

Degree of difficulty: Easy
Length: 0.4 mile
Location: Along Gages Slough - east side of Goldenrod Road, east under Interstate 5 to Burlington Boulevard. Parking available in the Cascade Mall parking lot
Description: This short, well-lit, paved trail is a connector for bicyclists and pedestrians traveling east and west as a way to navigate under I-5. The trail features benches and picnic tables under a gazebo along Gages Slough.

Degree of difficulty: Easy to moderate
Length: 1.4 miles one way
Location: Entrance is just west of the YMCA located on Hoag Road.
Description: From the parking lot the trail runs along the field west of the church before turning right into the tall grass. Enter the trail on the west side of the wooden fence that borders the YMCA parking lot. At the fork in the trail follow the main trail to the left. This gently winding trail will follow a path through a wooded area of native vegetation before coming to a clearing with a beautiful view of the Skagit River. The trail continues north through a wooded area and ends at the yellow gate on Lindgren Road. Return the way you came. This trail runs close to the bank of the Skagit River - visitors should use caution as the trail and terrain are impacted by river levels and are closed during flooding.

Degree of difficulty: Easy
Length: 1.5 miles
Location: Access from Skagit Valley College, 2405 East College Way (at rear of campus) or from 2700 Martin Road.
Description: Part of this 25-acre complex provides a mostly unpaved fitness trail used for walking and jogging. This trail makes a loop around the perimeter of the athletic field complex and college campus. Several cross trails are available for shorter loops.

Length of difficulty: Easy
Distance: 2.5 miles
Location: The Kulshan Trail corridor extends from the downtown Mount Vernon Skagit Riverwalk and Lions Park east past Bakewell Park to Workman Park.
Description: A multi-use paved trail that connects Mount Vernon's downtown area with commercial and residential areas to the east. This trail passes by several schools, salmon-rearing ponds, natural areas, and the Bakewell Park community center. Joggers, dog walkers, joggers, dog walkers and skaters enjoy this multi-use trail. At 30th Street users can continue straight or take the wide sidewalk/asphalt pathway along 30th and then Fir Street, around the perimeter of Bakewell Park, then turn into the park and follow the trail and proceed through the soccer field, parking area to pick up the trail on the east side of the Skate Park where it travels through a restored wetlands area.

