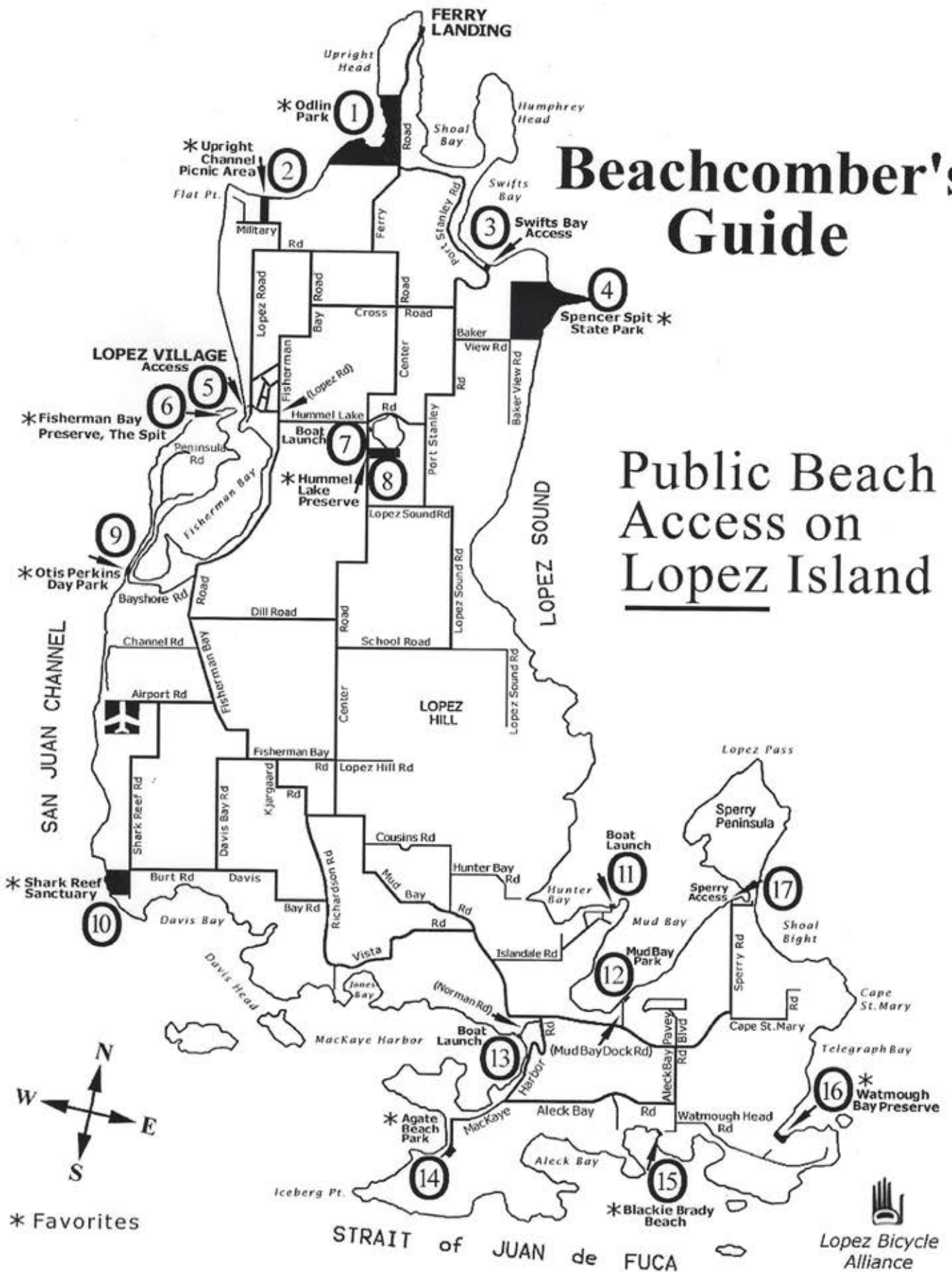


Beachcomber's Guide

Public Beach Access on Lopez Island



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Lopez Island has a variety of beautiful beaches, both public and private. Visitors may not know which beaches are public, and thus may tour the island without seeing some its most attractive features. To help people avoid trespassing on private lands, this flyer provides a guide to public access to beaches throughout the island, as well as access to Hummel Lake. Be advised that signs noted may be missing (removed by "neighbors").

