Region 8 – Okanagan

Contact Information

Fish and Wildlife Regional Office:

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Conservation Officer Service

Call 1-877-952-7277 for recorded information or to make an appointment at any of the following Field Offices:

Grand Forks, Penticton, Kelowna, and Vernon

Compulsory Inspection (CI) Centres

Qualified Compulsory Inspectors will provide this service at locations listed below. See the Ministry website at **www.gov.bc.ca/hunting/compulsory-inspection** or contact the regional office for more information.

CI Locations: By appointment only.

- Penticton
- Kelowna

Stay up to date

Check website **www.gov.bc.ca/hunting** for in-season changes prior to your 2026-2028 hunt.

RAPP

Report All Poachers and Polluters
Conservation Officer 24 hour hotline
1-877-952-RAPP (7277)

Refer to page 2 for more information

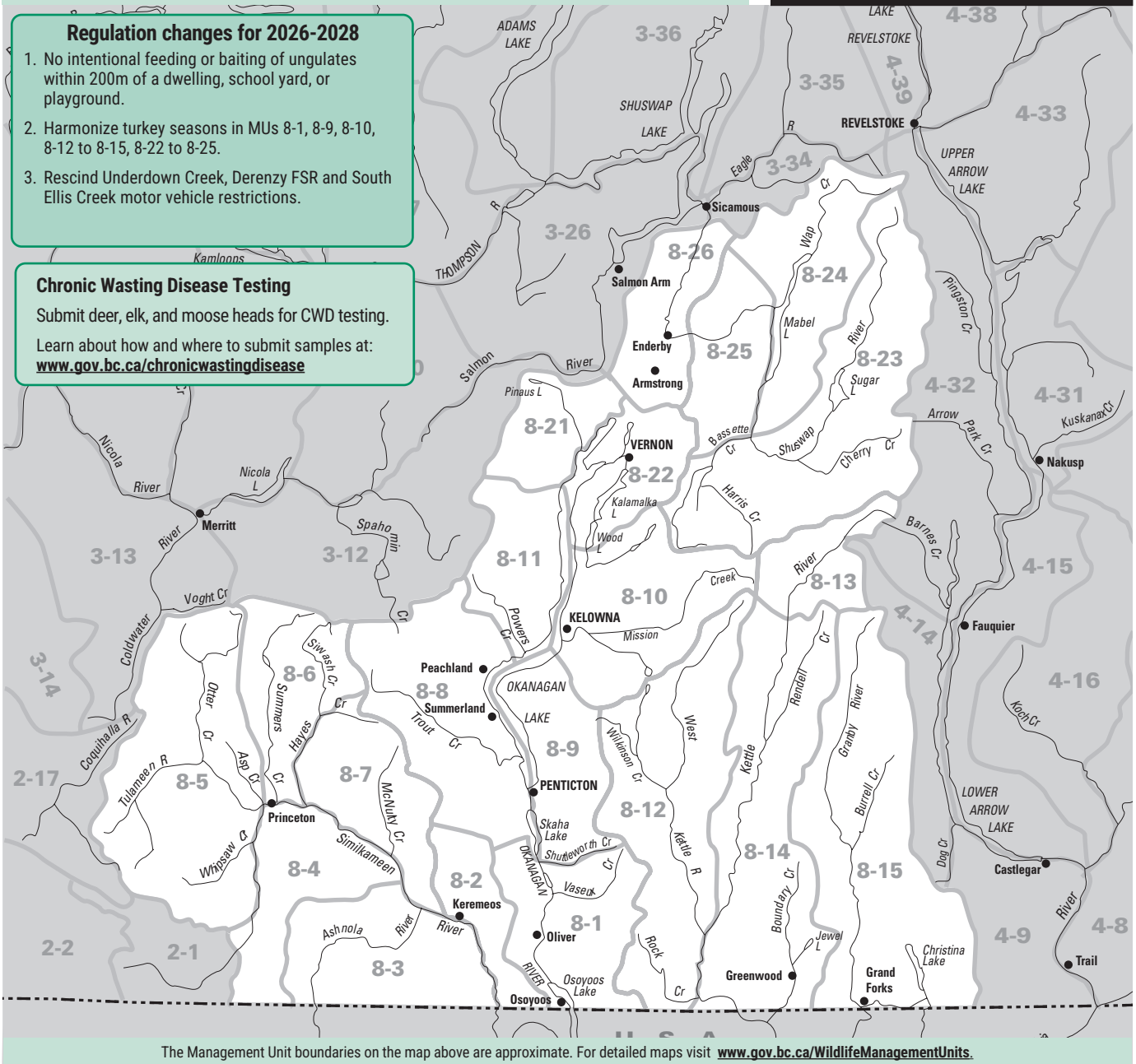
Regulation changes for 2026-2028

1. No intentional feeding or baiting of ungulates within 200m of a dwelling, school yard, or playground.
2. Harmonize turkey seasons in MUs 8-1, 8-9, 8-10, 8-12 to 8-15, 8-22 to 8-25.
3. Rescind Underdown Creek, Derenzy FSR and South Ellis Creek motor vehicle restrictions.

Chronic Wasting Disease Testing

Submit deer, elk, and moose heads for CWD testing.

Learn about how and where to submit samples at: **www.gov.bc.ca/chronicwastingdisease**



The Management Unit boundaries on the map above are approximate. For detailed maps visit **www.gov.bc.ca/WildlifeManagementUnits**.

Regional Bag Limits

» **DEER**: The aggregate bag limit for deer is 3. Two deer may be antlerless but only one antlerless deer of each species may be taken. The bag limit for mule deer is 1. Antlerless mule deer are available only through LEH. The bag limit for white-tailed deer is 2, only one of which may be a buck, and one of which may be antlerless.

» **GROUSE**: The daily aggregate bag limit for grouse: blue (dusky), spruce (Franklin), and ruffed is 5.

» **TURKEY**: The regional aggregate bag limit for turkey is 2. Only one turkey may be taken during each open season.

Access Management Areas

» Region 8 Motor Vehicle Prohibition maps are available online at **www.gov.bc.ca/okanaganaccess.**

