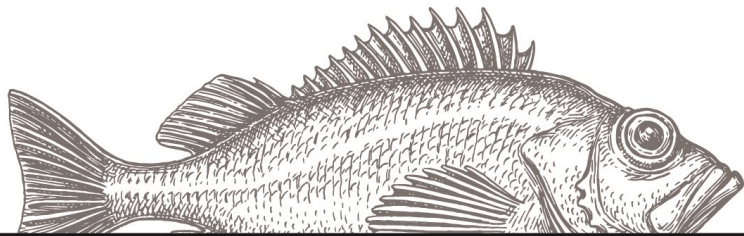




A guide to exploring local beaches



Rockaway Beach Park

Land acknowledgement: Suquamish territories

About the beach:

This beach stretches along a group of waterfront homes that face downtown Seattle. This is a great place to come and explore tide pools because there are many rocky outcroppings on the right side of the beach that provide a home to abundant sea life. There is limited parking and no bathrooms at this location, but downtown Bainbridge is only a 10-minute drive away in case of any bathroom emergencies.

Parking:

This beach has no parking lot. There are a few spots for cars to pull off on the side of the road near the stairs that take you down to the beach. There is not enough room for buses to easily park at this beach so we recommend having your students dropped off and picked up.

Bathrooms:

There are no public restrooms at this beach. Our recommendation would be to stop in downtown Bainbridge before heading to that side of the island.

Accessibility:

This beach has a narrow set of stairs that lead down to the water and no alternative pathways. The beach is characterized by larger rocks and pebbles so it can be difficult to walk on at times. There is an overlook of the beach and Seattle skyline that has several benches to sit on which is easily accessible from the road via a dirt path. There is no potable water source at this site. Shade can be found in the grassy area before you descend the stairs to the beach.

Best tide level:

We recommend coming to this beach on any days that the tide level is 0 feet or lower. More beach is exposed when the tide level is in the negative which makes it easier to view the animals that would otherwise be underwater. It is especially important to read the tide chart before coming to this location because the water level rises to the very top of the beach.

Animals you might meet:

Ochre sea stars, burrowing sea cucumbers, oysters, mussels, sea snails, hermit crabs, clingfish, gunnels

Address:

4002 Rockaway Beach Road NE
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

Park hours:

Mon-Fri 5am to 8:30pm
Sat 7:30am to 4pm
Sun 8am to 4pm