



50 PLACES TO GO FISHING WITHIN 90 MINUTES OF BEND

NOT ENOUGH TIME TO GO FISHING? *Think again – if you live in the Bend, Redmond, Prineville, Sisters or LaPine areas there are a number of great fishing spots just a short drive away. Make sure you read the Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations, and why not grab a friend or family member to go with you? The times and distances listed are from Drake Park in Bend.*

1-2) CRANE PRAIRIE RESERVOIR, Sunriver – 39 mi., 70 min.
Redband rainbow trout, hatchery rainbow trout, brook trout, largemouth bass, kokanee

Spectacular views and excellent boat fishing for trout and bass. Opportunity to catch large rainbow and brook trout. Limited bank access. Boat rentals and other services available at Crane Prairie Resort (541) 383-3939.

1) Crane Prairie Campground



2) Rock Creek Campground: some bank fishing available.



3-4) WICKIUP RESERVOIR,

LaPine – 43 mi., 70 min.
Kokanee, brown trout, rainbow trout, largemouth bass

Challenging fishing for abundant kokanee and for brown trout up to 20-inches. Best fished from a boat. Trophy largemouth bass.

3) Reservoir Campground



4) Wickiup Butte: access to some bank fishing near the dam. Camping nearby.



5-6) DAVIS LAKE, Crescent – 55 mi., 90 min.

Rainbow trout, largemouth bass

A very productive lake with good populations of trout and bass. Fly fishing only for both trout and bass.

5) Lava Flow Campground: unimproved boat launch.



6) East Davis Campground



7) SPARKS LAKE, Bend – 25 mi., 36 min.

Cutthroat trout, brook trout

A large, shallow lake offering good fishing and stunning scenery. Great for a canoe or other small boat. Fly fishing only.

Day use area



8) DEVIL'S LAKE, Bend – 28 mi. 42 min.

Rainbow trout, brook trout

A pretty little lake that's great for families. Lots of bank access.

Day use area: Hike-in tent camping only.



9) CULTUS LAKE, BIG,

Sunriver – 47 mi., 80 min.

Rainbow trout, lake trout

A large lake popular for fishing, boating and swimming. Several

campgrounds nearby. Boat rentals and other services available at Cultus Lake Resort (541) 408-1560.

Day use area



10) CULTUS LAKE, LITTLE, Sunriver – 49 mi., 85 min.

Rainbow trout, brook trout

Fishing for naturally reproducing rainbow and brook trout. Good bank access. Primitive camping only.



11) THREE CREEKS LAKE, Sisters – 39 mi., 75 min.

Rainbow trout, brook trout

High alpine lake with good fishing all summer for both boat and bank anglers. Road opens mid-June or later. Boat rentals and other services available at Three Creeks Lake Resort (541) 873-2961.



12-13) HOSMER LAKE, Bend – 36 mi., 57 min.

Atlantic salmon, brook trout, rainbow trout

Fly fishing only with spectacular view of Mt. Bachelor. Little bank access; great for float tubes, pontoon boats and canoes.

12) Mallard Marsh Campground



13) Hosmer Lake Boat Launch



14) ELK LAKE, Bend – 32 mi., 50 min.

Brook trout, kokanee, cutthroat trout

Fishing for naturally reproducing brook trout and kokanee. Also popular for sailing, wind surfing and swimming. Boat rentals and other services available at Elk Lake Resort (541) 480-7378.

Beach Day Use Area: Camping nearby.



15) LAVA LAKE, BIG, Bend – 39 mi., 60 min.

Rainbow trout

Great views of Mt. Bachelor and South Sister. Superb trout fishing. Boat rentals and other services available at Lava Lake Lodge (541) 382-9443.

Lava Lake Campground



16) LAVA LAKE, LITTLE, Bend – 39 mi., 60 min.

Rainbow trout, brook trout

Headwaters of the Deschutes River. Good lake for float tube or small boat.



17-18) EAST LAKE, La Pine – 42 mi., 75 min.

Rainbow trout, brown trout, kokanee

Large, deep lake located in Newberry Volcanic National Monument. Popular with fly fishers, best fishing is from a boat, pontoon or float tube. Road usually opens in early June. Boat rentals and other services available at East Lake Resort (541) 536-2230.

17) East Lake Boating Site: Camping nearby.



18) Hot Springs Boating Site: Camping nearby.



19-20) PAULINA LAKE, LaPine – 37 mi., 65 min.

Brown trout, rainbow trout, kokanee

Also located in Newberry Volcanic National Monument, Paulina is managed for trophy brown trout. Great scenery and camping. Road usually opens in early June. Boat rentals and other services available at Paulina Lake Lodge (541) 536-2240.

19) Paulina Lake Day Use Area



20) Little Crater Boating Site: Camping nearby.



21) TWIN LAKE, SOUTH, LaPine – 40 mi., 70 min.

Rainbow trout

Perfect for the family with lots of bank fishing. Regularly stocked with trout. Boat rentals and other services available at Twin Lakes Resort (541) 382-6432.

Day Use Area: Camping nearby.



22) TWIN LAKE, NORTH, LaPine – 40 mi., 70 min.

Rainbow trout

Good-sized lake stocked with trout. Open year round.

North Twin Lake Campground



23-24) SUTTLE LAKE, Sisters – 36 mi., 45 min.

Kokanee, brown trout

Good early season fishing for kokanee and brown trout. Bank access from trail encircling lake. Boat rentals and other services available at the Lodge at Suttle Lake (541) 595-2628.

23) Cinder Beach Day Use Area



24) Suttle Lake Day Use Area: Camping nearby.

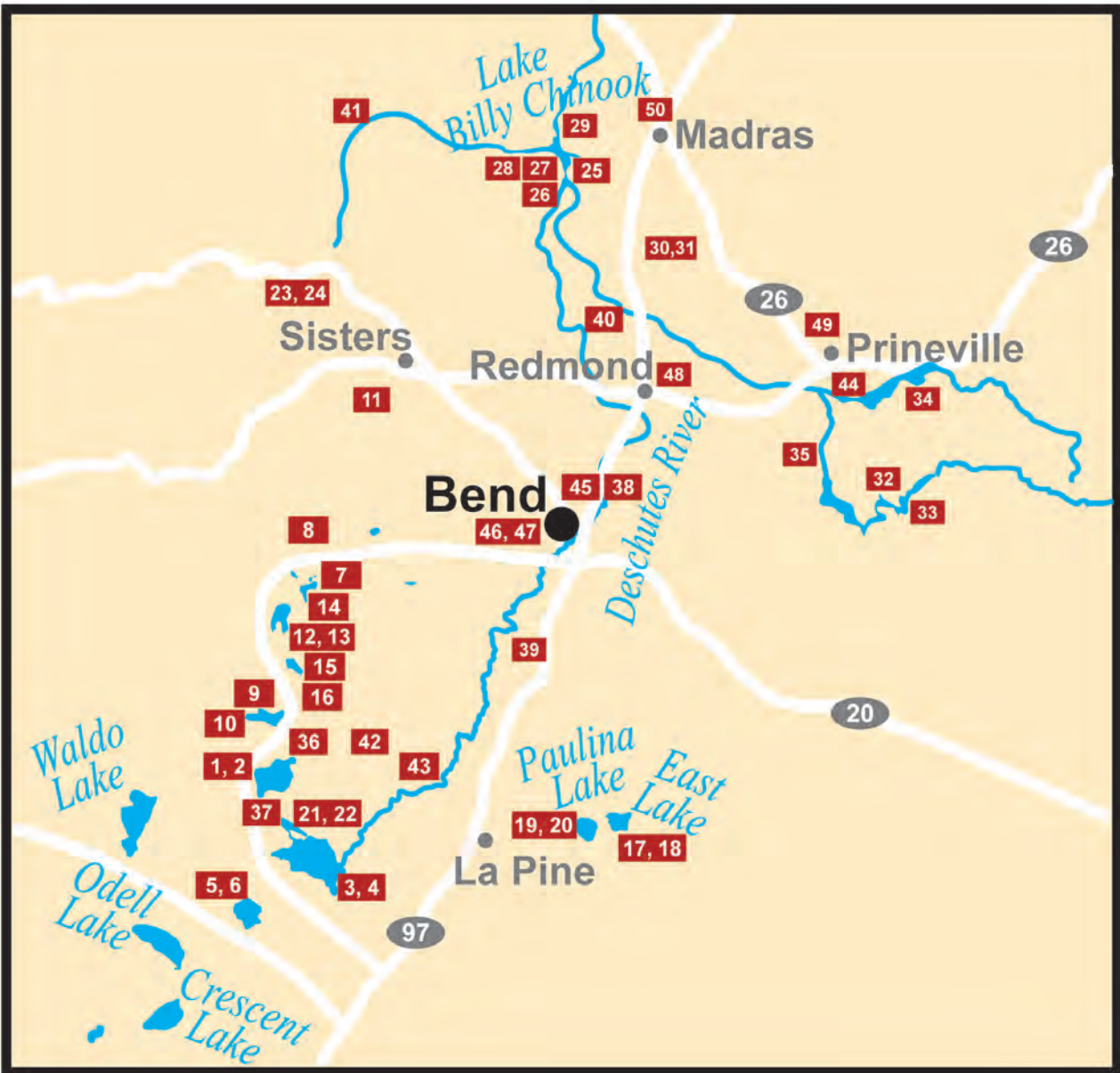


25-28) LAKE BILLY CHINOOK, Culver – 46 mi., 75 min.

