Mason County Recreation • NORTH

Mason County is home to a variety of outdoor recreation, thanks to our towering mountains, huge tracts of national forest, and hundreds of miles of salt and freshwater shoreline. A variety of bicycle routes are highlighted with convenient map keys. Additionally, we've identified many scenic and popular launches for kayaking, boating and fishing. For those who want to escape further into the forest, this map will show you some of our favorite trails and trailheads for hiking and exploring. State and county parks for camping or outdoor play, Mason Transit bicycle-friendly routes and historical sites have also been identified for your discovery and enjoyment. Lastly, we've included some popular diving sites in the deep waters of Hood Canal - one of the most pristine diving locales in the Pacific Northwest.

From Mason County to all of you--
Enjoy!

Legend

BIKEWAYS

- Bike Routes
- Heavy Traffic
- Moderate Traffic
- Light Traffic
- Transit Route
- Steep Grade
- Bridge

POINTS OF INTEREST

- Public Restroom
- School
- Store
- Hospital
- Fire Station
- Historic Site
- Visitor Information
- Boat Launch
- Trailhead
- Camping
- Boat Camp
- Kayaking
- Scuba

Scale 0 1.0 2.0 3.0 4.0 MILES — 2 MILES = .75 INCH

Mason County Transit is Bicycle Friendly!

If roads get too busy or you grow too tired, remember that all Mason County Transit buses provide bike racks.

Convenient, secure and easy-to-use, bicycle racks become a bicyclist's best friend when weather conditions worsen or visibility lessens due to darkness, mist or fog.

Remember, you are responsible for loading and unloading your own bicycle, and you'll want to remove packs and panniers in time before the bus arrives.

When bike racks are full, it will be up to the discretion of the bus driver if you will be allowed to bring your bicycle on board; often it is simply a matter of judgement regarding safety and passenger loads. Rarely, but sometimes, you may be asked to take the next bus. If you bring your bicycle on board, please be responsible for its handling and security in the wheelchair securement area throughout the trip.

Schedule Information • 360-426-5033
www.masontransit.org
Mason Transit Bicycle Consultant
Dave O'Connell • 360-426-9434

Capital Bicycle Club • Olympia, WA

CAPITAL BICYCLING C·L·U·B

The Capital Bicycling Club (CBC) has been a mainstay of the cycling community in the South Puget Sound region for over thirty years. Located in Olympia, the capital of Washington, CBC is the beneficiary of an unparalleled setting for both on and off-road cycling. We support all aspects of cycling, from recreational to commuting; including bike/traffic safety and bike advocacy.

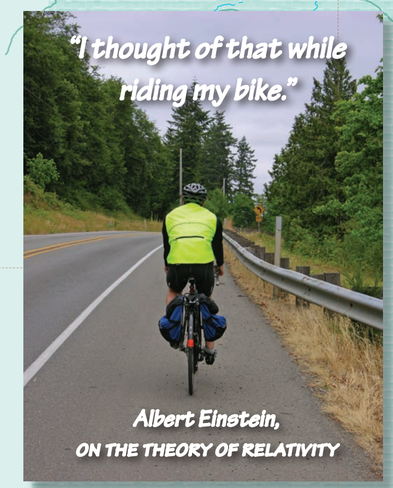
www.capitalbicycleclub.org

Olympic Peninsula Guide Map
For East Jefferson County
www.ptbikes.org

Kitsap County Bicycle Guide Map
www.kcbikemap.com
360-337-5777

Olympic National Forest
www.fs.fed.us/r6/olympic
360.956.2402

Olympic National Park Staircase Ranger Station
www.nps.gov/olym
360.565.3130 or 800.833.6388



Turn over for South Mason County Recreation Map

All information presented herein is accurate to the best of our knowledge and sources as of printing date. Road conditions change periodically, so please check for current conditions before planning your trip. Map authors not responsible for any inaccuracies of map or hardship/injury due to same.

