

# Sunset Cove Homeowners Association

April 2025 SCHOA 2nd  
Quarter Newsletter



# Presidents Note



Hi all, hang in there, the winter weather is coming to an end and relief is in sight. Let's focus on outdoor activities such as yard cleanup and gardening, and then the fun stuff like golf, pickleball, boating, hiking and biking. Our community continues to thrive welcoming new neighbors and families to the Sunset Cove neighborhood while saying sad goodbyes to others. Local businesses for the most part are back on track and seem to be thriving in spite of continued inflation and an economy that is somewhat uncertain when it comes to interest rates, home sales and gas and grocery prices. As things continue to progress the SCHOA Board will keep you abreast of any changes to our operating structure along with the opportunities we see impacting Sunset Cove. Some of the opportunities we see this year are projects that we are evaluating that will increase property values and visibly enhance our communities' aesthetics. Stay tuned for more information as our Board researches projects that are discussed at our bi-monthly Board Meetings.

As a group the SCHOA Board has re-aligned its communication medium(s) and feels good with the go forward plan utilizing the Zoom platform for Annual Meetings and bi-monthly Board Meetings. We will continue to use such mediums as cell phones, conference calls, emails and one-on-one contact in smaller groups where and when necessary. We have adapted well and are pleased that SCHOA business has been conducted efficiently. The Board has and will continue to function at 100% to serve the needs of all SCHOA residents.

**Doug Berard**

**President, Sunset Cove Development Homeowners Association**

(Email us at [board@sunsetcove.org](mailto:board@sunsetcove.org) )

# About the SCHOA

## **Sunset Cove Homeowners Association**



Located in Anacortes, WA, at the western edge of Fidalgo Island, Sunset Cove is uniquely situated with views of the San Juan Islands, Rosario Strait and Burrows Bay. Sunset Cove residents enjoy the privilege of adjoining beautiful Washington Park with miles of beaches, trails and picnic and camping sites.

The entire Sunset Cove community consists of Washington Park Estates (homes along Washington Blvd), Sunset Cove Estates (homes along Washington Court) and The Crest at Sunset Cove Condominiums, The Gardens at Sunset Cove Condominiums and Doe Run at Sunset Cove detached Condominiums all along Sundown Court.

The Sunset Cove Homeowners Association (SCHOA) represents all of the aforementioned areas held within the Sunset Cove community. The Crest, The Gardens and Doe Run each have their own HOA's. The SCHOA in totality represents the entire development taking care of the common areas as well as common issues.

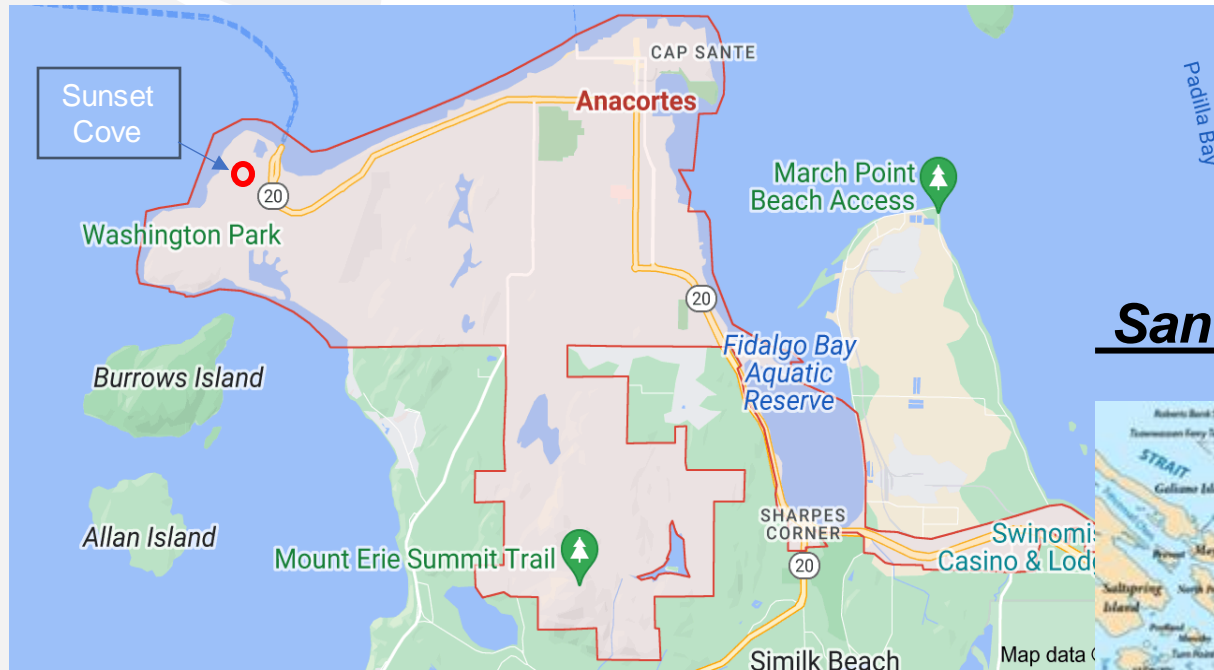
Welcome to all our neighbors, new, established and those who are entertaining a move to Sunset Cove!

### **SCHOA Board**



# Where We're Located

## Westend Anacortes



## San Juan Islands



## Sunset Cove Neighborhood

### Neighborhood Map



# Fidalgo Island



**Fidalgo Island** is an island in Skagit County Washington, located about 60 mi (97 km) north of Seattle. To the east, it is separated from the mainland by the Swinomish Channel, and from Whidbey Island to the south by Deception Pass. The island is named after the Spanish explorer and cartographer Salvador Fidalgo who explored the area in 1790.

Its largest and only city is Anacortes with a population of 18,121 at the end of the 2024. Anacortes has ferries with daily service to the San Juan Islands and Guemes Island.

From 1924 to 1935, Fidalgo Island was linked to Whidbey Island by the Deception Pass ferry, which was superseded in 1935 by the completion of the Deception Pass Bridge. Today, Fidalgo Island is the site of the ferry terminal that links Anacortes to Vancouver Island and the San Juan Islands to the rest of the state.

Fidalgo Island has a land area of 106.684 km<sup>2</sup> (41.19 sq mi). There are at least eight major lakes on Fidalgo Island which are named Campbell, Erie, Heart, Little Cranberry, Mud, Pass, Trafton/Crater, and Whistle.



