

Puget Sound Shorebird Survey site descriptions

Port Susan Bay

Warm Beach (See overview map)

To get to Warm Beach Christian Camps and Conference Center (20800 Marine Drive, Stanwood, WA), follow these directions.

From Points North (Mt Vernon, Bellingham)

- Going South on I-5 take exit 212 (Stanwood/Camano Island).
- Turn right onto Hwy 532 and travel approximately 5 1/4 miles west to Stanwood. Turn left at the 4th light onto 88th Ave NW and go 1/4 mile to stop sign.
- Turn right onto Marine Drive and travel South for approximately 4 miles to Camp entrance on the right.

From Points South (Marysville, Everett)

- Going North on I-5 take exit 206 (172nd St NE).
- Turn left onto 172nd St NE, cross over freeway and proceed approximately 2 1/4 miles to the stop sign.
- Turn right onto Hwy 531 (Lakewood Road) and travel approximately 6 miles to the stop sign at Marine Drive.
- Turn right onto Marine Drive and go approximately 1 1/4 miles to Camp entrance on the left.

From the camp entrance you will stay on the road veering right and down the hill (red line on overview map). You will want to park in the area by the large horse barn. Follow the trail/old roadbed that heads west past a gate. Past the water treatment pond you can veer right onto the dike and follow that along the survey area until you get to the bench at the corner of the dike. To access the other observation area, go back along the trail and continue west. You will see a small spur trail into an opening. From there follow the little trail to a one of the good vantage points. **We recommend rubber boots.**

Triangle Cove

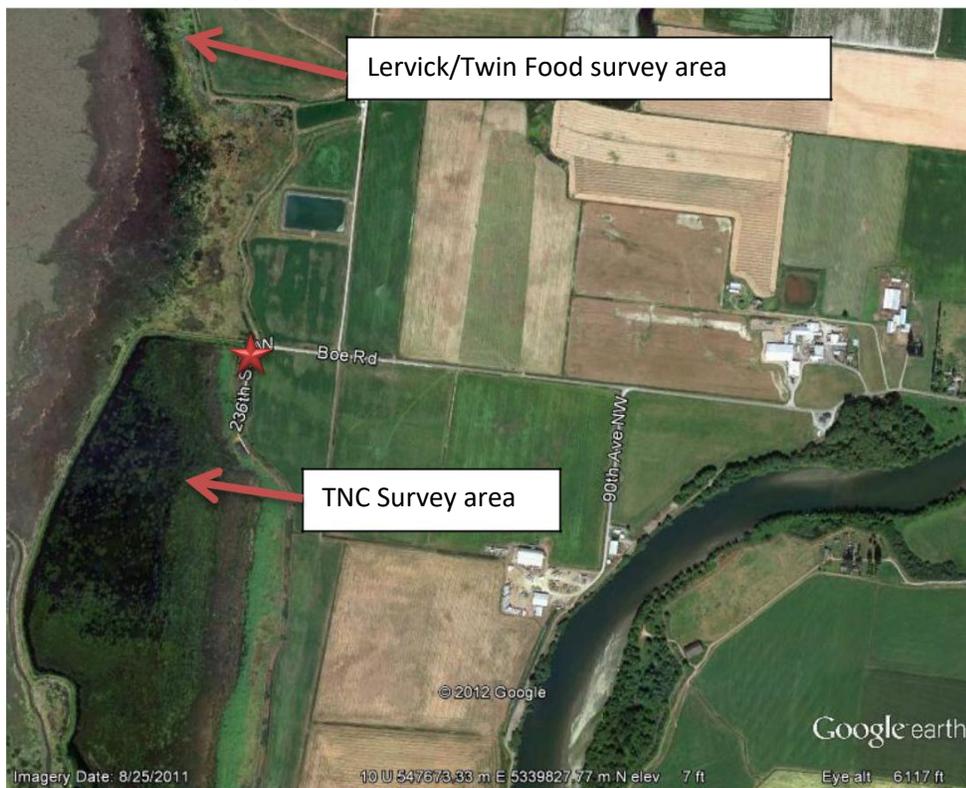
From Stanwood, take 532 west and veer left onto NE Camano Drive Road. Go south about 3 miles until E. Russel Rd. Take left and then immediate right onto Lehman Drive. The west edge of the survey area can be viewed on Lehmen Rd and the north and east sides can be viewed from Barnum rd. On Lehman rd, there are only a couple of places where the shoulder is wide enough to pull off the road. You will need to find these spots and then walk a short distance to an observation point with clear sightlines to the mudflat. There north side of the bay is easily surveyed from Barnum Rd, but as you go around to the east side there are fewer places to pull off. However, there is a nice beach spot on Barnum as you travel south at the bend in the road.

- I suggest that surveyors drive around the area to get a sense of where good viewing locations are prior to the survey. If you find shorebirds at the site, you may need to move around to find a good counting site.
- The survey area is quite big area when the tideflat is exposed; ideally at least two people survey this area together.

