### Contact the Trust for permission before...

- Bringing a large organized group to a Trust property.
- Utilizing a property for educational, scientific, or commercial purposes.
- Leaving any objects on a property, including items such as a geocache or memorial.



## Fishing

Fishing is allowed on Trust properties. People who fish must be familiar with, and follow, all relevant laws, fishing seasons, and regulations. People who fish may not develop fishing access (platforms or cleared areas), trample or clear areas along the shoreline, and must follow all general Trust restrictions.

#### Hunting

Hunting is allowed on some properties and not on others - for more information on hunting on Trust properties and up to date information on where you may access Trust lands in order to hunt, visit our website. The Trust's hunting webpage may be updated at any time - hunters should always check it before heading out.

Hunting may only occur where, when, and in a manner that is explicitly allowed by the most current version of the Trust's hunting access procedures. Hunters must be familiar with and follow all relevant laws, hunting seasons and regulations, and must follow all Trust restrictions. The Trust protects land in many ways.

- **Conservation Areas** are properties which are owned and managed by the Trust.
- **Conservation Easements** are lands the Trust does not own but which are protected by an agreement the Trust holds with a private landowner.
- The Trust also helps conservation partners protect conservation and recreation lands.

Information in this brochure applies to Trustowned Conservation Areas. The Trust does not require that private landowners we work with allow public access.

The Trust does protect some publically owned conservation lands that are open to the public - visit our website to learn more!

### www.skagitlandtrust.org



## Do you have more questions about what activities are allowed on Skagit Land Trust Conservation Areas?

We're always happy to answer them - feel free to email us at info@skagitlandtrust.org, or call us at (360) 428-7878.

The Trust established these guidelines to protect conservation values of our conservation areas, and to ensure that visitors have safe, enjoyable experiences. The Trust reserves the right to enforce protections on these lands, as well as close properties that have previously been open to public access if necessary to protect them.



# Visiting Trust Conservation Areas





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Get a firsthand look at the work of the Trust by visiting some of our conservation areas!

Skagit Land Trust conserves wildlife habitat, agricultural and forest lands, scenic open space, wetlands and shorelines across Skagit County for the benefit of our community and as a legacy for future generations. The public is welcome to visit conservation areas and engage in nature observation and low-impact recreational activities such as hiking and wildlife watching.

Most land trust conservation areas are open to the public. You can find more info on places to visit at www.skagitlandtrust.org/pages/visit.aspx

## Did you know?

Skagit Land Trust is a not-for-profit organization, not a government agency. We depend on community support to accomplish our mission!



# Visitor Code of Conduct

Follow Leave No Trace principles:

- Plan Ahead and Prepare
- Travel on Durable Surfaces
- Dispose of Waste Properly
- Leave What You Find
- Respect Wildlife
- Be Considerate of Other Visitors

To learn more, visit the Leave No Trace website: www.lnt.org/learn/seven-principles-overview



Please stay out of environmentally sensitive areas such as bogs, surfaces with thin soil cover, wildlife breeding and rearing habitat, wetlands, and areas with rare or fragile vegetation.

Limit the spread of non-native seeds and species by cleaning clothing and items used in the field.

Stay on constructed trails, where they exist, to minimize disturbance of native plants and wildlife, and to avoid hazards.

Visitors may help other members of the public enjoy these places by recreating in quiet, unobtrusive ways, preserving natural sights and sounds.

## Get Involved

Help steward conservation areas by attending a Trust event, volunteering at workparty or becoming a member!

Sign up to receive emails on our website.

# **Prohibited Activities**

- Trapping, harassment, or feeding of wildlife
- Motorized vehicles, biking, or horseback riding
- Flying of UA's (unmanned aircraft, otherwise referred to as 'drones') and hobby aircraft
- Walking with pets off-leash *Pets are allowed on-leash on Trust properties.*
- Lighting fires or fireworks, including smoking
- Littering or dumping
- Camping
- Collecting or harvest of natural resources, including (but not limited to) native plants, mushrooms, rocks, and firewood
  Visitors may pick and enjoy a handful of native berries while on the property.
  Non-native blackberries may be collected in unlimited quantities!
- Playing music or making other noise that disrupts the natural soundscape
- Destroying native vegetation or natural features
- Installation of wildlife or trail cameras
- Shooting (such as at targets or natural features)
- Removing Trust signs or property boundary markers
- Development of new trails
- Other activities that threaten or harm the conservation values of Trust properties



In some cases, the Trust may place additional property-specific restrictions on access to a property to better protect it. Visitors can check our website for additional property restrictions before visiting a conservation area.