The forested Western slopes of Fidalgo Island overlook the Strait of Juan de Fuca

# 2025/26 SCHOA Board

## 2025/26 Board of Directors by Position:

- President-Doug Berard, The Gardens resident
  - ❑ Term ends 1/20/26
- Vice President-Bill Dubiel, WA Court resident
  - ❑ Term ends 1/21/27
- Secretary-Janie Crane, WA Park resident
  - ❑ Term ends 1/21/27
- Treasurer-Dawn Bachmann, Doe Run resident
  - ❑ Term ends 1/20/26
- ARC Committee Chair-Bob Rosain, WA Park resident
  - ❑ Term ends 1/21/27
- Landscape Committee Chair-Liana Yelle, WA Park resident
  - ❑ Term ends 1/21/27
- Social /Publicity Committee-Team sport, all Board Members

**Note:** Our 2025/26 Board was announced at our Annual Meeting on Tuesday, January 21st, 2025



## Current SCHOA Board Update(s)

The Sunset Cove HOA Board has had a difficult time finding volunteers to serve as Board Members. If you have an interest in serving a two-year term, please email [board@sunsetcove.org](mailto:board@sunsetcove.org). We would be happy to answer any questions you might have. The Board meets every other month via Zoom to discuss SCHOA business and future planning needs. Our HOA cannot function without volunteers. The 2026 Board nominations will present some unique challenges and opportunities. With 2 outgoing members from the 2025 Board, we will be looking for a President and Treasurer to serve a 2-year term starting in January of 2026.

If you've never served or have served and are interested in serving another term, please reach out to the Board for more information.

Our 2025 Board looks forward to serving the residents of Sunset Cove. As with past Boards, we anticipate and look forward to working with our community and our City to keep our neighborhood moving forward addressing issues and opportunities as they arise.

**Doug Berard, President Sunset Cove HOA**



# 2025 SCHOA Board Meeting Dates



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| Meeting Type   | Day      | Date       | Time    |
|----------------|----------|------------|---------|
| Annual Meeting | Tuesday  | 1/21/2025  | 7pm PST |
| Board Meeting  | Saturday | 2/15/2025  | 9am PST |
| Board Meeting  | Saturday | 4/26/2025  | 9am PDT |
| Board Meeting  | Saturday | 6/21/2025  | 9am PDT |
| Board Meeting  | Saturday | 8/23/2025  | 9am PDT |
| Board Meeting  | Saturday | 10/11/2025 | 9am PDT |
| Board Meeting  | Saturday | 11/15/2025 | 9am PST |
| Annual Meeting | Tuesday  | 1/20/2026  | 7pm PST |

**NOTE:** Bi/monthly Board meeting dates are established prior to the Annual meeting and posted on the SCHOA website. Changes to meeting dates are posted on the SCHOA website as soon as a change is determined.



## Treasurer Update

- Total assets on hand as of April 1st, 2025 are \$50,246.96. Working balance \$26,239.12, unallocated reserve balance \$24,007.84.
- We transferred 2024 checking surplus to reserves in the amount of \$12,720.55. This will help build reserves for future projects.
- We have filed the SCHOA annual report with the Secretary of State.
- ProScapes failed to winterize and turn off our irrigation system. Water bills on city invoices remained high which is how we caught the error. We negotiated with ProScapes to have the January turn off cost waived with the SCHOA covering the extra water expense.
- Phase 2 of the DNR fuel reduction project was completed in February 2025, trimming tree limbs and brush for forest fire mitigation. We will work with the DNR on phase 3 in 2026. The SCHOA and the 3 smaller HOA's split the chipper and refreshment cost of \$211.33 each.
- SCHOA resident directories will be updated soon and will available on the SCHOA website.



**Dawn Bachmann SCHOA Treasurer**

# 2025 SCHOA Committee Chair Updates



## Architectural Review Committee Update

- About the ARC Committee-Your ARC committee is comprised of neighborhood volunteers responsible for reviewing and approving plans for new home construction and plans for most exterior changes and or additions to the homes in the community. The ARC's primary purpose is to ensure that changes or additions are consistent with the community's overall design and aesthetics
- Sunset Cove Construction Update
  - Lot #SCE 17 Construction not started
- For more information regarding the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) and its function can be found in the CC&Rs section III through VI.
- The CC&R's have stood up well over the years and have served our community well. There are however some articles that are in need of review and possibly updates. If there are residents that have architectural expertise who would like to assist in the review process feel free to reach out to me. My contact info can be found in the Sunset Cove Directory on the SCHOA website.



**Bob Rosain ARC Committee Chair**

## Publicity Committee Update

### Welcome to the Neighborhood, 2025 Addition

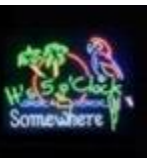
On behalf of the Sunset Cove HOA Board of Directors and the other homeowners of Sunset Cove we welcome you to our Community. Over the coming months we look forward to meeting you and your family, whether it be walking down the street, a hike at Washington Park or at one of the great local establishments downtown. Our community website <https://sunsetcove.org> is a repository of information regarding Sunset Cove and the surrounding area. Upcoming activities and events, announcements, Board Meeting Minutes, directory of owners, CC&R's, by-laws and newsletters can all be found there. Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with this resource and get to know your community. The website provides ready answers to most of the questions new homeowners have.

In addition to our HOA's website there are many other resources available to residents of Sunset Cove:

Anacortes Chamber of Commerce - <https://anacortes.org/chamber>

Anacortes City Offices - <https://www.anacorteswa.gov>

Anacortes Schools - <https://www.asd103.org>





# 2025 SCHOA Committee Chair Updates



## Publicity Committee Update-cont'd

- Our quarterly newsletter will continue as usual leveraging information from the SCHOA, Skagit County, San Juan Islands, and the City of Anacortes
  - 2025 anticipated publication dates
    - ✓ First Quarter-January 2025-*"Posted on the SCHOA website"*
    - ✓ Second Quarter-April 2025-*"Posted on the SCHOA website"*
    - ✓ Third Quarter-July 2025
    - ✓ Fourth Quarter-October 2025
- Gatherings at the Sundown Court Circle-It's been great to see residents using the circle for social gatherings this past summer and fall. We hope to see that continue during the winter and spring months as weather permits. The circle is for the use of all members of the Sunset Cove HOA
- Summer picnic-The Board will be looking for volunteers to help schedule and organize an SCHOA picnic. It would typically follow the Labor Day weekend but dates and timing are open at this point. If you have an interest in assisting please reach out to the Board at [board@sunsetcove.org](mailto:board@sunsetcove.org)

## SCHOA Board

## Nominations Committee

As our community grows the need arises to form a sanctioned committee to assist the SCHOA Board in the search of qualified Board Members to serve a 2-year term. In the recent past fewer owner/members have stepped up and volunteered their time and effort; simply put, the Board can't function without volunteers from the community.

Great results are always worth mentioning. The formation of our Nominations Committee in 2024 yielded solid results filling 4 open Board positions (VP, Secretary, ARC Chair, Landscape Committee) to serve 2 year terms starting in January of 2025. The committee consists of Paul Allen (WA Blvd), Kim Graf (WA Court), Amy Schnabel (WA Court) and Doug Berard (The Gardens). Thanks all for assisting in the search! Looking forward to doing it again in 2025!

As our community ages the task of filling open Board positions becomes increasingly difficult. I would encourage those that have never served but are able, to consider volunteering your time in the years to come. From a Board perspective it's a great way to contribute to the community's health and future.

