

Cascadia Water Trail Campsites

Blake Island State Park

The Mid-Sound Area

Blake Island is a favorite overnight paddle from Seattle. Leave from Alki Point and cross the shipping channel or put in at Vashon or Southworth. The view of the city against the Cascades during the day, or the distant Seattle lights at night, makes this a great stopover. If you plan ahead, you can drop by Tillicum Village for a show and salmon dinner.

Natural History.

Blake Island was an ancestral camping ground of the Suquamish Indian tribe, and legen has it Chief Sealth was born here. The island was named by Cpt. Charles Wilkes in honor of George Smith Blake, who commanded U.S. Coast Survey vessels from 1837-48. The island was briefly called Trimble Island after a man who build a manson there in the early 1900s. The foundation of his mansion still stands.

Trailheads: Adjacent Sites:

Harper Ramp2.4 nmsManchester SP4.6 nmsManchester Boat Launch2.2 nmsLisabeula9.6 nmsSouthworth Landing1.9 nmsWingehaven4.8 nms

Coordinates: N 47° 32.665' W 122° 30.276'

Charts: NOAA Chart 18449 SeaTrails Chart WA 202 & 203

Beach Approach:

Easy gravel and sand. Use designated trails to reach campsite.

For the most current information, visit the website of the Washington Water Trails Association generally

www.wwta.org

Report your adventures at this campsite to the webmaster (PapaOtter@SeaOtters.US)