Salmon Watching in the Chico Creek Watershed

Salmon Viewing Etiquette

- **Respect the fish.** Do not throw stones or harass the salmon. Leave pets at home.

- **Stay on the trail.** This helps prevent erosion and protects plants. Erosion can cause silt to clog spaces between gravel in nests and suffocate eggs. Plants provide cover and shade for fish.

- **Don’t walk in the stream.** Your foot steps could be harmful. Salmon eggs and newly hatched fry can remain buried in gravels for up to eight months.

- **Be considerate of other people.** Respect private property and the viewing activities of others.

- **Move slowly and speak quietly.** You’re more likely to see salmon and other wildlife. Avoid wearing bright colors which could distract the fish.

All the areas identified in this map are part of the Chico Watershed. This watershed has one of the largest salmon runs in Kitsap County. Several species of fish migrate through the Chico Watershed, including chum, and coho salmon, Steelhead, and sea-run Cutthroat trout.