

SAN JUAN ISLAND

Hilly terrain, category II. Cumulative Elevation of basic loop, 2500 feet.

Start Spring Street

- 0.1 Rt. First St. Whale Museum, tourist shops
- 0.2 Lt. Court St. San Juan Courthouse
- 0.3 Rt. 2nd St.
- 0.5 Rt. Tucker Ave
- 0.9 Road curves to left and name change to Roche Harbor Rd.
- 1.0 Country biking. Enjoy views
- 5.0 Lakebay camping area. Keep going towards Roche Harbor
- 9.1 Bellevue Farm area.
- 9.8 Roche Harbor. Resort area. Mausoleum foot path. Marina, stores, café.
Bike through Roche Harbor, view on right of the Bay.
- 12.4 Rt. West Valley Rd.
- 14.3 British Camp entrance. Worth a stop. Candy Mountain is on left, 894 ft.
Learn about "The Pig War". See Pig War Museum later in Friday Harbor.
- 14.8 Rt. Alpacha farm.
- 15.9 Rt. Mitchell Bay Rd. Road curves to right then to left, downhill.
- 17.2 Lt. Snug Harbor Resort. Camping, marina, stores.
- 17.8 Straight-ahead, view of ocean
- 19.1 San Juan County Park. Small Pox Bay. Boating, kayaking.
- 20.3 West Side Road Scenic Area
- 21.7 Lt. At stop sign. Lime Kiln Point State Park. View across Strait of Juan de Fuca, see
Cascade and Olympic Mountains. Views of Vancouver Island. Beach access.
Trails. Whale watching platforms.
- 23.3 St. Baylor Hill
- 25.7 Cross. Kaknocka Bay Rd. and False Bay Rd. View of farmlands.
- 27.5 Curve left, stay on Baylor Hill Rd.
- 27.7 Rt. Little Rd. Go to Cattle Point Rd.
- 28.1 Lt. Cattle Point Rd. Go right if you want to go to American Camp.
- 28.6 Cattle Point Rd curves to right. View of Friday Harbor.
- 29.5 Town of Argyle. Airport on left.
- 31 Rt. Spring St.
Back to San Juan County Fairgrounds.

OPTIONAL CENTER LOOP. View farmland, ponds.

- 0.0 Spring St. As it leaves Friday Harbor is renamed San Juan Valley Rd.
- 4.4 Rt. Boyce Rd
- 5.4 Rt. Beaverton Valley Rd. West Valley Rd goes left.
- 9.0 Lt. Guard St
- 9.8 Lt. Spring St.
Back to San Juan County Fairgrounds

SHAW ISLAND

This is the smallest of the San Juan Islands, less than 5000 acres. At the dock is a Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist run store, post office and restrooms. No other stores on island so you may want to bring a picnic lunch along.

Ferry to Shaw Ferry Dock

- 0.0 Exit ferry onto Blind Bay Road. Overlook to the right for views of Orcas Village.
- 1.3 St. Blind Bay Rd. Blind Bay State park on left. Camping and picnic area.
Begin ¾ mile uphill.
- 2.4 Rt. Broken Point Rd loops to Ben Nevis Loop. Library on right. Site of Little Red School House built in 1890. Wooded area. Quiet.
- 5.3 Lt. Blind Bay Rd. towards ferry. Go straight at intersection with Hoffman Cove Rd.
Repeat Blind Bay Rd
- 6.4 Rt. Squaw Bay Rd. To South Beach County Park Camping area.
- 7.6 Mudflats at low tide visible here on the left.
- 8.2 Rt. Hoffman Cove Rd. towards Blind Bay Rd. This is a gravel road.
Option is to turn around and go back on Squaw Bay Rd. On left is University of Washington Biological Preserve.
- 10.1 Rt. Blind Bay Rd. goes back to ferry.
- 11.4 Ferry Dock

LOPEZ ISLAND

This island is the 3rd largest of the San Juan Islands. Terrain category II. Cumulative elevation gain, 1600 ft. The coast is rocky, steep cliffs, isolated coves. Visit the six parks (underlined).

Lopez Ferry Dock at Upright Head, exit ferry uphill to Ferry Rd.

