

Rules to Remember

On the Roads

- Only licensed drivers and street-legal vehicles are allowed on county roads and the following DNR management roads: Goat Ranch, South Spillman, Twin Lakes, Bennettsen Lake, Hurd, and Scarification.
- Forest management road speed limit is 25 mph.
- Speed limit in camp and picnic sites is 5 mph.
- Logging trucks, heavy equipment and other vehicles use these roads.

On the Trails

- Stay on only signed, approved trails.
- Approved trails are signed and unsigned trails are CLOSED.
- All Off-road vehicles must have:
 - Vehicle license or ORV permit tag
 - USFS approved spark arresting muffler for ORVs
- Respect the rights of others on trails: hikers, equestrians, bikers, 4x4s and ATVs.
- Use caution — trails are two way.
- Do not ride in streams, on road embankments, lake-shores, or wetlands.
- Watch for unmarked hazards on trails.
- Consider nearby homeowners: **motorized night riding is not allowed.**

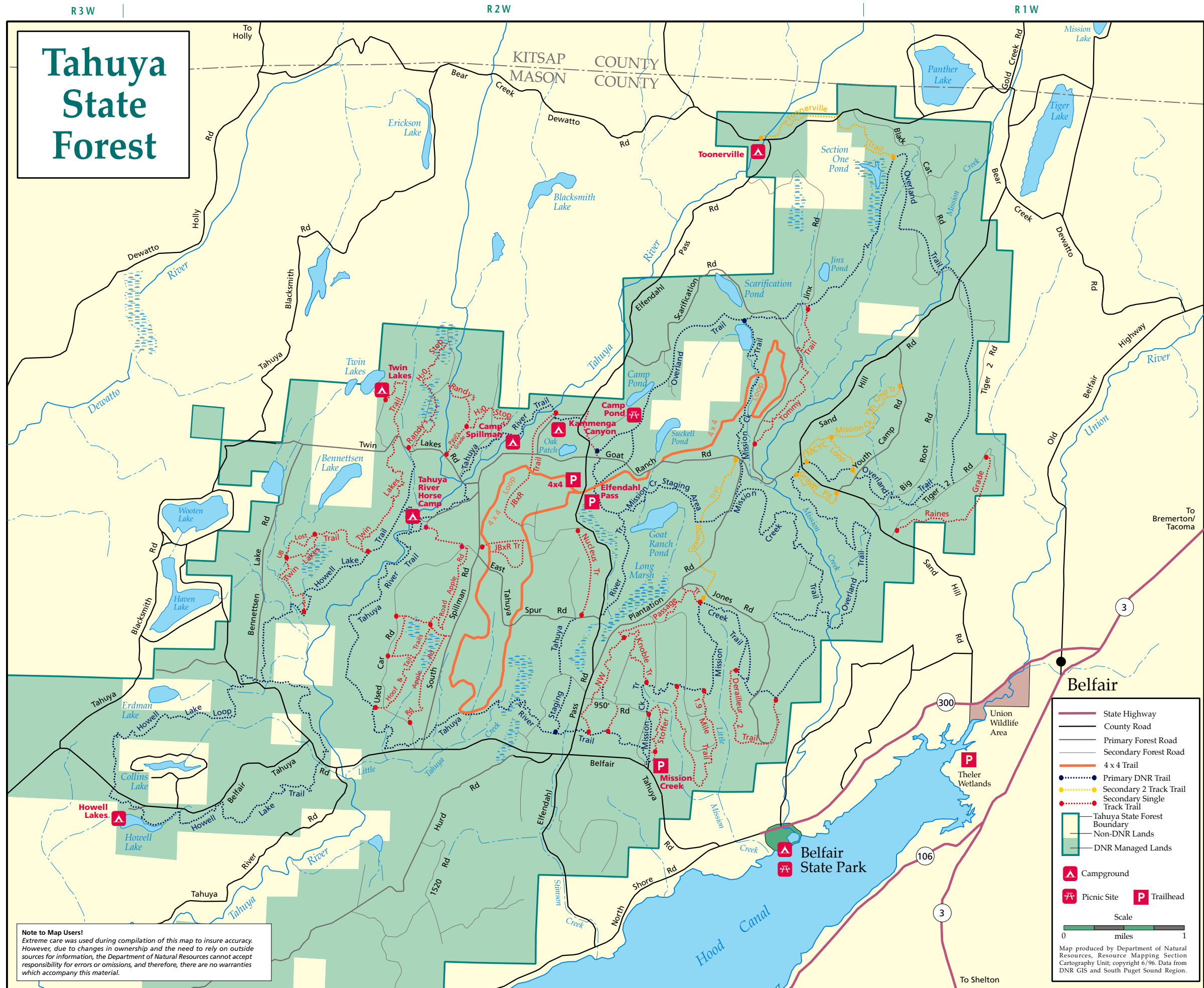
In the Campsites

- Self register if staying overnight.
- Camp in designated campsites only.
- Do not alter or remove vegetation.
- Remove your garbage and litter.
- No camping in day-use areas.
- Restrict fires to campsite fireplaces.
- Maintain quiet between 10 pm and 6 am.
- Limit your stay to 14 days.

Note: Don't shoot in or near recreation sites, trails or roads. This is a heavily-used forest.

Caution: Map shows most of the approved trails. Single Track Primitive Trails are not shown.

