

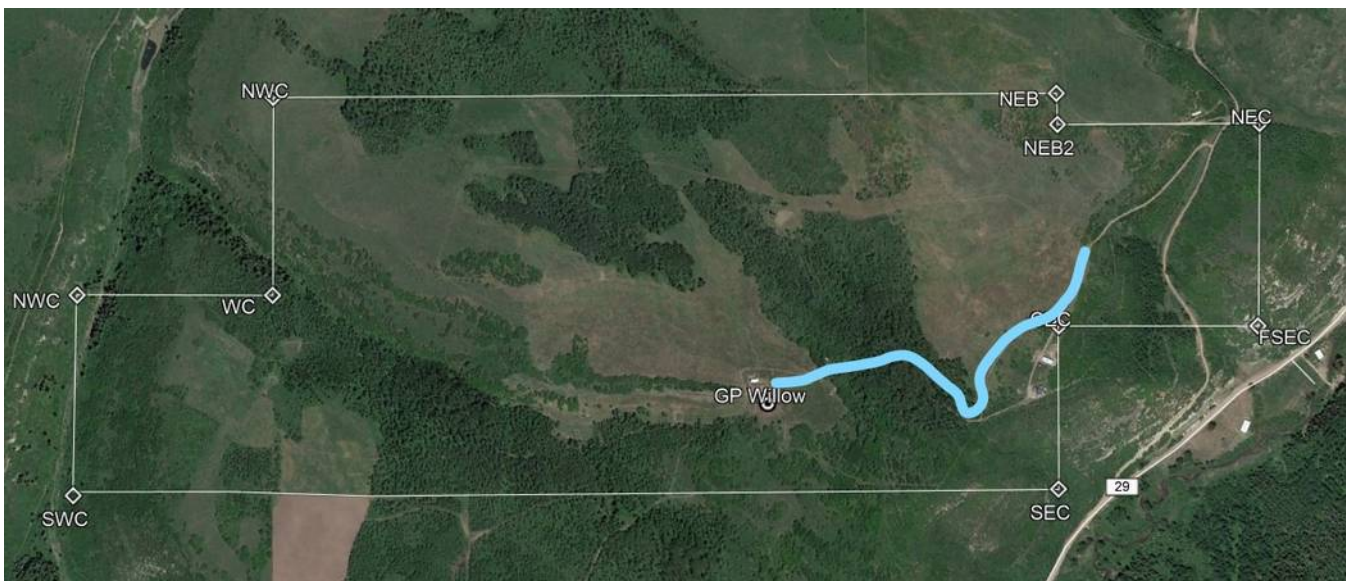
Hageman Ranch SOUTH

Where to Hunt and How to get there

Each way-point is a suggested hunting spot that has been determined by the owner to provide a good probability of seeing and taking big game. These hunting locations are a first-come first-serve basis so if someone is already in a specific spot there are plenty of others.

GP Willow (Grand Pa Willow)

If you are an archer you will love hanging out in Grandfather willow tree. There are plenty of wide branches that will support a folding chair or other seat. I've seen elk within 10 yards many times while enjoying either early morning or evening hunts.



To get to this hunting spot follow the road south from the parking area taking the short cut "HAGEMAN" on up and to the west until you see the 5th wheel under the steel roof. Proceed to the tree and find "your branch" ... be mindful of the wind direction. If it is blowing towards you from the pond then you are in good shape. If the wind is behind you, you might consider moving your hunting location to the row of scrub oak directly west of the 5th wheel (yellow arrow). You can hide under the scrub oak and still see large part of the hunting area. The shot distances from under the scrub oak will be longer than under the willow.



Here are some of the scenes from under Grandpa:



Bench ... great place to watch a valley.

The Bench is formed as a small outcrop just above a bend in the jeep trail heading South West. The vantage point of the bench is a large expanse of valley and hill that is a popular crossing point for big game. Best way to hunt it is to find a comfortable location and wait for something to pop out. Generally early morning or late afternoon will provide the best opportunity for a shot.



