

# Cruising Notes



## Bainbridge Island

August 2015

**WARNING:** All Latitude/Longitude points used in this guide are placed at the entrance to each location and are approximate. Mariners should check official charts and publications. NOT TO BE USED for navigational purposes.



Named after Commodore William Bainbridge, commander of the USS Constitution in the war of 1812, Bainbridge Island can be reached via a scenic 35-minute ferry ride from Seattle.

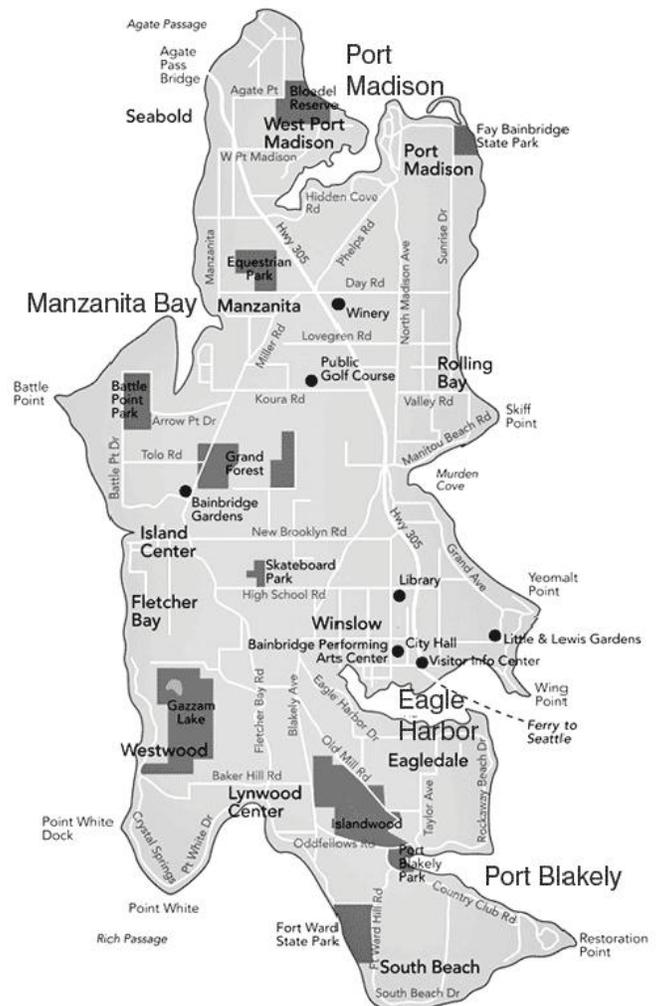
Home to approximately 24,000 residents, the island's natural beauty has been largely preserved with many areas set aside for parks, trails and water-access points.

For those who come by vehicle, the 150-acre Bloedel Reserve on the north end of the island features stunning landscapes that reflect the Japanese and European influences on the island. Check out the precincts of Lynnwood Center and Rolling Bay or take the family and explore the trails in the Grand Forest, Fay Bainbridge Park or Battle Point Park. Cyclists, challenge yourself on the route of the annual [Chilly Hilly](#) that Bicycling Magazine named "One of Four Classic Rides" in the nation.

Discover local arts at the [Bainbridge Island Museum of Art](#) and the galleries in Winslow. Immerse yourself in local history at the [Bainbridge Island Historical Museum](#) and [Bainbridge Island Japanese American Exclusion Memorial](#) on the south side of Eagle Harbor.

Visitors can shop at the boutiques along Winslow Way, browse for art and books or dine out at any of a number of restaurants and street cafes. Artisan bakeries, local wineries, a distillery producing world-class spirits, ice cream featuring fresh local ingredients and great coffee shops make Bainbridge a great destination for a day's outing, overnight or longer.

This brochure is designed for boaters and kayakers to enjoy the many peaceful spots in our harbors and along our 53-mile (45nm) shoreline. Whether you come by land or small watercraft you have access to four harbors and more than 60 road-end sites on the island and elsewhere along the [Kitsap Peninsula water trails](#) a part of the Cascadia Marine Trail one of only 16 National Millennium Trails.



