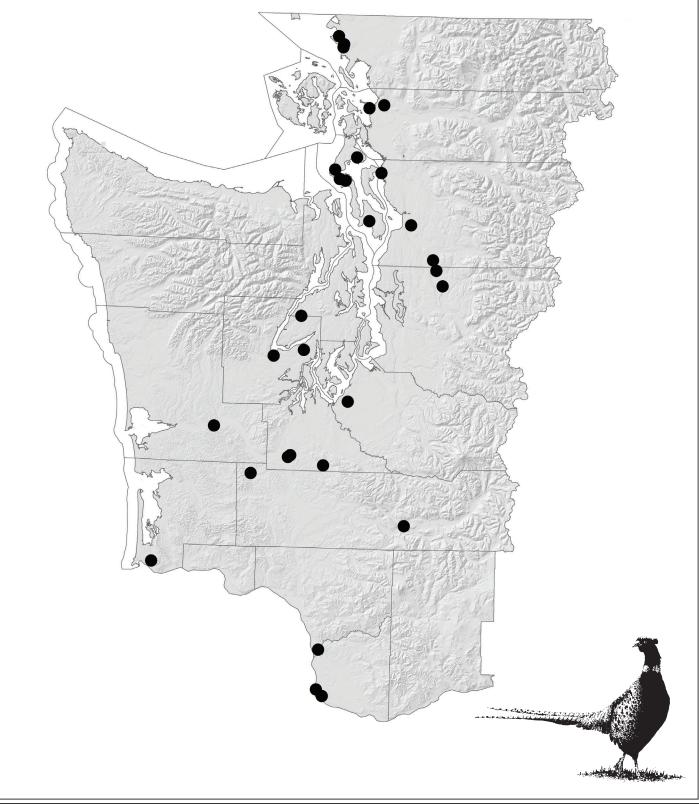
Western Washington Pheasant Release Program



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO SMALL GAME HUNTERS

To protect other wildlife species including waterfowl and raptors, nontoxic shot is now required for all upland bird, dove and band-tailed pigeon hunting on all pheasant release sites statewide. If you hunt any of these release sites, you may possess and use only approved nontoxic shot (either in shotshells or as loose shot for muzzleloading). Some of these sites have further restrictions. See Migratory Waterfowl and Upland Game Seasons pamphlet for more information.



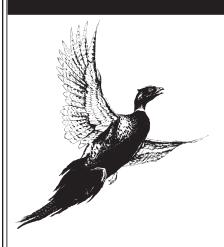
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The number of pheasants released on each site is based on several factors including the estimated numbers of hunters using those sites.

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Ebey Island
Fort Lewis
Scatter Creek
Skookumchuck
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WESTERN WASHINGTON PHEASANT RELEASE PROGRAM



The major goal of the pheasant program in western Washington is to provide an upland bird hunting opportunity. The program also encourages participation from young and older-aged hunters.

The cool, wet climate of western Washington combined with the lack of grain farming limits naturally sustained pheasant populations. Each year 30,000 to 40,000 pheasants are released on about 25 release sites.

Most release sites remain the same from one year to the next. Maps to those 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 do 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 and western Washington punch card are 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, most 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:

- Don't trail or otherwise position yourself to take advantage of other hunters, you may end up in their line of fire!
- 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 2108 Grand Blvd. Vancouver, WA 98661

Region 6

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

REGION FOUR PHEASANT HUNTING INFORMATION

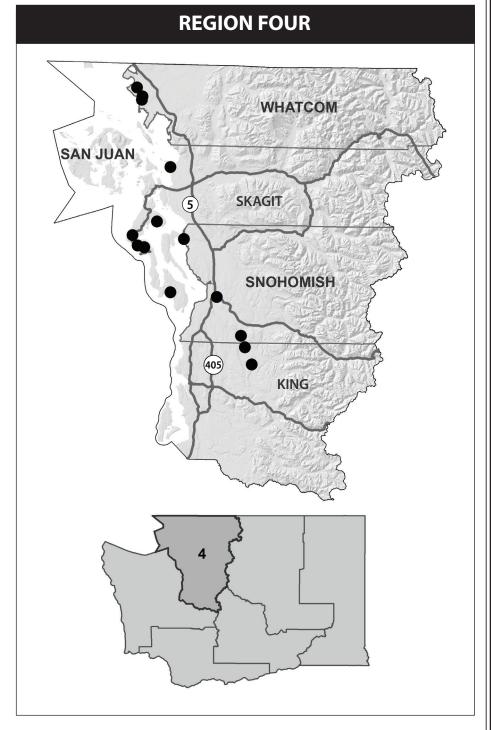
In order to maintain a more safe and enjoyable hunt, there are special restrictions on several of the more popular release sites. Hunters must choose to hunt on either odd-numbered or even numbered weekend days, from 8:00 AM until 10:00 AM. Youth and senior hunters may hunt on either day. These sites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

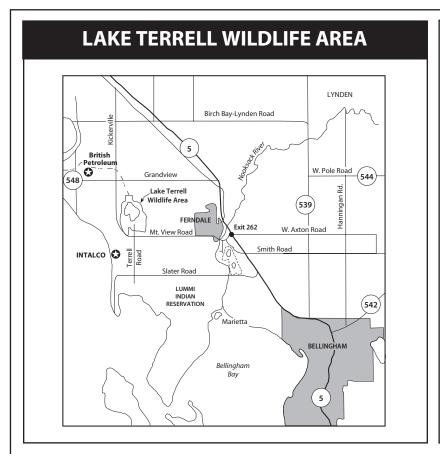
Nontoxic shot must be used on all release sites statewide. Other instructions and information may be posted at release sites.

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

Typically, birds are released on these areas 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.

