



## Cascadia Water Trail Campsites

### Oak Bay County Park *The North Sound Area*

This is a premiere spot for bird watching. The Cascadia Marine Trail site is located on the lower beach section of this two level park. The park can serve as a base camp for circumnavigation of Marrowstone Island via the Port Townsend Canal or exploration of the western shores of Admiralty Inlet.

#### *Natural History.*

Oak Bay County Park's defining feature is a tidal lagoon sheltered by a sand and gravel spit. Formed by wind and wave action, spits are unstable and dynamic. Heavy storms and tidal events regularly rearrange the rip-rap installed to armor the spit. Instead of continual sea wall maintenance, the long-term plan for the park is to let the elements continue to sculpt this unique shore form. Visitors will appreciate the ever-changing beach and the rich habitat it provides for wildlife. Bring your binoculars and keep an eye out for a range of birds, including Gadwall, American Wigeon, Northern Pintail, Northern Shoveler, Brant, Scoters, Loons, Harlequin Duck, Black Turnstone, and Black Oystercatcher.

#### Trailheads:

Port Hadlock Launch Ramp	1.6 nms
East Beach	5.6 nms
Mats Mats Launching Ramp	5.5 nms

#### Adjacent Sites:

Ft. Flagler SP	5.3 nms
Ft. Worden SP	8.8 nms
Kinney Point	1.9 nms

Coordinates:        N 48<sup>0</sup> 01.388'        W 122<sup>0</sup> 43.753'

Charts:                NOAA Chart 18423        SeaTrails Chart WA 103

#### Beach Approach:

Sand and gravel bar just NE of boat ramp.

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

[www.wwta.org](http://www.wwta.org)

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