
The Outdoor Program at Evergreen Presents

The Greener Guide to the Outdoors

Ideas for Getting Outside in and Around Olympia

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COVID-19 Responsible Recreation

Before recreating in the outdoors please consider the environment you will be entering. Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, your responsibility to public health has become ever more vital. Beyond your own health and safety, you must also be aware of how your actions impact the community around you. To help slow the spread of COVID-19, Washington State has mandated the use of cloth face coverings in all public spaces when physical distancing is not possible—inside or outside. This means you should bring a face covering *everywhere you go*. Face coverings should not replace physical distancing, but rather should be used as a further caution coupled with physical distancing. Whether you are passing someone on a trail, sitting at an outdoor table, enjoying a day on the beach, or anything else that may involve coming within six feet of anyone not in your household, your use of a cloth face covering and physical distancing will improve the health and safety of everyone in Washington.

For up to date information on requirements and exceptions regarding facemasks, visit:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/COVID19/ClothFaceCoveringsandMasks>

Purpose

Welcome to the Greener Guide to the Outdoors! This guide was created by The Outdoor Program (TOP) student leaders to connect the Evergreen community with resources for getting outside--whatever that looks like to you! The Evergreen campus and surrounding areas offer a wide variety of ways to enjoy the outdoors. In this guide, you will find a collection of places to visit both on and off campus. Many of these are accessible without a car—by bus, by bike, or on foot. Wheelchair accessibility is marked on guide entries.

TOP's purpose is to build student community, personal growth, and connection to nature through outdoor experiences. We created this guide to help connect Evergreen's community to green spaces in a time when we cannot run our typical trip programs. We hope this guide is used as a resource for deepening your relationship with nature and inspiring the Evergreen community to get outside in a safe and healthy way.

Make sure when you are visiting these places to always plan ahead, check the weather, and bring appropriate gear. If you need any outdoor gear, check out the TOP Rental Center on campus! Please note that due to the CRC closure the Rental Center is currently closed. Keep an eye on TOP's website and social media for updates on reopening as well as other services and programs we are currently offering.

TOP's website: <https://www.evergreen.edu/recreation/top-trips>

Connect with us



Land Acknowledgment

Indigenous peoples have lived, migrated through, and been in reciprocity with these lands for millennia. It is our responsibility as outdoor recreators to learn about the tribes who have resided on these lands since time immemorial. We encourage you to educate yourself and find ways to take action to support Indigenous peoples. Just as you would read trail reports and research essential equipment before going outside, take the time to learn the history of the area you're visiting: Who were the first people/s to be in relationship with this land? Do they still live here, or have they been relocated, and why? What are the current issues facing this land and the descendants of the first people/s who live/d here? What can you do to give back to the land and the Indigenous people/s?

We want to acknowledge that the outdoor spaces featured in this guide are on land stolen from Indigenous nations. The Evergreen State College and City of Olympia are located on the ancestral lands of the Medicine Creek Treaty tribes which include the Squaxin Island Tribe, the Nisqually Indian Tribe, and the Puyallup Tribe of Indians. The 1854 treaty ceding these lands is still in dispute. The Squaxin, Nisqually, and Puyallup tribes all still reside in this area and are actively engaged with the land and their communities. All who are not Salish people are visitors here, although we also acknowledge that many were brought to this land against their will. We recognize the traditional custodians of these lands and pay respect to elders past and present.

We encourage you to visit the s'gwi gwi ʔ altxw, "House of Welcome," Longhouse Education and Cultural Center. Opened in 1995, it is located on the upper campus of The Evergreen State College. The Longhouse was built in collaboration with six local tribes (including Quinault, Squaxin, Makah, and Skokomish) and promotes Indigenous arts and cultures through education, cultural preservation, creative expression, and economic development. While the building is currently closed, there is still art created by Indigenous artists (both local and abroad, including Māori and Makah artists) on the outside of the Longhouse and the nearby wood and fiber arts studios. More information and ways to support ongoing work at the Longhouse can be found here: evergreen.edu/longhouse

To learn more about the Squaxin Island Tribe, the Nisqually Indian Tribe, and the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, please visit their websites:

- <https://squaxinland.org/government/info/>
- <http://www.nisqually-nsn.gov/index.php/heritage/>
- <http://www.puyallup-tribe.com/ourtribe/>

Greener Essentials

The ten essentials for camping and hiking are a list dating back to the 1930s detailing the important equipment for a person to head into the outdoors. However, **most of the items on the original ten essentials list aren't necessary for many of the locations in this guide**, which is why we have created a list of items you may want to keep in your backpack when exploring the beautiful parks and recreation areas around Olympia. While not all the original ten essentials are necessary for every outdoor adventure, they provide a framework by which to think about what circumstances might come up on any given trip, and how you can be safe and prepared on your adventures. Consider what things you might need when you go outside, and how you can be proactive about your health and safety, even if it's something as simple as bringing extra clothing.

Greener Essentials

For exploring around Olympia!

1. Extra clothing (layers)



2. Water bottle



3. Snacks



4. Cell phone (navigation)



The 10 Essentials

Mainly for backcountry settings

1. Navigation



6. Fire



2. Headlamp



7. Shelter



3. Sun Protection



8. Extra Food



4. First Aid



9. Extra Water



5. Knife



10. Extra Clothes



Leave No Trace: Principles of Outdoor Ethics

Leave No Trace (LNT) is a list of 7 principals that can help you reduce your footprint on the landscape when you go outside. These principals will help preserve the space you are entering for the wildlife that lives there, the plants that grow there, and future visitors like yourself. However, LNT can be used as a gatekeeping tactic for the outdoors, so make sure that you are doing your part to help the environment while also creating a welcoming space for people who may be new to the outdoors or just experience it differently than you. Use good judgment and trust that others will do the same. While LNT was originally designed for backcountry settings, it can (and should!) be applied anywhere. The 7 principals are well established but are not static. This means that LNT may adapt to developments in our understanding of what it means to Leave No Trace. Staying on trail is a priority, but not to the extent that it makes the trail unsafe – going off trail to use the bathroom, for example, is the right choice in the outdoors! The framework of LNT is to reduce environmental harm while still letting you enjoy the outdoors, so don't hesitate to do anything you can—even beyond LNT—to keep your local nature spots clean.

Plan Ahead and Prepare

- Know the regulations and special concerns for the area you will visit.
- Check the weather before heading out and bring appropriate gear.
- Schedule your trip to avoid times of high use. Visit in small groups when possible.

Dispose of Waste Properly

- Pack it in, pack it out. Pack out all trash, leftover food, and litter.
- Utilize toilet facilities whenever possible. Otherwise, deposit solid human waste in catholes dug 6 to 8 inches deep, at least 200 feet from water, camp, and trails. Cover and disguise the cathole when finished. Make sure to pack out toilet paper and hygiene products.

Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces

- Durable surfaces include maintained trails and designated campsites, rock, gravel, sand, dry grasses or snow.
- Concentrate use on existing trails and campsites. Try to walk in the middle of the trail to avoid erosion and fragile plants on the sides of the trail.

Leave What You Find

- Preserve the past: examine, photograph, but do not touch cultural or historic structures and artifacts.
- Leave rocks, plants, and other natural objects as you find them. Avoid introducing or transporting non-native species.
- Do not build structures, furniture, or dig trenches.

Minimize Campfire Impacts

- Campfires can cause lasting impacts to the environment. Make sure to research the location you are visiting to stay up to date on rules and regulations regarding campfires in that area.
- Where fires are permitted, use established fire rings, fire pans, or mound fires. Keep fires small.
- Burn all wood and coals to ash, put out campfires completely, then scatter cool ashes.

Respect Wildlife

- Observe wildlife from a distance. Do not follow or approach them.
- Never feed animals. Feeding wildlife damages their health, alters natural behaviors, habituates them to humans, and exposes them to predators and other dangers.
- Protect wildlife and your food by storing rations and trash securely.
- Control pets at all times or leave them at home.

Be Considerate of Other Visitors

- Respect other visitors and protect the quality of their experience. Everyone has their own relationship and knowledge regarding nature and outdoor recreation, make sure to be respectful and welcoming.