» Information signs are posted at the points of closure for the benefit of hunters, but it is the hunter's responsibility to recognize the closures whether a sign is in place or not.

» **Symbol Key:** Use the following symbols to determine what type of motor vehicle prohibition is in place in the following regional areas (see also Site and Access Restrictions section, page 9):

★ **Motor Vehicle Closed Areas** (See page 10) - Snowmobiles are not exempt unless specified otherwise.

▲ **Motor Vehicles for Hunting Closed Areas** (See page 10): The operation of all motor vehicles, including electric bicycles, for the purpose of hunting, to transport wildlife, to transport equipment, firearms and supplies which are intended for or in support of hunting or to transport hunters to and from the location of wildlife is prohibited in these areas.

✖ **ATVs, Electric Bicycles and Snowmobile Closed Areas** (See page 10)**:** year-round in these areas unless otherwise indicated.

★ The operation of all motor vehicles (including electric bicycles), excluding snowmobiles is prohibited in region 8 above 1,700 m elevation, except on existing roads and trails. See page 10 for definition of existing road or trail.

★ Oliver Mountain Area (MU 8-1). See Map J3.

★ Crater Mountain Area (MU 8-3). See Map J22.

★ Placer Mountain to Border Lake area (MU 8-3, 8-4). See Map J20.

★ Garnet Valley (MU 8-8). An authorized trapper is exempt from this restriction for the purpose of trapping. See Map J7.

★ Osoyoos Oxbows except established roadways (MU 8-1). See Map J1.

▲ Tulameen Forest Service Road (MU 8-5) south of the point where it crosses Vuich Creek. See Map J4.

★ Skaha Lake Eastside (MU 8-9) - in that portion east of Skaha Lake described as Lot A and Lot B of Sublot 48, DL 2710, Plan 27801, SDYD, and Sublot 48, DL 2710, Plan 1189, SDYD.

★ Granby (MUs 8-14, 8-15). The area is closed 600 m north of the 5 km mark of Burrell-Young Lake FSR, 300 m north of the 2 km mark on Arrow Neck FSR, east of the 22 km mark of Grano FSR, east of the 8 km mark on Arthurs Rd, and 500 m east of the 10 km mark on the Goatskin-Rendall FSR. Snowmobiles allowed Nov 1 - May 31. See Map J14. Detailed maps are available online at **www.gov.bc.ca/okanaganaccess**.