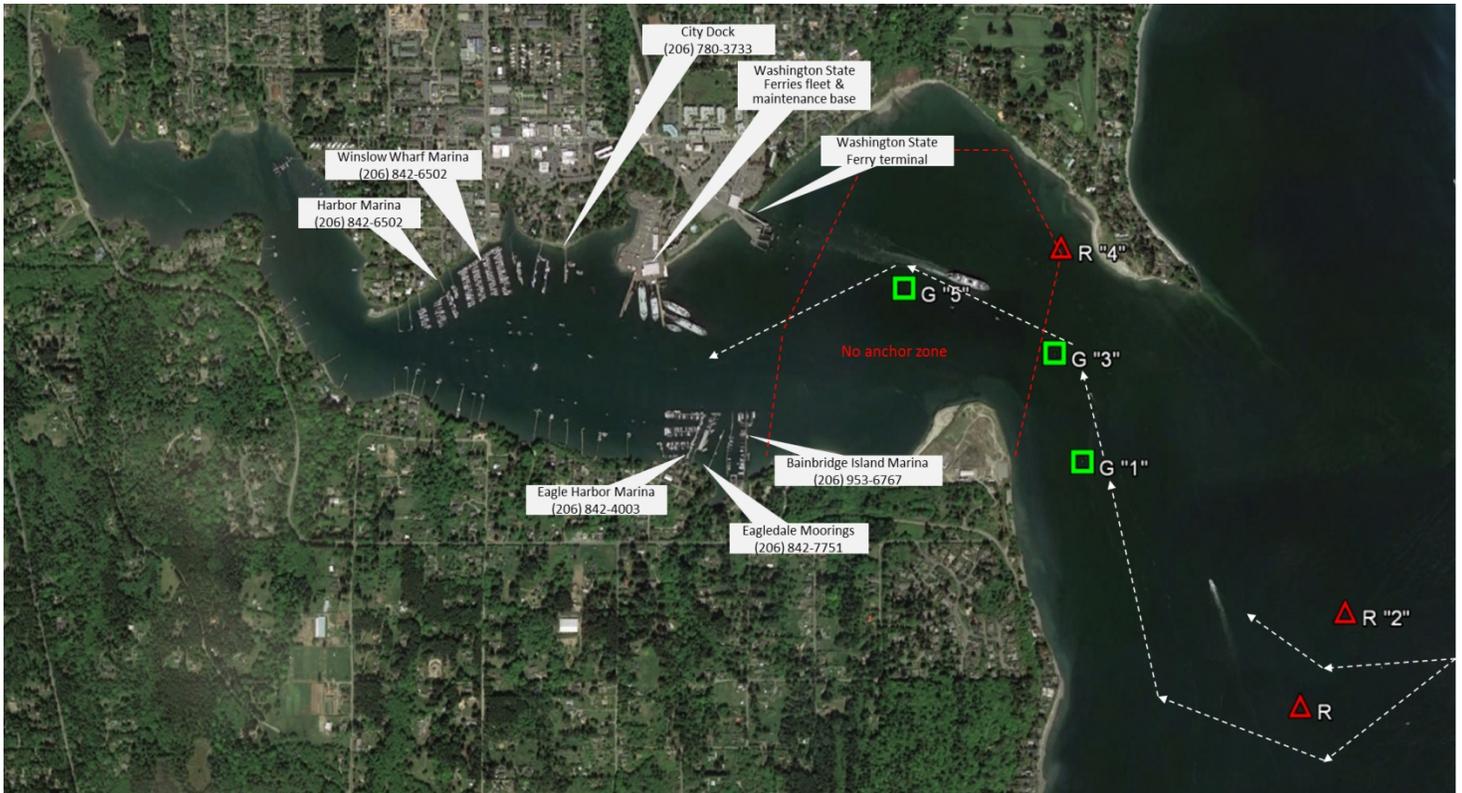
Check before you set out:

- Local weather: [National Weather Service](#)
- [Marine weather forecast](#)
- [Eagle Harbor tides](#)



**Eagle Harbor.** Approximately 7nm south-west of Shilshole marina, this is the main harbor / anchorage for Bainbridge Island and provides access to the downtown Winslow area with shops, crafts, books, eateries and medical facilities. The Town & Country Market has everything for provisioning including organic and gluten-free options.