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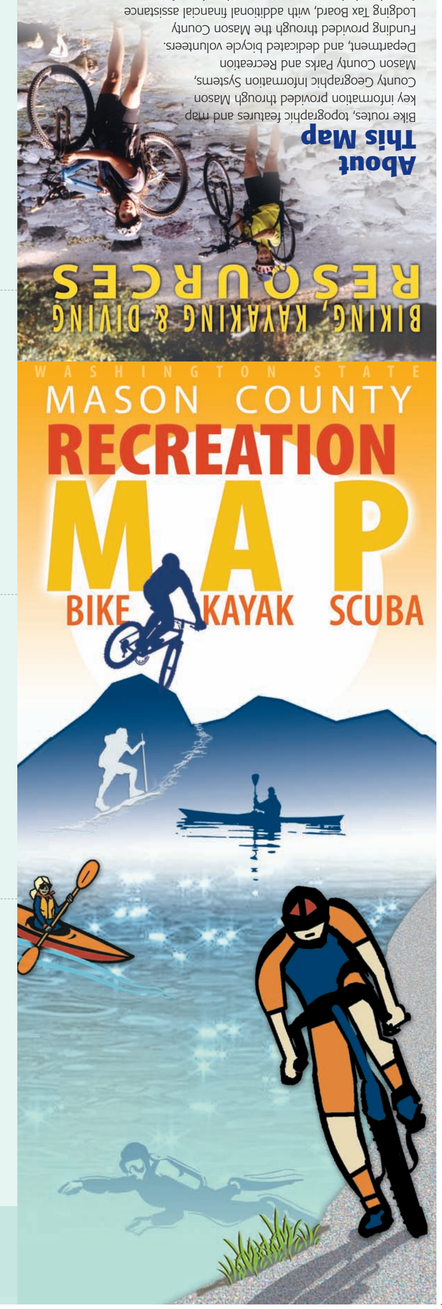

Mason County Recreation • SOUTH

Mason County Favorite Bicycle Rides

- Southwest County Loop - Dayton, Matlock, Schafer St. Park • 90 miles 1, 2 G, H
- Harstine Island Loop • 9.4 miles 5G
- Mason Lake Loop • 24 miles 4E-F
- Skokomish Valley Road • 11 miles 2-3F
- Kamilche-Bloomfield - Old Olympic Highway Loop • 12 miles 3,4H
- Grapeview Loop Road • 7.8 miles 5E, F

Pierce County Bicycle Guide Map
www.pierce-countywa.org/bikemap

Thurston County Bicycle Guide Map
www.thurstoncountybikemap.org

Grays Harbor County • www.visitgraysharbor.com

Places of Note

Historic Sites

1 **Allyn Historic Church** (1909) – Allyn's oldest building on SR-3. C5

2 **Craftsman Grange** (1924) – Now an antique store in Union on SR-106. D3

3 **Dalby Waterwheel** (1922) – Early hydroelectric plant on Hood Canal, preserved by HC Improvement Club in Union on SR-106. D,E3

4 **Goldsborough Creek Bridge** (1923) – 57-ft reinforced concrete tied arch bridge in Shelton on SR-3. G3

5 **High Steel Bridge** (1929) – Part of logging railroad built by Simpson, this 685-foot bridge is perched 420 feet above the south fork of the Skokomish River. F2

6 **Hamma Hamma Guard Station** (1936-37) – Constructed by the CCC for forest service fire and trail crews, northwest of Eldon off US-101. A3

7 **Harstine Island Community Hall** Historic landmark at N. Island Drive & Harstine Island Drive. F5

8 **North & South Hamma Hamma Bridges** (1924) – Identical three-hinged, reinforced-concrete through-ribbed arch bridges, south of Eldon on US-101. A4

9 **Lilliwaup Community Club** (1904) – Former one-room schoolhouse in Lilliwaup on US-101. B3

10 **Shelton Public Library and Town Hall** (1914) – Classic revival stucco construction in Shelton on 5th & Railroad. G3

11 **Simpson Logging Locomotive No. 7** (1924) **and Peninsula Railway Caboose No. 700** (1920s) – Shay-type locomotive and caboose with cupola on 3rd & Railroad in Shelton. G3

12 **Tacoma City Light Hydropower Plant** (1926) – Power is conveyed from dams at Skokomish River and Lake Cushman to Tacoma at Potlatch on US-101. C3

13 **Tombstone Territory** (late 1800s) – Wooden grave marker and signpost with actual graves underneath North Shore Road about 3 miles past Tahuya. D3

Museums

A **Home of Sacred Belongings – Squaxin Island Indian Tribal Museum, Library and Research Center** - On Old Olympic Highway, south from Kamilche, follow signs. H3

B **Mason County Historical Society & Museum** – Extensive collection of historic artifacts. Open T-F, 11 am-5 pm; Saturday, 11 am - 4 pm 5th & Railroad, Downtown Shelton 360-426-1020. G3

