

Arranged Roughly North to South

Semiahmoo, N48° 59.441' W122° 46.290',

Located at the East end of Semiahmoo Spit, access to Drayton Harbor and Semiahmoo Bay and Birch Point, Sandy beach, muddy at low tide. Free parking next to beach, restrooms are not immediately available.

Semiahmoo Museum, N48° 58.690' W122° 47.492',

Located at West end of Semiahmoo Spit. Access to Drayton Harbor on one side of road and access to Semiahmoo Bay via trail thru bushes. Free parking in parking lot. Carry boat 100 yd to beach either way. Low tide launch on Drayton harbor side is muddy, ugly. Restrooms available in museum building.

Blaine Boat Launch, N48° 59.607' W122° 45.205',

Located on Blaine side of Drayton Harbor, Standard concrete boat launch, Parking/launch fee, not clear if applies to hand launch. Access to Drayton Harbor and Semiahmoo Bay and Birch Point. Restrooms are available.

Birch Bay, N48° 54.084' W122° 46.425',

Located at Birch Bay State Park, Lots of free parking close to beach, Beach is cobbled, Access to Birch Bay, Point Whitehorn, Birch Point. Restrooms are available. Watch your tides, Birch Bay is a huge mud flat at low tide. You can park and launch many places along road circling Birch Bay but the "boat launch" at the south gives best tidal access.

Gulf Road, N48° 51.357' W122° 43.842',

Located at the end of Gulf Road, Cobbled, rocky, remote beach. No facilities, park next to beach, no fees, Access to Pt. Whitehorn, Sandy Point. Be aware of allowable approach distances to refinery piers, especially when tankers are berthed.

Gooseberry Point, N48° 43.920' W122° 40.362',

Located at Gooseberry Point Store just north of Lummi Island Ferry, Free parking is across road in ferry parking lot, but it is acceptable to temporarily park next to beach to unload gear. Access to Lummi Island and DNR campsite on south end of island. Be aware that Hale Passage can be very rough in places and at times, particularly when the current and wind are opposed. SaniCan available nearby at Ferry Landing.

Squalicum Beach, N48° 45.775' W122° 30.876',

Located on the northwest end of Roeder Ave., small rocky beach. Easy, free close parking. Access to Bellingham Bay, mouth of the Nooksack River and Bellingham Harbor area. Watch your tides in the Nooksack Delta area.

Squalicum Harbor Boat Launch, N48° 45.407' W122° 29.721',

Standard concrete boat launch in the middle of the harbor. Lots of close by paved parking. Not clear if launching fee applies to hand launch. Access to Bellingham Bay by paddling through the harbor moorage area. Restrooms nearby.

Zuanich Pt. Park, N48° 45.207' W122° 29.915',

Free parking, about 100 yard level carry to the water. Launch from dock or small beach if tide is right. This is the launch point for the Kayak Leg of the annual Ski to Sea race. Access to Bellingham bay by paddling through the harbor moorage area . Restrooms are available

Cornwall Beach, N48° 44.553' W122° 29.402',

Small undeveloped beach at end of Cornwall Ave. Limited parking but usually room for 4-5 cars. No restroom facilities. Access to east side of Bellingham Bay.

Boulevard Park, N48° 43.983' W122° 30.030',

Launch at small beach at north end of park (south end is also a possibility). Many paved parking sites but is very popular area and not unusual to be no parking especially in good weather. Access to East side Bellingham Bay. Restrooms and coffee shop nearby.

Fairhaven Boat Ramp, N48° 43.292' W122° 30.555',

Small paved ramp near train station and Community Boating Center. CBC has kayaks, sailboats, etc. for rent seasonally, plus offers instruction. Free parking nearby, can drive to water's edge for loading. Access to East side Bellingham Bay and points south to Chuckanut Bay.

Marine Park, N48° 43.150' W122° 30.970',

Nice beach located West of the Alaska Ferry Terminal. Has some parking but, depending on weather, it is popular spot and alternative parking is not close. If you can park in the lot you have about a 100 yd carry to the beach. Restrooms are available. Access to Bellingham Bay and points south to Chuckanut Bay.

Chuckanut Bay Park (Mud Bay), N48° 42.129' W122° 29.859',

Primitive site, located at north end of Chuckanut Bay. Launch and recovery only at near high tide (above 5-6 ft) or you will be in serious mud. Access was recently rebuilt and parking was moved away from waters edge. Loading area makes for a short carry, parking for a few cars is a short walk. Sheltered access to Chuckanut Bay.

Wildcat Cove, N48° 39.240' W122° 29.620',

Located in Larabee State Park. Standard concrete boat ramp with somewhat muddy, or gravelly beach depending on tide. Washington Discover Pass is required. Access to Chuckanut Bay and/or points South. Restrooms are available.

Lake Padden, N48° 42.317' W122° 27.341',

Three places to launch here. 1. The "Swimming Area", lots of parking except on a very nice day, Have to carry your boat about 50 yd to the water's edge. Restrooms are available. 2. The boat ramp on the Northeast area of the lake, no restroom there. 3. The tennis court area on the Northwest part of the lake, has a small beach and close by parking if not real busy.