Home to several marinas, the City Dock and Linear Moorage, Eagle Harbor is also the western terminal for the Washington State ferry to downtown Seattle and home to their fleet and maintenance base. Several clubs such as Seattle Yacht Club, Queen City Yacht Club and Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club have outstations in the harbor. Wi-Fi is available throughout the harbor as most marinas operate their own services.



*Aerial view of Eagle Harbor showing approximate buoy locations, normal entrance routes and no-anchor zone*

The entrance to Eagle Harbor is behind a well charted reef/shoal that extends roughly north-west to south-east (from Wing Point) and is marked by a red buoy (R2) and a fixed mark (Tyeeshoal beacon – R). The bay doglegs to the left (west) and a 5-knot, no-wake zone begins at the Green #5 (can) buoy. Refer: **NOAA chart 18445**

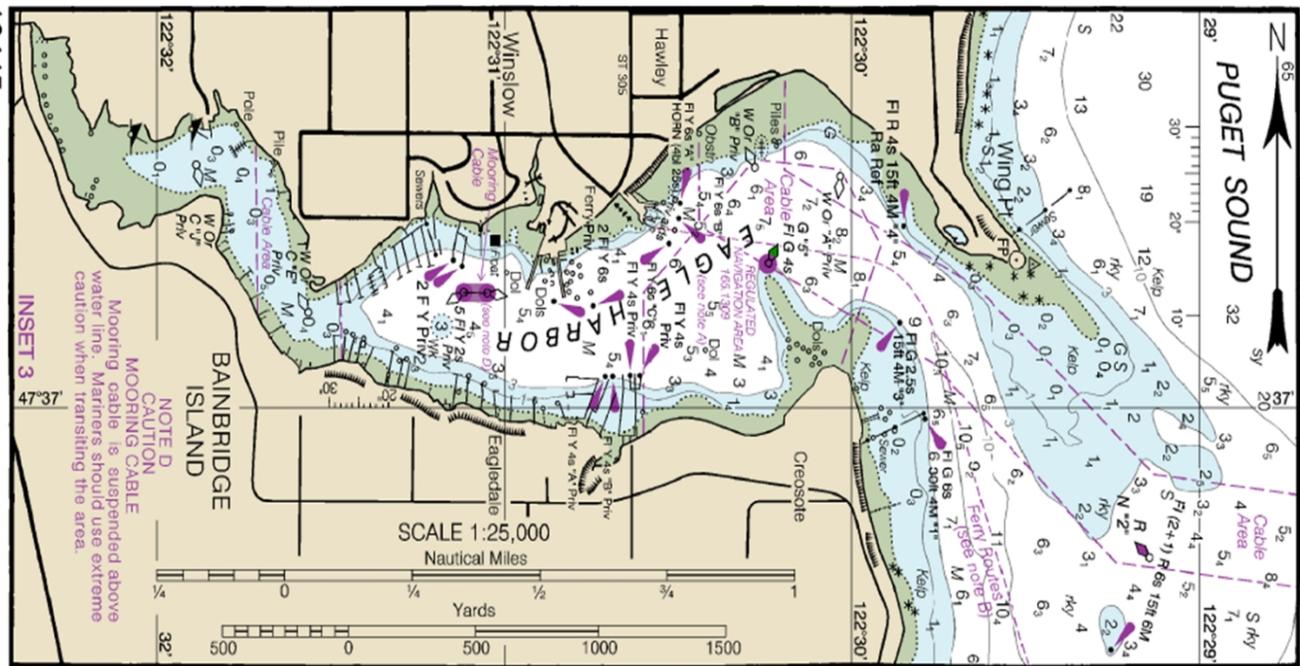
**Be cautious of the ferry terminal and ferry traffic.**

Enter Eagle Harbor from the south (~47° 36' 23N 122° 29' 15W) through a marked channel past reef / foul ground that extends south from Wing Point. Nun Buoy R '2' is at the end of this foul ground, and the Tyeeshoal Beacon is a short distance south of Buoy 2. The ferries round Tyeeshoal Beacon, but other craft can transit between the beacon and Buoy 2 safely (depth permitting). **DO NOT** attempt to cross the shoal area between the R '2' buoy and Wing Point.