✖ Galloping Hills (MU 8-15) from Jun 1 - Oct 31 except for the primary roads leading to Lightning Peak and Mt. Scaia. See Map J14.

★ Joss, Tsuius, and Mabel Mountains (MU 8-23, 8-24). The operation of vehicles is restricted to permitted forest service roads from May 1 - Nov 30. Snowmobiles allowed. See Map J21.

Notice to Hunters

» White-tailed jackrabbit, Nuttall's cottontail, badger and other species are protected under the authority of the *Wildlife Act* (hunting is prohibited).

Hunters are reminded that there are no hunting seasons for white-tailed jackrabbit, Nuttall's cottontail, or badgers.

» No Shooting Areas: Hunters should note the Highway No Shooting Areas as outlined on page 10. Note also that the closures for Highway 3 between Manning Park and Princeton and for the Coquihalla Phase III (Okanagan Connector) Hwy 97C are No Shooting and No Hunting Closures.

» Hunting is prohibited within the Vaseux Migratory Bird Sanctuary and National Wildlife Areas. For more information visit **www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/migratory-bird-sanctuaries/locations/vaseux-lake.html**.

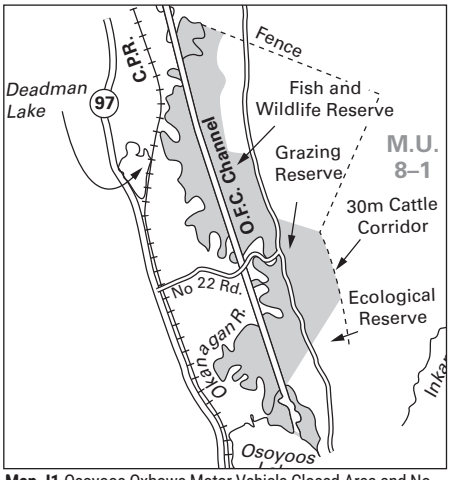
It's Unlawful

» To intentionally bait or feed ungulates within 200m of a dwelling, school yard, or playground in region 8.

