



## Ferry Notice

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### Guemes Island Ferry Peak Season Notice

We have received several emails and questions regarding the beginning of peak season ticketing while the car ferry is in dry dock. Ferry service is essential for our community, and we apologize for the inconvenience these delays have caused you. We appreciate everyone's patience as we navigate the delay in the dry dock schedule and the return of the vehicle ferry. While we understand that this has been frustrating, we want to reassure you that the passenger-only ferry is still running, and peak fares, effective May 20, apply only to walk-ons, bicycles, and motorcycles, until the vehicle ferry returns.

**Peak season ferry fares:** The Guemes Island ferry follows resolutions set in 2012 ([Resolution R20120140](#) and [Resolution R20120139](#)), which define peak season as May 20 through September 30 each year. Additionally, the 2025 ferry ticket prices were established by [Resolution R20250016](#) this past January. These resolutions dictate that our peak season pricing starts on May 20<sup>th</sup>, regardless of the drydock or maintenance work happening at the time.

To help ease some of the inconvenience, the Board has passed [Resolution R20250009](#), which extends the expiration date for all paper punch cards (those marked with an expiration date) to two weeks after the vehicle ferry returns from dry dock. The exact date will be determined and announced by the County Engineer or their designee. Additionally, COVID Emergency Punch Cards and Convenience Cards (marked "no expiry") will continue to be valid for regular use through December 31, 2025. After that date, they will no longer be accepted.

We will continue to send out updates on drydock work to the email listserv and social media channels. If you have any questions, please contact the ferry office at [ferrycomments@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:ferrycomments@co.skagit.wa.us) or 360-293-6433. More information on the ferry can be found on our website: [www.skagitcounty.net/ferry](http://www.skagitcounty.net/ferry)

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