While mariners should generally follow the Red, Right, Returning rule, many chose to cross the channel near the Tyeeshoal beacon and hug the western side of the channel. This allows clearance for ferry traffic and avoids straying into shoal areas. Shoal water extends out to the channel on both sides.

If entering at night, pass south around the Tyeeshoal beacon (FI (2+1) R 6s) then line up on the R '4' mark (FI R 4s). Abreast of the G '3' beacon ((FI G 2.5s 15ft) turn west (keeping to the north of it) and line up on the ferry terminal dock. Hug the left side of the channel to avoid ferry traffic and watch for the unlit G '5' buoy ! Pass north of it then turn south-west into the harbor proper.

**NO ANCHOR ZONE:** The bottom on the south and east entrance to Eagle Harbor has been capped to prevent the spread of pollutants from a former creosote facility. Do not anchor in this area.



Section of NOAA Chart 18445



Aerial view of entrance to Eagle Harbor – looking west – showing reef/shoal off Wing Point (R) and Wyckoff site (middle). Ferry terminal (middle)

**Eagle Harbor Waterfront Park.** 280 Madison Ave. N., Bainbridge Island, WA 98110  
Tami Allen - Harbormaster Phone: (206) 780-3733, (206)786-7627. email: [tallen@bainbridgewa.gov](mailto:tallen@bainbridgewa.gov)

Eagle Harbor is a **5-knot, no-wake zone** beginning at the U.S. Coast Guard Green #5 Can.

Open all year, the 200-foot City Dock is directly south of Waterfront Park and operates on a first come, first served basis. The city dock and open water marina is set up as a self-serve facility. Self-pay at the kiosk at the head of the dock for moorage at the dock, linear moorage or the four transient buoys. In summer, this area is the hub for watersport activities. Watch for rowers, kayakers, stand-up paddlers and learner sailors ☺

The dock area has restrooms, showers for overnight guests but no power or water. Restrooms are open available after hours. Pump-out, porta-potty dump and dinghy dock are available. Contact the Harbormaster or volunteer dock host for access to the showers which are included in your moorage fee.

The city dock offers guest moorage for vessels for up to 70 feet.  
The southeast section of the public dock is for pumping out only.  
**Watch the depth at low tide** particularly closer to the shore end of the dock. There is 150 linear feet of moorage at the dock and 300 linear feet of moorage offshore (look for the large yellow can buoys) and ample transient anchorage in Eagle Harbor.

Transient (48 hours) anchoring is allowed in the [Open Water Anchoring and Mooring Area](#). Rafting is encouraged in the anchorage. Public anchoring is permitted west of the WSF repair facility, 200' south of marinas and west of the private tidelands at entrance to the inner harbor, and so as not to hazard other vessels.



There is a federal Regulated Navigation Area (No Anchor) in Eagle Harbor. Basically, do not anchor east of a line drawn from the ferry terminal dock to the southern shore of Eagle Harbor. Discharge of any kind is prohibited.

**Note:** Marinas in the area have limited space for short-term dockside moorage and management may limit guest moorage so **call ahead**.

**Harbour Marina.** 233 Parfitt Way SW, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110  
Phone: (206) 842-6502 Web: <http://harbour-marina.com> email: [info@harbour-marina.com](mailto:info@harbour-marina.com)  
Marina map: <http://harbour-marina.com/LocationRates.html>

Open all year and offers temporary moorage for weekend visitors or cruising enthusiasts. Because availability constantly changes, they suggest that you call in advance of your arrival. The dockmaster is available by telephoning (206) 550-5340

Free showers, restrooms, laundry facilities, water, electrical (30 amp), phone & cable TV, pump out station & Wi-Fi. Log on to the [parfitt\\_wireless](#) network and use your name and an email address to register. Registration and use is free.

