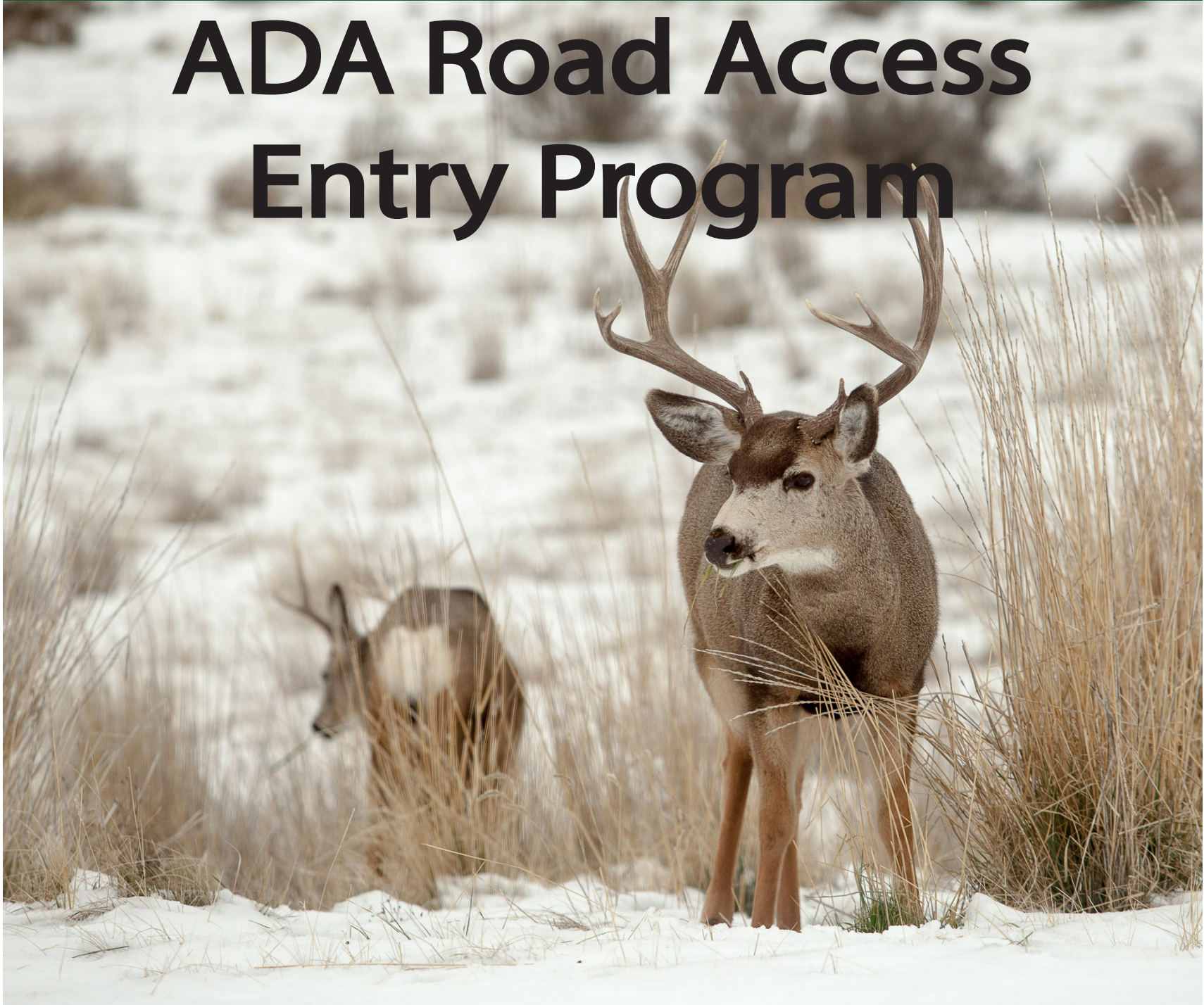


2023 WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE

ADA Road Access Entry Program



Washington Department of
FISH & WILDLIFE

For Persons with Disabilities

Application Period: June 1st - July 31st

Submit applications ONLINE



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ROAD ACCESS ENTRY PROGRAM FOR HUNTERS WITH DISABILITIES

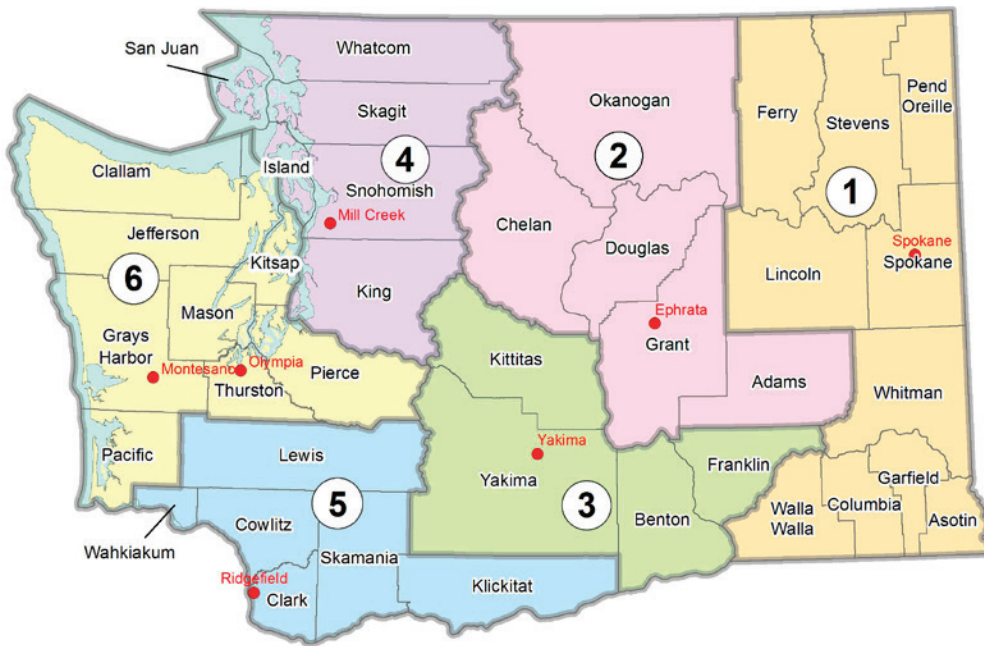
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The State of Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) is an equal opportunity employer. Persons with disabilities who need assistance in the application or testing process, or those needing this booklet in an alternative format, may call (360) 902-2349 or Telecommunications Device for the Deaf 1-800-833-6388.

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,
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fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov

FOR LICENSE INFORMATION & VENDOR LOCATIONS:

(360) 902-2464
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HUNTING PROSPECTS:
wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/prospects



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 Olympia, WA 98501
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- Wildlife Program:** (360) 902-2515
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- To report a violation: (24 hrs)** (877) 933-9847
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- Licensing Division:** (360) 902-2464
- ADA Program** (360) 902-2349

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Disabled Hunter Road Access Entry Program & Drawing

The Road Access Entry Program provides access to hunters with lower extremity mobility disabilities into areas with fewer barriers and vehicle distractions. This program is a cooperative effort between Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO), Department of Natural Resources (DNR), U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Private Timber Companies, Nonprofit Organizations, and Private Landowners. The Road Access Entry Program is NOT the same as the special permit drawings offered each year in the “Big Game Hunting Regulations” booklet or a permit drawing for a deer or elk tag. If drawn, you will be issued an access permit to drive a motorized vehicle into a closed, gated area where other hunters must walk in.

All areas are:

- *open to walk-in hunters.*
- *open to administrative use by the agency or land manager.*
- *subject to tribal treaties, logging, fire, emergency closures, etc.*

Hunters do NOT have to buy their license or tags first to apply for a Road Access Entry Permit. Hunters must be registered with WDFW with a permanent lower extremity mobility disability, have their Disabled Hunter Wild ID number available (this number is on your hunting license), and have WDFW disability status in good standing. If drawn for a Road Access Entry Permit, you must have all appropriate licenses and tags for the game you are pursuing. In addition, everyone must follow all state regulations on hunting in Washington State. For more information on how to obtain disability status, please visit <https://wdfw.wa.gov/accessibility/eligibility-requirements-disability-status>.

Information Pertaining to ATVs/UTVs/E-bikes:

WDFW recognizes the need and benefits of using ATVs, UTVs, and E-bikes for recreational purposes. The ADA Road Access Entry Program permits individuals with lower extremity disabilities and vehicle access to areas others must walk into. For this program, hunters possessing an access permit may drive any street-legal vehicle on the identified roads. Approved vehicles include “On-Road” ATVs, UTVs, or designated classes of E-bikes (Class 1, 2, or 3). ATVs and UTVs are NOT allowed to venture off the designated roads. Hunters may use on-road vehicles to access the permitted area like a standard road vehicle. Class 1 and 2 E-bikes may be used on any trails where other bicycles are allowed if the rider has an ADA placard. Be sure to check with the local ranger station for local regulations. In addition, “Off-road” ATVs or UTVs are only allowed on roads identified on lands where “ATV/UTV use is allowed.” Class 1, 2, and 3 E-bikes are allowed on roads closed to motorized use. Please note that “On-road” means having the proper licenses/tags to operate the vehicle on roadways. “Off-road” means that the motorized vehicle does not have the appropriate licenses/tags to operate on roadways. Hunters who intend to use an “On-road” ATV/UTV as the primary mode of transport for the access permit (instead of a standard vehicle) must procure the proper licenses/tags and let the land manager in your award letter know before arriving on site. Off-road travel is still prohibited even if you use an “On-road” ATV/UTV. *DNR does not allow E-Bikes on roads closed to motorized use.

In addition, many of the properties/lands within the ADA Road Access Entry Program are privately owned and do not fall under the definition of “WDFW/DNR managed lands.” ATV/UTV and E-bike use is not permitted for these properties unless the hunter acquires prior permission from the land/property owner/manager. Individual properties managed by WDFW may also have additional restrictions that limit ATV/UTV/E-bike use. Hunters drawn for an access permit for one of these areas can direct your questions to the land manager listed in your award letter.

The information beginning on page 4 only pertains to properties/lands under partnership for the ADA Road Access Entry Program. For other regulations and/or restrictions on ATV/UTV/E-bike use on WDFW or DNR lands, please contact the appropriate agency representatives.

SPECIFIC PROGRAM INFORMATION:

If you need assistance, please call Licensing at (360) 902-2464

If you have specific program or property questions, please contact:

Ottie McClellan, WDFW ADA Road Access Entry Program Manager at 360-280-3020

Heidi Stephens, DNR ADA Access Manager at (360) 338-2128

Qualifying Program Criteria - Hunter with a Lower Extremity Mobility Disability

To apply for this ADA accommodation, you must meet the following criteria:

1. Have WDFW disability status in good standing, **and**
2. Have a permanent inoperable lower extremity mobility impairment, **and**
3. WAC 220-200-160(1)(a): Have been medically prescribed the use of an assistive device every time for mobility, including, but not limited to, a wheelchair, walker, crutch, lower extremity prosthesis, or oxygen bottle, **or**
4. RCW 46.19.010(1)(a-j): Have been issued a DOL blue disability parking permit, **or**
5. Unable to walk more than 200 feet.

