

# **Ferry Notice**

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## Guemes Ferry Holiday Update

Season's Greetings from the Guemes Island Ferry!

As we approach the holidays, we wanted to share a few important notices and reminders below with you. Due to the flooding incident, there will be no December newsletter, but we will be back with an edition in January! Thanks for your understanding.

## **Holiday Sailing Schedules**

<u>Christmas:</u> On Thursday, December 25, the ferry will be in service on a holiday sailing schedule. This means we will operate on the Saturday schedule, with the last run departing Anacortes at 10:00 p.m.

New Years Day: On Thursday, January 1, the ferry will be in service on a holiday sailing schedule. This means we will operate on the Saturday schedule, with the last run departing Anacortes at 10:00 p.m.

Please note, Skagit County offices, including the ferry business office, will be closed December 25 and January 1 in observance of the holiday.

#### 2025 Tickets & Convenience Passes Valid Through 12/31/2025

As we wrap up the year, please remember that all Guemes Island ferry tickets and convenience passes purchased in 2025 will expire after December 31, 2025.

The Skagit County Board of County Commissioners adopted <u>Resolution #R20250259</u>, which sets the new fare schedule for 2026. Beginning January 1, 2026, updated fares will take effect, and 2025 purchased tickets will no longer be accepted for travel.

Tickets remain transferable to others, but they are non-refundable if unused by the end of the year. We encourage you to plan ahead and use or share your remaining tickets and passes before they expire.

## Non-Expiry COVID Card Conversion

The County Commissioners also adopted <u>Resolution #R20250260</u> to establish a method for riders with non-expiry COVID punch cards to convert the remaining rides to the electronic ticketing system.

- Riders with these tickets may continue using the paper punch cards through 12/31/2025.
- Beginning 1/1/2026, these cards must be converted to electronic tickets to continue using them. An appointment is required and can be made by calling (360) 416-1466 or emailing <a href="mailto:ferrycomments@co.skagit.wa.us">ferrycomments@co.skagit.wa.us</a>. Appointments are available at the Anacortes Ferry Terminal, at 500 I Avenue, Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (excluding holidays and county closure days). All conversions must be completed by 12/31/2026.
- You can read more about the process to convert non-expiry COVID punch cards on the website <u>here</u>.

## 2026 Ticket Sales:

On November 10, 2025, the Skagit County Commissioners approved <u>Resolution #R20250259</u>, officially adopting the 2026 ferry fare schedule. These new fares will take effect on January 1, 2026.

Later this month, 2026 general tickets, oversize vehicle tickets, and convenience passes will be available for purchase through the ferry app, online, and at the ticket office. A notification will be sent to the email/text distribution list with more information.

For the fastest boarding experience, we encourage riders to buy tickets in advance using the app or website, which allows you to enter the boarding queue directly and bypass the ticket office.

Thank you for riding with us in 2025—we look forward to serving you in the new year!