Greener Guide Symbology

At the top of each Greener Guide entry, we have included a list of icons detailing important information about that location. These icons give information about accessibility, terrain features, transportation, and permitting; the absence of an icon means that aspect does not apply, so if there's no 'pet friendly' icon, leave Fido at home.



wheelchair and impaired mobility accessible options



family friendly locations



pet friendly locations



location includes water crossing



camping available



walkable from the evergreen campus



bikeable from the evergreen campus



busable from the evergreen campus



location requires a Discover pass



location requires a National Parks pass




location requires a Northwest Forest pass (for parking)

The Evergreen Campus



Located: 47° 04' 22.5" N 122° 58' 37.7" W

 Squaxin, Nisqually, and Puyallup lands

About This Site:

The Evergreen State college was founded in 1967, and in 1971 welcomed its first students to the beautiful 1,000-acre campus with 3,000 feet of Puget Sound beachfront. The Evergreen campus sits surrounded by woods. Many parts of campus include paved walking and biking areas as well as an open field perfect for picnics or studying in the sun. Evergreen's campus has so much to offer when it comes to being outdoors and connecting with nature. Whether you want to soak up the sun in Red Square or grab some friends and spend your day exploring the woods, Evergreen's campus has it all!

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state college

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Driftwood Road

Hidden Springs Drive

Beach Trail

Driftwood Road

Overhulse Road

Cooper's Glenn Apartments



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Dogtooth Lane

CARVING STUDIO
LONGHOUSE

SEMINAR 1
POLICE PARKING
24 HOURS

CENTRAL RECEIVING

LIBRARY
Administrations
Administration

Bookstore
Food Services

TRAIL TO ORGANIC FARM
Sustainable Ag Lab
Farmhouse
Gardens

LAB II

LAB I

PURCE HALL

RED SQUARE

BUS LOOP

SEMINAR II

SEMINAR I

TEACHING GARDENS

CAB COLLEGE ACTIVITIES BUILDING

CRC COLLEGE RECREATION CENTER
Gymnasium
Pool

COM COMMUNICATIONS LABORATORY
Experimental Theater
Rehearsal Hall

CHILDREN'S CENTER

Central Utility Plant

Tennis Courts

ATHLETIC & RECREATION FIELDS

Student Residences (SOUP)
HCC

Student Residences (DORM)

Student Residences (MODS)

REC. PAVILLION

PARKING B

PARKING C

PARKING F

Highway 101

Evergreen Parkway

West Olympia, Cooper Point

Overhulse Place

Fireweed Lane

McCann Plaza



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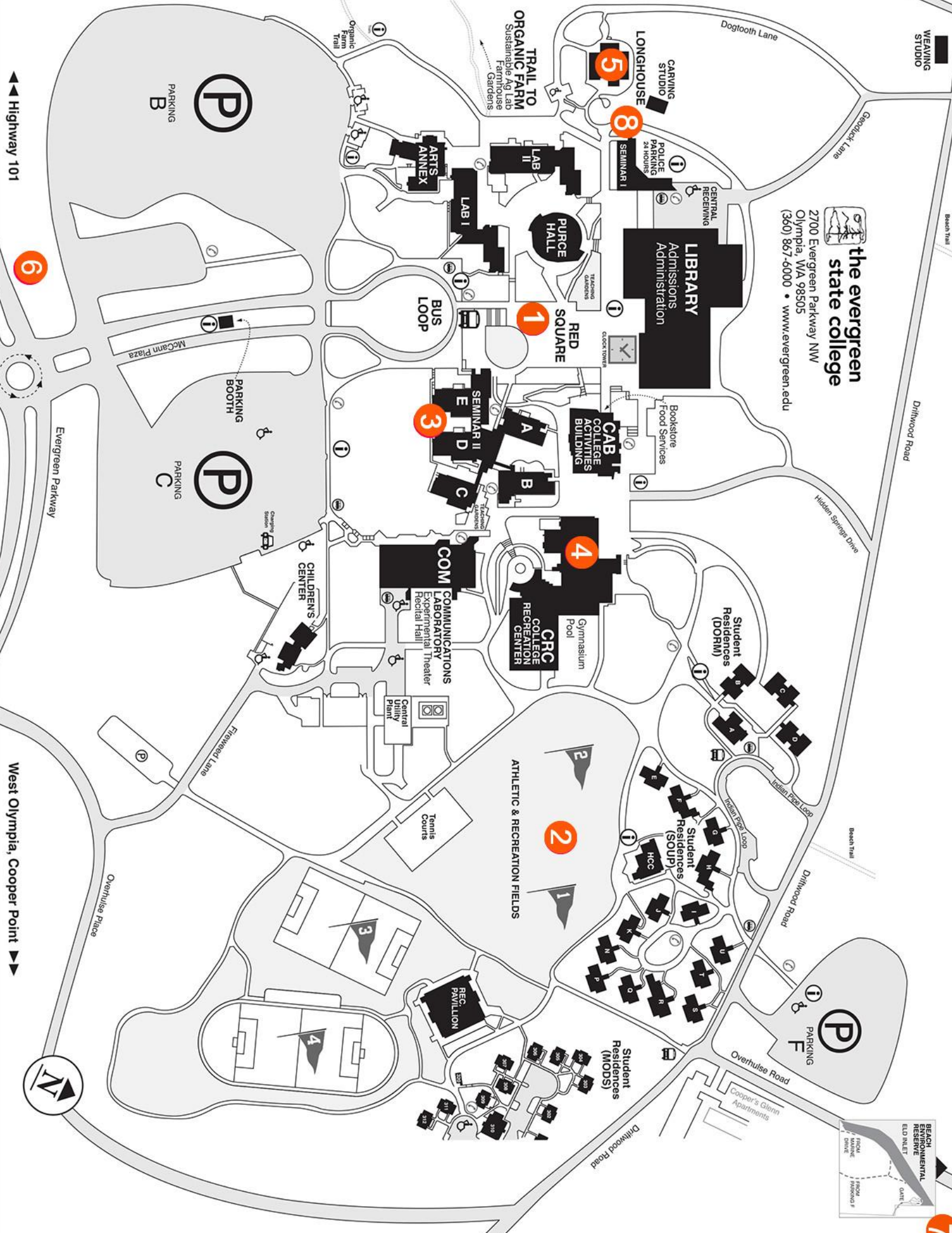
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Attractions:

1. **Red Square**

A great place to enjoy the vibrant energy of campus! There's always something going on, from impromptu dance performances to slacklining to the Organic Farm stand. Red Square is truly the heart of Evergreen's campus.

2. **The Field**

If the sun is shining, you can be sure to find students soaking it up or working on homework in the field. Make sure to bring something to sit on and water to stay hydrated!

3. **Rooftop of SEM II**

Accessible by the elevators or any of the external staircases on the SEM II buildings, the rooftop is a great place to find some solitude and fresh air, featuring insets of plants and gravel and bridges between the rooftops. Grab a book or just do some cloud watching.

4. **Constantino Recreation Center (CRC)**

The CRC is a great place to try new things! From bouldering in the indoor climbing gym to learning some new moves at a Zumba class or relaxing at the end of a long day with some yoga, the CRC has something for everyone. It is also home to the TOP office and Rental Center. Check the Evergreen website for current status due to COVID.

5. **The Longhouse**

A beautiful building covered in Indigenous art and surrounded by native plant gardens. Take a nice relaxing stroll or learn about the rich history of the Indigenous peoples who are the original caretakers of the land on which Evergreen stands.

6. **Evergreen Parkway Bike Path**

A flat, paved bike/walking path that parallels Evergreen Parkway. Follow this path through the spectacular Evergreen Woods until the end of campus where you can continue onto the Ralph Munro Trail. If you cross Evergreen Parkway to the left side of the road, the trail will take you to 2nd and Overhulse; if you continue straight across on the right side of the road, you will find yourself near the off ramp of Evergreen Parkway at Mud Bay Road.

7. **Overhulse Pond and 36th Avenue Pond**

These ponds offer a great place to birdwatch. Bring some binoculars and see what you can find! See the directions index (pp. 34-35) for how to get there.

8. **SEM I Bird Feeders**

On the back of SEM I near the Longhouse you will find some hummingbird feeders, a suet feeder, and a sunflower seed feeder. This makes it another great spot for birdwatchers.