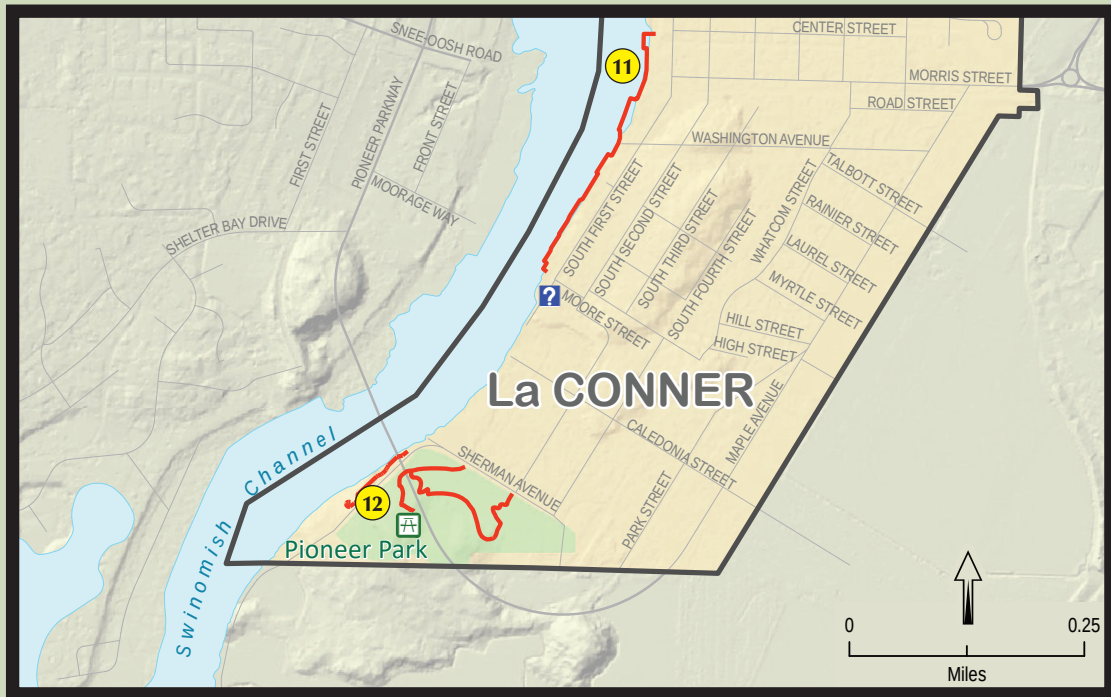
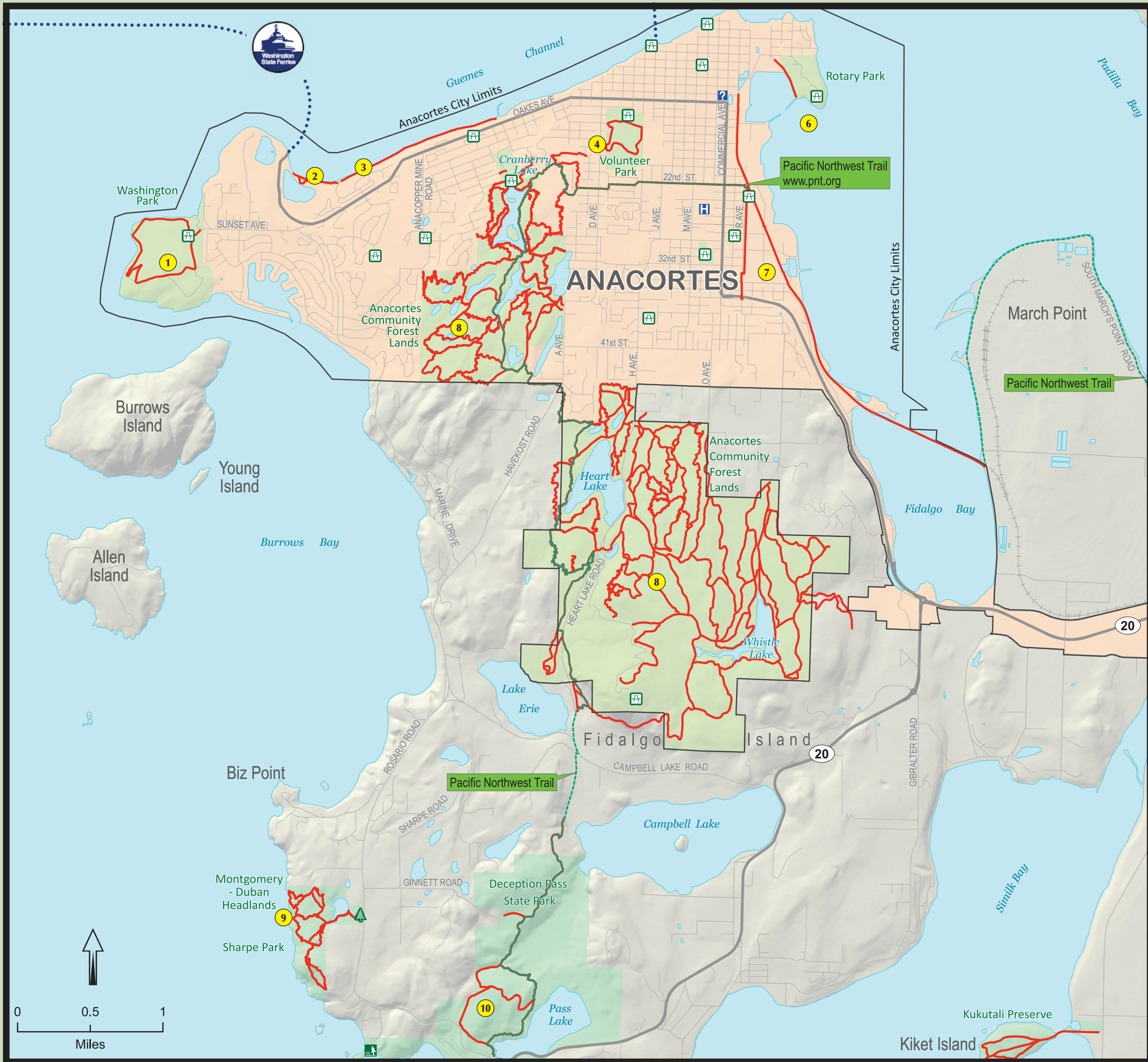
Length: 0.9 miles Round Trip
Location: Trail begins behind the northwest corner of Wal-Mart parking lot off of Stewart Road.

26 **SKAGIT RIVERWALK**
 Mount Vernon Parks & Recreation

Location: Edgewater Park in west Mount Vernon
Description: A series of paved and unpaved areas along the Skagit River in Edgewater Park. Trail passes by artwork and a playground. Walking along the perimeter of the grassy fields can create a longer walk.