# 2024 SCHOA Committee Chair Updates



## Landscape Committee Update

- The Board has completed the bid process for landscape maintenance. Included in the process were bids from ProScapes, Marvins Gardens Landscaping and Choice Grounds Landscaping. After reviewing all bids, we committed to a 2-year contract with Choice Grounds Landscaping.
- The City has requested we trim the parking strip trees on Washington Boulevard for the sweeper to have a 10-foot clearance. We are seeking for volunteers to assist with the trimming of the parking strip trees. If you are interested, please contact Liana Yelle.
- To help research, facilitate and coordinate projects the Board is always looking for volunteers to serve on our standing committees. If you have an interest in volunteering your time, please email us at [board@sunsetcove.org](mailto:board@sunsetcove.org).
- As the weather warms up and your landscape becomes a priority, should you need a landscape maintenance company please reach out to the Board for recommendations. Above are some options:

### Sunset Cove Landscape Maintenance Companies

| Company                 | Contact        | Contact #      |
|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Dust to Beauty          | Javier Chavez  | (360) 202-5943 |
| Marvins Gardens         | Marvin Ruiz    | (360) 5407411  |
| Choice Landscape        | Office         | (360) 419-5785 |
| Lawn Boy                | Jennifer Aase  | (360) 922-4254 |
| Signature Tree Service  | Rich Holman    | (360) 941-8105 |
| Olsen Tree Service      | Office         | (360) 941-3189 |
| Urban Forestry Services | Jim Barborinas | (360) 770-9921 |

### DNR Update-Sunset Cove Project

The DNR has just completed phase 2 of fire mitigation in buffer zone tract D.



**Liana Yelle**  
**Landscape Committee Chair**

# 2024 SCHOA Committee Chair Updates

## DNR Update-Sunset Cove Project

A big shout out for your SCHOA Treasurer Dawn Bachmann for the work she has done with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) cleaning up tract D of the perimeter buffer zone. The project started as a fact finding mission with the Conservation District of Skagit and Whatcom counties to assess fire risk in buffer zone Tracts C and D. Since Sunset Cove property backs up to the Western Washington University Shannon Point Marine Center property line Dawn spent a great deal of time working with the DNR, WWU and the Conservation District of Skagit and Whatcom counties to coordinate the project. The end result of the project was cleaning up brush and limbing trees to mitigate our fire risk in heavily wooded areas of Sunset Cove; Tract C was completed in 2024.

Other contributors to the project were Bev Bothel and Pam Doddridge from The Crest and Liana Yelle our SCHOA Landscape Chair. The cost of the work was minimal; the DNR associates volunteered their time and the cost of the chipper rental and refreshments for the DNR associates came to \$832. The cost was split between the 4 HOA's.....The Gardens, The Crest, Doe Run and Sunset Cove.

Dawn, thanks for all that you do for our Sunset Cove neighborhood!



February 25, 2025

Mr. Dave Upthegrove  
Commissioner of Public Lands  
State of Washington

Dear Mr. Upthegrove:

I am writing you to compliment the staff of the WA State Department of Natural Resources. This is our 2<sup>nd</sup> year working with the DNR in your Fuel Reduction program. We are 4 small HOAs in Anacortes, WA, with 86 dwellings (homes and condominiums) surrounded by dense forest.

The DNR team led by Nolan Parry included Mac Zavala, Amedeo Conta, Clare Seitzer-Jones, Ashley Sytsma, Elliot Vahl, and Brady Otto. The initial scoping of the project was with Dylan Van Pelt, Josh Etringer, and Nolan Parry. We also appreciated the responsive initial contact with Gene Phillips, Ian McLelland, and Dylan Van Pelt.



The four HOA communities Sunset Cove, Doe Run, The Gardens, and The Crest were so enthusiastic about the 2024 project with the DNR. In 2024 the DNR thinned the East forest-edge surrounding the HOAs. On February 19, 2025 the DNR thinned the North forest-edge. Our community is privileged to have a State Agency with such quality staff to help us proactively work to protect our homes from potential forest fire.

We cannot give enough praise to your team. They are professional, kind to our neighbors, hard working and have a great sense of humor. We have so many great stories from working with your crew. Last year the rented chipper was returned broken hours before we were to pick it up. Your crew asked how many beavers we could fit into our truck. This year the crew dragged trees through the woods to protect the landscaped grass area closer to the homes. Their dedication to high quality work and affinity to the forest was obvious.



Regards,

Dawn R. Bachmann  
Doe Run HOA  
Treasurer, Secretary and Landscape Chair  
Sunset Cove HOA, Treasurer

2411 Sundown Court  
Anacortes, WA 98221  
[dawnbachmann@gmail.com](mailto:dawnbachmann@gmail.com) 360-919-3467

Cc: Gene Phillips, District Manager of Forest Resiliency, Northwest Region, WA DNR

**Liana Yelle**  
**Landscape Committee Chair**



# Neighborhood Updates



- **General**-As spring begins, and daylight savings time starts our daylight hours increase well into the evening giving us more time outside. With more time for outdoor activities let's be mindful of the speed limit in our community which is 25 MPH. We've also got kids and adults playing in the streets which supports driving at the speed limit or below.
- **Habitat for deer**-We all enjoy seeing deer in the immediate area. That said, let's not make it a practice to feed them. Rats, mice, etc. also like what deer eat; let's avoid an infestation of rodents.
- **Pickleball Courts**-For those of you that enjoy the game of pickleball there are 10 covered courts located at the Blackburn Pavilion in Mount Vernon, 2405 E College Way. Free and open to the public on a 1<sup>st</sup> come, 1<sup>st</sup> serve basis. You can also join the Skagit Valley Pickleball Club which gives you access to tournament play and other pickleball related events. For local play in Anacortes there are 4 courts located at Clearridge Park, 4436 Blakely Dr, Anacortes 98221.
- **Trash disposal and pick up**-Friday is trash pick up day for our neighborhood. Let's respect the appearance of Sunset Cove and bag all trash for pickup. Let's also be mindful of returning trash cans to an area on your property not visible to the public. For large trash and debris removal you can also use the following facility:  
***Skagit County Recycling and Transfer Station***  
***14104 Ovenell Rd***  
***Mount Vernon, WA 98273***  
***(360) 416-1570***
- **Pets**-For those of us that walk pets in the neighborhood it is your responsibility to clean up after them. Let's all pitch in!
- **SCHOA resident directory updates**  
Please contact Dawn Bachmann, Treasurer, to make changes to the information found in the Sunset Cove HOA directory; email address(s) and phone #'s. We want to ensure that all SCHOA communication(s) is received in a timely manner. (Email us at [board@sunsetcove.org](mailto:board@sunsetcove.org) )

# Spring Best Practices

## Spring Maintenance Checklist

- Inspect and clean gutters
- Wash windows and screens and screen doors
- Power wash driveways and sidewalks
- Inspect HVAC system and perform annual maintenance
- Inspect decks/railings and clean and or refinish as needed
- Clean and stage outdoor furniture
- Treat exterior of foundation with pesticide to prevent infestation(s)
- Tune up power equipment: Change oil, spark plugs, sharpen blades and chains etc
- Remove old gas from power equipment unless previously stabilized
- Check garden hose connections, insert new washers if needed
- Remove dead plants from your landscape
- Prune trees, shrubs & grasses as needed
- Fertilize lawn with spring rated fertilizer
- Add mulch to garden beds and other landscaped areas
- Clean grill(s) and check propane connection
- Fill or replace propane tank(s)



## Spring/Summer Garden Tool Necessities

- Round point shovel
- Bow and leaf rakes
- Garden hoe
- Spade
- String trimmer
- Lawn mower or equivalent
- Leaf blower
- Gas can(s)
- Pruning and lopping shears
- Soil knife
- Garden trowel, handheld rake
- Garden gloves
- Handheld weeder
- Knee pads
- Garden hose and hose reel
- Wheelbarrow
- Protective eyewear
- Trash and debris bags

# Washington State Master Gardeners



## What is a Master Gardener?

Master Gardeners are community educators trained to work in partnership with WSU Extension to teach the public and enhance the quality of life in the community by promoting sound gardening practices with research-based information. From big box retailers to smaller IGC garden center formats, Masters Gardeners contribute their time and knowledge with in-house educators to meet, teach and train shoppers of all ages. Having Master Gardeners available in a retail setting is a golden opportunity to learn the latest trends in gardening.