Region 4 Office: (425) 775-1311 16018 Mill Creek Blvd. Mill Creek, WA 98102-1296

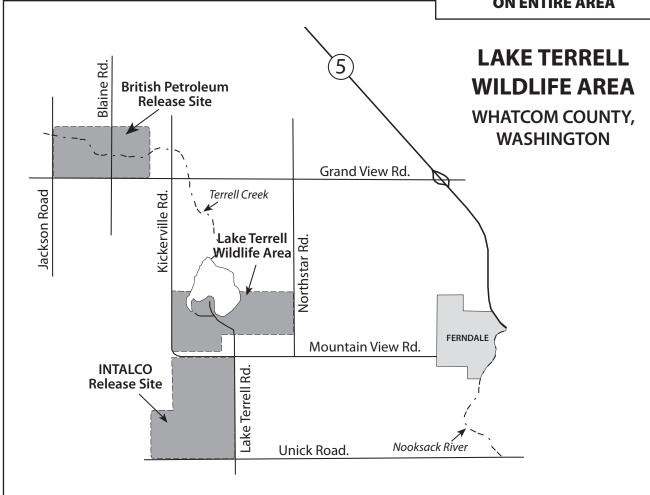


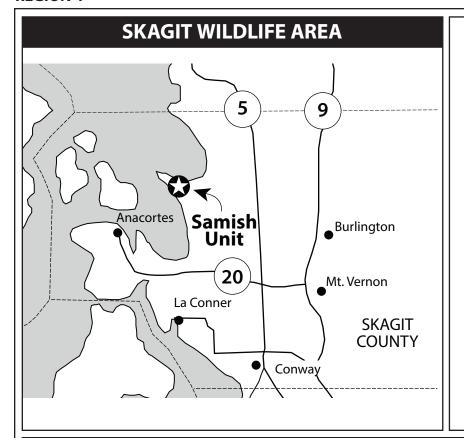




Lake Terrell is located Northwest of Ferndale. Take exit 262 off I-5. Go west on Main St. into Ferndale. Continue on Main St. as it changes into Mountain View Rd. Turn north onto Lake Terrell Road and follow signs to parking areas.

Total acreage: ~2700 Ac







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.

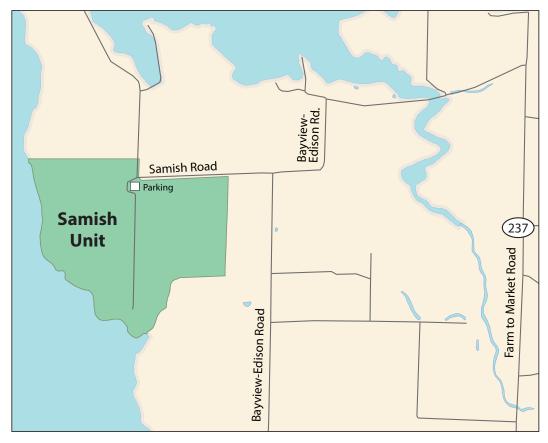
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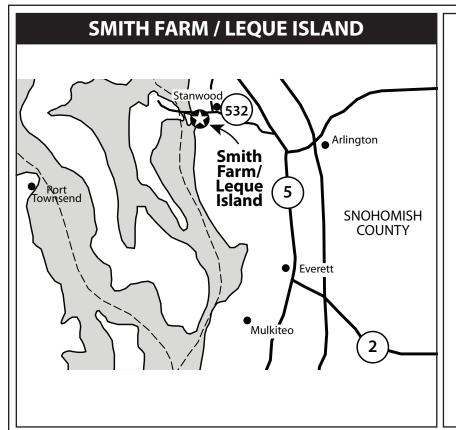
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SAMISH UNIT

SKAGIT COUNTIY, WASHINGTON

NOTE: Pheasants will be released on this site <u>ONLY</u> during Youth and Senior seasons.







To reach the **Smith Farm/Leque Island Unit** from Interstate 5, take Exit 212
west on Highway 532. Continue west
through Stanwood across the Highway
532 Mark Clark Bridge. You are now on
Leque Island. To access Eide Road you
are required to turn around and enter
from the west. The Davis Slough parking area is closed for the 2014 season
due to road and bridge construction.
Continue to the small parking area at
the end of Eide Road.

Total acreage: ~220Ac

NONTOXIC SHOT REQUIRED ON ENTIRE AREA

SMITH FARM / LEQUE ISLAND SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON Davis Slough parking CLOSED due to Smith Farm / road and bridge Leque Island Pheasant construction in 2015 Release Site Camano Island Stanwood 532 532 **Davis Slough** Eide Rd. **Parking**

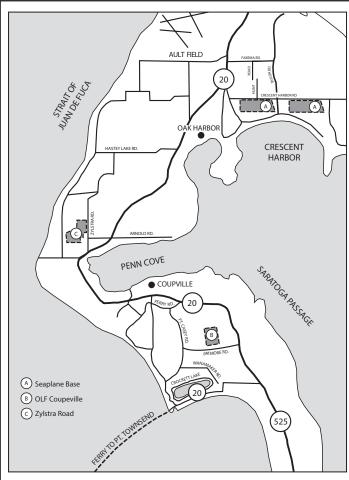
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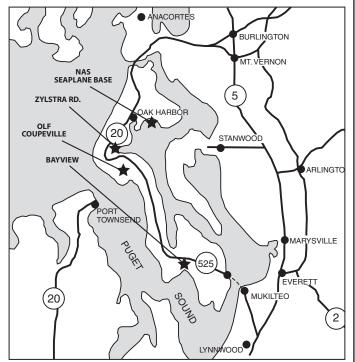
All of the release sites on Whidbey Island are adjacent to Highway 20 and Highway 525. Please contact the Naval Air Station at (360) 257-1009 prior to hunting at SeaPlane Base or OLF Coupeville.

Total acreage: ~600 Ac

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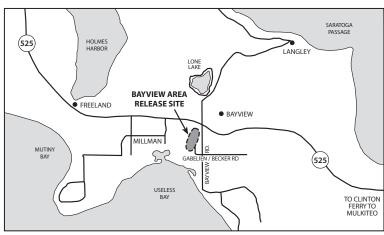


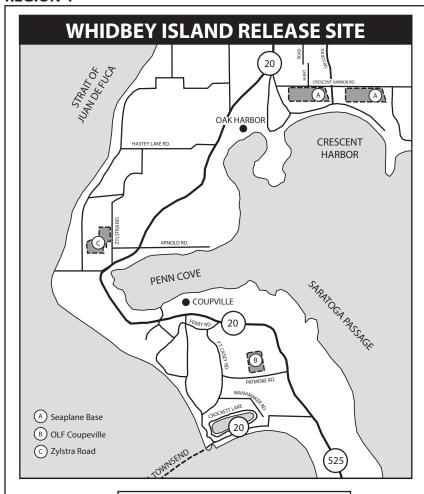




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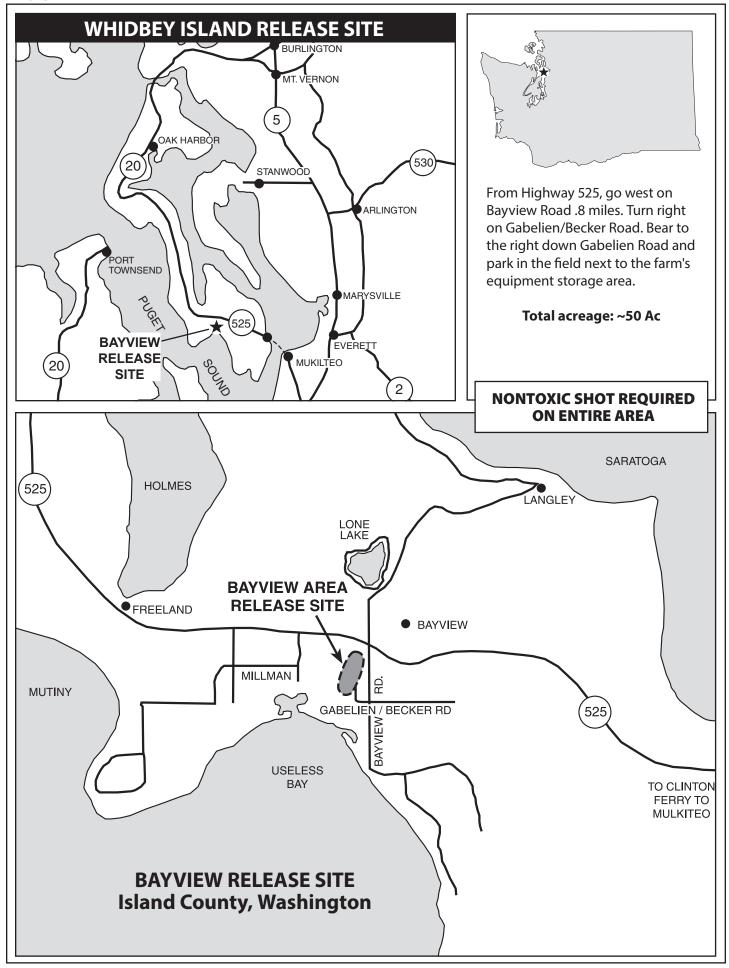
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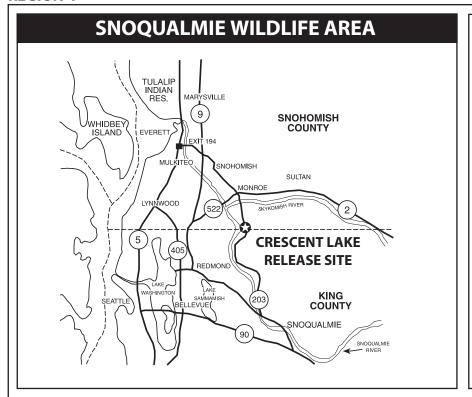


The **Zylstra Road** pheasant release site is located on Whidbey Island, near Oak Harbor. From Interstate 5 take WA-20 west to Arnold Road. Go west on Arnold Road and take your first right onto Zylstra Road. The hunting site and parking lot will be on your left hand side. Please park in the designated 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 eaves. 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 peasants 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





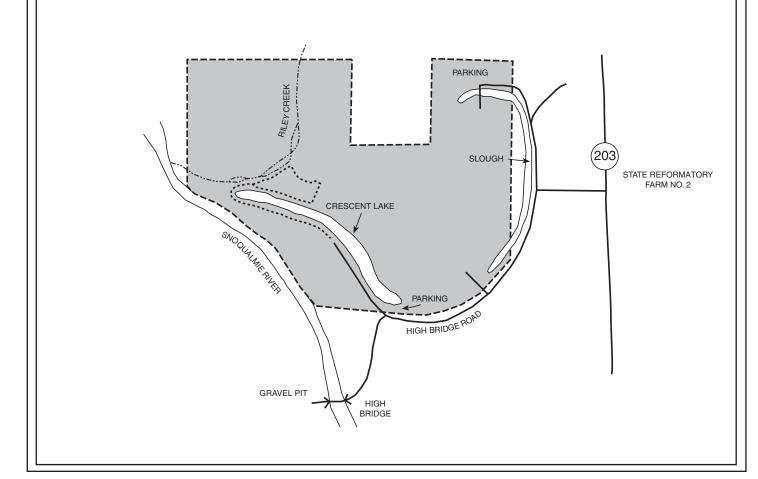


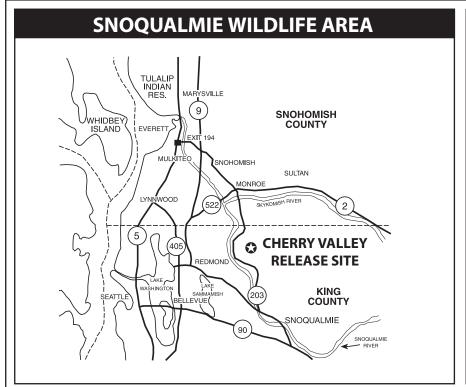
The **Crescent Lake Unit** of Snoqualmie Wildlife Area is located between Duvall and Monroe on S.R. 203. The release site may be found by turning at the State Reformatory Farm #2 and traveling west onto High Bridge Road.

Total acreage: ~360 Ac

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CRESCENT LAKE UNIT SNOQUALMIE WILDLIFE AREA Snohomish County, Washington





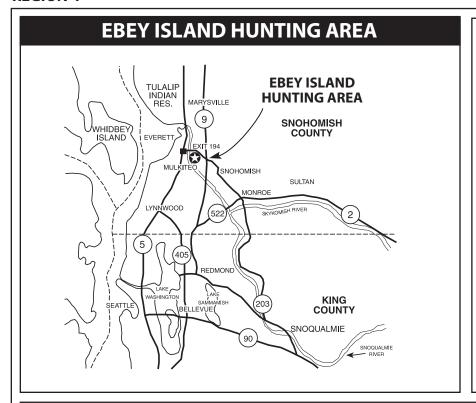


The **Cherry Valley Unit** is located north of Duvall on State Route 203. The parking lot is marked with a sign on State Route 203.

Total acreage: ~386

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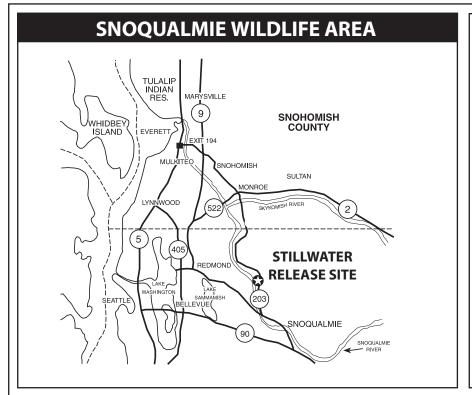
Driving Directions: From I-5, take Hwy. 2 east to Homeacre Rd. (1st exit). There are three parking areas. Ebey Slough lot is under the trestle on the east side of the unit. The middle lot is at the corner of Homeacre Road and 51st SE and is only available during the hunting season. The west lot is at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

Total acreage: ~1,237

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EBEY ISLAND HUNTING AREA Snohomish County, Washington

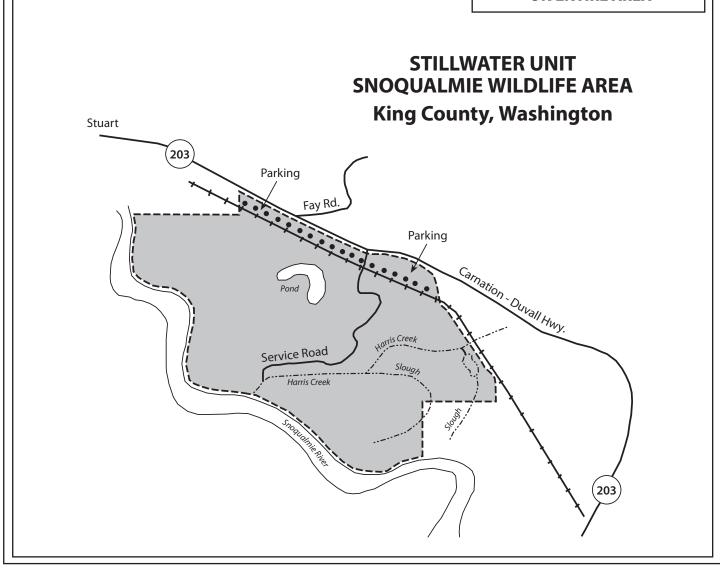




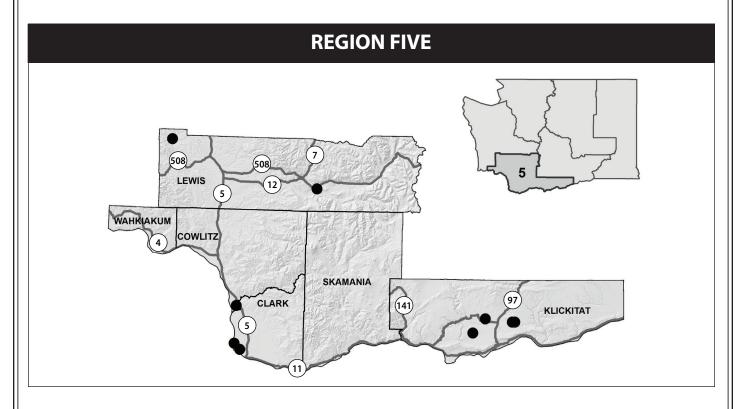


The **Stillwater Unit** is located on State Route 203, north of Carnation. Parking lots are accessed directly from State Route 203.

Total acreage: ~486



REGION FIVE PHEASANT HUNTING INFORMATION



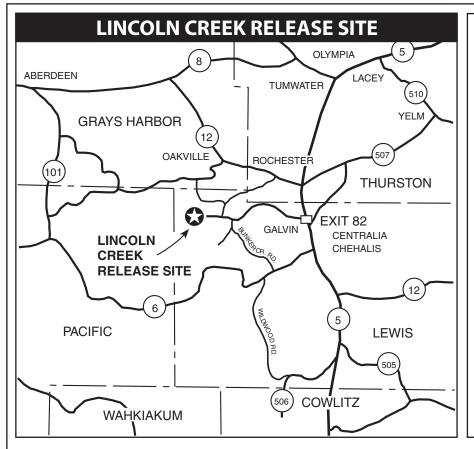
Several of the pheasant release sites in Region Five have been adopted by volunteers. One of the most active groups is the Vancouver Wildlife League. They are associated with many wildlife projects in the Vancouver area and handle much of the pheasant release program on the Shillapoo and Vancouver Lake 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, but still receive some mid-week releases early in the hunting season. The remaining sites are used by fewer hunters overall and releases mainly occur for weekend hunting.

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
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Klickitat County, refer to
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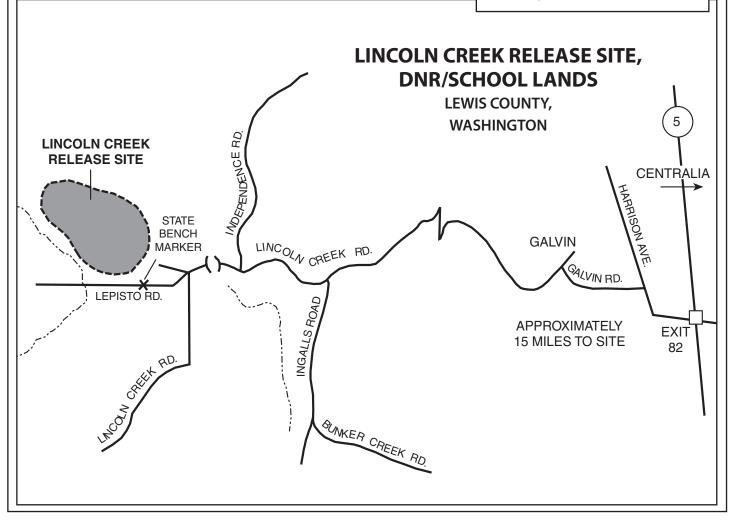
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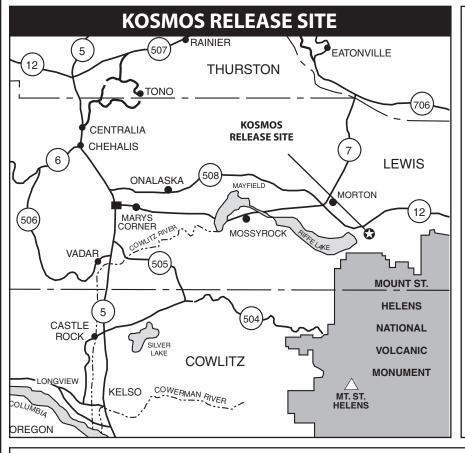






To find the **Lincoln Creek** release site, head west from exit 82 off I-5 to Galvin Road. Proceed west on Lincoln Creek Road to Lepisto Road and the release site. The Lincoln Creek Site is approximately 300 acres.



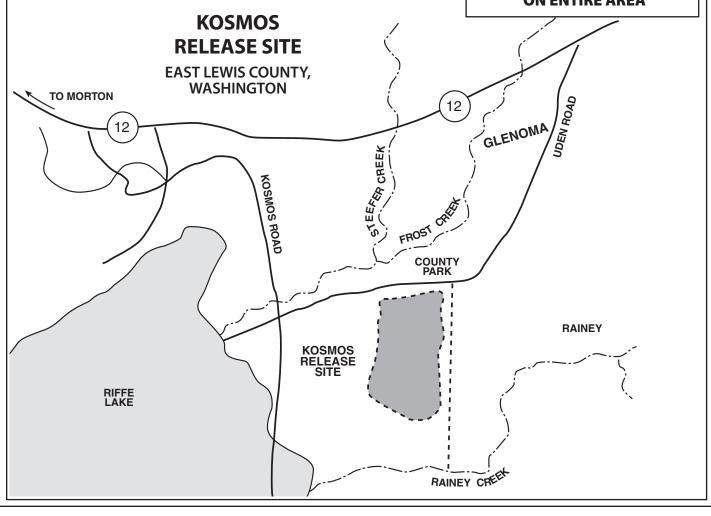


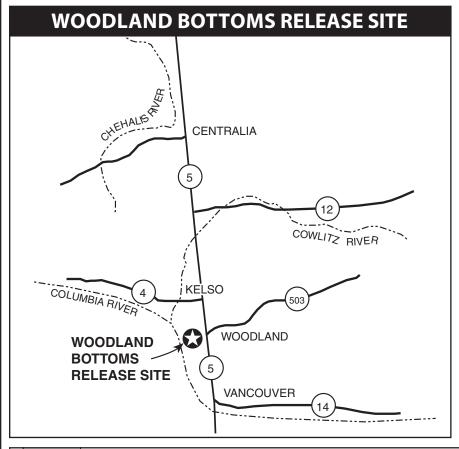


The **Kosmos** release site is part of the Cowlitz Wildlife Area and may be found by traveling east of Morton on Hwy 12.

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

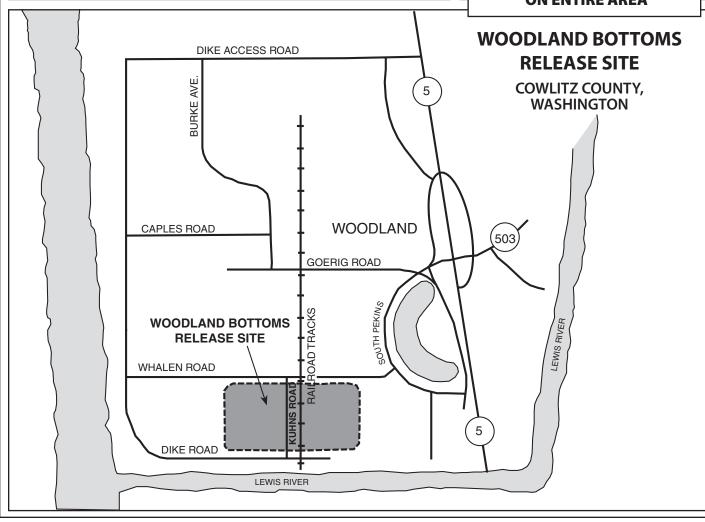
Total acreage: ~325 Ac

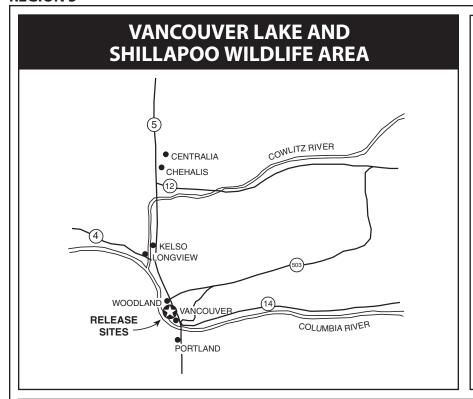






To find the **Woodland Bottoms** release site, take the Woodland exit (exit 21) off I-5. Head west on Goerig Road and Davidson Ave. Go around Horseshoe Lake on South Pekin Road to Whalen Road. Travel west on Whalen Road, then south on Kuhns Road to the release site. The Woodland Bottoms Release Site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

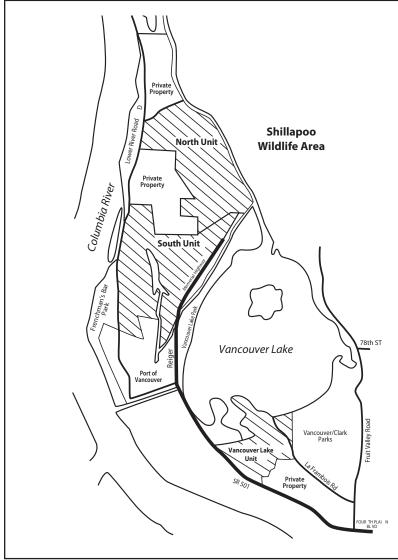






To reach both the **Vancouver Lake** and **Shillapoo** release sites take the Fourth Plain Blvd. exit (exit #1 D) off I-5. Go west on Fourth Plain Blvd. For the Vancouver Lake release site, head north on Fruit Valley Road, then west on La Frombois Road to the site. For the Shillapoo Release site, stay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

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VANCOUVER LAKE AND SHILLAPOO WILDLIFE AREAS

> Clark County, Washington

REGION SIX PHEASANT HUNTING INFORMATION

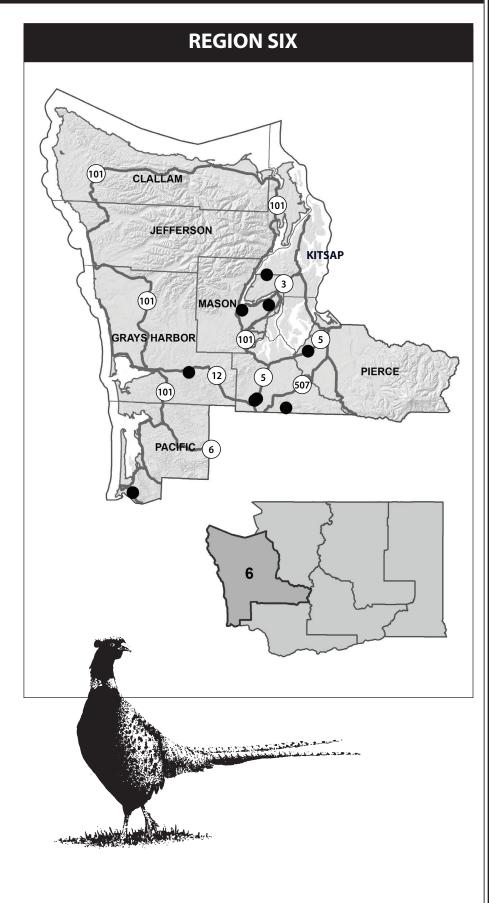
Volunteers play a significant role in the pheasant release program in Region Six. The Peninsula Bird Hunters handle the Belfair sites and individual volunteers release birds on the Hunter Farms (private property), Skookumchuck, and Chinook sites.

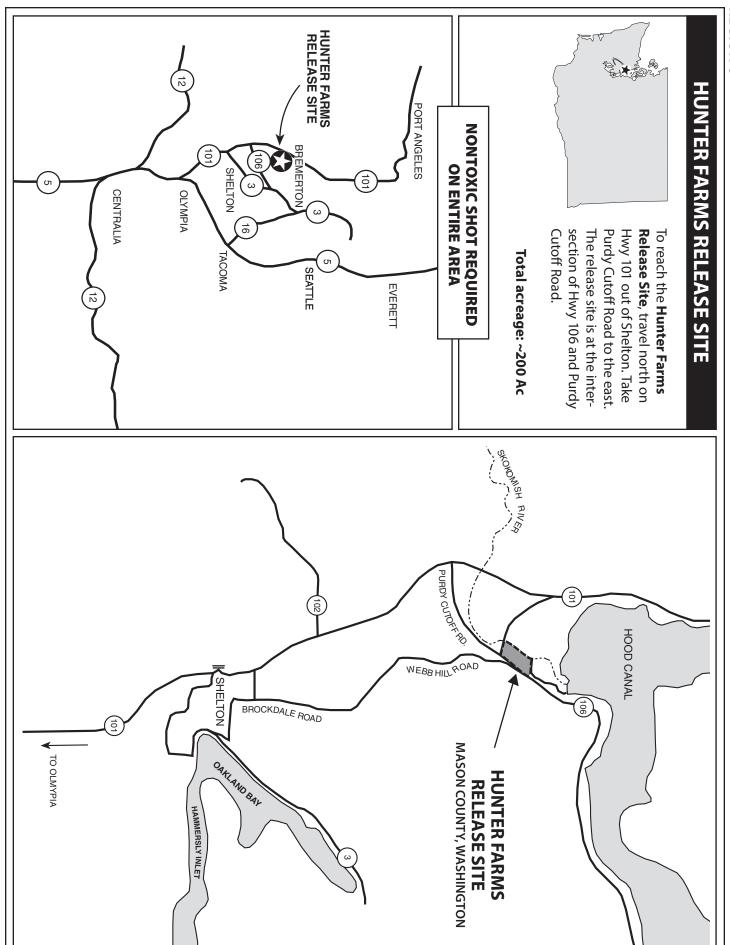
Fort Lewis, Scatter Creek, Skookumchuck, and Belfair receive the most hunting pressure and the highest number of released pheasants. Pheasants are released during the middle of the week on these areas.

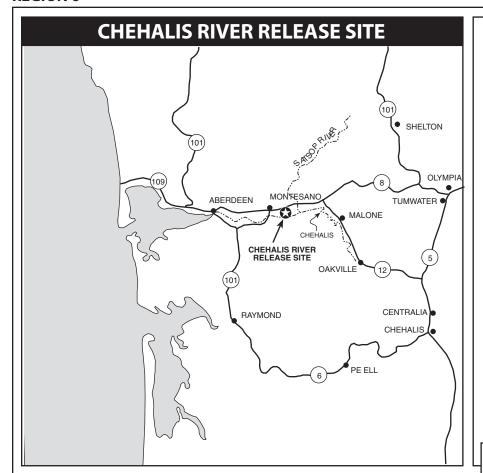
Nontoxic shot is required on all release sites statewide.

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.

> Region 6 Office: (360) 249-4628 48 Devonshire Road Montesano, WA 98563









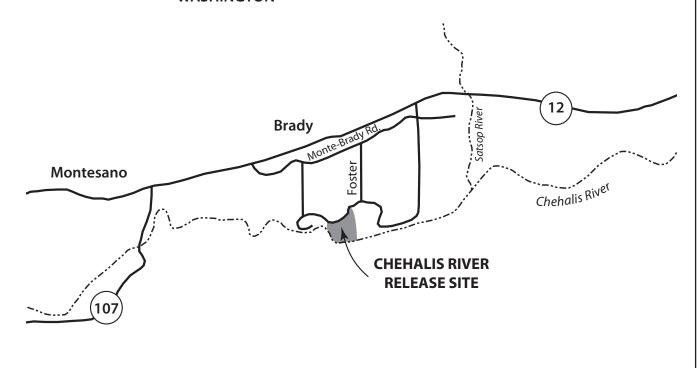
From I-5 go west on Hwy 12. After crossing Satsop River turn left at Brady onto Monte-Brady Rd. Go south and west on the Monte-Brady Rd. to Foster Rd. Go 1.6 miles on the Foster Rd. and Brady Loop Rd. to the release site.

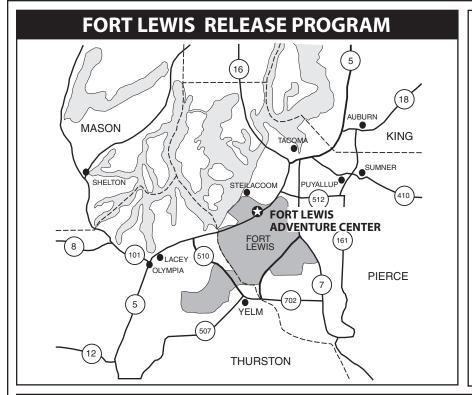
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CHEHALIS RIVER RELEASE SITE

GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY, WASHINGTON





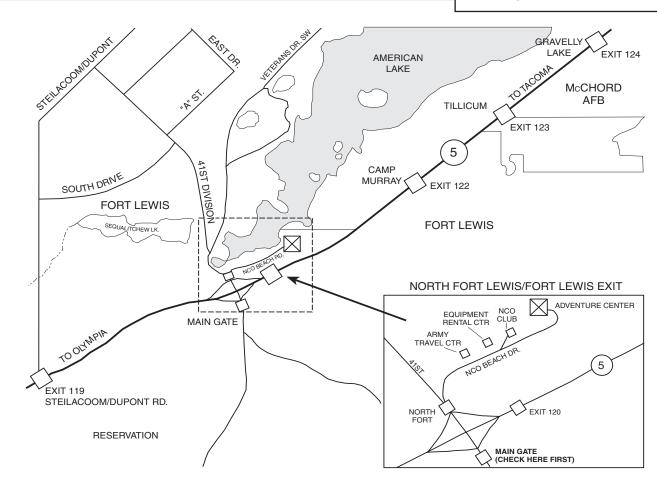


To sign in for a release site on **Fort Lewis** you must contact the Adventure Center

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

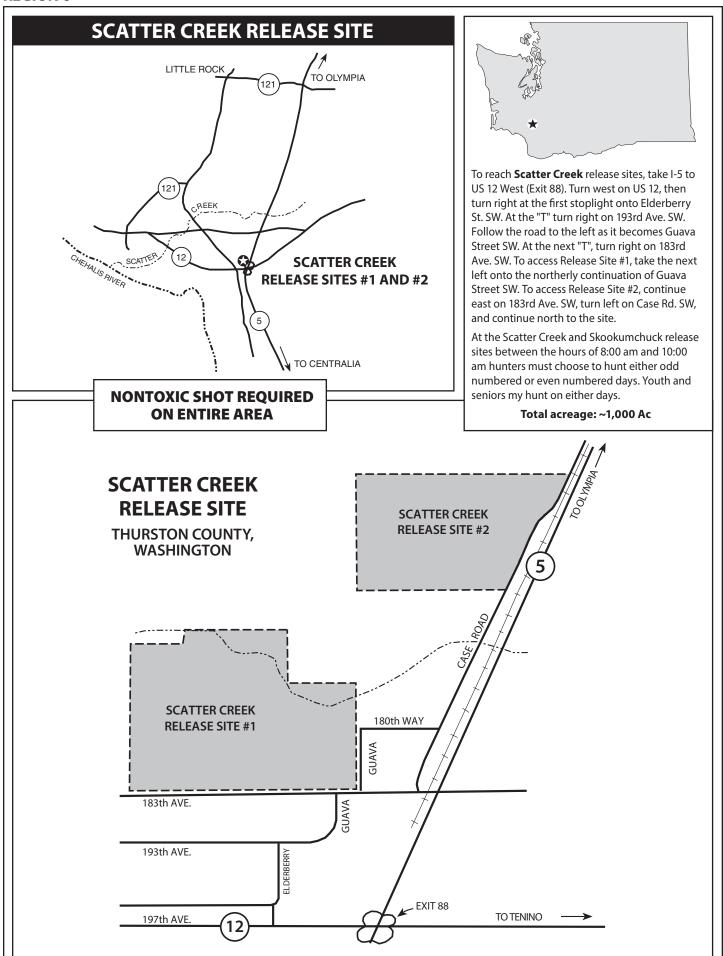
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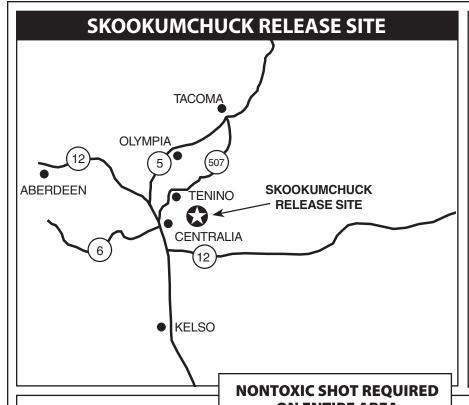
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FORT LEWIS ADVENTURE CENTER

PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON





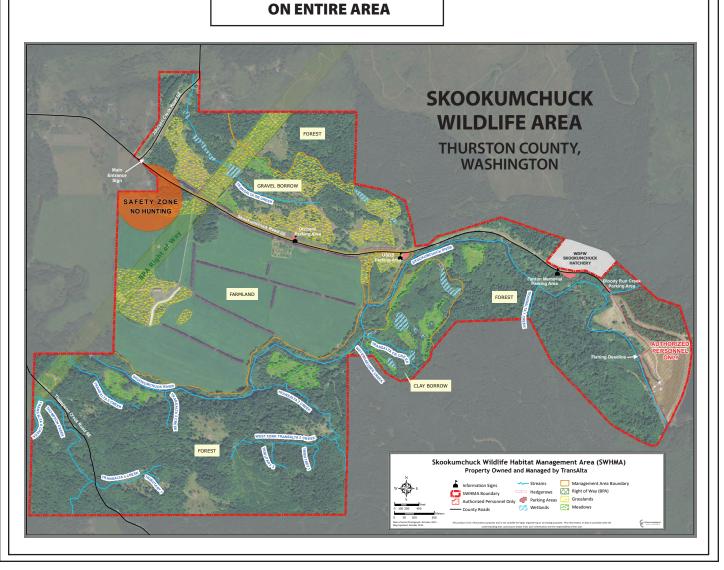


To reach the **Skookumchuck** release site, take I-5 to US 12 West (Exit 88). Turn east to Old Hwy 99 toward Tenino. Turn right on SR 507 toward Bucoda. Turn left on 184th Ave SE, which becomes Skookumchuck Rd. after 0.6 mile. Continue east on Skookuchuck Rd. to the release site.

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 my hunt on either days.

Total acreage: ~250 Ac



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)

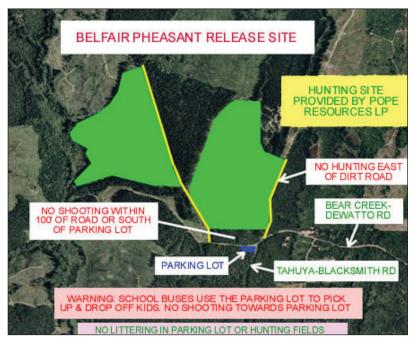
From Hwy. 3, east of Allyn, head north on Mason-Benson Rd. E for 2.6 miles. Take a right on Mason Lake Rd. and go east for 1.1 miles. Take a left on E. Mason Lake Dr. West and go 0.1 mile to the gate on the right.

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.



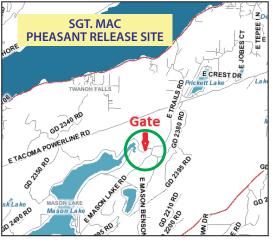
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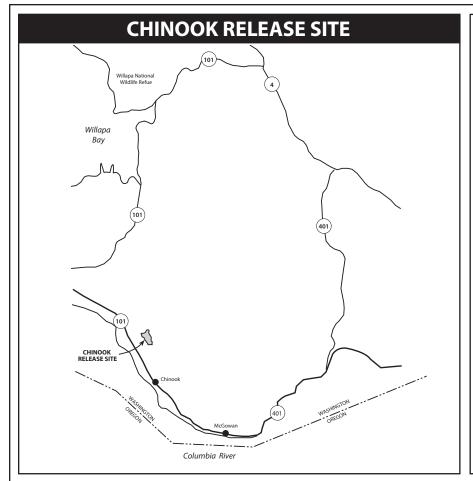


BELFAIR and SGT. MAC RELEASE SITES

MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON





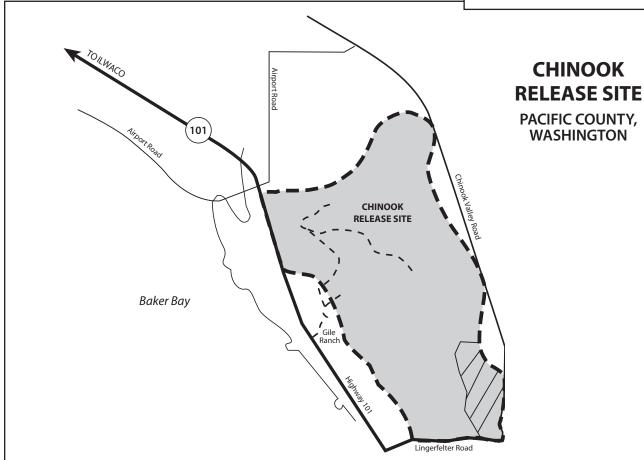




The **Chinook Release Site** is located on the south shore of the Chinook River between the towns of Chinook and Ilwaco in Pacific County. The release site can be accessed from Lingerfelter Road and Chinook Valley Road off of Highway 101.

NOTE: Boundary is not always on the roads!

Total acreage: ~800 Ac



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