The Evergreen Woods



Located: 47° 04' 38" N 122° 58' 20" W



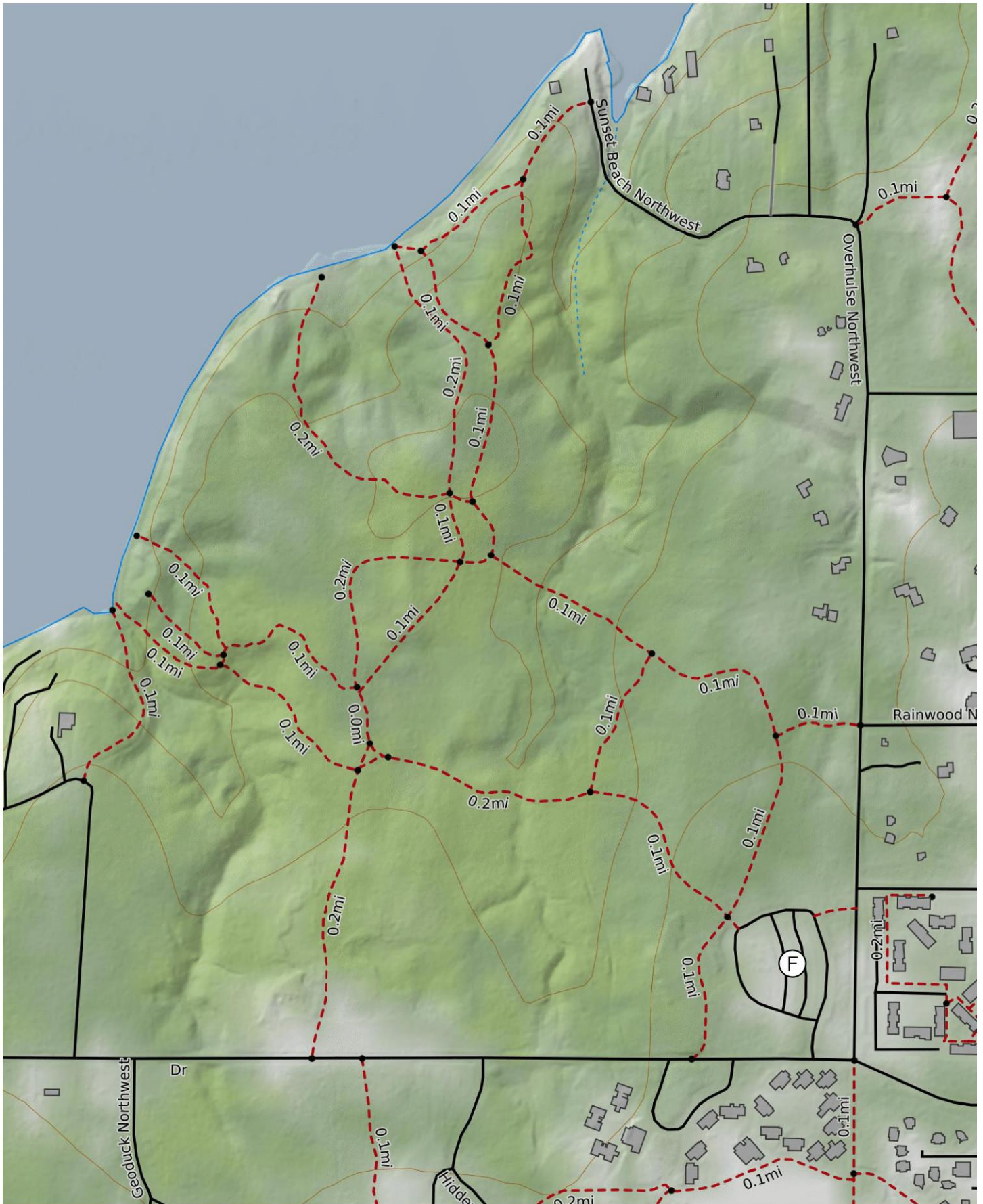
Squaxin, Nisqually, and Puyallup lands

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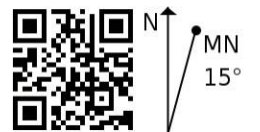
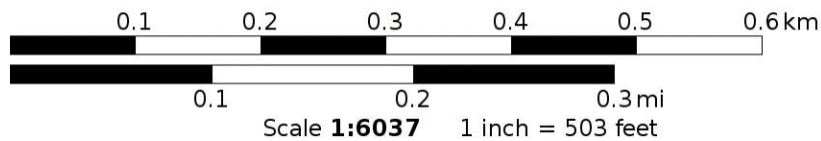
The Evergreen woods are full of many trails through wooded areas and down to the beach on the inlet. Several beach and wooded trails start from the trailhead at the back of the F parking lot, while the Farm trail starts west of the lab buildings, near Lab 2. Trails vary in maintenance; main paths are well traveled and include boardwalks and signage down to the beach area, along with several bridge crossings over Snyder Creek, which runs through our campus woods.

Aside from the ecological learning laboratory that the woods serve for students, they offer a number of interesting features for explorers to come across—from the hand-built wooden shelter on the farm trail to the “bunny tree” on the way to the beach. The Evergreen woods trails are an easy way to escape and destress in nature, even with only an hour break between classes.

Beach Trails off of F-Lot

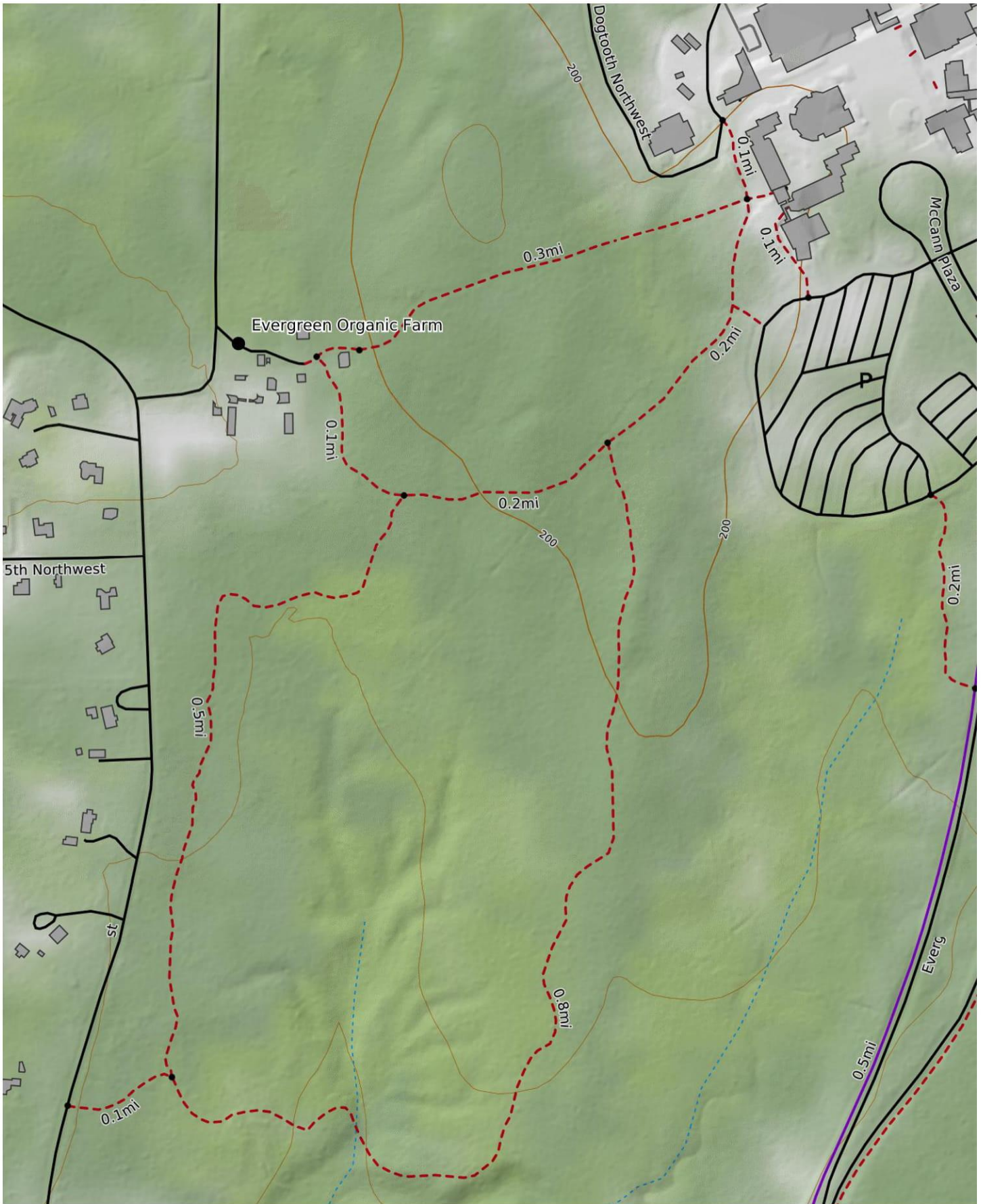


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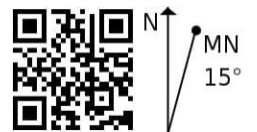
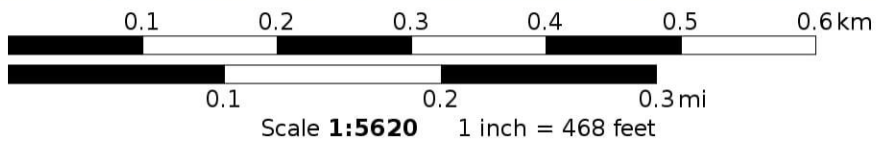


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Organic Farm and Associated Trails



Mercator Projection
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CalTopo



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Attractions:

1. The Organic Farm

The Organic Farm is a working, small-scale organic farm that serves as an agricultural, biological, and business-focused learning laboratory. They run a farm stand out of Red Square that offers student discounts on fresh, local produce. For those students interested in getting more involved, the community garden is located right by the organic farm and offers plots to students who reserve them on a quarterly basis.