The marina is located directly below one of Bainbridge Island's favorite watering holes – the [Harbour Public House](#). This is a cozy English-style pub with a dozen rotating beers on tap, wine and food. Note: No children are allowed in the pub. Short term moorage available for boats visiting the pub and [Pegasus Coffee House](#) is clearly marked on the eastern side of the main dock. The walk to downtown Winslow (cnr. Winslow Way & Madison Ave) is about 600 yards.

[Pegasus Coffee House](#) is ~280 yards from the head of the marina dock. It opens at 7am for breakfast, lunch and great coffee or tea. They also have a small selection of beers, wine and spirits. Check out L'Heure Verte (if you dare)

*"After the first glass of absinthe you see things as you wish they were. After the second you see them as they are not. Finally you see things as they really are, and that is the most horrible thing in the world." ~Oscar Wilde*



## Winslow Wharf Marina. 141 Parfitt Way SW, Winslow, WA 98110

Phone: (206) 842-4202 Web: <http://winslowwharfmarina.com> email: [brenda@winslowwharfmarina.com](mailto:brenda@winslowwharfmarina.com)

Marina map: [http://winslowwharfmarina.com/html/dock\\_layout.html](http://winslowwharfmarina.com/html/dock_layout.html)

The office is open Monday-Saturday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Some guest moorage may be available in unoccupied slips. Maximum boat length 50 feet, 20 & 30 amp power, restrooms, free showers and Wi-Fi, laundry, pumpout, porta-potty dump. Look for the sign at the end of the registration dock. A deposit is required for the locked security gate and restroom card. Seattle Yacht Club and Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club have dock space reserved for their members. The spaces are clearly marked, and non-member boats may not use them.

Next door to Pegasus, find [Doc's Marina Grill](#) and bar (directly up from Winslow Wharf Marina). They open Friday to Sunday at 8am for more hearty (American) food.

Behind the marina office and Pegasus Coffee House is [Chandlery Marine](#), a small, well-stocked marine supply store. Open Tuesday – Saturday 10-5, Sunday 11-4. Phone: (206) 842-7245

## Eagle Harbor Marina. 5834 Ward Ave. NE, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110

Phone: (206) 842-4003 Web: [www.eagleharbormarina.com](http://www.eagleharbormarina.com) email: [harbormaster@eagleharbormarina.com](mailto:harbormaster@eagleharbormarina.com)

Marina map: <http://eagleharbormarina.com/layout>

The marina is located on the south side of Eagle Harbor about 10 minutes by car from downtown Winslow. The office is generally open Tuesday-Saturday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and closed Sunday and Monday. Marina has 20, 30 & 50 amp power, restrooms, showers, laundry, pump-out, Beacon/BBX and marina Wi-Fi. No restaurants or stores in the immediate area.

## Restaurants

[http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g58342-Bainbridge\\_Island\\_Washington.html](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g58342-Bainbridge_Island_Washington.html)

- [Café Nola](#)
- [Restaurant Marché](#)
- [SuBI Japanese Restaurant](#)
- [Harbour Public House](#)
- [Doc's Marina Grill](#)
- [Casa Rojas](#)
- [Spice Route Cuisine of India](#)
- [Streamliner Diner](#)
- [Madison Diner](#)
- [Treehouse Café](#) at Lynnwood Center
- [Westside Pizza](#)
- [That'sa some Pizza](#)
- [Pegasus Coffee House](#)
- [Roosters Café](#)
- [Blackbird Bakery](#)
- [Bainbridge Bakers](#)
- [Mora Ice Creamery](#)
- [Bainbridge Organic Distillers](#) in Coppertop Business Park ~2.2 walking miles from Winslow Wharf
- [Bainbridge Island Brewing Company](#) Coppertop Business Park
- [Town and Country Market](#)
- Safeway and Rite Aid are located on High School Road off SR-305
  - ~1 mile up Madison Ave from Winslow Wharf Marina and right at the roundabout

**Blakely Harbor.** (~47° 35' 39N 122° 29' 42W) Located approximately 1.5nm south of Eagle Harbor, Blakely Harbor offers one of the best anchorages and shelter from North or South weather. Good anchorage in 30 to 50 feet can be found far enough into the bay to be well protected, yet still have a view of Seattle.



