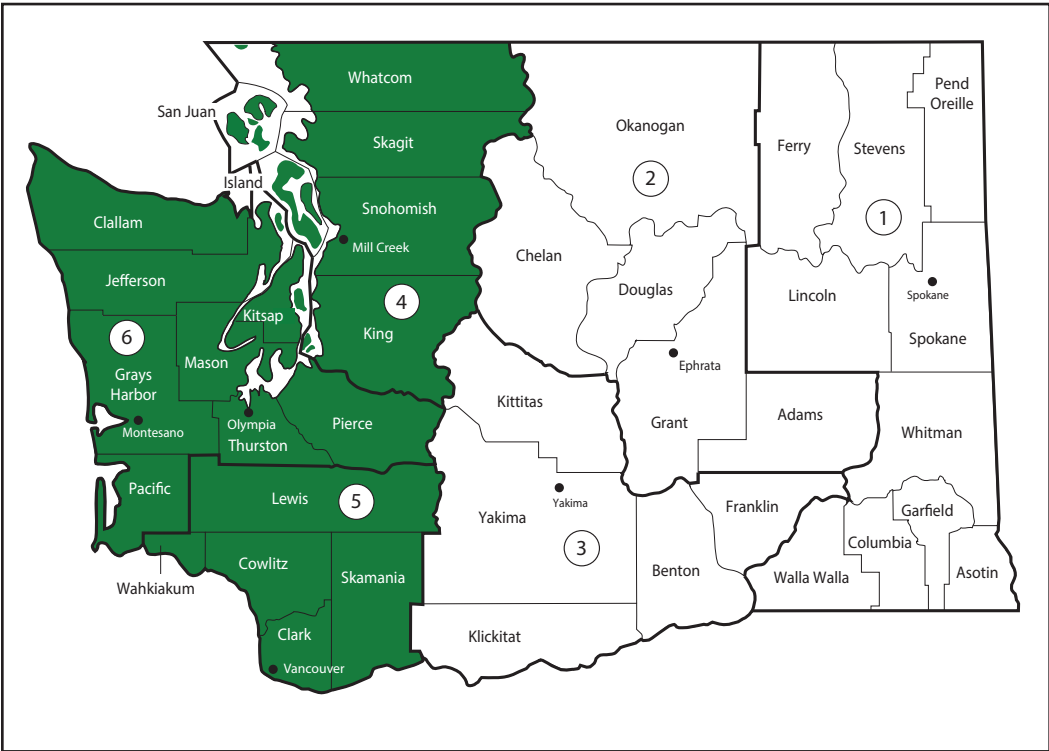


# Western Washington Pheasant Release Program





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The number of pheasants released on each site is based on several factors including the estimated numbers of hunters using those sites.

County	Site
Clark	Shillapoo
	Vancouver Lake
Cowlitz	Woodland
Grays Harbor	Chehalis River
Island	Sea Plane Base
	OLF-Coupeville
	Zylstra Road
	Bayview
	Arnold Farm
King	Cherry Valley
	Stillwater
Lewis	Lincoln Creek
	Kosmos
Mason	Belfair
	Hunter Farms
	Sargeant Mac
Pacific	Chinook
Pierce	Fort Lewis
Skagit	Samish
Snohomish	Crescent Lake
	Ebey Island
Thurston	Fort Lewis
	Scatter Creek
	Skookumchuck
Whatcom	Lake Terrell
	BP
	Intalco

# WESTERN WASHINGTON PHEASANT RELEASE PROGRAM



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The purpose of the pheasant program in western Washington is to provide upland bird hunting opportunity. This program encourages participation from new, young and seasoned hunters.

Naturally sustained pheasant populations are limited in western Washington due to the cool wet climate and the lack of grain farming. Each year 35,000 to 40,000 pheasants are released on approximately 25 release sites.

The majority of release sites remain the same from one year to the next. Maps to current sites are enclosed. Information and maps for new or relocated sites are available at regional offices listed.

## Hunting Seasons and Regulations

The general western Washington hunting season lasts from late September to November 30 each year (see hunting pamphlet for details). Hunting is allowed from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each day. Some areas may not release birds throughout the season due to flooding or other conflicts.

To protect other wildlife species including waterfowl and raptors, nontoxic shot is required for all upland bird, dove and band-tailed pigeon hunting on all pheasant release sites statewide.

A western Washington pheasant license is required to hunt pheasants in western Washington. A small game license is not required to participate. The western Washington pheasant license costs \$84.50 for adults and \$40.50 for youth (under 16). The bag limit is two pheasants of either sex per day. A three-day permit is also offered for \$40.50 for residents.

Generally, release sites have established parking areas or access points. These areas are open to all users. Any restrictions associated with use of the release sites other than those noted in the hunting pamphlet, will be posted at the access points.

There are several safety issues that hunters should be aware of while hunting on release sites. The sites are usually fairly crowded and often relatively close to houses or other types of recreation. Hunter orange must be worn by hunters using release sites. Be aware of Safety Zone signs and stay away from areas posted as such. Other instructions and information will be posted at release sites.

While it is always important to be courteous to other hunters, it is especially important while hunting crowded release sites. A few courtesy rules include:

1. Don't trail or otherwise position yourself to take advantage of other hunters, you may end up in their line of fire!
2. Racing out ahead of other hunters to beat them to birds is unethical and dangerous. Please respect others and allow time and space.

3. If you see other hunters that may not be familiar with hunting the release site, invite them to join your group. This is especially important for young hunters and those without dogs. By promoting safe, ethical hunting you help ensure the continuation of recreation for yourself and for future generations.

## Western Washington Regional Offices:

### Region 4

(425) 775-1311  
16018 Mill Creek Blvd.  
Mill Creek, WA 98012-1296

### Region 5

(360) 696-6211  
5525 S 11th Street  
Ridgefield, WA 98642

### Region 6

(360) 249-4628  
48 Devonshire Rd.  
Montesano, WA 98563

# REGION FOUR PHEASANT HUNTING INFORMATION

To maintain a safe and enjoyable hunt, there are special restrictions on several popular release sites. Hunters must choose to hunt on either odd-numbered or even numbered weekend days, from 8:00 AM until 10:00 AM. Youth and senior hunters may hunt on either day. These sites include: Lake Terrell (including British Petroleum and Intalco), Snoqualmie (including Stillwater, Cherry Valley, and Crescent Lake segments), Skagit, wildlife areas, and all sites on Whidbey Island.

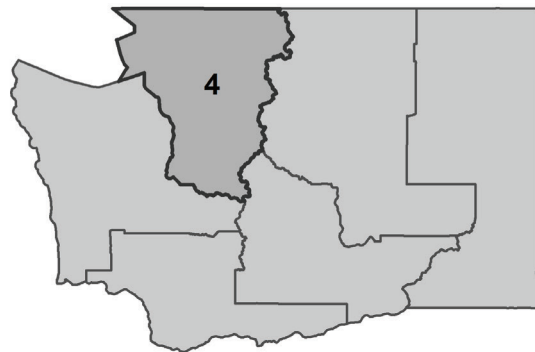
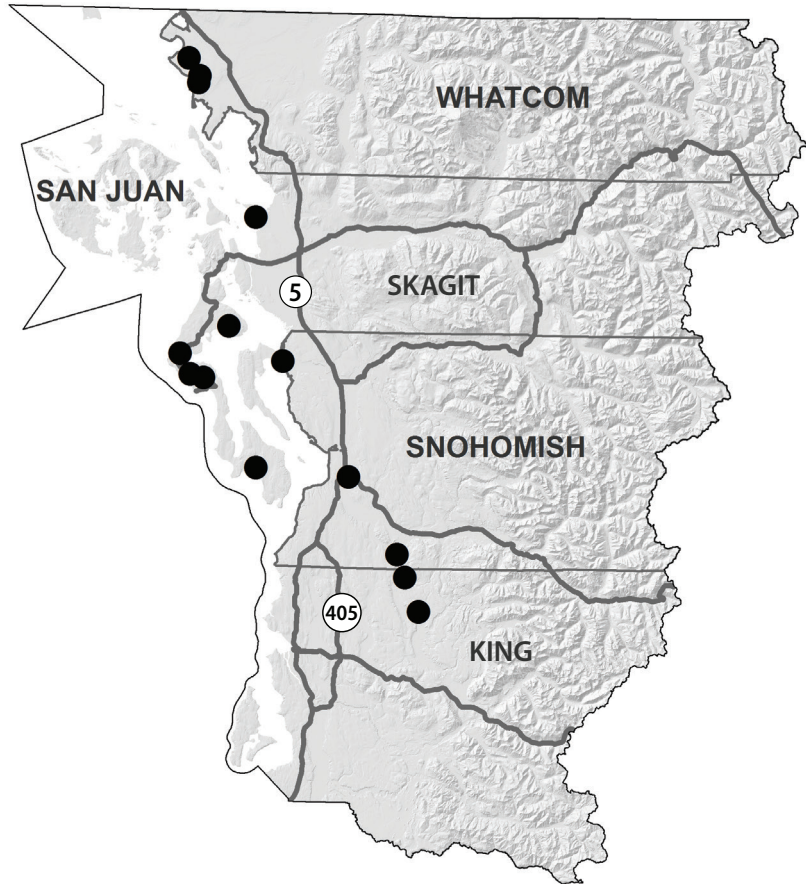
Nontoxic shot must be used on all release sites statewide. Other instructions and information may be posted at release sites.

Reminder: At least 400 square inches of Hunter Orange must be worn by all upland bird hunters.

Typically, birds are released on these sites at least three times per week, mainly on weekends. The two main release sites on Whidbey Island are on the Naval Air Station (OLF and Seaplane Base). In order to hunt on these sites, hunters must obtain a NAS Whidbey Island Upland Game Hunting Permit from the Environmental Bldg. 113 on Ault Field. Please call (360) 257-1009 for additional information.

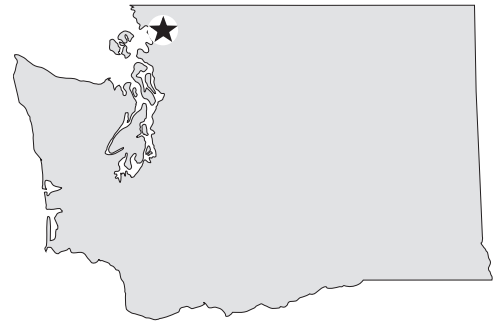
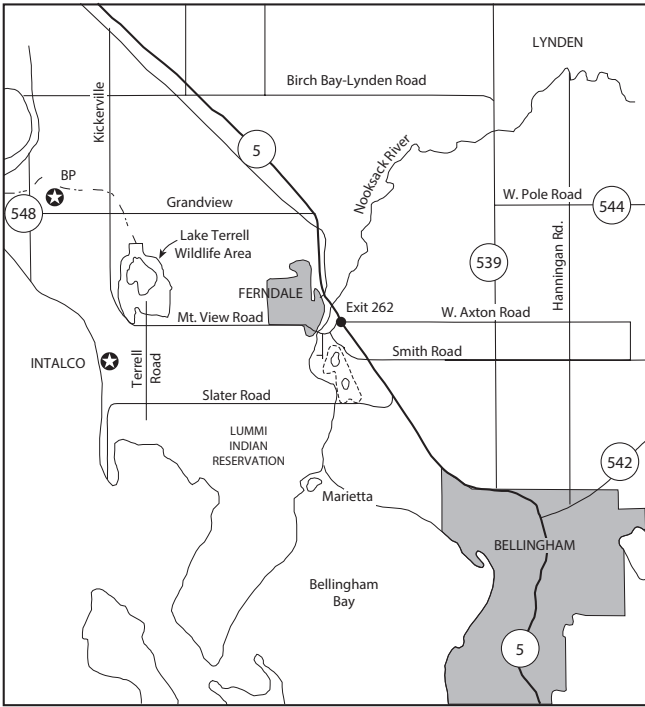
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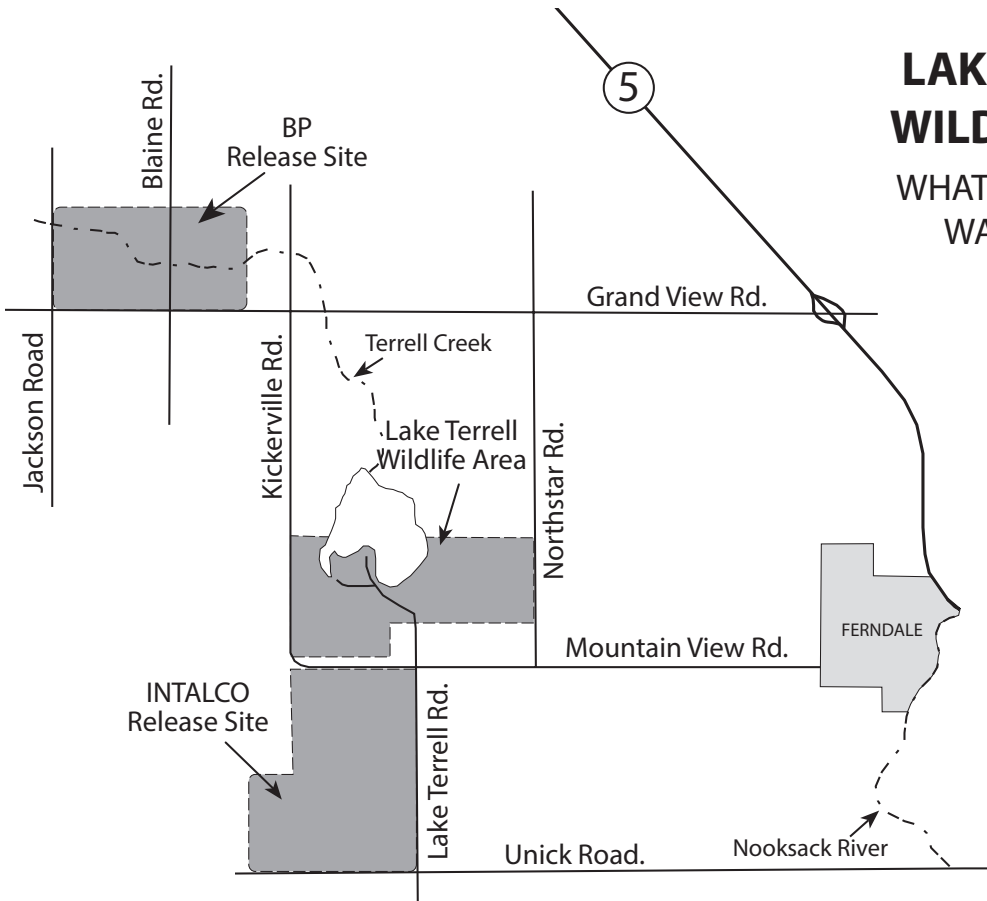
# LAKE TERRELL WILDLIFE AREA



**Lake Terrell** is located Northwest of Ferndale. Take exit 262 off I-5. Go west on Main St. into Ferndale. Continue on Main St. as it changes into Mountain View Rd. Turn north onto Lake Terrell Road and follow signs to parking areas.