Description: The paved Skagit Riverwalk and Plaza overlook the Skagit River. From Lions Park the trail becomes a hard packed gravel trail that loops

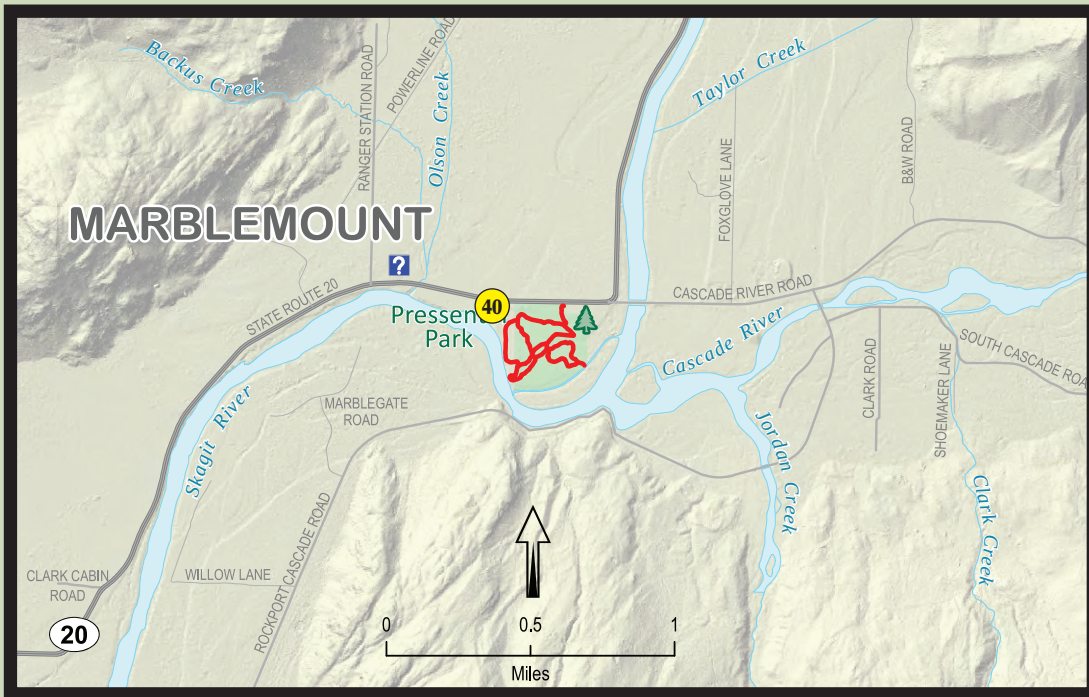
Length: 0.2 miles
Location: Kiwanis Park on 18th Street
Description: The raised boardwalk travels through park wetlands connecting Broadway to 20th Street. The trail is wheelchair accessible.



Description: The Trumpeter Trail is a paved multi-use trail that stretches from south of Section Street to Laventure Road south of Fir Street.

Description: A series of paved and gravel pathways through the woods and hills of the Maddox Creek neighborhood. A highlight is the Maddox Creek Canyon loop, a series of switchbacks and steep slopes that meanders through mature stands of conifers that border a natural wetland.

Degree of difficulty: Moderate
Length: 0.8 miles one way
Location: Eaglemont neighborhood off of South Waugh Road. Park at the Beaver Pond Shelter & Trailhead at 4824 Beaver Pond Drive South.



Location: Little Mountain Park

Description: A network of trails located on 517 acres of diverse terrain in Little Mountain Park. Little Mountain Park offers views of western Skagit Valley, Puget Sound, and the Cascade and Olympic Mountains. Multi-use (biking and hiking) and hiker-only trailheads can be accessed in the park or from various trail heads shown on the park map (<http://www.mvpi.org/little-mountain>).

mountain-park-trail-maps). Two lookouts are located near the upper parking area. Restrooms are located off the upper parking lot, at mid-mountain, at the large lower parking lot and at the East Trailhead.

Location: The path runs along the north side of State Route 20 from State Route 9 South to State Route 9 North/Township Street.

Description: The 10-foot wide concrete multi-use path runs the length of the city on State Route 20, starting at Hodgkin Street (west of State Route 9 South) and runs eastward to Fruitdale Road (east of State Route 9 North/Township Street). Access to the Cascade Trail is by the signal at State Route 20 and Township Street. Direct connections to Cook Road and F&S Grade Road are located along the route. This path allows bicyclists and pedestrians to traverse the city while remaining separated from highway traffic. Along the

pathway Bingham Park, located 0.25 miles northeast of State Route 9 South, includes restrooms, bicycle and RV camping facilities, picnic facilities and a playground. Lions Park is located 0.8 miles east of State Route 9 South and includes parking and picnic facilities. Access to downtown Sedro-Woolley is available via the signal at State Route 20 and Ferry Street.

Degree of difficulty: Easy
Length: 1.8 miles
Location: The trail runs along Fruitdale Road from State Route 20 to the Sedro-Woolley Innovation for Tomorrow (SWIFT) Center, a distance of 0.86 miles. A connected route on McGarigle Road from SR9/Township to Fruitdale runs a distance of 0.9 miles.