Rainbow trout, brown trout, kokanee, bull trout, smallmouth bass

The only place in Oregon where you can keep a bull trout. Large 3,900-acre reservoir popular for fishing, boating and waterskiing. Boat rentals and other services available at Cove Palisades Resort and Marine (541) 546-9999.

25) Crooked River Day Use Area, Cove Palisades State Park: Camping nearby.



26) Upper Deschutes Day Use Area, Cove Palisades
 SP: Camping nearby.



27) Lower Deschutes Day Use Area, Cove Palisades
 SP: Camping nearby.



28) Perry South Campground: Tribal fishing permit required.



29) **LAKE SIMTUSTUS**, Madras – 53 mi., 80 min.
Rainbow trout, kokanee, smallmouth bass

A reservoir of the Deschutes River with good boat fishing. Tribal fishing permit required. Services also available at Pelton Park Store and Marina (541) 475-0516.



30-31) **HAYSTACK RESERVOIR**, Culver – 36 mi., 55 min.

Rainbow trout, brown trout, kokanee, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, black crappie, bluegill
 Small, popular reservoir with nearly year-round fishing. Good bank access.

30) Haystack Reservoir Day Use Area: Camping nearby.



31) West Shore Day Use Area: Camping nearby.



32-33) **PRINEVILLE RESERVOIR**, Prineville – 56 mi., 85 min.

Rainbow trout, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, black crappie, brown bullhead

Large desert reservoir popular for boating, camping and water skiing. Good bank fishing at state park.

Boat rentals and other services are available at Prineville Reservoir Resort (541) 447-7468.

32) State Park Day Use Area



33) Jasper Point Day Use Area: Camping nearby.



34) OCHOCO RESERVOIR, Prineville – 43 mi., 60 min.

Rainbow trout, black crappie, smallmouth bass, brown bullhead

Good trout fishing just five minutes from Prineville. Good bank and boat fishing.

Ochoco Lake Park: Camping nearby.



35) CROOKED RIVER, Prineville – 48 mi., 65 min. *Redband trout, mountain whitefish*

One of the most productive trout streams in Central Oregon. Best fishing is from Castle Rock Campground upriver to Bowman Dam. Numerous pullouts and several BLM campsites along this stretch.



36-40) DESCHUTES RIVER, Bend *Redband trout, brown trout*

From its source at Little Lava Lake 133 miles downstream to Lake Billy Chinook, the Deschutes River has excellent year-round trout fishing. There are several access points for both boat and bank fishing.

36) Cow Meadow Campground, Bend – 46 mi., 75 min.



37) Sheep Bridge Campground, Bend – 39 mi., 70 min.



38) Tumalo State Park, Bend – 7 mi., 15 min.



39) Benham Falls Day Use Area, Bend – 16 mi., 28 min. Best fishing is downstream of falls.



40) Tetherow Crossing, Redmond – 21 mi., 40 min.



41) METOLIUS RIVER, Camp Sherman – 43 mi., 65 min. *Redband trout, bull trout*

The Wizard Falls Hatchery is a great jumping in point to explore the river – famous for its beauty, year-round insect hatches and challenging fly fishing. Several other access points at various pullouts and campgrounds. Special gear restrictions apply – be sure to check current regulations.



42) FALL RIVER, Sunriver – 27 mi., 45 min.

Redband trout, hatchery rainbow trout, brown trout, brook trout

Beautiful stream-fed river with crystal clear water.

Regularly stocked with trout near Fall River Hatchery; foot trail from the hatchery provides access to several miles of river. Fly fishing only. Camping nearby.



43) CONFLUENCE OF DESCHUTES AND FALL RIVERS, LaPine – 28 mi., 45 min.

Redband trout, hatchery rainbow trout, brown trout

LaPine State Park offers good bank access to the upper Deschutes and Fall rivers.



44) OCHOCO CREEK, Prineville – 36 mi., 55 min. *Redband trout*

Good fishing for small native trout right in the heart of Prineville. Access from a 10-mile bike path.



45) TUMALO CREEK, Bend – 13 mi., 35 min. *Redband trout*

Popular trout stream close to Bend. Additional access from roads that follow and cross the creek.

Tumalo State Park



46-50 FIVE GREAT PLACES FOR KIDS

These five fishing holes are all close to a town, stocked regularly with trout, and have good bank access.

46) **Shevlin Pond**, Bend – 4 mi., 15 min.

47) **Bend Pine Nursery Pond**, Bend – 5 mi., 10 min.

48) **Fireman's Pond**, Redmond – 17 mi., 25 min.

49) **Prineville Youth Pond**, Prineville – 36 mi., 50 min.

50) **Jefferson County Pond**, Madras – 43 mi., 60 min.

FEELING UP FOR A DRIVE?

There are several great places to fish just a little more than 90 minutes from Bend.

Antelope Flat Reservoir, 109 min. – Large reservoir off the beaten track; produces really big trout.

Walton Lake, 110 min. – Small picturesque lake stocked regularly; lots of good bank access.

Odell Lake, 100 min. – Large, deep lake has outstanding fishing for lake trout and kokanee.

Crescent Lake, 100 min. – Large, pristine lake popular for fishing and other water sports.



GETTING OFF THE BEATEN TRACK

If you prefer getting away from the crowds, there are several nearby hike-in lakes that offer calm, quiet and good fishing. The following all are just a short hike away:

TODD LAKE – short .5 mile hike in; brook trout up to 15-inches.

BLOW LAKE – good hike-n-fish opportunity for kids; swimming in July and Aug.

DORIS LAKE – great day trip; 2.7 mile hike to picturesque lake.

DEER LAKE – good early season fishing for brook and cutthroat trout.

LUCKY LAKE – abundant brook trout; moderate 1.3 mile hike.

ROSARY LAKES – series of three hike-in lakes; lowest is a 2.5 mile hike; all are easily fished with a spinning rod.

SQUARE LAKE – popular hike lake-in near Santiam Pass; good catches of brook trout; 2 mile hike.

LITTLE THREE CREEKS LAKE – short hike from Three Creeks Lake; naturally reproducing brook trout.

YORAN LAKE – challenging 5.3 mile hike from Odell Lake.

IF YOU GO, REMEMBER:

- Go prepared for a day on the trail and follow all the usual precautions when going for a hike.
- Contact the land manager (usually BLM or Forest Service) before you go to check on trail conditions.
- Unless otherwise specified in the Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations, all stream fishing is with flies and artificial lures.
- If you choose to fly-fish, consider carrying in a float tube or use a spinning outfit with a casting bobber and fly.
- Check road conditions before you go. Some higher elevation lakes may not be ice-free and accessible until July.

KEY:



Boat launch or ramp



Campground



Picnic area



NW Forest Pass required



Restrooms or toilet



Day use, parking or other fee

COMMON FISH



Rainbow trout



Redband trout



Brook trout



Brown trout



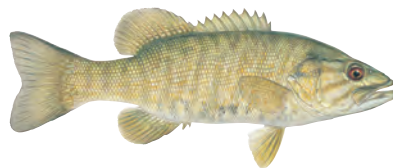
Kokanee



Atlantic salmon



Largemouth Bass



Smallmouth Bass



Bullhead

MORE FISHING RESOURCES AVAILABLE ON THE ODFW WEBSITE:

- Trout stocking schedules
- Fishing tips and techniques
- Weekly Recreation Report

WHAT YOU NEED

- A fishing license if you are older than 13
- A fishing rod, tackle, lures
- A copy of the Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations
- Licenses and regulations are available at license agents and online.



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Directions and times are approximate. See the ODFW Web site and interactive map for more details on rivers, lakes and reservoirs throughout the state.



65 PLACES TO GO FISHING IN LANE COUNTY

LANE COUNTY OFFERS SO MUCH TO EXPLORE -- from coastal lakes and rivers to mountain lakes and streams. The Willamette River runs through the Eugene-Springfield metro area and is fed by three major rivers: the McKenzie, Middle Fork Willamette and Coast Fork Willamette. Florence is surrounded by large dune lakes, the Siuslaw River and Pacific Ocean. With so many places to fish, it's no wonder Lane County is an anglers' paradise.

1-4. MAINSTEM WILLAMETTE RIVER

Trout, salmon, steelhead, some bass and panfish

Beautiful stretch of river through the urban Eugene-Springfield area. Slow waters, riffles and rapids offer plenty of places for fish to hold. Trout fishing between the mouth of the McKenzie River and the town of Harrisburg can be good during spring months. Late spring through early fall are great months to fish for steelhead and salmon. Target the bedrock slots and pools, soft water at edges and deeper holes.

1. Alton Baker Canoe Canal, Eugene

Access is via Alton Baker Park with an adjacent trail that runs nearly the entire length. The canal, effectively a side channel of the river, is stocked with rainbow trout and an occasional steelhead makes its way in from the mainstem Willamette. A midpoint pond offers good fishing, rounding out this popular location.



2. Beltline Landing at Beltline and River Ave., Eugene

Often a take-out for floating the "town run" of summer steelhead, this landing also provides bank access, summer recreation and a launch for a lesser-floated reach to the town of Harrisburg.



3. Island Park, Springfield

Provides good bank access to the river as well as a boat ramp.



4. Ruth Bascom Riverbank Path System (Willamette River Trail)

A unique opportunity to target summer steelhead from late spring into early fall with or without a boat. Bike paths line the river from Island Park in Springfield to Randy Pape Beltline in north Eugene. Target the long bedrock runs and pools. Access to amenities in multiple locations.

