Welcome to Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve!

Ebey's Reserve is one of the largest national historic districts in the nation, but it also has boundless opportunities for adventure and recreation: biking, paddling, biking, diving, sailing, camping, kite flying, dog walking, bird watching, whale watching, fishing, mussel eating and antique hunting... and more! As the only National Historical Reserve in the National Park system, it is quirky and unique, so there are some things you should know in order to make the most of your time here.

Unlike traditional National Parks or National Historical Parks, which are owned by the American people and exclude private ownership, the Reserve is a living, functioning community. Eighty-five percent of our 17,572 acres is privately owned by ordinary citizens, agencies and organizations. This map is designed for two purposes to help our guests navigate the best recreational hot spots on the Reserve, and to steer them away from unwitting trespass on private property.

Ebey's Reserve includes three Washington State Parks, four Island County Parks and three Town of Coupeville Parks, all unique and all offering different opportunities. The map icons will show you where to go to enjoy your favorite activities, and the map’s color coding will help you avoid private lands. Please note the following caveats:

- Dogs are welcome but must be on-leash on all Reserve trails. There is an off-leash dog area at Patmore County Park on Patmore Road. PLEASE clean up after your pet wherever you walk.
- Paragliding is allowed only within the boundaries of Fort Ebey State Park. Please consult with the Park for rules and regulations. Call Washington State Parks regional Headquarters at Fort Casey at: (360) 678-4519.
- Many roads throughout the Reserve are great for road biking, and the Kettles Trails offer a network of mountain biking trails. For suggested routes and detailed maps, see http://www.whidbeyisland.org/things-to-do/outdoor-adventure/cycling/.
- Horseback riding is permitted on the Kettles Trails but not over the park boundary into Fort Ebey State Park. Trailer parking is available at the junction of SR20 and Libbey Road, as well as at pull-outs at the Kettles Trails gates along SR20.
- The Pacific Northwest Trail (PNT) suffers continuity breaks as it makes its way from Fort Ebey to Fort Casey State Parks. Be aware that signage for the PNT that leads to the top of the Fort Ebey bluff will dead end on the southern end of the park with no descent to the beach. Southbound through-hikers should stay at the beach level to continue south towards Fort Casey.

A Historic Focal Point for the Region

Central Whidbey Island has always been a great turnstile for the natural system of marine highways that connect Georgia Strait, Puget Sound, the Strait of Juan de Fuca – the Salish Sea – and beyond.

Our region represents the southern terminus of the Inside Passage, a 1,080-mile long waterway among coastal islands from Washington to Alaska. Northwest Coastal Indians traveled this great distance in grand cedar canoes to connect with a vast trade network. Today, as then, more than a thousand islands afford mariners protection from the heavy weather and high seas of the open ocean.

For more information go to: www.nps.gov/ebus

Thank you for respecting the privacy of the residents of Ebey’s Landing National Historical Reserve, but more importantly Enjoy your visit!!

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