RCW 46.19.010(1)(a-j) DOL disability parking permit criteria:

- (a) Cannot walk two hundred feet without stopping to rest;
- (b) Is severely limited in ability to walk due to arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition;
- (c) Has such a severe disability that the person cannot walk without the use of or assistance from a brace, cane, another person, prosthetic device, wheelchair, or other assistive device;
- (d) Uses portable oxygen;
- (e) Is restricted by lung disease to an extent that forced expiratory respiratory volume, when measured by a spirometer, is less than one liter per second or the arterial oxygen tension is less than sixty mm/hg on room air at rest;
- (f) Impairment by cardiovascular disease or cardiac condition to the extent that the person's functional limitations are classified as class III or IV under standards accepted by the American Heart Association;
- (g) Has a disability resulting from an acute sensitivity to automobile emissions that limits or impairs the ability to walk. The personal physician, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or physician assistant of the applicant shall document that the disability is comparable in severity to the others listed in this subsection;
- (h) Has limited mobility and has no vision or whose vision with corrective lenses is so limited that the person requires alternative methods or skills to do efficiently those things that are ordinarily done with sight by persons with normal vision;
- (i) Has an eye condition of a progressive nature that may lead to blindness; or
- (j) Is restricted by a form of porphyria to the extent that the applicant would significantly benefit from a decrease in exposure to light.

Filling Out the Online Submission Form

The following pages seek to inform hunters about choosing a hunting area and give an idea of its location. Each hunt area has a charted schedule showing the entry number, hunt type, date of hunt, number of permits offered, and species for the year. Each line on the chart schedule represents one road access selection opportunity, and the number of permits indicates the number of hunters drawn for that particular date.

Look through the opportunities carefully, then select up to four (4) options. These options can be any combination of either Elk or Deer. Fill out the online submission form with the entry number(s) for the road area(s) you would like access to. Please consult the hunt area descriptions in this book to determine the location of each hunt opportunity and apply only for those areas you would travel to if you are selected. Entry Numbers in the booklet are separated into two hunt categories, Deer and Elk. Please be aware of which entry you are applying for and ensure you list the appropriate entry number.

Select the number listed under the "Entry Number" column and select it from the drop-down menu in the online application. You may select up to four (4) options. To be considered as an alternate, check the "alternate" box. If hunts remain available after the drawing, WDFW will attempt to match undrawn hunters with disabilities to an area close to their preferred choices by geographic location. If you cannot access this process online, please call Licensing at (360) 902-2464 OR Wildlife Program Customer Service at (360) 902-2515.

Designated Hunting Companions/Companion Hunters

Hunting areas have different rules about whether the hunter companion can also hunt on their license or must only assist the disabled hunter in the harvest. Please verify with the contact person listed in your award letter. Successfully drawn hunters with disabilities and their designated hunting companions must follow the rules of the land manager while hunting and driving in the permit area.

Other Non-hunting Persons

Depending on the area and the permit, other non-hunting persons or family members besides your hunting companion may be allowed to accompany the hunter with a disability. Verify with the contact person listed in your award letter.

Step by Step Instructions on How to Apply through the WILD Licensing System:

Application submissions will begin June 1 and close July 31. WDFW will ONLY accept Road Access Program submissions online and are ONLY available through the WILD Licensing System. Please log in to your WILD account at <https://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov/login> and complete the application. If you need assistance, please call Licensing at (360) 902-2464 OR Wildlife Program Customer Service at (360) 902-2515. The specific instructions on how to apply through WILD are listed below.

1. Log into your WILD account (<https://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov/login>) and verify that your contact information is correct (Email, Physical Address and Phone number).
2. To begin the application, click on the PURCHASE A SPECIAL HUNT APPLICATION tile at the top of your customer home page.
2. Add the free hunt application, 490 - Special Hunt Application Deer and Elk ADA Road Access, to your shopping cart and complete your purchase.
3. From the order confirmation page click on the blue SPECIAL HUNT button to return to your account and submit your hunt choices.
4. On the SPECIAL HUNT page, locate the 2023 Deer and Elk ADA Road Access application in the Special Hunt applications table and click on the blue SUBMIT button.
5. Enter your hunt choices in priority order using the drop down menus, 1 through 4 (any combination of deer or elk), and click on the blue NEXT button.
6. Review your hunt choices to ensure they are correct. If you wish to make changes click on the black CANCEL button to return to the previous page. If they are correct, *you must attest that you meet the minimum requirements to participate in the Road Access Entry program by checking the attestation box (see page 5 for criteria)*, then click on the green CREATE button to submit your hunt choices.
7. You will be sent an email confirmation of your submitted application. Please make sure your email is correct in your profile before submitting the application. Submitted applications can be viewed in your account under the Special Hunt link.

DRAWING NOTIFICATION

Hunters who have been drawn will be notified no later than August 31. Hunters will be able to see if they were drawn in their WILD Account under the Special Hunt Link.

Those who are drawn will receive the following information:

- Congratulation letter
- Information about the Road Access Entry Area for which they were drawn, and
- Instructions about how to obtain the access permit, lock combination and/or key, map, etc.

You may be required to visit the land manager's office in person at a specific time to pick up a key, sign papers, and receive the access permit.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE

Please notify the ADA Road Access Entry Program Manager as soon as possible if you cannot use the permit drawn to allow the permit to be reissued to an alternate. *Please ensure that your information is entered correctly on your application;* incorrect data may lead to your application being denied.

TIPS FOR HUNTERS WITH DISABILITIES DRAWN FOR AN ACCESS PERMIT:

Please follow the WDFW or DNR letter instructions if you are successfully drawn for an access permit. *Letters from DNR will come via email only.* The letter will describe obtaining your key, combination, and other documents needed to enter the gated access area.

PLEASE REMEMBER...

- Be courteous to the staff where you pick up your key/combination. Land managers are providing these keys/combinations and supplying the paperwork as a courtesy to you.
- Have your License and Hunter Companion Card with you.
- If you were issued a key for your hunt, please return it and the required paperwork when your hunt concludes.

Follow all hunting regulations, rules, instructions, and procedures of the access permit and land manager so you and other hunters with disabilities will be welcomed back.

REMEMBER...

- Access to these areas does not guarantee hunting success. The entry permit allows you to drive a vehicle into an area other hunters walk into. All other state hunting laws apply to you. Other vehicle traffic may be permitted in the area for reasons other than hunting. Other hunters with disabilities may be in the area at the same time.
- Signs, gates, or locks may be vandalized or damaged and may prevent you from entering the area you are assigned. If this occurs, contact the landowner or call WDFW immediately. WDFW cannot guarantee you will be able to use your access permit at your appointed time if these circumstances occur.

If you suspect an illegal activity, **DO NOT ENDANGER YOURSELF**. Instead, note the vehicle's description, persons involved, license plate number, time, place, etc., and notify the Land Manager and Law Enforcement as soon as possible.

You must return the key issued to you within the time frame stated on your access permit paperwork. The key is government property. If the key is not returned, you may be cited and removed from the program and lose your hunting privileges.

DISCLAIMER:

Please Note: If any of the following dates associated with the GMU are incorrect, or the GMUs listed in this booklet are incorrect, the 2023 "Big Game Hunting Regulations" pamphlet dates related to the GMUs apply. The hunter is responsible for ensuring that you are appropriately licensed, hunting within the legal areas, and hunting for the appropriate species. Landowners and managers may cancel the permit at any time due to fire danger, logging activity, vandalism, etc. The Department has no control over these decisions. This program does not guarantee a successful harvest.

WAC 220-413-140 Hunting of game birds and animals by persons with a disability.

(1) Definitions:

- (a) "Hunter with a disability" means a person who has been granted a disability designation and who possesses a valid disabled hunter endorsement issued by the department.
- (b) "Disabled hunter endorsement" means an endorsement to a license issued by the department to a person granted a disability designation.
- (c) "Designated hunter companion" means a designated person who only assists with that physical function the hunter with a disability is unable to perform, such as stalking, shooting, tracking, retrieving, or the tagging of game birds and game animals.
- (d) "Designated hunter companion card" means an identification card issued by the department to a hunter with a disability for use by another person in assisting or acting on the behalf of the hunter with a disability while engaging in hunting activities.
- (e) "Accompany" means the hunter with a disability and the designated hunter companion are in the physical presence of each other, not to exceed a 1/4-mile separation.

(2) WDFW will include a designated hunter companion card for the holder of a disabled hunter permit when the hunting license is issued. While stalking or shooting an animal, the hunter with a disability and the designated hunter companion must have a form of reliable and direct communication.

(3) It is unlawful for a hunter with a disability to fail to obtain all required licenses, tags, or stamps before hunting.

(4) It is unlawful for a designated hunter companion to assist a hunter with a disability unless the designated hunter companion has the designated hunter companion card on his or her person. A designated hunter companion must have a valid hunting license issued by Washington state or another state.

- (a) The designated hunter companion must accompany the hunter with a disability when stalking or shooting game on behalf of the hunter with a disability.
- (b) The designated hunter companion does not need to accompany the hunter with a disability while tracking an animal wounded by either hunter, or while tagging or retrieving a downed animal on behalf of the hunter with a disability.

(5) It is unlawful for the hunter with a disability or the designated hunter companion to fail to:

- (a) Immediately cut, notch, or date any required tag upon harvesting a game bird or animal; and
- (b) Affix the tag to the carcass of the game bird or animal as soon as is reasonably possible after killing the game.

(6) Game birds or game animals killed, tagged or retrieved by a designated hunter companion on behalf of a hunter with a disability do not count against the designated hunter companion's bag or possession limit.

(7) It is unlawful for a hunter with a disability to possess a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle, or shoot from a motor vehicle, unless the hunter with a disability has been issued a special use permit from the department, and

- (a) The vehicle is stopped, the vehicle is removed from the maintained portion of the roadway, and the motor is turned off; and
- (b) A valid blue disabled hunter "shooting from a vehicle" identification placard must be displayed and visible.

(8) It is unlawful for a hunter with a disability to utilize a crossbow in archery or muzzleloader season, unless the hunter with a disability has been issued a special use permit from the department.

Persons with Disabilities

WDFW may issue a disability designation to a person with permanent disabilities as described in WAC 220-200-160.

WDFW DISABILITY STATUS:

A person with a disability is a person who has a permanent physical or developmental disability which substantially impairs their ability to participate in recreational activities or to access department lands.



ACCESSIBILITY WAC RULES

WAC 220-200-160, WAC 220-200-170, WAC 220-200-180, WAC 220-200-190, WAC 220-413-140, WAC 220-413-210.

All disability-related WAC language is available online at: wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/accessibility/laws

DISABLED HUNTER PROGRAM:

A hunter with a disability means a person who has been granted a disability designation and issued a valid disabled hunter endorsement on their license by the department.