*Blakely Harbor looking toward West Seattle*

Blakely Rock is ~0.7nm east of the harbor entrance and is clearly marked and visible at all times. Beware of the rock shoal that extends west from the marker. Many a racer has come to grief by it cutting too close! Enter Blakely Harbor in the middle of the mouth of the bay. A drying reef extends from the north shore, and shoals are along the south side.



*Blakely Rock showing shoal area to the west of the main rock*

In the early days Blakely Harbor was the site of major lumber and shipbuilding activities. Now it is a quiet residential neighborhood. Some stub pilings remain from the old docks. The head of the bay, including the old mill pond and ruins of the concrete powerhouse is now a park.

**Rich Passage.** Transiting this narrow area, mariners will want to be aware of the tidal flow, ferries, and fish farms. Stay in the channel. There is a large reef (Orchard Rocks) just north of the fish farm along Bainbridge Island's shore. This passage is also navigated by the U.S.Navy and they have priority when it comes to ship movements. Carriers are escorted by several Coast Guard vessels making the 1,000 yard security zone impossible. If they are moving, position close to shore or stay outside the passage until it's clear.



**Fort Ward Marine State Park.** 2241 Pleasant Beach, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110  
 Phone: (206) 842-2306 Web: [www.biparks.org](http://www.biparks.org) Open all year. Toilets, launch ramp, hiking trails and the remains of historic fort emplacements to explore.

This 'anchorage' is located north of a fish farm and inshore from Orchard Rocks (~47° 34' 40N 122° 31' 55W) on the south-west side of Bainbridge Island. Care should be exercised as the rocks can be submerged. The anchorage in Rich Passage is exposed to wind (esp. north & south) and wakes from passing ferries and boat traffic. Seals frequent the rocks so southerly winds should be avoided 😊



*Orchard Rocks looking east. Fort Ward State Park to the left*

If considering an overnight stay, the west side of Blake Island (about 2.5nm SSE) is a better location provided the weather is mild. Anchor in 30-60 feet of water.

**Manzanita Bay.** (~47° 40' 54N 122° 34' 10W) is a good overnight sheltered anchorage on the north-west side of Bainbridge Island. The bay is residential and has no public facilities but the holding ground is reputed to be excellent. Observe the 5-knot no-wake speed limit beginning halfway down the bay. Although the bay is lined with lovely homes, the surrounding hills give a feeling of seclusion.