- 1.3 Lt. Port Stanley Rd. Oldin County Park. Views of Upright Channel and Shaw Island. Place to enjoy watching the ferries.
- 2.2 Ferry Rd. changes to Fisherman Bay Road. Spencer Spit State Park is off road to left.
- 2.6 Rt. Military Rd. becomes Lopez Rd. . Military Rd goes right to Upright Channel Park, Department of Natural Resources operated facility.
- 3.2 Lt. Curve on Lopez Rd.
- 4.4 Enter Lopez Village. Visit stores, stock up on food for ride around island.
- 4.8 Rt. Fisherman Bay Rd. If you want to go to Otis Perkins Park, take Bayshore Rd.
- 7.0 Cross Dill Road (at top of hill)
- 7.7 Rt. Airport Rd.
- 8.2 Lt Shark Reef Rd. Road curves several times. On right is golf course.
- 10.0 San Juan County Shark Reef Sanctuary. Picnic Area, restrooms. Hike through forest to rocky shore beach, worth the trip. Across from beach see San Juan Island.
- 10.1 Rt. Burt Lane.
- 10.9 St. At stop sign go straight on Davis Bay Rd. Road curves right then left.
- 12.1 Rt. Richardson Rd.
- 12.7 Continue right on Richardson Rd. Views of bay. See herons and other wild life.
- 13.4 Rt. Vista Rd. Follow same road as curves left.
- 14.7 Rt. Mud Bay Rd.
- 15.8 Rt. MacKaye Harbor Rd.
- 17.4 Lt. Agate Beach Lane, follow to Agate Beach County Park. Picnic. Toilets.
This is turn around point.
- 18.4 Rt. Aleck Bay Rd. Follow to left.
- 20.5 Lt. Mud Bay Rd.
- 21.9 McKay Harbor Rd.
- 24.6 Lt. Mud Bay Rd.
- 24.7 Rt. Center Rd.
- 26.3 Rt. School Rd.
- 27.4 Changes name to Lopez Sound Rd. Nice downhill through a wooden tunnel.
- 28.9 Rt. Port Stanley. Curves to right then curves to left. See Port Stanley Schoolhouse, built in 1917, on National Historic Register, being restored to original condition.
- 30.6 Rt. Port Stanley Rd. to Spencer Spit State Park. Features ¼ mile long sand spit with a saltwater lagoon marsh, fishing, clamming, beachcombing, bird watching. Views of Frost Island, Blakely Island and Decatur Island. Look for Mt. Baker.
- 31 Curves to right along Swifts Bay. Beach access. Curves left.
- 33 Rt. Ferry Rd. Odlin Park straight ahead. To Ferry Landing.

ORCAS ISLAND

Largest Island. Numerous steep hills. Terrain Category, III. Category IV if you choose to climb Mt. Constitution, 2400 feet. Total cumulative elevation gain for basic route, nearly 5000 feet.

- 0.0 Lt Exit ferry on steep hill going onto Horseshoe Highway (may also be called, Orcas Highway).
- 5.2 Island directory sign.
- 6.1 Golf course on right; pretty views to left. This is a valley.
- 7.1 Small park.
- 8.3 Continue through village of Eastsound; cafes, grocery store (buy food for ride).
- 8.8 Sea level. Oyster and/or clam beds along beach. Kayak rentals.
- 9.4 Rt. Continue Horseshoe Highway. Begin strenuous climb up mile-long grade.
- 12.5 Enter Moran State Park. Foot trails encircle lake.
- 13.3 Day use area. Restrooms. Picnicking and swimming. 560' elevation.
- 14.0 Rt. Follow main road.
Road to left goes uphill to campgrounds at Mountain Lake and to top of Mt. Constitution. This is quite a strenuous side trip - only 5.5 miles, but "straight up"! At top is reward of 360-degree view.
- 14.7 One lane bridge.
- 16.0 Lt Olga Rd. Store.
(to right is optional side road to DNR Obstruction Pass Park and Marina. Store at 16.5)
- 19.4 Doe Bay. Café and store. Good rest stop.
Turn-around point. Horseshoe Highway towards Eastsound.
- 29.3 Continue on Terrillo Beach Rd. , don't continue on Horseshoe Highway as it turns left.
- 29.8 Lt. Mt. Baker Rd. Mt. Baker farm with Mt. Baker scenic railway on right. Mt. Baker cemetery on the left.
- 31.1 Eastsound Airport, Baker Rd. becomes Lovers Lane. Covered bridge on right.
- 31.3 Rt. Enchanted Forest Rd, steep hill towards West Beach.
- 33.6 Lt. West Beach Rd.
- 34.8 Rt. W. Crow Valley Rd. Crow Valley School Museum, 1888. Check hours – they aren't always open.
- 38.4 Rt. Deer Harbor Rd. Cliffs overlooking West Sound.
- 42.1 Deer Harbor Marina. Café.
- 45.8 Westsound. Continue along waterfront.
- 46.7 Rt. Horseshoe Highway
- 49.3 Orcas Ferry Dock.