

Salem CBC Sites Sector 1

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Sector Boundaries

West: Capital Street

South and east: State and Capital; east on State Street to Airport Road; Airport Road south to Mission Street; across Mission to Turner Road; south on Turner Road to south end of the borrow pit north side at Turner.

North and east: Center and Capital; east on Center Street 'til Fruitland Road; east on Fruitland to 69th Street; north to Conifer Street; East on Conifer to Howell Prairie Road; right on Howell Prairie about 2000 feet to intersect outer sector boundary.

Outer sector boundary (count circle boundary): see the sector map

Everywhere

Cackling geese occur by the zillions in the area; look anywhere there is grass, even around buildings; also in all parking lots. Be alert for vocal flocks in the air and quiet flocks on the ground. Grass seed fields may hold huge flocks that are not readily observable in tall grass.

Sites

Geer Park Vicinity

Look for cackling geese along Center Street vicinity Fresh Start Market and County offices (east of the state hospital, west of Hawthorne; Geer Park and nearby fields; along Park Street; State Hospital grounds;

1. Walker Park. South on 24th off Center, then east on Walker NE less than a block. Unmarked as park; trashy; abuts state hospital on north and prison on south; there is a big wetland with good walking access. Likely a good spot in spring as well

2. Wetlands and stream corridor. Take Park street south off Center to Greenway Drive. Parking lot just west of intersection, look for viewing opportunities all along south boundary fence. Wetland and stream feeds Walker Park wetland. Between State Hospital and prison. Red tailed hawk, kestrel, flickers, crows on 20 Nov. Continue south on Park Street toward Geer Park, scope the legacy oaks on west side of road; always look for cackling geese on grass;

3. and 4. Geer Park. Geer Drive north off State Street, or from Park street south of Center Street. The sky blackens with cackling geese headed for the manicured grass; there are weedy fields and brush to north of parking area, riparian willows, small wetlands in corner of walking trail near Hawthorne. Split up and walk it.

Rest rooms.

5. Riparian overlooks. Strip between Hawthorne and I-5 north of State, east side of Geer Park. Two pullouts on the east side of Hawthorne give access to wetland observation for safe parking by one car. Do not attempt to access from Marion SWCD parking lot (homeless camp in the brush).

6. Pipe Bend Road, a little spur off Hawthorne just north of State; a spot to be up close and personal with cackling geese and a handful of Canada geese

South of State Street

Look for cackling geese on all grassy areas of Airport Drive and Hawthorne Ave.

7. Kettle Foods. Take Kettle Ct south of State or west of Hawthorne; go to west side of parking lot for access to Mill Creek and Shelton Ditch riparian forest with short walk.

8. Roberts HS, south side of State Street between I-5 and 37th. Look for cackling geese from driveway

9. Mitigation pond. Along the east side of the Park 5 office park at State and Hawthorne. This long, linear pond lies behind and below a low berm planted to shrubs. Approach on foot cautiously to avoid spooking birds. Standing still and waiting at a few locations is often most effective for seeing all the birds on the pond.

After looking at mitigation pond, park at ATT Store (at SW corner of Park 5 complex facing Hawthorne) and look through fence row to weedy field adjoining on south.

10. Shelton Ditch riparian access. Go to State Motor Pool park and ride lot on north side of motor pool complex off Airport Road between State and Mission. Path at north side of park and ride lot leads to Shelton Ditch riparian corridor. Posted; we will look to sort out access with State Publishing. Porta Potty

11. Lottery complex. Adjacent #10 on north side. Check out the parking lots, path around the north side of building, view into Mill Creek.

12. Wetlands and riparian access. Residence Inn area east side of Hawthorne just north of Costco. Turn east at Caffe 680 sign to enter complex. Access is path behind east end of Building 650 to ponds, wetlands, brushy edges and riparian

areas. Easy, short walk. Check for further access toward the south from this trail. Cackling geese anywhere in the complex on grass or roadways.

13. Best Western Motel and Denny's Restaurant riparian overlook. Hawthorne at Ryan Avenue, across from Costco. Observe open riparian oak forest along Mill Creek from north side of motel and restaurant.

Turner Road south of Mission

Look for cackling geese along Turner Road between Deer Park Road and Mill Creek.

14. Mission Lake (Lowe's Pond): scope at dawn and in afternoon from Lowe's parking lot; rest rooms

15 and 16. Cascade Gateway Park. Off Turner Road just south of Walmart. Large area to walk. Walter Wirth Lake and Bluegill Lakes to scope; cottonwood forest, oak grove, Mill Creek riparian corridor, brushy edge habitats; great horned owls nest here; rest rooms

17. Paradise Mobile Home Park. Access at entry sign off Turner Road, go to back of park, near south end. Mill Creek riparian access. We don't have permission

18. Mitigation ponds on 37th Ave north of Turner Road. Good spot if basin has water. Observe from road. Entering off Turner Road, stop at second gravel driveway to scope pond; stop at gated and posted access road and scope pond; scope large pond north of gated road and small pond to north, both from public road.

