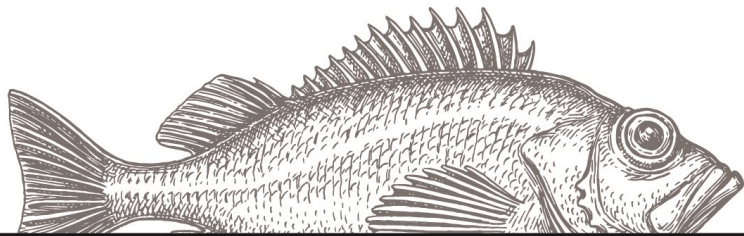




# A guide to exploring local beaches



## Seahurst Park

**Land acknowledgement:** Muckleshoot, Duwamish, Suquamish, Umatilla, Walla Walla and Cayuse territories

### **About the beach:**

This park is located in Burien, which is just south of Seattle. It has a saltwater beach, reservable picnic shelters and a path that runs parallel to the shoreline. There is a playground area that has expansive views of Puget Sound and the Olympic Mountains. The beach itself is characterized by wet sand, slick cobble patches, and eelgrass beds, so make sure to have your students watch their step! The beach is relatively flat and very long, so your group has plenty of room to roam and explore.

### **Parking:**

Parking spots at the beach area are limited, but there is a large lot in the upper area of the park. Note that the upper parking lot is about a 10-minute walk downhill to the beach. There is a roundabout for buses to drop off students right at the beachfront. Parking at this site is free of charge.

### **Bathrooms:**

Restrooms are located along the path to the right of the beach parking lot. These are gendered bathrooms, and each has a wheelchair-accessible stall.

### **Accessibility:**

There is limited access to shade when on the beach itself. There are a few reservable shelters along the path that runs parallel to the beach where you can find shade. Trees along the shoreline trail and parking lots provide shade from the sun while walking. There are two drinking water fountains by the restrooms where you can find potable water however it isn't the easiest for filling water bottles. All paths here are well maintained and mostly wheelchair user friendly. The shoreline trail is made of hard packed gravel and paved in some spots. There are logs that line the top of the beach that you will have to find a path through or over. Transitions from concrete pathway to beach substrate have a height no more than one inch which can be traversed in a wheelchair.

### **Best tide level:**

This beach is especially great for super low tide days. Ideally, you would be visiting this beach when the tide is at a minimum of -2 feet. Fun can still be had at the beach even if the tide isn't super low by looking out for megafauna such as sea lions, harbor seals and harbor porpoises swimming by. Don't forget to bring binoculars!

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

Shore crabs, anemones, hermit crabs, gunnels, mussels, limpets, barnacles, sea snails

### **Address:**

1600 SW Seahurst Park Road  
Burien, WA 98166

### **Park hours:**

Mon-Sun 8am to dusk