## Skagit County WSU Extension Master Gardeners

Program Contact: Alex duPont, Master Gardener Program Coordinator  
360-395-2367 • [alex.dupont@wsu.edu](mailto:alex.dupont@wsu.edu)

## Want to Become a Master Gardener? Sign up for WSU Skagit County Master Gardener Training

### The Certification Process

The application deadline in Skagit County is October 31 for training which begins in January. Applicants are interviewed during November. The cost of the Master Gardener education is \$400. A refund of \$100 is returned to the Master Gardener once the required volunteer time is completed by the end of their intern year.

The Skagit County Master Gardener program starts with a 12-week course combining classroom and online computer based education. The weekly classes are held on Mondays at the Padilla Bay Interpretive Center, beginning mid-January. The curriculum includes lectures in botany, horticulture, soil science, sustainable garden management, integrated pest management, plant health, pesticide safety, entomology, pest management, plant pathology, plant disease diagnosis and control, weed identification, tree fruit and small fruit production.

After completing the academic syllabus, Master Gardener Interns must complete 60 hours of supervised learning to become fully certified. This hands-on training is completed at plant diagnostic clinics, the Discovery Garden, and other community outreach and education events such as rain garden education, community school gardens, farmers markets, and the Skagit County Fair.

After qualification, MGs must complete 25 hours of public service annually, including 4 hours of educational outreach to the public and 10 hours of MG continuing education to maintain their certification. Volunteers often give back much more!



# Washington State Master Gardeners

Spring is coming-let's get out and garden!

Skagit County Master Gardeners are ready solve your gardening problems. All of our programs are free to the public!



## 2025 Events Calendar

### **Know & Grow: Seed Starting** - Free

March 18, 1 PM at the NWREC Sakuma Auditorium (16650 State Route 536; Mount Vernon)

### **Sculpting Sustainability: Solutions for Skagit Food Waste** - Free

April 12, 1PM at the Museum of Northwest Art in La Connor

### **Know & Grow: Food Security** - Free

April 15, 1 PM at the NWREC Sakuma Auditorium (16650 State Route 536; Mount Vernon)

### **Skagit County Master Skagit County Master Gardener Plant Fair** **Plant Fair** - Free Admission and Free Parking

May 10, 8 AM to 2 PM at the Skagit County Fairgrounds

Don't miss the annual Plant Fair on the Saturday before Mother's Day. You will find 1,000s of perennials and vegetable starts, and more than 3,000 tomatoes. There will be many vendors selling interesting plants and products too. Master Gardeners will be presenting short gardening demonstrations and hosting a Plant Clinic.



# Washington State Master Gardeners



## Need a Master Gardener to Guide your Tulip Tour?

Would you like a local gardening expert to enhance your customers' experience touring the Skagit Valley tulip fields? Contact the Washington State University Master Gardeners. Our step-on guides provide an informative overview of our wonderful area and are available for your group tour during the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival. Contact [TulipTours@skagitmg.org](mailto:TulipTours@skagitmg.org) for more info.

**Note:** Master Gardeners do not arrange or provide the transportation for tours. We are “step-on guides” for tours that you or others arrange, bringing your transportation to us.

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# Winter/Spring Project Ideas-Home Depot Garden Club



***Leverage the Home Depot Garden Club website for all your gardening needs***

**NO** cost to join, **NO** annual dues, fees etc.

## ➤ Access to

- Project guides
- Buying guides
- Inspiration guides
- Influencer guides
- DIY workshops
- Garden ideas and projects
- How to videos
- Expert gardening advice
- Local and regional gardening tips
- Coupons, discounts, special promotions and more



## ➤ How do I join?

- Visit the Garden Club website at <https://www.homedepot.com/c/alp/outdoor-living-ideas-garden-ideas-projects/157n-o4v9>
- Sign up and start saving
- Get \$5 off instantly for joining
- Receive coupons outlining promos and promotions



# Spring/Summer Project Ideas-Home Depot Garden Club



**Project Guide**  
**How to Lay Sod**  
Laying sod is a classic way to refresh your landscape.  
Skill Level: Beginner  
Time: 2-4 hours



**Project Guide**  
**How to Mulch Your Yard**  
Using mulch in a yard is easy to do, inexpensive and helps protect your plants.  
Skill Level: Beginner  
Time: 2-4 hours



**Influencer Guide**  
**A Backyard Makeover Fit for Kids**  
We've returned to Jori Lay's ongoing backyard makeover to see new upgrades—mulch landscaping, plants and flowers, and a peek inside her girls'...



**Project Guide**  
**How to Grow Grass**  
Learn how to plant a lush new lawn yourself using grass seed.  
Skill Level: Beginner  
Time: Over 1 day



**Influencer Guide**  
**Easy Ways to Spruce up Your Lawn This Spring with Vigoro**  
Growing your perfect garden doesn't have to be a daunting task that you dread every spring. Brooke Gibbs of Cribbs Style shows The Home Depot how she...



**Project Guide**  
**Spring Lawn Care Tips**  
Enjoy lush, green grass with a routine of regular lawn care and maintenance.  
Skill Level: Intermediate  
Time: Over 1 day



**Buying Guide**  
**Best Push Mowers For Your Yard**  
The right push mower can make routine yard maintenance easier.



**Inspiration Guide**  
**Summer Lawn Maintenance**  
Learn how to care for your lawn in summer with these tips.



**Influencer Guide**  
**Garage and Yard Spring Refresh**  
Warmer weather means it's time for a spring-cleaning refresh for all areas of your home. Read to see how David Delavich refreshed up both his garage and...



**Inspiration Guide**  
**6 Ways to Divert Water**  
Explore six strategies to divert water away from your home, ensuring its foundation remains secure and dry.



**Project Guide**  
**How to Build a Retaining Wall**  
Enhance your landscape with a DIY retaining wall project.  
Skill Level: Advanced  
Time: Over 1 day



**Influencer Guide**  
**Pet Turf to the Rescue**  
When your outdoor space is small, it's important to make room for your pets too. Read below to discover how Rachida Banks used artificial turf to make h...