MAINSTEM WILLAMETTE AREA STANDING WATERS

5. Orchard Point Park, Fern Ridge Reservoir, Veneta

Crappie, bass, bluegill, bullhead, warmouth, carp

Western Oregon's largest waterbody by surface area, this reservoir offers excellent warmwater fishing for large bass and panfish. Good bank access. Additional access at several parks and along the dam face. Explore the shallow lagoons and bottomland creeks on the south end from a canoe or kayak.



6. Junction City Pond, Junction City

Trout

This easy-access pond is great for beginners and has fishing docks and restrooms. High use from nearby urban areas.



7-9. COAST FORK WILLAMETTE RIVER

Trout

South of Springfield. The Coast Fork is a nice pontoon fishery with few (but significant) navigational challenges; hard-frame boats need higher flows. Bank access is limited because it flows mostly through private land. Target the bedrock slots and pools, soft water at edges and deeper holes for trout in the spring. Salmon and steelhead are occasionally caught here in the late spring and early fall.



7. City of Cottage Grove

Access through town and just north of town to the mainstem Coast Fork Willamette River. Technical float due to multiple navigation hazards.





8. Cloverdale Rd. at Sears Rd., Pleasant Hill

Good bank access and inflatable boat launch. Roadside parking for vehicles.



9. Lynx Hollow, Creswell

Although a gate at the entrance is open occasionally, plan on walk-in access only at this beautiful green space on the mainstem Coast Fork.  

10-12. COAST FORK WILLAMETTE AREA FLOWING WATERS




10. Mosby Creek, Cottage Grove

Trout

This Row River tributary is immediately southeast of Cottage Grove with multiple access points along Mosby Creek Rd. and Blue Mountain Rd. This creek offers good fishing for hard-working trout anglers. Steelhead are occasionally caught.





11. Row River Nature Park, Cottage Grove

Trout, bass, bluegill, bullhead

The pond with a dock is stocked with rainbow trout in the spring providing an excellent family-friendly fishery. The park has been a focus of restoration efforts and hosts great wildlife viewing opportunities; none of the other ponds are stocked. Also provides bank access to the Row River.   

12. Row River at Schwarz Park, Cottage Grove

Trout

Schwarz Park is about 5 miles east of Cottage Grove and provides access to the Row River at the base of Dorena Dam. Offers a wide variety of recreation opportunities, including swimming, hiking, biking, and a hand launch for small watercraft. No formal day use, but anglers are welcome to park at gate and walk through to access.    

13-15. COAST FORK WILLAMETTE AREA STANDING WATERS

13. Cottage Grove Reservoir, Lakeside Park, Cottage Grove

Bass, bullhead, bluegill, trout

Smaller reservoir with diverse and productive fishing, open year-round. Health advisory (mercury) for fish consumption.



14. Dorena Reservoir, Baker Bay County Park, Cottage Grove




Bass, bullhead, crappie, bluegill, trout

Diverse fishing in a lake that is also popular with boaters and swimmers. Health advisory (mercury) for fish consumption.



15. Garden Lake, Creswell

Bass, bluegill, bullhead, trout






Previously known as Creswell Pond, this pond offers warmwater fishing in a park setting. Trout fishing is best from late winter to early spring. Aquatic vegetation growth in the summer makes fishing challenging but is a great place for families the rest of the year.   

16-20. MIDDLE FORK WILLAMETTE RIVER




Trout, steelhead, salmon

The Middle Fork has outstanding fishing opportunities for boat and bank anglers, although bank angling can be limited due to access. Trout fishing is good to great in spring and summer. Steelhead and salmon fishing begins in May and runs through early fall. Some boating navigation challenges. Nice remote feel while still close to town. Boaters can choose floats of varying lengths.




16. Black Canyon Campground, Westfir

Located within a beautiful, shady campground, the boat ramp remains open year-round and provides access to the head of Lookout Point Reservoir as well as the Middle Fork.     

17. Clearwater Landing, Springfield

Recently upgraded facilities with access to the Middle Fork Path. Makes a nice put-in for floating down into the mainstem Willamette, with take-outs at Island Park, D Street or Alton Baker Park.   



18. Dexter Dam, Lowell

Boat ramp is located immediately below the dam and is accessible from Dexter State Recreation Area. Amenities available in the park.   

19. Jasper Bridge, Jasper

Provides good bank fishing and an unimproved boat launch on the south bank. This is a nice take-out for Dexter-Jasper float or a stopover for a longer float.

20. Pengra Boat Launch, Jasper

A good boat launch with bank access. At lower water levels, there is some access to less-fished water across the river.  

21-23. MIDDLE FORK WILLAMETTE AREA FLOWING WATERS

21. Fall Creek (above Fall Creek Reservoir), Lowell

Trout

Picturesque stream above Fall Creek Reservoir. Popular summer recreation area with swimming holes. Good bank access from multiple campgrounds.     

22. North Fork of the Middle Fork Willamette, Westfir




Trout

A beautiful and remote-feeling river in a deep canyon. Fly fishing with barbless hooks only. Access from pullouts along FS Rd. 19; the lower 12 miles offer particularly good water. Although this is also a popular summer swimming stream, fishing pressure is light.



23. Salmon Creek, Oakridge






Trout

Located immediately northeast of Oakridge via Salmon Creek Rd. (FS Rd. 24). Multiple access points at pullouts, bridges and a campground, as well as hiking to a waterfall and mountain biking. Visit ODFW's Willamette Hatchery along the way!   

24-33. MIDDLE FORK WILLAMETTE AREA STANDING WATERS




24. Dexter Reservoir, Lowell State Park, Lowell

Trout, bass

Reservoir with park, playground and marina. Trout fishing is best from fall to spring. Heavy use by water-skiers and sailboaters. Dexter is home to a pikeminnow derby during the Blackberry Jam Festival in late July.     

25. Erma Bell Lakes, Oakridge

Trout

Series of three lakes north of Waldo Lake in the high Cascades with hike-in access. Very popular area for hikers, providing access to other trails and lakes.   




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26. Fall Creek Reservoir, Cascara Campground, Lowell

Trout, bass, crappie

Good bank and boat access. Popular recreation area with access to camping, hiking, swimming and boating available at additional locations. 

27. Gold Lake, Oakridge

Trout

Beautiful, easy-access lake in the Cascades near Willamette Pass. Fly fishing only for brook and rainbow trout. No motors, but good for small watercraft and/or float tube. 

28-29. Hills Creek Reservoir, Oakridge

Trout, crappie, bass

A popular reservoir with many access points. Other recreation opportunities include camping, hiking trails, mountain biking.

28. Packard Creek Campground. 

29. C.T. Beach Picnic Area. 

30-31. Lookout Point Reservoir, Lowell

Trout, crappie

Year-round fishing and recreation opportunities. Trolling from a boat does well here, although bank fishing can be productive for trout. Multiple ramps are available.

30. Several points of bank access from West Boundary Rd. on the north shore. 

31. Signal Point Boat Ramp. 

32-33. Waldo Lake, Oakridge

Trout, kokanee

One of the largest and clearest lakes in Oregon, Waldo was

historically stocked with a variety of trout species. The most productive fishing is generally at the north and south ends of the lake, accessed from multiple boat ramps. Bank access is limited.

32. North Waldo Campground. 

33. Shadow Bay Campground. 

34-37. MCKENZIE RIVER ABOVE LEABURG DAM (UPPER RIVER)

Trout, steelhead


The McKenzie is famous for its adventurous trout and steelhead fishing in a beautiful, pristine setting. Late spring brings good steelhead fishing and while trout fishing can be good nearly year-round, it is truly great from late spring through fall. The upper river can be accessed via several campgrounds, boat launches and the McKenzie River Trail.

34. Ben and Kay Dorris Wayside, Vida


This scenic site offers nice bank access as well as an easy boat launch. Good take out to avoid Marten Rapids just downstream.



35. Finn Rock Landing, Blue River

This is a popular launch for a day trip on the McKenzie and also offers good bank access on the upstream side. 

36. Paradise Campground, McKenzie Bridge

Located in the campground, this launch provides access to a beautiful stretch of the upper river. 

37. Silver Creek Landing, Nimrod

A bare-bones launch 3 miles west of Nimrod provides access for both bank and boat anglers. 

38-44. UPPER MCKENZIE AREA STANDING WATERS

38. Blue River Reservoir, Lookout Campground, Blue River

Trout, bass

Very popular summer recreation lake with trail access. Open year-round and stocked in spring and early summer. Bank access is at boat ramps and along the shoreline.



39. Carmen Reservoir, Upper McKenzie

Trout

Open year-round, this small, easy-access lake fishes well through the summer. Motorized boats prohibited.



40. Clear Lake, Clear Lake Resort, Upper McKenzie (Linn County)

Trout

Headwaters of the McKenzie River, 148-acre natural lake famous for its “underwater forest.” Motorized boats prohibited. Non-motorized boat rentals available at county-owned resort onsite.



41. Cougar Reservoir, Slide Creek Campground, Rainbow

Trout

Bank anglers can head to the upper end of the reservoir and boat anglers to the coves for the best fishing on this large waterbody.



42. Leaburg Lake, Leaburg

Trout

This easy-access, family-friendly location is near ODFW’s Leaburg Hatchery and provides access for fishing from boat or bank.



43. Scott Lake, McKenzie Bridge

Trout

Lovely stocked lake in the High Cascades off of Hwy. 242 (closed seasonally for snow). One of the few drive-in High Cascade lakes on the west side, this is also the jumping-off spot for trails to several other more remote fishable lakes.