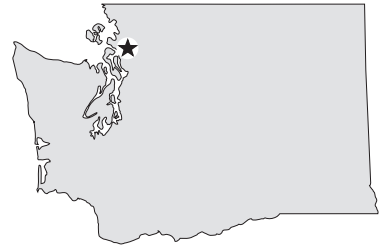
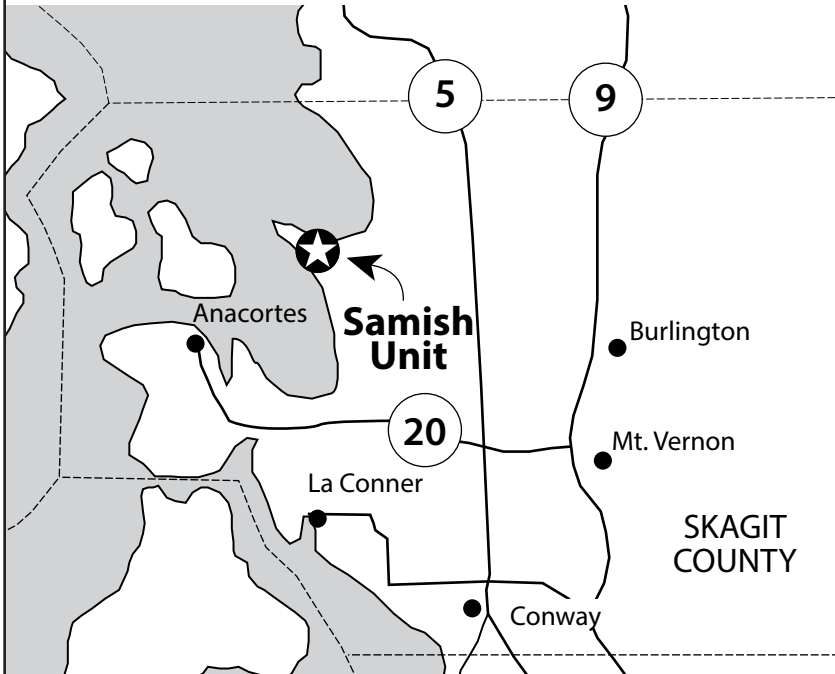
Total acreage: ~2700 Ac

**NONTOXIC SHOT REQUIRED ON ENTIRE AREA**



**LAKE TERRELL WILDLIFE AREA**  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

# SKAGIT WILDLIFE AREA



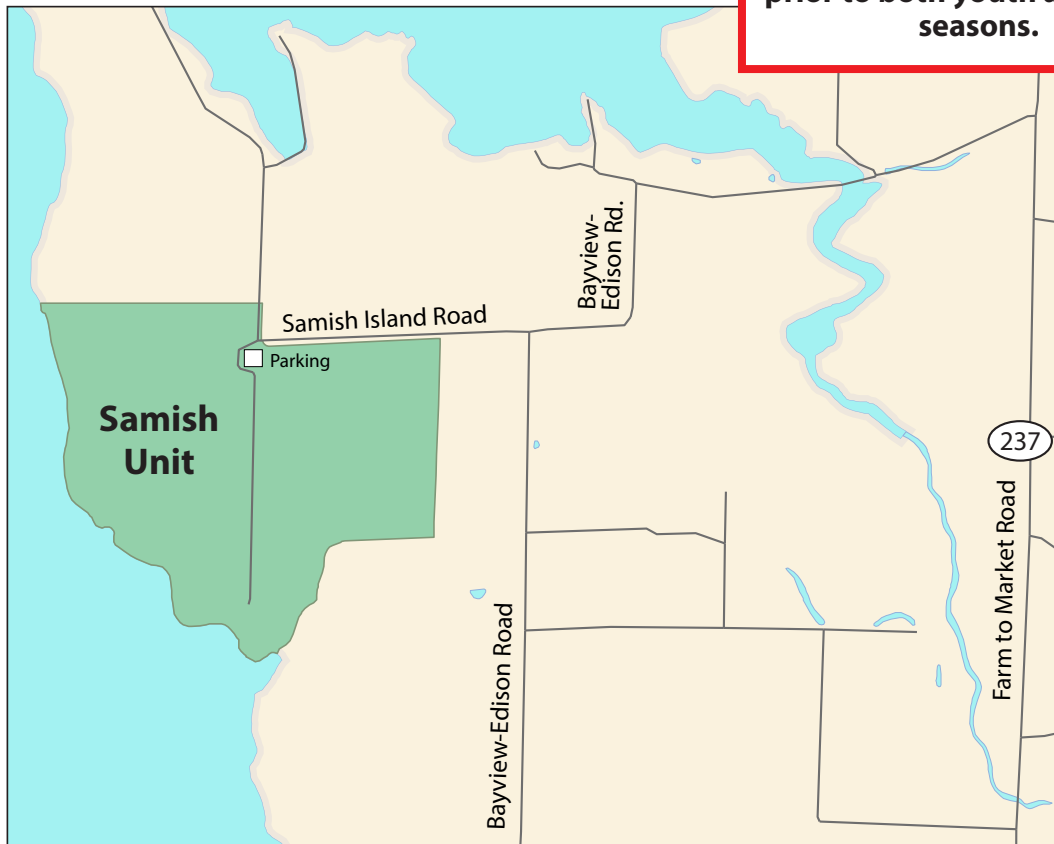
To reach the **Samish Unit** from Interstate 5, go west on Highway 20 to the Bayview-Edison Road. Turn right (north) and follow the Bayview-Edison Road through Bayview, past the state park and down onto the Samish Flats until the road ends at a "T" intersection. Turn left onto Samish Island Road and proceed until the 90-degree turn to the north. The parking area is straight ahead at the corner.

**Total acreage: ~400Ac**

**NONTOXIC SHOT REQUIRED  
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## SAMISH UNIT

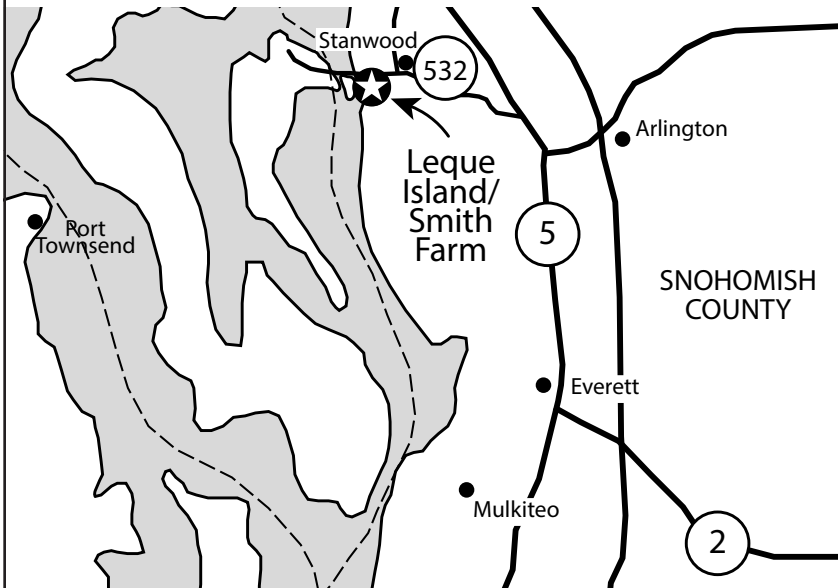
SKAGIT COUNTY,  
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**Releases will only occur once  
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## LEQUE ISLAND/SMITH FARM

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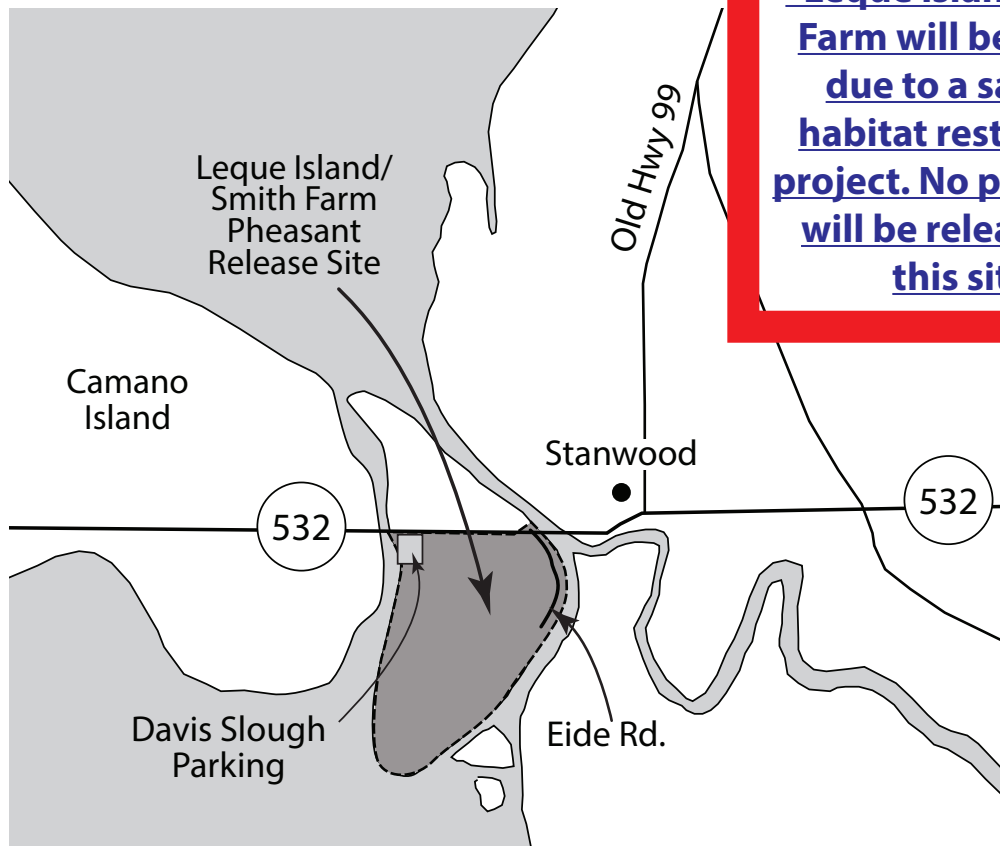
To reach the **Leque Island/Smith Farm Unit** from Interstate 5, take exit 212 and proceed west toward Stanwood on Highway 532. Continue west through Stanwood across the Highway 532 Mark Clark Bridge. You are now on Leque Island; look for access to parking on your left before the Davis Slough Bridge. To access parking on Eide Road you are required to turn around and enter from the west. The small parking area is at the end of Eide Road.

**Total acreage: ~220Ac**

**NONTOXIC SHOT REQUIRED  
ON ENTIRE AREA**

## LEQUE ISLAND/SMITH FARM

SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON



**\*Leque Island/Smith Farm will be closed due to a salmon habitat restoration project. No pheasants will be released on this site.**

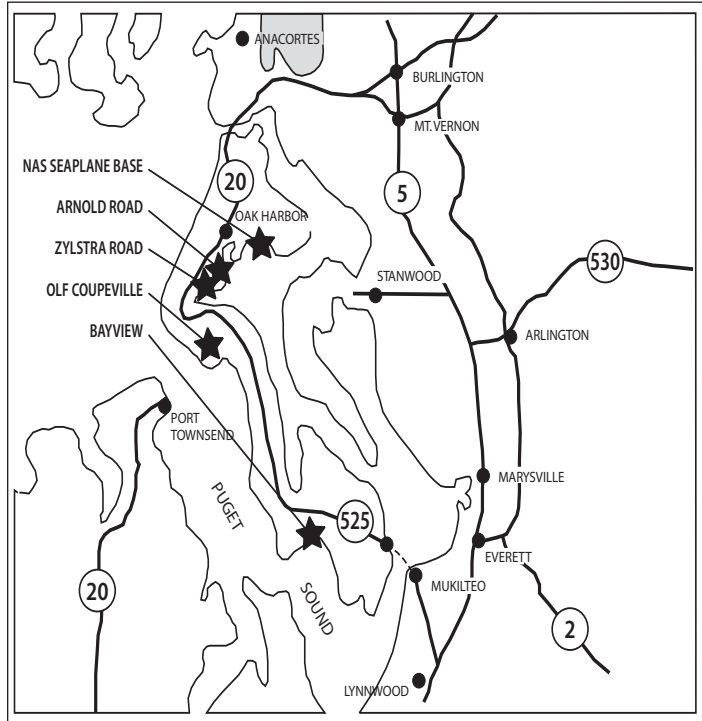
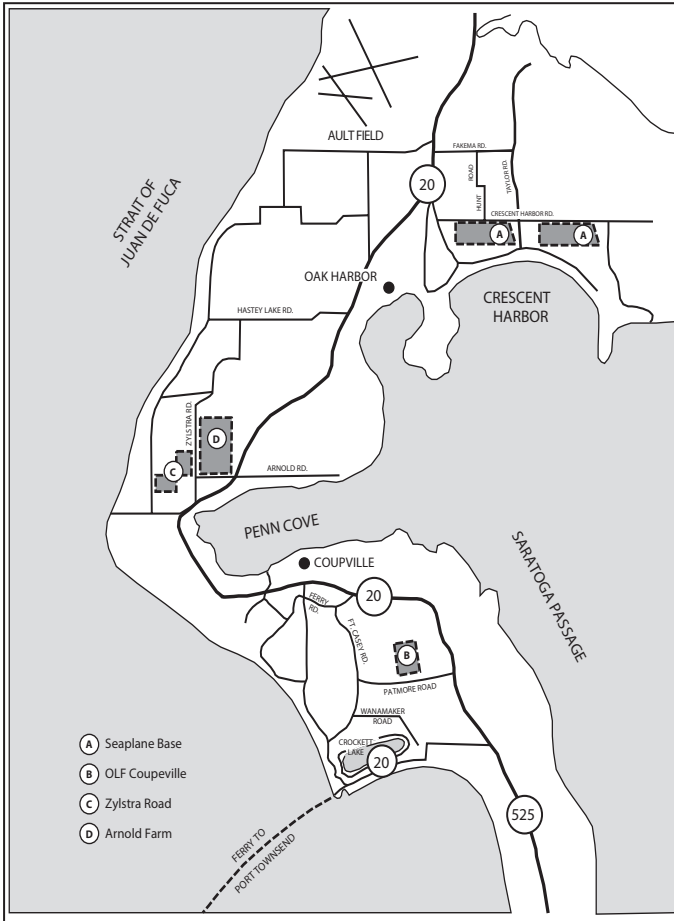


# WHIDBEY ISLAND RELEASE SITES

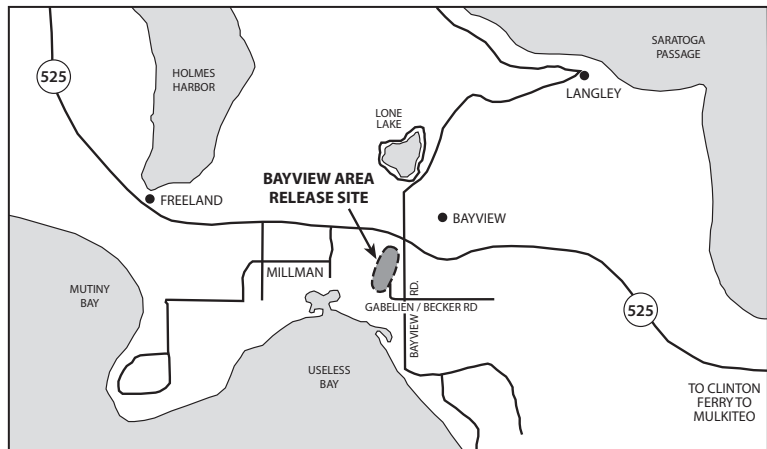
All of the release sites on Whidbey Island are adjacent to Highway 20 and Highway 525. Please contact the Naval Air Station at (360) 257-1009 prior to hunting at SeaPlane Base or OLF Coupeville.

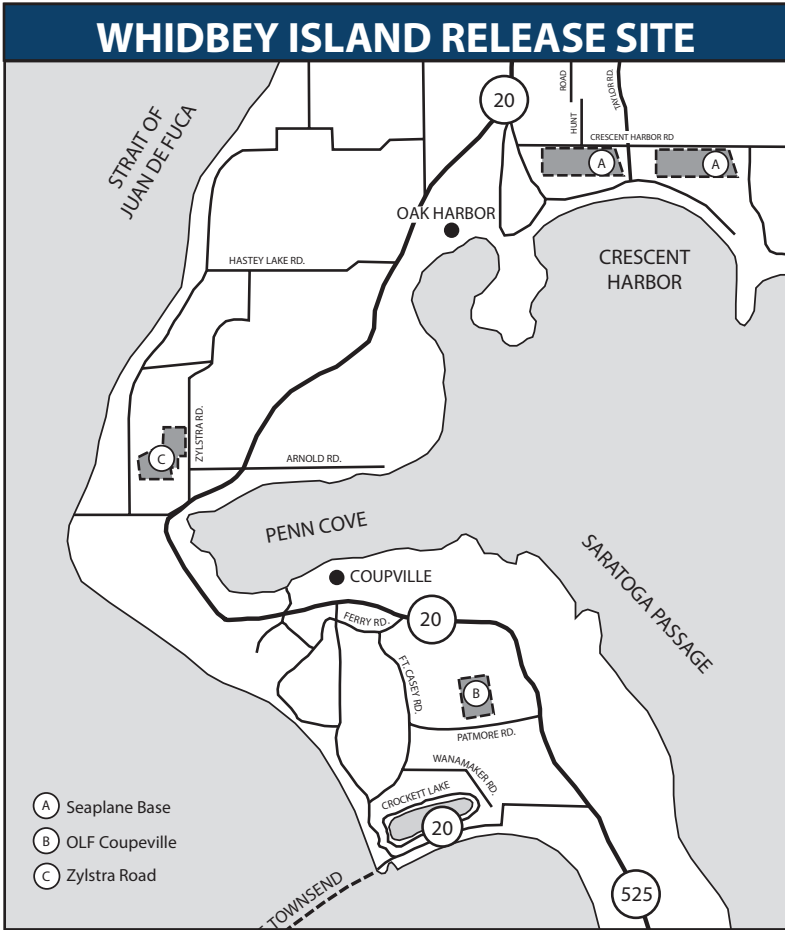
**Total acreage: ~600 Ac**

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## WHIDBEY ISLAND RELEASE SITES ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

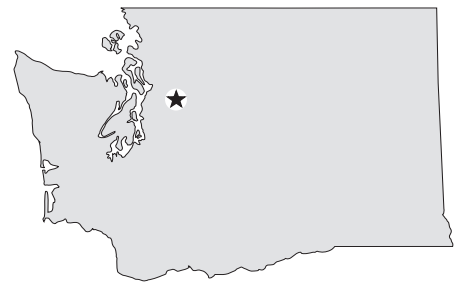




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**ZYLSTRA ROAD RELEASE SITE  
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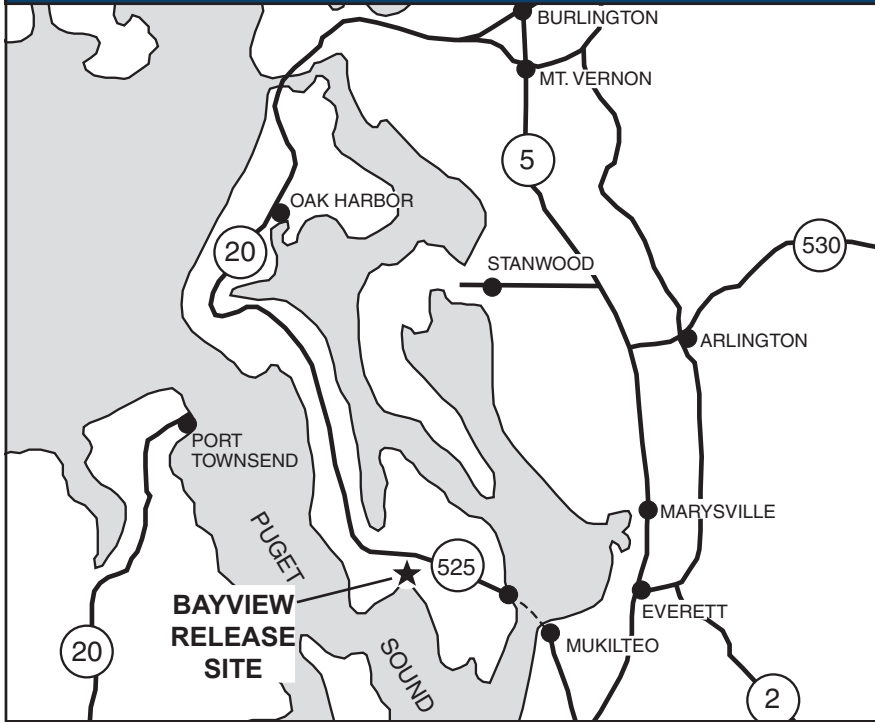


The **Zylstra Road** pheasant release site is located on Whidbey Island, near Oak Harbor. From Interstate 5 take WA-20 west to Arnold Road. Go west on Arnold Road and take your first right onto Zylstra Road. The hunting site and parking lot will be on your left hand side. Please park in the designated parking area, as indicated by parking lot signage. Vehicles are not allowed in any other area of the site except the designated parking area. This site can only accommodate a fixed amount of vehicles. Therefore, when the parking lot is full, the site will be at maximum capacity and no more hunters are allowed access until a vehicle leaves. Parking on the road or any other location to access the site is not allowed.