Looks Like You're Ready to Dig In

## ALL OF YOUR GARDEN NEEDS

The Right Products & Inspiration for a Flourishing Garden



**Note:** For more information visit The Home Depot website @ <https://www.homedepot.com/c/alp/outdoor-living-ideas-lawn-landscaping-ideas-projects/157n-7fwf>



# Home Depot “How To” Workshops



## How-To Workshops



### Bathroom Remodeling Projects

Join our free How-To livestream workshops and gain the expertise to tackle your bathroom projects. Whether you're considering a complete renovation or just looking to make some upgrades, our workshops cover everything you need to know.

[Register Now](#)



### Electrical Projects

Elevate your electrical skills with our free online How-To Workshops to gain a deeper understanding of your home's electrical system. Explore step-by-step installation, including switches and outlets, ceiling fans, and thermostats.

[Register Now](#)



### Flooring Projects

Ready to transform your floors with our free livestream workshops? From planning and prepping to the final installation, learn the ins and outs of updating your space with new flooring.

[Register Now](#)



### Kitchen Remodeling Projects

Elevate your kitchen with The Home Depot's How-To Workshops. From small changes that make a big impact to a full kitchen remodel, our project planning resources and DIY know-how can help make your dream kitchen a reality.

[Register Now](#)



### Outdoor Home Improvement

Learn everything you need to know for a lush functional outdoor space. From lawn care and maintenance to enhancing curb appeal and creating outdoor living spaces, the Home Depot's How-To Workshops cover it all.

[Register Now](#)



### Indoor Home Improvement

Discover how to maintain and touch up your interior with The Home Depot's How-To Workshops. Master home maintenance best practices and get tips to organize and maximize your indoor spaces.

[Register Now](#)



### Emergency Weather Prep

Prepare for weather emergencies with the Home Depot's How-To Workshops. Learn how to handle fire situations, prepare for severe weather, and protect against wildfires. Plus, find out about the essential supplies you need to stay safe.

[Register Now](#)



### Talleres en español

Únete a nuestros talleres de Cómo Hacerlo en español.

[Inscríbete Ahora](#)

**Note:** For more information on “How To Workshops” visit the Home Depot website @ <https://www.homedepot.com/workshops/>

# Experience Anacortes



## Anacortes

Travel prep demands both planning and dreaming, and Experience Anacortes is your guide to get started doing both. Read on to discover some of the many things you can enjoy while visiting this vibrant seacoast town.

Anacortes, the crown jewel of Fidalgo Island, is conveniently situated halfway between Seattle & Vancouver BC, and is the destination point for the San Juan Islands and International Ferry runs. The island is known for its historic waterfront, 50-miles of hiking trails, and a mix of annual festivals.

Its year-round music scene is lively and visitors can soak up a range of tunes from rock to bluegrass to jazz at outside venues during the summer and restaurants and bars throughout the year. The culinary scene is ever-growing and you'll find a variety of restaurants with farm-to-table menus, scratch and house-made ingredients, and their specialties like BBQ, fusion, and rustic scratch.





# Experience Anacortes-Mt Erie

**Mount Erie frames the skyline of Skagit County, known as one of the Anacortes area's most recognizable landmarks**

- The mountain is believed to have been formed during the Jurassic Period and was named in modern times by members of the Wilkes Expedition in 1841.
- Since the 1960s, it has been a popular climbing spot in Washington State, offering stunning panoramic views of its surrounding areas from its summit.
- Its surrounding lands are operated as a city park by the City of Anacortes and are accessible by hikers throughout the year.
- Visitors can climb a moderately-strenuous trail to the top of the summit or connect to the Sugarloaf Summit Trail halfway through the climb for additional panoramic views.



# Experience Anacortes-Rosario Beach



**Rosario Beach is a beautiful sandy cove along the southwestern edge of Fidalgo Island, known for its extensive beachfront stretches and charming wildlife**

- The beach area is believed to have been occupied for at least 3,000 years, originally used by regional Coast Salish Samish indigenous tribes as a hunting and fishing site.
- Today, the beach's Maiden of Deception Pass story pole carvings honor Samish legends connected to the beach area, a remnant of development of the area in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps.
- A former kitchen shelter developed by the CCC has been converted into a field classroom today.
- Gorgeous century-old trees frame the beachfront, while an overlooking meadowy bluff is populated by beautiful wildflowers throughout the summer months.



# Experience Anacortes-Tommy Thompson Trail



## Tommy Thompson Trail

 **PUGET SOUND AND ISLANDS**

### LOCATION

Puget Sound and Islands --  
Bellingham Area

[View map below](#) ▼

### LENGTH

6.6 miles, roundtrip

### ELEVATION

Gain: 0 ft.  
Highest Point: 25 ft.

### RATING

★★★★★  
(6 votes)

[Log in to rate](#)



**Parking Pass/Entry Fee:** None

This hike is a flat 3.3 mile one way blacktop trail that starts at The Port of Anacortes and ends at March Point near The Shell and Tesoro Refineries. The trail has great views of Mount Baker, Fidalgo Bay and lots of blue heron, especially when the tides are low.

Rarely do hikers have the opportunity to traverse a magnificent bay on an abandoned railroad trestle, but this paved rail trail offers just that. Keep an eye out for marine life. You may see a sea lion staring back at you as you stroll across the trestle connecting the eastern and western shores of Fidalgo Bay.

The Tommy Thompson Trail starts at the intersection of 11th Avenue and Q Street in Anacortes. The blacktop heads south along Q Avenue. After 7 blocks, the trail heads diagonally east and the street changes names to R Avenue. After 0.6 mile, the trail passes the access point at the intersection of 22nd Street and R Avenue. There is a restroom here.

Heading south again, the trail passes a public restroom at 30th Avenue. In another 0.7 mile from 22nd Avenue, the trail reaches 34th Street. Continuing south, the trail traverses the western shore of Fidalgo Bay. Looking across the bay on a clear day, there are views of Mount Baker on the distant eastern horizon.

After another mile from 34th Street, the trail passes an RV park. A majestic totem pole stands next to the trail. After crossing Weaverling Road at the RV park, there is an ADA accessible port-a-potty next to the blacktop. Beyond the RV park, the trail heads in a southeasterly direction and crosses Fidalgo Bay on a rocky causeway and then a wooden trestle.

Your turnaround point is March Point Road on the eastern shore of Fidalgo Bay. The trail crosses an additional mile between the RV Park and March Point Road.