Description: 10-12 mile wide paved multi-use path in the northeast region of the city runs to and enters the SWIFT Center and adjacent Northern State Recreation Area grounds and offers scenic views including Haystack Mountain and Lyman Hill. The trail connects to the Cascade Trail at the intersection of State Route 20 and Fruitdale Road, and also connects to the Northern State Recreation Area Trail at the intersection of McGarigle and Fruitdale Roads. Parking

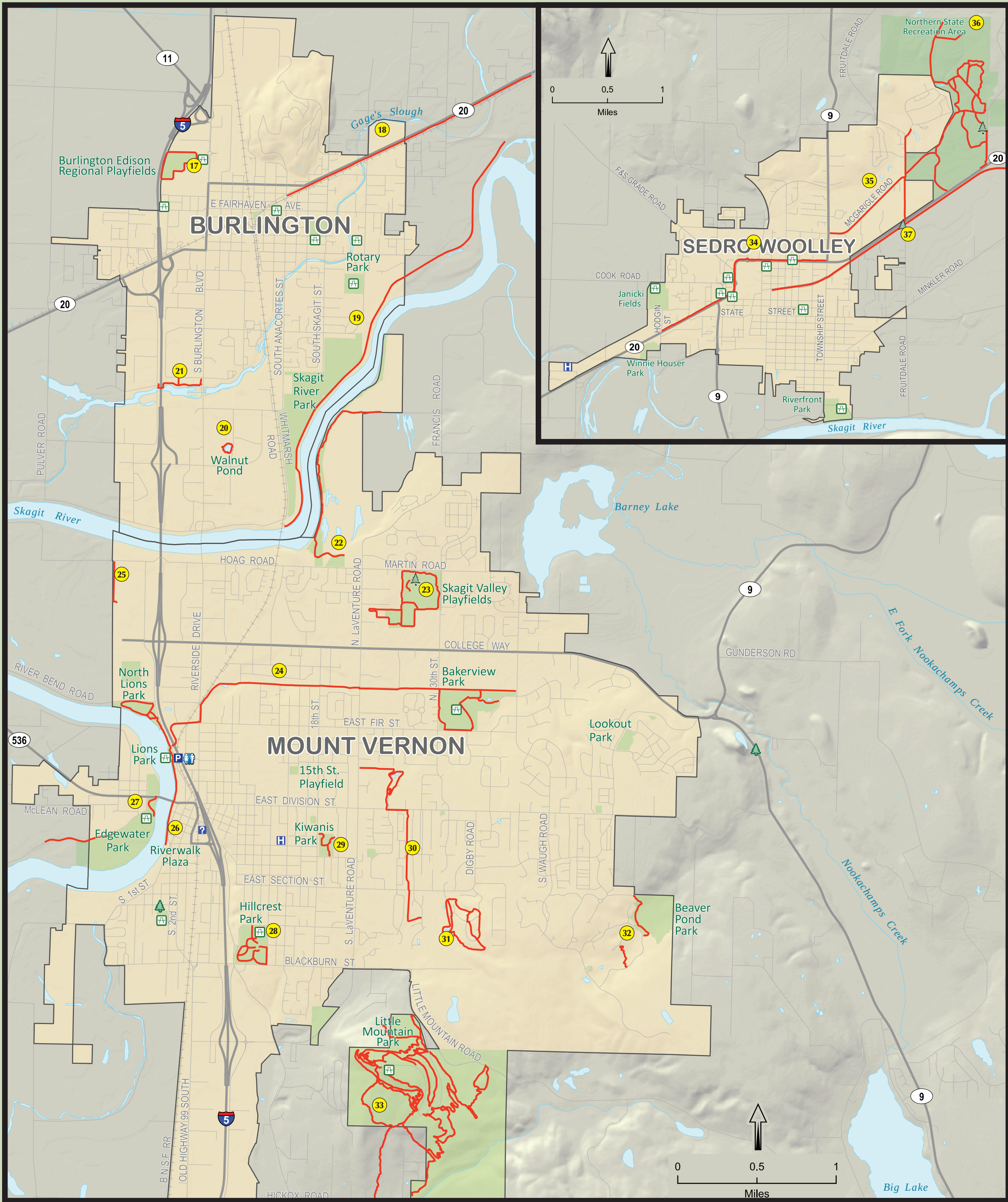
Degree of difficulty: Easy
Length: 6.4 miles
Location: North of State Route 20 on Helmick Road, just east of Sedro-Woolley.
Description: The trails meander over what was once the Northern State Hospital historical farm, along Hansen Creek, and atop upland meadows. You can wander through the heart of prime elk habitat



Degree of difficulty: Easy
Length: 22 miles
Location: Paved parking area is available at Fruitdale Road and State Route 20. The trail can also be accessed at various other locations along the route from Sedro-Woolley to Concrete.

38 CUMBERLAND CREEK
INTERPRETIVE TRAIL
Skagit Land Trust

Description: Explore the Cumberland Creek Conservation Area via a network of interpretive trails. Experience the diverse 200+ acre deciduous forest in the Skagit River floodplain, which protects vital



salmon spawning habitat and is home to many amphibians and birds. Visit the Skagit Land Trust Website (www.skagitlandtrust.org/properties/cumberland-creek.aspx) to download a brochure that corresponds with numbered posts on the interpretive trail and learn more about the property.

