



Jefferson County SALMON VIEWING

Image: Charles Espey

Salmon are deeply woven into the culture and ecosystems of the Pacific Northwest. As a keystone species, at least 137 different species are dependent on salmon. While salmon can be viewed in many local waterways at the right time of year, this self-guided 'tour' details a few of our favorite spots in Jefferson County.

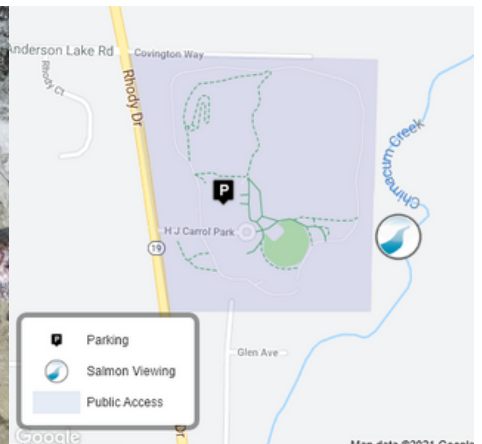
Hood Canal Summer Chum are listed as endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act. They are often one of the easiest species to see because they spawn in the lower reaches of the creeks before the rains come and the flows increase. On Chimacum, Snow and Salmon Creeks, the Salmon Coalition is working to restore spawning and rearing habitat so that wild salmon can thrive here.

General Guidelines for Salmon Viewing

- Leave dogs at home. *Spawning is a stressful time for salmon, and the presence of dogs in or near the stream can further stress fish.*
- Be a silent observer and keep your distance. *This will also reduce salmon stress, and the fish may be more active if you're quiet and still.*
- Stay out of the water. *Redds (nests) can be hard to spot, and salmon eggs are fragile!*
- Practice Leave No Trace principles. *Take nothing but pictures, leave nothing but footprints.*
- *Respect private property. Stay on public land!*
- Visit during daylight hours.



Image: NOSC Volunteer



HJ Carroll Park
Jefferson County Parks & Rec

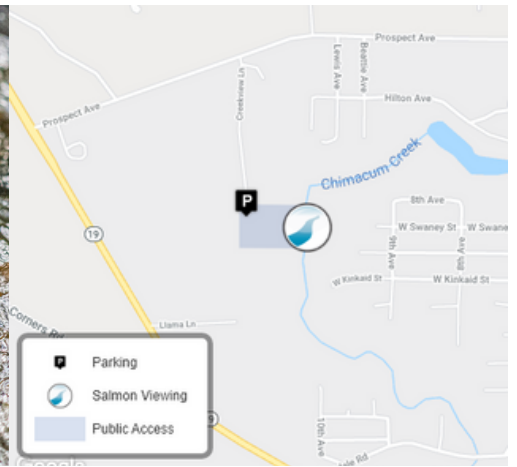
Time: November - January

Directions: Once you enter the park (SR 19 in Chimacum), go to the Native Plant Garden parking. Follow the main path past the gong and take the path under the green arch to the creek.

Species: Coho



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Jefferson Land Trust

Note: Trail to creek not ADA accessible

Time: Late August - Early October

Species: Chum

Directions: From SR 19, turn east on Prospect Ave. Turn R (south) on gravel Creekview Ln and drive slowly to the end of the road. Follow signs for path down to the creek.

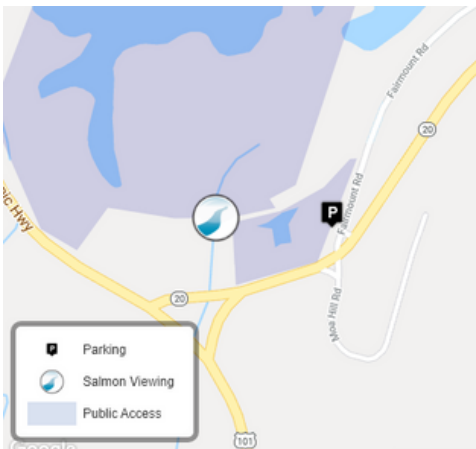


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Snow Creek Estuary Preserve

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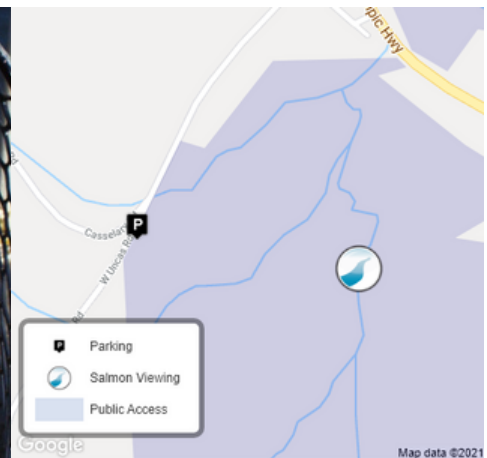
Time: Late August - December

Species: Chum & Coho

Directions: At the intersection of Fairmount Rd and SR 20, across from Moa Hill Rd (just N of Hwy 101). Parking is on the Discovery Bay side of Fairmount Rd. Path on left heads down to the creek.



Image: Jean Erreca



Discovery Bay Wildlife Unit

Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife

Note: Discover Pass required, please do not disturb any scientific monitoring in progress.

Time: Late August - December

Species: Chum & Coho

Directions: From Hwy 101 near Discovery Bay, turn south on W Uncas Rd. Parking is 1/4 mile down W Uncas Rd on the left. Follow gated driveway to the end. Several paths lead to the creek.