
Arranged Roughly North to South

NOTE: if you want to see location on a map just cut and paste the Latitude and Longitude into your browser and a map with the location marked will pop up.

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. Discover Pass required for parking. 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.

Runge Avenue, Dakota Creek Kayak Launch, N48° 58.435' W122° 43.991',

Located off Runge Avenue, features public parking directly across the street from the access trail. The launch is located at the end of a short (100yd) trail down to the Dakota Creek estuary. This site is best used during higher tides due to mud. The launch offers excellent access to the estuary and southern Drayton Harbor and opportunities to spot wildlife.

Gulf Road (Pebble Beach), N48° 51.357' W122° 43.842',

Sometimes called Pebble Beach. 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 across road from Gooseberry Point Store just north of Lummi Island Ferry, Parking has become less clear but many park near to beach next to concrete barrier blocks. See alternate nearby site below. Be mindful the area is used by commercial fishermen so don't block their access or parking. 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. No restrooms are available. Restroom is available across Hale passage at ferry landing on Lummi Island.

Gooseberry Point Alternate, N48° 43.9300' W122° 40.164',

Located at Gooseberry Point just East of the ferry landing. Large sandy beach, parking along road, no facilities. Other comments same as for Gooseberry Point above.

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. No restroom available.

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 have no parking available 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 (2015) rebuilt and parking was moved away from water's edge. Loading area makes for a short carry, parking for a few cars is a short walk. Sheltered access to Chuckanut Bay. No restrooms are available and bushes are sparse.

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

Located in Larrabee 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 yds. 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. Recently the shoreline near the Tennis Courts has been restored and launching there is no longer a good choice. No restrooms here either.

Lake Whatcom -- Bloedel Donovan, 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 when it's overcrowded. All boats launching into Lake Whatcom must be inspected for invasive species. See: <http://whatcomboatinspections.com>

Lake Whatcom – North Shore Trail, N48° 43.638 W122° 18.512

Located at the lower parking lot of the North Shore Trail on Lake Whatcom. A small trail leads directly from the lower parking lot to the edge of the lake. About 100-foot carry to a very small launch, cramped by bushes. Alternately walk down the main trail about 250 feet and then take a short trail to a larger beach at water's edge. Parking is free but very limited, an outhouse is at the upper parking lot about a 1/4 mile up the hill. Easy access to the wilder north side of Lake Whatcom. All boats launching into Lake Whatcom must be inspected for invasive species. See: <http://whatcomboatinspections.com>

Lake Whatcom - Fire Hall, N48° 40.415' W122° 18.928',

Located at the south end of Lake Whatcom. Gravel boat launch next to firehall. On nice days parking is pretty limited. Access to the south, more remote, end of Lake Whatcom. Washington Discover Pass required. No restrooms available except sometimes a port-a-pottie is present. All boats launching into Lake Whatcom must be inspected for invasive species. See: <http://whatcomboatinspections.com>

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. All boats launching into Lake Samish must be inspected for invasive species. See: <http://whatcomboatinspections.com>

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, Outhouse is available. All boats launching into Lake Samish must be inspected for invasive species. See: <http://whatcomboatinspections.com>

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 unloading 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 Juan Islands. 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. Hand launch is free. Day use parking is free, Overnight parking is \$10. Access to the San Juan Islands 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 sometimes. Rocky/gravelly/muddy beach near parking. Low tide launch and recovery is not so good but doable. 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 it is 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.

Panorama Point Boat Launch, N48° 43.451' W121° 40.270'

Concrete Forest Service Boat Ramp near the "elbow" of the lake. Restroom available. Lots of parking. Forest Pass is required or pay fee at pay station. Access to North end of lake with some spectacular views of Mt. Baker on nice days.

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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