For events of more than 25 people, a DNR permit is required. Call South Puget Sound Region Office at (360) 825-1631



Recreation's Future in the Tahuya State Forest

Future opportunities for activities in the Tahuya State Forest are in your hands. Each year, vandalism and abuse of state lands cost taxpayers many thousands of dollars in repair costs and lost resources.

If the forest ecosystem or recreational facilities are damaged, DNR will limit use to protect those resources. Today's decisions about resources will have consequences 150 years from now. We all have an incentive to become stewards of this land.

More Information

For more information about the Tahuya State Forest and how you can help protect its resources and recreation opportunities, contact DNR.

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Emergency! Emergency!

Phone numbers you need to know:

- Medical Aid/Sheriff — 911
- Vandalism — 1-800-527-3305
- To report Wildfires — 1-800-562-6010 or 911

Persons needing the information contained in this brochure in an alternative format may call:

(360)902-1721 -or- TTY (360)902-1125



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Tahuya State Forest



Get to Know the Sensitive, Hardworking Tahuya

The Tahuya State Forest is located on the relatively flat Kitsap Peninsula surrounded by Hood Canal. The Douglas fir, western hemlock, alder, abundant salal and coastal rhododendron provide rich wildlife habitat. Hood Canal is a finger of Washington's inland sea which links the Pacific Ocean with major salmon spawning grounds.

The Tahuya is a short drive from population centers in western Washington. This popular 23,100-acre forest provides open spaces for sight-seeing, camping, nature study, fishing, hiking, horse or motorcycle riding, and mountain biking. However, the Tahuya is a State Forest, not a State Park, and recreation facilities are primitive.

Wealth for the trust beneficiaries...forever

Under management by the Department of Natural Resources, 5 million acres of state land have generated more than \$4 billion since 1970. DNR manages trust lands to generate continuing revenue for trust beneficiaries while maintaining healthy ecosystems and resources.

This assures future generations the benefits we enjoy today.

A forest at work...for you

The Tahuya may seem like a park, but it is a "working forest." Most of this state forest was acquired by Mason County during the Great Depression when privately owned lands were logged and abandoned. In 1944 the county deeded the lands to the state. Today, revenue from these lands primarily benefits county services and schools; DNR uses up to 25 % of the revenue to manage the lands.

Today, DNR manages the Tahuya State Forest to benefit the public by:

- providing money for Mason County, mostly from timber harvests;
- protecting fish and wildlife habitat;
- protecting options for future generations;
- providing recreational use, when it does not threaten resources or devalue trust assets.

A Trust Land Manager

The Department of Natural Resources was created by the State Legislature in 1957 to manage state owned trust lands. The Commissioner of Public Lands heads the agency of 1,300 employees working throughout the state.

Forest Users Can Protect Our Resources

Forest users helped create opportunities for recreation by developing many of the Tahuya's trails. Recreationists can help maintain resources by riding responsibly. This includes: riding on open trails, crossing streams at approved locations and avoiding travel through wetlands or on roadbanks.

Partners

Today, trail users are among the many partners working with DNR to select appropriate trails. These will be improved and monitored. Others will be closed so damaged areas can heal.

Approved trails offer a variety of experiences while protecting the resources. Hikers, horses, motorcycles, ATVs, and mountain bikes all share the Tahuya's multiple use trails. Since these are multi-use trails, please be courteous to other users. There is a separate trail for 4x4 vehicles.



Tahuya Volunteers

Trails

The Tahuya State Forest is a true multiple-use recreation area and offers a varying spectrum of trails to you, the user. Below is a brief description of the many trail opportunities available to hikers, ATVs, mountain bikes, horses, 4x4s, and motorcyclists. **Note:** *The Tahuya State Forest is a "working forest" and trails may be closed or detoured because of forest management activities. Any unsigned trail is closed.*



4x4 Trails ♦

These trails are intended primarily for use by larger short wheel based four wheel drive vehicles. 4x4 trails are signed with a ♦ on the ground. These trails are not smooth dirt roads. They have many rocks, roots and deep ruts.

Open to all users.



Primary DNR Trail ♦ and Secondary 2-Track Trail ♦

These trails are what have historically been called "DNR" trails, but also include some improved "user-built" trails. The Primary DNR trails are signed with a ♦ on the ground while the Secondary 2-Track trails are signed with a ♦. These trails have specific destinations and are suitable for most skill levels, although challenging terrain or conditions do exist.

Open to all users except vehicles over 48" in width.



Single Track Secondary Trails →

These trails are "user-built" single track trails that have been mapped and signed. These trails require above average skill to travel; very challenging terrain or conditions may be encountered by users. Here users will encounter roots, rocks, ruts, mud holes and possibly logs on a day's ride. They are signed with a → on the ground.

Open to Single Track trail users - Horses, mountain bikes, hikers, and motorcycles. Closed to ATVs.



Single Track Primitive Trails

These single track "user-built" trails are interspersed throughout the forest and are not on the map. They are signed in the field at the beginning and end of the trail for inventory purposes only; they are not intended to guide a user through the trail. The inventory markers indicate the trail number and originating system. Primitive trail users can expect to find very challenging trail at times with plenty of obstacles. These primitive trails may be difficult to locate and follow because of their limited use and maintenance. These trails generally do not have destinations and are enjoyable to many users who want to test their abilities on technically challenging trails.

Open to all expert Single Track trail users - Horses, mountain bikes, hikers, and motorcycles. Closed to ATVs.