2. The Beach

Evergreen has over 3,000 feet of beautiful Puget Sound beachfront! The beach is a great place to relax or learn about the many animals and plants that live there, if you get lucky you may even see a geoduck! If you are going to the beach, make sure to check a [tide chart](#). For students interested in getting out on the Sound, the TOP rental center has kayaks and stand-up paddleboards for rent, which can be put in anywhere along the shoreline. An easy place to get started is Snyder Cove, tucked just east of Sunset Beach Northwest road, which has car access and is a little more protected from the rest of Eld Inlet.

Capitol Lake



Located: 47°1'59.81"N 122°54'31.58"W



Squaxin, Nisqually, and Puyallup lands

About This Site:

Capitol Lake is located in downtown Olympia and has a 1.5-mile loop trail that goes around the entire lake. The trail is half paved and half gravel. It's a great place to take the dog for a walk or have a picnic in the sun. Please note that the lake is closed to swimming due to poor water quality.

Capitol Lake is an artificial lake created by the construction of a dam. It was meant to beautify what was once mudflats into a clear freshwater lake that reflected the Capitol building dome and the tall evergreen trees.

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[Directions](#) (Google Maps)

Decatur Woods Park



Located: 47°02'19.0"N 122°55'28.8"W



Squaxin, Nisqually, and Puyallup lands

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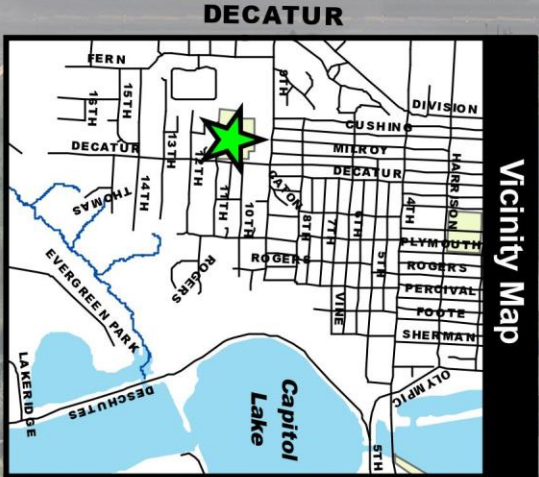
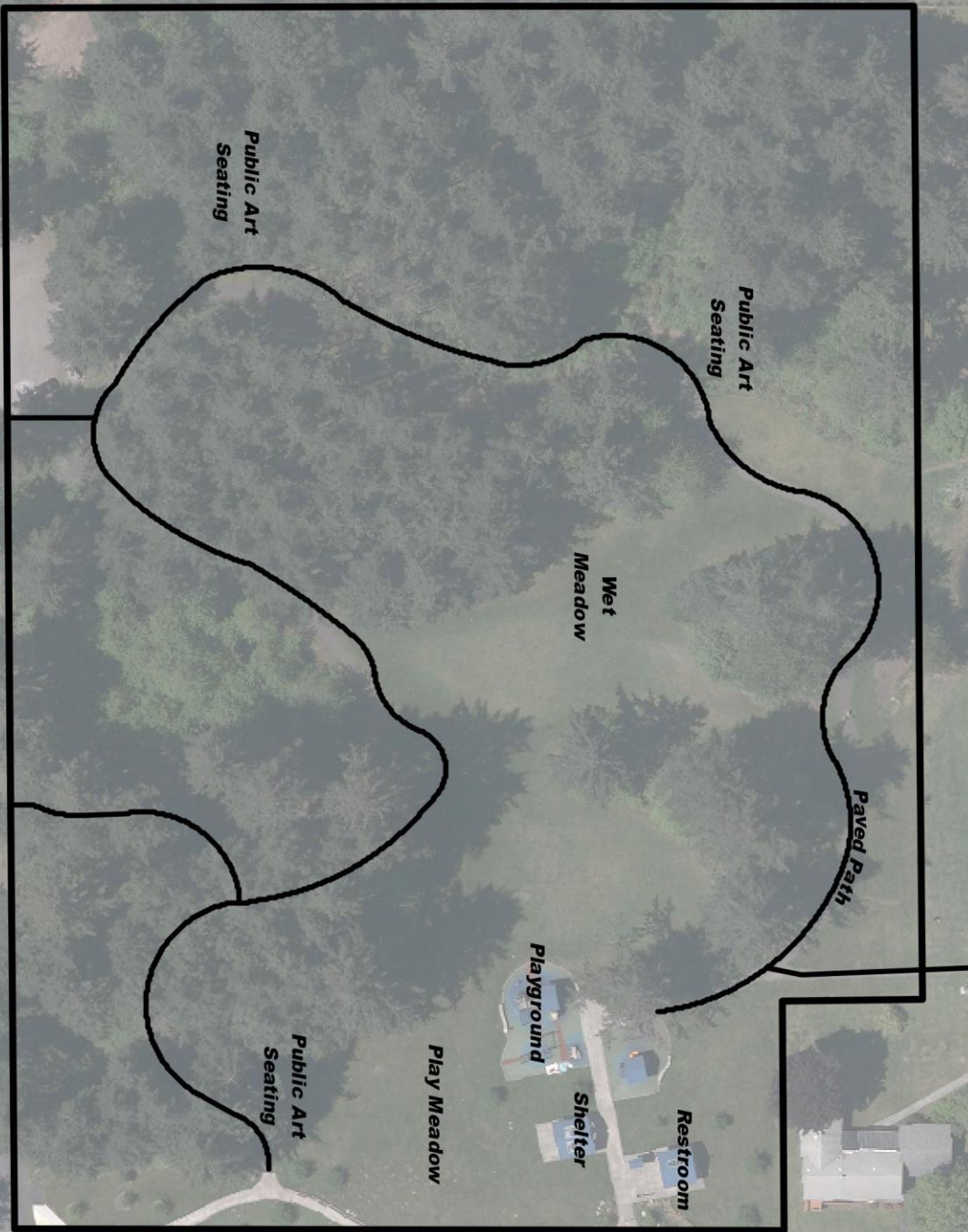
A great little park located in a lovely neighborhood on the west side of Olympia. A short, paved trail loops around the park, circling an open grassy field and a colorful playground. The path has signs along it with activities centered around exploration and connecting with nature that are great for kids! There are public restrooms and a covered picnic shelter. Decatur Woods Park is a great place to take the dog for a walk or play a game of frisbee with friends.