The hunter with a disability issued a disability endorsement will receive a designated hunter companion card. The hunter companion card allows a licensed hunter to assist the disabled hunter with that physical function the hunter with a disability is unable to perform. The hunter companion must be in the physical presence of the disabled hunter, not to exceed a ¼ mile separation. The hunter and companion must have a form of reliable and direct communication. A hunter with a disability may no longer possess a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle, or shoot from a motor vehicle, unless the hunter with a disability has been issued a special use permit from the department. In addition, it is unlawful for a hunter with a disability to utilize a crossbow in archery or [muzzleloader season](#), unless the hunter with a disability has been issued

a special use permit from the department. (For complete ADA hunting information and definitions, please refer to WAC 220-413-140.)

SPECIAL USE PERMITS:

Special use permits issued by the department allow for a limited, specific exception to a recreational activity, service, equipment, or regulation for persons granted a permanent disability designation and are processed through the Licensing Division. For complete special use permit information and definitions, please refer to WAC 220-200-170 or visit the Special Use Permit Program website at: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/accessibility/wdfw-special-use-permit-program>.

ROAD ACCESS ENTRY PROGRAM

This program provides opportunities for accessibility modifications to hunters with a mobility disability, unable to walk 200' feet, or who have been medically prescribed the use of an assistive device every time for mobility such as; a wheelchair, walker, crutch, prosthetic, leg brace, or oxygen. Many new opportunities are being developed and existing areas may rotate due to current activities within those areas.

Access roads are identified through signage at the gated entry points. Hunters drawn for access will receive a permit for entry.

These opportunities are in cooperation with the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR), U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), and private timber companies and private landowners.

The Road Access Entry Booklet is available online, June 1st and can be requested after June 1st at any WDFW Office. Submissions are accepted from June 1st through July 31st of each year. For 2023, all applicants must apply through the online licensing system (WILD). They can access the application via their WILD account.

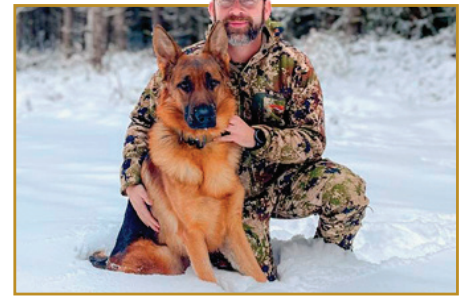


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For information about opportunities on DNR lands only, call (360) 902-1375.

For other information about the Road Access Entry Program, please call WDFW at (360) 902-2247.

DISABLED TRAPPER PROGRAM:

A trapper with a disability means a person who has been granted a disability designation and issued a valid disabled hunter endorsement on their trapper license by the department.

OTHER ACCESSIBILITY OPTIONS:

Other opportunities are available through the special deer and elk permit drawings in this pamphlet. Accessible waterfowl blinds are located around the state on private, state, and federal lands. Each regional office has possible program modifications and accessible facilities located within its region. They can help you with your hunting prospects for that specific area.

The Private Lands Access Program provides hunting access to 1.8 million acres of private land. Enrolled properties can be found at: wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/locations/private-lands

For questions about your license, or to request a Hunter/Fisher Disability Status or Special Use Permit application contact:

- **WDFW Licensing Division:** (360) 902-2464
- **Hearing impaired TTD:** 711
- **For Wildlife questions:** (360) 902-2515
- **Hunter Education questions:** (360) 902-8111

1. Tag Your Big Game Immediately (WAC 220-413-020):

Immediately after any big game animal or turkey has been killed, the appropriate tag of the person who has taken the animal must be:

- **Validated:** Cut out and completely remove the month and day of kill. Month and day must be completely removed. A slit is not acceptable.
- **Securely attached** to the carcass in a visible manner.

2. Transporting Wildlife:

You must transport any big game animal or turkey with the proper tag attached. The properly validated tag must remain with the meat until it is eaten (including cold storage).

If quartered, the tag should remain with the carcass or largest portion of the carcass. If you need to take the head to a taxidermist and the meat to be processed, you can complete a taxidermy ledger or invoice, providing information outlined under "Possession and Use of Wildlife" for the taxidermist, and keep the tag with the meat at the processor.

3. Evidence of Animal's Sex (WAC 220-413-090):

It is illegal to possess or transport big game animals unless evidence of the animal's sex is left naturally attached to the carcass until the carcass is processed or stored for consumption. Evidence of sex means:

- **Male** - head with antlers or horns attached or penis or testes any of which must be naturally attached to at least one quarter of the carcass or to the largest portion of meat.
- **Female** - the head or udder must be naturally attached to at least one quarter of the carcass or to the largest portion of meat.

Big game taken in antler or horn restriction areas: The head or skull plate, with both horns or both antlers naturally attached, must accompany the carcass while in transit or in possession.

State Recreation Lands

Anglers, hunters, and others who park on Washington state recreation lands must use either the WDFW Vehicle Access Pass or the Washington State Discover Pass.

WDFW VEHICLE ACCESS PASS (VAP)

Most annual hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses include a complimentary Vehicle Access Pass, which allows you to park at WDFW wildlife areas and water access areas. This pass is good only at WDFW managed lands.

WASHINGTON STATE DISCOVER PASS

To park at recreational properties owned or managed by Washington State Parks or the Washington Department of Natural Resources, you will need a state Discover Pass. The Discover Pass is also good at WDFW managed lands.

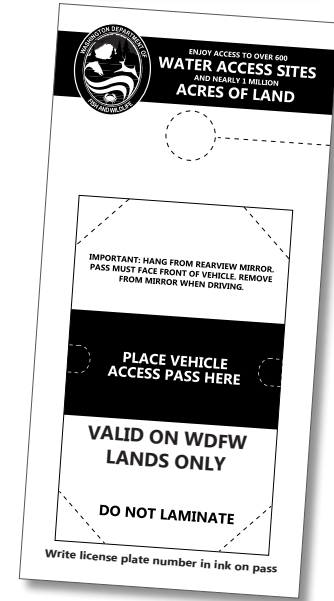
Proceeds from Discover Pass sales support the operation and maintenance of state-managed recreation lands throughout Washington. More information is online at <https://store.discoverpass.wa.gov/>.

WHERE TO PURCHASE

Fishing and hunting licenses, which include the Vehicle Access Pass, and the Discover Pass are available online at <https://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov/#/login>; by phone at 360-902-2464; or at retail license vendors throughout the state. A complete vendor list is online at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/licenses/dealers>. The Discover Pass may also be purchased online at <http://discoverpass.wa.gov/>; by phone at 866-320-9933; and at state parks and parks system offices. Information about sales locations is online at <https://discoverpass.wa.gov/133/Where-to-Buy>.

YOU MUST DISPLAY YOUR PARKING PASS

Whenever you park at state recreation lands, you must display the Vehicle Access Pass or the Discover Pass so that it is visible from outside the vehicle. Both passes may be transferred between two vehicles, but a single pass may be used for only one vehicle at a time.



Turn in a Poacher (TIP) Trailer

The Washington Hunter Education/Turn In A Poacher (HE/TIP) trailer has two primary purposes: a) To engage the hunting public and general public in direct protection of their natural resources; and b) To promote Hunter Education and recruitment of the next generation of hunters needed to continue the heritage of hunting in Washington State. It will be used by Fish and Wildlife Officers throughout the state as a community policing and preventative enforcement tool. Scheduling of the TIP Trailer is determined by the Enforcement Headquarters Lieutenant (360) 902-2923.

WASHINGTON STATE PATROL PHONE NUMBERS:

Aberdeen/Hoquiam	(360) 533-5707	Olympia	(360) 596-1999
Bellevue	(425) 649-4370	Port Angeles	(360) 452-3394
Bellingham	(360) 676-2076	Shelton	(360) 426-6674
Bremerton	(360) 478-4646	Spokane	(509) 456-4101
Burlington	(360) 757-1175	Tacoma	(253) 536-6210
Centralia/Chehalis	(360) 748-6633	Vancouver	(360) 449-7999
Ephrata	(509) 754-3571	Wenatchee	(509) 663-9721
Gig Harbor	(253) 858-8800	Yakima	(509) 575-2320
Long Beach Peninsula	(360) 533-5707		
Longview/Kelso	(360) 577-2050		
Marysville	(360) 658-1345		



Become a Good Witness

Visit the Eyes In The Woods Association website and enroll in a Crime Observation and Reporting Training (C.O.R.T.) session.

WASHINGTON WILDLIFE LICENSE PLATES



Deer, Elk and Bear Plates

Supports habitat improvements, hunting access improvements, & improved population monitoring for game animals.



Orca Plate

Supports endangered species population management, habitat restoration, and recovery.



Eagle Plate

Supports working with communities and organizations to develop or improve watchable wildlife.



Steelhead Plate

Supports measures that guide fisheries management, hatchery operations, monitoring and habitat-restoration.



Personalized Plates

Supports management and conservation of animals that are not hunted or trapped, and rehabilitation of sick, injured wildlife.

Each wildlife license plate purchase is \$72.75 (includes regular vehicle licensing fees), \$30 each year to renew.
 Personalized wildlife license plate purchase is \$124.75 (includes regular vehicle licensing fees) \$42 each year to renew.
 Personalized plate with Mt. Rainier background is \$84.75 (includes regular vehicle licensing fees) \$42 each year to renew.



For more information or to purchase a Wildlife License Plate or Personalized Plate visit your local vehicle licensing office or visit dol.wa.gov

Hunting Hours

2023-2024 OFFICIAL HUNTING HOURS FOR GAME ANIMALS AND FOREST GROUSE*

Always know your target.

The “golden hour” may be an effective time for finding game, but as light diminishes, so does your ability to identify your target. In these situations, make sure you know your target and what is beyond.

*These are lawful hunting hours (one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset) for game animals and forest grouse (ruffed, blue, spruce) during established seasons.

EXCEPTIONS:

- (a) Bobcat and raccoon are exempt from hunting hour restrictions except as stated on pages 21 and 48. A small game license is required to harvest a bobcat or raccoon. Night Hunting for Bobcat is prohibited in the following GMUs that fall within the Lynx management zones: 101, 105, 111, 113, 117, 203, 204, 215, 218, 224, 231, 233, 242 through 247, 250, 426 and 450.
- (b) Hunting hours for falconry seasons (except migratory game bird seasons) are exempt from these hunting hours, except on designated pheasant release sites.

Hunting hours for turkeys are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Turkey and other small game seasons will be published in the Game Bird and Small Game Regulations pamphlet in June.