CrsRds 1 and 2 ... good archery location ... good game trail

This hunting area is good for archery in that it is close to a popular game trail that extends from the fence line to the South towards the water and food to the North of the ranch. It is a peaceful place one with plenty of cover and a good view of the road and the trail.



Open Fields 1 ... large area just above salt and water. Good Rifle spot.



Open Fields 2 ... same field as Open Fields 1 but different perspective ... rifle spot.
This spot is just south of the last one and next to the fence line. It provides a great view of the field and the Quaker and scrub forest to the east. I've seen many elk in this area.



Game Trail Crossing ... this trail seems to connect the ponds below with the fields above. There were lots of elk track in it last time I looked.

Open Field 3 ... same field but can be a better place if winds are not favorable. This is best suited for rifle due to the longer range shots, but archers could have good luck here since it is also on the edge of the field and next to a trail that joins fields further to the west to this one.

Open Field West Large ... great place to watch over a large field next to water and salt. This is an alternative site just North of the last one. It provides a very long view of two fields and allows you to observe the ridge just above the west pond and salt lick.

Truck Tire ... the place to be as an archer ... stay hidden and quiet. Be conscious of wind direction. This spot is probably one of the best places to wait for your trophy elk or deer. You can tell by the number of tacks around this age old (more than 70 years old) lick that was put here by my Dad and Grandfather. The small bush just south of the tractor tier is the best spot to wait. Bring a comfortable folding chair ... best in early morning or late eve but game can be there at any time of the day. You can see both the small pond and the larger lower pond. Good place to start stalking your prize!



Spring Pond .. another good archery or rifle spot ... next to water and trails.

This hunting spot is just down from the tractor tier salt lick. It provides the hunter with an alternative position if the wind is in the “wrong” direction. Views are from the Truck Tire further south into the field and to the north right down to the larger pond below. Good opportunities in this area regardless of where you hunt. Be careful of wind direction and plan your position accordingly.



Log On Game Trail ... great archery location. This puts you right into the middle of several crossing game trails. The log is a convenient seat while you patiently wait for your trophy to appear.



Trail Cam Good Spot .. probably the best place to hang out for game with either bow or rifle.

Steve has found the perfect place to put his trail cam. Perhaps it will take a movie of you getting your trophy! It is really a great place for either the archer or rifle hunter. The shots can vary in distance, but there is also cover that can enable the careful archer to stalk to his/her shooting position. The scene is of the large pond, and all of the trails leading to and from it. Many of the videos that are on this site are taken from this position.



East of West Pond .. if the wind is from the north west you will want to use this spot. It is good for both archery and rifle and affords the hunter with a good view of the pond and the trails on the west side leading to and from the fields above. Stay off of the trail just a bit just in case.



Trail Watch Near Pond. Many elk and deer use this old jeep trail to move around the ranch. As a careful archer, finding a spot just off of the road would be the best bet for seeing game on the march. From this vantage point the hunter can also see into the bottom of the steep valley just below. If you are on your way back or would like a change in hunting venue take the jeep trail from the east end of the pond towards to the east. This is one of the main trails that elk and deer use to access the pond and the rest of the ranch to the east. There are a number of really good places to stop, watch and listen for game. This spot is one of the better ones in that it also provides a view of the valley that forms the basis of “North Ranch” vs “South Ranch”.



Trail at the Bend .. Great place for an archer to stay hidden and quiet. This spot affords the archery hunter a very good place to watch a trail that leads north and south but two sides of a trail that has a lot of traffic either direction. Once you see this spot you will recognize it as a great place to just sit, relax (as much as possible) and to enjoy the peace of the place.



The Memorial ... Archery or rifle ... quiet place good view of popular trail. Nestled in the bottom of a gentle ravine, the memorial is one of the most pleasant places to hang out on the ranch with the added bonus that it oversees a very active game trail. Enjoy the natural rock bench as you wait for your next opportunity.

