

2023 Public Beach List - Special Rules

The following is a list of popular public beaches with special rules because of resource needs and/or restrictions on harvest due to health concerns. If a beach is not listed below or on page 2, it is open for recreational harvest year-round unless closed by emergency rule, pollution or shellfish safety closures. [Click for WDFW Public Beach webpages and seasons](#)

2023 Beach Seasons effective January 1, 2023

Open for Clams, Mussels & Oysters =

Open for Oysters Only =

	Jan1- Jan15	Jan15- Jan31	Feb1- Feb15	Feb15- Feb28	Mar1- Mar15	Mar15- Mar31	Apr1- Apr15	Apr15- Apr30	May1- May15	May15- May31	Jun1- Jun15	Jun15- Jun30	Jul1- Jul15	Jul15- Jul31	Aug1- Aug15	Aug15- Aug31	Sep1- Sep15	Sep15- Sep30	Oct1- Oct15	Oct15- Oct31	Nov1- Nov15	Nov15- Nov30	Dec1- Dec15	Dec15- Dec31
For more information, click on beach name below to view beach-specific webpage.																								
Ala Spit	No natural production of oysters																							
Belfair State Park	Open for harvest August 1 through September 30																							
Birch Bay State Park																								
Dash Point State Park																								
Dosewallips State Park	Open for clam harvest July 15																							
Drayton Harbor																								
Duckabush																								
Dungeness Spit/NWR Tidelands	No natural production of oysters																							
Eagle Creek																								
Fort Flagler State Park	Re-opens for harvest June 15																							
Freeland County Park	No natural production of oysters																							
Frye Cove County Park																								
Hope Island State Park																								
Illahee State Park	Limited natural production of clams																							
Indian Island County Park	No natural production of oysters																							
Ingvald J. Gronvold Park	Open for harvest April 1 through May 31																							
Kopachuck State Park	Open for harvest April 1 through May 31																							
Lilliwaup State Park																								
Mystery Bay State Park																								
Nahcotta Tidelands (Willapa Bay)																								
North Bay	Re-opens for harvest September 1 through October 15																							
Penrose Point State Park	CLOSED for harvest in 2023. Expected to reopen in 2024.																							
Point Whitney Tidelands and Lagoon	Clams closed for harvest in 2023																							
Port Gamble Heritage Park Tidelands	Open for harvest August 1 through September 30																							
Port Townsend Ship Canal/Portage Canal	Open for harvest April 1 through May 31																							
Potlatch SP and DNR tidelands	Open for harvest April 1 through May 31																							
Purdy Spit County Park	No natural production of oysters																							
Quilcene Boat Ramp	Open for harvest January 1 through May 31																							
Quilcene Bay WDFW Tidelands																								
Sequim Bay State Park (north and south)	Closed for harvest April 15																							
Shine Tidelands State Park																								
Spencer Spit State Park	No natural production of oysters																							
Triton Cove Tidelands																								
Twanoh State Park																								
WDFW Hoodspout Hatchery	Open for oyster harvest April 1 through May 31																							
West Dewatto (DNR 44A)																								
West Penn Cove	Open for harvest July 15 through September 30																							
Wolfe Property State Park																								

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Always check for current beach closures and advisories related to biotoxins, pollution or other human health concerns the same day you plan to harvest:

www.doh.wa.gov/ShellfishSafety.htm (clickable map) or call the Department of Health's Marine Toxins/PSP "Red Tide" HOTLINE 1-800-562-5632

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2023: Beaches Closed Year-Round to Clam, Mussel, and Oyster Harvest

The following list includes beaches that are closed year-round due to resource conservation concerns, pollution and potential threats to human health, or other factors:

Beach Name	County
Alki Park	King
Alki Point	King
Bay View State Park	Skagit
Billy Frank Jr. Nisqually Wildlife Refuge	Thurston
Blaine Marine Park	Whatcom
Blake Island State Park Marina	Kitsap
Blowers Bluff North	Island
Brown's Point Lighthouse	Pierce
Budd Inlet, south of Burfoot County Park	Thurston
Cama Beach State Park	Island
Camano Island State Park	Island
Chuckanut Bay	Whatcom
Coupeville	Island
Cultus Bay	Island
Dash Point County Park	Pierce
Dave Mackie County Park	Island
Deception Pass State Park	Island
<i>Tidepools of Rosario Point are closed to harvest year-round</i>	
Des Moines City Park	King
Discovery Park	King
DNR-142	Island
DNR-144 (Sleeper)	Island
Dockton County Park	King
Dosewallips State Park South	Jefferson
East San de Fuca	Island
English Camp	San Juan
<i>Closed between NPS dock and south park boundary</i>	
Evergreen Rotary Park (Port Washington Narrows)	Kitsap
Fay Bainbridge Park	Kitsap
Fudge Point State Park	Mason
Gertrude Island	Pierce
Golden Gardens	King
Graveyard Spit	Clallam
Guillemot Cove Nature Preserve	Kitsap
Guss Island	San Juan
Howarth Park/Darlington Beach	Snohomish
Joemma Beach State Park	Pierce
Kitsap Memorial State Park	Kitsap
Kayak Point County Park	Snohomish
Lent Landing (Port Washington Narrows)	Kitsap
Liberty Bay	Kitsap
<i>Except western shoreline from Virginia Pt north to county line open October 1 to April 30</i>	
Lincoln Park	King
Lions Park (Bremerton)	Kitsap
Lofall	Kitsap
Long Point West	Island

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Lower Roto Vista Park	Kitsap
March Point Recreation Area	Skagit
McNeil Island	Pierce
Meadowdale County Park	Snohomish
Mee-Kwa-Mooks Park	King
Monroe Landing	Island
Mukilteo	Snohomish
North Beach County Park	Jefferson
Oak Bay County Park	Jefferson
Oak Harbor	Island
Oak Harbor Beach Park	Island
Oak Harbor City Park	Island
Old Mill County Park (Silverdale)	Kitsap
Olympia Shoal	Thurston
Pat Carey Vista Park	Kitsap
Picnic Point County Park	Snohomish
Pitship Point	Clallam
Pitt Island	Pierce
Pleasant Harbor State Park	Jefferson
Pleasant Harbor WDFW Boat Launch	Jefferson
Point Defiance	Pierce
Port Angeles Harbor	Clallam
Port Gardner	Snohomish
Post Point	Whatcom
Retsil	Kitsap
Richmond Beach Saltwater Park	King
Salt Creek Recreation Area (DNR-419)	Clallam
Saltair Beach (Kingston Ferry Terminal)	Kitsap
Saltwater State Park	King
Samish Bay	Skagit
Scenic Beach State Park	Kitsap
Seahurst County Park	King
Semiahmoo County Park	Whatcom
Semiahmoo Marina	Whatcom
Silverdale Waterfront Park	Kitsap
Sinclair Inlet	Kitsap
Skagit Wildlife Area	Skagit
South Carkeek Park	King
Southworth	King
Stuart Island State Park-Reid Harbor (South Beach)	San Juan
Squaxin Park	Thurston
Taylor Bay	Pierce
Walker County Park	Mason
West Pass Access	Snohomish
Woodard Bay Natural Resource Conservation Area	Thurston

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