

Unit 14

Small Game Hunting

Guide to regulations as of 2019



Introduction



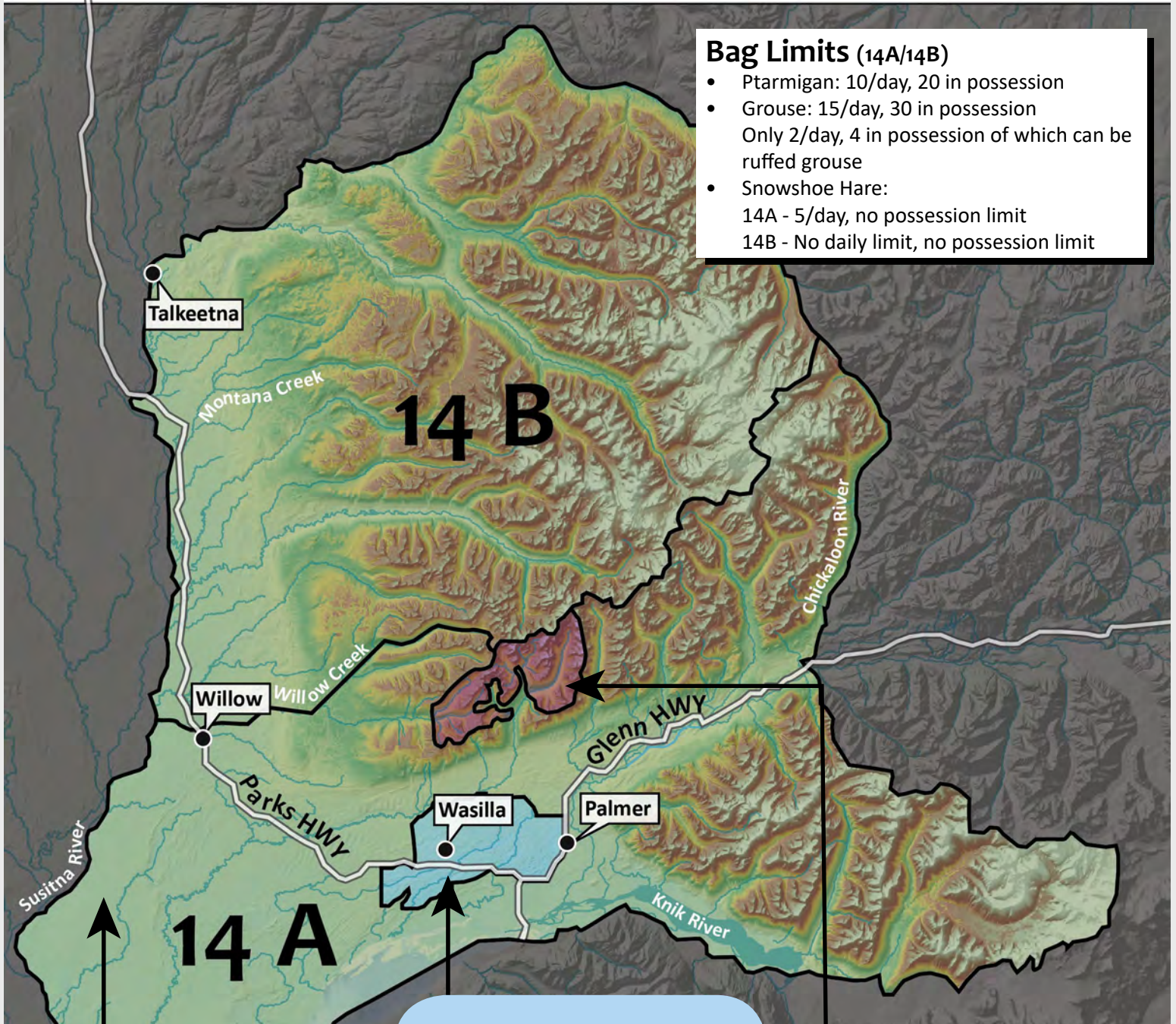
Alaska has some of the world's premiere small game hunting. Whether you are a first-time hunter or an avid one, you don't need to travel far to find fantastic small game hunting opportunities. Southcentral Alaska encompasses Game Management Unit (GMU) 14 which includes Palmer and Wasilla (14A), Willow and Talkeetna (14B), and Anchorage and Eagle River (14C). Despite the presence of large urban centers, the unit contains easy-to-access hunting areas and abundant small game populations.

This guide will help you understand the State of Alaska's hunting regulations for grouse, ptarmigan, and snowshoe hares in all of GMU 14. Consult current hunting regulations or your local ADF&G office with additional questions.