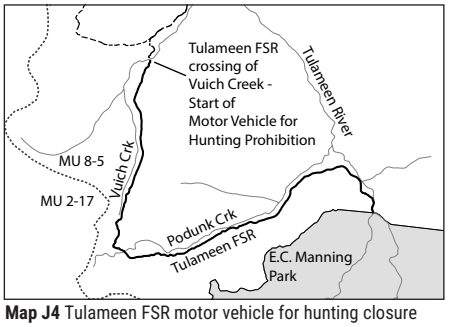
Okanagan General Open Seasons

SPECIES	MANAGEMENT UNIT	CLASS	SEASON DATES	BAG LIMIT
MULE DEER (Black-tailed)	8-1 to 8-11, 8-21 to 8-26	★4 Point Bucks	Sept 10 - Sept 30	Refer to Regional Bag Limits on p. 67 and the Deer Bag Limits article on p. 14
	8-12 to 8-15	★4 Point Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 10	
	8-1 to 8-11, 8-21 to 8-26	Bucks	Oct 1 - Oct 31	
	8-1 to 8-11, 8-21 to 8-26	★4 Point Bucks	Nov 1 - Nov 10	
Youth Only*	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 30	
Bow Only	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
* Restricted to hunters under the age of 18. ★ See Definitions section: Mule (Black-tailed) Deer. The antlers must accompany the species licence.				
WHITE-TAILED DEER	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Bucks	Sept 10 - Nov 30	Refer to Regional Bag Limits on p. 67 and the Deer Bag Limits article on p. 14
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Antlerless	Oct 10 - Oct 31	
Youth Only*	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
Youth Only*	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Either Sex	Nov 1 - Nov 30	
Bow Only	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Bucks	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
Bow Only	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Either Sex	Dec 1 - Dec 20	
* Restricted to hunters under the age of 18.				
MOOSE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	★Spike-fork Bulls	Nov 1 - Nov 15	1
All individuals with a moose species licence must submit a Mandatory Hunter Report by March 31st. See page 16 for more details. ★ See Definitions section: Moose. Antlers must accompany the species licence.				
ELK	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	▲6 Point Bulls	Sept 10 - Oct 20	1
Bow Only	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	▲6 Point Bulls	Sept 1 - Sept 9	
All individuals with an elk species licence must submit a Mandatory Hunter Report by March 31st. See page 16 for more details ▲ See Definitions section: Elk. The antlers must accompany the species licence.				
BLACK BEAR	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Apr 1 - June 30	2
	▲8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Aug 1 - Aug 31	
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 1 - Nov 30	
▲ MU's 8-1 to 8-15 and 8-21 to 8-26 is restricted to private land only. Hunters must obtain permission from landowners.				
WOLF	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 10 - June 15	3
COYOTE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 1 - June 30	NBL
BOBCAT	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Nov 15 - Feb 28	1
Hunters may not hunt a bobcat accompanied by one or more bobcat.				
LYNX	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Nov 15 - Feb 28	1
Hunters may not hunt a lynx accompanied by one or more lynx.				
COUGAR	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Nov 15 - Mar 31	1
Hunters may not hunt a cougar kitten or any cougar in its company. See Definitions section: Cougar kitten. Compulsory Inspection required.				
SKUNK, RACCOON	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		No Closed Season	NBL
SNOWSHOE HARE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Aug 1 - Apr 30	10 (daily)
GROUSE: DUSKY (Blue), RUFFED, & SPRUCE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 10 - Nov 30	5 (15)
Youth Only*	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 1 - Sept 9	
Bow Only	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Dec 1 - Dec 10	
For Dusky, Spruce, and Ruffed grouse, the daily aggregate bag limit is 5; the aggregate possession limit is 15. * Restricted to hunters under the age of 18.				
CHUKAR PARTRIDGE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Oct 1 - Nov 30	5 (15)
GRAY (Hungarian) PARTRIDGE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Oct 1 - Nov 30	3 (9)
PHEASANT (Cocks)	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Oct 1 - Nov 30	2 (6)
QUAIL	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Oct 1 - Nov 30	10 (30)
TURKEY	8-1, 8-9, 8-10, 8-12 to 8-15, 8-22 to 8-26	Bearded	Apr 15 - May 15	▼1
	8-1, 8-9, 8-10, 8-12 to 8-15, 8-22 to 8-26	Any Turkey	Oct 1 - Oct 15	
▼ The aggregate regional bag limit is 2 and only one turkey may be taken in each of the spring and fall.				
DOVE: MOURNING, EURASIAN COLLARED	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 1 - Sept 30	5 (15)
COMMON SNIPE	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 23 - Jan 7	10 (30)
COOTS	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 23 - Jan 7	10 (30)
DUCKS	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 23 - Jan 7	8 (24)
Daily aggregate bag limit for ducks is 8: max of 4 Pintails, 4 Canvasbacks, 2 Goldeneyes (Barrow's and Common in aggregate) and 2 Harlequins - see page 12.				
GEESE: SNOW & ROSS'S	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 23 - Jan 7	5 (15)
GEESE: WHITE-FRONTED	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 23 - Jan 7	5 (15)
GEESE: CANADA & CACKLING	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Sept 20 - Nov 28	10 (30)
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26		Dec 20 - Jan 5	
	8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26	Feb 21, 2027 - Mar 10, 2027	Feb 22, 2028 - Mar 10, 2028	

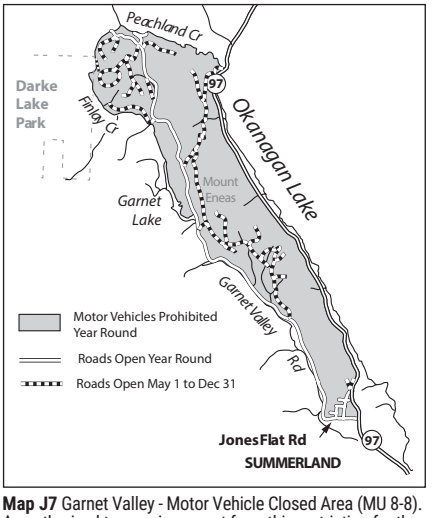
Visit **www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/migratory-game-bird-hunting.html** for further information on Migratory Game Bird regulations in B.C.