# Anacortes Chamber of Commerce Event(s) Calendar April 2025



← April 2025 →

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue   | Wed  | Thu   | Fri   | Sat   |
|---|---|---|--|---|---|---|
|   |   | 1<br>Tuesday Trivia Night   | 2<br>Live Music at the Rockfish Grill  | 3   | 4<br>Tea and Tulips<br>First Friday Artwalk                               | 5<br>Tea and Tulips<br>Live Music at the Rockfish Grill   |
| 6<br>Tea and Tulips                                     | 7<br>Tea and Tulips                                     | 8<br>Tea and Tulips<br>Tuesday Trivia Night                                     | 9<br>Tea and Tulips<br>Live Music at the Rockfish Grill  | 10<br>Tea and Tulips                                    | 11<br>Tea and Tulips<br>31st Annual Skagit County Fair Spring Garage Sale | 12<br>Tea and Tulips<br>31st Annual Skagit County Fair Spring Garage Sale<br>Anacortes Yacht Club Open House<br>Skagit Habitat for Humanity's Raise the Roof Gala & Benefit Auction: "Unmasking Affordable Housing"<br>Live Music at the Rockfish Grill |
| 13<br>Tea and Tulips                                    | 14<br>Tea and Tulips                                    | 15<br>Tea and Tulips<br>Tuesday Trivia Night                                    | 16<br>Tea and Tulips<br>Rotary Viewpoint at Cap Sante Dedication<br>Live Music at the Rockfish Grill | 17<br>Tea and Tulips                                    | 18<br>Tea and Tulips  | 19<br>Tea and Tulips<br>Nautical Art Treasure Hunt 2025<br>Live Music at the Rockfish Grill   |
| 20<br>Tea and Tulips<br>Nautical Art Treasure Hunt 2025 | 21<br>Tea and Tulips<br>Nautical Art Treasure Hunt 2025 | 22<br>Tea and Tulips<br>Nautical Art Treasure Hunt 2025<br>Tuesday Trivia Night | 23<br>Tea and Tulips<br>Nautical Art Treasure Hunt 2025<br>Live Music at the Rockfish Grill          | 24<br>Tea and Tulips<br>Nautical Art Treasure Hunt 2025 | 25<br>Tea and Tulips<br>Nautical Art Treasure Hunt 2025                   | 26<br>Tea and Tulips<br>Nautical Art Treasure Hunt 2025<br>Live Music at the Rockfish Grill   |
| 27<br>Nautical Art Treasure Hunt 2025                   | 28<br>Nautical Art Treasure Hunt 2025                   | 29<br>Tuesday Trivia Night  | 30<br>Live Music at the Rockfish Grill   |   |   |   |

## Chamber of Commerce Events Calendar April 2025

➤ Hi-lights

*Live Music at the Rockfish Grill  
Wednesdays 6pm-9pm pdt  
Saturdays 7:30pm-10pm pdt*



*Tuesday Trivia Night @ The Brown Lantern  
8pm-9pm pdt*

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# Anacortes Chamber of Commerce Event(s) Calendar May 2025

◀ May 2025 ▶

| Sun | Mon | Tue                        | Wed                                    | Thu                                      | Fri                                      | Sat  |
|-----|-----|----------------------------|--|--|--|--|
|     |     |                            |  | 1  | 2<br>First Friday Artwalk                | 3<br>Live Music at the Rockfish Grill  |
| 4   | 5   | 6<br>Tuesday Trivia Night  | 7<br>Live Music at the Rockfish Grill  | 8  | 9  | 10<br>Live Music at the Rockfish Grill                                       |
| 11  | 12  | 13<br>Tuesday Trivia Night | 14<br>Live Music at the Rockfish Grill | 15<br>2025 Anacortes Boat and Yacht Show | 16<br>2025 Anacortes Boat and Yacht Show | 17<br>2025 Anacortes Boat and Yacht Show<br>Live Music at the Rockfish Grill |
| 18  | 19  | 20<br>Tuesday Trivia Night | 21<br>Live Music at the Rockfish Grill | 22                                       | 23                                       | 24<br>Live Music at the Rockfish Grill                                       |
| 25  | 26  | 27<br>Tuesday Trivia Night | 28<br>Live Music at the Rockfish Grill | 29                                       | 30                                       | 31<br>Live Music at the Rockfish Grill                                       |



## Chamber of Commerce Events Calendar May 2025

### ➤ Hi-lights

2025 Anacortes Boat & Yacht Show

Thursday-Saturday 5/15-5/17  
10am-6pm pdt

Cap Sante Marina & Various Boat Yards



Come on down to match wits  
& compete for prizes!  
The fun starts at 8 pm

Any Size Team.  
Prizes for Round Winners.  
& a Great Opportunity to Feel Smug.

Tuesday Trivia Night @ The Brown Lantern  
8pm-9pm pdt

Live Music at the Rockfish Grill  
Wednesdays 6pm-9pm pdt  
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# Anacortes Chamber of Commerce Event(s) Calendar June 2025



← June 2025 →

| Sun                              | Mon | Tue                        | Wed                                    | Thu | Fri                       | Sat   |
|----------------------------------|-----|----------------------------|--|-----|---------------------------|---|
| 1                                | 2   | 3<br>Tuesday Trivia Night  | 4<br>Live Music at the Rockfish Grill  | 5   | 6<br>First Friday Artwalk | 7<br>San Juan Island Studio Tour<br>Live Music at the Rockfish Grill                          |
| 8<br>San Juan Island Studio Tour | 9   | 10<br>Tuesday Trivia Night | 11<br>Live Music at the Rockfish Grill | 12  | 13                        | 14<br>Live Music at the Rockfish Grill  |
| 15                               | 16  | 17<br>Tuesday Trivia Night | 18<br>Live Music at the Rockfish Grill | 19  | 20                        | 21<br>Anacortes Waterfront Alliance Family Experience Day<br>Live Music at the Rockfish Grill |
| 22                               | 23  | 24<br>Tuesday Trivia Night | 25<br>Live Music at the Rockfish Grill | 26  | 27                        | 28<br>Live Music at the Rockfish Grill  |
| 29                               | 30  |                            |  |     |                           |   |

## Chamber of Commerce Events Calendar

### June 2025

#### ➤ Hi-lights

*San Juan Island Studio Tour- Free to the public  
June 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>  
10am-5pm pdt*



*Tuesday Trivia Night @ The Brown Lantern  
8pm-9pm pdt*

*Live Music at the Rockfish Grill  
Wednesdays 6pm-9pm pdt  
Saturdays 7:30pm-10pm pdt*



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# San Juan Islands



## About the San Juan Islands

Say farewell to worry and stress and say hello to the mellow island's vibe, a temperate year-round climate, and long, lazy hours of doing just what you want. Count on temperatures around 70° in the summer and 40° in the winter. A happy confluence of weather systems also accounts for the high level of air quality you'll appreciate across the San Juan's. So, relax—you're on "island time" now!



# San Juan Islands-Cycling Enthusiasts



## Getting There



## Bike Smart!



### Use Your Lights

Street lighting is scarce outside of village centers.



### Be Visible

Wear bright colors and reflective gear.



### Leave No Trace

Enjoy the natural beauty of the islands responsibly.



### Respect Private Property

Private roads are not shown on the maps. Be mindful of signs and respect private property.



### Follow Lane Markings

Do not go straight in a turn lane.

### Do Not Pass On The Right

The vehicle may merge or turn right in front of you.

### Ride With Traffic

### Ride Single-File

This is the safest option. Cyclists may ride side-by-side, but not more than two abreast (RCW 46.67.700).