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Decatur Woods Park

1015 Decatur St. SW 6.3 Acres



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The Garfield Nature Trail



Located: 47° 03' 03" N 122° 55' 06" W



Squaxin, Nisqually, and Puyallup lands

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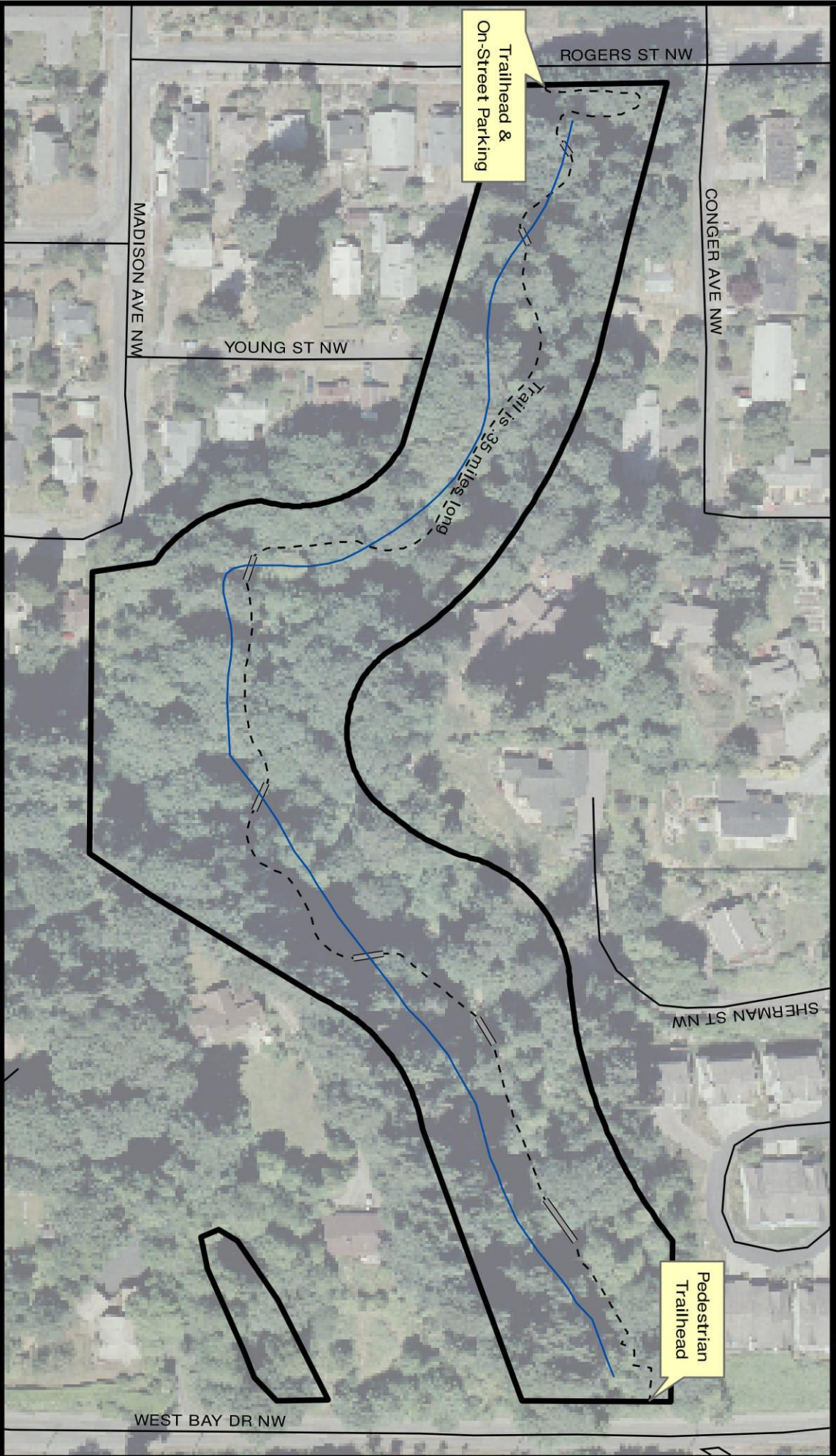
The Garfield Nature Trail was designed as a neighborhood path between the West Bay Drive and Westside neighborhoods and cuts through a ravine between them. The trail is 0.35 miles from end to end and made of a dirt path with inset wooden stairs descending into the ravine. There is a run-off creek from the surrounding residences that flows next to the trail and is crossed by a wood walking bridge.

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Garfield Nature Trail

620 Rogers St. NW & 701 West Bay Dr. NW



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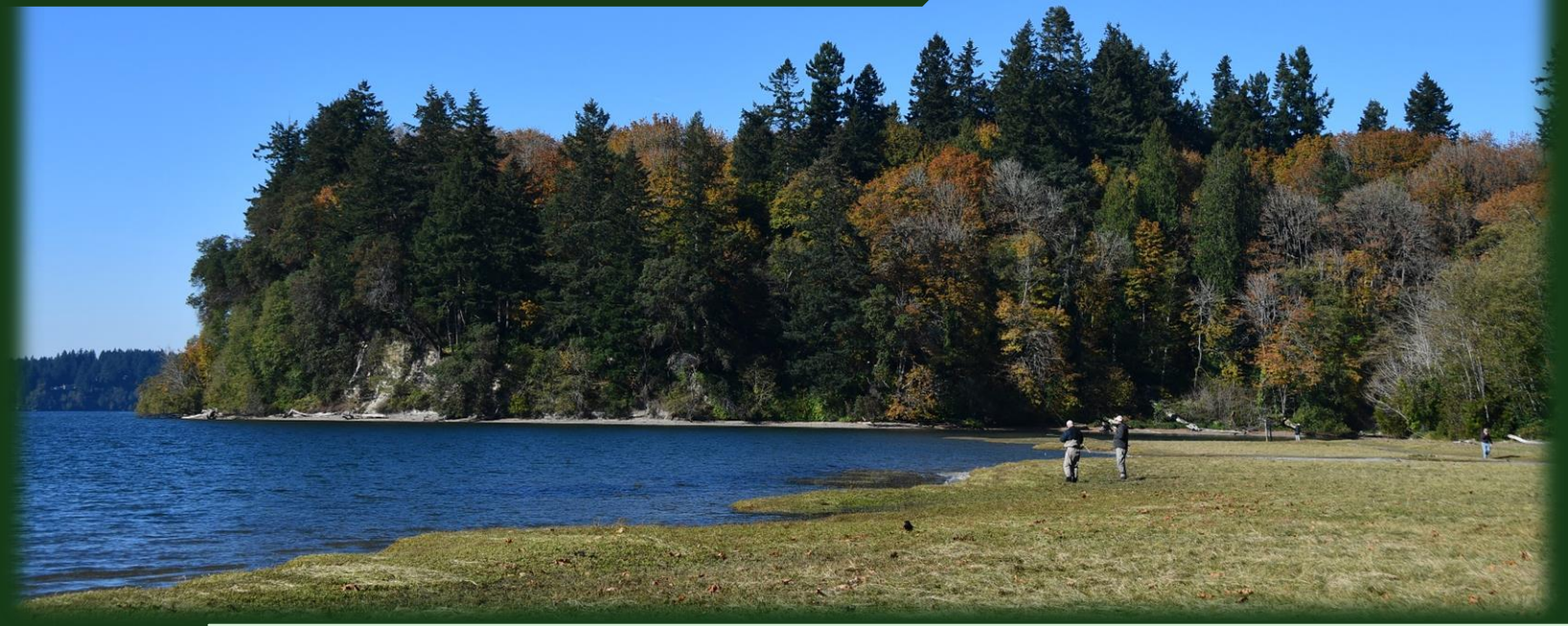
Legend

- Park Boundary
- Trail
- Boardwalk/Bridges
- Unnamed Stream


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June 20, 2007

Priest Point Park



Located: 47°04'10" N 122°53'39" W

 Squaxin, Nisqually, and Puyallup lands

About This Site:

Priest Point Park features wooded trails and walkable tidal beach area, as well as a playground, rose garden, and multiple covered picnic areas. Most trails are well-maintained dirt paths, which can be steep in sections and include stairs and boardwalks. Avid birders may enjoy the park's rich speciation. Make sure you check a [tide chart](#) before visiting the beach, this beach area tends to be very muddy at low tide.

Priest Point Park is named for a small group of Catholic missionaries, the Oblate Fathers, who came to the area in 1848. During the depression of 1893 the property was foreclosed, and city fathers proposed turning the property into a park. Local citizens donated materials and labor to establish what is now one of Olympia's most used and loved parks.