19. Borrow pit. In Turner, north side of Turner Road. Scope from pull-outs and from Ahrens Road, just west of pond. Observe from car brushy habitats and feeders along Ahrens Road. Opportunities to view the pond have been much reduced by a construction site on the pond along Turner Road and Ahrens Road.

Corban – Kuebler - Lancaster Vicinity

Look for cackling geese along the south side Aumsville Hwy either side of Santiam Correctional Institution; Deer Park Road near Turner Road; and in the field south of the Home Depot distribution center (off Aumsville Hwy); and anywhere else. This area is a hot spot for cackling geese.

If you travel out Highway 22 east of Lancaster and west of Gaffin Road (at the foot of the long hill, access to the transfer station) watch the bare trees and tall evergreens on the south side of the road for a pair of red tailed hawks who hunt the prison grounds and fields south of the highway.

20. Mill Creek Corporate Center. Several hundred acres to walk. Grasslands, ponds, wetlands; meadow larks, waterfowl, sparrows; Main entrance off Kuebler is posted "no trespassing" due to facility construction. There are two accesses off Turner Road between Deer Park Road and Kuebler: dirt road off Turner Road opposite Boone Road; good gravel road off Turner Road just west of Deer Park (drive in to gravel pile; park, walk back to road fork and take left fork 'til you see obvious path off road and over berm; carefully scope pond; continue north along entry road, exploring habitats) . Walk-in accesses on east side of FedEx off Aumsville Hwy and off Aumsville Hwy just east of Kuebler; ponds, mitigation wetlands, grass. Will verify access verify access with Chad Freeman, SEDCOR, (503) 837-1800 , cfreeman@sedcor.com

21. Corban University: Big area, much walking. Varied open and forested habitats. College Park Place SE (designated Area A, not marked by name; goes to residences, garden, and access to forest that houses disc golf course; off Deer Park very close to Aumsville Highway); east and south of Warrior Drive on south side of campus (Area B) east of gym and south of gym (Area C); west of Warrior Drive (Area D) Office of Campus Safety (503) 510-6430 to be notified.

Scope the wild land below Deer Park Drive from pullout opposite Corban University chapel and from pullout opposite Aagard Hall.

22. Home Depot warehouse vicinity. Field north of Aumsville Hwy, east of Cordon, south of Home Depot distribution center. Observe from Depot Ct SE and at end of road that goes to west from Depot Ct for truck entrance. Look into Public Safety Academy property on east side of entry road for geese and ducks. Gravel loop road around the field is drivable. (mostly taken up with construction winter 2017; we will assess it before the CBC)

23. Joseph Street at Aumsville Hwy across from Deer Park Drive. Call for acorn woodpeckers

24. Bonesteele Park: Aumsville Highway between Lamp Lane and Witzel Road. Short walk through brushy edges and oak, maple, and doug fir stand. Rest room.

25. Marion County Solid Waste Transfer Station. Take Deer Park SE just before Hwy 22 starts up the hill just past the correctional institution. A marked nature trail on the north side across from the recycling center loops through oak and conifer forest.

26. River Bend S&G ponds. South side Lancaster near Cordon. Scope from outside gate at driveway unless gate is open. Climb berm on east side of driveway to observe smaller pond otherwise not visible. Also, observe pond and brushy habitat from stub road off Lancaster just to the west.

27. Very large borrow pit south of Kelly's near Home Depot. Viewing possible

through the fence at NW corner of business nearest Home Depot. Scope it early in the day

28. Mitigation ponds behind Shopco off Rickey Street. Check at dawn and in afternoon from side street (Alpine Lakes Drive, of all things); rest rooms at Winco, Sportsmen's Warehouse

Outer State Street

Look for cackling geese in the old mushroom plant property that's across Cordon Rd from Terra Gardens Nursery, bounded on the south by State, on the north by Auburn. There may be clouds of geese in the air and in carpets on the ground. Ducks often viewable off State just west of Cordon.

29. Private pond off State east of Cordon, opposite soccer fields. Poor parking outside the gate. We will again seek permission. Abundant wood ducks, wigeon, mallards

Additional non-public sites

30. Cherry Farm. Private, we have permission and key. Near intersection of Joseph Street and Aumsville Highway.

31. National Guard Complex Pond. We will again seek permission. At State and Hawthorne, north side.

32. Oregon Corrections Enterprises oak knoll overlooking Mill Creek Corporate Center. No permission. North side, west of intersection of Deer Park Drive and Turner Road.

33. Dept of Corrections oak forest north of Aumsville Hwy, east of Public Safety Training facility. We will seek permission.