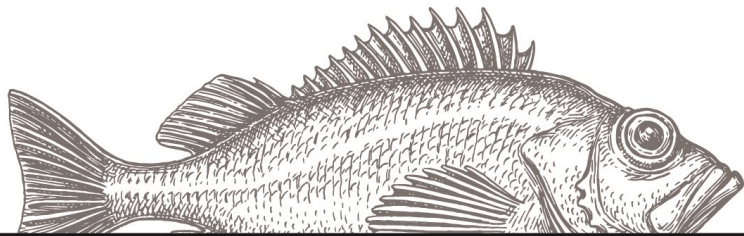




# A guide to exploring local beaches



## Redondo Beach Park

**Land acknowledgement:** Puyallup, Cayuse, Walla Walla and Umatilla territories

### **About the beach:**

This beach is located in Des Moines, which is just south of Seattle. It is a popular site for scuba divers to take in the underwater world of Puget Sound. The MaST Center Aquarium run by Highline College is located on the pier above the beach. This is a great place to take younger age groups because they can explore the small aquarium (by appointment only during the week) and then spend time outdoors looking at animals in their natural environment. This beach is characterized by a cobble/gravel/sand mix. It can be slippery in certain patches when the algae grows over the rocks.

### **Parking:**

There is a municipal lot (paid) opposite the MaST Center and street parking on the side streets off Redondo Beach Drive S.

### **Bathrooms:**

The public restrooms are located near the MaST Center on the waterfront boardwalk. There are gendered, ADA-compliant restrooms, but there is a small lip to be aware of when entering the building.

### **Accessibility:**

There are no ramps that lead to the beach from the parking lot, only stairs. The stairs are steep with a height of about 6 inches per step. There is no seating on the beach itself but there are benches located on the waterfront and piers above the beach. There is shade by the seawall or under the piers depending on the time of day. There is a large grassy park across from the parking area that has benches but no permanent shelters to offer shade. Potable water is available at the public restrooms by the pier and at the MaST Center (open on Saturdays).

### **Best tide level:**

This beach is best for days with tides lower than -1 foot. There is plenty of beach to explore on days with low tides of 2 feet; however, you are unlikely to see much sea life. There are eelgrass beds that are deeper and can only be seen on days when the tide is farther out.

### **Animals you might meet:**

Sea stars, moon snails, hermit crabs, dog whelks, periwinkle snails, shore crabs, sand dollars

### **Address:**

28231 Redondo Beach Drive S  
Des Moines, WA 98198

### **Park hours:**

Mon-Sun 5am to dusk