

WATMOUGH BAY PRESERVE

Lopez Island







Directions

From the Lopez ferry landing:

Take Ferry Road heading south. At 2.2 miles, turn left onto Center Road. Continue to a T in the road at 7.7 miles and turn left onto Mud Bay Road. At 12.2 miles, turn right onto Aleck Bay Road. At 12.75 miles, continue straight onto Watmough Head Road. Turn left at 13.75 miles. Park at the end of the bumpy drive, 13.95 miles from start.

From Lopez Village:

From the water tower at Village Park, go east on Lopez Road for .25 miles. Turn right onto Fisherman Bay Road. Turn left onto Hummel Lake Road at .30 miles. Turn right onto Center Road at 1.1 miles. Continue to a T in the road at 5.0 miles and turn left onto Mud Bay Road. At 9.4 miles, turn right onto Aleck Bay Road. At 9.9 miles, continue straight onto Watmough Head Road. Turn left at 11.0 miles. Park at the end of the bumpy drive, 11.1 miles from start.

-  Land Bank Preserve
-  Bureau of Land Management
-  Trails
-  Parking

Located at the southern end of Lopez Island, **Watmough Bay Preserve** lies at the core of over 400 acres of protected, public land. From the parking area, a short, shady walk leads to a small, lovely beach with views of Mount Baker framed by cliffs and forested hills. Connecting trails on Bureau of Land Management property encircle a freshwater marsh, explore Point Colville to the south, and steeply ascend Chadwick Hill to the north. There is an outhouse and parking for eight vehicles.

Protection of Watmough Bay Preserve was achieved through the efforts of the San Juan Preservation Trust, gifts of land from two property owners, a grant from the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, and hundreds of private donations. The Land Bank manages this preserve in collaboration with the Bureau of Land Management and the San Juan Preservation Trust.

When you visit:

- Stay on designated trails.
- Daytime and pedestrian use only.
- No fires or camping.
- Hunting allowed on Bureau of Land Management land.
- Leash your dog.
- Take nothing.
- Leave nothing.

