



National Park Service

Most of the current launching and landing sites along the Lakes-To-Locks Trail are in parks or on publicly owned lands. It is our hope that corporate, private, and public landowners will consider adding even more access sites and facilities for nonmotorized boats.

Interest and participation in this metropolitan blueway is growing every day. We hope you will join with us to make the Lakes-To-Locks Water Trail a place everyone can enjoy.



This regional freshwater trail begins at Lake Sammamish, travels north along the Sammamish River, around Lake Washington, through the Montlake Cut to Lake Union, and then west to the Chittenden Locks and saltwater connection with Puget Sound and the Cascadia Marine Trail.

The Lakes-To-Locks Water Trail is designed for users of hand-carried, nonmotorized boats—kayaks, rowboats, sailboats, and canoes—to access local waterways, stop along waterfront parks, and enjoy unique neighborhoods and

With a chain of 100 launching and landing sites and over 130 miles of shoreline to explore, the Lakes-To-Locks Water Trail provides plenty of opportunities for Seattle and King County area residents to experience their community from the water.

Blue trails give us different ways to experience our surroundings. Besides being avenues for recreation, they are also links to local history and heritage, paths for improved health, and even routes to work.

The Lakes-To-Locks Water Trail



Bellevue Parks

- To physically, intellectually, and spiritually connect people with the place they live
- To provide access to local waterways for recreation and education
- To enhance the strong stewardship ethic developing in the Puget Sound Area
- To support improvements to sites and facilities that benefit small, non-motorized boats
- To highlight places of interest along and within each waterfront community
- To encourage residents, communities, and resource agencies to think holistically and work together to support a regional water trail system

Goals for the Water Trail

Two Lakes-To-Locks Section Maps, for the East and West sections of the trail, have detailed information about launching and landing sites, including parking, type of launch (shore, dock, or ramp), and available restroom facilities. Purchase these maps from WWTa, local Lakes-To-Locks partners, and boating stores in King County.

Washington Water Trails Association (WWTa) worked with the National Park Service Rivers & Trails Program for over two years to build this unique, close-to-home water trail. See the back of this brochure for a list of all the local Lakes-To-Locks partners who help make this distinctive trail a reality.

In 2000, the Water Trail was inaugurated with a series of events, including interpretive paddle trips, shoreline tours, treasure hunts, and more.

Building the Trail

Lakes-To-Locks Partners

City of Seattle

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Seattle, WA 98109-5199
206.684.4075
www.cityofseattle.net/parks

City of Mercer Island

Parks & Recreation
8236 SE 24th Street
Mercer Island, WA 98040
206.236.3545
www.ci.mercer-island.wa.us

City of Kirkland

Parks & Community Services
123 5th Avenue
Kirkland, WA 98033-6189
425.828.1218
www.ci.kirkland.wa.us

City of Renton

Parks Administration
1055 South Grady Way
Renton, WA 98055
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www.ci.renton.wa.us

Washington Fish & Wildlife

16018 Mill Creek Blvd.
Mill Creek, WA 98012
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City of Issaquah

Parks & Recreation
301 Rainier Blvd. South
Issaquah, WA 98027-1307
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www.ci.issaquah.wa.us

City of Woodinville

Parks & Recreation
17301 133rd Avenue NE
Woodinville, WA 98072
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King County

King County Park System
2040 84th Avenue SE
Mercer Island, WA 98040
206.296.4232
www.metrokc.gov/parks

City of Bothell

Parks & Recreation
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Bothell, WA 98011-3499
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www.ci.bothell.wa.us

Washington State Parks

2840 Riverwalk Drive SE
Auburn, WA 98002-8207
253.931.3907
www.parks.wa.gov

City of Redmond

Parks & Recreation
15965 NE 85th Street
Redmond, WA 98073
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Port of Seattle

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Army Corps Of Engineers

Seattle District
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Seattle, WA 98124-2255
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City of Bellevue

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Washington Water Trails Association

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National Park Service Rivers & Trail Program

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Paddle in the shadow of the Space Needle, float among research ships in Lake Union, explore quiet coves along Lake Washington, discover nature in the city while gliding through Mercer Slough, watch eagles and blue herons along Lake Sammamish shorelines...

Cary Tolman



A Connection to Saltwater

The western end of the Lakes-To-Locks Water Trail connects with the Cascadia Marine Trail, an intercoastal waterway stretching 150 miles from Olympia to Canada. The Cascadia Marine Trail, one of only sixteen National Millennium Trails in the country, honors and preserves 5000 years of marine travel in Puget Sound.

Over forty campsites—on public and private lands—provide rest stops for paddlers travelling this trail.

A "blue trail" that connects inland lakes, rivers, waterways, and the ship canal with the shores of Elliott Bay and Puget Sound

Try seeing your community from the water!