DATES (INCLUSIVE)	WESTERN WASHINGTON	EASTERN WASHINGTON
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME		
Fri. Sept. 1 – Sun. Sept. 3	6:00 am – 8:20 pm	5:45 am – 8:05 pm
Mon. Sept. 4 – Sun. Sept. 10	6:05 am – 8:10 pm	5:55 am – 7:55 pm
Mon. Sept. 11 – Sun. Sept. 17	6:15 am – 7:55 pm	6:05 am – 7:40 pm
Mon. Sept. 18 – Sun. Sept. 24	6:25 am – 7:40 pm	6:10 am – 7:30 pm
Mon. Sept. 25 – Sun. Oct. 1	6:35 am – 7:25 pm	6:20 am – 7:15 pm
Mon. Oct. 2 – Sun. Oct. 8	6:45 am – 7:10 pm	6:30 am – 7:00 pm
Mon. Oct. 9 – Sun. Oct. 15	6:55 am – 6:55 pm	6:40 am – 6:45 pm
Mon. Oct. 16 – Sun. Oct. 22	7:05 am – 6:45 pm	6:50 am – 6:30 pm
Mon. Oct. 23 – Sun. Oct. 29	7:10 am – 6:35 pm	7:00 am – 6:20 pm
Mon. Oct 30 – Sat. Nov. 4	7:25 am – 6:20 pm	7:10 am – 6:10 pm
PACIFIC STANDARD TIME		
Sun. Nov. 5	6:25 am – 5:20 pm	6:10 am – 5:10 pm
Mon. Nov. 6 – Sun. Nov. 12	6:35 am – 5:10 pm	6:25 am – 5:00 pm
Mon. Nov. 13 – Sun. Nov. 19	6:45 am – 5:00 pm	6:35 am – 4:50 pm
Mon. Nov. 20 – Sun. Nov. 26	6:55 am – 4:55 pm	6:45 am – 4:45 pm
Mon. Nov. 27 – Sun. Dec. 3	7:05 am – 4:50 pm	6:55 am – 4:40 pm
Mon. Dec. 4 – Sun. Dec. 10	7:15 am – 4:50 pm	7:00 am – 4:35 pm
Mon. Dec. 11 – Sun. Dec. 17	7:20 am – 4:50 pm	7:10 am – 4:35 pm
Mon. Dec. 18 – Sun. Dec. 24	7:25 am – 4:50 pm	7:10 am – 4:40 pm
Mon. Dec. 25 – Sun. Dec. 31	7:25 am – 4:55 pm	7:15 am – 4:40 pm
Mon. Jan. 1 – Sun. Jan. 7	7:30 am – 5:00 pm	7:15 am – 4:50 pm
Mon. Jan. 8 – Sun. Jan. 14	7:25 am – 5:10 pm	7:15 am – 5:00 pm
Mon. Jan. 15 – Sun. Jan. 21	7:20 am – 5:20 pm	7:10 am – 5:10 pm
Mon. Jan. 22 – Sun. Jan. 28	7:15 am – 5:30 pm	7:00 am – 5:20 pm
Mon. Jan. 29 – Wed. Jan. 31	7:10 am – 5:35 pm	6:55 am – 5:20 pm

No Hunting of Pronghorn Antelope

Pronghorn antelope disappeared from Washington decades ago, but have recently been reintroduced to both the Yakama and Colville Reservations (where tribal governments have authority over resident wildlife). You may encounter small groups, both within, and well beyond the borders of these reservations. Although classified as a game species in Washington, there is currently NO harvest of pronghorns authorized by the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission. The distribution of pronghorns in Washington overlaps that of mule deer. Hunters: Please be aware of the difference.

For more information on Pronghorn Antelope, see <https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/species/antilacapra-americana>

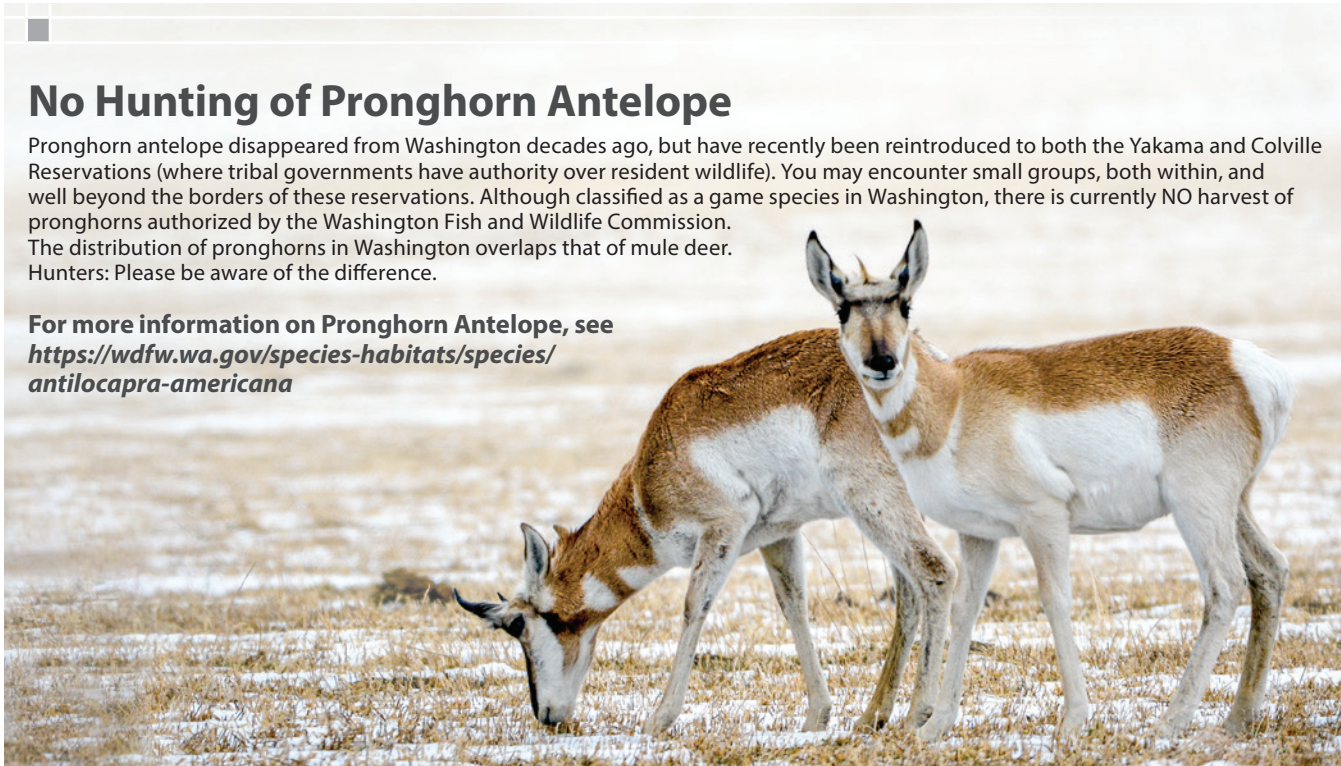


Photo by Jason Brooks

2024 Multi-Season Permits

Hunt Big Game General Seasons from September 1 - December 31

Applications on Sale:
December 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024

What Is It?

This is an application that allows you the ability to purchase a multi-season deer or elk tag if selected during the drawing process. If selected, you may hunt in any open unit during all general seasons starting with archery and continuing on for muzzleloader and then to modern firearm. The bag limit does not increase. One tag equals one animal. You must comply with all rules and weapon restrictions for the season in effect.

There are 8,500 deer and 1,000 elk tags available for the drawing.

Benefits

- Increase your success rate in harvesting deer or elk.
- You may also apply for any weapon type within special permits.
- Elk multi-season permit holders may hunt eastern and western Washington.

How Does It Work?

1. Purchase Application

(12/01/23 through 03/31/24)

You may purchase at a license vendor, online at fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov, or by calling 1-866-246-9453.

Refer to page 8 for application prices.

You DO NOT need to purchase a deer or elk license and tag before purchasing a multi-season application.

2. Submit Application

If you are applying as an individual, your application is automatically submitted at the time of the drawing. No further action is needed to participate in the draw.

If you would like to apply as a group (maximum of 2 people), you must submit your application online at fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov or by calling 360-902-2464 before March 31.

If you only want a point for your application, you must submit your application for a point online at fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov or by calling 360-902-2462 before March 31.

See page 16-17 for more information on applying for special permits.

3. Check Drawing Results

Drawing results will be posted online at fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov in April, before special permits submittals open. Winners will be notified by mail or email.

4. Purchase Multi-season Deer or Elk Tag

If selected, you must purchase prior to midnight on July 31, 2024. In addition to the cost of your original deer or elk license, you must purchase the multi-season tag.

The cost for both resident and non-resident multi-season tags are:

Multi-season deer tag: **\$139.10**

Multi-season elk tag: **\$182.00**

Please note that if you purchase your general season tag before you are selected, your general season tag must be surrendered before you can purchase a multi-season tag. Contact the licensing division during normal business hours at 1-866-246-9453.

Left Over Permits

Permits not purchased by successful applicants by August 1 may be sold to non-selected applicants at the discretion of the Department. The Department will announce in mid-August when and how the remaining tags will be available. To ensure you receive the announcement, keep your email address updated in your profile.

Western Washington Road Access Entry Sites

Game Management Units



WDFW Cowlitz WLA

Peterman Ridge Unit

GMU 505

Directions:

The 6,840-acre Peterman Ridge Unit is located south of Morton in Lewis County. Owned by Tacoma Power and managed by WDFW, this area is home to black-tailed deer. From Highway 12 near Morton, turn south onto Highland Valley Road. Stay uphill to Peterman Hill Road, the entry point is at the 1500 Road. Access to over 7 miles of Mainline Road.

Notes:

All permits must be displayed.

ATV/UTV use is allowed, but no off-road travel is permitted.

Camping is available at Ike Kinswa State Park on Mayfield Lake.

RV and tent camping is available in Morton at Gust Backstrom City Park.

One non-hunting person in addition to the Hunter and Hunter Companion is allowed to assist.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
100	Early Archery	Sept. 1-12	1	Deer
101	Early Archery	Sept. 15-29	1	Deer
102	Muzzleloader	Sept. 30-Oct. 8	1	Deer
103	Modern	Oct. 14-21	1	Deer
104	Modern	Oct. 23-31	1	Deer
105	Late Modern	Nov. 16-19	1	Deer
106	Late Archery	Nov. 22-Dec. 9	1	Deer
107	Late Archery	Dec. 12-31	1	Deer

Tips for a successful drawing submission:

1. Apply through the WILD Licensing System (<https://fishhunt.dfw.wa.gov/login>) following the TWO-PART process.
 - a. Purchase the free **490 - Special Hunt Application Deer and Elk ADA Road Access** permit.
 - b. THEN, go to the **Special Hunt** page and make your top four choices.
2. Double check that your selection is for the correct SPECIES, WEAPON TYPE, and LOCATION.
3. See page 6 for detailed instructions.

TransAlta/Skookumchuck GMU 667

Directions:

The 960-acre Skookumchuck Unit is managed by and on TransAlta’s private property located eleven miles NE of Centralia and downstream from the Skookumchuck Dam in Thurston County. On Hwy 507, go south of Tenino towards Bucoda 2.3 miles and turn left (east) onto 184th Ave SE, which becomes Skookumchuck Rd. SE. Proceed 5.4 miles and turn right (south) onto Thompson Creek Rd SE. Proceed 1.0 miles to TransAlta’s Gate #17 on the left just past BPA’s transmission lines. This road is 1.9 miles long. Deer and Elk move into and through this security cover from forage fields on the north side of the river and meadows on the south side.

