

Take the Bus to Parks and Trails

You can take the bus to many of Bellingham's walking, biking or hiking trails, or use the bus to reach neighborhood parks, big and small. This brochure outlines just a few of the destinations served by WTA buses.

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Walking & Biking Trails

The Interurban Trail

Perfect for strolling, jogging and biking, portions of this scenic trail have views of Bellingham Bay. The trail begins at 10th Street and Donovan in Fairhaven and ends at Larrabee Park, and can be combined with South Bay and Railroad trails. At the north end, trail users can visit Marine Park—a long and narrow expanse of grass separated from Bellingham Bay by a rocky beach. The views of the San Juan Islands are excellent.

Take WTA Routes 401 or 114.

Lake Padden Park Trails

Two forested loop trails circle the lake. One is for walkers and joggers (2.6 miles). The other is narrower, and suitable for mountain biking and hiking (4 miles). Lake Padden also has facilities for horseshoe, softball, tennis, swimming, boating, BBQ-ing and more.

Take WTA Route 43/44.

The Railroad Trail

This gravel walking and cycling trail winds through neighborhoods and wooded areas from Memorial Park (behind Sunnysland Elementary) to Bloedel Donovan Park, a swimming and boat launch area on Lake Whatcom. Midway access to Barkley Village makes this a great trail for shopping by bike or on foot. On the trail, enjoy scenic views of Bellingham Bay, forested areas near Whatcom Falls Park, as well as ponds and creeks.

Take WTA Routes 9, 331, 540, or 541.

Sehome Hill Arboretum

Within the arboretum are several heavily forested hiking loops. Most are narrow foot trails and old roadways (bikes are limited to roadways only). Old Road serves as a trail from the Sehome Neighborhood (at the intersection of Jersey Street and East Myrtle Street) to the WWU campus.

Take WTA Routes 105, 107, 108, 114 or 190.

South Bay Trail to Taylor Dock

This shoreline trail—with bay and island views—follows the path of an old railroad bed. Be careful at railroad crossings. The two-mile trail connects the Central Business District

with Fairhaven and can be combined with the Interurban Trail to the south and Railroad Trail to the north. The trail provides a route to Boulevard Park, a long stretch of shoreline, grass and paved trails. Boulevard Park also hosts a series of summer concerts.

From Fairhaven, take WTA Route 401.

The Village Trail

The Village Trail begins at Broadway and Madison Streets, near Elizabeth Park. At H Street (near the Bellingham Theater Guild), it jogs one block southwest and connects with the Maritime Heritage Park Trails. Along the way is a historical cabin, built by one of Bellingham's original settlers. Much of this paved trail passes directly through the Lettered Streets neighborhood.

Take WTA Routes 3, 4, 10 or 232.

Whatcom Falls Park Trails

Within Whatcom Falls Park there are 3.5 miles of trails. Many trails wind through this forested park, some of which overlook the creek gorge with pools, waterfalls and the fish hatchery. A pleasant one-mile hiking loop in the “old park” can be made from the Silver Beach Road parking area, next to the stone bridge at the main falls.

Take WTA Route 512 or 525.

Connelly Creek Trail

This relatively flat trail is a favorite for families. The trail follows Connelly Creek as it passes through a peaceful nature area, and in a short distance, trail users will cross a meadow, walk through a young alder grove, enter a forest filled with large cedars, and cross Connelly creek over foot bridges. The trail takes walkers past swamps filled with pungent skunk cabbage and an earthen water retention dam that can be explored. It can be accessed near the corner of Donovan Avenue and 30th Street, or from behind Sehome High School.

For access behind Sehome High School, take WTA Routes 105, 107, or 108.

For access from Donovan Avenue and 30th Street, take WTA Route 114.

For access from Old Fairhaven Parkway and 30th Street, take WTA Route 105.

Parks

Big Rock Garden

Big Rock Garden is one of Bellingham's best kept secrets. This 2.7-acre garden is part of a 9.2-acre wooded area on Alabama Hill. The shady garden is home to native and exotic plants, including many varieties of azaleas, rhododendrons and Japanese maples. A packed gravel path leads visitors to permanent and temporary sculptures throughout the gardens. The atmosphere is quiet and reflective, and no dogs or bikes are allowed inside the park.

Take WTA Route 540 or 541.

Cornwall Park

Cornwall Park contains several walking trails, as well as tennis courts, a softball diamond, a Frisbee golf course, horseshoe ring and playground equipment. Flat trails are for walkers and cyclists, and wind through the shady forest and along the open fields. Trails for walkers and joggers only include rolling hills on narrow trails. Cornwall Park can be reached by its main entrances on Meridian or Cornwall or via small walking and bike trails on W. Indiana Street or Birchwood Avenue.

For the entrance at Cornwall or Birchwood Avenue, take WTA Routes 3 or 4.

For the entrance at Meridian or Indiana, take WTA Route 15.

On evenings and Sundays, take WTA Route 15.

Elizabeth Park

This shady “square”—complete with a central fountain and large gazebo—is situated in the Columbia/Eldridge Historic Neighborhood. The park also has a playground for kids and tennis courts. In the summer, Elizabeth Park hosts the free Concerts in the Park series on Thursday evenings.

Take WTA Routes 3, 4, 10 or 232.

On evenings and Sundays, take WTA Route 232.

Zuanich Point Park

A paved trail (great for jogging, walking, biking or rollerblading) winds through windy Zuanich Point. In addition to bay views, there is a marina, several restaurants and cafes and a special monument to Whatcom County Fishermen.

Take WTA Routes 3, 4 or 10 to Holly and D Street.

Civic Field

The Civic Field complex includes a stadium where track meets, football games and soccer matches are held, a baseball diamond that's home to the Bellingham Bells, many softball fields, a skating rink and indoor soccer field, a skateboard park and the Arne Hanna Aquatic Center.

Take WTA Route 512, 525, 540, or 541.

Little Squalicum Park

Little Squalicum Park is an expanse of rocky beach and—at low tide—a great place to walk out on the tidelands to explore. To reach the park, take the bus to the trailhead on Marine Drive at Lindbergh Avenue. A short trail leads down to the beach. The park can also be accessed by the Bay to Baker Trail.

Take WTA Routes 3, 4 or 10.

