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Trails

The trails in the Guillemot Cove Nature Reserve are all natural surface trails.

Main Access Trail (0.2 mi.) Begins across the road from the parking lot. This trail winds through an evergreen forest with huckleberry underbrush. Watch for dead snags with Pileated Woodpecker holes. It is roughly a mile long and sloping downhill. One can follow the access road through an alder and big leaf maple tree forest or continue through to the Sawmill Trail.

Sawmill Trail (0.3 mi.) After following an old logging road, wander through large sword ferns to a grove of alders. At this point it connects to the Margaret Trail.

Margaret Trail (0.25 mi.) The narrow trail follows the side of the hill until cutting steeply down to sea level. It passes through a coniferous forest with a few large cedars. The trail combined with the Sawmill Trail is approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile long.

Maple Tree Trail (0.3 mi) Begins at the kiosk and follows an old roadbed. It continues along Boyce Creek in an easterly direction. This flat, easy trail goes through an alder and big leaf maple forest with a small meadow. A very large big leaf maple is across the creek.

River Loop Trail (0.3 mi) Begins at the end of the meadow on the Maple Tree Trail, continues along Boyce Creek, loops back into the forest, and returns to its starting point. Look for the old growth stumps.

Plateau Loop Trail (0.4 mi) Breaks off from the upper part of the River Loop Trail and soon climbs steeply up the ridge to a plateau in a quiet, open forest. Continue around the loop and return the way you came to the River Loop Trail.

Beach House Trail (0.25 mi) From the kiosk, go across the meadow, cross Boyce Creek on a wooden bridge and a small footbridge to the hillside. Keep right across a meadow, by an old orchard, and down the old road adjacent to a marsh. At the beach house find access to the beach on Hood Canal.

Ridge Trail (0.45 mi) Behind the beach house, and to the left. It connects again with the Beach House Trail at the old orchard.

Stump House Trail (0.2 mi) The trail starts on the hillside across the small footbridge on the Beach House Trail. It heads east through forest and meadow, and ends at the Stump House (a large hollowed out cedar stump with a roof).



Kitsap County Parks

Guillemot Cove Rules

1. Guillemot Cove Nature Reserve has a "Pack it in – Pack it out" policy. Please bring a bag or other container for trash and take it when you leave.
2. Park in designated areas only.
3. Help protect reserve habitat by staying on trails and off habitat areas.
4. The reserve, including the beach, is bordered by private property. Please respect neighbor's privacy by remaining within the reserve boundaries.
5. Collection of plants, animals and sea life is prohibited.
6. Dogs, horses, or other pets are prohibited.
7. Alcohol, smoking, fires and firearms are prohibited.
8. Recreational vehicles, bicycles, ATV's and motorcycles are prohibited.

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