

Western Washington Interstate 5 Wildlife Viewing



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Welcome to Western Washington. The wetlands, forests, prairies, beaches and marine waters provide the habitat needs for hundreds of species throughout the region. We invite you to explore the variety of habitats and view the diversity of fish and wildlife. Enjoy the journey.

Maintain the integrity of our valued natural resources and cultural places by practicing the following code of ethics:

- Tread lightly - stay on main trail, camp in designated areas and minimize campfire impacts.
- Enjoy these wild places and protect them for the enjoyment of all. Leave what you find and pack out what you pack in.
- Please be considerate of other visitors.

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Spring	Fall
Summer	Winter
Year-round	

Fee	Hiking
WDFW Access Decal	Interpretive Trails
ADA	Picnicing
Restrooms	Camping
Interpretive/Visitor Center	Boating

1 Semiahmoo Park and Museum
HABITAT: 1.5 mile-long sand spit; tidelands, sandy beaches, mud flats and saltwater.
WILDLIFE: Year-round: harbor seals, clams, crabs, barnacles, sea stars, juvenile salmon and bald eagles. Fall-spring: observe Pacific, common and red-throated loons; red-necked, western and horned grebes; oystercatchers, Wilson's snipe and dunlins.
VIEWING: Follow boardwalks from parking area to viewpoints along either side of sand spit. Visit during low tide to look for intertidal species.
ACCESS: Whatcom County park. I-5 Exit 270. West onto Birch Bay/Linden Rd, 3 miles. North onto Blaine Rd, 1.9 miles. West onto Drayton Harbor Rd, 3.3 miles. Right at "Y." North onto Semiahmoo Pkwy, .4 mile to parking lot and trail access.

2 Birch Bay State Park
HABITAT: Gravel beach, saltwater/freshwater estuary and wetlands on 194 acres with views of the Canadian Gulf Islands and Cascade Mountains.
WILDLIFE: In tidelands find clams, crabs, oysters, sculpins and sea stars year-round. See deer, elk, rabbits, skunks, squirrels and migrating shorebirds; spring-fall, coho salmon run in fall.
VIEWING: Enjoy .5 mile self-guided trail through forest and marsh environments while looking for songbirds and waterfowl. Explore 1.5 miles of saltwater shoreline for intertidal species and shorebirds.
ACCESS: State Park lands. I-5 Exit 266. West onto Grandview Rd, 7 miles. North onto Jackson Rd, .8 mile, west onto Helweg Rd, .6 mile to park.

3 Point Whitehorn Marine Reserve
HABITAT: Forest, beach, tidelands and bluff overlooking the Strait of Georgia.
WILDLIFE: Look for orca whales and harbor seals throughout summer, or spot bald eagles feasting on salmon in fall. Also, look for migrating birds in spring and fall.
VIEWING: Enjoy spectacular views while walking on the .75-mile interpretive trail. From bluff, walk forest path to the cobble beach and explore the tidelands.
ACCESS: Whatcom County park. I-5 Exit 266. West onto Grandview Rd, 8.5-miles. Continue as road curves and becomes Koehn Rd, .5 mile to parking area on left.



4 Whatcom Wildlife Area: Lake Terrell Unit
HABITAT: A shallow lake with peat bog, marsh, forest, grassland and agriculture areas covering 1,500 acres.
WILDLIFE: Find black-tailed deer year-round. Spring-fall; find river otters, beaver, painted turtles, northwest salamanders and rough-skinned newts. Winter: see trumpeter and tundra swans, bald eagles. Fish for largemouth bass, channel catfish, triploid rainbow trout, yellow perch, sunfish and bullhead, year-round.
VIEWING: Twenty-four hunting blinds allow opportunities to view waterfowl and other wetlands wildlife during non-hunting seasons. Closed to wildlife viewing from September-March and closed to recreational boating Oct-Jan, but wildlife viewing and fishing is available year-round on the fishing pier.
ACCESS: WDFW lands. I-5 Exit 262. Southwest onto W Axton Rd, 1.5 miles. Continue on Mountain View Rd. 3.4 miles. North onto Lake Terrell Rd to Wildlife Area Headquarters.