(Services: T = Toilet; O = Outhouse; W = Water; P = Phone)

1. Odlin County Park. (O,W,P) Popular 80 acre park with camping, picnicking, boat launch, dock, and sandy beach. Low tide walk to Upright Channel Picnic Area (1.2 miles one way).
2. Upright Channel Picnic Area. (O) Little used 20 acre wooded picnic area. 5 min walk to stairs leading to sandy beach. Scenic picnics. Low tide walks to the right to Odlin Park (1.2 miles one way) or to the left to Flat Point. Parking and access off Military Road. Often unmarked.
3. Swifts Bay Access. 45 feet of access from Port Stanley Road. Marked by signs at each end. Good for small boat launch, clamming.
4. Spencer Spit State Park. (T,W,P, no showers) Very attractive and popular, wooded 129 acre park with camping and picnic sites on and off the beach. Sand spit and lagoon make good wildlife viewing and beach walking. Rabbits rule here.
5. Lopez Village Access. (T,W,P next to Lopez Village Market) 2 access points .1 mile apart. One is next to Bay Café (where Lopez Road turns north). The other is .1 mile south on Weeks Point Way (across from Lopez Village Market). Often unmarked. Good for kayak launch, picnics.
6. Fisherman Bay Preserve, The Spit. (O) Spectacular 29 acre preserve including meadows, woodlands, spit with 1 mile of shoreline. From Bayshore Road turn left on Peninsula Road. Bear right where county road ends. .3 mile of dirt road to park.
7. Hummel Lake Boat Launch. (O) Small 36 acre lake makes for easy boating and fishing. Signed access at corner of Hummel Lake Road and Center Road. Trout planted yearly.
8. Hummel Lake Preserve. (O) Beautiful 80 acre preserve on edge of lake. Short trail through woods and meadow to dock. Picnic tables. No swimming. Signed access off Center Road .3 miles south of intersection with Hummel Lake Road.
9. Otis Perkins Day Park. Picnic tables at south end of .6 miles of sandy beach. Walk the beach or cycle next to it on Bayshore Road with Fisherman Bay on other side. One of the most scenic short, flat rides from Lopez Village.
10. Shark Reef Sanctuary. (O) Very popular, scenic ten minute walk through woods to channel and small islands separating Lopez and San Juan Islands. Path along bluff to rocky beach, spots to watch boats and wildlife, sea lion watching at south end.
11. Hunter Bay Boat Launch. Small public beach to right of paved boat launch and dock.
12. Mud Bay Park. Unmarked access to Mud Bay. Turn on Mud Bay Dock Road (gravel). House on left at .3 mile looks like end of road, but is not. Continue on single lane dirt road for 500 ft. to road end and stairs to beach. Good for small boat launch, crabbing.
13. MacKaye Harbor Boat Launch. From MacKaye Harbor Road, turn on Norman Road to paved boat launch and dock.
14. Agate Beach Park. (O) Popular turnaround point on island tour. Small picnic area with stairs to picturesque pebble beach and large rock accessible at low tide
15. Blackie Brady Beach. Little used jewel of a picnic area with stairs to a small pocket beach. From Aleck Bay Road turn on Watmough Head Road (gravel). Where Watmough Head Road turns left, go straight on Huggins Road which then bears right to park.
16. Watmough Bay Preserve. (O) Beautiful short pebble beach featuring a rock cliff and view of Mt. Baker. From Aleck Bay Road turn on Watmough Head Road (gravel). .9 miles to road on left (.1 mile past Blue Darter Lane). Left .1 mile to parking area and path to beach. Further up the main road is walk to Point Colville. Look for trees forming "X" over road. Trail is on right.
17. Sperry Access to Mud Bay. Unmarked access to Mud Bay beach. Where Sperry Road turns right, go straight on a single lane dirt road for 300 feet to beach. Good for small boat launch. Tidelands to the left of access are public for a mile.

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Other places for services:

Ferry Landing (O,P)

Lopez Village (T,W,P, showers)

Tennis Courts Center Road .3 miles south of School Rd (O,W)