

EXPLORE. EXPERIENCE. SEMAIHMUO PARK & PENINSULA

There are endless activities to do in Semiahmoo Park. The park sits on a 1.25-mile peninsula extending between Drayton Harbor and Semiahmoo Bay, known as Semiahmoo Spit. The park is a great destination for year-round family fun, offering great outdoor activities. The park is perfect for walking, Biking, Kite-flying, picnicking, kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding, clamming, and beachcombing. You'll find incredible views of Drayton Harbor, Mount Baker, Canada's Golden Ears, Semiahmoo Bay, and White Rock, BC. Semiahmoo Spit is home to Semiahmoo Resort-Golf-Spa, a casual Northwest seaside resort surrounded by the Salish Sea.

There's something for everyone here. Hikers looking for a stroll, families beach-combing, kid's tidal pool exploring, the park features:

- 300 acres of tide flats to explore
- Covered and uncovered picnic areas
- Information kiosks
- Walking, biking & rollerblading trails
- Restaurant & cafe
- Waterfront beaches for swimming, tidal pool exploring, kayaking, and SUP
- Pet-friendly - for our leashed four-legged friends

Semiahmoo Park Trails

Semiahmoo Parkway Trail in the wooded uplands combines the Pacific Northwest landscape's lushness with Semiahmoo Resort-Golf-Spa's charm on the Salish Sea. The trail goes from Semiahmoo Resort out Semiahmoo Parkway to the wooden uplands, past Semiahmoo Golf Course and several gated communities to Horizon Drive. The path is approximately 3.6 miles long, with a roundtrip of 7.2 miles.

Semiahmoo Park Trail is approximately 0.46 miles long. It runs along the beachside of Drayton Harbor from the park entrance past Semiahmoo Marina to the Semiahmoo Wharf Pier at the end of Semiahmoo Spit. Here you will find a gently-sloping sandy beach known as "the secret beach," perfect for summertime fun in the sun. Located here is the docking pier for the Plover Passenger Ferry that runs seasonally, Memorial Day through Labor Day. The trail has picnic tables, benches, and a covered picnic area with an information kiosk.

Semiahmoo Bay Beachside Trail runs along the beachside of Semiahmoo Bay, covering approximately 0.40 miles. There are three public beach access paths along Semiahmoo Parkway that allows access to Semiahmoo Bay.

Ride the Historic Plover Ferry (seasonal)

The Historic Plover Passenger Ferry was built in 1944 to shuttle the APA cannery workers to and from Semiahmoo Spit. Today the Plover is used to shuttle tourists from Blaine Harbor Marina's Visitor's Dock (Gate 2) to Semiahmoo Wharf Pier, Memorial Day through Labor Day. The Plover Ferry is Coast Guard rated to carry 20 passengers, is part of the Coast Millennium Trail, and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

On the Water Recreation

Semiahmoo Bay and Drayton Harbor have become a destination for kayakers and paddleboarders. Getting out on the water allows the opportunity for adventure with nature viewing wildlife with sightings of otters, harbor seals, migratory birds, and taking in one of Semiahmoo Bay's extraordinary sunsets! Semiahmoo's Beach Activities Center provides kayak, paddleboard, and bike rentals May through September.

Bird Watching

Semiahmoo Spit is a popular destination for bird watching. Find the heaviest concentrations of waterfowl along the waters of Drayton Harbor and Semiahmoo Bay. With more than 250 species to be found, the most popular are the Bald Eagle, Peregrine Falcon, Common Loons, Horned Grebe, Red-Necked Grebe, Harlequin Duck, and Surf Scoter, White-winged Scoter, Long-tailed Duck, Greater Scaup, Blue Herons, and more. Semiahmoo Spit and Blaine Marine Park are designated as Important Birding Areas (IBA) and anchor for the North Cascades Loop of the Great Washington State Birding Trail. This area is home to the Annual Wings Over Water Northwest Birding Festival every March. Take your self-guided birdwatching tour to see what bird species you can find along Blaine's pristine shorelines.

Marine Life Viewing

Semiahmoo has a large seal population best viewed along the Semiahmoo Marina breakwater. You can also view harbor seals bobbing their heads out of the water for a curious peek in the inlet between Semiahmoo Wharf Pier and Blaine's Jorgensen Public Pier. Seals are a lot of fun to watch, but please keep a safe distance of at least 100 yards. It is always best to view seals in their native habitat with binoculars.



Alaska Packers Association (seasonal)

The Alaska Packers' Association was a San Francisco-based manufacturer of Alaska canned salmon. The Semiahmoo cannery operated from 1880 until 1973 when it was closed and turned into the Semiahmoo Resort.

The Alaska Packers' Association is best known for running the "Star Fleet," the last fleet of tall ships under sail on the West Coast, as late as 1927. The museum occupies one of the original cannery buildings. The museum exhibits tell the story of days gone by and include a complete history of the Salmon cannery on Semiahmoo Spit in the early 1900s. Drayton Harbor Maritime manages the museum, which operates the historic Plover Passenger Ferry, originally used to ferry workers back and forth to the cannery from the Blaine waterfront. The museum is open seasonally from Memorial Day through Labor Day Weekend.

*Trail distances are approximate.

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