5 Tennant Lake Interpretive Center and Fragrance Garden
HABITAT: Lake is in the Nooksack River floodplain with shallow peat-bog, wetlands, river front and agriculture.
WILDLIFE: Butterflies, beaver, river otters, long-tailed weasels, coyotes, black-tailed deer, and over 150 bird species. Look for Pacific chorus frogs and northwestern salamanders in spring. Also, fish for yellow perch, bluegill and largemouth bass, spring-fall.
VIEWING: View wildlife along .5 mile boardwalk winding through wetlands and climb the 50-foot viewing tower. Boardwalk is closed from October-January due to hunting. Best viewing from mid-May to mid-August.
ACCESS: WDFW Wildlife Area and Whatcom County park. I-5 Exit 262. Southwest onto Main St/Axton, .6 mile. Sharp southeast, turn after RR tracks onto Hovander Rd, .1 mile. South onto Nielsen Ave, .8 mile to Tennant Lake parking area.

6 Sehome Hill Arboretum
HABITAT: 180 acres of forested area supporting a wide variety of native plants and trees.
WILDLIFE: Year-round: black-tailed deer, coyotes, raccoons, black-headed grosbeaks, northern flicker, red-breasted sapsuckers and pileated woodpeckers.
VIEWING: Walk 5.5 miles of gravel trails through wooded terrain. At the hill's summit is an 80-foot observation tower. Trail map available at parking lot.
ACCESS: Bellingham city park. I-5 Exit 252. Northeast onto Samish Way, .2 mile. Northwest onto S Samish Way, .2 mile. Southwest onto Bill McDonald Pkwy, .9 mile, north onto 25 St to parking and trailheads.

7 Larrabee State Park
HABITAT: Forest, lakes, streams, saltwater coves, rocky tidepools and mountain views.
WILDLIFE: Douglas squirrels, black-tailed deer, coyotes, foxes, rabbits, skunks, porcupines, and Townsend's big-eared bats in forested area. Beaver and river otters by lakes and sea stars, octopus, Dungeness crabs and sea cucumbers in rocky tidepools.
VIEWING: Hike up to 15 miles of trails; then explore the shoreline for intertidal species. Scan waters for orca whales year-round.
ACCESS: State Park lands. I-5 Exit 231. Northwest onto Chuckanut Dr. 14.4 miles to park entrance.



10 Skagit Wildlife Area: Johnson-Debay's Swan Reserve
HABITAT: Seasonal ponds, sloughs, wetlands and agricultural fields.
WILDLIFE: Beaver and river otters inhabit the sloughs year-round. Tundra and trumpeter swans found in winter-spring. Also, see black-tailed deer, northern pintails, American widgeon, Swainson's thrushes, Bullock's orioles and wood ducks in spring-fall
VIEWING: Swans feed in fields during the day and roost in sloughs at dusk. The great number of waterfowl on this site during winter attracts bald eagles and other raptors.
ACCESS: WDFW lands. I-5 Exit 227. East onto E College Way, 1.2 miles. North onto N Laventure Rd, .7 mile. Road turns slightly right and becomes Francis Rd, 1.8 miles. North to stay on Francis Rd, 2.4 miles. At 90 degree corner by sign, northwest onto DeBay Isle Rd. If gate is closed, park on Francis Rd and walk in.

11 Hurn Field
HABITAT: Woodlands, sloughs, wetlands and agricultural fields. Skagit Land Trust owns and manages the property for elk. Viewing area constructed by WDFW.
WILDLIFE: This site provides food and shelter for elk, primarily during the late fall-early spring. House Slough flows into the nearby Skagit River, providing high quality fish habitat for juvenile coho salmon and cutthroat trout. Beaver, songbirds and waterfowl also inhabit the habitat.
VIEWING: From winter-spring it is common to view more than 60 elk on the property. Cows and calves can occasionally be seen during other seasons.
ACCESS: Skagit Land Trust. I-5 Exit 232. East onto Cook Rd. Go 4.3 miles. Northwest onto SR 20. Drive 20.6 miles to pull out on right.

12 Skagit Wildlife Area: Fir Island Farm-Hayton Snow Goose Reserve
HABITAT: Agricultural land with fields of winter wheat grown for snow geese.
WILDLIFE: Fall-spring: see snow geese, widgeons, gadwall, mallards, green-winged teal, and pintails. In winter and spring, find dunlin; spring-summer, yellowlegs; year-round, bald eagles.
VIEWING: Thousands of snow geese begin arriving in October. Walk along the dike to scan for waterfowl and shorebirds, as well as views of the Skagit Bay Estuary.
ACCESS: WDFW lands. I-5 Exit 221. West onto Pioneer Hwy, .2 mile. Northwest onto Fir Island Rd, 3.2 miles. South at WDFW sign to parking.