**Special Notes:** This site is subject to ongoing farming operations. As a result, upon notification, Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife and the Landowners/ Contract Managers may choose to close access to the site in order to allow these operations to proceed without hindrance. For example, cattle are rotationally grazed on this property and may be rotated into the site for grazing purposes. In the event that this occurs, WDFW personnel will remove signs, close the area to hunting by posting signs and reallocate the distribution of pheasants released at the site to nearby pheasant release sites. On Whidbey Island, Youth Hunts will occur at the Upper Seaplane Base, and Senior Hunts will only occur at Zylstra Road and the Upper Seaplane Base. Please contact the Region 4 Private Lands biologist for information and details pertaining to questions about this site

**Total acreage: ~172 Ac**

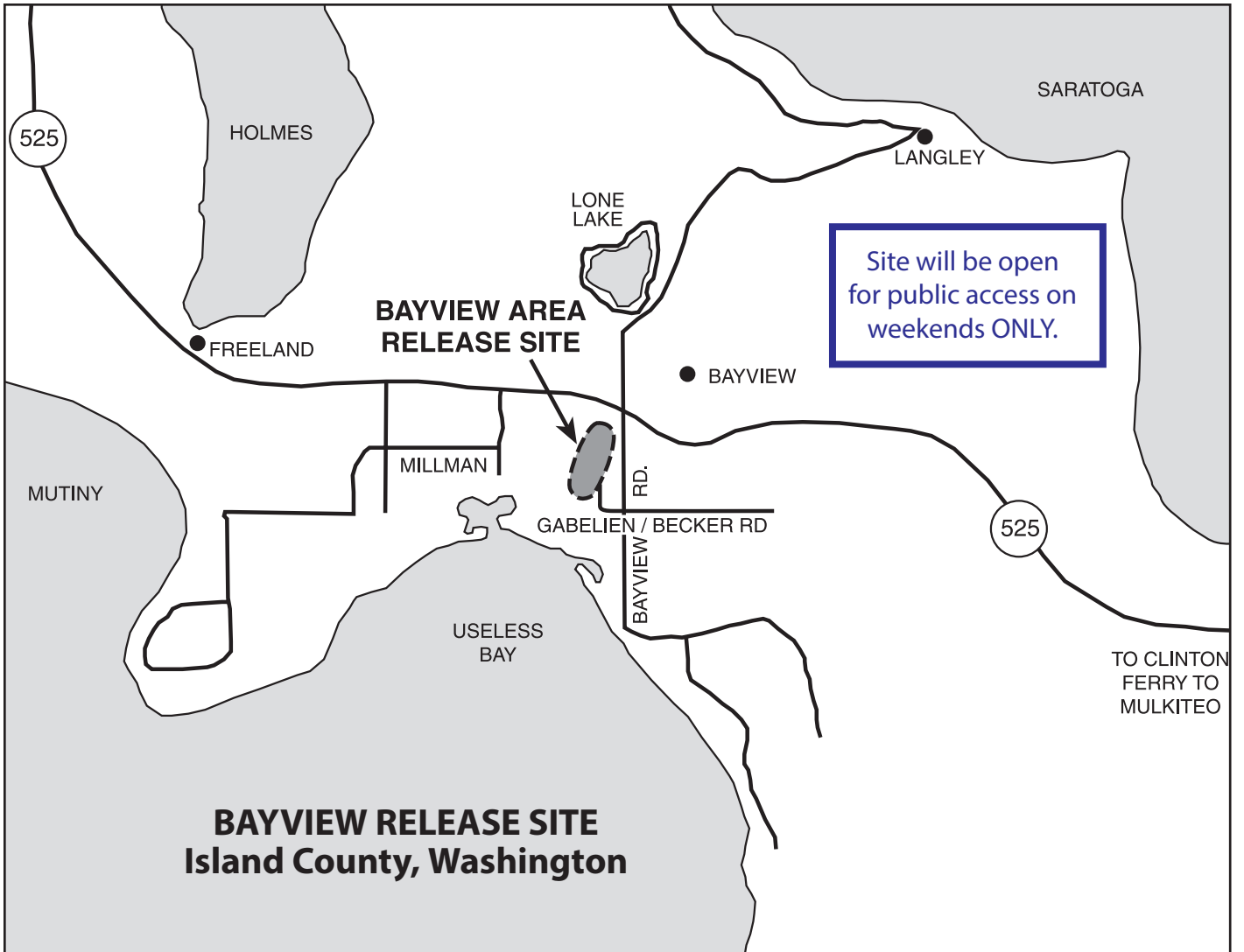
# WHIDBEY ISLAND RELEASE SITE



From Highway 525, go west on Bayview Road .8 miles. Turn right on Gabelien/Becker Road. Bear to the right down Gabelien Road and park in the field next to the farm's equipment storage area.

**Total acreage: ~50 Ac**

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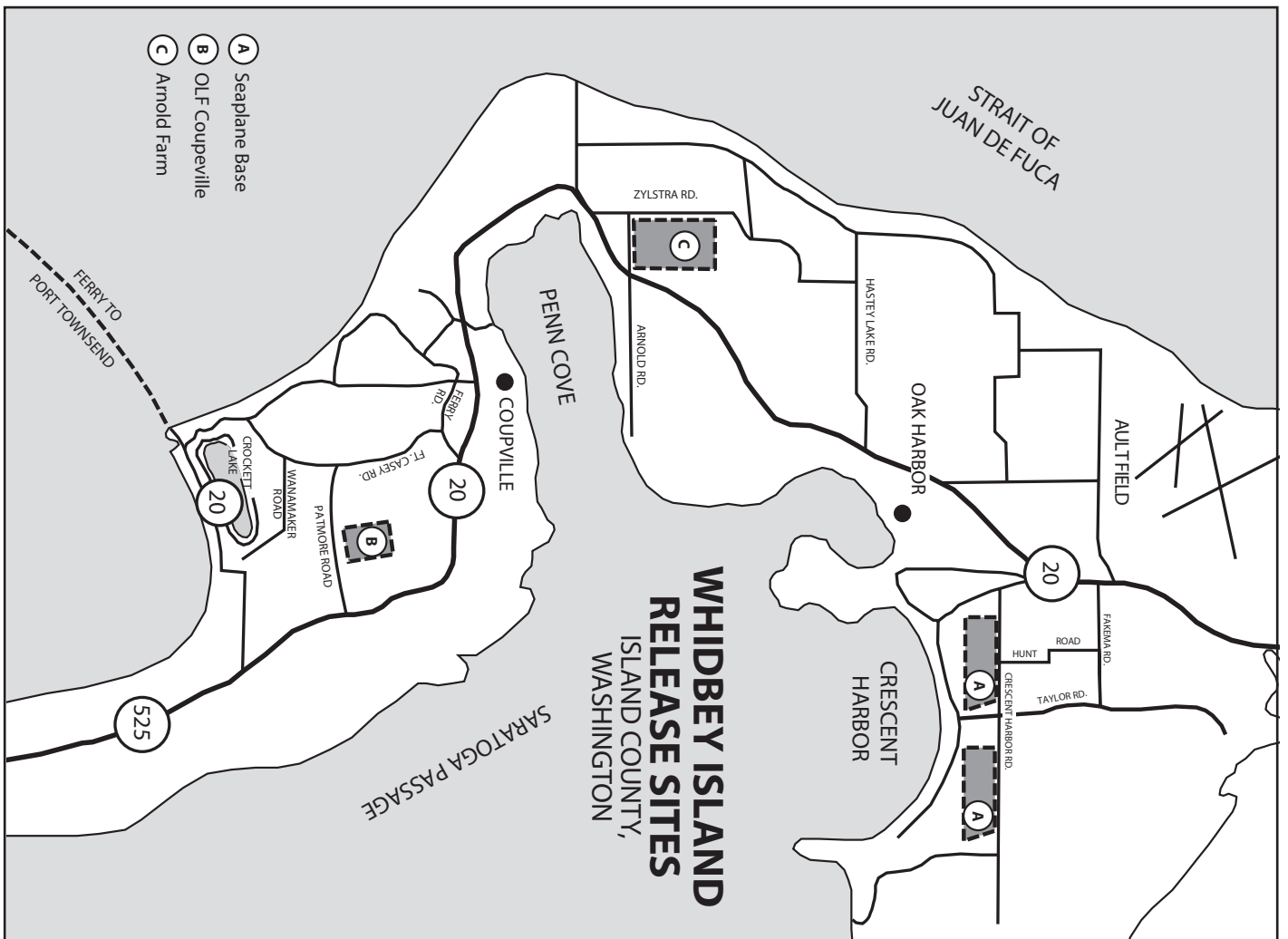
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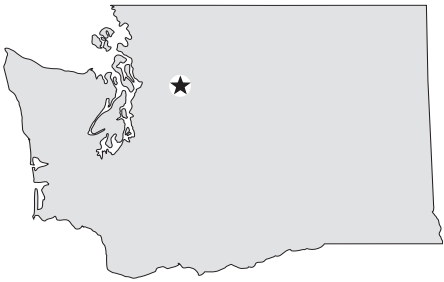
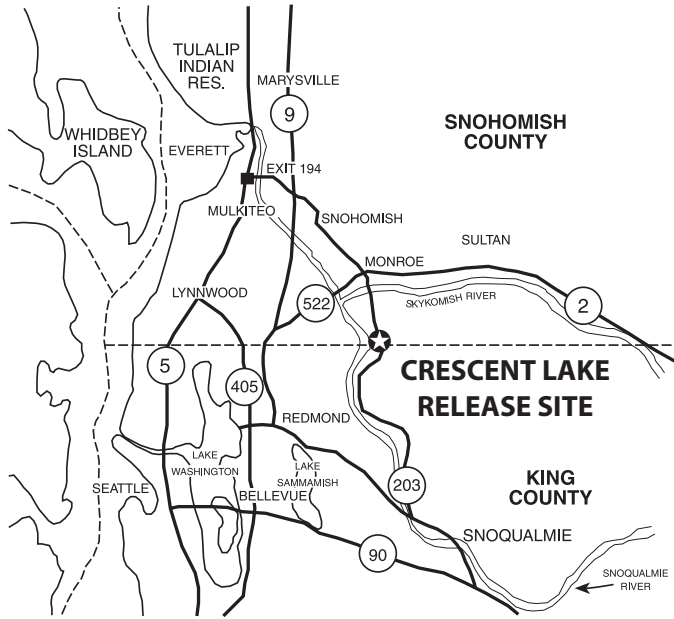
All of the release sites on Whidbey Island are adjacent to Highway 20 and Highway 525. Please contact the Naval Air Station at (360) 257-1009 prior to hunting at SeaPlane Base or OLF Coupeville.

**Total acreage: ~600 Ac**

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# SNOQUALMIE WILDLIFE AREA

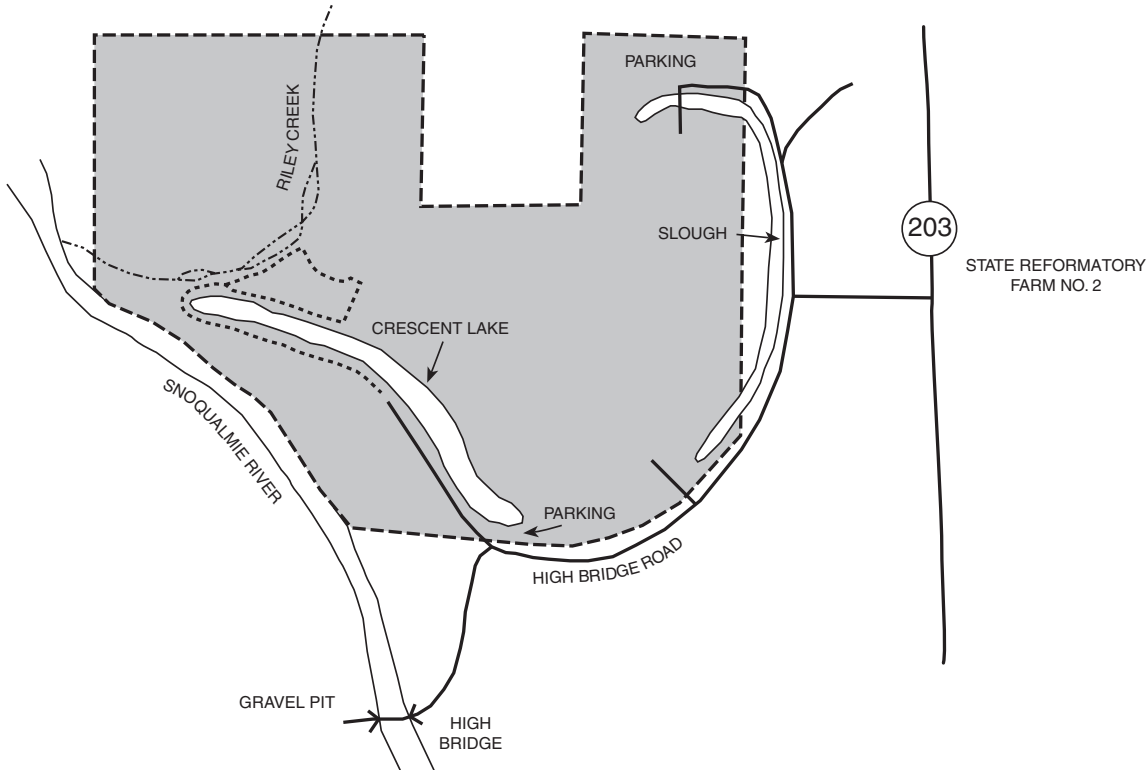


The **Crescent Lake Unit** of Snoqualmie Wildlife Area is located between Duvall and Monroe on S.R. 203. The release site may be found by turning at the State Reformatory Farm #2 and traveling west onto High Bridge Road.

