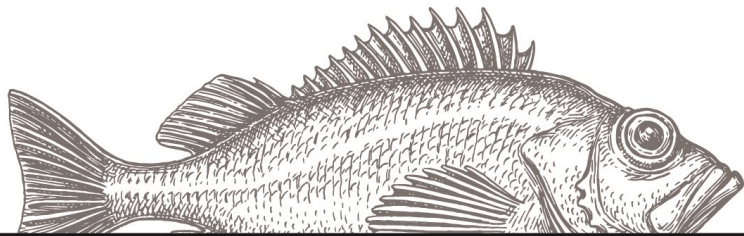




A guide to exploring local beaches



Golden Gardens Park

Land acknowledgement: Suquamish, Duwamish and Tulalip territories

About the beach:

This is a very popular Seattle park. There are a variety of habitats to investigate at this location. The beach is characterized by mostly sand on the south end but as you walk north along the shore, the substrate will turn to cobble and larger rocks. There is plenty of parking, access to bathrooms, shelter and a potable water source. At the far end of the parking lot, there is a restored wetland area with a wooden pathway that allows northern beach access. If you walk all the way to the north end of the park at low tide, you can follow the railroad tracks to the right to find large boulders covered in tide pool animals. There are large eelgrass beds all over the beach so make sure to watch where you step.

Parking:

This beach has lots of parking and a large turn-out for buses to drop people off. The beach access parking area fills up quickly on nice days, but there is additional parking available in an overflow lot above the park. You can find paid parking at the marina nearby, as well as street parking outside of the park.

Bathrooms:

This beach has gendered, ADA-compliant restrooms that can be found in the building near the playground and basketball court.

Accessibility:

There is little to no shade on the beach depending on the time of day you visit. There are some trees near the pond, by the bathhouse and near the picnic shelters that provide shade. The water fountain is next to the bike rack at the playground and south end of bathhouse. There is also running water at two of the shelters near the water fountain.

Best tide level:

Visiting this beach is not tide dependent. Ideally, plan to go on a day that has a low tide of anything below 3 feet, but you will be able to observe interesting things even if the tide is higher. If you plan to try and access the larger rocks on the northern side of the beach, you will want to have a low tide of at least 1 foot or lower.

Animals you might meet:

Sea snails, small and large crabs, hermit crabs, chitons, mussels, limpets, geoducks, gunnels, clingfish, moon snails, giant blue heron, harbor seals, sea lions

Address:

8498 Seaview Place NW
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Park hours:

Mon-Sun 4am to 10:30pm