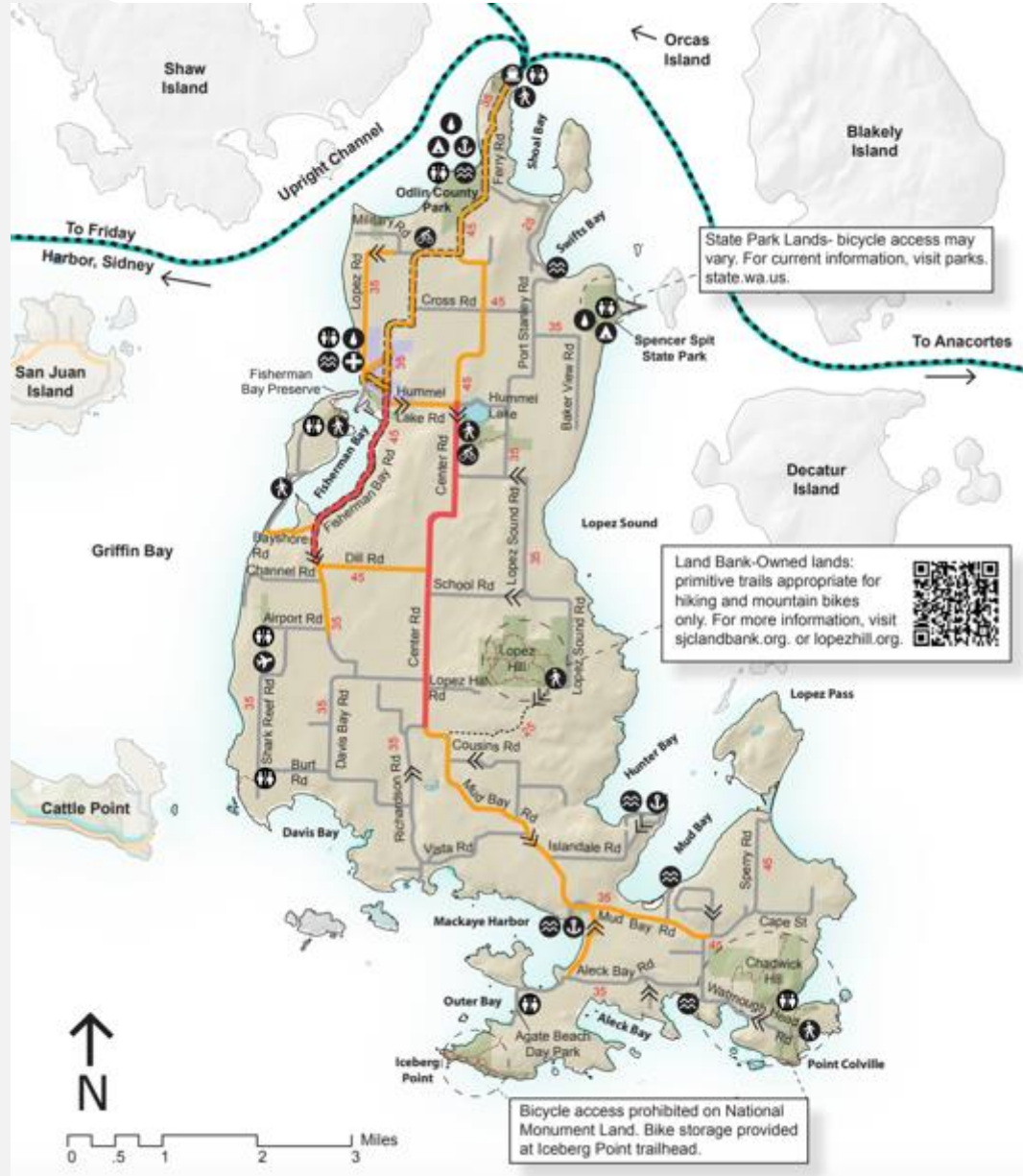


### Use Hand Signals

**Note:** For more information on cycling on the San Juan Islands visit the following website → <https://www.visitsanjuans.com/itineraries/top-biking-experiences-in-the-san-juan-islands>



# San Juan Islands-Lopez Island Cycling



If you start out on **Lopez Island**, the least hilly of the San Juans (but by no means flat), you can cycle the entire island in a day. If you follow the main road around the island, you will enjoy water views at the north and south ends, and there are plenty of stop-offs for picnics, wildlife viewing or short hikes. You'll also pass plenty of farmland, marshlands and other natural areas—if you're here in the late summer bring a bowl and pick blackberries in various spots along the roadside.

From the ferry landing, Lopez Village is 4.3 miles, and along the way, you'll pass Lopez Island Vineyards, Odlin County Park, and the unique Whispers of Nature herbal labyrinth you can walk through, where the only sounds are the bumble bees buzzing through lavender, and goats chatting at a nearby farm.

For a quick side-trip on the way to the Village, take a left onto Port Stanley Road (at the Odlin Park intersection), and head to the east side of the island, where you'll find Spencer Spit State Park, so called because of the lagoon-enclosing sand spit on which it rests.

In the Village, you can stock up on picnic supplies and stop by the Lopez Island Chamber of Commerce for a detailed map of suggested routes. As you head out and explore the island, keep safety in mind and make sure to watch out for blind corners and narrow shoulders that are common on island roads.

Don't miss Shark Reef Sanctuary on the west side of the island, where a 10-minute hike through a forest will lead to large rocky bluffs where you'll get spectacular views over the water to the Olympic Mountains and San Juan Island. You may also experience a seal (and perhaps sea lion and otter) sighting—just be sure to follow the path along the bluff to the left.

One of the prettiest areas on Lopez Island is Agate Beach County Park in the southwestern part of the island, with a lovely beach and rocky bluffs and islands in the distance.



AGATE BEACH COUNTY PARK

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# San Juan Islands-San Juan Island Cycling



**San Juan Island** is more challenging. You can also circumnavigate this island in a day—the loop and two scenic legs are about 43 miles—but there are enough places of interest along the way that you might want to plan for a couple of days so you can explore the beautiful parks, beaches, and attractions along the way. There are some substantial hills, and many roads with very narrow shoulders, so plan ahead and make sure you keep safety in mind.

This island offers a great 35-mile loop so you can explore without repeating your routes. Head out of Friday Harbor on Roche Harbor Road, and enjoy a ride to San Juan Vineyards, where you can take a break for a picnic and sample the winery's wares or buy them by the glass.

But don't tarry too long because you've still got the 6-mile ride to Roche Harbor Resort. You can explore this historic village by bike or foot, as well as the nearby San Juan Islands Sculpture Park—a beautiful 20-acre park you'll pass on the way into Roche Harbor, with more than 125 works of art on the shore of Westcott Bay.

Head south about from Roche Harbor about 7.6 miles to English Camp (American Camp is on the south end of the island), and each is famous for the Pig War "Crisis" of 1859-1872. Both National Historical Park locations offer information on this historic event, and each offers some beautiful views and picnic spots, although there are a couple of tough hills to get to both.

One mile down the road from English Camp, stop at Krystal Acres Alpaca Farm & Country Store to see a herd of multi-colored alpacas (who are shorn once a year) and shop for products made from their super soft hair.