44. Smith Reservoir, upper McKenzie (Linn County)

Trout

A boat launch at the dam provides access to a boat-in campground. The lake fishes well and receives little pressure. Access to the scenic McKenzie River National Recreation Trail is nearby and offers great hiking. Very little bank access.



45-50. MCKENZIE RIVER BELOW LEABURG DAM (LOWER RIVER)

Salmon, steelhead and trout

The lower river offers diverse fishing opportunity and less technical water for boating. Some sections are fly and lure only during parts of the year—know the regulations for where you are fishing. Salmon fishing heats up in late spring and early summer, while trout fishing is fine year-round and great in both late spring and early fall.

45. Armitage Park, Eugene

Provides great access to boat or bank fishing with full amenities. Popular take-out for a float from Hayden Bridge.



46. Deerhorn, Walterville

Located on Holden Creek Rd. off of Hwy. 126, there is a ½-mile stretch of bank access as well as a boat launch.



47. Greenwood Landing, Leaburg

This popular boat launch also provides bank access for anglers.



48. Hayden Bridge, Springfield

Easy access to a stretch of river with less technical water that fishes well for native trout. Limited bank access available.



49. Hendricks Bridge, Walterville

A peaceful oasis close to Springfield, this park offers full amenities, some bank access and a popular boat ramp. Ending point for salmon trips from Leaburg or starting point for wild trout floats to Hayden Bridge.



50. Leaburg Landing, Leaburg

Some bank access available primarily for salmon and steelhead. Good access to the middle river below Leaburg Dam.



51-54. SIUSLAW RIVER

Salmon, steelhead, cutthroat trout

The Siuslaw hosts top-notch fisheries for Chinook, Coho, steelhead and sea-run cutthroat trout in a beautiful coastal river setting.

51. Cushman

A paved public dock located on the Siuslaw east of Florence. Nice access for salmon and steelhead.



52. Port of Siuslaw, Florence

Great location for fishing, clamming or crabbing within walking distance of Old Town Florence. Full amenities are available.



53. Rhododendron Drive, Florence

Good opportunity for Chinook and coho fishing on a rip-rapped bank just above the mouth.

54. Whittaker Creek Boat Launch, Whittaker Creek Rd. at Siuslaw River Rd.

Provides boat and bank access to the Siuslaw in an area with extensive smolt releases. Bobber and jig can be effective for both boat and bank anglers. Seasonal amenities at BLM campground.



SIUSLAW AREA FLOWING WATERS

55-56. Lake Creek, below Triangle Lake

Salmon, steelhead, cutthroat trout

This tributary to the Siuslaw has good fishing in the lower reach below Green Creek. Hwy. 36 tracks the creek closely. Facilities available at the BLM site. Check with the local ODFW office for most current regulations.

55. Deadwood Boat Ramp near the mouth of Deadwood Creek.










56. Konnie Memorial Park near the town of Swisshome.



SIUSLAW AREA STANDING WATERS

57. Triangle Lake, Blachly

Bass, bluegill, yellow perch, bullhead, kokanee, trout

This large, popular, natural lake offers varied fishing that can be red-hot, especially on the south and east shores. Access by boat or from a fishing pier.       

COASTAL FISHING

58. Alder Lake, Florence

Trout

A 3-acre dune lake with access to trails. Adjacent to a campground, this lake provides family-friendly access for trout fishing.     

59. Carl G. Washburne Memorial State Park, Florence

Surf perch

Easy beach access from the park and known for producing good surf perch opportunities, particularly in spring and summer. Check in with your local ODFW office for advice on how to rig your tackle. Amenities available in the park.



60-61. Honeyman State Park, Florence

Trout, yellow perch, bass




Large, deep coastal dune lakes accessed via Honeyman State Park on opposite sides of Hwy. 101. Wide variety of recreational opportunities with options for the whole family; bank access is mostly limited to boat ramp areas. Camping and all other amenities are within the State Park.

60. Cleawox Lake.       

61. Woahink Lake.     

62. Munsel Lake, Florence

Trout, yellow perch, bass

Popular for boating, swimming and fishing, this shore dune lake offers varied fishing opportunities. Shoreline is mostly privately owned; access at boat ramp.   

63. Siltcoos Lake, Dune City



Salmon, trout, yellow perch, catfish, crappie, bass

This large, somewhat shallow lake is well-used and has a wide variety of fish available, including coho salmon.



64. South Jetty Pier, Florence

Crab, surf perch, rockfish

While you can fish for salmon or rockfish, the big draw here is crabbing. Also provides beach and OHV access. Many local shops offer crab pot rentals.  

65. Sutton Lake, Florence

Trout, yellow perch, bass

Actually comprised of two lakes (East and West Sutton) that are linked by a short channel. Shoreline is mostly private; bank access at boat ramp and campground.



IF YOU HAVE MORE TIME AND A BOAT... These trips are appropriate for drift boats, pontoons or kayaks. Boaters are always responsible for knowing their craft, the nature of the river and their own abilities. Scout before you go!

1. Middle Fork Willamette River: Pengra to Jasper or Clearwater. A few technical spots keep boaters alert on this classic fish-and-float for trout and the occasional salmon or steelhead. A close-in trip that feels like a remote getaway.

2. McKenzie River: Hayden Bridge to Armitage Park. A gentle float with a few technical spots and abundant trout make this stretch relaxing and enjoyable. Catch-and-release, flies and lures only on this reach.

3. Row River/Coast Fork Willamette River: Row River Rd. Bridge to Cloverdale. Some nice trout fishing on a smaller river. Best time to float is in the spring when water levels are high.

4. Willamette River: The Town Run. Put in at Island Park in Springfield or Alton Baker Park in Eugene and float to Beltline. Very productive for summer steelhead starting in late spring and early summer.

IF YOU GO, CONSIDER...

Travel Lane County can help you coordinate the details of your trip:

- Use a local fishing guide to make the most of your time!
- Learn which day-use permits are needed. Permits may not be available for purchase at fishing locations.
- Road conditions can change quickly. Check before you go: www.tripcheck.com



North Fork Middle Fork Willamette River

KEY TO AMENITIES:



Restrooms



Fish Stocked



Boat Launch



Disabled Access



Picnic Area



Day Use, Parking or Other Fees



Camping

COMMON FISH



Rainbow trout



Brook trout



Cutthroat



Steelhead



Choho salmon



Chinook salmon



Largemouth Bass



Crappie



Bullhead

MORE FISHING RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT WWW.ODFW.COM

- Trout stocking schedules
- Fishing tips and techniques
- Weekly Recreation Report

WHAT YOU NEED

- A fishing license if you are older than 13
- A fishing rod, tackle, lures
- A copy of the Oregon Sport Fishing Regulations
- Licenses and regulations are available at license agents and online.



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Oregon

A Great Catch!

How to Razor Clam

Be in the right place:

- The 18 mile stretch of Clatsop beaches account for 95% of Oregon's razor clam harvest. The razor clam population in this area is much more dense than any other area in the state.
- Other areas include Indian Beach (Cannon Beach); Cannon Beach; Short Sands (North of Manzanita); Cape Meares Beach (Tillamook); Agate Beach (North of Newport); North Beach and South Beach (Newport); Waldport Beach; North Umpqua Spit (Winchester Bay); North Spit (Coos Bay); Whiskey Run (Bandon); and Meyers Creek Beach (Gold Beach).

Be there at the right time:

- The lower the tide, the more area will be available. Minus tides are best, plan on being there two hours before peak low tide.
- When swells are lower clams are likely to be closer to the surface, and therefore easier to detect and dig.

Find a clam:

- A razor clams neck near the surface of the beach produces a distinct "show".
- Shows are found most commonly by one of two methods:
 1. Looking for small round dimples in dry sand.
 2. Pounding a shovel handle in receding surf.
- Occasionally, if you're lucky and watching carefully you can pick them out as they are feeding. Commonly known as "necking" this behavior causes very small "V" shaped breaks in the receding surf and clams can be easily pinpointed.

What to use:

- Clam guns are easy to use and relatively inexpensive.
- Shovels are also inexpensive and less harmful to the clams.

Start digging:

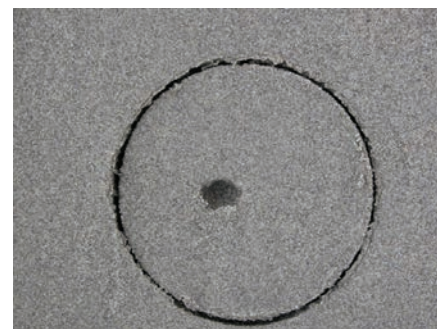
- Razor clams dig fast so you must dig quickly, but dig carefully as they are named "razors" for a good reason.

Here is a clam show. →



STEP ONE:

Place the clam gun so that it is off-center of the show with extra room on the ocean side. Razor clams shows are typically not directly above where the clam is and are at a slight angle towards the ocean



STEP TWO:

With the air hole on the clam gun open, drive the gun straight down.



STEP THREE:

Place your thumb or finger over the air hole of the clam gun. Lift the column of sand slowly and with your legs. This can be fairly heavy and it's important that you use proper lifting technique.



(continued on reverse side)








STEP FOUR:
Remove your thumb from the air hole, shake sand out of gun.



STEP FIVE:
Collect your prize!