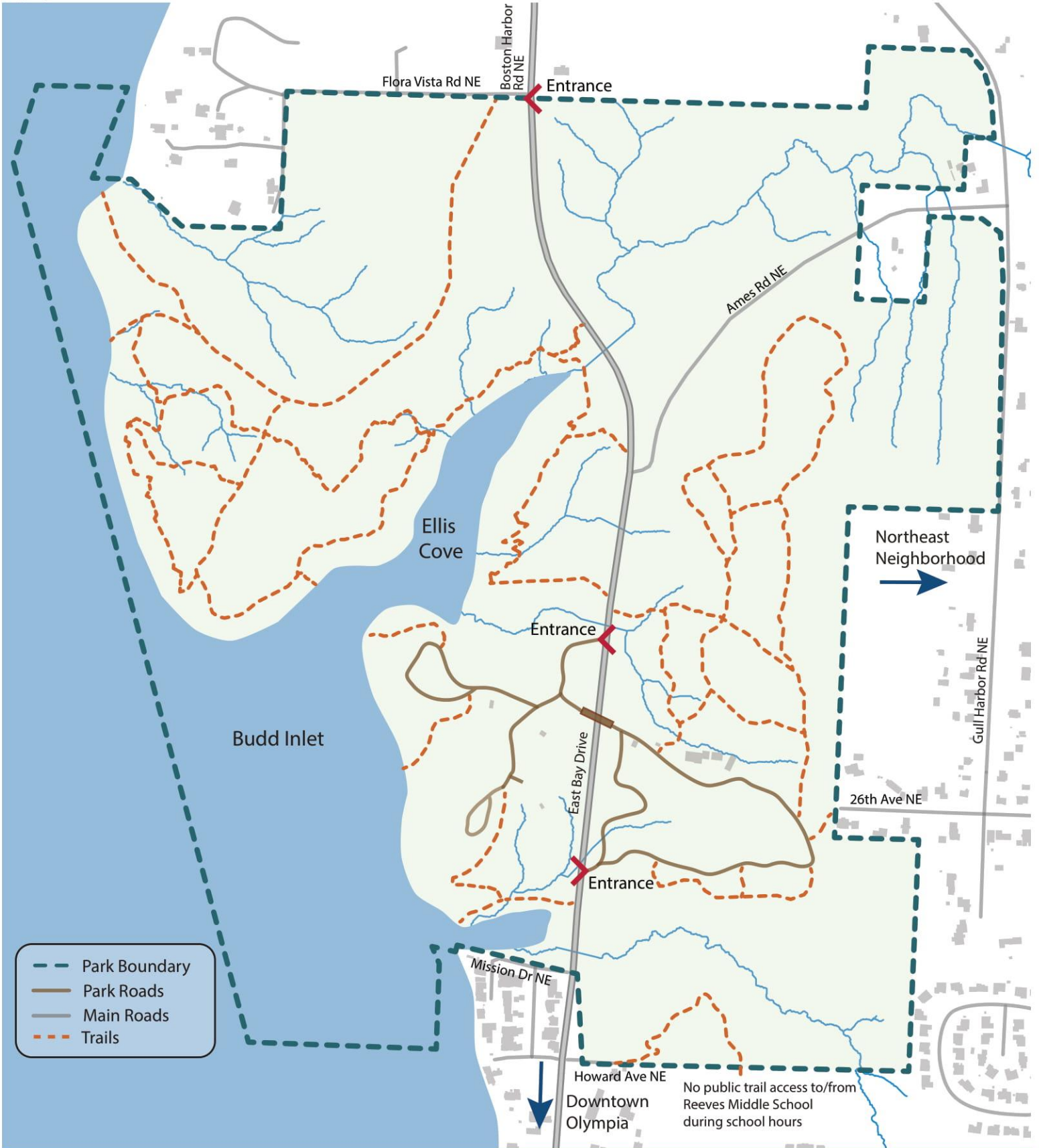
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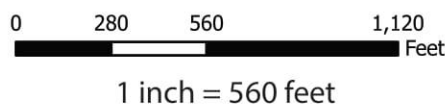


PRIEST POINT PARK

2600 East Bay Dr NE
Olympia, WA



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olympiawa.gov/parks.



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Watershed Park



Located: 47°01'42.8"N 122°53'20.9"W



Squaxin, Nisqually, and Puyallup lands

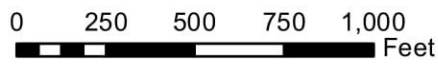
About This Site:

Beneath a towering rain forest canopy, explore Watershed Park's winding trail system, cross over creeks and wander through lush forest. The main trail is a 1.4-mile loop that runs through the park's interior. Traffic is currently restricted to one way for COVID-19 health concerns (clockwise). The trail is steep and rough in some locations; the most accessible, barrier-free, compacted gravel sections of the trail are from the park's pedestrian entrance on Henderson Boulevard near Eskridge to the McCormick Court entrance. There are several benches and informative signs throughout the main loop.

Deep in the park, you will find the Moxlie Creek Springs Basin, one of the region's largest spring basins. In the late 1800s, wells were established on the Watershed property and nearly every glass of water in Olympia used to come from the park. There are multiple entrances and ways to explore this beautiful park. See the map below to help you plan your trip.

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[Directions](#) (Google Maps)



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Legend

- - - Trails
- █ Park Boundary
- █ Other Parks

West Bay Park



Located: 47°03'09.1"N 122°54'44.1"W

 Squaxin, Nisqually, and Puyallup lands

About This Site:

West Bay Park is a shoreline park on the west side of Budd Inlet with spectacular views of Olympia. Enjoy panoramas of the Capitol buildings, Olympia harbor, Priest Point Park, and on a super clear day, the Olympic mountain range and Mount Rainier. You will find multiple picnic areas and benches scattered around the park, as well as a paved walking trail. Check out the beach and look for marine life or simply sit and soak in the scenery. If you want to enjoy another excellent nature spot in Olympia, head right across the street to the Garfield Nature Trail (page 19).

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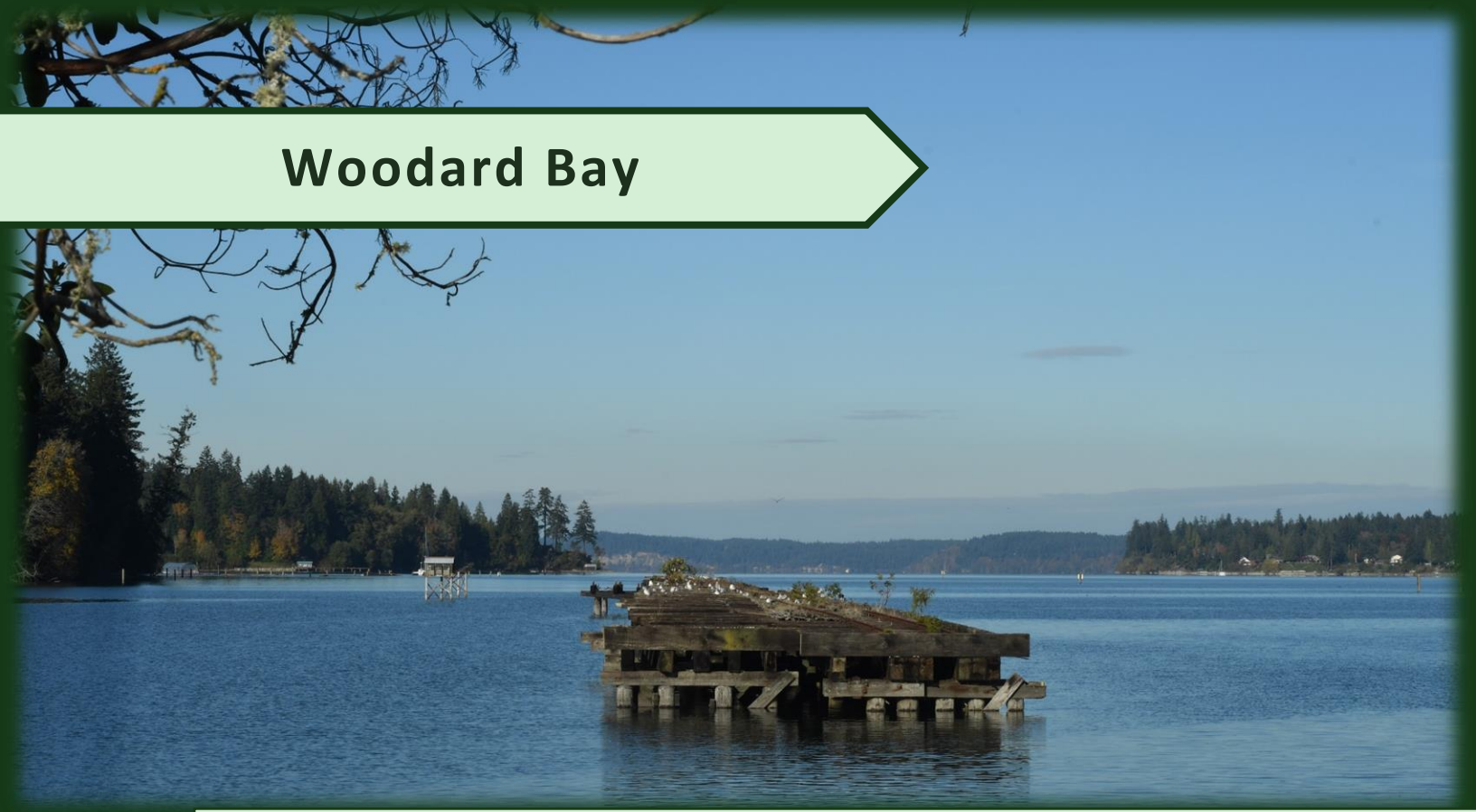
West Bay Park

900 West Bay Drive NW 17.04 Acres



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Woodard Bay



Located: 47° 07' 36" N 122° 51' 13" W



Squaxin, Nisqually, and Puyallup lands

About This Site:

The Woodard Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area was one of the first in Washington state, designated in 1987, and serves as a wildlife refuge. Keep your eyes open for seals in the bay, waterfowl nesting sites, and bats. A wide, paved trail leads from the parking lot to the habitat protected area at the beach. This site features public restrooms, a covered picnic area, and informative plaques about local fauna and conservation efforts. For those who are interested, a marked trail allows visitors to detour through the woods on the way to the beach along a well-maintained dirt trail with some wood features, rather than taking the paved path. Bikers should note that bikes are prohibited on the trails themselves.

