

Wanaket Wildlife Mitigation Area Hunting Regulations



CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE UMATILLA INDIAN RESERVATION DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES WILDLIFE PROGRAM

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Hunting is in accordance with applicable State and Federal regulations.

Hunters should consult the Oregon Game Bird Regulations. Special area regulations also apply.

Hunting Period

The general hunting period follows Oregon seasons for duck, goose, pheasant and quail. Consult the Oregon Game Bird Regulations.

Species

Only waterfowl (geese, ducks, snipe, and coots) and upland birds (pheasants, quail, partridges, and chukars) may be hunted.

Waterfowl Hunting - Daily Registration

Waterfowl hunting is permitted only by daily drawing on scheduled hunt days. Permit drawing is held at the Hunter Check Station one hour before the published shooting time. Waterfowl hunting is limited to 15 hunting parties (4 people maximum including non-hunters). Waterfowl hunters must be present to participate in the drawing and must possess a permit to hunt. After hunting, permits must be returned to self service drop boxes located at the Hunter Check Station and the Information Kiosk.

Hunt Days

Hunting is permitted on **Wednesdays and Saturdays only.** Wanaket is closed to public access Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wanaket is open to upland bird hunting from noon to close of published shooting hours. **Upland bird hunting is allowed only after 12:00 noon**. No drawing is required for upland bird hunting, but hunters must possess and return a Daily Upland Hunt Permit. Self-service permits are available at the Hunter Check Station and Information Booth and must be returned to the drop boxes at the same sites.

Weapons & Ammunition

Shotgun and bow & flu-flu arrow hunting are permitted. Only **non-toxic** shot may be possessed or used. Hunters may not possess more than 25 shells per day.

Temporary Blinds

Portable blinds may be used. Temporary blinds must be constructed of natural materials. Digging of pit blinds is prohibited. Waterfowl hunters must hunt at designated ponds.

ADA Hunting Blind

Oregon Disabilities Hunting Permit holders have preference on Pond 25, where an ADA hunting blind is sited. The blind measures 6 feet deep and 10 feet wide and includes an access ramp, and is located 15 yards from Parking Area 2.

Camping, Fires, Boat Use, Other Regulations

Camping, fires, and the use of boats or other watercraft is prohibited. Removing plant material, shed antlers, and cultural artifacts from the area is prohibited.

Wanaket is named for the historical Tribal fishing camp at the mouth of the Umatilla River whose name means "river's end." The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) manage Wanaket to provide wildlife habitat protection, enhancement, and mitigation. The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), working with the Northwest Power Planning Council, purchased the property in 1992 as partial mitigation for the impacts associated with McNary Dam construction and the inundation of wildlife habitats by Lake Wallula.

Wanaket is located on Highway 730, two miles east of the junction of Oregon Highways 395 and 730. The area includes over 2,700 acres of upland, wetland, and aquatic habitats that support many important natural and cultural resources.