

Whidbey Audubon Society's Guide to 15 Special Spots

1. **Deception Pass**

Off Hwy 20. H-old growth forest, wetland, rocky/sandy shore, tide pools, rare beach plants. M-seal, deer, squirrel. B-loons, murrelets, other waterfowl, bald eagle, kingfisher, warblers, other passerines

2. **Dugualla Bay & Lake**

From Hwy 20, East on Frostad Rd., North on Dike Rd. H-sheltered bay, mud flats, salt & freshwater mix. M-river otter. B-kingfisher, trumpeter swan, peregrine falcon, osprey, dabbling ducks (pintail, etc.)

3. **Oak Harbor City Beach**

From Hwy 20, South on 30th St. SW in Oak Harbor. H-bay, beach. B-abundant waterfowl (inc. occ Eurasian wigeon), heron, gulls (mew, ring-billed, Thayer's & others)

4. **Joseph Whidbey State Park/West Beach/Swantown Lake**

From Hwy 20, West on Swantown Rd, West on Crosby Rd. to West Beach Rd. H-Rocky/sandy beach, freshwater lake, cattail marsh. M-seal, otter, gray whale. B-bald eagle, harrier, shorebirds, red knot, wide variety of waterfowl including loons, ruddy ducks, oldsquaw

5. **Partridge Point**

From Hwy 20, West on Libbey Rd to end. H-rocky beach, thickets. M-seal. B-grebes, harlequin duck, guillemot, scoters, mergansers, other waterfowl & alcids, sparrow, wrens.

6. **Ft. Ebey St. Park**

From Hwy 20, West on Libbey Rd, South on Ft. Ebey Rd. H-second growth forest, thickets, lake, beach, wildflowers. M-deer, squirrel, otter. B-marbled murrelet, merganser, other waterbirds, kingfisher, great mix of forest species, pileated woodpecker, kinglets, brown creeper.

7. **Kennedy's Lagoon**

From Hwy 20, South on Madrona Way, pullouts East of road. H-sheltered lagoon. M-seal, sea lion. B-abundant waterbirds, goldeneyes, cormorant, shorebirds-black turnstone, yellowlegs.

8. **Perego Lake & Bluff Trail**

From Hwy 20, South on Terry, South on Ebey Rd, parking on right at bottom. H-prairie, fields, thickets, forest, rocky beach, rare prairie flowers. M-Dall's porpoise, orca. B-mourning dove, great horned owl, warblers, finches,

yellowlegs, killdeer, willet, cormorants

9. **Coupeville Wharf**

From Hwy 20, North on Main St., West on Front St. H-saltwater. M-otter, seal. B-cormorants, loons, goldeneyes, kingfisher, scaups, bufflehead. Abundant sea life visible from wharf-jellyfish, sea stars, etc.

10. **Ft. Casey State Park**

From Hwy. 20, South on Main St. becoming Engle Rd. H-rocky beach, thickets, wildflowers. M-gray whale, seal. B-grebes, auklets, murrelets, gulls, oystercatcher, other waterfowl.

11. **Crockett Lake**

From Hwy 20, South on Main St. becoming Engle Rd. H-brackish lake. B-large numbers of shorebirds-dunlin, western sandpiper, black-bellied plover, etc. Peregrine falcon, northern harrier, merlin, bald eagle. Waterfowl include pintail, green-winged teal, shoveler, oldsquaw, Virginia rail.

12. **South Whidbey State Park**

From Hwy 525, West on Smugglers Cove Rd. H-old growth forest (ancient cedars & firs), beach. M-deer, raccoon, squirrel. B-osprey, thrush, western tanager, woodpeckers, violet-green swallow, small perching birds (chickadee, etc.)

13. **Double Bluff & Bayview Beaches**

From Hwy 525, South on Double Bluff Rd. H-sandy beach, high bluff. M-seal. B-gulls, waterfowl, eagle. Great beachcombing for shells; respect private property please.

14. **Lone Lake**

From Hwy 525, North on Bayview Rd 1.8 mile then West on Andreason Rd. to stop sign, South on Lone Lake Rd. H-lake, woodlot, thickets. B-mergansers, shoveler, scaup, other waterfowl; Steller's jay, bushitit, thrushes, other passerines/ quail. Blackberries in Aug/Sept!

15. **Langley City Beach & Marina in Langley**

Beach access off First St. and Marina at East end off Wharf St. H-saltwater, thickets. M-orca, seal. B-cormorants, grebes, mergansers, loons, other waterfowl; eagle, small perching birds. Sea stars, jellyfish, crab visible from pier.

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