

A Few Popular Water Trail Routes

Bainbridge Island – Eagle Harbor

Explore picturesque Eagle Harbor on the leisurely Eagle Harbor Loop (Route D) or visit the interesting geologic formation Blakely Rock (Route E) to the southeast of the island.

Poulsbo – Liberty Bay

Explore Liberty Bay and see the wildlife that it is famous for by paddling from the Poulsbo Marina to Oyster Plant Park (Route F), head to the north end of Liberty Bay on the relaxed, protected paddle to Dog Fish Creek (Route G), or do both together.

Silverdale – Dyes Inlet

Launching from the Silverdale Waterfront Park you can make your way to Anna Smith Park (Route I) or paddle south to the mouth of Chico Creek (Route J) where you can see spawning salmon jumping from mid October through November.

Bremerton – Ostrich Bay

Launching from Tracyton Boat Ramp, cross southwest to Rocky Point, pass Mud Bay, after rounding the second peninsula you will make your way south into Ostrich Bay where you can paddle around and stop at N.A.D. Marine Park.

Port Orchard – Sinclair Inlet

From the Water Street boat launch make the nice paddle along the Port Orchard waterfront to Annapolis (Route K) or paddle west to Gorst Creek (Route L) where the salmon return to spawn mid-October thru November.

Gig Harbor – Skansie Park

Enjoy a sheltered paddle in the lovely town by doing the Gig Harbor Loop (Route N). Take time to stop by the Lighthouse and visit any of the several downtown parks, or make the trek to Sunrise Beach Park (Route O).

Key Peninsula – Carr Inlet

Paddle the sheltered Burley Lagoon (Route P) or explore Raft Island (Route Q) and Cutts Island (Route R) from Kopachuck State Park.

Union – Hood Canal

Paddle around scenic Seabeck Bay (Route X), take some time to explore the mouth of the Skokomish (Route Y), or see spawning salmon in Union River (Route Z); Chinook, Coho, Chum mid-September thru November and Steelhead February thru May.

For more routes visit: kitsappenisulawatertrails.com/routes



Clubs & Organizations

Adult, child, or just young at heart, it's easy to get on the trail through the many clubs and organizations that provide lots of opportunities in sailing, rowing, kayaking, paddling, canoeing, fishing, diving, and more.

Bainbridge Island Rowing	Rowing	bainbridgerowing.org
Clam Island Rowing	Rowing	clamislandrowing.com
Gig Harbor Sailing Club	Sailing	gigharborsailing.com
Gig Harbor Canoe & Kayak Racing Club	Rowing & Kayaking	tinyurl.com/y7vltmyk
Hui Hei Hei Wa'a	Outrigger Racing	hhwsilverdale.org
Kitsap Mountaineers	Outdoor Sports	mountaineers.org
Kitsap Outdoors	Outdoor Sports	meetup.com
Kitsap Poggie Club	Fishing	kitsappoggieclub.com
Kitsap Rowing Association	Rowing	kitsaprowing.org
Kitsap Sailing & Rowing Club	Rowing & Sailing	kitsapsailingrowing.org
Kitsap Search & Rescue	Outdoor Sports	kitsapesar.com
Matelot Kayak Club	Kayaking	matelotkayakclub.blogspot.com
NW Dive Club	Diving	nwdiveclub.com
Olympic Peninsula Paddlers	Paddlesports	olympicpeninsulapaddlers.com
Paddle Trails Canoe Club	Paddlesports	paddletrails.org
Peninsula Sailing Club	Sailing	peninsulasailingclub.org
Peninsula Wilderness Club	Outdoor Sports	pwckitsap.org
Port Orchard Paddle Club	Kayaking	meetup.com
Sound Rowers	Rowing & Paddlesports	soundrowers.org
South Sound Sea Kayakers	Kayaking	Facebook
Tribal Canoe Journeys	Tribal Canoe	Facebook
Washington Kayak Club	Paddlesports	wakayakclub.clubexpress.com
Washington Scuba Alliance	Diving	wascuba.org
Washington Water Trails	Water Trail	wwta.org



Planning Your Water Trails Trip

Challenging conditions on Puget Sound can create problems for water trail users who may lack boating skills and familiarity with its unique conditions. Safe boating requires good boating skills; knowledge of Puget Sound conditions, navigational safety and security rules; and good planning for each trip. All boaters should know how to read and use tide and current tables to predict conditions that they may encounter.

Boating Safety Gear Checklist

All watercraft should be of appropriate size and design for the boater and conditions. You should never exceed manufacturer's recommendations.

For shorter, recreational day trips

- Paddles
- Lifejacket*
- Whistle/Audible Device*
- Bilge Pump (Kayaking)
- Paddle Float (Kayaking)
- Board Leash (Paddleboarding)
- Plenty of Water
- Energy Bars/Snacks
- Sunscreen & Lip Balm
- Sunglasses
- Sun/Rain Hat
- First Aid Kit
- Cell phone & waterproof case
- Dress for Water

* US Coast Guard Requirement

Additionally for longer or multi-day trips

- Tide Chart
- Current Tables
- Guide Book
- Compass
- Navigational Chart
- Trip and Safety Plan
- VHS Radio

Sales & Services

Whether you are looking to expand your knowledge, gear up with the best equipment, or just get out and enjoy the water trail, we have numerous shops and outfitters throughout the Kitsap Peninsula to help you hit the water trail.