Half a mile down the road, the Chehalis Western Trail is a one-mile crushed rock path through the refuge leading to a lookout point at the end. This trail is closed between mid-March and mid-August to protect nesting birds.

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[Directions](#) (Google Maps)

Yauger Park



Located: 47° 2' 36" N 122° 56' 37" W



Squaxin, Nisqually, and Puyallup lands

About This Site:

A 40-acre park in West Olympia, Yauger Park boasts four ball fields, picnic areas, a playground, and a skate park. It is surrounded by a paved jogging path, which cuts through the center nexus of the park, also paved. This area abuts the playground and three of the fields and has a publicly available restroom. A short trail off of one parking lot leads to a community garden and a dirt works. Come with friends for a game of frisbee, horseshoes, or your favorite ball game.

Yauger Park was developed in 1982 and was the vision of retired United States Army Colonel Yauger. The park includes an artificially created wetland which serves as both a year-round habitat for local fauna and as a stormwater runoff collector during heavy rains.

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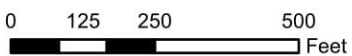
[Directions](#) (Google Maps)

Yauger Park

3100 Capital Mall Dr. SW



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Map created July 17, 2013
Please contact Parks, Arts and Recreation, with questions: 360.753.8380

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Directions

Capitol Lake: [Directions](#) (Google Maps)

By bike (30 minutes/5 miles):

1. Head south on McCann Plaza Dr (away from campus).
2. Use the crosswalk to cross Evergreen Pkwy, then head left on the bike path.
3. Take a right on Cooper Point Rd.
4. Take a left on 28th
5. Continue straight as the road turns to the left and turns into Division St.
6. Continue past Harrison Ave, then take a left on 4th Ave.
7. At the roundabout use the crosswalk to take the first exit onto 5th
8. Capitol Lake will be on your right in a few hundred feet.

By bus (30 minutes):

1. Get on either the 41 or the 48 inbound toward the Olympia Transit Center.
2. Ride until the 4th at Simmons stop, then get off.
3. As you get off the bus, take a left (back where the bus came from).
4. Take a left on Simmons St.
5. Cross 5th Ave and you'll find yourself at Capitol Lake.

By car (14 minutes):

1. Head south on McCann Plaza Dr (away from campus).
2. Take the first exit at the roundabout to go right on Evergreen Pkwy.
3. Follow signs for US-101 north toward Aberdeen and take the righthand exit.
4. Use the left lane to go onto Mud Bay Rd.
5. Continue straight as Mud Bay Rd turns into Harrison St.
6. Using the right lane, take the first exit at the roundabout to go right on Olympic Way.
7. Using the right lane, take the second exit to continue onto 5th Ave.
8. Merge right, the parking lot will be on your right in a few hundred feet.

Decatur Woods Park: [Directions](#) (Google Maps)

By bike (30 minutes/5 miles):

1. Head south on McCann Plaza Dr.
2. At the roundabout, use the crosswalk to cross Evergreen Pkwy and then take a left on the bike trail.
3. At the light, take a right onto Cooper Point Rd.
4. Before the hill, take a left onto 28th Ave.
5. Follow the road as it curves to the right and becomes division.
6. Continue past Harrison St.
7. After Harrison St, use the crosswalk to turn left onto 4th Ave.
8. Take a left onto Milroy St.
9. Take a left onto 9th Ave.
10. Take your first right onto Decatur St.
11. The park will be on your left, bike parking is available.

By bus (30 minutes):

1. Get on either the 41 or the 48. If you chose to get on the 41 follow directions from step 2; if you chose the 48 follow directions from step 8.
2. Ride for 21 stops until the Harrison at Decatur stop, then get off.
3. Once off the bus, keep walking the same direction the bus was going until.
4. Take your first right onto Decatur St.
5. Take a left at 9th St.
6. Take your first right to get back onto Decatur.
7. The park will be on your right.
8. Ride for 17 stops and then get off at the Harrison at Division stop.
9. Once off the bus, continue walking in the same direction it was driving (East).
10. Take a right on Cushing St.
11. Take a left on 9th
12. Take a right on Decatur.
13. The park will be on your right.

By car (10 minutes):

1. Head south on McCann Plaza Dr (away from campus).
2. At the roundabout, take the first exit to go right on Evergreen Pkwy.
3. Follow signs for US-101 south towards I-5.
4. Merge onto US-101.
5. Take your first exit.
6. Take a left onto Black Lake Blvd.
7. Take a right onto 9th Ave.
8. Take a left onto Decatur St.
9. The park will be on your left, you may find street parking.

By foot (1 hour 30 minutes):

1. Head south on McCann Plaza Dr (away from campus).
2. At the roundabout, cross the Evergreen Pkwy and take a right using the far side foot/bike path.
3. Follow this path all the way to its termination at 2nd Ave.
4. Take a right onto Overhulse Rd.
5. Take a left onto Mud Bay Rd.
6. Whenever you get the chance (at a crosswalk) cross the street and then keep walking in the same direction.
7. Take a right on Cushing St.
8. Take a left on 9th Ave.
9. Take a right on Decatur St.
10. The park will be on your right.

Garfield Nature Trail: [Directions](#) (Google Maps)

By bike (40 minutes/7 miles):

1. Head south on McCann Plaza Dr (away from campus).
2. Use crosswalk to cross Evergreen Pkwy and turn left on the bike path on the far side of the road.
3. Take a right onto Cooper Point Rd.
4. Take a left onto 28th Ave.
5. Continue to the right as 28th Ave turns into Division St.
6. Take a left on Giles Ave.
7. Take a right on Rogers.
8. Garfield Nature Trail will be on your left, see step 9 for bike storage.
9. The nearest bike storage is the Olympia Food Coop. From Giles Ave, take a left on Rogers (heading away from the trailhead). In roughly 4 blocks the Olympia Food Coop will be on your left. You can lock your bike in their covered area.

By bus (1 hour):

1. Get on the 41 inbound toward Olympia Transit Center.
2. Ride 17 stops then get off at *Division and Conger*.
3. Cross Division St and head east on Conger Ave.
4. Take a right on Rogers.
5. Garfield Nature Trail will be on your left.

By car (10 minutes):

1. Head south on McCann Plaza Dr (away from campus).
2. At the roundabout, take the second exit to go left on Evergreen Pkwy.
3. Take a right on Cooper Point Rd (this will be at the first traffic light you come to).
4. Make a quick left turn onto 28th Ave.
5. Follow the road as it turns to the right and becomes Division St.
6. Take a left on Giles Ave.
7. Take a right on Rogers St.
8. Garfield Nature Trail will be on your left in a block, find street parking.

Priest Point Park: [Directions](#) (Google Maps)

By bike (40 minutes/7 miles):

1. Head south on McCann Plaza Dr (away from campus).
2. Turn left onto bike path paralleling Evergreen Pkwy—preferably path on far side of the road.
3. Take a right onto Cooper Point Rd.
4. Take a left onto 28th Ave.
5. Continue to the right as 28th Ave turns into Division St.
6. Take a left onto 4th Ave using the crosswalk. This will be the first left after Harrison Ave
7. At the roundabout, take the second exit to continue straight on 4th Ave. **Use crosswalks if you do not have a mirror and are not very comfortable on a bike.**
8. Take a left on Plum St. A good landmark for this intersection is the cluster of food trucks.
9. Continue straight as Plum St turns into East Bay Drive.
10. In 1.5 miles take a right at the large “Priest Point” Sign. Bike parking is on the right side of the lot.

By bus (1 hour):

1. Get on either the 41 or the 48 inbound toward Olympia Transit Center.
2. Get off at Olympia Transit Center—this will be the last stop.
3. Get on the 21, which will depart from the Transit Center **OR** for a longer walk but less total travel time, head east on State St and follow Bike/Walk directions from step 8.
4. Ride the 21 for 22 stops until 26th and Bethel, then get off.
5. The bus will pause for a while at *Friendly Grove at 26th*. Your stop will be the one after this.
6. Start walking west on 26th Ave, same direction as the bus was going.
7. At the end of the road, there will be a footpath. Continues straight onto that.
8. At the end of the path, you will run into a road. Take a right.
9. Take your first right and you will find yourself in the inland woods OR continue straight to get to the beach.