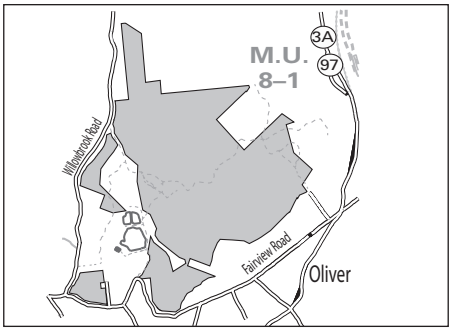
Map J1 Osoyoos Oxbows Motor Vehicle Closed Area and No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 8-1). The operation of vehicles is restricted to established road shown as open lines. No shooting or hunting from Mar 1 - Sept 30, in the restricted area, including the roadways.



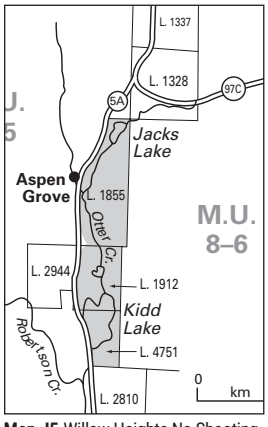
Map J4 Tulameen FSR motor vehicle for hunting closure (MU 8-5).



Map J7 Garnet Valley - Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MU 8-8). An authorized trapper is exempt from this restriction for the purpose of trapping.

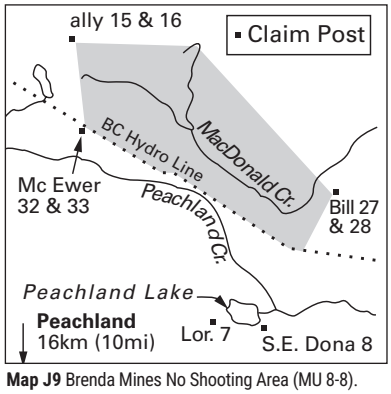


Map J2 Oliver Mountain Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MU 8-1).



Map J5 Willow Heights No Shooting Area (MU 8-6).

Map J8 Upper Carmi Road No Shooting Area (MU 8-9). The Upper Carmi Road No Shooting Area is almost entirely private land, and it is unlawful to hunt private land without consent of the appropriate landowner.



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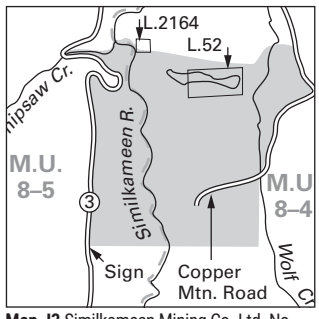
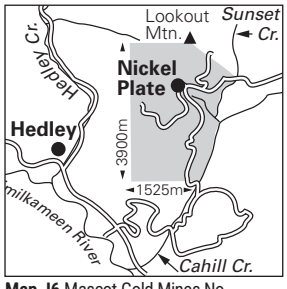
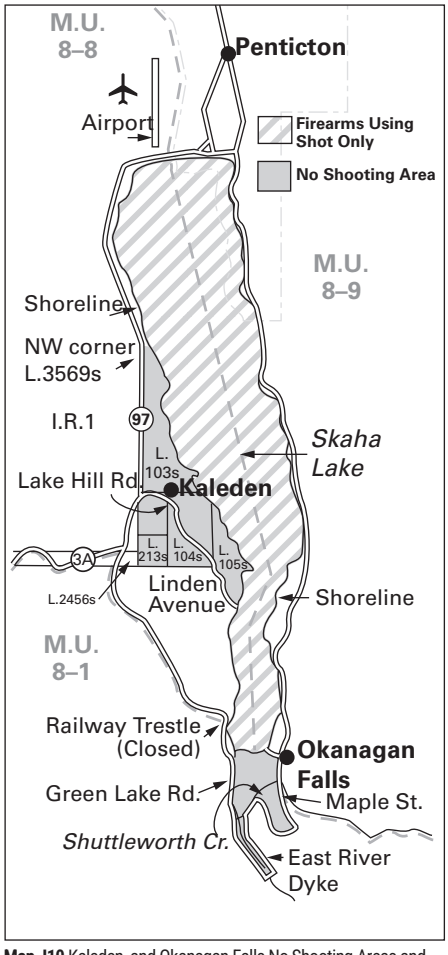


