Beneath Emerald Waters

Scuba Diving Locations in Puget Sound

Puget Sound Marine Habitats

- **Edgrass**: Found in many places along the edges of Puget Sound, edgrass is a beautiful, green, underwater plant that can be found on the bottom of many Puget Sound bays and inlets.

- **Kelp Beds**: Kelp beds are one of the most abundant and productive marine ecosystems in Puget Sound. They provide a habitat for many species of fish, invertebrates, and marine mammals.

- **Mud & Sand**: These habitats are found in areas with low water flow, such as inlets and bays. Mud and sand habitats are home to many species of small fish and invertebrates.

- **Rocky Habitats**: These habitats are found in areas with high water flow, such as inlets and bays. They are home to many species of fish, invertebrates, and marine mammals.

Dive Safety

- **Dive within your ability, training and experience**: This is important for the safety of yourself and others. You should not dive in water depths that exceed your training and experience.

- **No dive plan, this is not intended as a replacement**: It is important to have a plan for any dive, including safety measures and equipment.

For More Information

- **Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife**: For more information on scuba diving in Puget Sound, visit wdfw.wa.gov/parcels.

- **Misty Klotz**: For more information on scuba diving in Puget Sound, visit mistyklotz.scubadiving.com.

- **Washington Visitor Information**: For more information on scuba diving in Puget Sound, visit tourists.wa.gov.

- **Divers Alert Network**: For more information on scuba diving in Puget Sound, visit diversalertnetwork.org.

- **Visiting Deception Pass State Park**: For more information on scuba diving in Puget Sound, visit tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov.

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Welcome to one of the world’s largest and most productive inland seas, where divers can explore an amazing diversity of sea life and marine environments. Washington’s Puget Sound has numerous islands, bays, estuaries, mudflats, and gravelly or sandy beaches that provide the backdrop for this unique map. Through increased knowledge, awareness and active participation, you can help protect this diverse, yet vulnerable, natural heritage.

Bruce Higgins UW Trails: f(104) A premier dive site, developed for and about divers, the Edmonds Underwater Park has it all, from small service, large felt, interesting structures and much more. Great dohands beach access and full facilities make it one of the top diving destinations in Puget Sound.

Boning Creek Reef: f(103) There are two areas to the artificial reef built of boulders. The north is fairly shallow, along a raised slope going down to 45’. This is a nursery for many and is very similar to a coral reef with lots of all kinds. The south area is to the south, starting at around 65’ and going down much deeper. Large fish and octopus can be found here.

Alki Point Junkyard and Pipeline: f(102) Three miles West of West Seattle beaches are two great dive sites. The Junkyard at the west end of Alki Beach Park and The Pipeline at Constellation Park Marine Preserve. Both offer a great variety of sea life and marine environments. Washington’s Puget Sound has it all; trails to small wrecks, large fish, interesting structures and much more. Great drive-up beach access and full facilities make it one of the top diving destinations in Puget Sound.

Boat Diving Locations in South Puget Sound

17 Les Davis Marine Park: f(103) Les Davis Marine Park has it all, from shallow reefs and small ships to deep tech diving opportunities. It is one of the top diving destinations in Puget Sound.

18 Balcony Wall: f(102) If you want to experience a great variety of different dives to enjoy. There’s little visibility but lots of unusual life. Great drive-up beach access and full facilities make it one of the top diving destinations in Puget Sound.

19 Sunset Beach: f(104) Located along the coast of the Tacoma Narrows, Sunset Beach is a protected marine park set amid the pilings from an old ferry dock. A great site for all divers, it’s all of the above, and a realistic shipwreck.

20 Tiltow Beach: f(101) A small wreck off a small spit on Fox Island. Do not swim westward past the tire reef by the fishing pier. It is located along the green shores of Hood Canal, and features great views of the Homedale with lots of fish, some weedy and maybe even a big bearded friend.

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23 Sand Rock: f(102) Although private ownership, access is available for a fee from a local friends of Hood Canal group. Sand Rock North Wall is a vertical wall with short ledges going down to around 60’. Sand Rock South is a series of large ledges and ledges going down to very deep depths. Lots of rockfish and octopus can be found here. This site has something for everyone, from shallow practice areas to deep tech diving opportunities.

24 Octopus Hole: f(103) This rocky beach is located along the green shores of Hood Canal, and features great views of the Homedale with lots of fish, some weedy and maybe even a big bearded friend.

25 Pleasant Harbor: f(103) It is the charter boat capital of Puget Sound. The harbor has been paved over for doing the middle of Hood Canal. Nearby cities include an incredible waterway called the Puyallup Flats that allows a circular dive plan to enjoy both shallow and deeper depths. Schools of rockfish, as well as octopus and small eels can be spotted here. Other great nearby small dives include: Pinkal and Muddy Point.

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15 KVI Towers: f(103) A very nice, artificial bedrock reef is located at the north entrance to Tacoma Narrows just off the end of the Sandpoint. Best dives on this site are for interesting structures and life, plus lots of short and long Octopus. Great drive-up beach access and full facilities make it one of the top diving destinations in Puget Sound.

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