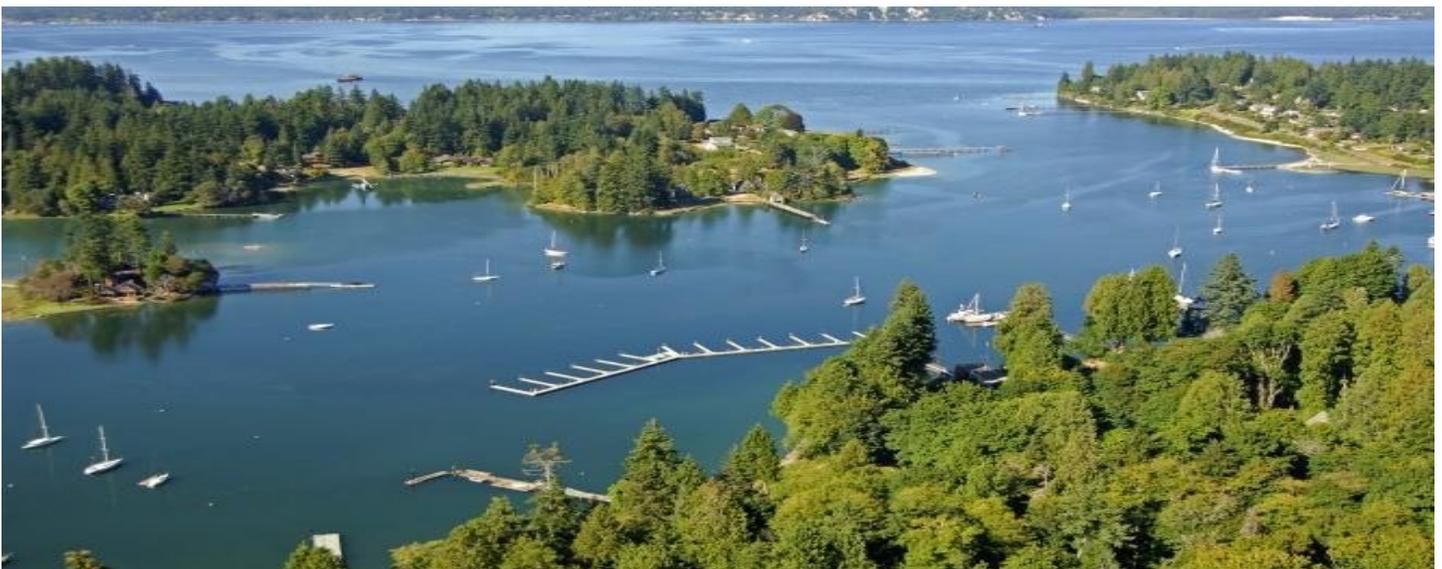
*Manzanita Bay (South) looking approximately North-West toward Keyport / Poulsbo*

On the north end of the bay, Manzanita Landing, a former Mosquito Fleet landing, provides access to the trail system of Manzanita Park. From the landing take Manzanita Road NE to NE Day Road West. Walk east to the park, which is on the left (north) side of the street.

Manzanita was apparently “the place” during Prohibition (1919-1933). Boats with running lights dimmed would make clandestine deliveries. The goods? Canadian whiskey. Ssshhhhhhh! Tell no one! Now, the road-end at the northern end of Manzanita Bay where the dock and its warehouse once stood is a street-end picnic area with a view of the sunset over the Olympics. Salish Sailors need to bring their own whiskey now, take a 2 mile walk (or grab a cab) from downtown Winslow and check out award-winning [Bainbridge Organic Distillers](#) or [Bainbridge Island Brewing Company](#).

**Madison Bay / Hidden Cove.** (~47° 42' 33N 122° 31' 44W) The inner, residential bay extends for about 1.5 miles into the north end of Bainbridge Island. The inner harbor is known as Hidden Cove. Port Madison Yacht Club and a large Seattle Yacht Club outstation (no reciprocals) are located here.

Boats coming over from Shilshole / Seattle area often overlook this area where crews can have a picnic lunch or a quiet night at anchor. The shoreline is mostly private. However, shore access may be possible from Hidden Cove Park and T'chookwop Park on south side of harbor. Good anchorage in approximately 10' to 20' in the center of bay but shallow closer to shores with a wide bight about 0.75 mile inside the entrance.



*Madison Bay / Hidden Cove looking approximately North*

**Port of Brownsville.** 9790 Ogle Rd. NE, Bremerton, WA 98311

Phone: (360) 692-5498 Web: [www.portofbrownsville.org](http://www.portofbrownsville.org)

Email: [jerry@portofbrownsville.org](mailto:jerry@portofbrownsville.org)