Regulations:

-  First 15 clams must be retained regardless of size or condition
-  Clatsop County beaches north of Tillamook Head closed to razor clams July 15 -September 30.
-  Razor clams may be taken by hand, shovel, or cylindrical gun or tube. The opening of the gun/ tube must be either circular or elliptical with the circular gun/tube opening having a minimum outside diameter of 4 inches and the elliptical gun/ tube opening having a minimum outside diameter dimension of 4 inches long and 3 inches wide.
-  Unlawful to remove clams from the shell before leaving the harvest area.
-  Each digger 14 years and older must have a shellfish license, which can be purchased at sporting goods and hardware stores. They must have their own container and dig their own clams, and may not possess more than one limit of clams while in the harvest area except under a Disabled Clam Digging Permit.

SHOVEL METHOD



STEP ONE:
Insert shovel straight down (6 inches deep) perpendicular to the clams position in relation to the beach.



STEP TWO:
Push the shovel handle forward using the leverage of the shovel to pinch the clams neck. This inhibits their ability to dig.



STEP THREE:
Slide the shovel out and replace it with your hand



STEP FOUR:
Carefully detect the clams shell and dig with your hand to remove it.



STEP FIVE:
Collect your prize!



For more information and tips, please check out our webpage:

<http://www.dfw.state.or.us/MRP/shellfish/>



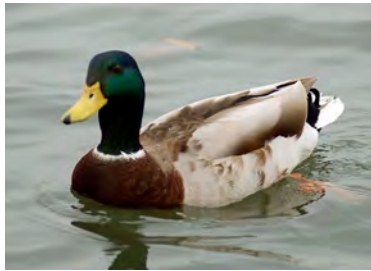
A BEGINNER'S GUIDE

WATERFOWL HUNTING



SAUVIE ISLAND WILDLIFE AREA

Some of the best duck hunting in the country takes place on Oregon's Sauvie Island Wildlife Area (SIWA) just 10 miles from downtown Portland.



At 15 miles long and 4 miles wide, Sauvie Island is the largest island in the Columbia River and a main stopping point for migratory birds as they travel along the Pacific Flyway between Alaska and South America. In the winter months the island hosts more than 150,000 waterfowl, including several species of ducks, geese and swans.

Almost half of the island's 26,000 acres are owned by the State of Oregon, which purchased the land in the 1940s, largely through funding from a federal tax on arms and ammunition. These lands were subsequently designated as a state wildlife area by the Oregon Legislature and placed under management of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW).

Today, ODFW manages the wildlife area to provide habitat for waterfowl, conserve important natural resource values and to create recreational opportunities for hunters, anglers and wildlife viewers. An important component of ODFW's management plan is a waterfowl hunting program that provides unparalleled recreational opportunities to tens of thousands of hunters each fall and winter. This program is designed with the dual goals of maximizing quality hunting experiences for sportsmen while protecting migratory birds.

The waterfowl hunting program is multi-faceted to accommodate a wide variety of hunting styles

and abilities. The possibilities include hunting from bench-style blinds in a corn field or from makeshift blinds next to the shores of one of the island's many lakes. There are special blinds for people with disabilities. And there are hunts for those who want to roam wide open fields or even hunt from a boat.

Naturally, managing a hunting program of this magnitude and diversity necessitates policies and procedures that ensure a system that is fair, safe and enjoyable for everyone. To the beginner, understanding how the various hunts work can be a challenge. Fortunately, the system has evolved over decades of trial and error and is now hailed as one of the premier duck hunting opportunities in the nation that is available to hunters in close proximity to a major metropolitan area. Like any other sport, individuals who put in the time and effort to understand the regulations and lay of the land are the ones who will enjoy the greatest success. So, please, take time to read the regulations, study the maps, visit the wildlife area and ask questions of more experienced hunters and helpful ODFW staff and you will be rewarded with a unique hunting experience that will provide many years of enjoyment.

If you are new to waterfowl hunting on Sauvie Island, this guide was specifically designed for you. It contains a general overview of License Requirements, Seasons, Access, Hunting Units, Maps, Phone Numbers, Web links, Hunter Safety and Ethics. It is not intended to be a definitive explanation but, rather, an introduction to this unique public resource. Most of the discussion in

this guide revolves around duck hunting, since that is by far the most extensive hunting opportunity on the wildlife area. There is also a short section at the end, providing a brief overview of goose hunting.



License Requirements

- Valid hunting license
 - State waterfowl validation
 - Hunter Information Program (HIP) validation
 - Federal waterfowl stamp
 - Sauvie Island Wildlife Area Parking Permit
- Sauvie Island Wildlife Area Hunting Unit Permit
 - Goose hunters need a Northwest Goose Permit, except during the September season

Note: Hunting licenses and state game bird validations can be purchased from ODFW offices and license agents. HIP validations are obtained free of charge at ODFW offices or license agents after answering several questions related to the harvest of game birds. Federal waterfowl stamps can be purchased at ODFW offices and U.S. Postal Service offices. SIWA parking permits can be purchased from ODFW offices and license agents. SIWA hunting unit permits are issued on hunt days at one of the Sauvie Island hunter check stations. Northwest Zone goose permits can be purchased for a nominal fee after passing a test demonstrating the ability to correctly identify different goose species.

Seasons

Duck Hunting

Mid-October through January, varies slightly year to year

Eastside Unit – Every other day (for exact dates, refer to the Sauvie Island Reservation Hunt tables, which are printed in the back of the Oregon Game Bird Regulations)

Westside Unit – Every other day (same dates as Eastside Units)

North Unit – Every day

Goose Hunting

September Canada Goose Hunt – Early to mid-September

Northwest Permit Goose Hunt – Mid-October through January

Shooting times

Eastside and Westside units – Beginning times change each week throughout the season depending on when sunrise takes place. Official start times are listed in the shooting hours table in the Oregon Game Bird Regulations. Ending shooting times on these two units is 4 p.m. for the entire season.

North Unit – Both beginning and ending shooting times are the same as official times listed in the Game Bird Shooting Hours Table in the Oregon Game Bird Regulations. In other words, North Unit

both beginning and ending shooting hours change every week according to when dawn and dusk take place. This unit is closed to goose hunting except during the September goose season.

Access

For the purposes of duck hunting, the Sauvie Island Wildlife Area is divided into three general areas – the Eastside Unit, Westside Unit, and North Unit. The Eastside and Westside units are divided into a total of 20 smaller hunting subunits. Hunters must obtain a SIWA hunting permit to hunt in any of these areas and this permit must be in their possession while they are hunting. Due to differences in the number of and types of blinds, topography, hunter demand, waterfowl distribution and other factors, each area has its own system for allocating permits. These systems are designed to give everybody an equal chance to “draw” a permit as quickly and efficiently as possible.

How to Hunt the Eastside Unit

Getting there – The Eastside is comprised of 14 individual hunting subunits. Access to all Eastside subunits is permitted only after obtaining a SIWA hunting permit at ODFW’s Eastside check station, which is located approximately 11 miles from the Sauvie Island Bridge, at the intersection of Reeder and Rentenaar roads. To get to the check station, from Hwy. 30, cross the Sauvie Island Bridge and stay straight on Sauvie Island Road. Follow Sauvie Island Road for 2 miles until it forks. At the fork, bear right and stay on Reeder Road for 9 miles. The check station is a small light gray building on the left.

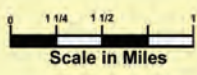
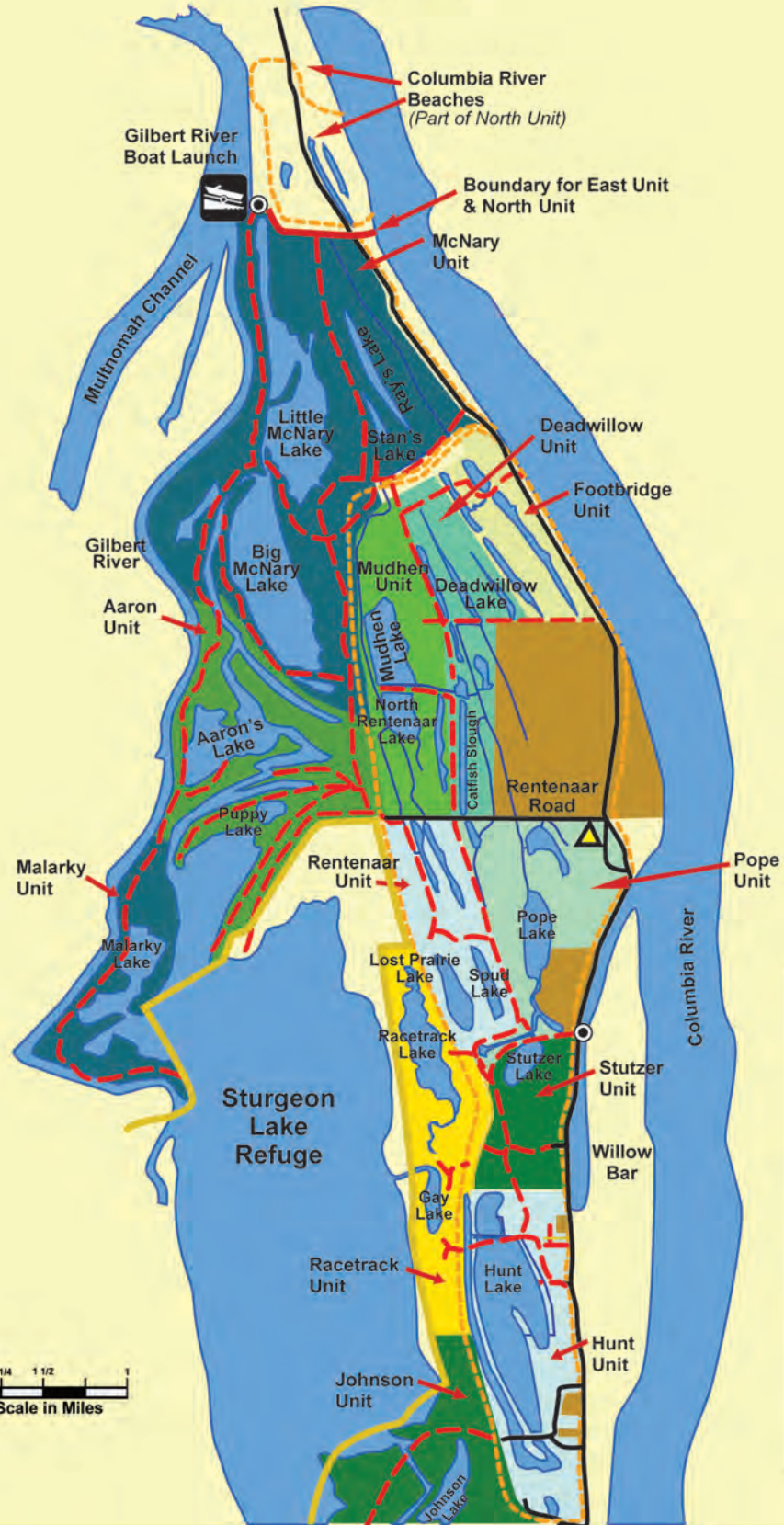
Getting a SIWA Eastside hunting permit – The Eastside or “food crop” area has the greatest number of individual hunting units and is the most popular among hunters. These are lands managed to provide abundant natural foods or are planted with corn, millet, buckwheat and alfalfa to provide food and habitat for the birds and to reduce their impact on surrounding private lands. On weekends especially, there is often more demand for hunting than the area can meet. That is why years ago ODFW adopted a reservation system for allocating hunting permits for Eastside subunits. Under this system, hunters have two possible ways of obtaining a permit. Those methods are as follows:

Option #1 – The first method is to apply for a reservation through ODFW’s computerized controlled hunt system. Using this method, the hunter pays a small fee to participate in a random drawing that can be entered at ODFW offices, license agents or by sending in an application



Sauvie Island Wildlife Area

Eastside Unit



- Roads
- Parking Lots
- Trails or Roads (foot access only)
- Dike
- Footbridge
- Dams
- Refuge Boundary
- Ditches and creeks
- Hunter Check Station
- Private Lands

EASTSIDE BLIND UNITS



HUNT BLIND UNIT



JOHNSON BLIND UNIT



MUDHEN BLIND UNIT



RACETRACK BLIND UNIT



printed in the back of the Oregon Game Bird Regulations. The hunter can choose up to five Eastside subunits in each of seven drawings conducted about every two weeks from September through December. Those who are successful in a drawing may then purchase a confirmed reservation for a small fee and take it to the check station on their hunt day and exchange it for a SIWA hunting permit. Hunters lucky enough to draw a reservation need to get themselves to the "Reservation Line" at the Eastside check station no later than 1 hour before shooting time. Beginning shooting times vary throughout the season, depending on when the sun comes up in the morning. Shooting times are listed chronologically in a table published in the Oregon Game Bird Regulations.

Option #2 – The hunter can take their chances by simply driving out to the Eastside check station and getting into the "Non-Reservation Line," which is a turnout next to Reeder Road a short distance south of the check station. Here's how the "Non-Reservation Line" works. After everyone with a confirmed reservation is issued a tag, the check station staff issues any remaining available SIWA hunting permits on a first-come, first-served basis. This can be an effective strategy, especially during mid-week when there are often fewer hunters and less demand for hunting positions. The check station staff begins processing hunters who do not have reservations 1 hour before shooting time, assuming there are still spots available. Some hunters wait until later in the day to come to the check station and take spots vacated by other hunters.

Note: *With both options, anybody who receives a SIWA hunting permit for a blind is permitted to invite up to three other persons to sit in the blind. Likewise, those who receive roam permits may be accompanied by one other person, but that person may not hunt.*

What's available in the Eastside Unit

If you are lucky enough to get a SIWA hunting permit, one of the things you'll want to know is something about the types of hunting positions that are available. Basically, your choices are to hunt from a fixed location in blinds built and maintained by ODFW staff and volunteers or to hunt in a "roam" unit where hunters are free to walk around or build their own makeshift blind with a camouflage net and/or natural materials.

The Eastside is comprised of 14 individual hunting subunits. The number of hunters allowed in each of these units varies through the season. Five of the 14 are "blind" subunits and the other nine are "roam" subunits, as follows:

Eastside Blind Subunits

- Hunt (8 regular blinds, 1 ADA accessible blind)
- Johnson (5 slotted tree/vegetation blinds & 2 lakeside blinds)
- Mudhen (12 regular blinds, 1 ADA accessible blind)
- Oak Island (6 seasonal blinds, best for ducks when water is high)
- Racetrack (5 regular blinds)

Eastside Roam Subunits

- Aaron (up to 10 hunters)
- Deadwillow (up to 10 hunters)
- Footbridge (up to 8 hunters)
- Malarky (up to 10 hunters)
- McNary (up to 20 hunters)
- Pope Lake (up to 8 hunters)
- Reeder (1 party of up to four hunters)
- Rentenaar (up to 10 hunters)
- Stutzer (up to 8 hunters)

All Eastside subunits except Hunt, Johnson, Oak Island, Mudhen and Racetrack are "roam" areas in which hunters are free to set up at any location so long as they do not interfere with hunters already in place. In the five "blind" units, hunters are required to shoot from fixed locations where there are bench style hunting blinds that have been camouflaged with corn stalks, branches and other materials. Two of these subunits have blinds reserved for individuals with disabled hunter permits.

Hunters who enjoy hunting from a boat should consider Aaron, McNary or Malarky subunits. Hunters are also allowed to check into the Crane subunit through the Eastside check station, although the subunit is located in the Westside Unit. This is only allowed if hunt locations remain after the random drawing on the Westside Unit has been completed.



One of two waterfowl hunting blinds reserved for individuals with disabled hunter permits.



How to hunt the Westside Units

Getting there – The Westside is comprised of six individual hunting units. Access to all Westside units is through written SIWA hunting permits issued on hunt days at ODFW’s Westside check station, which is located 9 miles from the Sauvie Island Bridge. To get to the check station from Hwy. 30, cross the Sauvie Island Bridge stay straight on Sauvie Island Road. Follow Sauvie Island Road for 2 miles and stay left when the road forks. At the fork, continue on Sauvie Island Road an additional 7 miles to where it dead-ends at a gravel parking lot with a gate. The check station is a small white trailer just beyond the gate. All six hunting units are accessed from that point. Two of these units, Crane and North Crane, can also be entered by boat via the Multnomah Channel and Gilbert River, but only after first obtaining a SIWA hunting permit at the check station.

Getting a SIWA Westside hunting permit – Access to the Westside units is by “luck of the draw” at the beginning of each hunting day. Hunters who are in line on the road leading to the check station

no later than 1 1/2 hours before shooting time are eligible to participate in a drawing that determines who gets to pick the available hunting units first. Each person who is in line on time is given the opportunity to draw a numbered poker chip from a bag full of chips carried by ODFW staff. The person with the lowest number gets first pick of all available hunting positions. The person with the second lowest number gets second pick, and so forth, until all of the hunting positions are assigned. Hunters who do not draw a low enough number to pick one of the available positions have three choices: 1) They can go home and try another day, 2) they can wait around and get in line for a position once it is vacated by the winner, or 3) if they know one of the winners they can hope for an invitation because hunters who draw blinds can take up to three other people along on their hunt.

Once hunters have drawn poker chips they are called to the check station for permits over a low power radio signal that can be heard by tuning in to Channel 1580 on their AM radio dial.



What's available on the Westside

The Westside is comprised of six subunits, four of which contain blinds and two that are roam subunits.

Westside Blind Subunits

- Holman Point (6 blinds)
- Mud Lake (14 blinds)
- Seal (6 blinds)
- Steelman (10 blinds)

Westside Roam Subunits

- Crane (5 parties of up to four hunters each)
- North Crane (1 party of up to four hunters)

The Seal, Steelman and Mud Lake subunits contain "designated shooting sites" marked by posts while Crane and North Crane are roam areas. Holman Point is an area containing designated shooting sites. The sites are "slots" where the vegetation has been trimmed to allow pass shooting as birds move between the Sturgeon Lake Refuge and the Eastside unit. These slots are bordered by the Gilbert River on the north, Sturgeon Lake Refuge on the south and large ash trees on either side. This generally means no water in which to set decoys, except during periods of extremely high water. Hunters must take care to avoid shooting into or setting decoys in the Sturgeon Lake Refuge when hunting Holman Point. While Holman Point is generally not a steady producer it can be red hot on stormy days when the birds are constantly moving and poor visibility keeps them low.

Hunters put out decoys at Mud Lake and wait for ducks at their blind next to the shore.