Notes:

This access is for the south side of the Skookumchuck River and for Elk only.
ATVs/UTVs/E-bikes, target shooting, and overnight camping are not permitted in the habitat area.
Camping is available at Millersylvania State Park.
Hunter may bring one hunter companion to help.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
108	Early Muzzleloader	Oct. 7-13	1	Elk
109	Modern	Nov. 4-9	1	Elk
110	Modern	Nov. 11-15	1	Elk
111	Late Muzzleloader	Nov. 22-Dec. 8	1	Elk



Youth Outdoors Unlimited, Y.O.U.

Y.O.U. is a Central WA based non-profit corporation organized to take youth who have been diagnosed with a life threatening illness and/or physical disability on fully funded and guided hunting and fishing adventures.

Do you know a youth or would like to be a sponsor?

Reach out to us at:

Online: www.youthoutdoorsu.org

Email: you@youthoutdoorsu.org OR

Call Cindy Carpenter, President at (509) 431-1604

DNR Capitol Forest DC Line Road GMU 663

Directions:

Located in the Capitol Forest between Porter and Oakville opposite of State Route 12 – Mile Post 31. Approximately 10 miles of road accessing good views of both timber and cut over areas.

Notes:

Be extremely cautious - logging may be occurring on this road.

ATV/UTV use is allowed, but no off-road travel is permitted.

No camping.

Active brush picking lease.

Discover Pass is required.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
112	Early Archery	Sept. 1-14	3	Deer
113	Early Archery	Sept. 15-29	3	Deer
114	Muzzleloader	Sept. 30-Oct. 8	3	Deer
115	Modern	Oct. 14-19	3	Deer
116	Modern	Oct. 20-25	3	Deer
117	Modern	Oct. 26-31	3	Deer
118	Late Modern	Nov. 16-19	3	Deer
119	Late Archery	Nov. 22-Dec. 11	3	Deer
120	Late Archery	Dec. 12-31	3	Deer

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 - b. THEN, go to the **Special Hunt** page and make your top four choices.
2. Double check that your selection is for the correct SPECIES, WEAPON TYPE, and LOCATION.
3. See page 6 for detailed instructions.

**DNR Cassidy Creek
PA-L 1000 Road
GMU 621**

Directions:

From Sequim on Highway 101 travel 2.1 miles west to Hooker Rd. Turn left and travel .3 miles to Atterbury Rd. Turn right and travel 2.1 miles to Cassidy Rd. Turn left and travel 1.1 miles to the gate.

Notes:

ATV/UTV use is allowed, but no off-road travel is permitted.
 No camping.
 There are other recreationists allowed behind the gate.
 Follow signage for trail access requirements.
 Discover Pass is required.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
121	Early Archery	Sept. 1-29	1	Deer
122	Muzzleloader	Sept. 30-Oct. 8	1	Deer
123	Modern	Oct. 14-19	1	Deer
124	Modern	Oct. 20-25	1	Deer
125	Modern	Oct. 26-31	1	Deer
126	Late Modern	Nov. 16-19	1	Deer
127	Late Muzzleloader	Nov. 22-Dec.15	1	Deer

Reward Program

Information that contributes substantially to an arrest of another person for violation of Title 77.15 RCW or WAC 220, including the loss of fish, wildlife, or damage to WDFW property, could be eligible for a cash reward. Annually, about \$8,000 is paid in rewards.

Hunting bonus points (up to 10) may be awarded for violation information about illegal hunting or killing of big game or an endangered species. Bonus points provide a greatly improved chance of drawing special permits for hunting.

DNR Dry Hill

PA-H 3000 Road

GMU 621

Directions:

From Port Angeles at SR-177/US-101 travel west 2.3 miles and turn left onto Walkabout Way. Travel approximately 0.2 miles to a split in the road. Take the right fork to the gate.

Notes:

ATV/UTV use is allowed, but no off-road travel is permitted.

No camping.

There are other recreationists allowed behind the gate.

Follow signage for trail access requirements.

Discover Pass is required.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
128	Early Archery	Sept. 1-29	1	Deer
129	Muzzleloader	Sept. 30-Oct. 8	1	Deer
130	Modern	Oct. 14-19	1	Deer
131	Modern	Oct. 20-25	1	Deer
132	Modern	Oct. 26-31	1	Deer
133	Late Modern	Nov.16-19	1	Deer
134	Late Muzzleloader	Nov. 22-Dec.15	1	Deer

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See page 34 for more details.

DNR Elbe Hills GMU 654

Directions:

81 Road - From Eatonville, drive east on Center Street E for 0.5 miles. Continue on Alder Cutoff Rd E for 2.2 miles. Turn onto Scott Turner Rd E for 5.5 miles. Continue onto DNR 8 Rd for 0.4 miles. Turn north onto DNR 81 Rd. 83 Road - Follow the 8 Rd for 2.3 miles and turn left onto the 83 Road.

Notes:

ATV/UTV use is allowed, but no off-road travel is permitted.

No camping behind the gates and no campfires allowed.

May close due to weather or fires.

Discover Pass Required.

**Attention - Tribal hunting is permitted in this area. WDFW cannot assure the quality of this hunt.*

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
135	Early Archery	Sept. 1-29	1	Deer
136	Modern	Oct. 14-19	2	Deer
137	Modern	Oct. 20-25	2	Deer
138	Modern	Oct. 26-31	2	Deer
139	Late Modern	Nov. 16-19	2	Deer
140	Late Muzzleloader	Nov. 22-Dec. 15	1	Deer
141	Late Archery	Nov. 22-Dec. 31	2	Deer

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
142	Early Archery	Sept. 9-21	1	Elk
143	Early Muzzleloader	Oct. 7-13	2	Elk
144	Modern	Nov. 4-15	2	Elk

DNR Green Mountain

4 and 6 Road

GMU 627

Directions:

Go northwest from Bremerton and take Seabeck Highway to Holly Road. Take Holly Road about 2 miles (just past Wildcat Trailhead) and turn left on Rock Quarry Road. Go through county gate stay to the left and follow about 0.2 miles to DNR gate. This is the GM 4 road.

Notes:

Logging operations may be occurring, and there are other recreation users in the area, so be sure of your shot.

ATV/UTV use is allowed on roads only - no off road travel.

No camping.

Discover Pass is required.

*Active brush lease area.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
145	Early Archery	Sept. 1-29	1	Deer
146	Early Muzzleloader	Sept. 30-Oct. 8	1	Deer
147	Modern	Oct. 14-19	2	Deer
148	Modern	Oct. 20-25	2	Deer
149	Modern	Oct. 26-31	2	Deer
150	Late Modern	Nov. 16-19	2	Deer
151	Late Archery	Nov. 22-Dec.31	1	Deer

IMPORTANT NOTE

The ADA Road Access Drawing submission is a two-part process. Buy the free permit, then choose your desired hunts. Check page 6 for detailed instructions.

Choose the correct hunt number for your desired SPECIES, WEAPON TYPE, and LOCATION.

DNR Hood Canal State Forest GMU 621

Directions:

From Highway 101 and Jorsted Creek Road (Forest Service 24 Road) follow 2.1 miles to the junction of FS 2480 and FS 24 Roads. Turn left onto FS24 and follow for 2.9 miles. Turn left onto FS 2420 to the gate.

Notes:

There are several large thinning units behind the gate.
Berry pickers may be present. Active brush lease area.
ATV/UTV use is allowed, but no off-road travel is permitted.
No camping.
Discover Pass Required.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
152	Early Archery	Sept. 1-29	2	Deer
153	Early Muzzleloader	Sept. 30-Oct. 8	2	Deer
154	Modern	Oct. 14-19	2	Deer
155	Modern	Oct. 20-25	2	Deer
156	Modern	Oct. 26-31	2	Deer
157	Late Modern	Nov. 16-19	2	Deer
158	Late Muzzleloader	Nov. 22-Dec.15	2	Deer

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See page 34 for more details.

DNR Lincoln Creek L 1000 Road GMU 501

Directions:

I-5 & Centralia take Exit 82 and go west on Harrison Ave 0.8 miles, then turn left onto Galvin Road for 2 miles to Galvin, then continue west on Lincoln Creek Road for 11.4 miles, turn right (north) on Manners Road for 2.6 miles. Turn left (west) on Garrard Creek Road for 3.1 miles. Lincoln Creek 1000 Road is on the left. This area has various terrain.

Notes:

- No ATV/UTV use allowed.
- Camping permitted - no campfires allowed.
- Do NOT block road or gates.
- Discover Pass is required.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
159	Early Archery	Sept. 1-29	1	Deer
160	Early Muzzleloader	Sept. 30-Oct. 8	2	Deer
161	Modern	Oct. 14-19	2	Deer
162	Modern	Oct. 20-25	2	Deer
163	Modern	Oct. 26-31	2	Deer
164	Late Modern	Nov. 16-19	2	Deer
165	Late Muzzleloader	Nov. 22-Dec.15	1	Deer

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
166	Early Archery	Sept. 9-21	1	Elk
167	Early Muzzleloader	Oct. 7-13	2	Elk
168	Modern	Nov. 4-15	2	Elk
169	Late Muzzleloader	Nov. 22-Dec. 8	1	Elk

DNR Markworth Forest East GMU 460

Directions:

I-90 to Preston (Exit #22) then north to Fall City pass Twin Rivers Golf Course - Cross bridge over the Snoqualmie River and turn left on Highway 203 to Carnation. Go six miles (through Carnation) and go three more miles and turn right on Stillwater Hill Road. Stay to the right on Rock Road and veer to the right on Stossel Creek Way. Go 1 mile veer right again to enter Markworth State Forest. At the four-way, access is allowed behind both gates.

Notes:

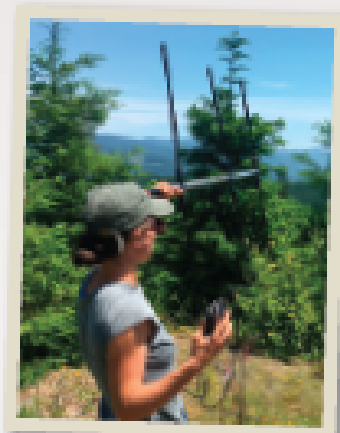
- All roads beyond the gate are open to hunting.
- Logging activity may be present.
- Wastewater sludge is sprayed over vegetation in August leaving a mild odor.
- No ATV/UTV use allowed.
- No camping.
- Discover Pass Required.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
170	Early Archery	Sept. 1-29	3	Deer
171	Modern	Oct. 14-19	3	Deer
172	Modern	Oct. 20-25	3	Deer
173	Modern	Oct. 26-31	3	Deer
174	Late Archery	Nov. 22-Dec. 15	2	Deer
175	Late Muzzleloader	Nov. 22-Dec.15	1	Deer

Help WDFW Manage Your Wildlife Resources

Radio-Collars and Chemical Immobilizing Drugs

Attention hunters: When drugs are used to capture an animal, it is marked with an ear tag printed with directions to call the Department before consuming the meat. This is so that WDFW staff can look up information associated with that animal to determine whether sufficient time has passed for drug residues to be depleted from the animal's system per federal Food and Drug Administration guidelines. In most cases this time period is 30 days or less from the time the animal received the drugs, although there are exceptions depending on the drug that was used. If you harvest an animal that cannot be consumed due to potential drug residues remaining in the meat, the Department will re-issue your original transport tag, special permit, or special permit points as appropriate. It is legal to harvest wildlife with radio-collars and/or ear tags. Please notify WDFW if a collared animal is harvested using the contact information on the collar or by contacting your local WDFW office. Please be aware that several Tribes also capture animals and you may have to contact their biologists before contacting WDFW.