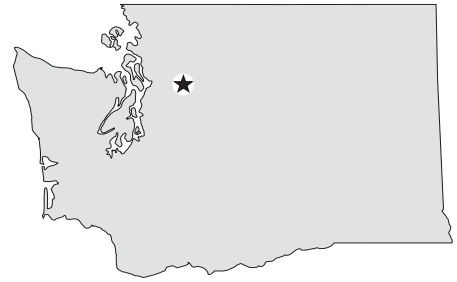
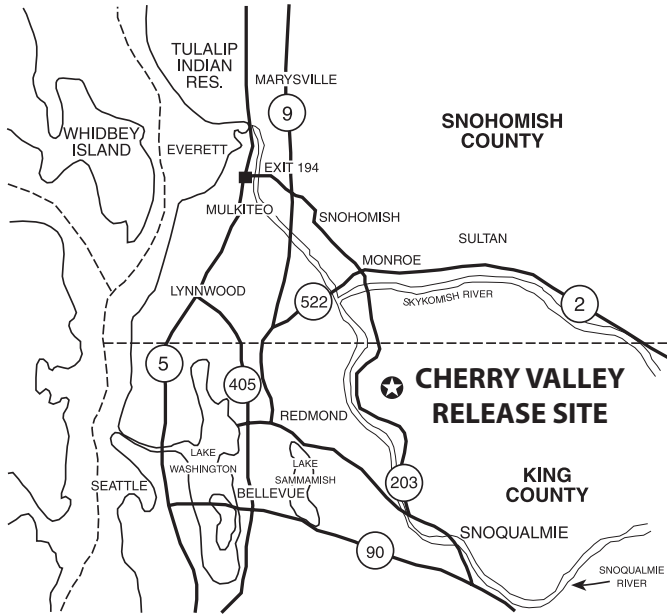
**Total acreage: ~360 Ac**

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## CRESCENT LAKE UNIT SNOQUALMIE WILDLIFE AREA Snohomish County, Washington



# SNOQUALMIE WILDLIFE AREA

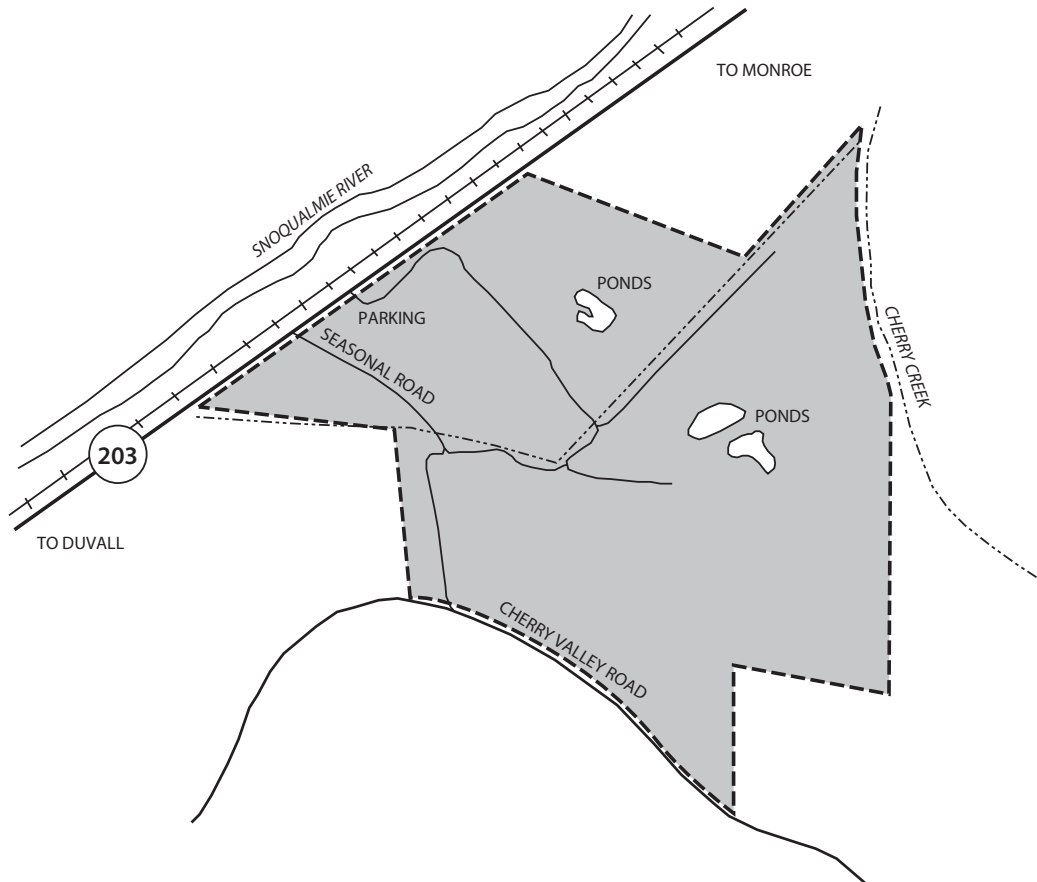


The **Cherry Valley Unit** is located north of Duvall on State Route 203. The parking lot is marked with a sign on State Route 203.

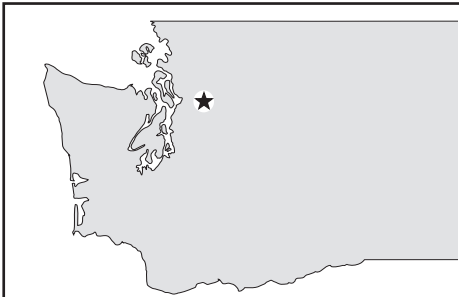
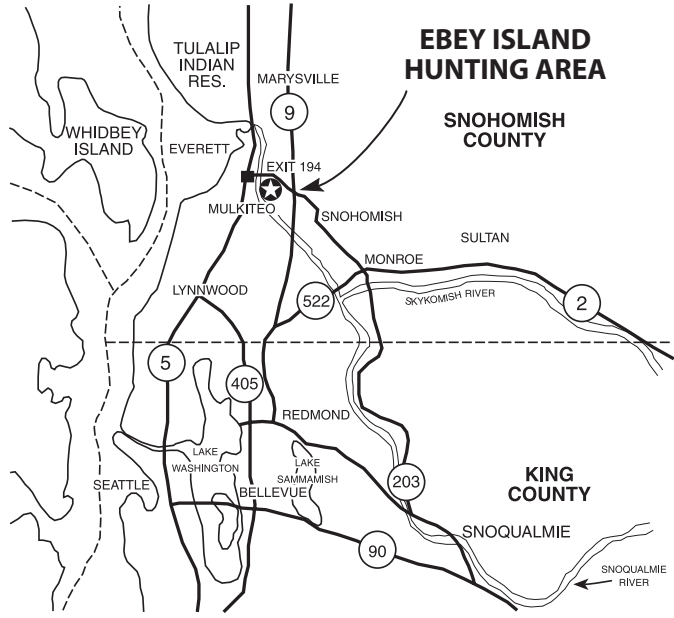
**Total acreage: ~386**

## CHERRY VALLEY UNIT SNOQUALMIE WILDLIFE AREA King County, Washington

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ON ENTIRE AREA**



# EBEY ISLAND HUNTING AREA



Driving Directions: From I-5, take Hwy. 2 east to Homeacre Rd. (1st exit). There are three parking areas. Ebey Slough lot is under the trestle on the east side of the unit. The middle lot is at the corner of Homeacre Road and 51<sup>st</sup> SE and is only available during the hunting season. The west lot is at the corner of Homeacre Rd. Parking is at the bottom of the exit by the pipeline and at the corner of Homeacre Rd. and 51<sup>st</sup> St. SE.

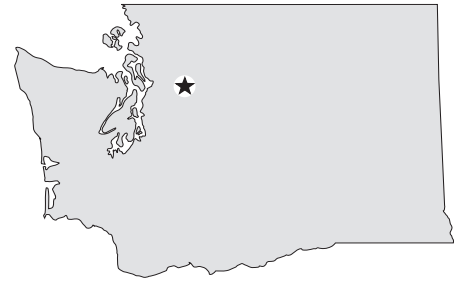
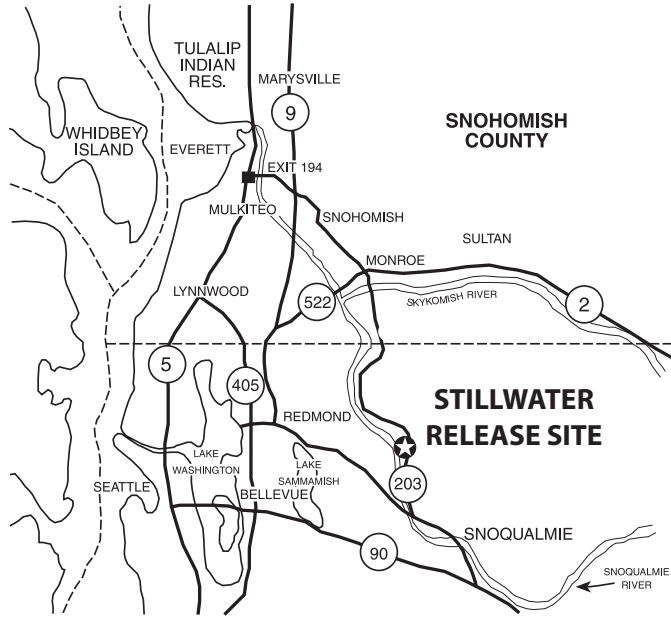
**Total acreage: ~1,237**

## EBEY ISLAND HUNTING AREA Snohomish County, Washington

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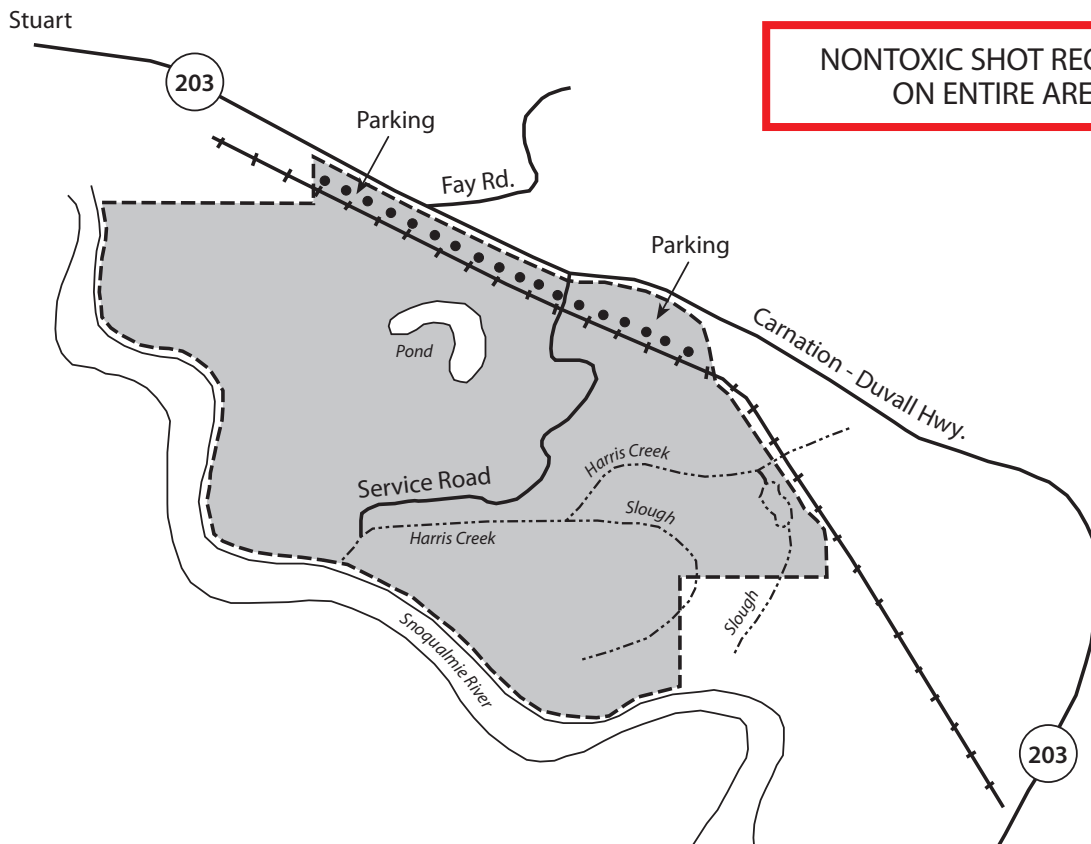
# SNOQUALMIE WILDLIFE AREA



The **Stillwater Unit** is located on State Route 203, north of Carnation. Parking lots are accessed directly from State Route 203.

**Total acreage: ~486**

## STILLWATER UNIT SNOQUALMIE WILDLIFE AREA King County, Washington

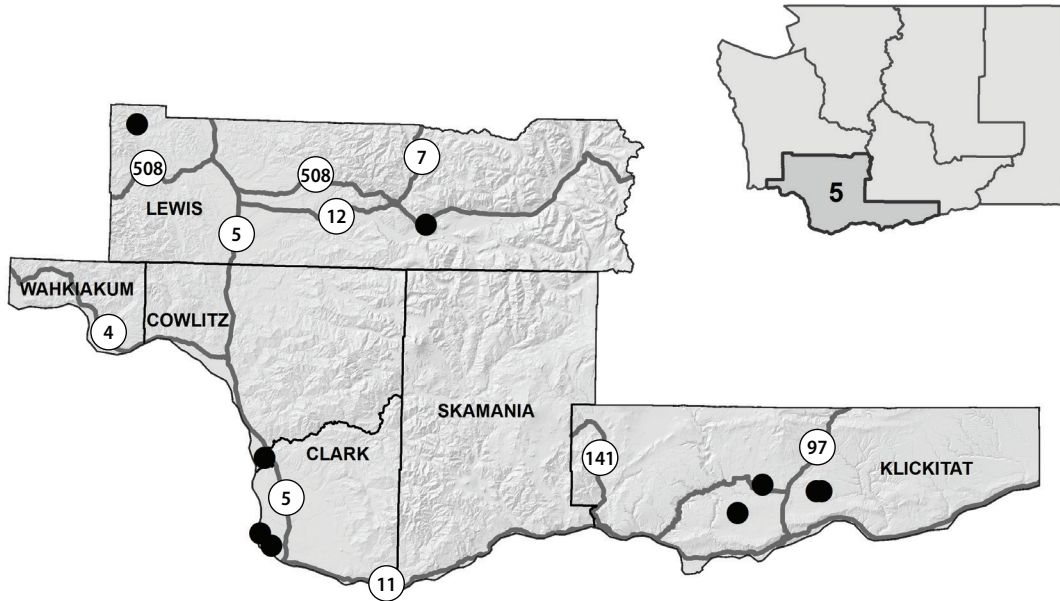


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# REGION FIVE PHEASANT HUNTING INFORMATION

## REGION FIVE



Several of the pheasant release sites in Region Five have been adopted by volunteers. One of the most active groups is the Vancouver Wildlife League. They are associated with many wildlife projects in the Vancouver area and handle most of the pheasant releases on the Shillapoo and Vancouver Lake sites. These sites receive very high use because of their popularity and proximity to Vancouver.

Such sites as Lincoln Creek and Woodland Bottoms receive lighter pressure, these sites do receive some mid-week releases early in the hunting season. The remaining sites are

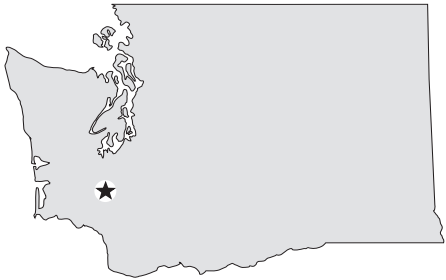
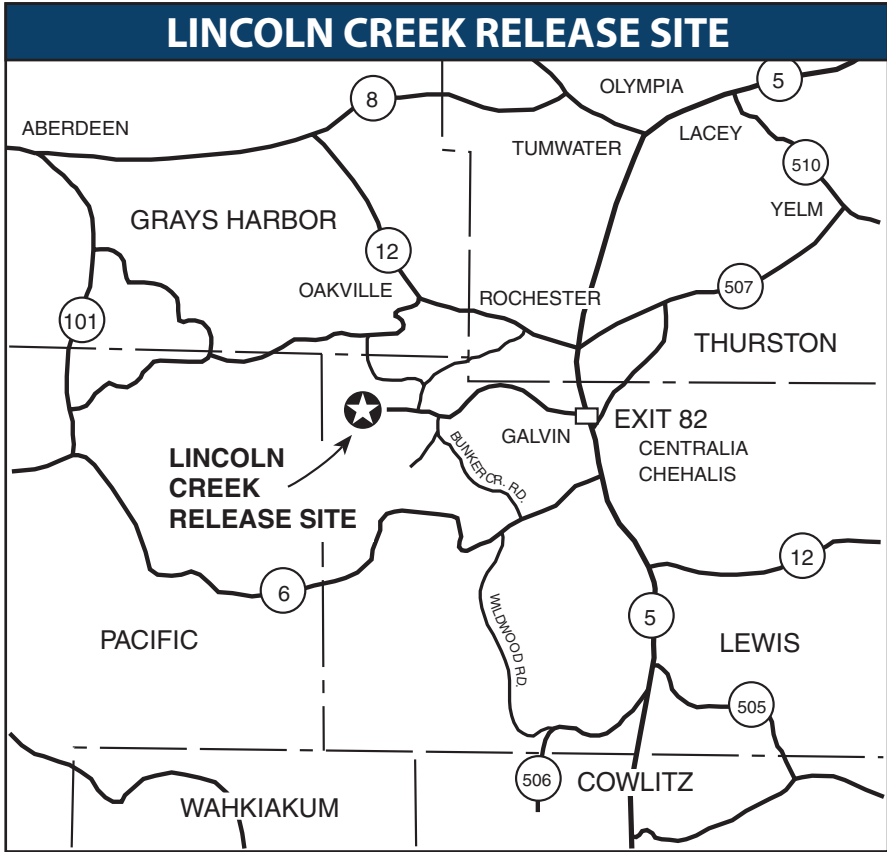
used by fewer hunters overall and releases mainly occur on the weekend.

