



Wanaket Wildlife 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, and coots), snipe, and upland birds (pheasants, quail, partridges, and chukars) may be hunted.

Hunt Days

Hunting is permitted on **Wednesdays and Saturdays only**. Wanaket is closed to public access Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Waterfowl Hunting

Waterfowl hunting is permitted by draw. Waterfowl hunters must be present to participate in a drawing and must possess a permit to hunt. Waterfowl hunting is limited to 15 hunting parties (a party is up to 4 people, including non-hunters). After hunting, permits must be returned to self-service drop box located at the Hunter Check Station. On each scheduled hunt day, two permit draws will be held at the Hunter Check Station: 1) one hour before the published shooting time, and 2) at 11:00 a.m. The second draw will include ponds not claimed during the first draw and any vacated by early morning hunters. Early morning hunters need not participate in the 11:00 draw to retain their blinds.

Upland Bird Hunting

Wanaket is open to upland bird hunting from noon to close of published shooting hours on scheduled hunt days. **Upland hunting is allowed only after 12:00 p.m.** No drawing is required for upland hunting, but hunters must possess and return a Daily Upland Hunt Permit. Self-service permits are available at the Hunter Check Station and must be returned to the Check Station drop box.

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, 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 are 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.