Degree of difficulty: Easy
Length: 4 miles
Location: Howard Miller State Park, State Route 20, Rockport.
Description: The 8-mile roundtrip trail meanders along the north side of the Skagit River and begins on the west end of the park. Watch the eagles swoop down to catch the Chinook salmon on the sand bars on Washington State's second largest river. The "fly bars" along this section of the river are well known among the local fly fishermen. A shorter loop winds through riparian lands and over a footbridge.



Degree of difficulty: Easy
Length: 2 miles
Location: State Route 20 in Marblemount
Description: Great birding trails twisting along open meadows and dense forested groves of trees. Enjoy views of the Skagit River and connecting sloughs. You may even spot a black bear. Foot bridges cross a side channel, where salmon can be seen during fall months.



This map is intended to familiarize walkers with the many great walking and trail opportunities in Skagit County and to provide basic information for users to locate and use them.

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View the Skagit County Walking Trail Guide and Bicycle Map online at <https://www.scog.net/maps/active-transportation-guides>

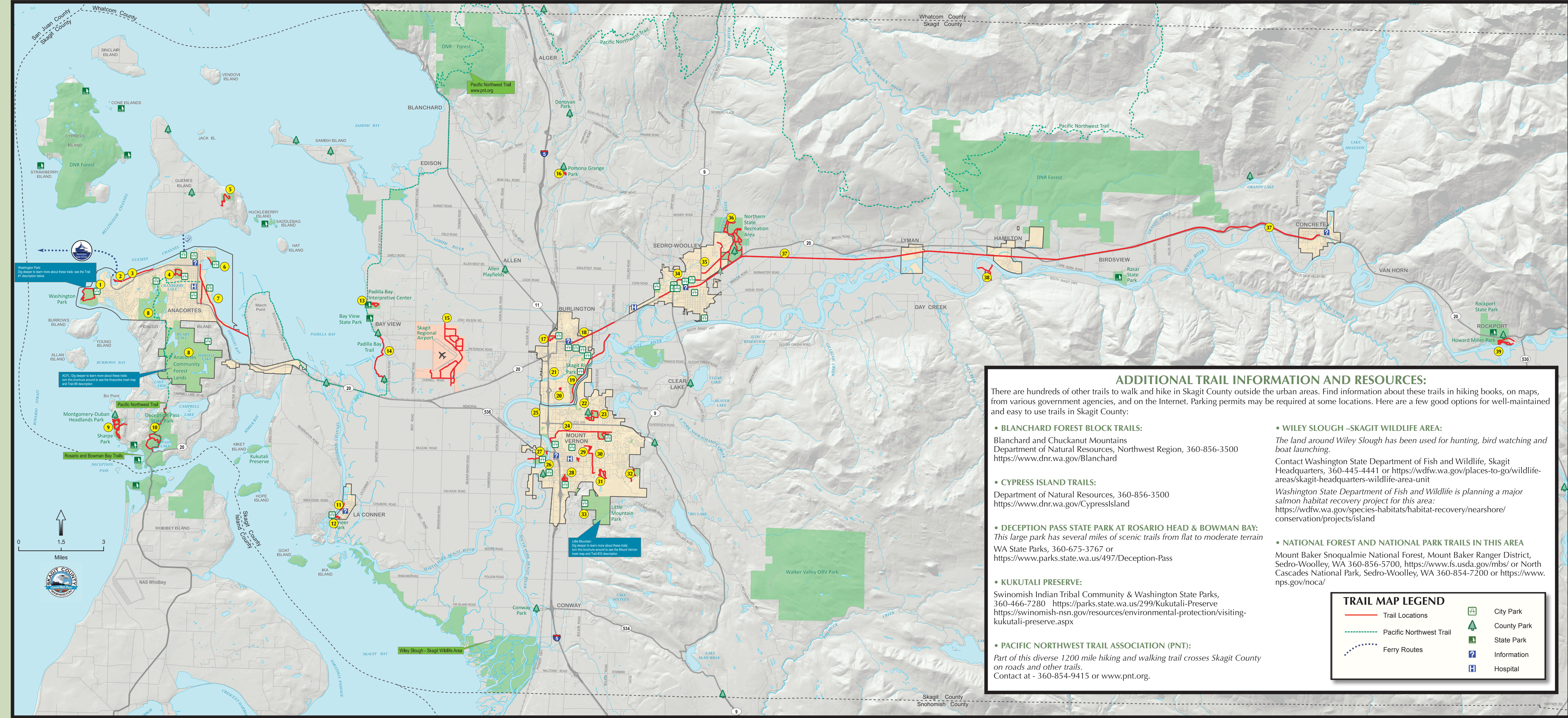
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- If you like to use certain walking trails, participating the organizations that manage them can help you to assist with the upkeep and trail improvements or make a financial contribution.
- If you want more trails for exercise and non-motorized transportation in your community, consider contacting the organizations that determine whether trails are created, expanded, or improved. Make your desire known to county and city government officials, state agency officials, property owners, land managers, and others.