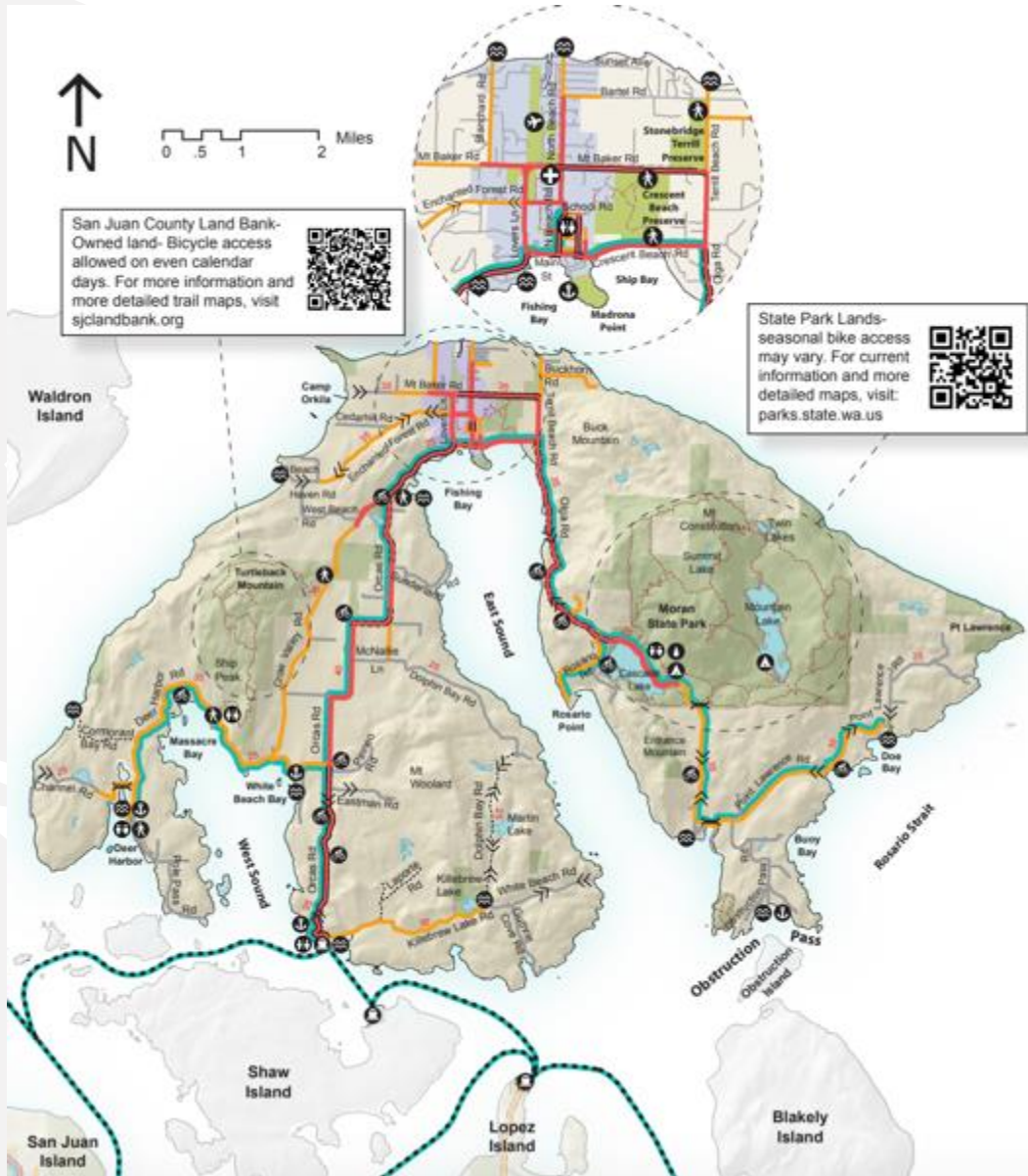
About 6.8 miles down West Side Road, Lime Kiln Park State Park, a.k.a. Whale Watch Park, is another must-see spot, so stop off for a picnic, and look for orca whales in the open waters and visit the seasonal interpretative center which offers information on orcas and a history of the lime kilns and the nearby lighthouse. Take a 3.8-mile jog over to Pelindaba Lavender Farm on Wold Road during summer, where you'll find the calming views (and wonderful scents) of rows of lavender, and over 250 lavender products in the aromatic store. Picnic tables are also available.

To see American Camp, keep heading towards Friday Harbor on Bailer Hill Road, take a left on Douglas and a right on Cattle Point Road, which leads you to South Beach, the longest public beach in the islands, with views over the Strait of Juan de Fuca to the Olympic Mountains. Jakle's Lagoon, and the Cattle Point Lighthouse.

Head back up Cattle Point Road, which becomes Argyle Street, which leads back into Friday Harbor (about 9.7 miles)



# San Juan Islands-Orcas Island Cycling



**Orcas Island** is fit for experienced cyclists, as the roads are narrow and winding, with frequent steep grades and few shoulders. If you really want to push yourself, head for the top of Mount Constitution. It will exhaust you, but views from the top of the surrounding area will take away any breath you have left. If you start from the ferry landing, it is a 9-mile, quite hilly ride to Eastsound, the main village on Orcas Island, right in the center of the island, at the head of East Sound (yes, the town and the water have different spellings). From here you can enjoy a short and easy (compared to the rest of Orcas) loop of six miles out to North Beach, Buckhorn Beach and Crescent Beach. On the way to Eastsound, you can travel through some beautiful farmland at the base of Turtleback Mountain along Crow Valley Road. Stop to take a hike up the mountain, or stop by Crow Valley School Museum on Crow Valley Road, or a little further afield to Orcas Island Pottery off West Beach Road to view ceramics and sometimes even potters at work. To the southeast of Eastsound, you'll hit some challenging hills on the way to Moran State Park, passing alongside Cascade Lake, which offers some fabulous views. You'll be able to cool off under the canopy of the forest's trees or take a quick swim. During part of the year, trails are open for mountain biking.



OBSTRUCTION PASS STATE PARK



# WSDOT Ferry System

If you're heading to the islands plan ahead!



## Washington State Ferries

Getting here is half the fun aboard a Washington State Ferry! Take a scenic ride through the islands as you make your way to your final destination. You can drive your car right onto the boat, or board as a foot passenger and simply walk on. The ferries run year-round and there are several sailings each day to and from each of the four main islands - Lopez, Orcas, San Juan, and Shaw. An *interisland ferry* allows island hoppers to travel between the islands and an international ferry offers service to Sidney, B.C. March - December.

All San Juan Islands ferries depart from the Anacortes Ferry Terminal located at [2100 Ferry Terminal Rd, Anacortes, WA 98221](#). Allow a comfortable 2 - 3 hours to enjoy the drive and the scenery from Seattle or Vancouver B.C. Make sure this includes enough time to arrive 30-minutes before departure for your reservation check-in.

**Washington State Ferries Vehicle Reservations Home Page**

For more information visit - <https://secureapps.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/reservations/vehicle/default.aspx?op=Make+reservations>





# Sunset Cove Homeowners Association

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