C **Matlock Historical Museum** Former schoolhouse with turn-of-the-century artifacts open by appointment on Matlock-Brady Road. Call 360-482-3382. G1

D **Skokomish Tribal Center** - Twana art, artifacts and photographs, open M-F at SR-106, near Skokomish River Bridge. F3

Natural Wonders

E **800-Year Old Cedar Tree** – Giant tree with 14-ft diameter which fell in 1988 during heavy rains, past Camp Cushman to FS-24 and Staircase Ranger Station. B2

F **Hood Canal Salmon Hatchery** – Hoodsport at Finch Creek off US-101. C3

Shelton

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Bike, Kayak and Dive Safely

Bicycling

Bicycles are legally considered "vehicles" on Washington's roadways. ***That means bicyclists must obey the rules of the road like drivers of any other vehicle and must be treated as equal users by all other vehicles.***

The best way to avoid accidents is to be prepared and be aware of other vehicles around you. Avoid common bicyclist errors and common motorist errors committed around bicyclists.

Here are some safety tips for biking in Washington:

1. **Obey traffic signs and signals** - Bicycles must follow the rules of the road like other vehicles.
2. **Never ride against traffic** - Motorists aren't looking for bicyclists riding on the wrong side of the road. State law and common sense require that bicyclists drive like other vehicles.
3. **Follow lane markings** - Don't turn left from the right lane. Don't go straight in a lane marked "right-turn only."
4. **Don't pass on the right** - Motorists may not look for or see a bicycle passing on the right.
5. **Scan the road behind you** - Learn to look back over your shoulder without losing your balance or swerving. Some riders use rear-view mirrors.
6. **Keep both hands ready to brake** - You may not stop in time if you brake one-handed. Allow extra distance for stopping in the rain, since brakes are less efficient when wet.

7. **Wear a helmet and never ride with headphones** - Always wear a helmet. Never wear a headphone while riding a bike.
8. **Dress appropriately** - In rain wear a poncho or waterproof suit. Dress in layers so you can adjust to temperature changes. Wear bright colored clothing.
9. **Use hand signals** - Hand signals tell motorists and pedestrians what you intend to do. Signal as a matter of law, of courtesy, and of self-protection.
10. **Ride in the middle of the lane in slower traffic** - Get in the middle of the lane at busy intersections and whenever you are moving at the same speed as traffic.
11. **Choose the best way to turn left** – There are two choices: (1) Like an auto: signal to move into the left turn lane and then turn left. (2) Like a pedestrian: ride straight to the far side crosswalk. Walk your bike across.
12. **Make eye contact with drivers** - Assume that other drivers don't see you until you are sure that they do. Eye contact is important with any driver who might pose a threat to your safety.
13. **Look out for road hazards** - Watch out for parallel-slat sewer grates, gravel, ice, sand or debris. Cross railroad tracks at right angles.
14. **Use lights at night** - The law requires a white headlight (visible from at least 500 feet ahead) and a rear reflector or taillight (visible up to 300 feet from behind).
15. **Keep your bike in good repair** - Adjust your bike to fit you and keep it working properly. Check brakes and tires regularly. Routine maintenance is simple and you can learn to do it yourself.
16. **Audibly alert pedestrians as you approach.** Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.
17. **Use caution when large vehicles are in the left lane at intersection.** They may be swinging wide for a right turn.

www.wsdot.wa.gov/bike

www.masontransit.org

Also Washington State DNR has ORV(off Road Vehicle) Maps available on their website: www.dnr.wa.gov

Kayaking

You can put your kayak (or canoe) in at any public access.
Some Safety Tips:

- ALWAYS wear a properly fitting U.S. Coast Guard-approved Life Jacket at all times on the water.
- Don't drink alcohol before or while boating.
- Know the water you're paddling, plan your day of paddling, and file a "float plan" so that someone knows where to find you and when you plan to return.
- Always paddle with a partner.

More tips at:
www.parks.wa.gov/boating
Washington State Parks

www.uscgboating.org
Boating Safety Division, US Coast Guard

www.wwta.org
Washington Water Trails Association

Diving

Any public access to water is free and available for diving. *(Sund Rock charges $15 per diver, find out more at the HoodSport & Dive.)*
Snorkeling is best at low tide on any public beach.

Interested in becoming a diver?
Contact PADI *(Professional Association of Diving Instructors)*
www.padi.com

Other great diving websites:
www.theperfectdive.com
The Perfect Dive- by divers
www.tdisdi.com
International Dive Training