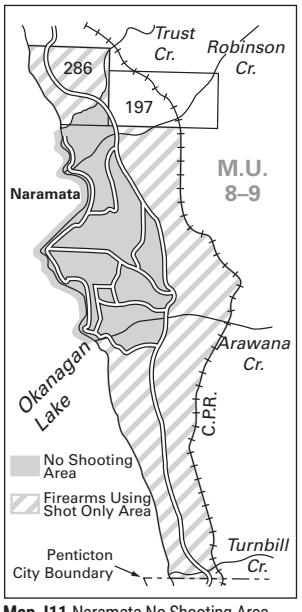
Map J3 Similkameen Mining Co. Ltd. No Shooting or Hunting Area (MUs 8-4 and 8-5).



Map J6 Mascot Gold Mines No Shooting Area (MU 8-7).



Map J10 Kaleden, and Okanagan Falls No Shooting Areas and Skaha Lake Firearms Using Shot Only Area (MUs 8-1, 8-8 and 8-9).



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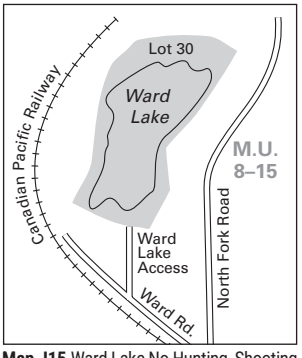
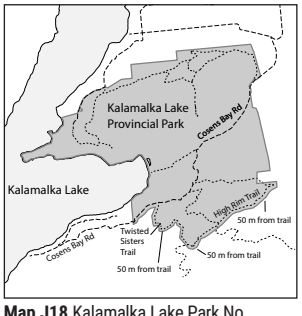
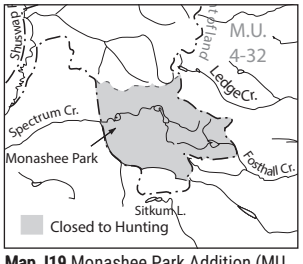


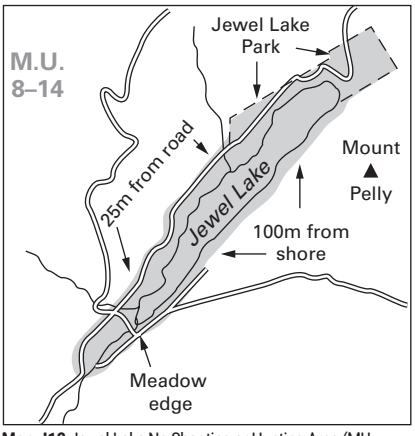
Map J15 Ward Lake No Hunting, Shooting or Trapping Area (MU 8-15).



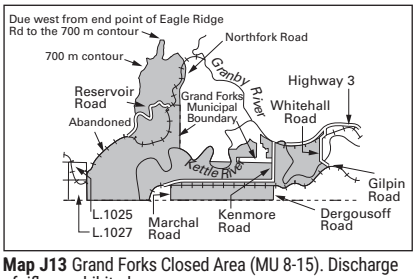
Map J18 Kalamalka Lake Park No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 8-22).



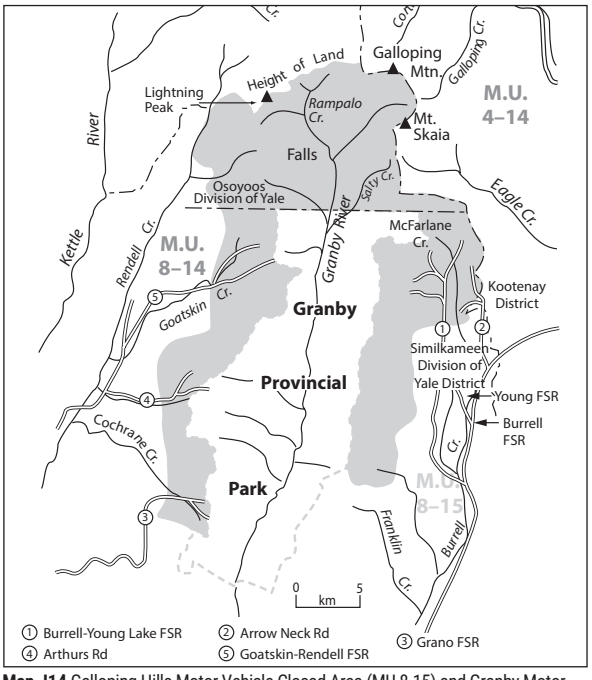
Map J19 Monashee Park Addition (MU 8-23) No Hunting Area.