Allyn House Inn North Bay Kayaks & Cones	Kayak, Stand Up Paddleboard	allynhouseinn.com
Black J Paddle Surf Co. Port Orchard	Kayak, Stand Up Paddleboard	blackj.com
Exotic Aquatics Bainbridge Island	Scuba, Kayak	exoticaquaticsscuba.com
Gig Harbor Fly Shop	Fishing	gigharborflyshop.com
Gig Harbor Watersports	Kayak, Stand Up Paddleboard	gigharborwatersports.com
Gig Harbor Yachts Kayak & SUP Rentals	Kayak, Stand Up Paddleboard	ghluxuryyachts.com
Hoodsport 'N Dive	Scuba	hoodsportndive.com
Kingston Mercantile & Marine	Fishing, Crabbing, Boating	kingstonmercantileandmarine.com
Lee's SUP - Gig Harbor	Stand Up Paddleboard	leessup1.com
Olympic Outdoor Center Port Gamble	Kayak, Stand Up Paddleboard	olympicoutdoorcenter.com
Peninsula Outfitters Poulsbo	Fishing	peninsulaoutfitters.com
REI - Silverdale	Kayak, Stand Up Paddleboard	rei.com/silverdale
Ship to Shore Marine & Kayak - Gig Harbor	Kayak, Stand Up Paddleboard	www.shiptoshoremarine.com
Sound Dive - Bremerton	Scuba	sounddivecenter.com



more about the Alliance, visit kitsappenisulawatertrails.com for the public use and enjoyment of residents and visitors. To learn support and promote the Kitsap Peninsula National Water Trails users and volunteers. The mission of the KPNWT Alliance is to cities, counties, tribes, port districts, businesses, organizations, includes representatives from Water Trails Alliance that the Kitsap Peninsula National Water Trails was used to create reputation as a destination for outdoor recreation. The application KPNWT supports tourists and contributors to the region's growing for kayaking, SUP boating, scuba-diving, fishing, and events. The Kitsap Peninsula National Water Trails is a major destination annual ride the Tide event from Bremerton to Silverdale. Today, celebrated the day on the water in the and visitors from around the region by the Squamish Tribe. Residents The dedication included a blessing from federal, state and local agencies. Park and was attended by dignitaries June 2015 at the Silverdale Waterfront The official dedication took place on Washington State.

officially part of the US National Water Trails System—the first in Interior announced that the Kitsap Peninsula Water Trails as now to complete and on June 23, 2014, the U.S. Department of the to assist with the application process. It took nearly three years County Commissioners agreed to take the lead and assigned staff be part of the National Water Trails System. In late 2010, Kitsap of the trail plan, suggested the group submit an application to Planner for the National Park Services, and long-time supporter land and water trails to attract visitors. Sue Abbott, Community other organizations and individuals got involved to promote the land and water trail assets. In time, Visit Kitsap Peninsula and to create a better trail plan to take advantage of the regions Outdoor Center, worked with Kitsap County Assoc. and John Kurtz, owner of Olympic enthusiasts, led by the North Kitsap Trails In early 2000, local outdoor recreation



Kitsap Peninsula National Water Trails



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The 371 mile Kitsap Peninsula National Water Trails offers water related activities and adventures for people of all ages and level of experience.



Welcome to the Kitsap Peninsula National Water Trails

One of the best ways to experience nature and the great outdoors is on the water. No matter what your skill level, the 371 mile Kitsap Peninsula National Water Trails is a great place to start your adventure. The KPNWT is a series of launch and landing sites offering views of some of the most scenic places in the Kitsap Peninsula including public parks, beaches, marinas, wildlife, and nature preserves.

The KPNWT offers a wide-range recreation options: from family friendly tours around calm, little bays to more challenging, longer rides and overnight adventures. Nearly all KPNWT access points are located near resources, rental/tour services, dining, and other amenities making it a great reason to plan a day or overnight getaway to the Kitsap Peninsula.



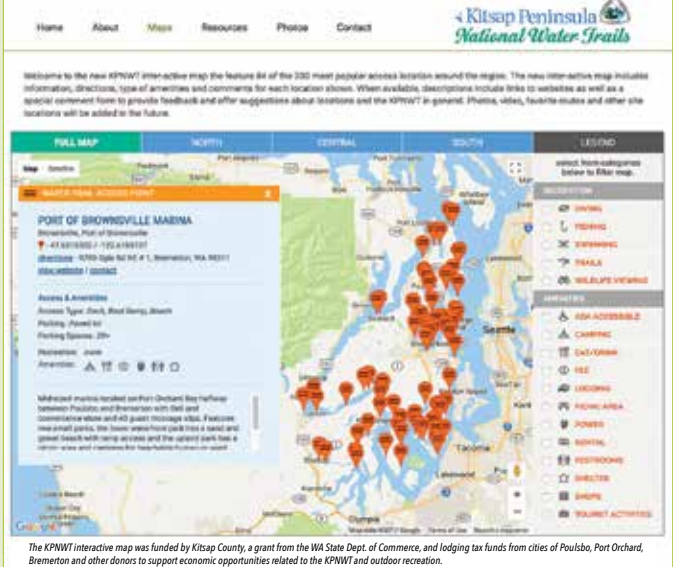
Visit us online to Learn about the History, Access Points, Popular Routes and Water Trail Events

