



Cascadia Water Trail Campsites

Portage Beach *The North Sound Area*

Portage Beach is a quiet, protected campsite nestled among nootka rose and hawthorne trees. Watch the current change in Portage Canal or walk the hiking trails along the shore. A good alternative to Kinney Point or Oak Bay when the winds are blowing from the southeast.

Natural History.

In the days of sailing ships, both Port Townsend and Port Hadlock were destination ports for large ocean-going vessels. These ships exchanged cargos with smaller packet ships that serviced Puget Sound communities. Initially packet ships had to traverse Admiralty Inlet to reach the lower Sound, so the Corps of Engineers dug the Portage Canal to provide a shorter and safer route connecting Port Townsend Bay and Oak Bay.

In 1951 the Portage Canal Bridge was build, connecting Indian Island to the mainland. Today the Portage Canel Bridge is a Washington State heritage Structure. The uplands and tidelands which lay between the Bridge and Marrowstone and between the highway and the water form Jefferson County's Indian Island Park.

Trailheads:

Port Hadlock Launch Ramp	0.1 nms
East Beach	0.6 nms
Boat Haven Boat Ramp	5.8 nms

Adjacent Sites:

Ft. Flagler SP	4.5 nms
Oak Bay County Park	0.8 nms
Kinney Point	2.3 nms

Coordinates: N 48⁰ 01.866' W 122⁰ 43.735'

Charts: NOAA Chart 18423 SeaTrails Chart WA 103

Beach Approach:

Narrow beach at high tide.

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)