Take the Next Step



Skagit County WALKING TRAIL GUIDE

TRAIL DESCRIPTION LEGEND			
	Wheelchair Accessible		Restrooms
	Picnic Area		Playground
	Parking		

- 1 WASHINGTON PARK**
"Scenic Loop Road"
Anacortes Parks & Recreation
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- Degree of difficulty:** Easy to moderate
Length: 2.3 mile loop
Location: West end of Sunset Avenue (within Washington Park, near Sunset Beach)
Description: There are more than 20 walking and hiking trails over 220 acres in the park. The most popular walking route is the paved Scenic Loop Road. This single lane road is closed to traffic until 10 a.m. each morning. The road winds through forested areas with views of Rosario Strait, the San Juan Islands, Puget Sound, Burrows Channel, South Sound, Fidalgo Island and Mt. Erie. Additional information can be found at <https://www.anacorteswa.gov/560/Washington-Park>.

- 2 SHIP HARBOR INTERPRETIVE TRAIL**
Anacortes Parks & Recreation
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- Degree of difficulty:** Easy
Length: 0.5 miles out and back
Location: From Commercial Avenue (State Route 20 spur) follow 12th/Oakes Avenue; turn right at Ship Harbor Blvd and left on Edwards Way. Follow Edwards Way down the hill to the cul-de-sac.
Description: A gravel trail into the Ship Harbor Interpretive Preserve. Four shoreline viewing platforms with educational signage will help visitors understand the history of the site as well as local flora and fauna.
- 3 GUEMES CHANNEL TRAIL**
Anacortes Parks & Recreation
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- Degree of difficulty:** Easy
Length: 2 miles out and back
Location: From Commercial Avenue (State Route 20 spur) follow 12th/Oakes Avenue; turn right at Ship Harbor Blvd and left on Edwards Way. Follow Edwards Way down the hill to the cul-de-sac.
Description: Paved trail along the Gumes Channel with views of the San Juan Islands to the north and west. Trail heads approximately 1-mile to east along the shoreline.
- 4 SMILEY'S BOTTOM**
Anacortes School District
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- Degree of difficulty:** Easy
Length: 1 mile
Location: West of Anacortes High School. Accessed at Volunteer Park off of 12th Street.
Description: This former bog now holds a mixture of sports fields and wetland habitat. There is plenty to explore as you walk the entire basin. Head between the baseball outfield walls to get to the wild side. The trail follows the shore of the largest pond and then becomes a mowed pathway between deciduous forest and grassy meadows. In

- 5 GUEMES MOUNTAIN TRAIL**
Skagit Land Trust
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- Degree of Difficulty:** Moderate
Length: 1.2 miles one way
Location: Travel to Gumes Island via the Gumes Island Ferry from Anacortes. Once off the ferry, turn east (right) immediately on South Shore Road. Follow the road for 2.7 miles (stay on South Shore as it curves left at fork) to a small parking area on the right.
Description: Visit Gumes Mountain Conservation Area by taking this hike through beautiful forest up to an open meadow and stunning views of the San Juan Islands, Mt. Baker and the Cascade foothills.
- 6 ROTARY PARK**
Anacortes Parks & Recreation
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- Degree of difficulty:** Easy
Length: .25 miles
Location: Close to the east end of 6th street take a right turn towards Cap Sante Marina.
Description: A walk along this paved trail provides views of Anacortes, the San Juan Islands, and several mountain peaks of the North Cascades. The trail starts at Cap Sante Marina and ends at a gazebo and picnic area.
- 7 TOMMY THOMPSON**
Anacortes Parks & Recreation
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- Degree of difficulty:** Easy
Length: 3.3 miles
Location: West of Q and R Avenues, between 22nd and 11th Streets.
Description: 12-foot wide asphalt pathway extends from 4th Street to 34th Street and continues out to March's Point over Fidalgo Bay on a former railroad trestle. The trail has a parking lot and restroom facility on 22nd

- 8 ANACORTES COMMUNITY FOREST LANDS**
Anacortes Parks & Recreation
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- Degree of difficulty:** Easy to difficult
Length: 50 miles
Location: Anacortes
Description: A network of 50 multi-use trails located on 2,800 acres of diverse terrain in the Anacortes Community Forest Lands. The acreage includes Heart Lake, Whistle Lake, Little Cranberry Lake, and the Mt. Erie/Sugarloaf area. The trails meander under the canopy of native vegetation, some of which lead to distant view lookouts. Maps are available online at <https://www.anacorteswa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/798>. Detailed maps may be obtained from Anacortes City Hall or the Anacortes Visitor Information. Restrooms are available at Whistle Lake (intersection of Trail 20 and 21) and at the Heart Lake parking lot.
- 9 SHARPE PARK/MONTGOMERY DUBAN HEADLANDS**
Skagit County Parks & Recreation
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- Degree of difficulty:** Easy to moderate
Length: About 4 miles
Location: 14692 Rosario Road, south of Anacortes.
Description: A 112-acre nature preserve with almost 3,000 feet of high bank shoreline, an extensive freshwater beaver pond and a walking trail to a breathtaking view of the Rosario Strait, Olympic Mountains and San Juan Islands. In the spring the bluffs are chock full of camas and chocolate lilies.