DNR Robertson Road GMU 530

Directions:

From State Route 4 (between milepost 47 and 48) turn north onto Mill Creek Road. Follow for 0.90 miles. Turn right onto Robertson Road and follow for 0.50 miles. Turn left onto R-100, through the yellow gate.

Notes:

ATV/UTV use is allowed, but no off-road travel is permitted.

Camping permitted, no campfires.

Other recreationalists are allowed access, but not in full sized vehicles.

Discover Pass is required.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
176	Early Archery	Sept. 1-24	1	Deer
177	Early Muzzleloader	Sept. 30-Oct. 8	1	Deer
178	Modern	Oct. 14-19	1	Deer
179	Modern	Oct. 20-25	1	Deer
180	Modern	Oct. 26-31	1	Deer
181	Late Modern	Nov. 16-19	1	Deer
182	Late Archery	Nov. 22-Dec.15	1	Deer

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
183	Archery	Sept. 9-21	1	Elk
184	Muzzleloader	Oct. 7-13	1	Elk
185	Modern	Nov. 4-15	1	Elk
186	Late Archery	Nov. 22-Dec. 15	1	Elk

DNR Tahoma State Forest 11, 23, & 24 Road GMU 510

Directions:

From Elbe continue East toward Ashford on Hwy 706. Turn right onto the #1 road (South District Access) just before the Baptist Church, travel approximately 1.7 miles to the 11 road gate, access #1. Continue approximately 1 mile to the junction of 1 & 2 Roads and turn right. Follow for 2.3 miles to the 24 road on the right, access #2. Or you may take the 23 road to the left and travel 1.6 miles to the ADA gate, access #3. There are newer units at the top of this ridge.

Notes:

ATV/UTV use is allowed, but no off-road travel is permitted.

Camping is NOT permitted, no campfires allowed.

May close due to weather or fires.

Discover Pass required.

Attention: Tribal hunting is permitted in these areas.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
187	Early Archery	Sept. 1-24	1	Deer
188	Early Muzzleloader	Sept. 30-Oct. 8	2	Deer
189	Modern	Oct. 14-19	2	Deer
190	Modern	Oct. 20-25	2	Deer
191	Modern	Oct. 26-31	2	Deer
192	Late Modern	Nov. 16-19	2	Deer
193	Late Archery	Nov. 22-Dec. 15	2	Deer

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
194	Early Archery	Sept. 9-21	1	Elk
195	Early Muzzleloader	Oct. 7-13	2	Elk
196	Modern	Nov. 4-15	2	Elk

DNR Tahuya State Forest

West Block

GMU 633

Directions:

From Belfair at intersection of NE Old Belfair Hwy and State Rte 300: continue on St Hwy 300 for 3.5 miles, turn right on NE Belfair-Tahuya Rd for 7.7 miles. Take a right onto NE Dewatto Holly Rd and follow for 2.3 miles. Turn left on NE Hohobas Way. At 750', there will be a NEW gate installed but open until October 31, after which an ADA lock will be placed. Travel .2 miles to Access #1 (gate #169). Continue .3 miles and take the left split and travel .9 miles where you'll see Hohobas Camp gate. Turn left for less than .1 miles to Access #2 (gate #153). Continue on mainline for .6 miles to Access #3 (gate #154).

Notes:

No ATV/UTV use allowed.
 No camping and no campfires are allowed".
 Discover Pass Required.
 *Active brush lease area.

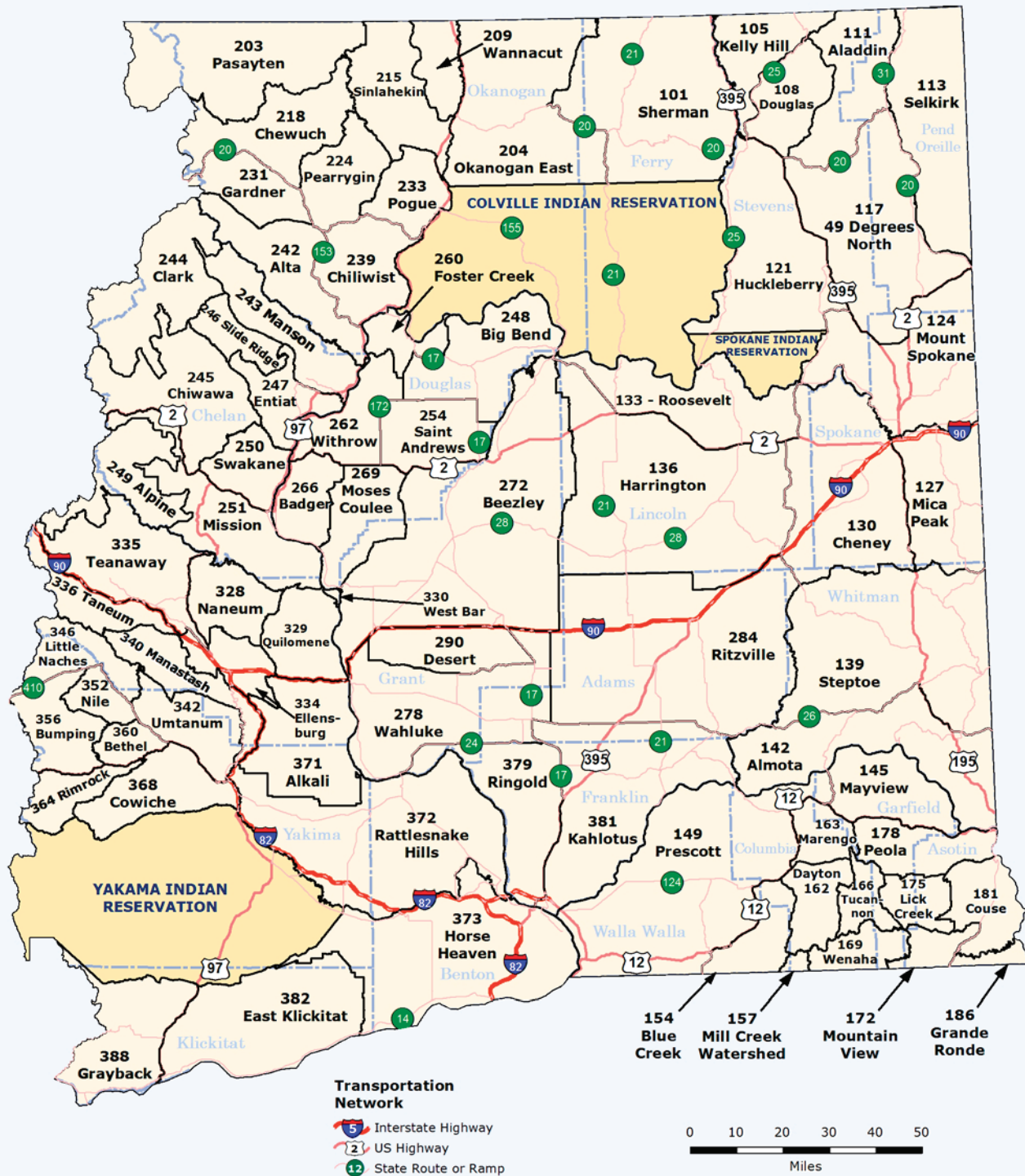
Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
197	Early Archery	Sept. 1-29	2	Deer
198	Early Muzzleloader	Sept. 30-Oct. 8	2	Deer
199	Modern	Oct. 14-19	2	Deer
200	Modern	Oct. 20-25	2	Deer
201	Modern	Oct. 26-31	2	Deer
202	Late Modern	Nov. 16-19	2	Deer
203	Late Muzzleloader	Nov. 22-Dec. 15	2	Deer

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 Choose the correct hunt number for your desired SPECIES, WEAPON TYPE, and LOCATION.

Eastern Washington Road Access Entry Sites

Game Management Units



WDFW Methow WLA USFS Bear Mountain GMU 224

Directions:

Bear Mountain (USFS) is located on U.S. Forest Service property near the Loup Loup summit off of State Route 20. Twisp is approximately 12 miles from this site. This area is characterized by rolling hills with mixed Ponderosa Pine and Douglas Fir forest with a shrubby understory. Bear Mountain has an extensive road network. Mule deer and black bear are the big game species found in the area. From State Route 20 at the Loup Loup summit, go north on Forest Service Road 42. At 0.6 miles from the highway, USFS Road 42 will veer right. Continue on USFS 42 for another 3 miles until the pavement ends. Access to the Bear Mountain site is on the left.

Notes:

Camping facilities, including vault toilets are available at nearby USFS campgrounds.
No ATV/UTV use allowed.
This USFS road is not maintained or brushed.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
204	Modern	Oct. 14-18	2	Deer
205	Modern	Oct. 20-24	2	Deer

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Or contact your EITW Regional Training Coordinator Listed in the "Contact Us" webpage.

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Join our Facebook Group and check our web-calendar for info!

WDFW Oak Creek WLA Cougar Canyon GMU 360

Directions:

This 40,366-acre Oak Creek Unit is 8 miles west of Naches on Hwy 12. A winter elk feeding program is conducted annually. This access departs from the WDFW office headquarters on the R-1000 Bethel Ridge Tie Road. Stay on the R-1000 road for approximately 5 miles. The road accessing the hunt area will be on the right, indicated by a gate with signs.

Notes:

Prescribed fire is planned in areas along the road for spring and/or fall 2022, contact the Oak Creek office for most up to date information.

All permits must be displayed in this area.

Only one ATV/UTV per entry is allowed at this site.

No off road travel.

This road is not maintained, 4x4 vehicle recommended.

Primitive camping along the R-1000 road and at the WDFW office is available.

USFS Forest Service campgrounds are also nearby. Please contact the Naches Ranger Station for more information.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
206	Early Muzzleloader	Sept. 30-Oct. 8	1	Deer
207	Modern	Oct. 14-18	1	Deer
208	Modern	Oct. 20-24	1	Deer

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
209	Early Muzzleloader	Oct. 7-13	1	Elk
210	Modern	Oct. 28-Nov. 5	1	Elk

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WDFW Oak Creek WLA

Windy Point Road

GMU 364

Directions:

This 40,366-acre Oak Creek Unit is 8 miles west of Naches on Hwy 12. A winter elk feeding program is conducted annually. This access departs from Hwy 12, Six miles west of the Oak Creek Office. Turn left onto NF-1302 and proceed approximately 1 mile to the NF 1302-511 road on the right. Gate access starts there.