TNC Restoration (North Hat Slough/Port Susan Bay Preserve)

To get to the site: From Stanwood (532), take Marine Drive south to Boe Rd. Take right on Boe Rd. If you cross over the Stillaguamish River (Hat Slough) you have gone too far south. At the end of Boe Rd, veer left to parking area (Red star in picture below).

This site was restored in Fall 2012, so the map may not represent the area well. The outer dike shown on the map was removed. An inner dike was built/reinforced. Access this dike on the north side of the parking area. This is also where surveyors access the Lervick survey area. The dike will initially go west and then turn south. We will survey the area all the way to the south end of the dike, where there is a large tidal gate. With the area newly restored there are few landmarks. Any additional comments on the site would be appreciated.



Lervick/Twin Foods (NE Port Susan Bay)

To get to the site: From Stanwood (532), take Marine Drive south to Boe Rd. Take right on Boe Rd. If you cross over the Stillaguamish River (Hat Slough) you have gone too far south. At the end of Boe Rd, veer left to parking area next (Red star in picture above). This is the TNC parking area. To get to the survey area, follow dike to north. There is a no-trespassing sign, but we have permission to travel on the dike. Follow the dike past the small sewage lagoon. The survey area starts at the 2nd 90 degree corner. Along the eastern edge of the survey area, there is a lot of wood racked up against the dike and high marsh habitat that is not suitable for shorebirds.

Livingston Bay

From Stanwood (532) go west, crossing over the Camano Gateway Bridge. Take a left onto Fox Trot and go south until Livingston Bay parking area (Red star in image below). You can see most of this area from the parking area. You can also walk along the beach to the west.

Leque Island

This site requires a Discovery Pass. This site is also a popular hunting area. From Stanwood (532) go west; when you cross over the Camano Gateway Bridge, you will take the first left onto Eide Rd. Take Eide Rd to the parking area where it ends. From the parking area, walk along the road/path next to the dike. **Rubber boots are recommended.** The dike is not accessible during the first part of the trail. There are a couple of spots where you can get onto the dike to get a view of the channel. Use your best judgment with the map. Eventually you can walk on the dike and from there survey the area outlined by the map.

Skagit Bay

English Boom

This survey site is at the county park. From Stanwood, head west on 532. Go 1.6 miles past the bridge and turn right onto N. Goode Rd, which turns into E. Utsalady rd. Take a right onto Moore Rd (There is a county park sign) and follow it down the hill to the parking area. From the parking area there are trails to access the west and east side of the survey area.

Price Property (SW Skagit Bay)

From Stanwood, head west on 532. Go 1.6 miles past the bridge and turn right onto N. Goode Rd, which turns into E. Utsalady rd. The property is on the right at 1123 E. Utsalady (Big rock with the numbers on it). Pull into the driveway and park in front of the white sign that says Private Beach, Private Tidelines, No Trespassing. We have permission from the owner to be there. There is a large green barn/workshop to the right. Depending on if the landowner is there we may be able to drive down the driveway to the left. If not, from the parking area, walk down the steep road to the left going around the fence. From here you can access the dike.

Hayden Farm/Goose Reserve

This site requires a Discovery Pass. This WDFW preserve is located on Fir Island rd, about 3.2 miles west of Conway. From the parking lot walk the dike along the slough. There is a locked gate at the end of the trail that says no trespassing, but we have permission to walk around it.

Jensen Access

This WDFW site require a Discovery Pass. There may be hunters at this site.

Travel west on Fir Island rd from Conway about 4 miles, stay straight on Maupin Rd. Take short rd to the WDFW Parking area on the left.

Fidalgo Bay

NE Fidalgo Bay, and East Fidalgo Bay

These areas should be surveyed together. Access NE Fidalgo Bay and East Fidalgo Bay via March's Point Rd on the east side. There are plenty of pulloffs that provide good access.

Padilla Bay

Casino Lagoon

Traveling west on State Rt 20 turn right S. March Point Rd and then an immediate right onto Casino Rd. On your left is a large parking area where the Casino Sign stands. Park here to survey.

Whitmarsh Junction

Traveling west on State Rt 20 turn right S. March Point Rd. There are several spots to pull over to view this survey area.

Padilla Bay Dike Trail (Indian Slough and Bay survey areas)

This site requires a Discovery Pass. You can park at either end of the trail along Bayview Edison Rd.

Samish Bay

Alice Bay

This site will be surveyed from the back parking area of Alice Bay Bed and Breakfast. From SR 20 turn north onto Farm to Market Road. Turn right and travel north ~5 mi. to D'arcy Rd. Turn left on D'arcy Rd. and drive west to Bayview-Edison Rd. Turn right and go north on Bayview-Edison Rd. Arrive at the "T" of Samish Island Rd. and turn left. Follow Samish Island Rd. to Samish Island. When you arrive at Samish Island there is a road that branches off to the right, Scott Rd. Take a right on Scott Rd. and Alice Bay is visible on the right. Alice Bay B& B is the last driveway on the right. You may also be able to view part of the survey area from the church parking lot above the bay.