

WATMOUGH BAY PRESERVE

Lopez Island



Directions

From the Lopez ferry landing:

Take Ferry Road heading south. At 2.2 miles, turn left onto Center Road. Continue to a T in the road at 7.7 miles and turn left onto Mud Bay Road. At 12.2 miles, turn right onto Aleck Bay Road. At 12.75 miles, continue straight onto Watmough Head Road. Turn left at 13.75 miles. Park at the end of the bumpy drive, 13.95 miles from start.

From Lopez Village:

From the water tower at Village Park, go east on Lopez Road for .25 miles. Turn right onto Fisherman Bay Road. Turn left onto Hummel Lake Road at .30 miles. Turn right onto Center Road at 1.1 miles. Continue to a T in the road at 5.0 miles and turn left onto Mud Bay Road. At 9.4 miles, turn right onto Aleck Bay Road. At 9.9 miles, continue straight onto Watmough Head Road. Turn left at 11.0 miles. Park at the end of the bumpy drive, 11.1 miles from start.

 Land Bank Preserve

 San Juan Islands National Monument

 Trails

 Parking

Located at the southern end of Lopez Island, **Watmough Bay Preserve** lies adjacent to a portion of the San Juan Islands National Monument. Together, these public lands protect over 400 acres and are cooperatively managed for trails and habitat preservation. From the parking area, a short, shady walk leads to a small, lovely beach with views of Mount Baker framed by cliffs and forested hills. More trails encircle a freshwater marsh, wander along Point Colville to the south, and steeply ascend Chadwick Hill to the north. There is an outhouse and parking for eight vehicles.

The Land Bank's Watmough Bay Preserve was protected through the efforts of the San Juan Preservation Trust, gifts of land from two property owners, a grant from the state Salmon Recovery Funding Board, and hundreds of private donations.

When you visit:

- Stay on designated trails.
- Daytime and pedestrian use only.
- No fires or camping.
- Hunting allowed on San Juan Islands National Monument land.
- Leash your dog.
- Take nothing.
- Leave nothing.