Notes:

Starting in June 2022, a restoration thinning will occur in the area, resulting in more open forest conditions. No log truck or heavy equipment hauling will occur during hunt seasons, but crews may still be working in the area away from the road. Contact the Oak Creek office for most up to date information.

All permits must be displayed in this area.

ATV/UTV use is allowed, but no off-road travel is permitted.

This road is not maintained, 4x4 vehicle recommended.

Primitive camping is available at gate or at WDFW office. USFS Forest Service campgrounds are nearby. Please contact the Naches Ranger Station for more information about camping.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
211	Early Muzzleloader	Sept. 30-Oct. 8	1	Deer
212	Modern	Oct. 14-18	1	Deer
213	Modern	Oct. 20-24	1	Deer

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
214	Early Muzzleloader	Oct. 7-13	1	Elk
215	Modern	Oct. 28-Nov. 5	1	Elk

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WDFW Scotch Creek WLA Silver Hill Area GMU 233

Directions:

The Roberts Lake Unit is located 18 miles northwest of the town of Okanogan. Take Hwy 215 to downtown Okanogan. Turn left onto Pine Street. Turn south onto 6th Ave North, which turns into Conconully Road. Follow for 16 miles to Silver Hill Road on the right. Hunters must have all permits displayed and stay strictly on the mainline road. Silver Hill Road loops up the hill, crosses the ridge, and heads back down to Conconully road.

Notes:

White-tail and mule deer are present in the area. Camping facilities are available at Conconully State Park. The town of Conconully is two miles NW. One non-hunting person, in addition to a Hunting Companion, is allowed to help. Only one ATV/UTV vehicle is allowed to assist the disabled hunter with NO off road travel. An ATV/UTV unloading area is available at the gate entrance.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
216	Modern	Oct. 14-18	1	Deer
217	Modern	Oct. 20-24	1	Deer




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WDFW Sinlahekin WLA

Jay Hill Unit

GMU 215

Directions:

The Jay Hill Unit is located 28 miles northwest of the town of Riverside. Take Hwy 20 north from Riverside. Turn left onto Pine Creek Road, which turns into Fish Lake Road, then Sinlahekin Road, and head north. Go past Blue Lake on the left and Forde Lake on the right. Turn right onto Connors Lake access road and stay left. Proceed up to the area manager’s office for the key. Hunters must have all permits displayed and remain on the mainline road at all times. This road drives out through the pastures and follows the creek north.

Notes:

White-tail and mule deer are present in the area. Camping is available at the WDFW office with permission. The town of Loomis is four miles north. One non-hunting person, in addition to the Hunting Companion, is allowed to help. Only one (1) ATV/UTV vehicle is allowed to assist the disabled hunter with NO off road travel. ATV unloading area is available at the office. Green dot roads are open to the east of this area.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
218	Early Archery	Sept. 1-29	1	Deer
219	Early Muzzleloader	Sept. 30-Oct. 8	1	Deer
220	Modern	Oct. 14-18	1	Deer
221	Modern	Oct. 20-24	1	Deer
222	Late Archery	Nov. 21-Dec. 15	1	Deer

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 - b. THEN, go to the Special Hunt page and make your top four choices.
2. Double check that your selection is for the correct SPECIES, WEAPON TYPE, and LOCATION.
3. See page 6 for detailed instructions.

WDFW Big Bend WLA Rock Lake Unit GMU 248

Directions:

The Big Bend Unit is located 16 miles northwest of Grand Coulee. You will find permanent lakes, seasonal ponds and wetlands, shrub & meadow steppe, grasslands, aspen groves, basalt cliffs and stands of Ponderosa pine overlooking the Columbia River. Mule deer can be found throughout the area along with a variety of upland game birds. Upland bird hunters are advised that sharp-tailed grouse and sage grouse are protected species and can be found on the unit. From Grand Coulee, take HWY 174 west to Smith Lake road. Turn right and follow for 5 miles. Pass the 28 1/2 Rd NE and pass the 31 Rd NE. Travel on the D Rex Rd for 2 miles. Then turn right onto the 32 Rd NE. Gate near Rock Lake.

Notes:

No ATV/UTV use allowed.

Camping available at Rock Lake. Hunter companion may assist.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
223	Early Archery	Sept. 1-29	1	Deer
224	Early Muzzleloader	Sept. 30-Oct. 8	1	Deer
225	Modern	Oct. 14-24	1	Deer

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3. Must not have hunting felony or any gross misdemeanor fish and wildlife convictions in the past three years.
4. Must be print quality resolution (minimum 300dpi).
5. Photo must be appropriate (minimal blood etc.).
6. Submit your photo using the form on the website and provide a background story for your photo (i.e., who, what, when, where, how).

DNR Ahtanum State Forest

A-2050 Road

GMU 368

Directions:

From Yakima, travel west on Ahtanum road to Tampico. At Tampico, go west on North Fork Ahtanum Road for 8 miles. Go past the DNR Guard Station. At the intersection of the A-2000 and A-3000 road, turn left on the A-2000 road for 2.3 miles. Then turn left on the A-2050 road for approximately ¼ mile to the gate.

Notes:

No camping behind the gate- there are several campgrounds available outside the gate.
 No ATV/UTV use allowed.
 Discover Pass is required.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
226	Early Archery	Sept. 1-24	2	Deer
227	Early Muzzleloader	Sept. 30-Oct. 8	2	Deer
228	Modern	Oct. 14-24	2	Deer

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
229	Muzzleloader	Oct. 7-13	2	Elk
230	Modern	Oct. 28-Nov. 5	2	Elk

Deer Identification

Columbian white-tailed deer

Tines originate from main beam

Tail brown with white underside

White facial markings

Light colored belly

Metatarsal gland light colored and approximately 1" long

Black-tailed deer

Main beams fork

Tail black with white underside

Dark colored belly

Metatarsal gland dark colored and approximately 3" to 4" long

White-tailed deer

Tines originate from main beam

Tail brown with white underside

White facial markings

Light colored belly

Metatarsal gland light colored and approximately 1" long

Mule deer

Main beams fork

Tail short, rope-like, and black tipped

Darker belly

Metatarsal gland dark colored and approximately 4" long

Columbian white-tailed deer found in SW Washington are a protected species and are not legal to hunt.

White-tailed deer are found east of the Cascade crest in Regions 1, 2 and 3.

DNR Naneum State Forest Crocker Flats GMU 328

Directions:

Located on the eastern slopes of the central Cascade Mountains, Naneum (nah-num) Ridge State Forest includes 71,000-acres of mostly forested uplands. With its mix of ponderosa pine, Douglas-fir and white fir trees, this area is habitat for deer, bears, cougars, and abundant bird life. The Naneum area also is home to one of the largest elk herds in the state of Washington. Portions of the forest are a critical corridor between the winter and summer ranges of the Yakima and Colockum elk herds. This access is located on the east side of Pearson Creek.

Notes:

ATV/UTV use is allowed, but no off-road travel is permitted.

Camping available behind gate.

All fire laws apply depending upon statewide burn bans.

Propane powered campfire rings allowed year round, as well as BBQs (do not dump ashes).

Discover Pass required.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
231	Early Archery	Sept. 1-24	1	Deer
232	Early Muzzleloader	Sept. 30-Oct. 8	1	Deer
233	Modern	Oct. 14-24	1	Deer

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
234	Early Archery	Sept. 9-21	1	Elk
235	Early Muzzleloader	Oct. 7-13	1	Elk
236	Modern	Oct. 28-Nov. 5	1	Elk

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DNR Naneum State Forest

Boulder/Winch Hill

GMU 328

Directions:

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Notes:

ATV/UTV use is allowed, but no off-road travel is permitted.

Camping available behind gate.

Fire laws apply- watch statewide burn bans.

Propane powered campfire rings allowed year round as well as BBQs (do not dump ashes).

Discover Pass required.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
237	Early Archery	Sept. 1-24	1	Deer
238	Early Muzzleloader	Sept. 30-Oct. 8	1	Deer
239	Modern	Oct. 14-24	1	Deer

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
240	Early Archery	Sept. 9-21	1	Elk
241	Early Muzzleloader	Oct. 7-13	1	Elk
242	Modern	Oct. 28-Nov. 5	1	Elk

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DNR Sherry Divide S 2000 Road GMU 117

Directions:

From Colville take SR 20 east for 18.3 miles, turn right on Sherry Creek Road for 1.6 miles. The S 2000 Road is on the left. The S 2000 Road is a 3 mile loop accessing both cut over areas and standing timber.

Notes:

ATV/UTV use is allowed, but no off-road travel is permitted.

Tracked vehicles are allowed for access during snow events in late season.

No camping.

May close due to timber sale or weather.

Discover Pass required.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
243	Early Archery	Sept. 1-29	2	Deer
244	Early Muzzleloader	Sept. 30-Oct. 8	2	Deer
245	Modern	Oct. 14-20	2	Deer
246	Modern	Oct. 21-27	2	Deer
247	Late Modern	Nov. 11-19	2	Deer
248	Late Archery	Nov. 25-Dec. 15	2	Deer

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3. See page 6 for detailed instructions.

DNR Rose Hill

4700 Road

GMU 121

Directions:

From Spokane take US 395 to Loon Lake, then west on SR 292 to Springdale, turn right onto SR 231, continue west for about a mile, then turn left onto the Springdale Hunters Road for about 10 miles. The entrance to 4700 Road is on the right. There are 4 miles of road accessing a number of cut over areas.

Notes:

ATV/UTV use is allowed, but no off-road travel is permitted.

No camping behind the gate; do not park in tall grass.

Dispersed camping permitted just Northwest of the gate - no campfires allowed.

Discover Pass Required.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
249	Early Archery	Sept. 1-29	1	Deer
250	Early Muzzleloader	Sept. 30-Oct. 8	1	Deer
251	Modern	Oct. 14-20	1	Deer
252	Modern	Oct. 21-27	1	Deer
253	Late Modern	Nov. 11-19	1	Deer
254	Late Archery	Nov. 25-Dec. 15	1	Deer

Prescribed Burns

Washington is fortunate to have almost 20 million acres of public land in our state; approximately a million of which are managed by WDFW. Prescribed fire is a management tool used by public land managers to increase public safety, improve wildlife habitat, create a more fire resilient landscape and a better experience for those who use public lands.

There is a small window in the spring and fall each year when prescribed fires are safe as the weather is cool but not too wet. That window often falls during hunting seasons. If you plan to hunt public land, please research in advance to make sure your hunting spot isn't within a burn area. Generally, only a portion of a public land area is burned at a time, leaving many more huntable acres in the vicinity. Thank you for your patience; we understand these fires can be an inconvenience while underway.



