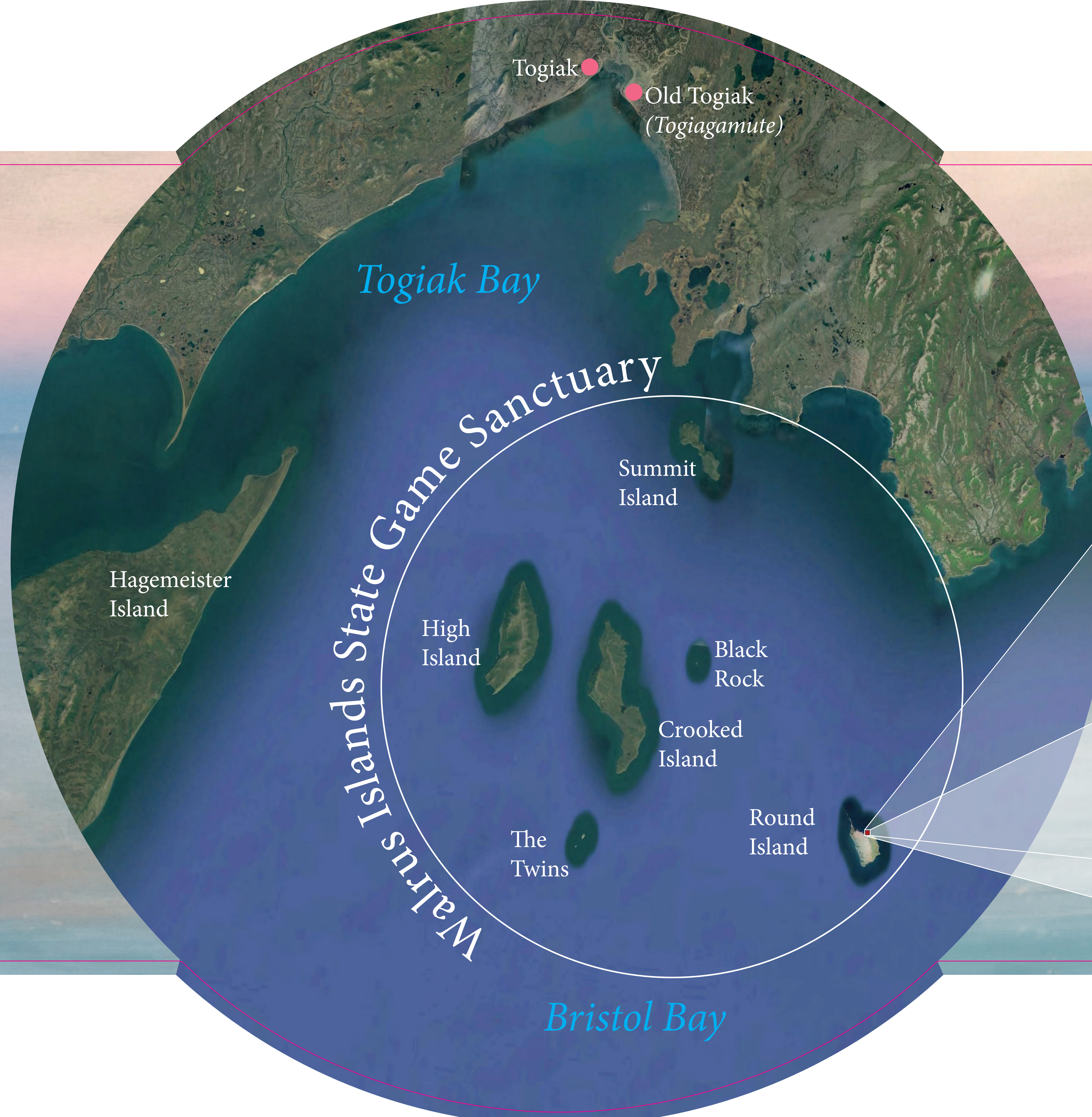


## Welcome

Walrus and seabirds are very sensitive to human disturbances. When wildlife flee a potential threat, it can cause injuries, haulout, or nest abandonment and nesting failures. Keep a low profile, sit quietly, and use a low voice while observing wildlife.

- Walrus do not see well, but their hearing and sense of smell is keen. **Smoking, making noise, or moving quickly can cause disturbances.** Secure personal items to keep materials from flapping in the wind.
- **Access to beaches is CLOSED.** Please do not stray from designated trails or venture beyond yellow markers at viewpoints. They are here for your safety, and to prevent wildlife disturbance.
- Be safe. Areas can be hazardous due to rocky, slippery, and uneven terrain near cliff edges. **Get approval from staff before using the Traverse Trail or going to the Summit.** They are steep, strenuous hikes. Rain, fog, and wind can quickly make areas unsafe.
- Weather can change quickly here; **be prepared**, dress in layers, and carry water, rain gear, and snacks.
- The resident foxes are habituated and curious. They seem friendly and could approach you, but they are wild animals! Do not attempt to pet or feed them. **Secure food and belongings** to prevent foxes from sneaking off with food, a glove, camera bag, or other items.
- Much of the island is delicate tundra and grassland, or has archaeological significance; ground disturbances and fires are not allowed. **Leave ivory, artifacts, flowers, or other natural items as you find them.**



Thank you for visiting Walrus Island State Game Sanctuary. When you depart, look around and take all your personal gear and remnants from your visit. Leave No Trace!