By car (15 minutes):

1. Head south on McCann Plaza Dr (away from campus).
2. At the roundabout, take the second exit to go left on Evergreen Pkwy.
3. Take a right on Cooper Point Rd (this will be at the first traffic light you come to).
4. Make a quick left turn onto 28th Ave.
5. Follow the road as it turns to the right and becomes Division St.
6. Take a left on Harrison Ave (this will be the first traffic light you come to).
7. Enter the roundabout in the left lane and take the first exit to go right on Olympic way.
8. Enter the second round about in the left lane and take the third exit to go left on 4th Ave.
9. Take a left on Plum St (cluster of food trucks is a good landmark).
10. Continue straight as Plum St becomes East Bay Drive.
11. The parking lot will be on your right in 1.5 miles.

Overhulse Pond:

By bike, car, and foot:

1. Head south on McCann Plaza Dr (away from campus).
2. At the roundabout, take the second exit to make a left on Evergreen Pkwy.
3. Take your first right onto Overhulse Rd.
4. Your destination will be immediately on your left. It is unmarked and has no parking. You may look for parking on the street nearby, but if you do make sure your vehicle is completely off the road.

36th Avenue Pond:

By car (5 minutes)

1. Head south on McCann Plaza Dr (away from campus).
2. At the roundabout, use the second exit to take a left on Evergreen Pkwy.
3. At the first intersection you come to, take a left onto Overhulse Place.
4. Take a left onto Driftwood Dr.
5. Take a right onto Overhulse Rd.
6. Take a right onto 36th Ave.
7. Your destination will be on left right after Jester Ct.
8. The destination is not marked and there is no official parking. Look for an open field to your left. If you decide to park on the street, make sure your car is completely off the road (not possible at destination).

By bike and foot (7 minutes)

1. From the library loop, head to the dorm/apartment loop (Indian Pipe Loop) on the northwest side of campus.
2. Once you're at the loop, follow it around (it's a one-way street) until it intersects with Driftwood Rd, then take a right.
3. Take your first left onto Overhulse Rd.
4. Take a right onto 36th Ave.
5. The destination is unmarked and there is no bike parking. It will be on your left after Jester Ct.

Watershed Park: [Directions](#) (Google Maps)

By bike (40 minutes/7.2 miles):

1. Head south on McCann Plaza Dr (away from campus).
2. Use the crosswalk to cross Evergreen Pkwy and take a left on the bike trail on the far side of the road.
3. Take a right on Cooper Point Rd.
4. Take a quick left on 28th Ave.
5. Follow the road as it turns left and becomes Division St.
6. Continue past Harrison St then use the crosswalk to take a left on 4th St.
7. Use the crosswalk to take the first exit of the roundabout toward 5th Ave.
8. Take a right on Capitol Way.
9. Take a left on Union Ave.
10. Take a right onto Henderson Blvd.
11. Follow the road as it curves.
12. At the roundabout, take the second exit to continue straight.
13. Take a left into the parking lot. Bike parking is there.

By bus (1 hour):

1. Get on either the 41 or the 48 outbound and ride it to the Olympia transit center (the last stop on both routes).
2. Once at the transit center, get on the 94 outbound and ride it for 8 stops until the 22nd at Boundary stop.
3. Get off the bus and walk in the direction the bus came from.
4. The trailhead will be on your left (this is the backside of the park).

By car (10 minutes):

5. Head south on McCann Plaza Dr (away from campus).
6. At the roundabout, take the first exit to go right on Evergreen Pkwy.
7. Follow signs for signs for US-101 south to I-5.
8. Merge onto US-101 south.
9. Use the left lane to exit onto I-5 north toward Olympia and Seattle.
10. Take your first exit (105) to get off I-5.
11. Follow signs to Port of Olympia (right lane).
12. After getting off the offramp, merge into the left lane.
13. At the roundabout, take the third exit to go left on Henderson Blvd.
14. The parking lot will be on your right.

West Bay Park: [Directions](#) (Google Maps)

By car (10 minutes):

1. Head south on McCann Plaza Dr (away from campus).
2. At the roundabout, take the second exit to make a left on Evergreen Pkwy.
3. At the light, take a right onto Cooper Point Rd.
4. Before the hill, take a left onto 28th Ave.
5. Continue on 28th Ave as it curves to the right and becomes Division St.
6. Take a right onto Elliott Ave.
7. Take a right onto Crestline Blvd.
8. Continue down the hill as Crestline becomes W Bay Dr.
9. After the large, abandoned buildings, the parking lot will be on your left.

By bus (30 minutes):

1. Get on either the 41 or the 48.
2. On either bus, get off at the Harrison at Foot St stop (this will be as you are going down the big hill before you go through the roundabouts) .
3. Once you're off the bus at Harrison at Foot St, continue walking downhill towards the roundabout.
4. Once you reach the roundabout, use the crosswalks to cross Harrison St and head left through the intersection. You should now be on W Bay Dr heading north (left if you're facing the water).
5. Walk north on W Bay Dr.
6. The park will be on your right.

By bike (25 minutes/4.5 miles):

1. Same as via car. Please be careful when descending from Elliott Ave to W Bay Dr and consider walking your bike down the sidewalk.

By foot (1 hour 30 minutes/4.5 miles):

1. Same as via car OR make use of your adventure by hitting two spots in one. West Bay Park is right at the bottom of the Garfield Nature Trail, so follow directions there and then walk down to the bottom!

Woodard Bay: [Directions](#) (Google Maps)

By bike (40 minutes/7 miles):

1. Head south on McCann Plaza Dr (away from campus).
2. Use the crosswalk to cross Evergreen Pkwy and take a left on the bike trail on the far side of the road.
3. Take a right on Cooper Point Rd.
4. Take a quick left on 28th Ave.
5. Follow the road as it turns left and becomes Division St.
6. Continue past Harrison St then use the crosswalk to take a left on 4th St.
7. Use the crosswalk to take the first exit of the roundabout toward 5th Ave.
8. Take a right on Columbus St.
9. Take your second left onto Legion St.
10. Take a right onto Eastside St.
11. Go over the freeway then take a slight left onto Woodland Bike Trail.
12. The Woodland Trail will intersect with the Chehalis Western Trail creating a 4-way intersection, take a left.
13. Follow the Chehalis Western Trail until it intersects with Woodward Bar Rd, then take a left.
14. Follow the road across the bridge, then take a right into the parking lot. Bike parking can be found behind the gate at the back of the parking lot.

By car (25 minutes):

1. Head south on McCann Plaza Dr (away from campus).
2. At the roundabout, take the first exit to go right on Evergreen Pkwy
3. Continue straight on Evergreen Pkwy and follow signs for US-101 South to I-5.
4. Merge onto US-101 South then use the left two lanes to merge onto I-5 northbound toward Olympia and Seattle.
5. Merge onto I-5 then take exit 105.
6. Stay right and follow signs for Henderson Blvd.
7. Stay in the right lane to bypass the roundabout and get on Henderson Blvd.
8. Use the left two lanes to take a left on Plum St (this will be the first traffic light you come to after getting off the freeway).
9. Continue straight past Priest Point Park, then take a right onto Woodard Bay Rd. **This is an easy turn to miss, once you pass Gull Harbor Lutheran Church (on your right), look for the next two-lane road with a stop sign.**
10. Shortly after the road curves to the left, take a right to continue on Woodard Bay Rd.
11. Just before the bridge, the parking lot will be on your left.

Yauger Park: [Directions](#) (Google Maps)

By bike (20 minutes/3.5 miles): No Known Bike Parking

1. Head south on McCann Plaza Dr (away from campus).
2. Use the crosswalk to cross Evergreen Pkwy and turn left onto the bike trail paralleling the road.
3. Take a right onto Kaiser Rd.
4. Continue passed Mud Bay Rd, then take a left on 7th Ave.
5. Continue straight as the road becomes Capital Mall Dr.
6. Take a left on Alta St.
7. Parking lot will be on your right.

By bus (25 minutes):

1. Get on either the 48 inbound toward Olympia Transit Center.
2. Ride 12 stops to Cooper Point at Safeway Plaza, then get off.
3. Walk south (same direction as bus is driving) on Cooper Point Rd.
4. Yauger Park will be on your left.

By car (10 minutes):

1. Head south on McCann Plaza Dr (away from campus).
2. At the roundabout, take the first exit to go right on Evergreen Pkwy.
3. Follow signs for US-101 north to Aberdeen and Port Angeles.
4. At the light, take a left onto Mud Bay Rd.
5. Take a right onto Yauger Way.
6. Take a left onto 5th Ave.
7. The parking lot will be on your left.

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