For more information and maps: hunt.alaska.gov

ADF&G Small Game Hunting Regulations for GMU 14A & 14 B

Note: Additional land regulations such as land access and firearm restrictions may apply.



- ### Bag Limits (14A/14B)
- Ptarmigan: 10/day, 20 in possession
 - Grouse: 15/day, 30 in possession
Only 2/day, 4 in possession of which can be ruffed grouse
 - Snowshoe Hare:
14A - 5/day, no possession limit
14B - No daily limit, no possession limit

14A/14B

Species/Dates:

- Ptarmigan: 8/10 - 3/31
- Grouse: 8/10- 3/31
- Snowshoe hare: No closed season

Open to: All legal means

Note: A diversity of landowners make up much of GMU 14A and 14B. Check with landowners (see the list of landowners on back of brochure) concerning additional information on land access and discharge of firearms.

Palmer-Wasilla

Species/Dates:

- Ptarmigan: 8/10 - 3/31
- Grouse: 8/10- 3/31
- Snowshoe hare: No closed season

Open to: Muzzleloader, shotgun, air rifle with rifled barrel, falconry, bow and arrow

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Hatcher Pass Youth Hunt

Youth-Only Hunt Dates: 8/10 - 8/25
After 8/25 regulations from 14A apply

Open to: All legal means

Note: Open to youth hunters 17 years old or younger accompanied by a licensed hunter 21 years old or older who has successfully completed a certified hunter education course if the youth has not completed a course. Youth hunter and accompanying adult must wear hunter orange vest or jacket while in the field.

ADF&G Small Game Hunting Regulations for GMU 14C

Note: Additional land regulations such as land access and firearm restrictions may apply.

Bag Limits (ALL of 14C)

- Ptarmigan: 10/day, 20 in possession
- Grouse: 5/day, 10 in possession
Only 2/day, 4 in possession of which can be ruffed grouse
- Snowshoe Hare: 5/day, no possession limit

Areas marked in red are closed to small game hunting.

Birchwood

Species/Dates:

- Ptarmigan: 8/10 - 3/31
- Grouse: 9/1 - 3/31
- Snowshoe hare: 9/1 - 4/30

Open to: Bow and arrow, shotgun, air rifle with rifled barrel, falconry, crossbow

Note: Closed to small game hunting east and south of Alaska Railroad.

Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson

Species/Dates:

- Ptarmigan: 8/10 - 3/31
- Grouse: 9/1 - 3/31
- Snowshoe hare: 9/1 - 4/30

Open to: Bow and arrow, shotgun

Note: Basic hunter's education is required. Recreational Access Permit is required. Contact JBER at (907) 552-9453 with further questions.

Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge

Species/Dates:

- Ptarmigan: 8/10 - 3/31
- Grouse: 9/1 - 3/31
- Snowshoe hare: 9/1 - 4/30

Open to: Bow and arrow, falconry, shotgun, crossbow

Note: Hunter's Ed. is required, register for hunt online or at ADF&G in Anchorage

Shotgun can ONLY be used with an Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge Permit from 9/1 to 3/31

Anchorage

Species/Dates:

- Ptarmigan: 8/10 - 3/31
- Grouse: 9/1 - 3/31
- Snowshoe hare: 9/1 - 4/30

Open to: Falconry only

Chugach State Park Remainder
(Includes all areas shaded in green)

Species/Dates:

- Ptarmigan: 8/10 - 3/31
- Grouse: 9/1 - 3/31
- Snowshoe hare: 9/1 - 4/30

Open to: All legal means

14C Remainder (Not entirely shown)

Species/Dates:

- Ptarmigan: 8/10 - 3/31
- Grouse: 9/1 - 3/31
- Snowshoe hare: 9/1 - 4/30

Open to: All legal means

Eklutna

Species/Dates:

- Ptarmigan: 9/1 - 3/31
- Grouse: 9/1 - 3/31
- Snowshoe hare: 9/1 - 4/30

Open to: Bow and arrow, falconry

Eagle River (Same hunt boundary as RL450)

Species/Dates:

- Ptarmigan: 8/10 - 3/31
- Grouse: 9/1 - 3/31
- Snowshoe hare: 9/1 - 4/30

Open to: Bow and arrow, falconry, muzzleloader, crossbow

Note: Hunter's Ed. is required, register for hunt at ADF&G in Anchorage

Eagle River (Same hunt boundary as RL460)

Species/Dates:

- Ptarmigan: 8/10 - 3/31
- Grouse: 9/1 - 3/31
- Snowshoe hare: 9/1 - 4/30

Open to: Bow and arrow, falconry, muzzleloader, shotgun, crossbow

Note: Hunter's Ed. is required, register for hunt at ADF&G in Anchorage