13 Langley-Whidbey Island Shoreline
HABITAT: Public access sandy beach shoreline
WILDLIFE: Spring: gray whales; year-round: bald eagles, herons, birds, harbor seals, sea stars and sea otters.
VIEWING: Gray whales begin arriving as early as March. The whale bell will ring when a whale is sighted to alert visitors to take a look. Walk along the Langley shoreline and scan for whale blows. Gray whale viewing, March-June and August-October. Orca whales June-September.
ACCESS: I-5 Exit 189. West onto SR 526 4.8 miles. West onto 84th St SW. Go .4 miles north on SR 525 to ferry. North onto Langley Rd, go 2.6 miles. Continue on Camano Ave .7 mile. North onto Cascade Ave, .3 mile. Sharp east onto Wharf St to Langley Marina.



8 Deception Pass State Park
HABITAT: Old growth forests, rocky saltwater shoreline, three freshwater lakes and spectacular views.
WILDLIFE: Spring-summer, see harbor seals, sea cucumbers, crabs, sea stars, eagles, osprey and loons in the pass. In forest areas, look for pileated woodpeckers, owls and black-tailed deer. Orcas are sometimes seen in Rosario Strait during summer months.
VIEWING: Tour Interpretive Center at Bowman Bay from mid-May to Labor Day. Walk miles of forest trails and along beaches and lakes to view wildlife. An observation deck overlooks Cranberry Lake wetlands.
ACCESS: State Park lands. I-5 Exit 226. West onto Broad St, .2 mile. North onto S 3rd St, .3 mile. S 3rd St turns slightly left to become W Division. Continue for 5.1 miles. Slight left onto WA-20. Go 7.1 miles. Stay south on WA-20, 7 miles. Park entrance on the right.

8 Padilla Bay Shore Trail and Breazeale Interpretive Center
HABITAT: The 8-mile long and 3-mile wide bay includes 11,600 acres of marshes, beaches, tide flats, uplands and estuaries.
WILDLIFE: Year-round: river otter, harbor seal, coyote, salmon, shore crabs, bent-nosed clams, littleneck clams, great blue heron. Spring-fall: pacific chorus frog, Dungeness crab, violet-green swallow, purple martin. Summer-Winter: black-tailed deer. Fall-Winter: bald eagle, northern pintail, American widgeon, peregrine falcon, rough-legged hawk.
VIEWING: Hike .25-mile downhill from the interpretive center on a paved accessible path to a platform with a viewpoint of the beach; beach access via spiral staircase (closed in winter). 2.25-mile Shore Trail is three miles south of the Interpretive Center. Endless opportunities to look for birds in the tidal slough and open mud flats.
ACCESS: Department of Ecology. Interpretive Center: I-5 Exit 231 onto Chuckanut Dr. .1-mile. West onto Josh Wilson Rd, 5.5-miles. Continue on Josh Wilson Dr 6 miles. North onto Bayview-Edison Rd. Center on right. Shore Trail: From Interpretive center go south onto Bayview-Edison Rd, 1.2-miles. North onto 2nd St to signed parking. Walk back to Bayview-Edison Rd and walk south to trailhead.

Local Services & Information

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
 360-902-2200
 For more information and waypoints go to: wdfw.wa.gov/viewing

Northwest Trek Wildlife Park
 Showcasing Washington's Native Wildlife
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General Washington visitor information:
experienceWA.com

Traveler Information
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Chambers of Commerce and Visitor Centers

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Federal Way 253-838-2605 federalwaychamber.com	Tacoma Regional Convention and Visitor Bureau 253-627-2836 traveltacoma.com

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 1-866-246-9453
wdfw.wa.gov/lands/vup

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14 Bob Heirman Wildlife Preserve



HABITAT: This preserve has 425 acres of meadows, lakes, wetlands, river and riparian areas.
WILDLIFE: Winter attracts trumpeter swans, ring-necked ducks, green-winged teal, and ruby- and golden-crowned kinglets. Raptors include bald eagles, American kestrels, red-tailed hawks and northern harriers; also hairy woodpeckers in woods, great blue herons along shore, belted kingfishers by river.
VIEWING: Follow old road to the lake at the bottom of the hill and continue to the river. Dawn and dusk best for shorebird and waterfowl viewing.
ACCESS: Snohomish County lands. I-5 Exit 186. East onto 128th St SE, 3.2 miles. Northeast onto Seattle Hill Rd, continue east on Hwy 96. At 1.8 miles becomes Broadway Ave. Continue .8 mile. Southeast onto Connelly Rd, .7 mile to preserve.