- 10 PASS LAKE/John Tursi Trail**
Washington State Parks/Skagit County Parks
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- Degree of difficulty:** Moderate
Length: 3.5 to 6.9 mile loop
Location: Pass Lake Trail Access: Park at Pass Lake in the Deception Pass State Park area, at the intersection of State Route 20 and Rosario Road. Trail begins at the north side of parking lot. A Discover Pass is required to park here. Limited parking is available at the intersection of Sharpe and Donnell Roads without a Discover Pass. Walk south 0.5 mi to the trail entrance on Donnell Road.
Description: These trails loop along and above Pass Lake including a portion on the Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail between Pass Lake and Donnell Road. A spur trail provides a route to the largest tree (Western Red Cedar) on Fidalgo Island. It is recommended that you purchase a Deception Pass Trail map at the Park's visitor center or you can access an interpretive hiking map of both trails by visiting <https://www.skagitcounty.net/ParksAndRecreation/Documents/Tursi%20Trail%20Guide.pdf>.
- 11 CHANNEL PASSAGE BOARDWALK**
Town of La Conner
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- Degree of Difficulty:** Easy
Length: 0.4 miles
Location: Along the Swinomish Channel extending from Center Street in the north to Commercial Street in the south.
Description: 8 to 12 foot wide walkway beginning at the Lime Dock (Center Street intersection) running south connecting the street end parks at Morris Street, Washington Avenue, Benton Street and Calhoun Street and ending at Commercial Street. The walkway provides spectacular views of the Swinomish Channel and Rainbow Bridge.
- 12 PIONEER PARK TRAILS**
Town of La Conner
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- Degree of difficulty:** Easy to moderate
Length: 0.4 miles
Location: Pioneer Park is located at the bridge crossing from La Conner to the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community. The entrance to the park is on the south side of Pioneer Parkway. The trails may also

- 13 PADILLA BAY UPLAND TRAIL**
Padilla Bay Reserve
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- Degree of difficulty:** Easy
Length: 0.8 miles
Location: 10441 Bay View-Edison Road. Departs from Brezeale Interpretive Center parking lot. Pick up a trail guide at the front desk of the interpretive center.
Description: A winding stroll in the Padilla Bay upland area through meadow and forest habitat. You will see views of Mt. Baker, Mt. Erie, Padilla Bay, and eastern San Juan Islands. The first half of the trail is paved for wheelchair accessibility; the rest is composed of gravel.
- 14 PADILLA BAY SHORE TRAIL**
Skagit County Parks & Recreation
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- Degree of difficulty:** Easy
Length: 4.2 miles
Location: Accessed from Bay View-Edison Road
Description: An easy out and back trip along the Padilla Bay shoreline with views of the Cascade and Olympic mountain ranges and a biologically significant Puget Sound estuary. Padilla Bay hosts one of the largest wintering populations of peregrine falcons. Limited parking is available at the southern trailhead. There is ample parking available at the parking lot off Second Street, just north of the trailhead.

- 15 PORT OF SKAGIT NATURE TRAILS**
Port of Skagit
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- Degree of difficulty:** Easy
Length: 10.2 miles
Location: The Port of Skagit Nature Trails travel through the Bayview Business Park and around Skagit Regional Airport. Parking is available at the Ovenell Road and Higgins Airport Way. Josh Wilson Road and Higgins Airport Way, or at the Port Administration Building at 15400 Airport Drive.
Description: A gravel network of trails open to bicyclists, pedestrians and pets on leashes. It winds through forests, along roadways and around wetlands.
- 16 POMONA GRANGE PARK**
Skagit County Parks & Recreation
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- Degree of difficulty:** Easy
Length: Two separate trails, each trail is 0.25 miles long.
Location: Pomona Grange Park is about 2 miles north of Cook Road on Old Hwy 99. The park is on the east side of the road and well-marked.
Description: This is an interpretive trail with placards depicting the plants and landscape features. Salmon can be seen spawning during the fall months. The wheelchair accessible portable toilet is available year-round at this park.
- 17 BURLINGTON-EDISON SCHOOL DISTRICT REGIONAL PLAYFIELDS**
Burlington-Edison School District
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- Degree of difficulty:** Easy
Length: 0.75 miles
Location: 601 North Burlington Boulevard, north of Burlington-Edison High School.
Description: This trail loops around a ball field complex, provides a place for walking or jogging, and consists of sidewalk over rock. No animals, drugs, alcohol or smoking are permitted. Restrooms are available during daylight hours on weekdays. The trail is not