Administratively, Klickitat County's fish and wildlife programs are managed through WDFW's Region 5 office in Vancouver. However, for the pheasant enhancement program, Klickitat County is considered an eastern Washington county, and license requirements are the same as the other eastern Washington counties. For Klickitat County, refer to Eastern Washington Pheasant Release Program pamphlet.

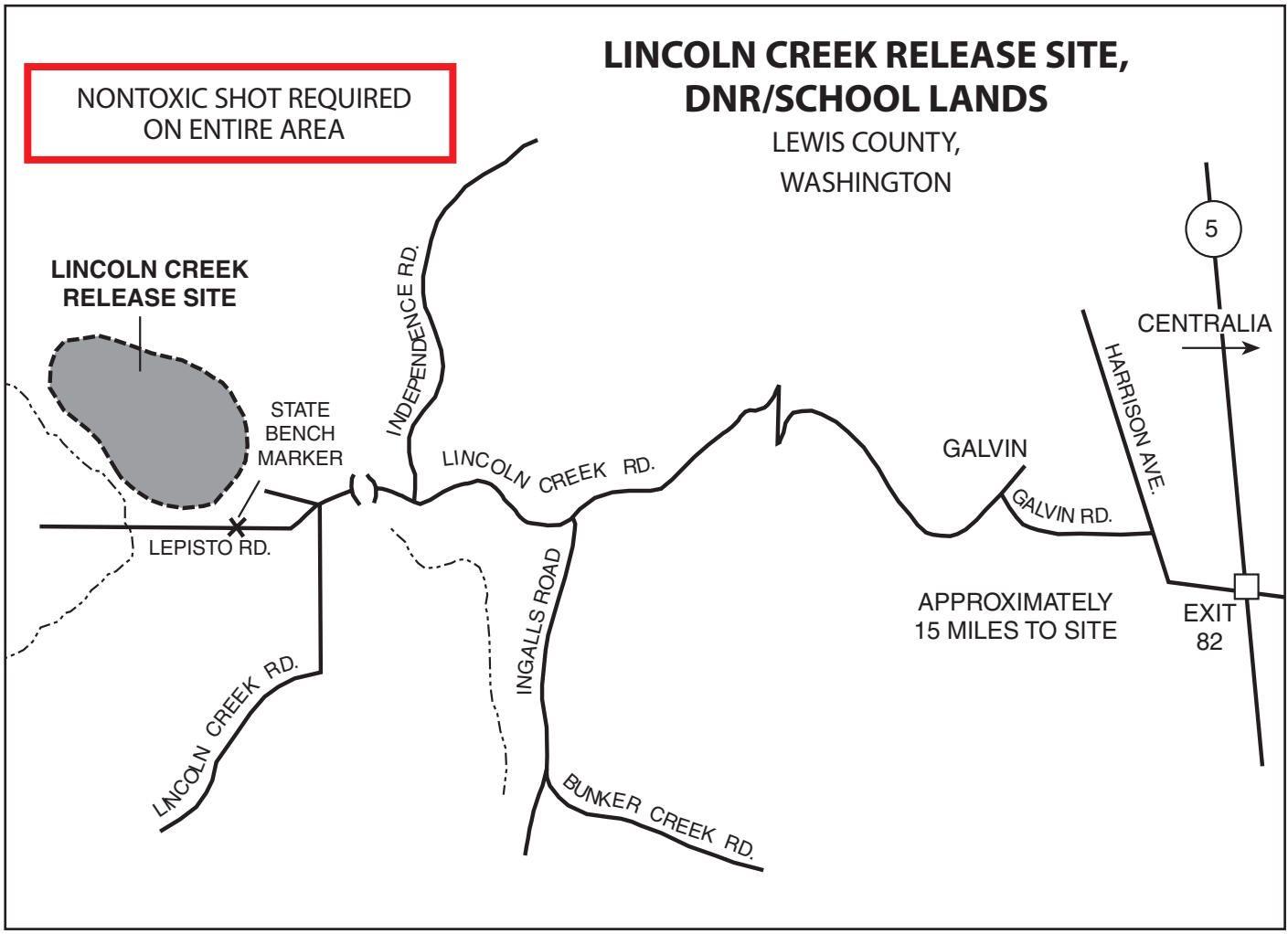
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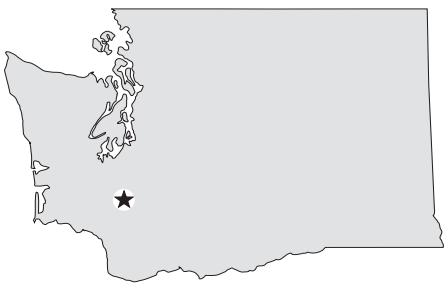
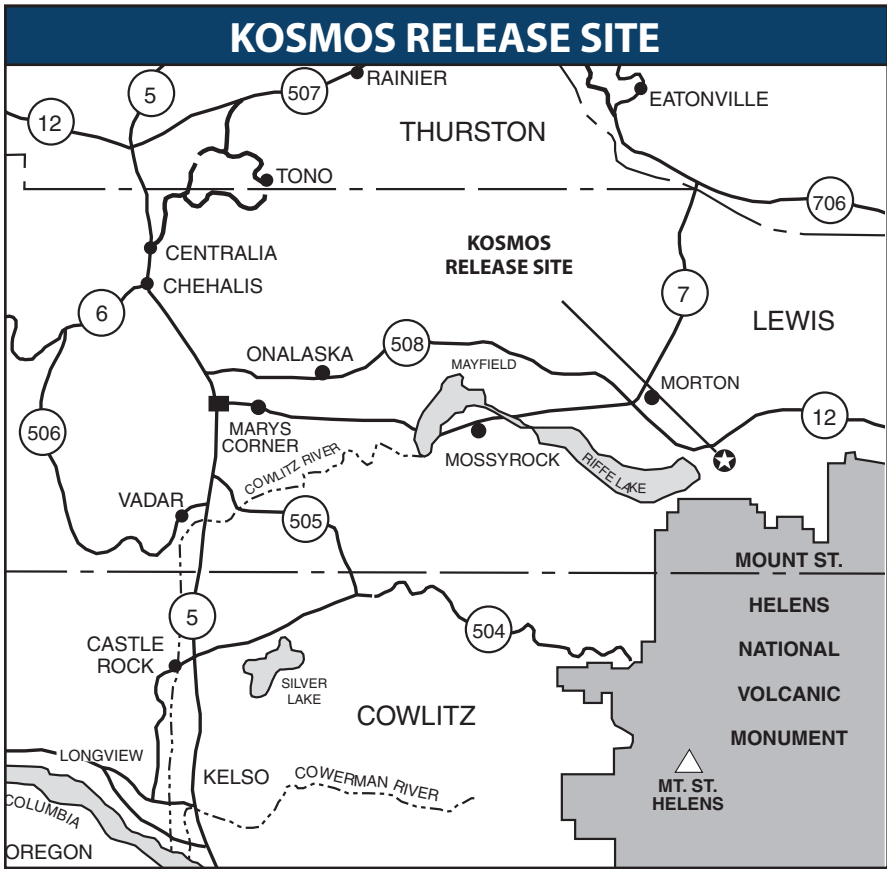




To find the **Lincoln Creek** release site, head west from exit 82 off I-5 to Galvin Road. Proceed west on Lincoln Creek Road to Lepisto Road and the release site. The Lincoln Creek Site is approximately 300 acres.



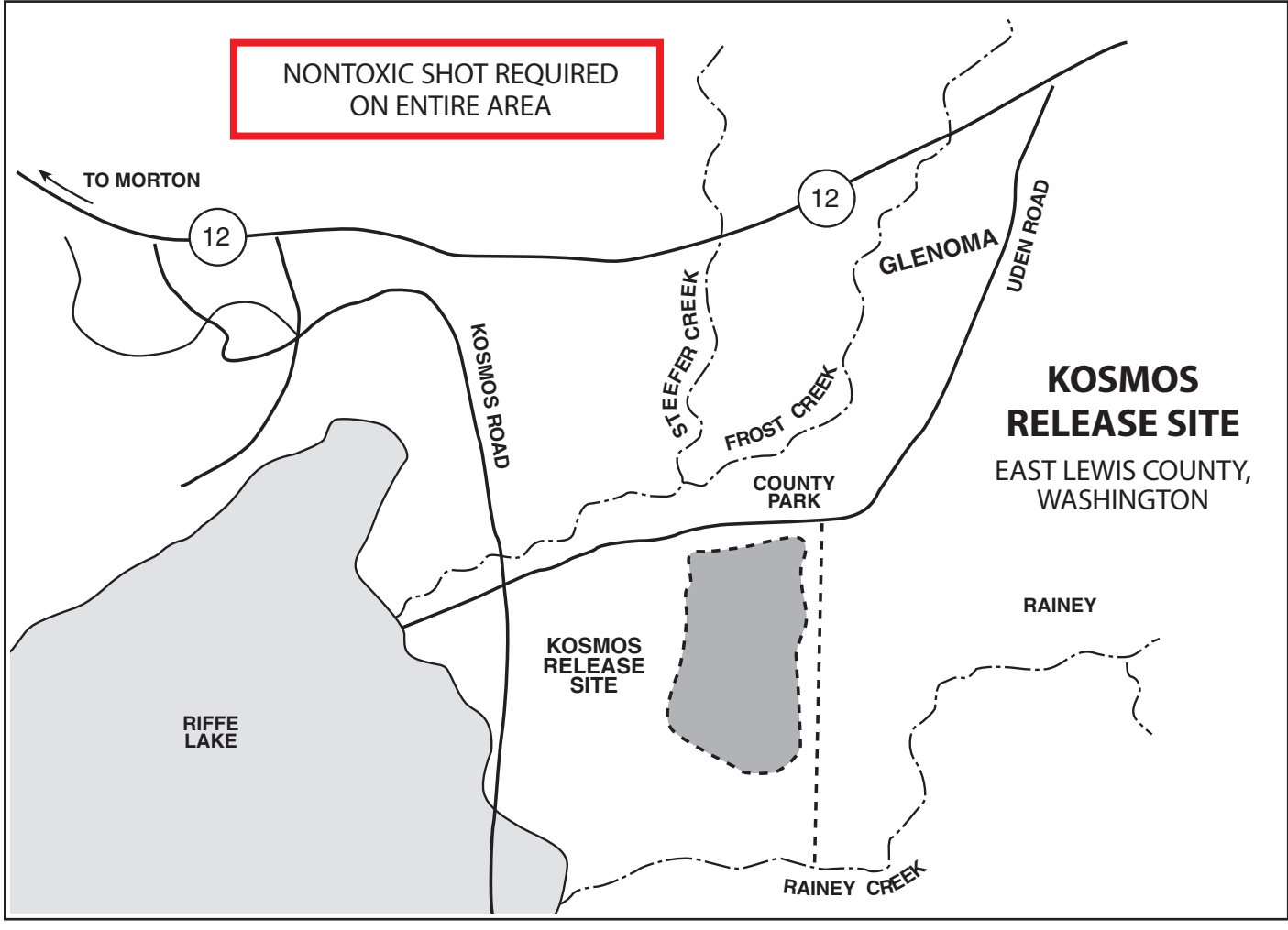
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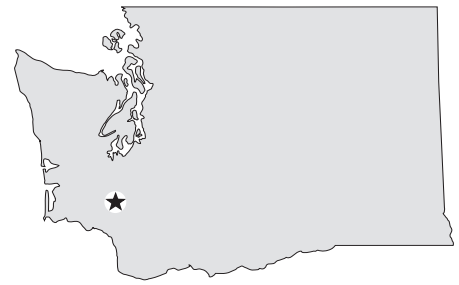
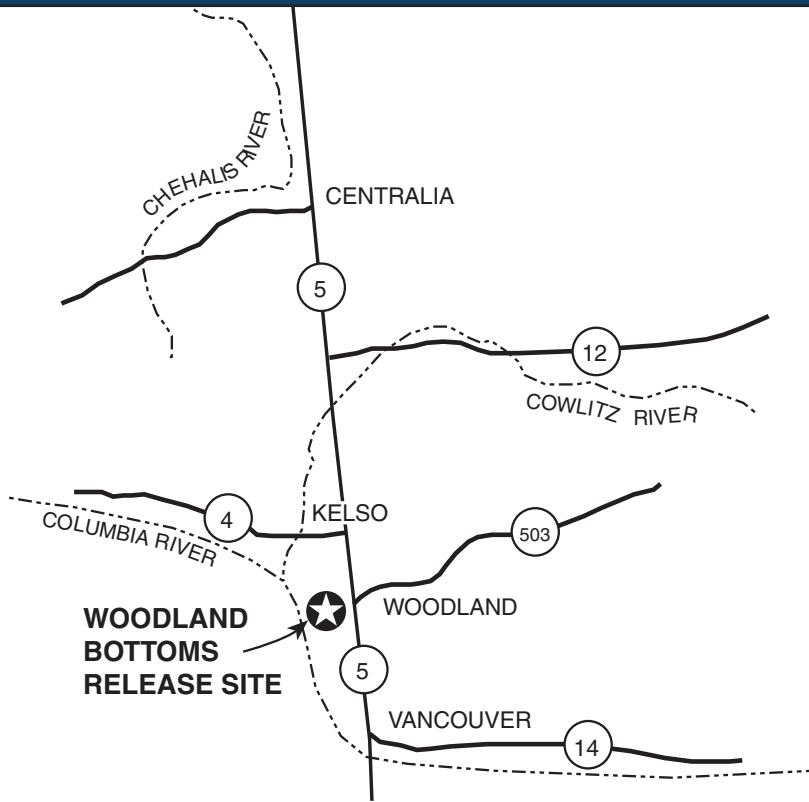
The **Kosmos** release site is part of the Cowlitz Wildlife Area and may be found by traveling east of Morton on Hwy 12.

Turn south to town of Glenoma and follow signs to County Park. Release site boundary is marked by signs.

**Total acreage: ~325 Ac**



## WOODLAND BOTTOMS RELEASE SITE

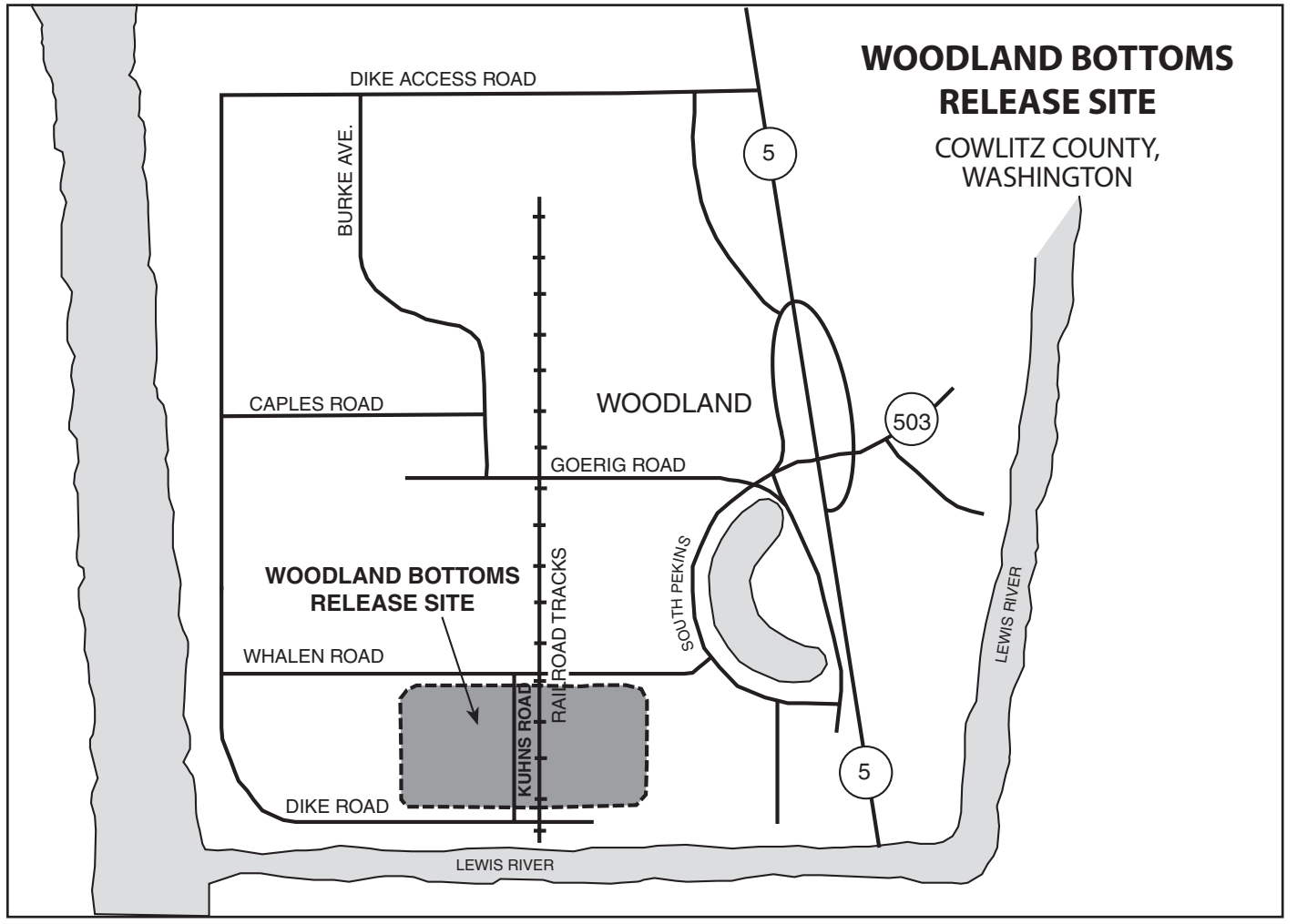


To find the **Woodland Bottoms** release site, take the Woodland exit (exit 21) off I-5. Head west on Goerig Road and Davidson Ave. Go around Horseshoe Lake on South Pekin Road to Whalen Road. Travel west on Whalen Road, then south on Kuhns Road to the release site. The Woodland Bottoms Release Site is approximately 270 acres.