15 Richmond Beach Park



HABITAT: Rocky shoreline and bluffs with madrona, pine, alder and willow trees.
WILDLIFE: Year-round: encounter clams, oysters, mussels, crabs, intertidal fish, harbor seals, bald eagles, great blue herons.
VIEWING: Viewing trails can be accessed from the upper parking lot, or continue down to terrace parking. Check the wooded area next to the RR tracks for songbirds, then follow path to the beach.
ACCESS: City of Shoreline lands. I-5 Exit 176. West onto NE 175 St. Go .8 mile. North onto Aurora Ave, .5 mile. West onto N 185th St, .2 mile. Continue on N. Richmond Beach Rd, 1.7 miles. South onto 20th Ave NW, .3 to parking.

16 Carkeek Park



HABITAT: Deciduous forest, meadows, wetland, creek and rocky beach.
WILDLIFE: Sea stars and moon snails find the sand flats ideal. Acorn barnacles, jingle shells, long-armed brittle stars and orange sea cucumbers live under smaller boulders; littleneck and macoma clams dominate the beach. Chum salmon arrive in late fall.
VIEWING: An extensive network of trails provides many opportunities to view wildlife. A walkway leads to a sand beach teeming with tidal species.
ACCESS: Seattle city park. I-5 Exit 173. West onto N Northgate Way, .5 mile. Road turns slightly right and becomes N 105th St, .8 mile. Turn north onto Greenwood Ave N, .3 mile. West onto N 110th St, .4 mile. Continue on NW Carkeek Park Rd, .5 mile to park entrance.

17 Discovery Park



HABITAT: Mixed woodlands, streams, meadows, rocky and sandy beaches.
WILDLIFE: Year-round: observe harbor seals, orca whales, bent-nose manila clams, and tidepool sculpin. River otters, mountain beaver, song birds and owls are seen fall-spring. Winter brings shorebirds.
VIEWING: Explore 8 miles of hiking trails and 8 miles of beaches for intertidal species. Scan the water for marine animals. Bald eagles and hawks hunt within the park. The Kiwanis Ravine hosts a great blue heron rookery. The herons nest there from February-August.
ACCESS: Seattle city park. I-5 Exit 167. North onto Fairview Ave N and keep left. West onto Valley St, .1 mile. Northwest onto Westlake Ave N 1.7 miles. Continue on Nickerson St 1.2 miles. Slight left at W Nickerson St. At .2 mile turn left toward W Emerson St. Go .5 mile. West onto W Emerson St, .5 mile. Northwest onto Gilman Ave West, .5 mile. Continue on W Government Way, .2 mile. Slight left to stay on W Government Way into park.

18 Seward Park



HABITAT: The peninsula supports a prairie community of Garry oak and old growth forest.
WILDLIFE: Year-round: river otters, beaver, muskrats, bald eagles, barred owls, northern flickers, pileated woodpeckers, Anna's hummingbirds and rainbow trout; summer-fall: Big brown bats.
VIEWING: Visit the Environmental & Audubon Center for trail maps and wildlife lists. Walk the paved Loop Trail to view aquatic wildlife. A bald eagle nest can be seen from the Amphitheater
ACCESS: Seattle city park. I-5 Exit 161. Northwest onto Swift Ave S, .1 mile. East onto S Graham St, 2.1 miles. South onto Wilson Ave S, .1 mile. Sharp northeast onto Seward Park Ave S for .4 mile. East onto S Juneau St, .1 mile. Continue onto Seward Park Rd.



Bald eagle

19 West Hylebos Wetland Park



HABITAT: 120 acres of wetland, forest and riparian streams.
WILDLIFE: Spring-fall: red-legged frogs, northwest salamanders, painted turtles, banana slugs, northwest alligator lizards, muskrats, minks, weasels, beaver, Douglas squirrels, Townsend's moles, little brown bats, spring-fall. Year-round: various bird species.
VIEWING: Follow interpretive trail into the forest for red-legged frogs in the peat sinkholes, pileated woodpeckers and great blue herons resting in the treetops.
ACCESS: Federal Way city park. I-5 Exit 142-B. Merge on SR 18 W. Go .5 mile. Continue west on S 348th St. Go .7 mile. South onto 4th Ave S into park.