- 18 HIGHWAY 20 TRAIL**
Burlington Parks & Recreation/Skagit County Parks & Recreation
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- Degree of difficulty:** Easy
Length: 1.7 miles (0.8 paved)
Location: West end is located at Lions Club Park, off State Route 20 at Anacortes Street.
Description: A paved trail from Anacortes Street to Gardner Road becomes a compacted gravel trail as it travels east to District Line Road in a tree-lined parkway between State Route 20 and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad tracks.
- 19 BURLINGTON DIKE TRAIL**
Burlington Parks & Recreation
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- Degree of difficulty:** Easy
Length: 3.1 miles
Location: Playground, restrooms and picnic area are accessible from Skagit River Park/Playfields. Other access points include the south end of the Whitmarsh soccer fields, which have parking and a portable restroom. There is also limited parking at the Roger "Gus" Tjerdema boat launch, and Lafayette Rd. at the north end.
Description: This 3.1 mile stretch of scenic dike trail travels along the Skagit River from Whitmarsh Field near the train trestle at the southern end to Lafayette Rd. at the north end.
- 20 WALNUT POND TRAIL**
Burlington Parks & Recreation
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- Degree of difficulty:** Easy
Distance: 0.1 miles
Location: From the west side of the south end of Walnut Street before the road intersects with Port Drive.
Description: A wood chip trail that circles Walnut Pond.

- ### Trail Etiquette
- A few simple rules of trail courtesy can enhance everyone's experience.
- Be considerate and aware of your impact on the trail and other trail users.
 - Park in designated lots or parking areas near trailheads or trail access points.
 - Watch out for other trail users. Allow bicyclists and skaters to pass. If the trail is crowded, stay to the right and form a single line if walking with a friend or group.
 - Minimize trail erosion by staying on the designated trail. Respect the rights of privacy of adjacent property owners.
 - Use nearby toilet facilities.

- ### Rules of the Trail
- Observe trail closure signs, posted rules, and hours.
 - Observe posted dog and domesticated animal rules and clean up after your pets).
 - Use available trash bins or pack out litter.
 - Do not damage or remove vegetation.

- ### Safety Tips for Enjoyable Walks
- Walk against traffic on roads with no sidewalks.
 - Use crosswalks when available. Watch out for turning vehicles. Look in all directions before crossing at an intersection, and obey traffic signs and signals.
 - Carry identification that includes your name, phone number, and pertinent medical information. Carry a cell phone if you have one.
 - Stay alert and be observant of your surroundings. If you wear headphones, keep the sound low so you can hear what is going on around you.
 - Walk with a partner for fun, friendship, and safety.

- ### Trail Contact Information
- Blanchard Forest Block Trails** (Department of Natural Resources) 360-856-3500, Northwest Region northwest.region@dnr.wa.gov <https://www.dnr.wa.gov/Blanchard>
- Brezeale Padilla Bay Interpretive Center** 360-428-1558 <https://ecology.wa.gov/Water-Shoreslines/Shoreline-coastal-management/Padilla-Bay-reserve>
- Burlington-Edison School District** 360-757-3311 <https://www.be.wednet.edu/>
- City of Anacortes Parks and Recreation** 360-293-1918 <https://www.anacorteswa.gov/490/Parks-Recreation> <https://www.anacorteswa.gov/>
- City of Burlington Parks and Recreation** 360-755-9649 <https://burlingtonwa.gov/103/Parks-Recreation>
- City Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation** 360-336-6215 <https://www.mountvernonwa.gov/218/Parks-Entertainment-Services>
- City of Sedro-Woolley Parks and Recreation** 360-855-1661 https://www.ci.sedro-woolley.wa.us/departments/parks_and_recreation/index.php
- Cypress Island Trails** (Department of Natural Resources) 360-856-3500, Northwest Region <https://www.dnr.wa.gov/CypressIsland>
- Department of Natural Resources** (WA State Office) 360-902-1000 <https://www.dnr.wa.gov/>
- Kukutali Preserve, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community & Washington State Parks** 360-466-7280 <https://parks.state.wa.us/299/Kukutali-Preserve> <https://swinomish-nsn.gov/resources/environmental-protection/visiting-kukutali-preserve.aspx>
- LaConner Town Hall and Facility Information** 360-466-3125 <https://www.townoflaconner.org>
- Pacific Northwest Trail Association** 360-854-9415 <https://www.pnt.org>
- Port of Skagit County** 360-757-0011 <https://www.portofskagit.com/your-port/recreation-at-the-port/experience>
- Skagit County Parks and Recreation** 360-416-1350 <https://skagitcounty.net/Departments/parksandrecreation/main.htm>
- Skagit Land Trust** 360-428-7878, Additional trails and information on Trust properties: <https://www.skagitlandtrust.org>
- WA State Parks Information Center** 360-755-9231 Northwest Region 360-902-8844 Olympia Office <https://www.parks.wa.gov>