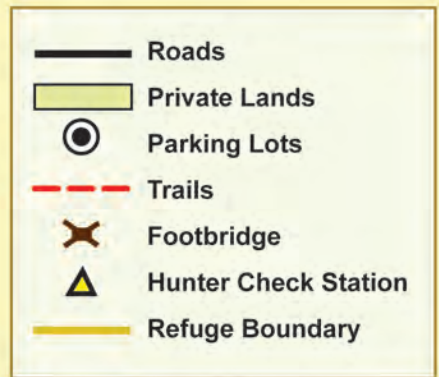
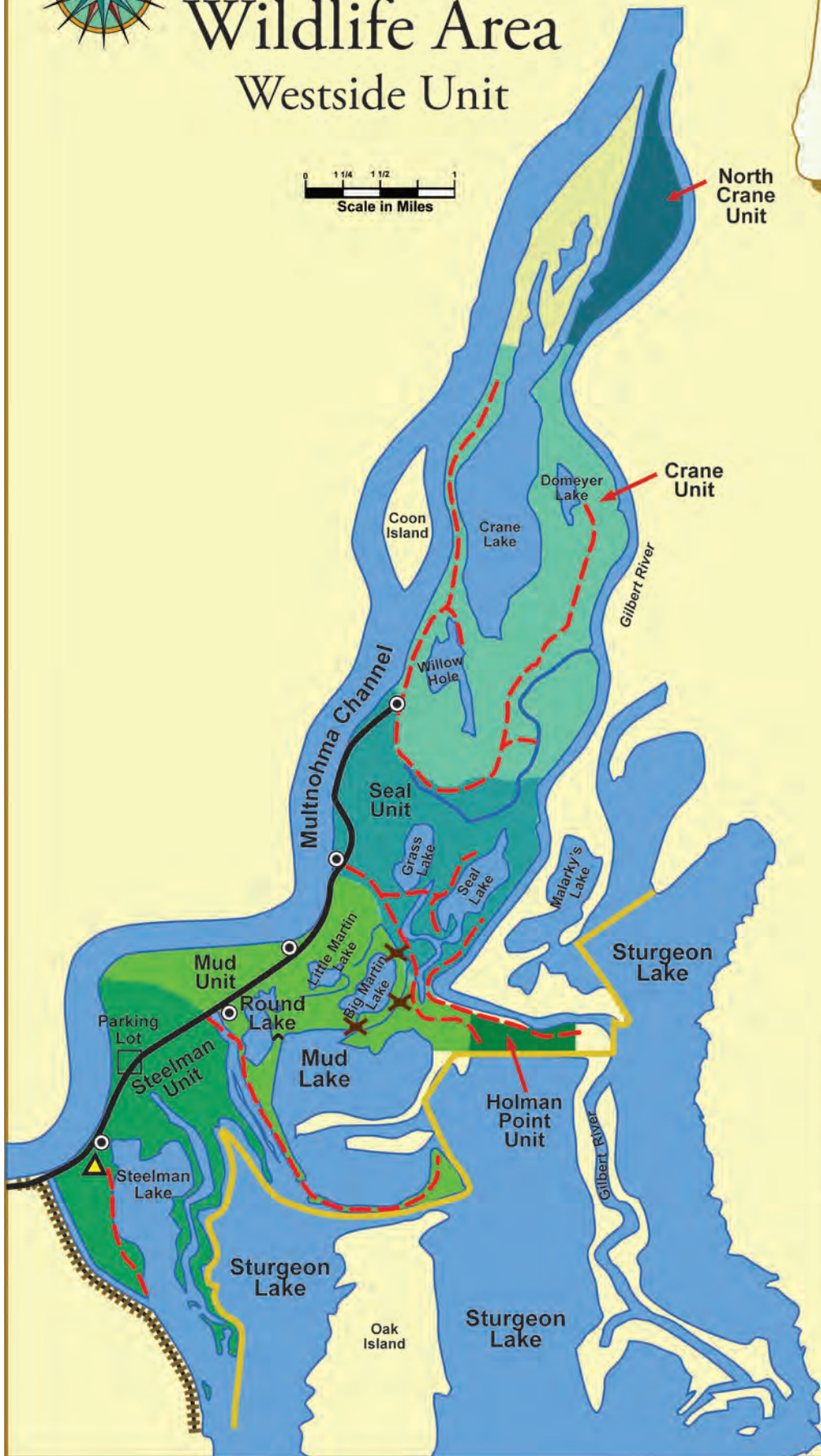
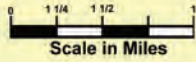
Decoys can be very effective at attracting ducks but should be placed no farther than 35 yards from the blind to prevent shots that are too long that could result in wounded or lost waterfowl.





Sauvie Island Wildlife Area

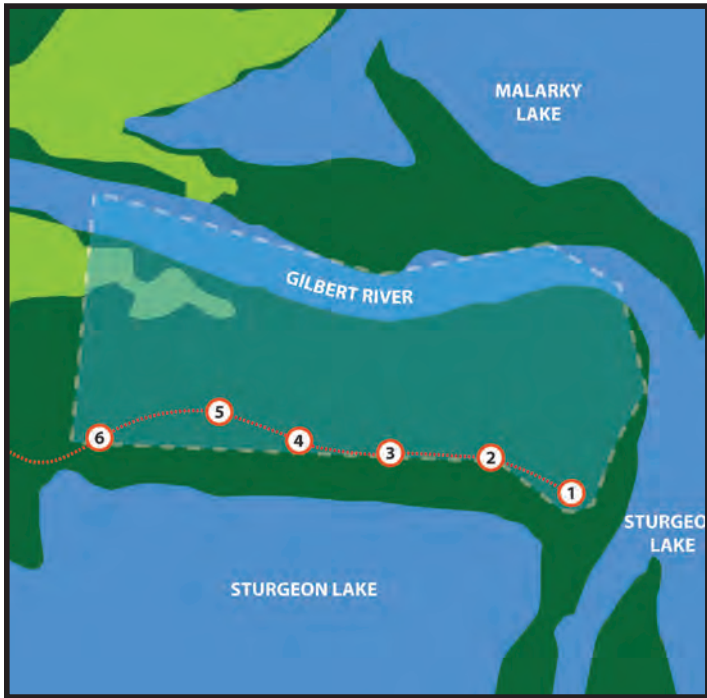
Westside Unit





WESTSIDE BLIND UNITS

HOLMAN POINT BLIND UNIT



MUD LAKE BLIND UNIT



SEAL LAKE BLIND UNIT



STEELMAN BLIND UNIT



How to hunt the North Unit

The North Unit is one large unit that has no blinds. The entire unit is considered a roam unit. It is located at the north end of the island and can be accessed by driving 12 miles from the Sauvie Island Bridge to the end of Reeder Road. It can also be accessed by boat via Multnomah Channel and Cunningham Slough. The mouth of Cunningham Slough is located just across the Multnomah Channel from the entrance of Scappoose Bay. Choices are to set up on either the slough itself or tie up and walk to any of several lakes that can be found along the way. Launch facilities are available at the public boat ramp on Scappoose Bay or the Gilbert River boat ramp on Sauvie Island. Remember, most lakes and waterways in the North Unit are influenced by tides, so water depths are constantly changing.

North Unit permit process – The North Unit is the only place on the wildlife area where hunters do not need a SIWA hunting permit (permits are voluntary). Access is open to anyone who wants to hunt, seven days a week throughout the Zone 1 waterfowl season, which runs generally from about mid-October through the end of January. Before entering the North Unit, hunters may pick up a self-issue hunting permit at an ODFW kiosk at the end of Reeder Road. Fill out the top part of the permit, and put it in the drop box at the kiosk. When exiting the unit, record any harvest information on the bottom half of the permit and deposit it in the drop box. The purpose of these permits is twofold: 1) to ensure the hunters' safety by letting ODFW staff know who is in the unit, and 2) to monitor harvest information so staff can better manage bird populations.

General waterfowl hunting tips

Ammunition – Only federally approved nontoxic shot is allowed for hunting on the Sauvie Island Wildlife Area.

Boats – Hunting by boat is possible in the North Unit, Eastside Unit (Aaron, McNary and Malarky subunits) and on the Westside Unit (Crane and North Crane subunits). When hunting from a boat, make sure to wear personal flotation devices (PFDs) and consult tide tables, since the waters on the island are tidally influenced. Some hunters also carry in canoes that they can use to retrieve birds shot down over water.

Clothing – Many areas of the wildlife area are accessible with hip waders but chest waders are best. Good camouflage rain gear, including coat,

hat, gloves and face mask, is very popular. Many waterfowl hunters bring a 5-gallon plastic bucket to carry gear, plus it makes an excellent chair.

Decoys – Many duck hunters use decoys to attract birds. Decoys should not be placed more than 35 yards from blinds to prevent "skybusting," which is the unethical practices of shooting birds that are too far away. Skybusting can lead to lost and injured birds.

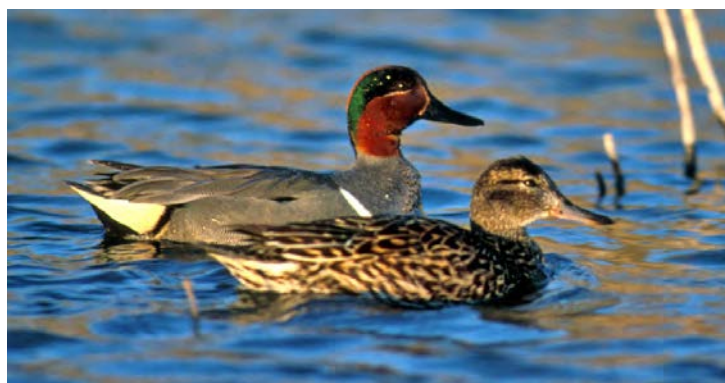
Dogs – A good bird dog can be a big help when it comes to retrieving ducks. Sauvie Island Wildlife Area has a lot of lakes and wetland areas. Failure to retrieve a game animal, if possible, after it has been shot is unlawful.

