



Guemes Island Ferry: 2019 Haul-Out FAQs

When is the haul out?

The haul out is scheduled for Sunday, February 24, through Monday, March 18.

What is the last run the Guemes Island Ferry will do before going out of service?

The last vehicle ferry run is 11:00 p.m. Saturday, February 23. Passenger-only service will begin at 8 a.m. Sunday, February 24.

Where do I catch the passenger-only boat?

You'll catch the passenger-only boat at the same Ferry Dock location – 500 I Avenue, Anacortes. Passenger-only service will be provided by Arrow Launch. The 49-passenger vessel will operate on a first-come, first-served basis, and will run on the non-peak Guemes Island Ferry schedule; reservations are not accepted.

Is there a charge for the passenger-only service?

Yes. The fares will be charged in accordance with the ferry's non-peak fare schedule which can be found at skagitcounty.net/ferry. If you regularly use the passenger ferry, we strongly encourage you to purchase 25-trip punch cards. The cards may be purchased at the ferry office and are valid for one year.

What is the sailing schedule for the passenger-only service?

The ferry will operate on its non-peak sailing schedule: Monday through Thursday, 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 6:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The schedule is available online at skagitcounty.net/ferry.

Can I bring my bicycle or motorcycle onboard the passenger boat?

The passenger-only boat can accommodate bicycles. Small motorbikes and motorcycles will be allowed on a space-available basis at the Captain's discretion.

What if I need to get my vehicle on or off of the Island during the ferry shut down?

If you need to transport a vehicle between Anacortes and Guemes Island during the ferry haul-out, you will need to make your own arrangements. Two local companies that may be able to assist are Island Transport and San Juan Marine Freight Company.

When is the Guemes Island Ferry scheduled to resume service?

The vehicle ferry is scheduled to resume service at 6:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 19. Please visit skagitcounty.net/ferry for any updates to this information.

What should I do if there is an emergency?

If you have an emergency, dial 911 right away. For more information on emergency services, please contact your local fire department.

If I want to talk to someone about the ferry outage, who do I contact?

Please contact: Rachel Rowe, Ferry Operations Division Manager

Email: rrowe@co.skagit.wa.us

Phone: (360) 416-1466; **Cell Phone:** (360) 333-1496

Will there be a Skagit Transit bus on Guemes Island?

Yes. During the ferry shutdown period, a Skagit Transit shuttle bus on Guemes Island will assist with transportation needs between homes and the ferry dock only. It will not provide all-island transportation. The shuttle will begin service at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 23 and run through 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 19.

The shuttle will operate on a call-in basis according to the following schedule:

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| Monday - Thursday | 7:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. |
| Friday | 7:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. |
| Saturday | 7:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. & 12:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. |
| Sunday | 8:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. – 5:15 pm |

To arrange a pick-up, please call Dispatch at least one hour ahead of your requested pick-up time at (360) 757-4433 (Press #1 and ask for Guemes Dispatch).

Since the bus is not equipped with electronic fare boxes, the suggested fare is \$1 for a standard fare, and 50 cents for a reduced fare (disabled, 65 & older, and under 18).

Helpful Tips

- When loading at both the Anacortes and Guemes Island docks, please wait at the top of the ramp or designated passenger staging areas until all of the passengers have disembarked the vessel. This will help keep the loading and unloading areas clear and safe.
- If you need special accommodations or have limited mobility, please let a crewmember know. Wheelchairs will be available at the dock. You are welcome to call our office (360) 293-6433 in advance.
- Pay attention during the boarding and disembarking process and always follow the instructions of the Captains and Crew. Please be aware of your surroundings at all times and watch your step. There will be plenty of time to chat with your neighbor on the boat ride across the channel.
- If you have bicycles, small motorbikes, carts, or cargo, you will need to stow these items on the back deck of the passenger boat.
- Pets are allowed, but must be on leashes or contained within kennels, cages, etc. Pets are not allowed in the cabin. Horses are not allowed on the passenger-only vessel at any time.
- Personal folding carts can take up less room than wheelbarrows and are encouraged. Wheelbarrows will still be available at the dock.
- School children will have priority boarding on all scheduled school runs.
- Please allow yourself plenty of time to catch your desired sailing.
- Purchase walk-on punch cards at the ferry terminal in advance. 25-trip passenger punch cards offer a discount, and they are good for one year.