

# SHARPE PARK

## Welcome to Sharpe Park and Montgomery-Duban Headlands

Come take a hike in one of Skagit County's most clandestine parks! Adjacent to the parking lot is a large meadow picnic area surrounded by tall fir trees. Continuing along Sares Head Trail you will pass Fox Pond, a small wetland habitat hosting several species of ducks and migrating songbirds throughout the year. Sit on the lakeside bench and enjoy the bustle of birdlife, as they swoop along the surface of the water looking for an insect or two to feast upon. The trail takes advantage of the unique features of the landscape by meandering along a palustrine wetland, moss covered meadows, a mixed forest, a seasonal stream, and to a spectacular view along the waterfront.

A canopy of trees provide majestic cover along the hike until cresting Sares Head, where the skies open towards vast coastal views, including the Olympic Mountain range, Rosario Strait, and the San Juan Islands. In the springtime, the wildflower communities throughout the rocky meadows are speckled with a kaleidoscope of color, as a mosaic of wildflowers poke their way from the emerald carpet of moss. Chocolate, Camas, and Fawn Lilies join Fairy Slippers, Shooting Stars, Yellow Monkey Flowers, Coastal Strawberry, Spring Beauty, as well as a host of other colorful northwest gems.

If you wander the bluff trail there are peekaboo views of the Deception Pass Bridge. Stop and watch the sailboats as they whisk along the water's surface. Feel the San de Fuca breeze as gusts lift their way up from the shore and along the rocky bluffs. Resident eagles are often seen as they curiously keep watch on your every step, arching in circles as they ride the upward drafts, or cast their shadows from their throne of dead snags; eternally in search of rising fish or perhaps simply digesting their last Salish feast.

There are several other trails bisecting the park, some of which are along difficult terrain and require greater mobility. Porpoise Point Trail on the far northerly side of the park is one such trail. The trail is for skilled trail users. The trail wanders close to the water's edge. Walk along the headlands' rim, setting your eyes beyond the kelp beds, where Harbor Porpoises are often dipping and weaving as they search for smelt. This wondrous park promises a short but majestic journey. We appreciate your visit.



Sares Head

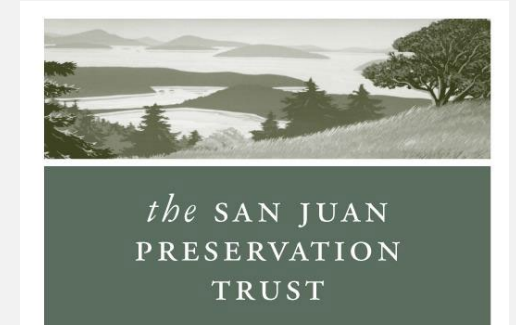
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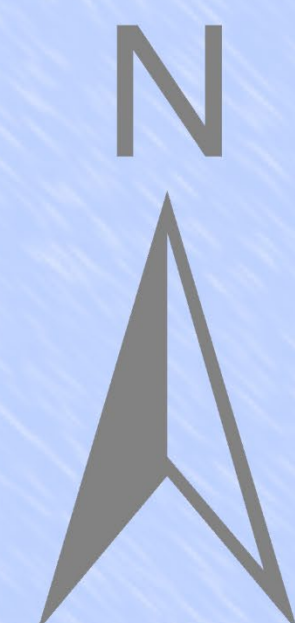
- Pack it in, pack it out
- Glass containers prohibited
- Park hours are dawn to dusk
- Pets on a leash
- Alcohol regulations strictly enforced
- No overnight camping
- No bikes, Skateboards
- No horses
- All Fireworks prohibited
- No Smoking



Thanks to our partners:



Can you name the wildflower?



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