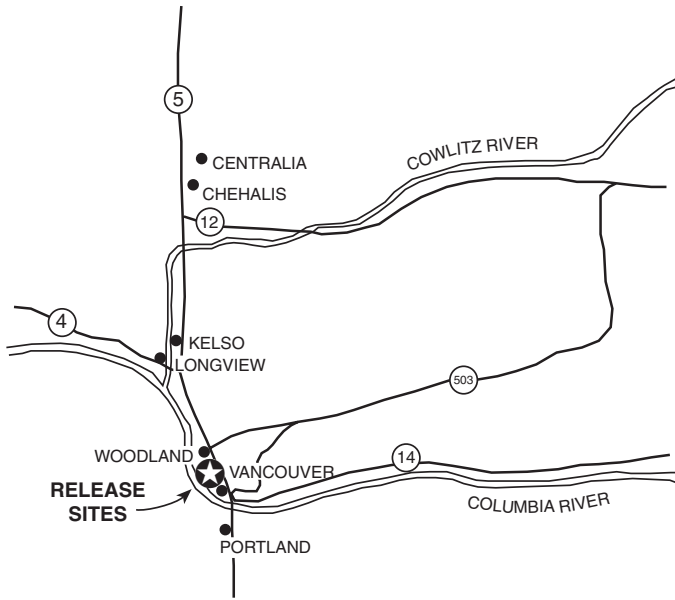
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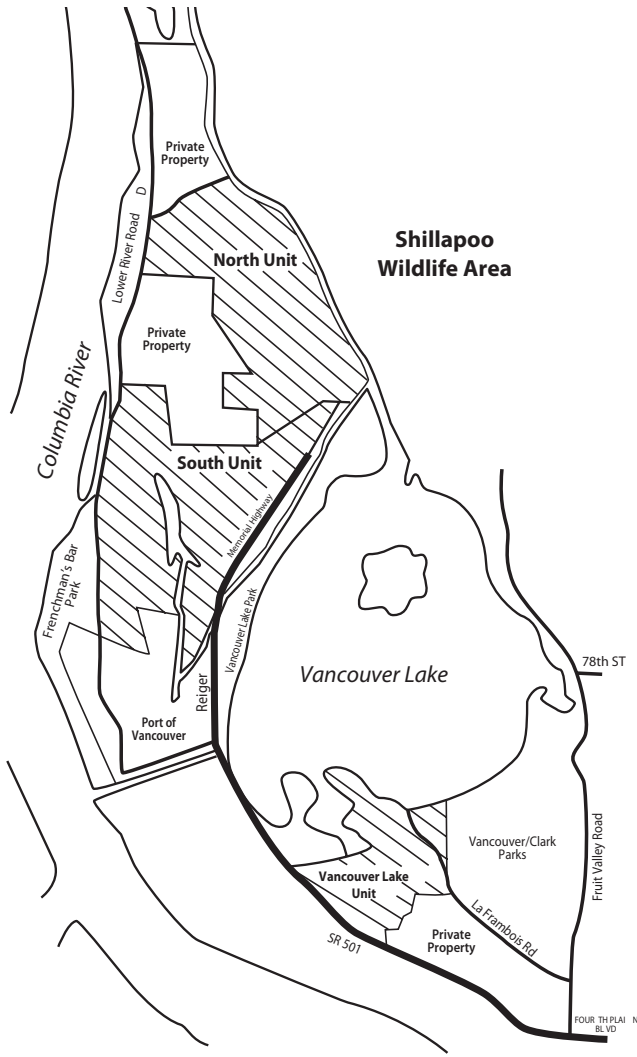
COWLITZ COUNTY,  
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# VANCOUVER LAKE AND SHILLAPOO WILDLIFE AREA



To reach both the **Vancouver Lake** and **Shillapoo** release sites take the Fourth Plain Blvd. exit (exit #1 D) off I-5. Go west on Fourth Plain Blvd. For the Vancouver Lake release site, head north on Fruit Valley Road, then west on La Frombois Road to the site. For the Shillapoo Release site, stay on Lower River Road to the site. Total acreage is approximately 1450 acres.



## VANCOUVER LAKE AND SHILLAPOO WILDLIFE AREAS

Clark County, Washington

**NONTOXIC SHOT REQUIRED ON ENTIRE AREA**

# REGION SIX PHEASANT HUNTING INFORMATION

Volunteers play a significant role in the pheasant release program in Region Six. The Peninsula Bird Hunters handle the Belfair sites and individual volunteers release birds on the Hunter Farms (private property), Skookumchuck, and Chinook sites.

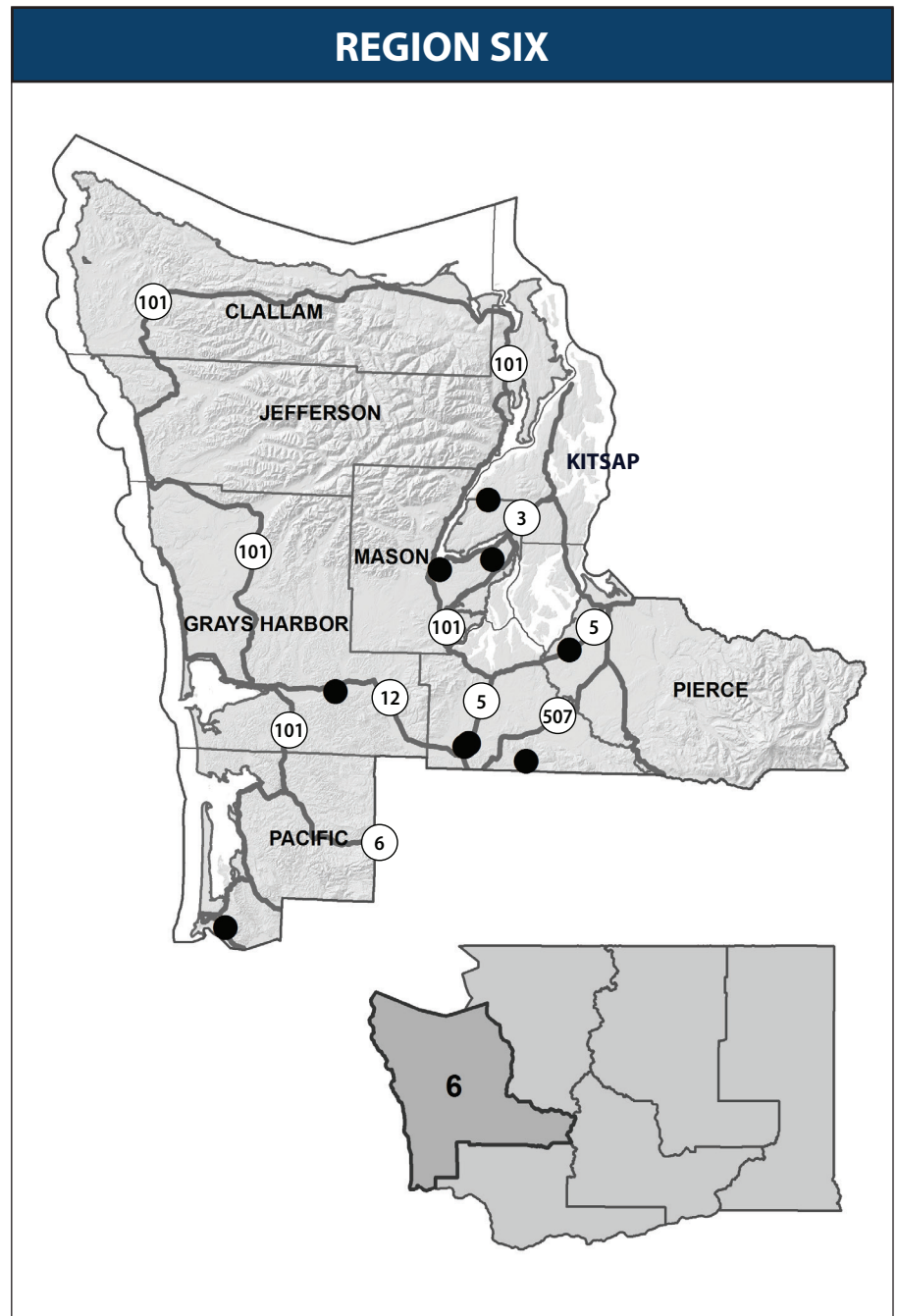
Fort Lewis, Scatter Creek, Skookumchuck, and Belfair receive the most hunting pressure and the highest number of released pheasants. Pheasants are released during the middle of the week on these areas.

Nontoxic shot is required on all release sites statewide.

At the Scatter Creek release site, hunters must choose to hunt on either odd numbered or even numbered weekend days from 8:00 am - 10:00 am. Youth and senior hunters may hunt on either day.

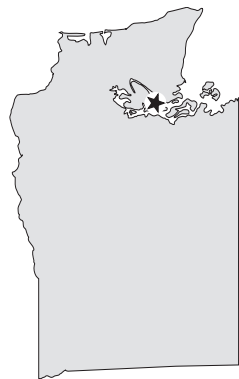
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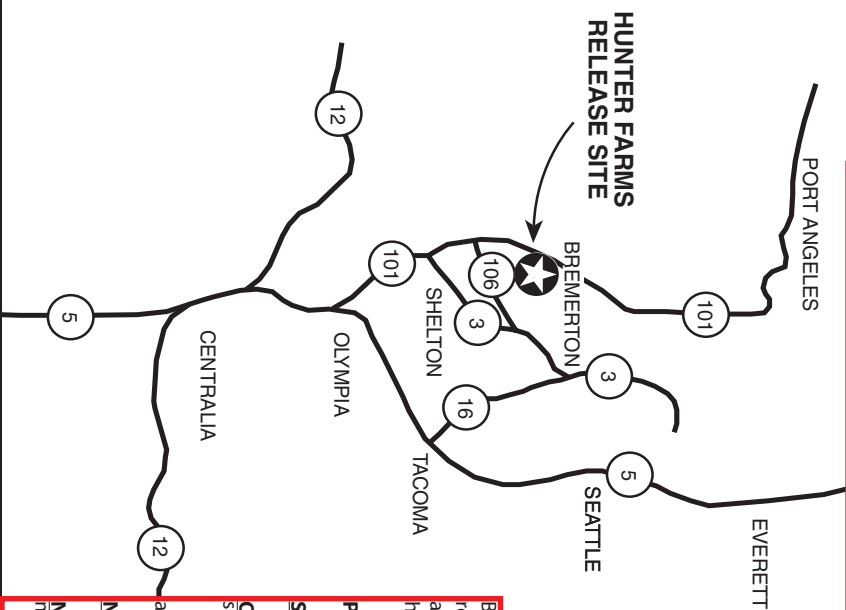
# HUNTER FARMS RELEASE SITE



To reach the **Hunter Farms Release Site**, travel north on Hwy 101 out of Shelton. Take Purdy Cutoff Road to the east. The release site is at the intersection of Hwy 106 and Purdy Cutoff Road.

**Total acreage: ~200 Ac**

**NONTOXIC SHOT REQUIRED ON ENTIRE AREA**



Because of conflicts with other business, the Landowner and WDFW restrict hunting hours at this site during the month of October. Hunting areas are signed. As crops are harvested other areas will be opened to hunting. Hunters are asked to read and follow instructions on signs.

**Pheasant Hunting Hours for Hunter Farms:**

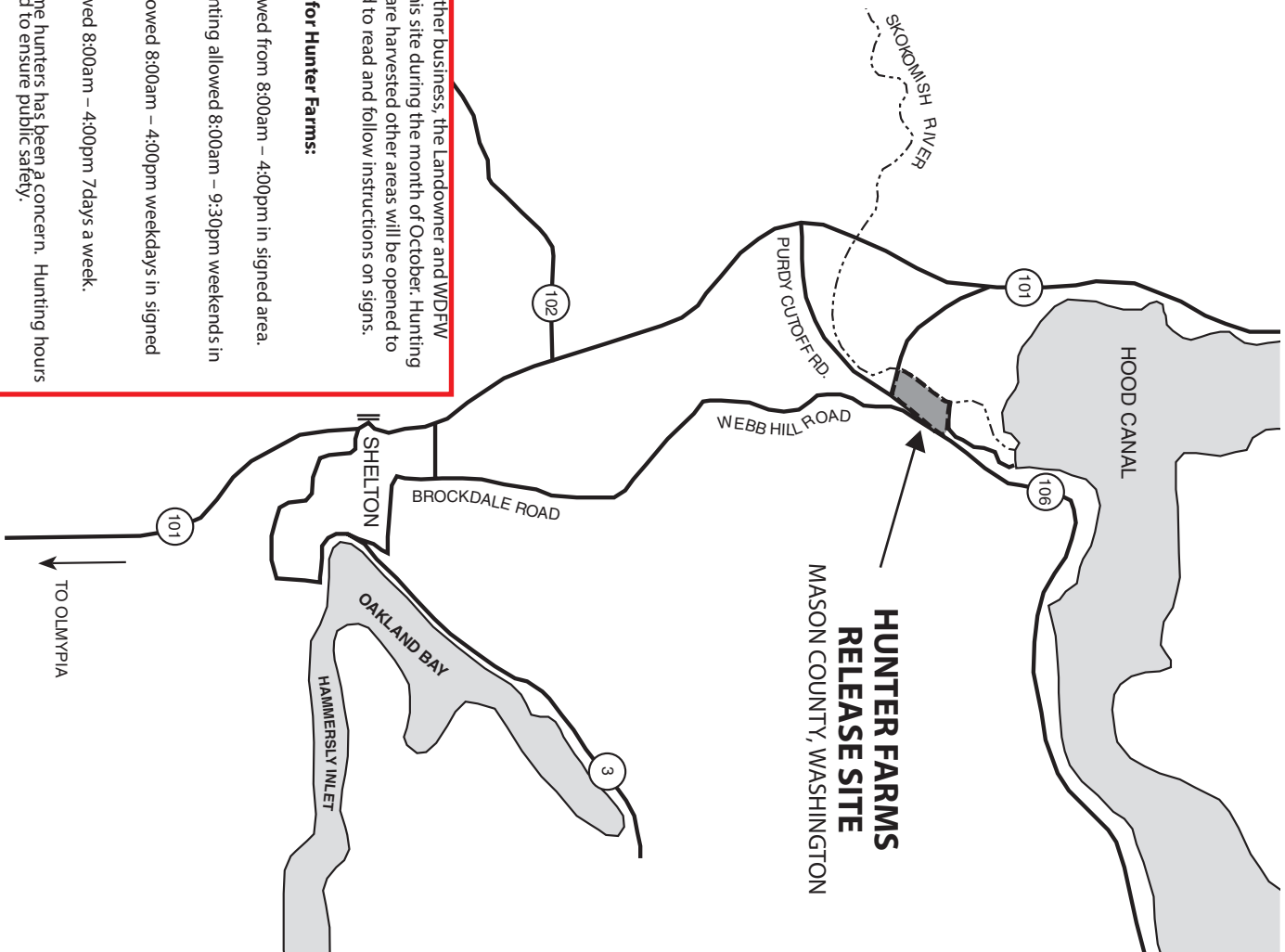
**September** – hunting allowed from 8:00am – 4:00pm in signed area.

