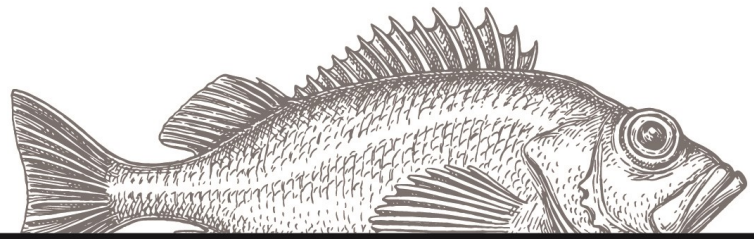




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Richmond Beach Saltwater Park

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

About the beach:

This park is located just north of Seattle in the Shoreline neighborhood. It has multiple parking lots, the largest being located closest to the beach. There is a large overpass that runs on top of railroad tracks that you have to cross to get down the beach. This beach is very sandy on the south end and rocky with large cobble on the north side. There is a nice picnic area near the bathrooms on the beach.

Parking:

There is plenty of parking here. The upper lots are smaller and have quite the hike down to the beach, so we recommend parking in the lowest lot. This does fill up quickly on nice days so be sure to visit in the morning. This lot has room for buses to park or just drop off. Parking is free. A bonus of this parking lot is that there is a large reservable structure for shelter as well as gendered, ADA-compliant bathrooms toward the back of the lot.

Bathrooms:

There are gendered, ADA-compliant bathrooms located in the parking lot closest to the beach and restrooms on the beach itself. The beach bathrooms are located by the reservable shelter at the bottom of the railroad overpass ramp.

Accessibility:

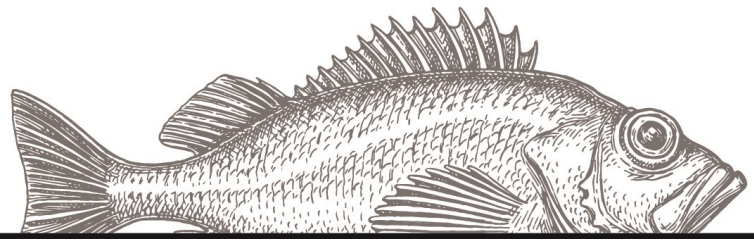
There are several places to find shelter at this park. There are reservable shelters near the parking and at the beach itself. There are tall trees that provide shade at certain parts of the day. There is potable drinking water at both of the public restrooms. The pathway down to the beach can be steep depending on which parking lot you are coming from. The paths are well maintained and flat, so someone with limited mobility would be able to use a wheelchair to access the beach. There is a long, steep pedestrian bridge that crosses a set of train tracks that might be difficult for someone with limited mobility to traverse. The bridge does tend to shake when trains run underneath it. The beach itself is relatively flat and characterized by both sandy and cobble substrates. There are two access points wide enough to where a wheelchair can get through the logs that create a barrier between the beach and the vegetation line.

Best tide level:

This beach is best to visit at tides that are 1 foot or lower for tide pooling. This beach is great for watching megafaunas like sea lions, harbor seals, harbor porpoises and orcas.



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Animals you might meet:

Aggregating anemones, sand dollars, shore crabs, hermit crabs, barnacles, red rock crabs, sea lions, harbor seals, harbor porpoises, gray whales, orcas

Address:

2021 NW 190th St
Shoreline, WA 98177

Park hours:

Mon-Sun 10am to 9pm