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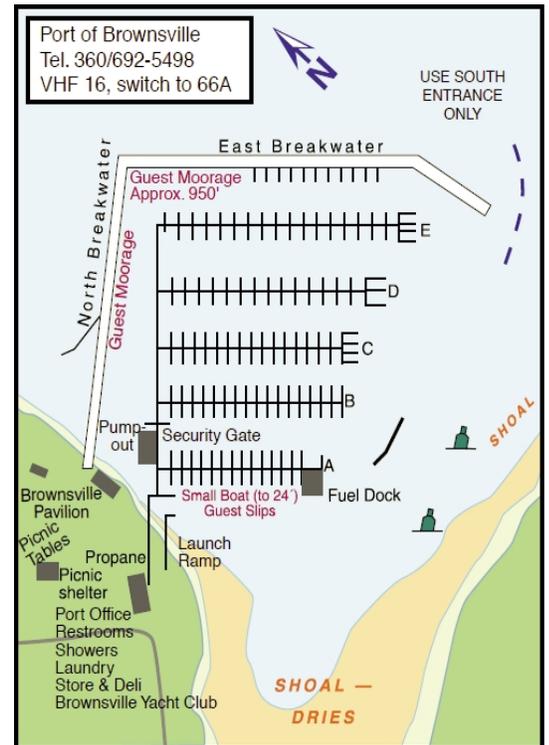
This is the **closest fuel dock** to Bainbridge Island. It is also one of the cheapest places in the Sound region for fuel.

Located in Burke Bay (Port Orchard) west of Battle Point, a breakwater marks the entrance to the marina. The area around the fuel dock has been dredged to around 9 feet or so. Enter from the south and stay relatively close to the docks when accessing the fuel dock.

Open all year, 7 days a week. Fuel dock has gasoline, diesel, and propane. The Deli has groceries, beer and wine selection and some marine supplies. They make take-out food and can cater a gathering. The Keyport Naval Museum of Undersea Warfare is nearby.

Guest moorage in 25 24-foot slips, 20 40-foot slips and 550 feet of side-tie moorage along the breakwater with 30amp power. Other facilities include free Wi-Fi, restrooms, showers, laundry, free pump-out, porta-potty dump and a launch ramp with ample parking.

There is a large covered picnic/gathering pavilion with tables onshore at the head of the north breakwater make it a popular destination for club cruises. Additional picnic tables are on the docks and in Burke Bay Overlook Park above the wharf has barbecue facilities.



*Port of Brownsville*

**Road End sites.** Until the City of Bainbridge Island [GIS map](#) is fully updated, the best list of public water road end access sites is located on the Inside Bainbridge website:

<http://bestofbcb.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Road-ends-around-Bainbridge-Island.pdf>

- 38 Olallie Ln
- 39 Morgan St
- 40 Fairy Dell Trail
- 42 Beach Dr
- 43 Arrow Point
- 44 Williams Ln
- 46 Bigham Rd
- 47 Woodland Dr
- 48 Dock St
- 49 Hidden Cove Rd
- 50 Seabold Rd
- 52 Reitan Rd
- 52a Highway 305
- 53 Sanwick
- 54 Agate St
- 55 North St (N)
- 56 North St (S)

- 24a Fort Ward Park
- 25 "Warf St"
- 26 Lytle Rd
- 27 Beck Rd
- 28 Point White Dock
- 29 Westwood
- 30 Fletcher's Landing
- 31 Bay St
- 32 Springridge Rd
- 34 Beach St
- 35 Foster St
- 36 Tolo Rd



- 57 Gordon Dr
- 58 Broom St
- 60 Grottle Rd
- 61 Whitty Way
- 62 Island Way
- 63 Skogen Ln
- 64 West Waterway
- 65 Sievertson
- 66 Tchoowop Park
- 68 Lafayette
- 69 Portway
- 70 Beach Place
- 72 Point Monroe Coast Guard Lt
- 72a (Planned easement)
- 73 Lagoon
- 74 Fay Bainbridge Park

- 1 Gertie Johnson Rd
- 1a Trail to Chautauqua
- 2 Chautauqua (Ocean Dr)
- 3 Manitou Beach Rd
- 4 Falk Rd
- 5 Beach Crest
- 6 Lofgren
- 7 Yaquina Pl
- 8 Pleasant Ln
- 9 Dingley Rd
- 11 Wing Point Rd
- 13 Olympic Dr
- 13a Harborview Dr
- 16 Lovell Ave
- 17 Winslow Way W
- 18 Gowen Place
- 19 McDonald Ave
- 20 Rose Loop
- 21 Ward Ave
- 22 Main St
- 23 Taylor Ave
- 24 South Beach Dr