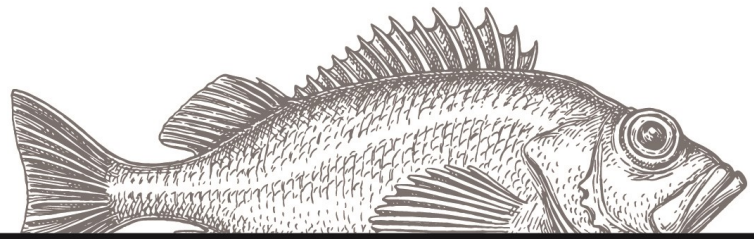




# A guide to exploring local beaches



## Mukilteo Lighthouse Park

**Land acknowledgement:** Snohomish, Suquamish, Umatilla, Walla Walla, Cayuse and Tulalip territories

### **About the beach:**

This is a large public park located north of Seattle. Its main feature is a large lighthouse that is sometimes open to the public. The beach itself is characterized mostly by small cobble which can be difficult to walk on without sinking in. The beach is relatively flat, which is why looking at the tide height it especially important because the water covers the entire beach at times. As the tide goes out, there is an abundance of life under the rocks. Turning them over by using one gentle hand will reveal crab parties, snails hanging out and maybe even a gunnel.

### **Parking:**

There is a paid parking lot as well as street parking available at Lighthouse Park for \$3 per hour. The Lighthouse Park lot has an abundance of parking spaces and plenty of room for buses to pull in, drop off and park. Paid parking hours do vary so make sure to consult the meter.

### **Bathrooms:**

There are gendered, ADA-compliant bathrooms located at the center of the parking lot next to the reservable shelter.

### **Accessibility:**

There is a reservable shelter with picnic tables next to the bathrooms in the parking lot that provides shade access. There are water fountains next to the bathrooms in case students need to fill up water bottles. The beach itself has no shade, and it is entirely covered in small rocks which can be difficult to walk on. There are no ramps onto the beach but a small ledge that you must step down from. There are driftwood logs to sit on at the top of the beach. There is a paved pathway that stretches parallel to the beach for those who do not want to get wet.

### **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, ochre stars, gunnells, mussels, limpets, barnacles

### **Address:**

609 Front St  
Mukilteo, WA 98275

### **Park hours:**

Mon-Sun 6am to 10pm