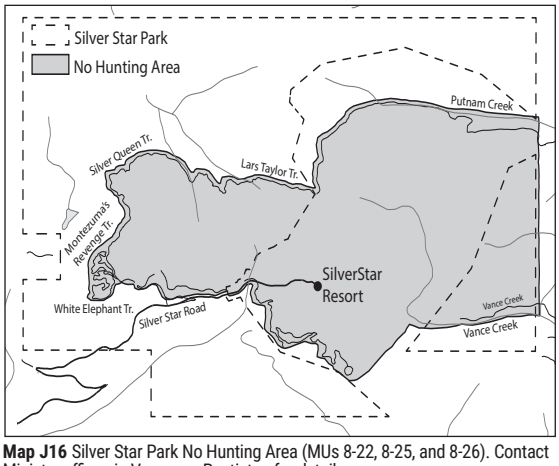
Map J12 Jewel Lake No Shooting or Hunting Area (MU 8-14).



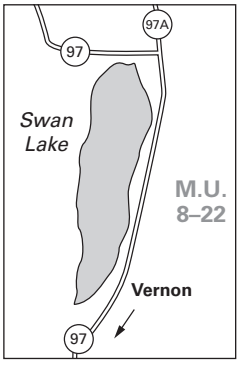
Map J13 Grand Forks Closed Area (MU 8-15). Discharge of rifles prohibited.



Map J14 Galloping Hills Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MU 8-15) and Granby Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MUs 8-14 and 8-15). Detailed maps are available online at **www.gov.bc.ca/okanaganaccess**.



Map J16 Silver Star Park No Hunting Area (MUs 8-22, 8-25, and 8-26). Contact Ministry offices in Vernon or Penticton for details.



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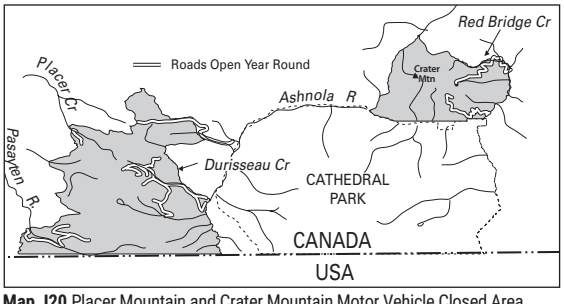
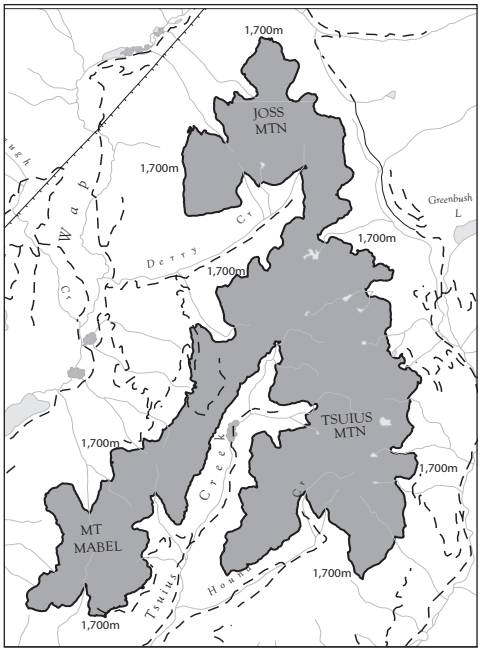


Map J20 Placer Mountain and Crater Mountain Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MUs 8-3 and 8-4). Closed year-round to the operation of motor vehicles, except; roads shown as white are open year-round.



Map J21 Joss-Tsuius-Mabel Mountain Motor Vehicle Closed Area (MUs 8-23 and 8-24). The operation of vehicles is restricted to permitted forest service roads from May 1-Nov 30. Snowmobiles allowed.