Duck calls – Calls can be an effective way to attract ducks. There are many educational materials that can help hunters become proficient duck callers. The best teacher is experience and watching and listening to more experienced hunters.

Game bird regulations – Study the Oregon Game Bird Regulations so you are familiar with the rules of the road. These regulations are designed to protect the wildlife and to ensure your safety and the safety of the people around you!

Vehicles – All vehicles entering the wildlife area are required to display a valid Sauvie Island Wildlife Area parking permit. Parking permits can be purchased online, from any point of sale license agent as well as many island businesses. Portions of Sauvie Island Wildlife Area are closed to entry during the waterfowl season, except with a daily hunting permit, from Oct. 1 through April 15. Many of these areas remain closed to all public access through April 30.

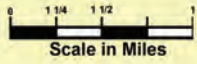
Wildlife identification – It is a good idea to learn about the types of waterfowl that you may encounter out in the field. Common duck species harvested on SIWA include mallard, wigeon, green-winged teal, pintail, shoveler, ring-necked duck and common merganser. In the case of geese, hunters must take a test demonstrating that they can identify the various species of geese.





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North Unit

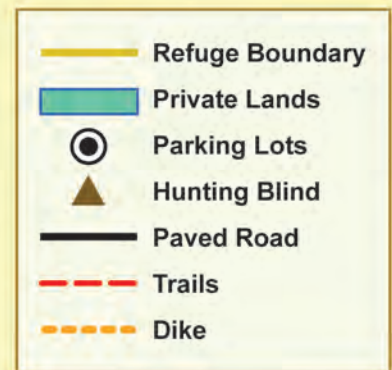
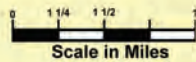
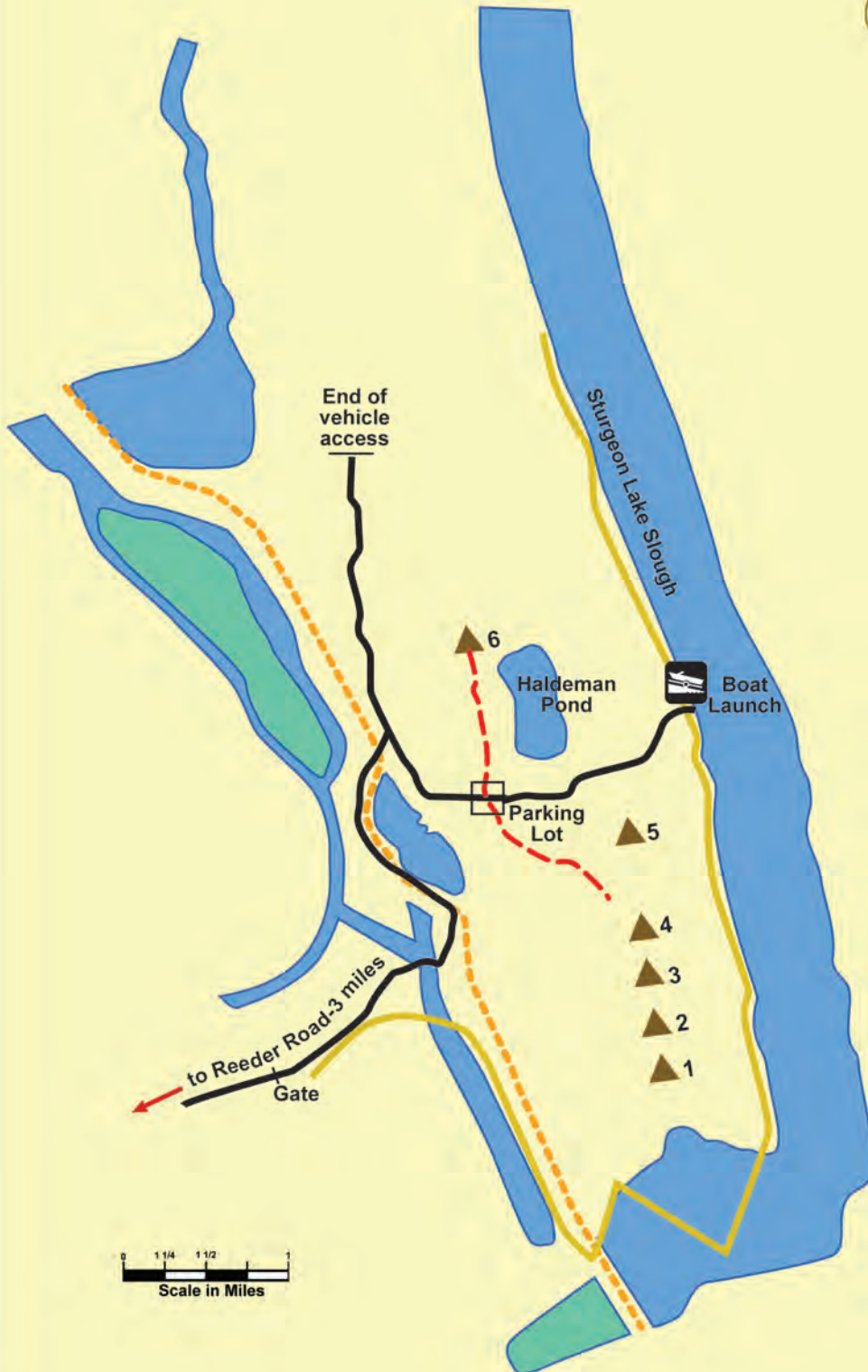


	Unit Boundary
	Roads
	Private Lands
	Parking Area and end of vehicle access
	Trails



Sauvie Island Wildlife Area

Oak Island Unit





A flock of cackling and Taverner's geese browse the tender shoots of wheat emerging from a field on the Sauvie Island Wildlife Area.

Goose hunting on the Sauvie Island Wildlife Area

There is some excellent goose hunting to be found on the Sauvie Island Wildlife Area. However, goose hunting is highly regulated to help reduce goose damage to surrounding private farmlands and because management is subject to international treaties. In addition, some species of geese are struggling and need protection while other species are flourishing. As a result, areas that are open to hunting can change and so can season dates. As a goose hunter, it is your responsibility to know when and where you can hunt and what species you are targeting.

Goose Hunting Seasons

September Canada Goose Season – early to mid-September

Northwest Permit Zone Goose Season – mid-October to January, depending on harvest and other factors (check current Game Bird Regulations for exact dates and open areas). To participate in this season, in addition to all the license requirements for duck hunting, hunters must also pass a test demonstrating their ability to identify different species of geese. This test is required to protect certain species from being over-harvested and is available on-line at the ODFW Web site or can be taken in writing by appointment at ODFW offices.

Goose Hunting Areas

September Canada Goose Season – The entire wildlife area, except for designated refuge areas, is open for hunting during the September Canada Goose Hunt. Hunters must check in and out daily at self service check stations located at the wildlife area headquarters, located two miles from the Sauvie Island Bridge at 18330 NW Sauvie Island Road, and at the Willow Bar Parking lot, located just north of the Multnomah/Columbia County line on Reeder Road. The North Unit has proved to be the most productive during this early season but other areas also provide success. Other areas which may be productive are the Crane subunit in the Westside Unit and some of the agricultural areas in the Eastside Unit.

Northwest Permit Zone Goose Season – The dates, open areas and quotas for the Northwest Oregon Permit Goose season change from year to year, so hunters are advised to consult annual regulations for the most up-to-date information. Hunting during this period generally is limited to the Oak Island subunit of the Eastside Unit and the Reeder Tract. Designated shooting sites in this area are pit blinds placed in the middle of large grass seed or alfalfa fields. Check-in and check-out for this hunt takes place at the Eastside Unit check station. All goose hunters must possess a valid NW Goose Permit in addition to all other required licenses, validations and permits.



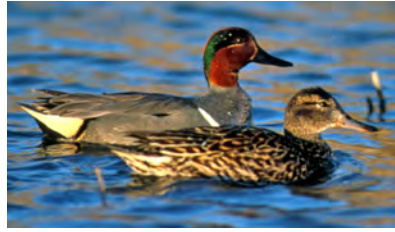
Common Sauvie Island Duck Species



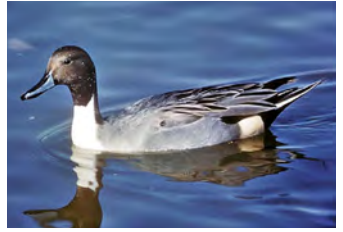
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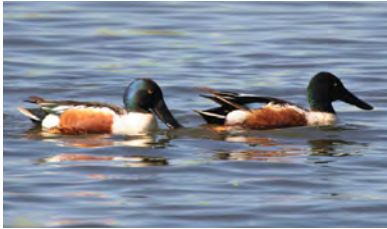
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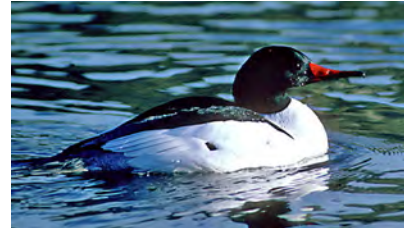
Shoveler



Ring-necked Duck



Gadwall



Common Merganser



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