**October** – Weekends – hunting allowed 8:00am – 9:30pm weekends in signed areas.

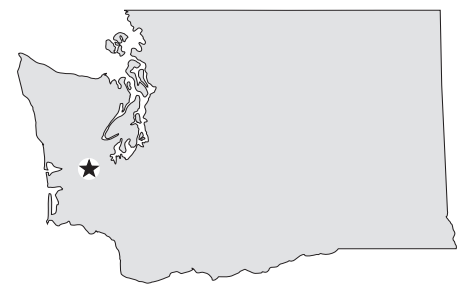
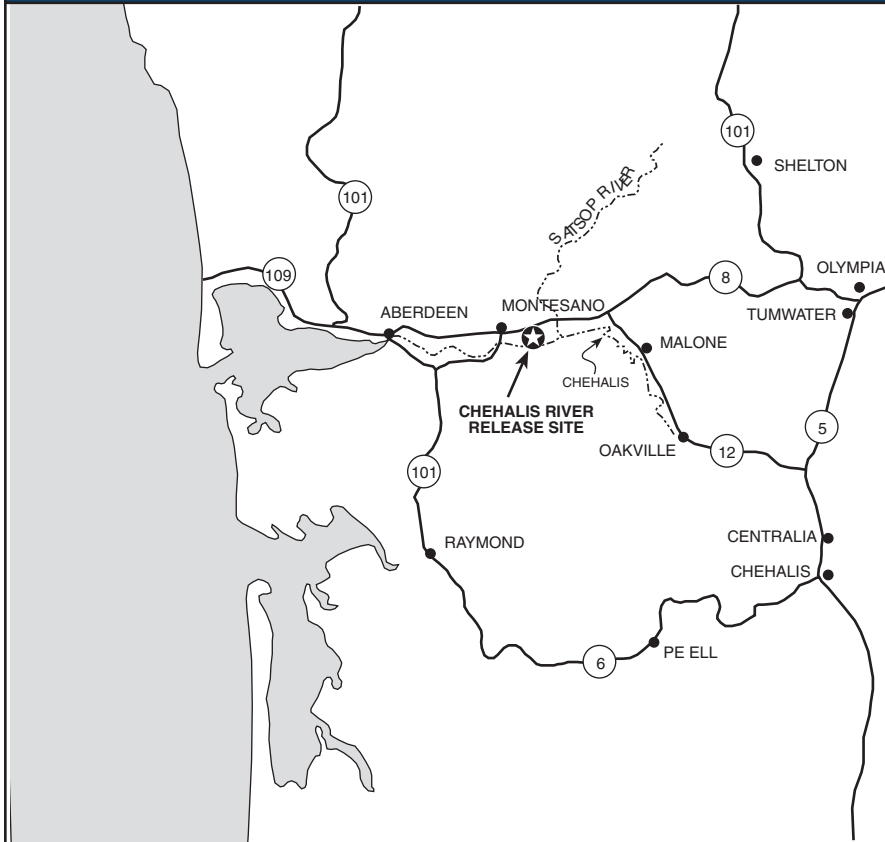
**Weekdays** – hunting allowed 8:00am – 4:00pm weekdays in signed areas.

**November** – hunting allowed 8:00am – 4:00pm 7 days a week.

**Note:** Past behavior of some hunters has been a concern. Hunting hours may be adjusted as needed to ensure public safety.



# CHEHALIS RIVER RELEASE SITE



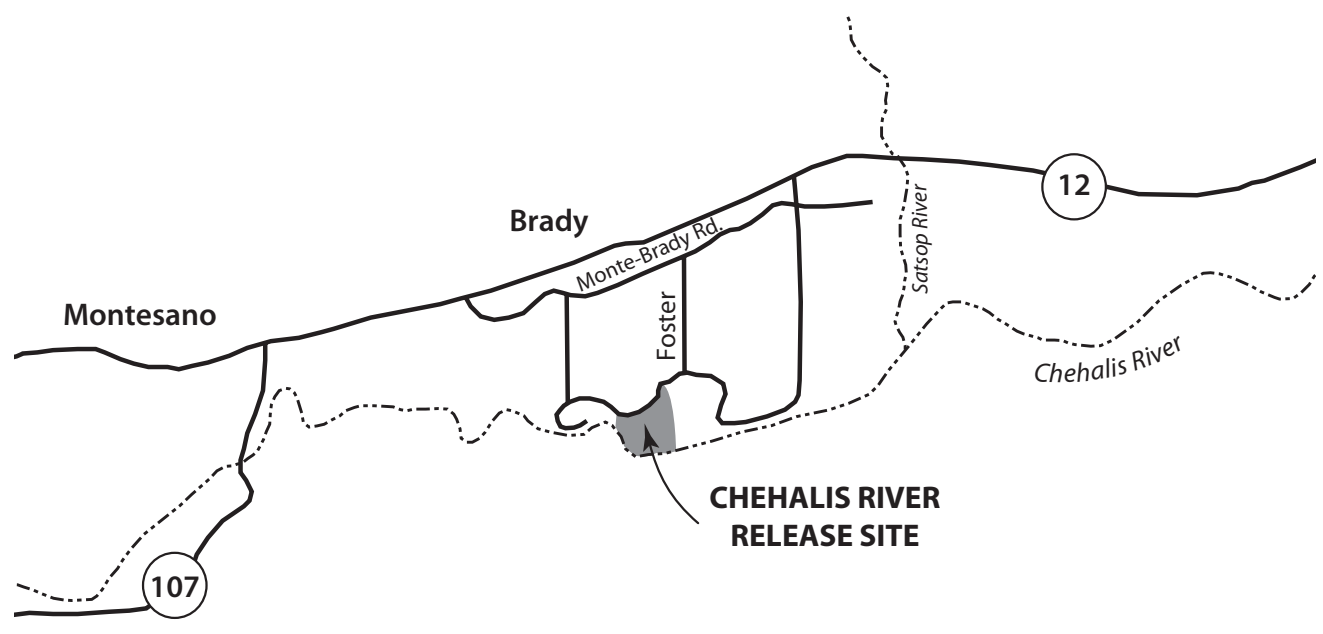
From I-5 go west on Hwy 12. After crossing Satsop River turn left at Brady onto Monte-Brady Rd. Go south and west on the Monte-Brady Rd. to Foster Rd. Go 1.6 miles on the Foster Rd. and Brady Loop Rd. to the release site.

**Total acreage: ~250 Ac**

## CHEHALIS RIVER RELEASE SITE

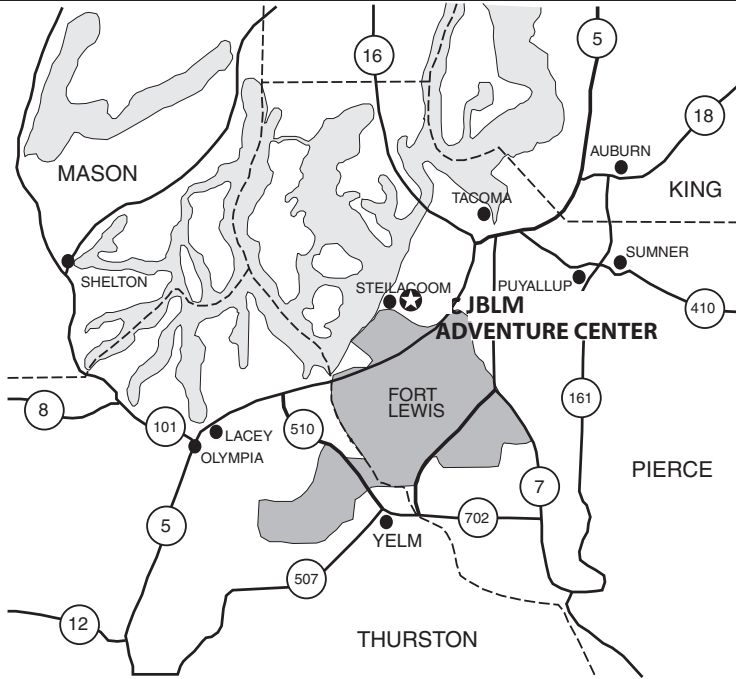
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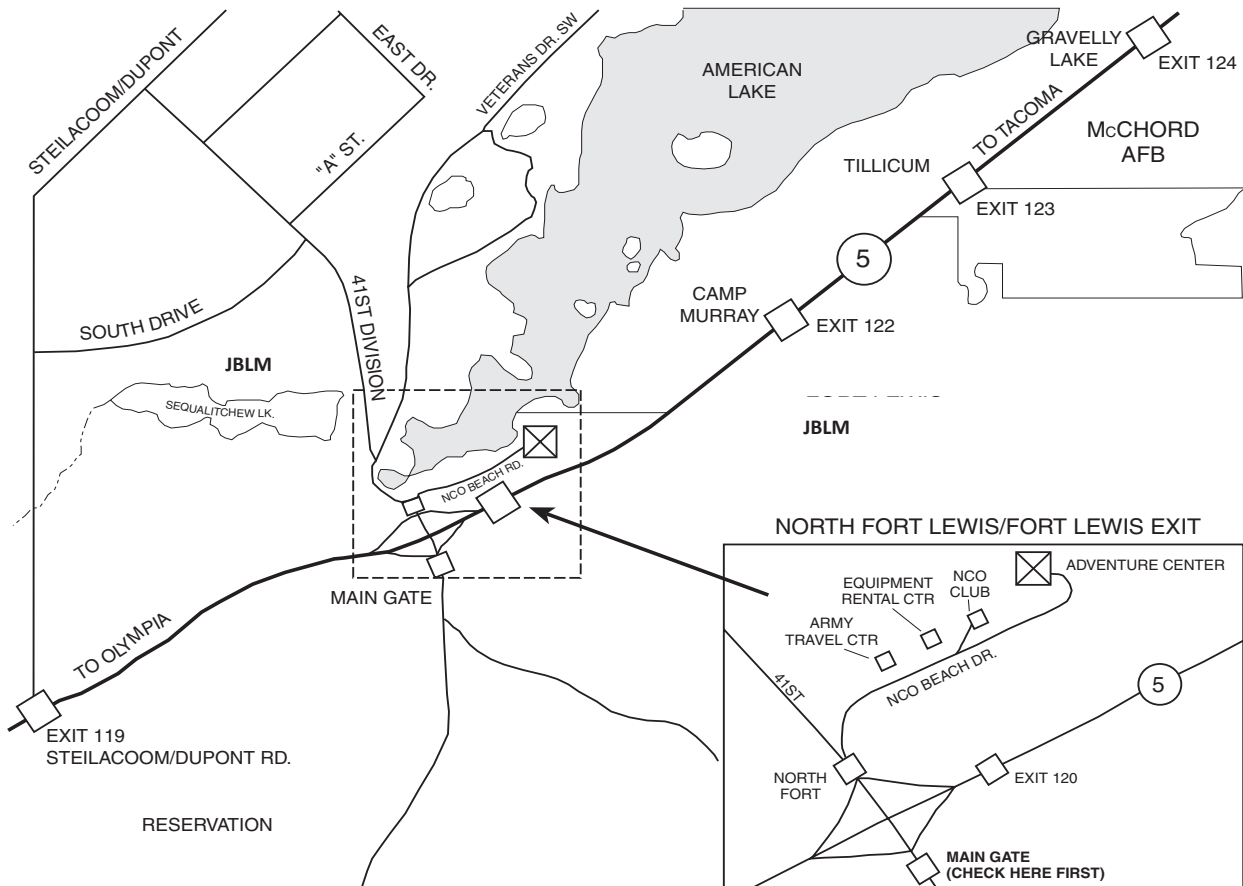
# JOINT BASE LEWIS MCCORD (JBLM) RELEASE PROGRAM



To sign in for a release site on **JBLM** you must contact the Adventure Center.

Phone: (253) 967-8260 or 967-8295.

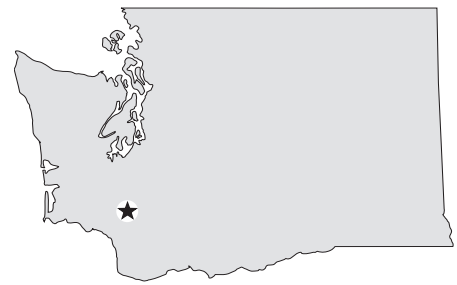
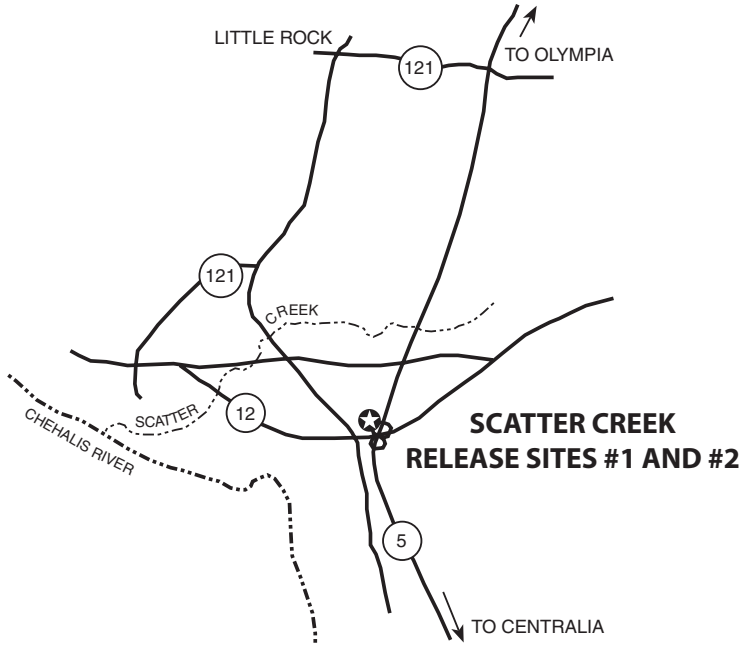
**Total acreage: ~1850 Ac**



## JOINT BASE LEWIS MCCORD ADVENTURE CENTER PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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# SCATTER CREEK RELEASE SITE



To reach **Scatter Creek** release sites, take I-5 to US 12 West (Exit 88). Turn west on US 12, then turn right at the first stoplight onto Elderberry St. SW. At the "T" turn right on 193rd Ave. SW. Follow the road to the left as it becomes Guava Street SW. At the next "T", turn right on 183rd Ave. SW. To access Release Site #1, take the next left onto the northerly continuation of Guava Street SW. To access Release Site #2, continue east on 183rd Ave. SW, turn left on Case Rd. SW, and continue north to the site.

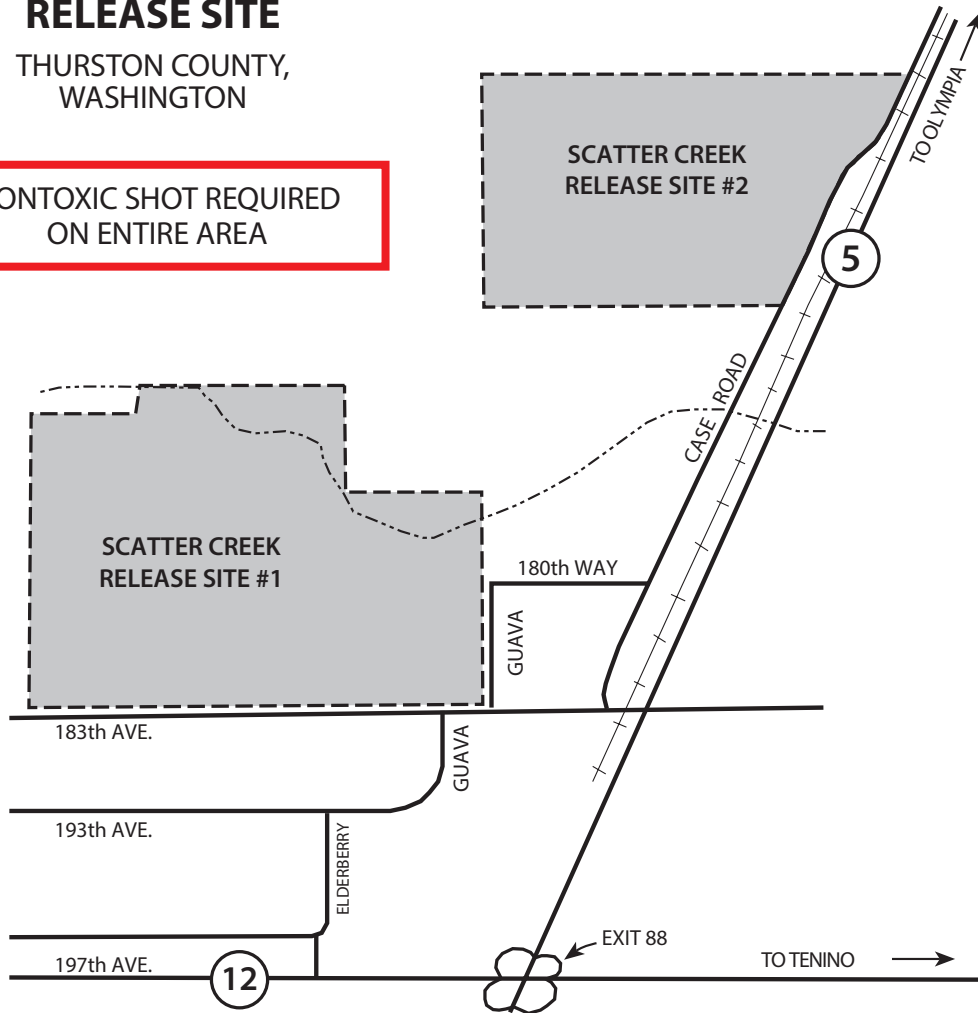
At the Scatter Creek and Skookumchuck release sites between the hours of 8:00 am and 10:00 am hunters must choose to hunt either odd numbered or even numbered days. Youth and seniors may hunt on either days.