Photo by Justin Hsuig

COLUMBIA LAND TRUST Bowman Creek Natural Area

GMU 388



Directions:

Klickitat County - Zelinski Road. This private land is 12 miles northwest of Goldendale off Zelinski Road about 0.5 miles west of the Glenwood Hwy and Zelinski Road intersection. There is 348 acres of pine-oak forests, prairies and a small portion of Bowman Creek at the south end. Much of the western edge borders WDFW and DNR managed lands and an access trail extends 1.4 miles through the entire length of the parcel.

Notes:

Animals common to this area include mule deer, cougar, bear, turkey and the occasional elk. Only the drawn hunter with a disability and one companion is allowed access. The companion may harvest after the hunter with a disability has filled their tag. The hunting party must drive on the access road only, no off-road driving. No camping on-site. The gate must always be kept in the closed and locked position. No shooting is allowed within 200 yards along the eastern border Safety Zone, near homes. Hunting party must exit on date indicated on permit.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
255	Early Archery	Sept. 1-29	1	Deer
256	Modern	Oct. 14-24	1	Deer

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6. Submit your photo using the form on the website and provide a background story for your photo (i.e., who, what, when, where, how).

Directions:

Access is via the NF-4510 road.

Notes:

Located on the eastern slopes of the central Cascade Mountains, the Great Western Checkerboards Project seeks to conserve lands granted in 1862 by Congress to the Great Northern and Northern Pacific Railroads. This particular Nature Conservancy acquisition south of the town of Cle Elum contains a significant portion of the Yakima River headwaters and connects large, intact wilderness areas to the north and south, supporting irreplaceable habitat for wildlife, including elk, bear and cougar, as well as rare and threatened species such as the wolverine and spotted owl. This ecologically diverse working forest provides a mix of ponderosa pine, Douglas-fir and white fir trees.

No ATV/UTV use allowed and no off road travel.

Camping available outside the gate in designated locations along the USFS Taneum loop.

All state, federal, and local fire laws apply.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
257	Early Archery	Sept. 9-21	1	Elk
258	Early Muzzleloader	Oct. 7-13	1	Elk
259	Modern	Oct. 28-Nov. 5	1	Elk

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3. See page 6 for detailed instructions.

Wild Horse Wind and Solar Facility

Ellensburg - GMU (329)

Directions:

The Wild Horse Wind Facility is located 17 miles east of Ellensburg on the Vantage Highway.

Notes:

Owned and operated by Puget Sound Energy, the facility generates electricity from 149 wind turbines spread across 11,000 acres of rangeland in the Whiskey Dick Mountain area of eastern Kittitas County.

Hunters with disabilities drawn for this access must check in at the Maintenance Building office before their hunt.

There is no access of any kind within 300 feet of wind turbines, solar panels, buildings, or substation. No pointing or shooting any weapon at any target other than legal game. The hunting party must drive on site access road only.

One hunter with a disability and one hunter companion allowed.

No ATV/UTV use allowed and No off-road driving.

No camping on-site.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
260	Early Muzzleloader	Oct. 7-13	1	Elk
261	Modern	Oct. 28-Nov. 5	1	Elk

Game Bird and Small Game Hunting Regulations

The Game Bird and Small Game Seasons Pamphlet will be published in June. To Inquire about regulation information, contact: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife at (360) 902-2515 or via email at wildthing@dfw.wa.gov.



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- 1.5 - 2 inches long
- Large orange head
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- Orange/black striped abdomen



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Beware of hornet nests:

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Three Rivers Ranger District (GMU 117)

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Mitchell Mountain (GMU 117) in Washington – Go south from Colville or north from Spokane on highway 395 to Chewelah. In Chewelah, take County Road 2998 about 8 miles north then east to the Colville National Forest boundary where this road designation changes to forest road 9521 (North Fork of Chewelah Creek Road). You will see road 9531015 about ½-mile after the forest boundary. It exits south and passes through some private timber land. Follow 9521015 about 2 miles to the gate. Your hunting route consists of 9521015 and 9521041. Use is not permitted on spur 9521043 due to a washout so do not attempt to drive it. Camping and wood gathering are not allowed behind the gate, but there are great camping sites along the North Fork of Chewelah Creek Road. In some years this route may be unavailable due to tall, dry grasses and high fire danger. The road may be closed for fire danger or other administrative reasons. This road is not maintained.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
262	Early Archery	Sept. 1-29	1	Deer
263	Early Muzzleloader	Sept. 30-Oct. 8	1	Deer
264	Modern	Oct. 14-20	1	Deer
265	Modern	Oct. 21-27	1	Deer

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
266	Early Archery	Sept. 9-21	1	Elk
267	Early Muzzleloader	Oct. 7-13	1	Elk
268	Modern	Oct. 28-Nov. 5	1	Elk



Three Rivers Ranger District (GMU 101)

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Betty Creek (GMU 101) in Washington – From Colville, drive west approximately 12 miles on highway 395 through Kettle Falls and across Lake Roosevelt where you will continue north on highway 395 six miles to the Deadman Creek road which exits on the west side of the highway. This road is forest road 9565 or county 460. Follow the main Deadman Creek road about seven miles passing through private property. Turn north on the 9565800 road, driving northwest about eight miles to the first hunting route which exits to the right on the 9565810 road. The gate is about a quarter of a mile down this road. This route also includes 9565811, 9565812, and 9565813. The second route is about one mile on up the 9565800 road. It is the 9565830 and the gate is about an eighth of a mile down this road. This route also includes 9565832, 9565833, and 9564834. These routes sometimes have tall dry grass in the fall and may need to be closed due to fire danger or for other administrative reasons. There is no camping or firewood gathering behind the gate. There are dispersed camping sites along the 9565800 road. This road is not maintained.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
269	Early Archery	Sept. 1-29	1	Deer
270	Early Muzzleloader	Sept. 30-Oct. 8	1	Deer
271	Modern	Oct. 14-20	1	Deer
272	Modern	Oct. 21-27	1	Deer

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
273	Early Archery	Sept. 9-21	1	Elk
274	Early Muzzleloader	Oct. 7-13	1	Elk
275	Modern	Oct. 28-Nov. 5	1	Elk



Republic Ranger District (GMU 101)

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Boundary Mountain (GMU 101) in Washington – The Colville National Forest consists of 1.1 million acres in the northeast corner of Washington State, which roll like the high seas. Three waves of mountains run from north to south, separated by troughs of valleys. These ranges, the Okanogan, Kettle River, and Selkirk are considered foothills of the Rocky Mountains. Residents and visitors enjoy the Colville National Forest's wild huckleberries, mushrooms, camping, hiking trails, OHV trails, mountain biking, horse trails, lakes, rivers, and streams. The forest also boasts exciting wildlife such as the grizzly and black bears, cougars, bald eagles, deer, and elk. Boundary Mountain (GMU 101) in Washington – This route is near the Canadian border northeast of Republic. To access this route go north on Highway 21 to County Road 66 (Lone Ranch Creek Road) for several miles, turn left on North Fork Lone Ranch Creek Road/ Forest Service Road 6120-900, and remain on Forest Service Road 6120-900 until you come to the gate. This route includes 6120942, 6120944, and 6120945. Camping and firewood gathering is not allowed behind this gate. This road is not maintained. * Elk may be infrequently viewed.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
276	Early Archery	Sept. 1-29	1	Deer
277	Early Muzzleloader	Sept. 30-Oct. 8	1	Deer
278	Modern	Oct. 14-20	1	Deer
279	Modern	Oct. 21-27	1	Deer

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
280	Early Archery	Sept. 9-21	1	Elk
281	Early Muzzleloader	Oct. 7-13	1	Elk
282	Modern	Oct. 28-Nov. 5	1	Elk

WDFW/USFS Section 31 Cottonwood Unit GMU 346

Road 1413 (GMU 346) this area is located 21 miles west of Naches off Hwy 410. The topography is dominated by steep, rocky slopes, with rolling ridges and canyons. Open ridges and southern slopes at the lower elevations support sagebrush, bitterbrush and rabbitbrush. Bluebunch wheatgrass is the most prevalent native grass. In the early spring the area is full of wildflowers scattered across the rangeland. At higher elevations, the vegetation transitions to conifer forests. Ponderosa pine, Douglas fir, sub alpine fir, Engelmann spruce and western white pine can all be found as elevations increase. Drawn hunters will pick-up their key at the Oak Creek Wildlife Area off Hwy 12. Camping available at Cottonwood Campground. One hunter companion may assist.

Entry #	Hunt Type	Dates of Hunt	# of Permits	Species
283	Early Archery	Sept. 1-11	1	Deer
284	Early Archery	Sept. 15-29	1	Deer
285	Modern	Oct. 14-20	1	Deer
286	Modern	Oct. 21-27	1	Deer



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Private Lands Access Program



Find enrolled properties online at: https://privatelands.wdfw.wa.gov/private_lands/



Hunt by Written Permission – This includes private lands where a landowner or organization voluntarily open their land to public hunting on a contact-for-permission basis. Hunt by Written Permission requires the hunter to contact the Landowner and meet in person to obtain written permission to hunt that property. Written permission is validated by the possession of a written slip, provided to the hunter by the landowner. The Department provides these slips to the landowner at no cost. The Hunt by Written Permission program allows for the greatest flexibility for landowners and is our most widely used access program.



Hunt by Reservation – This component of the private lands program launched in 2013. It is attractive to many landowners and organizations because it allows access to specific reservation and hunter information via a landowner portal. The Hunt by Reservation program is managed through an online registration system where hunters create an account in order to reserve available properties. The Hunt by Reservation program allows landowners to manage hunting on their lands, without direct contact with hunters.



Feel Free to Hunt – This includes private lands where the Department has a management agreement with the landowner or organization to provide public access for hunting with minimal restrictions. This type of agreement provides the most open and unrestricted type of access for the public. Many Feel Free to Hunt properties house a wide variety of small game and big game species and provide ample hunting opportunity.



Register to Hunt – This includes private lands where the Department has a management agreement with the landowner or organization to regulate hunting access by on-site registration. Hunters are required to sign in using a registration slip found near the designated parking area. Parking is usually limited for these properties, to limit the number of hunters.



The application process has changed

Application submissions will begin June 1st and close July 31st.

Drawings will be held mid-August and successful applicants will be notified by August 31st through their WILD Licensing Accounts.

WDFW will only accept 2023 Road Access Entry Program applications **ONLINE** through the WILD Licensing System.

Interested applicants can find the application online through their WILD Licensing Accounts. A digital copy of the 2023 Road Access Entry Booklet can be found at the following address starting June 1st:

[https://wdfw.wa.gov/accessibility/
disabled-hunter-road-access-entry-program](https://wdfw.wa.gov/accessibility/disabled-hunter-road-access-entry-program)

If you are not able to access this process online, please call Licensing at (360) 902-2464 OR Wildlife Program Customer Service at (360) 902-2515. If you would like a copy of this booklet, please contact Wildlife Program Customer Service at the number above, OR by sending an email to wildthing@dfw.wa.gov.

How to Apply:

