

## Updated access rules for Samish River Unit of Skagit Wildlife Area

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) has modified the access rules at the Samish River Unit of the Skagit Wildlife Area, commonly known as the East 90 or Edison site.

There are now specific zones for different recreation opportunities to support quality experiences and visitor safety. There is a Hunters Only Zone that is the southern and eastern portion of the property encompassing the Edison West (371) and Edison East (372) hunting access sites (see attached map), and a wildlife viewing zone outside the Hunters Only Zone. The Hunters Only Zone includes a safety buffer of approximately 250 yards.

**All users in the Hunters Only Zone must park in the designated parking spot and follow all posted rules for their designated area including being fully licensed as a Washington hunter.**

The new access rules are posted at the field entrances and there is increased signage at the boundary of the Hunters Only Zone. Violations of these site rules may be subject to prosecution under the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 77.15.160, RCW 77.15.210, and/or RCW 77.15.230.

This is a seasonal access rule, applying from the beginning of the general waterfowl hunting season on the second Saturday in September and running through the first Saturday in February.

These rules are a pilot effort for the remainder of the 2022-23 hunting season and may be made permanent after consultation with WDFW's Skagit Wildlife Area Advisory Committee. Spatially separating user groups on this small Wildlife Area Unit will increase safety and improve experiences for all users while reducing the potential for negative interactions or conflict.

**To learn more visit: [wdfw.wa.gov/places-to-go/wildlife-areas/skagit-wildlife-area](http://wdfw.wa.gov/places-to-go/wildlife-areas/skagit-wildlife-area)**



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