



# MassWildlife Lands User Guide

## Tekoa Mountain Wildlife Management Area

**Towns:** Montgomery, Russell

**Acreage:** 1,383

**Wildlife Management Zone:** 4S

### Description of property:

Tekoa Mountain WMA is a rocky, rugged, and hilly area. Tekoa Mountain itself rises over 1,120 feet. Oaks make up almost the entire area. A pitch pine and scrub oak community exists atop Shatterack and Tekoa Mountains. Several severe fires have occurred in recent decades along the steep slopes. These trees are partially fire dependent and require occasional wildfires to help them grow and reproduce. The northeast and southwest areas of the mountain are steep, with rocky overlooks and cliff faces.

### Location/Access/Parking:

There are no formal parking areas. Several small pull-offs exist along Russell Road in the town of Montgomery and along a narrow dirt road across the railroad tracks in Woronoco.

### Habitat Management:

The WMA burns from occasional, small wildfires but no active management occurs on the property.

### Hunting Opportunities:

There are some opportunities to hunt this WMA. Cottontail rabbits and Ruffed Grouse utilize this unique habitat area as well as White-tailed Deer. However, the steep rocky terrain and areas of dense scrub oak and pitch pine can make it difficult to maneuver.

### Fishing Opportunities:

Tekoa WMA is next to the Westfield River which is a trout-stocked area. Go to [Mass.gov/Trout](https://www.mass.gov/trout) for more information. However, there are no fishable waters on the WMA.

### Wildlife Viewing and Other Features:

Turkey Vultures and ravens are regularly seen soaring over the ridgetop and ravens nest on the rocky outcroppings and cliffsides. This area was one of our few historic Peregrine Falcon nesting sites and they have been seen there again on the adjacent bridge. There are some unofficial trails that can take hikers up to the tops of the mountains, offering spectacular scenic views. Shatterack Brook has a series of picturesque cascades and falls. It nearly dries up during drier summers.

### Special WMA Regulations:

None

### Useful Links

[WMA Regulations](#)

[Habitat Program](#)

[Hunting & Fishing](#)

### Fishing/Hunting Licenses

[Mass.gov/MassFishHunt](https://www.mass.gov/massfishhunt)

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