Lake Whatcom -- Bloedel Donavan, N48° 45.626' W122° 25.059',

Located off of Electric Ave. on West end of Lake Whatcom. Standard concrete boat launch, is the main launch site for Lake Whatcom. Access to North end of Lake Whatcom. Restrooms available. Lots of free parking except on the really exceptional days.

Lake Whatcom Firehall, N48° 40.415' W122° 18.928',

Located at the south end of Lake Whatcom. Gravel boat launch next to firehall. Access to the south, more remote, end of Lake Whatcom. Washington Discover Pass required. No restrooms available.

Samish Lake, N48° 40.273' W122° 24.762',

Small county park at north end of Lake Samish. Usually plenty of parking except on a real nice day. Restrooms available. Have to carry boat down stairs and around corners to get to beach at West end of swimming beach. If lots of swimmers it's a good idea to talk to lifeguard before launching. Access to north end of lake.

Samish Lake F&W, N48° 39.998' W122° 22.623',

Located in the middle of the East shore of the lake. Standard gravel Fish and Wildlife launch site. Washington Discover Pass is required. Lots of parking, Porta-potties usually available.

Bayview State Park, N48° 29.320' W122° 28.954'

Located on east side of Padilla Bay. Washington Discover Pass is required. Short carry to beach. Restrooms available. Access to Padilla Bay, north to Samish Island, watch your tides lots of big mud flats.

Cap Sante, Anacortes, N48° 30.635' W122° 36.374'

Located in Northeast Anacortes near the marina. Small beach close to short term parking. Longer term parking also close. Access to Guemes, Saddlebag and Hat islands. Saddlebag has State Park camping. Restrooms are sometimes open sometimes locked.

Guemes Ferry Beach, Anacortes, N48° 31.125' W122° 37.400'

A little beach on the west side of the ferry landing. Temporary parking is available in a little day use lot just above the beach, or if you are lucky there is some temporary parking near the terminal building very close to the beach. Overnight parking is on the street nearby or in the ferry lot about a block away. Access to Guemes, Cypress and Strawberry Island or anywhere you want to go in the San Juans. Restroom is available.

Washington Park, Anacortes, N48° 30.030' W122° 41.526'

Main boat launch in the park. Park is west beyond the main ferry terminal. Fees are charged. Access to the San Juans and paddling near shore south to Burrows and Allen islands.

Burrows Bay (Hughes/Cabana Lane), Anacortes Marina, N48° 29.519' W122° 41.257'

Small undeveloped dead end street. Parking free, on street. Short carry to sandy/pebbly beach. Access to Burrows and Allen islands. No facilities.

Bowman Bay, Deception Pass State Park, N48° 24.995' W122° 39.097'

State Park boat launch on protected bay. Washington Discover Pass is required. Lots of parking. Access to Deception Island, Deception Pass or north along coast of Fidalgo Island. Restrooms available.

Coronet Bay, Deception Pass State Park, N48° 24.183' W122° 37.250'

State Park boat launch. Washington Discover Pass is required. Access to Skagit Bay, Similk Bay, Skagit Island, Hope Island and the “inside” of Deception Pass.

Sneeoosh Beach, N48° 23.913' W122° 32.492',

A little rough, hard to find, boat launch, mostly a rocky/gravelly beach, on the east side of Skagit Bay between Deadman and Hope Islands. No facilities. Access to Skagit Bay, Similk Bay, Skagit Island, Hope Island and the “inside” of Deception Pass. Watch your tides south of Sneeoosh, lots of mud flats.

Ala Spit, N48° 23.579' W122° 35.207',

Not easy to find but has good, close to water, parking and a port-a-pottie. Rocky/gravelly/muddy beach near parking. On the west side of Skagit Bay very close to the West end of Hope island. Ala Spit is called Ben Ure Spit on some maps. Gives good access to Hope and Skagit Islands and the “inside” of Deception Pass. There are some pretty significant currents between the spit and the island at times.

LaConner Boat Launch, N48° 23.204' W122° 30.066'

Typical concrete boat launch ramp in LaConner under the Rainbow Bridge. Parking is close. No facilities, or fees. Access to Swinomish Channel, Goat Island and out into Skagit Bay. Watch your tides in the bay its mostly a mud flat at lower tides.

Skagit Delta F&W Boat Launch, N48° 19.493' W122° 22.456'

Typical F&W boat launch, Washington Discover Pass is required. Might be port-a-pottie available. A little hard to find. Access to the Skagit River Delta and its maze of channels. Watch your tides and navigation is tricky.

Baker Lake Near Dam, N48 39.382 W121 41.148

Drive thru campground to reach this boat ramp. Restrooms in campground. Lots of parking. Access to Baker Lake which has many camping sites on both sides of the lake. Some boat-in only.

Lake Shannon, N48° 33.327', W121° 43.706'

Rough road to access this rough boat launch. No facilities. Lots of parking. Access to Lake Shannon which has no developed camping facilities and few good spots to camp but provides a nice wilderness paddling experience. The launch is the only road access to this lake.

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