Access the KPNWT website on your desktop or any mobile device 24/7. The site includes the history of the KPNWT, user friendly interactive map (screen shot shown below) with filters that let you choose from more than 150 access points around the region. The site also includes maps of popular water trail routes, photos, blog posts, and links to resources and user groups. Details at: kitsappenisulawatertrails.com



KPNWT interactive, mobile friendly map

The KPNWT interactive map includes information about each access point including directions, hours, parking and other amenities. Filters help you find a location for your adventure.



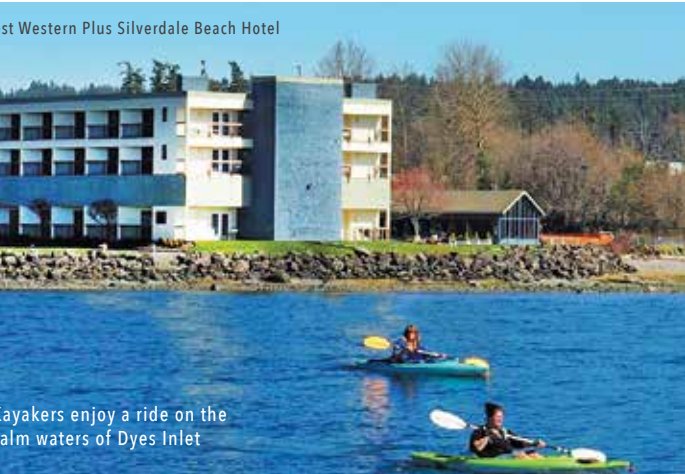
Getaway Today to Stay & Play on the Kitsap Peninsula National Water Trails



From waterfront view suites to affordable, family and pet-friendly inns, B&B's, Airbnbs, RV parks and camps, you'll find a wide-range of lodging choices. The filter on the VisitKitsap.com/lodging page makes it easy to find the perfect place to meet your needs and budget. Listed below are just a few local lodging options available around the Kitsap Peninsula region.

- Baymont Inn & Suites - Bremerton** 360.362.0549 • wyndhamhotels.com
- Best Western Plus Silverdale Beach Hotel - Silverdale** 360.698.1000 • bestwestern.com
- Oxford Suites Silverdale Waterfront - Silverdale** 888.698.7848 • oxfordsuitessilverdale.com
- Comfort Inn on the Bay - Port Orchard** 360.329.4051 • choicehotels.com
- Hampton Inn - Bremerton Waterfront 360.405.0200 • hamptoninn3.hilton.com
- Guest House International - Poulsbo/Little Norway 360.697.4400 • redlion.com
- Inn at Gig Harbor 800.795.9980 • innatgigharbor.com
- Port Gamble Guest Houses 360.447.8473 • portgambleguesthouses.com
- Red Lion - Port Orchard** 360.895.7818 • redlion.com
- Quality Inn and Suites - Silverdale 360.692.7777 • choicehotels.com
- Bainbridge Island Lodging Association** destinationbainbridge.com

*Air BnB, VRBO, Vacasa short-term rentals available on the Kitsap Peninsula. **Pet designates pet-friendly, fees & restrictions apply.



Annual KP Region Water Trails Events

April	Gig Harbor Paddler's Cup Regatta (3-day)
May	Viking Fest Paddle Board Event
June	Annual Ride the Tide & Rendezvous
July	Paddle Bainbridge Island (2-day) Hui Heihei Wa'a - Dyes Inlet Dash Canoe Race
Aug	Paddle Kitsap (1-day)

Please visit kitsappenisulawatertrails.com for details about these and other water trails related events happening on the KPNWT.



Places to Eat, Drink, Play & Things-to-Do

The KPNWT provides visitors with lots of great reasons to stay and play for the day, overnight, or all week long. In addition to lodging ideas, you can visit one of our many award-winning local craft-brewers to enjoy a cold one...it's all about the water! You'll find a wide-range of eating and drinking options for all tastes and budgets on the VKP website at visitkitsap.com/eat-and-drink



In addition to exploring the beautiful Kitsap Peninsula National Water Trails, take time to enjoy other activities available around the region; long, sandy beaches, wooded trails, cycling, family and pet-friendly public parks. The region is rich in historic, cultural, and Native American attractions, festivals, sports and community events, farmer's markets and shops filled with local arts, gifts and crafts. Find more ideas about things to do at visitkitsap.com.

Visit Kitsap Peninsula the Natural Side of Puget Sound

