

BLAKELY HARBOR PARK ISLAND-WIDE USE

USES & AMENITIES:

Scenic views (Blakely Harbor), wildlife watching, kayaking, dingy landing, picnicking.



SITE DESCRIPTION:

21-acre park at the head of Blakely Harbor. A constructed jetty from the north and south sides of the harbor separates the main outer harbor, from the inner “log-pond”. The outer harbor beach is gravelly and steep in places. In the western, inner portion of the harbor, the beach is muddy and should not be disturbed. Principle access to the park is from 3-T road. See the interpretive sign near the eastern entrance. The park contains many wetlands, please do not disturb these sensitive features.



BACKGROUND/ HISTORICAL INFORMATION/ FUTURE OUTLOOK:

Acquired by Bainbridge Island Parks and Recreation through an option from Bainbridge Island Land Trust, State grants, and donations from over 300 citizens. In the 1880s, Port Blakely was the site of one of the world’s largest sawmills, as well as the original Halls Brothers shipyard. The mill burned in 1907, and later rebuilt to only burn down again in the 1920’s. The harbor was once the most industrial in Puget Sound and now it has reverted over time to one of the least developed harbors in Central Puget Sound. The park is intended to be developed as a passive recreation area.

MAP & DIRECTIONS:

47°35.85’ N 122°31.08’ W

Refer to South Bainbridge Area map.

From Lynwood Center, head south on Lynwood Center Road and stay left at the ‘Y’ as it becomes Oddfellows Road. Turn right on Blakely Avenue. Gravel parking area is on right just before 5-way intersection of 3-T, Blakely Hill, Halls Hill, and Seaborn Roads.



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