20 Point Defiance Park



HABITAT: This park includes old-growth forest, saltwater beaches, open fields, formal, floral and native gardens and Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium.
WILDLIFE: Look for black-tailed deer, Douglas squirrels, fox, pileated woodpeckers and nesting bald eagles in spring-fall. Seabirds, migratory and resident songbirds and orca whales in winter. Humpback and gray whales, California sea lions and harbor seals can be seen in the spring.
VIEWING: Hike trails to various viewpoints. River otters can be seen at the south end of Vashon Island, sightings of harbor seal are common.
ACCESS: Metro Park Tacoma. I-5 Exit 132, Hwy 16 W. Take Exit 3, continue straight .3 miles. North onto N Pearl St, 3 miles to park entrance.

21 Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge



HABITAT: 3,000 acres of salt and freshwater marsh, mixed forest, estuary, mudflats, riparian, woodland and brush habitats.
WILDLIFE: Scores of raptors and songbirds utilize this habitat year-round; thousands of ducks and geese are present from October through March. Black-tailed deer, mink and coyotes are at the forest edge. River otters, harbor seals and chinook salmon are in the Nisqually River during summer. Find Pacific tree frogs and shorebirds in spring-fall.
VIEWING: One-mile trail provides access to many habitats and numerous observation decks. Bird migrations from mid-March through mid-May and September-December can be extraordinary.
ACCESS: National Wildlife Refuge lands. I-5 Exit 114. Follow signs to Refuge, .6 mile to parking area.

22 Woodard Bay Natural Resource Conservation Area



HABITAT: Two small bays on Henderson Inlet with mature forests, wetlands and natural shorelines.
WILDLIFE: Douglas squirrels, Townsend's chipmunks, river otters, harbor seals, big brown and Yuma myotis bats, nesting bald eagles and ospreys year-round. Many wintering shorebirds.
VIEWING: 1-mile forested loop trail with boardwalks leads to overlook at Chapman Bay and platform with views of wetland. The pier hosts a colony of bats; harbor seals rest on old log booms.
ACCESS: Department of Natural Resources. I-5 Exit 108 onto Sleater-Kinney Rd SE, 4.5 miles. Slight left, continue on 56th Ave NE, .4 mile. North onto Shinke Rd NE, .6 mile. Northwest onto Woodard Bay Rd NE, .3 mile. North to stay on Woodard Bay Rd NE, .3 mile across bridge then north into parking area.

Wildlife Viewing Tips

- Plan your visit according to the season, tidal phase and time of day. Viewing is best at dawn and dusk.
- Observe wildlife from a distance, for a closer look use binoculars or camera with a zoom lens.
- Do take photos, notes and drawings of your observations.
- Use your sense of hearing, sight and smell to find animal signs like tracks, trails, nests, webs and scat.
- Wildlife viewing requires patience. Move slowly and quietly.
- Learn more about wildlife by using field guides.
- Do not feed, touch, approach or chase wildlife and stay away from wildlife that appears abandoned or sick.

23 McLane Creek Nature Trail



HABITAT: Mixed woodlands, freshwater wetlands, ponds, and marshes.
WILDLIFE: Chum salmon migrate up stream in fall. Spring-fall: rough-skinned newts, dragonflies, coyotes, beaver, wood ducks, common and hooded mergansers, downy, hairy, and pileated woodpeckers.
VIEWING: Follow .6-mile ADA path or 1.1-mile forested trail to look for signs of beaver in ponds year-round. Rough-skinned newts easiest to spot Apr-Oct. Spawning chum late Oct-Dec.
ACCESS: Department of Natural Resources. I-5 Exit 104. Merge onto US 101 W, 3.3 miles. Exit for Mud Bay Rd, .3 mile. Keep right at fork; west onto Mud Bay Rd W, .2 mile. Southwest onto Delphi Rd SW, 3.3 miles. Southwest at trail sign to parking.

24 Mima Mounds Natural Area Preserve



HABITAT: Mounded grassland prairie bordered by forest.
WILDLIFE: Abundant black-tailed deer, coyotes, garter snakes, meadow voles, western meadowlarks, western bluebirds, northern harriers and kestrels. Spring-fall: butterflies include great spangled fritillaries, anise swallowtails, painted ladies and many others.
VIEWING: Trailhead kiosk shows paths and provides background on the area. Begin on paved .5-mile nature trail looping onto the prairie. From here, another 2-mile unpaved loop continues. By mid-May, the camas and other blooming wildflowers attract butterflies.
ACCESS: Department of Natural Resources. I-5 Exit 95, .2 mile. West onto Maytown Rd SW, 3.1 miles. Continue on 128th Ave SW, .8 mile. Northwest at "T" onto Waddell Creek Rd SW, .9 mile. At preserve sign, turn left, go .3 mile to parking.

25 Millersylvania State Park



HABITAT: Old-growth Douglas fir forest on freshwater lake.
WILDLIFE: Year-round: look for black-tailed deer, Douglas squirrels, red foxes, Pacific chorus frogs, rough-skinned newts, northern alligator lizards, pileated woodpeckers, purple finch, American goldfinch, bald eagles, red-tailed hawks, ospreys, great-horned and barn owls.
VIEWING: Scan the edges of the lake for waterfowl. Access 8.6 miles of forest trails. Naturalists lead walks on the interpretive trail in summer.
ACCESS: State Park lands. I-5 Exit 95. East onto Maytown Rd SW, 2.4 miles. North onto Tilley Rd S, .9 mile. Park is on left.

26 Lewis and Clark State Park



HABITAT: Old-growth forest of Douglas fir and western red cedar, streams, wetlands and wet prairie comprise this environment.
WILDLIFE: Spring-fall: bald eagles, red-tailed hawks, barn owl, black bear, coyotes, black-tail deer, Douglas squirrels and salamanders.
VIEWING: Walk the .5-mile interpretive trail to learn about old growth trees in the park, then branch out onto 8 more miles of trail. Scan the forest floor and up to the canopy for varied species of birds. Open Apr 15-Oct 1
ACCESS: State Park lands. I-5 Exit 68. East onto US-12. Go 2.5 miles. South onto Jackson Hwy. Go 2 miles to park entrance.



Blooming Camas on the Mima Mound's prairie



Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge estuary

Legend

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Moon snail with egg casing



27 Mount Saint Helens Visitor Center



HABITAT: Forest and wetlands set beside Silver Lake. State Parks.
WILDLIFE: Spring-fall: beaver, chipmunks, black-tailed deer, porcupines, coyotes, elk, big brown bats, garter snakes, rough-skinned newts, long-toed and northwestern salamanders and Pacific chorus frogs.
VIEWING: Find a beaver den and migrating waterfowl along the .8-mile boardwalk. Enjoy views across Silver Lake to Mount St. Helens.
ACCESS: State Park lands. I-5 Exit 49. Northeast onto Hwy 504, 5.6 miles. South into visitor center parking.

28 Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge



HABITAT: Columbia River floodplain with marshes, grasslands and woodlands.
WILDLIFE: Year-round: see waterfowl, raptors, coyotes, river otter and herons. Winter brings thousands of waterfowl to the refuge including tundra swans, Canada geese, cackling geese and many duck species. Each season brings new things to enjoy including painted turtles, bald eagles, hawks, sandhill cranes, great egrets, shorebirds and songbirds.
VIEWING: Take the Auto Tour Route of the Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge from November-March to enjoy the spectacle of waterfowl that call the refuge their winter haven. The 4.2-mile tour is open daylight hours.
ACCESS: National Wildlife Refuge lands. I-5 Exit 14. West onto NW 269th St, 2.7 miles. South onto S 9th Ave, .6 miles. West at Refuge sign for the Auto Tour Route.

29 LaCenter Bottoms



HABITAT: East Fork of Lewis River, surrounded by forest, wetlands and riparian area.
WILDLIFE: Beaver, red-tailed hawks, great blue herons, garter snakes, coho salmon, salamanders, damselfishes, coyotes, otters, and migratory waterfowl.
VIEWING: Walk along the .7-mile trail that runs along the Lewis River. Stop along the way to read the interpretive signs and sit in either of two wildlife blinds to look for beaver and waterfowl.
ACCESS: Clark County park. I-5 Exit 16. East onto NW LaCenter Rd, 1.9 miles. Northeast onto East 3rd St. South onto Aspen Ave and continue to parking.

30 Vancouver Lake Unit: Shillapoo Wildlife Area



HABITAT: Restored wetland habitat around Vancouver Lake.
WILDLIFE: River otters, painted turtles, western tanagers, common yellowthroats, belted kingfishers, sandhill cranes, great egrets, American kestrels, rough-legged hawks, Canada geese and other waterfowl.
VIEWING: Wildlife can be viewed from La Frambois Rd along the lakeshore and by walking down the gated road adjacent to the lake. Also visit the north and south units off Lower River Rd.
ACCESS: WDFW lands. I-5 Exit 1D. West onto Fourth Plain Blvd, 1.5 miles. North onto Fruit Valley Rd, .5 miles. Northwest onto La Frambois Rd. Road dead ends at lake.

Harbor seal



Common yellowthroat

Banana slug