**Total acreage: ~1,000 Ac**

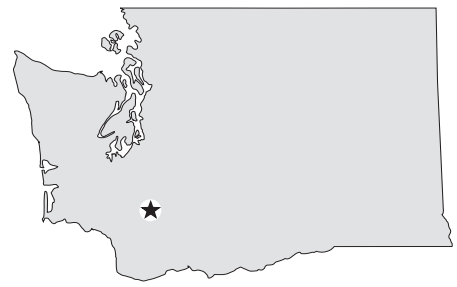
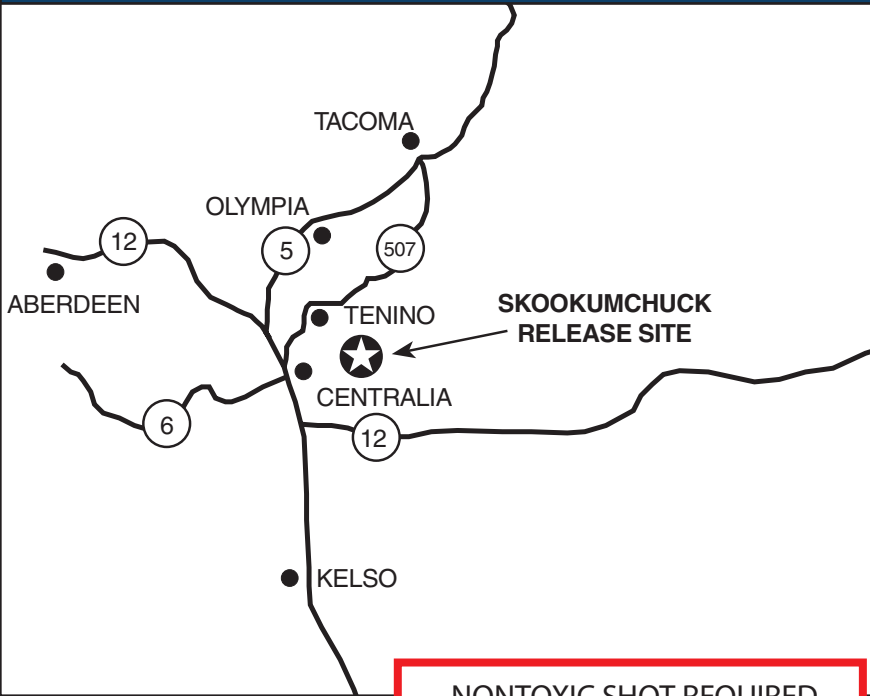
## SCATTER CREEK RELEASE SITE

THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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# SKOOKUMCHUCK RELEASE SITE



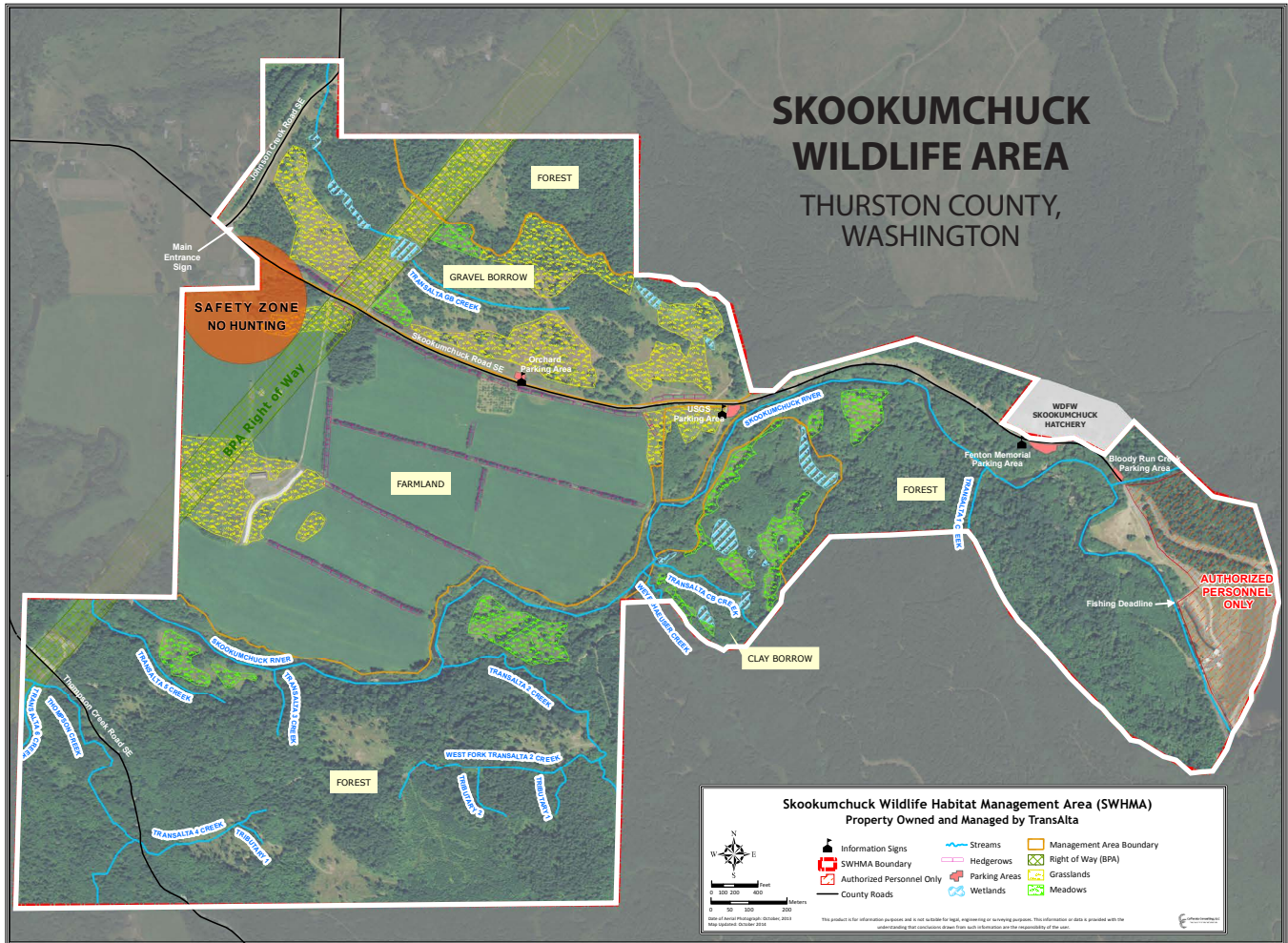
To reach the **Skookumchuck** release site, take I-5 to US 12 West (Exit 88). Turn east to Old Hwy 99 toward Tenino. Turn right on SR 507 toward Bucoda. Turn left on 184<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, which becomes Skookumchuck Rd. after 0.6 mile. Continue east on Skookumchuck Rd. to the release site.

At the Scatter Creek and Skookumchuck release sites between the hours of 8:00 am and 10:00 am hunters must choose to hunt either odd numbered or even numbered days. Youth and seniors may hunt on either days.

**Total acreage: ~250 Ac**

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## SKOOKUMCHUCK WILDLIFE AREA THURSTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON



**AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY**

## BELFAIR AND SGT. MAC RELEASE SITES

The Belfair site is located north of the intersection of Bear Creek-Dewatto Rd and Tahuya-Blacksmith Rd.

### Sgt. Mak Pheasant Release Site at the East end of Mason Lake

(This site replaces the Grapeview Release Site on Hwy. 3)

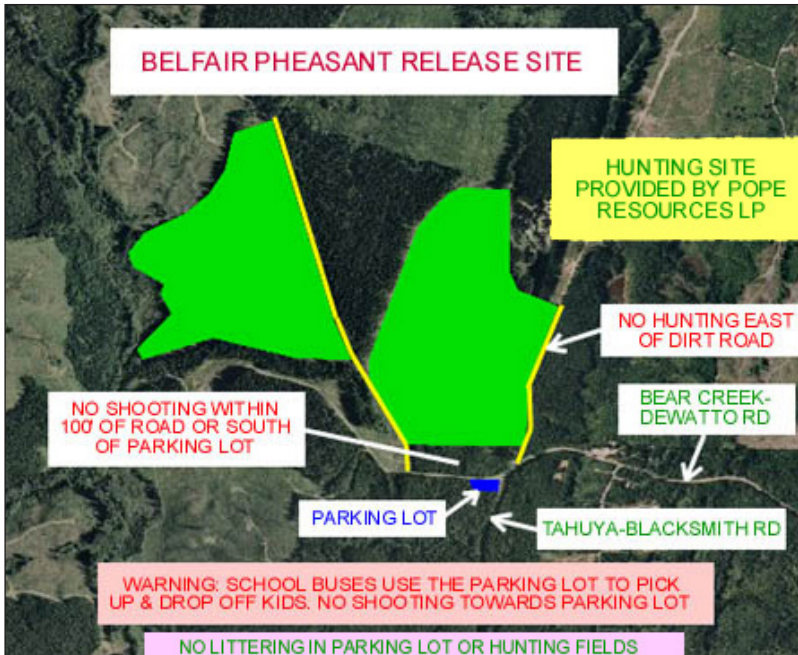
From Hwy. 3, east of Allyn, head north on Mason-Benson Rd. E for 2.6 miles. Take a right on Mason Lake Rd. and go east for 1.1 miles. Take a left on E. Mason Lake Dr. West and go 0.1 mile to the gate on the right.

On Mon, Tue, Thu, and Fri, park at gate and walk to the hunting area.

On Wed, Sat and Sun, proceed through the gate and drive to the parking area in the gravel pit.

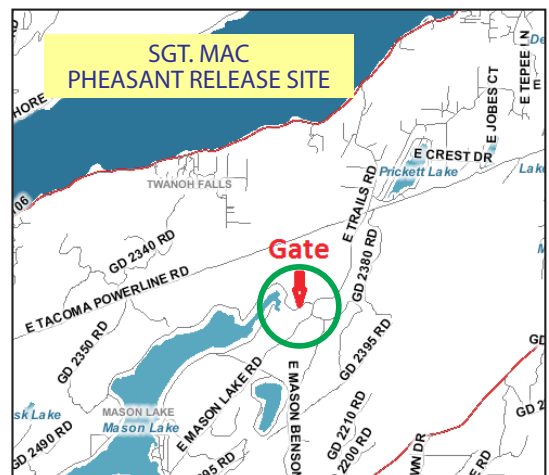
The gate is open from 8 AM to 5 PM. All other side roads are off limit to vehicles. Be out by 5 PM or risk being locked in for the night.

Hunting site provided by Green Diamond Resource Company. Pheasants planted, locks operated and property maintained by The Peninsula Birdhunters Association.


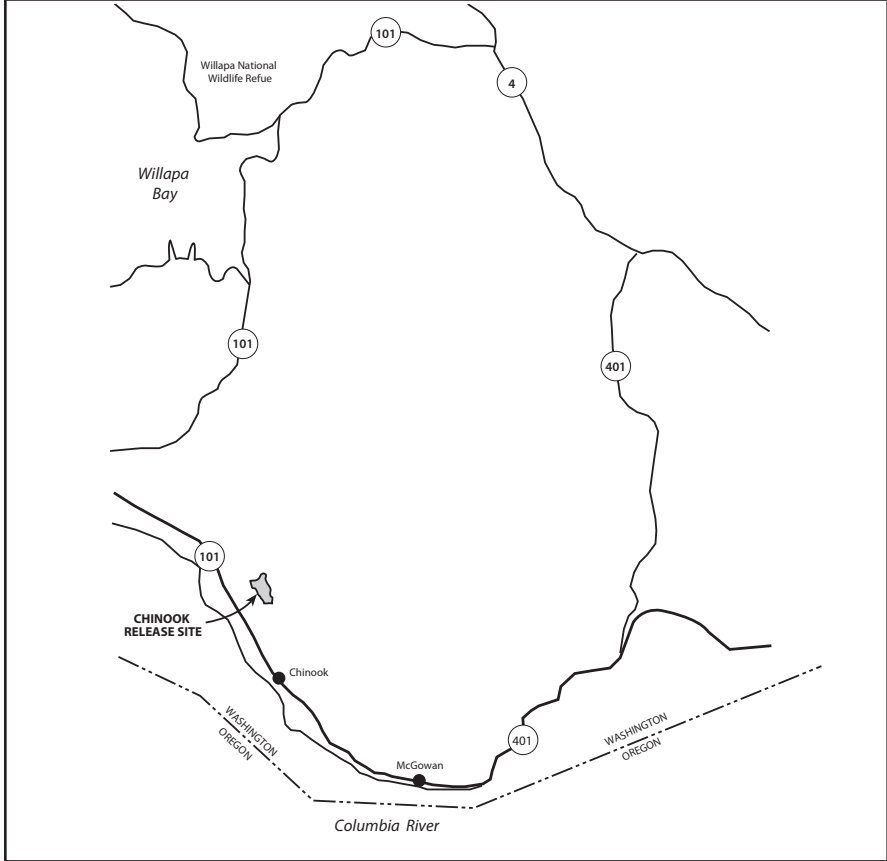


## BELFAIR and SGT. MAC RELEASE SITES

MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON



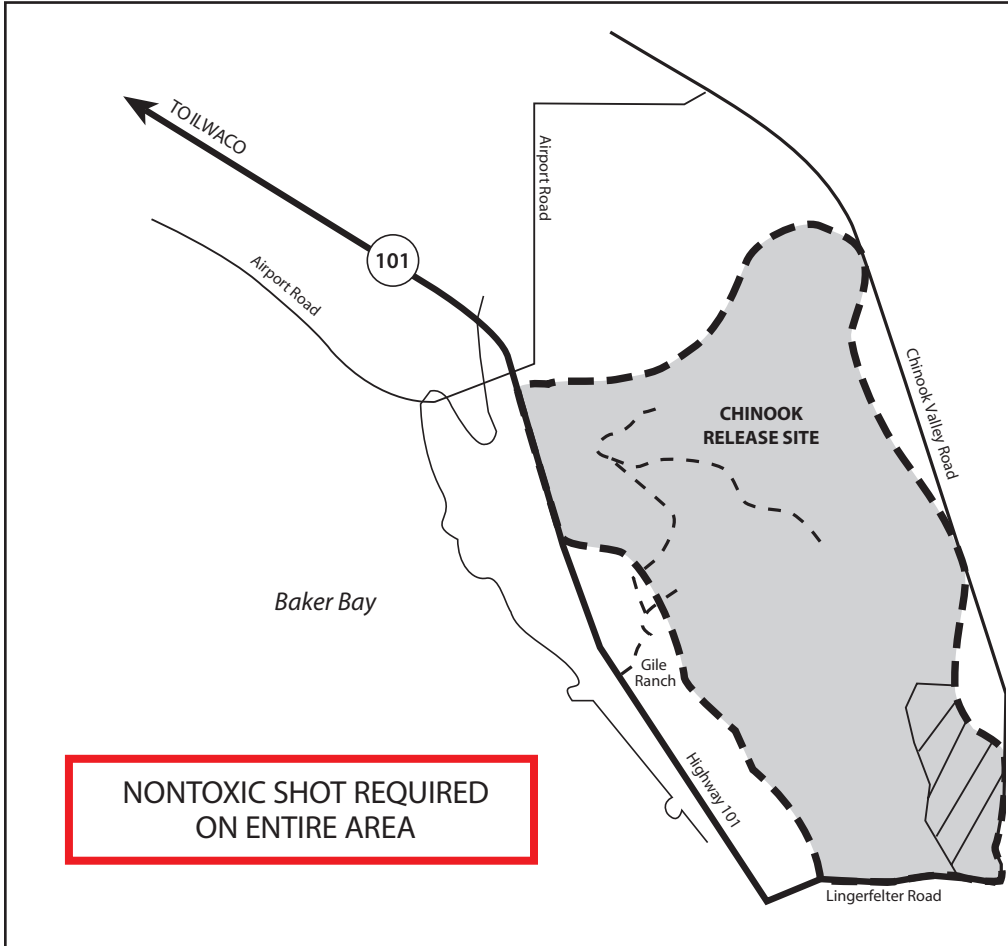
# CHINOOK RELEASE SITE



The **Chinook Release Site** is located on the south shore of the Chinook River between the towns of Chinook and Ilwaco in Pacific County. The release site can be accessed from Lingerfelter Road and Chinook Valley Road off of Highway 101.

**NOTE:** Boundary is not always on the roads!

**Total acreage: ~800 Ac**



## CHINOOK RELEASE SITE PACIFIC COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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