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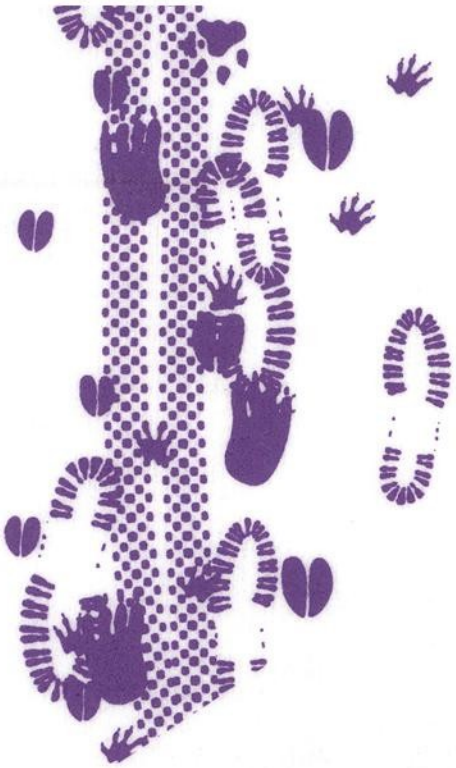

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Trail etiquette guidelines

Share the trails

All Trail Users:

- Be aware and respectful of other trail users
- Stay to the right of the trail centerline
- Dispose of all waste in trash receptacles
- Stay on trails; do not create informal paths into sensitive areas
- Use caution at all trail and road crossings

Yield:

- Bicyclists yield to pedestrians and horses
- Pedestrians yield to horses
- Clearly alert horseback riders when approaching from behind

Walkers:

- Allow room for other trail users to pass
- Do not walk three or more abreast on any trail
- Move to the right when alerted by a passing trail user

Runners:

- Alert trail users when passing from behind

Bikers:

- Alert trail users by voice (example: “passing on the left”) or use bell before passing
- Travel at a speed that respects the safety of others. When in doubt, slow down

Headphone/cell phone users:

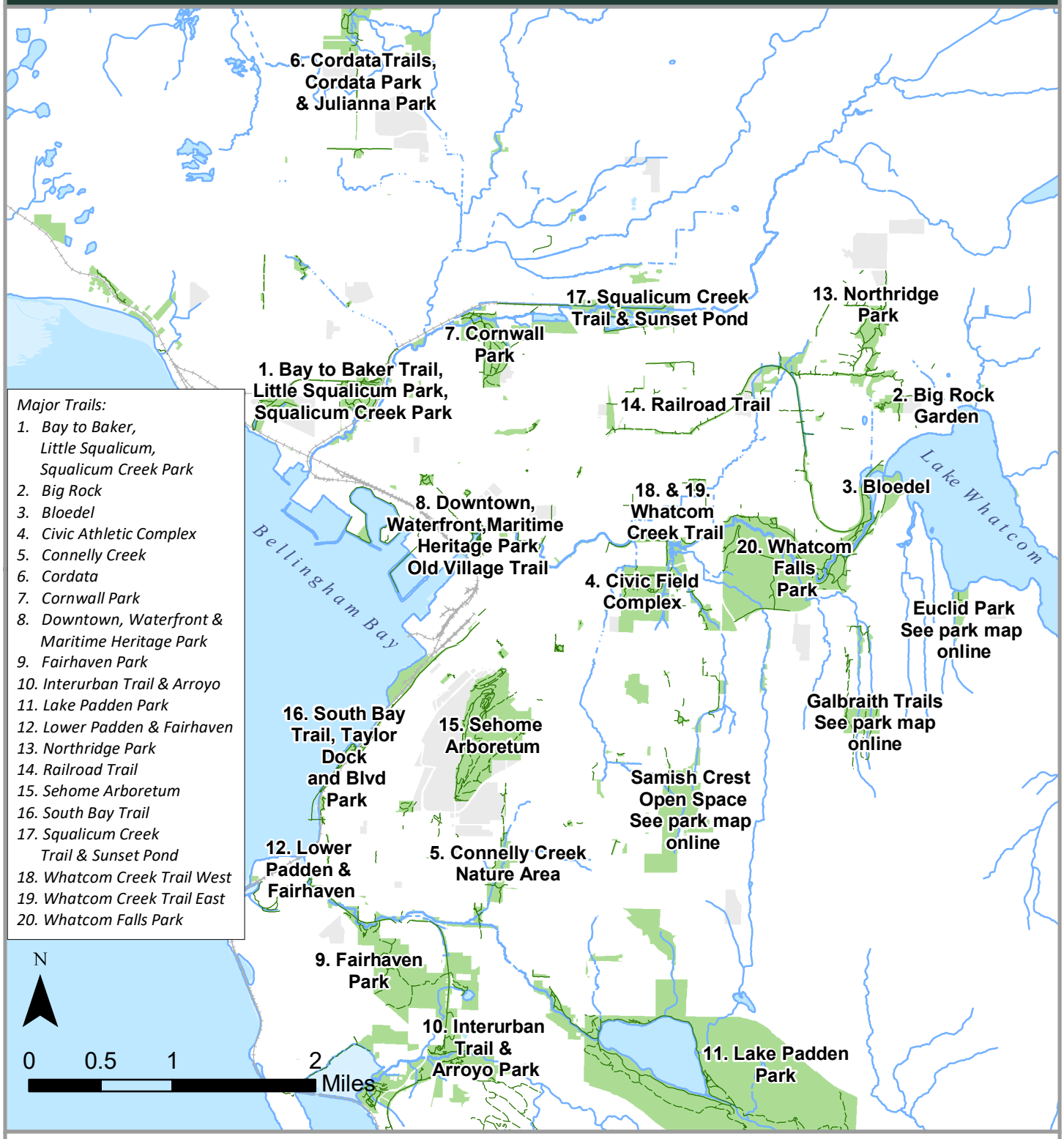
- Adjust volume to hear alerts from passing trail users

Dogs:

- Dogs must be under voice control in off leash areas
- Dogs must be on leash and under control in on leash areas
- If walking your pet, pull them close to allow others to safely pass
- Pick up pet waste and dispose of it in a trash receptacle

SAY HELLO TO YOUR FELLOW TRAIL USERS!

Parks, trails and natural areas



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Another, larger version of this map is available at the Parks and Recreation office, 210 Lottie Street, Bellingham, WA 98225

A digital version of all maps, including parks, open spaces and trails, is available at www.cob.org

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1. Bay to Baker Trail, Little Squalicum Park, & Squalicum Creek Park

DESCRIPTION

These trails include access to Birchwood Park, Squalicum Creek Park, Little Squalicum Park and Squalicum Beach. Dogs must be on leash, except at Little Squalicum Park.

Little Squalicum Park is a community park established in 1976. Facilities include beach, trails, interpretive displays and parking. Little Squalicum Creek runs through this park.

Squalicum Creek Park is a community park established in 2002. Facilities include restroom, ballfield, parking, trails, playground, picnic facilities, fenced off leash dog park, and basketball. Dogs must be on leash, except within the fenced off leash area.

Birchwood Park is a neighborhood park established in 1996. Facilities include playground, picnic shelter, parking and open field. Dogs must be on leash in Birchwood Park.

Squalicum Beach is owned and managed by the Port of Bellingham. Dogs must be on leash.

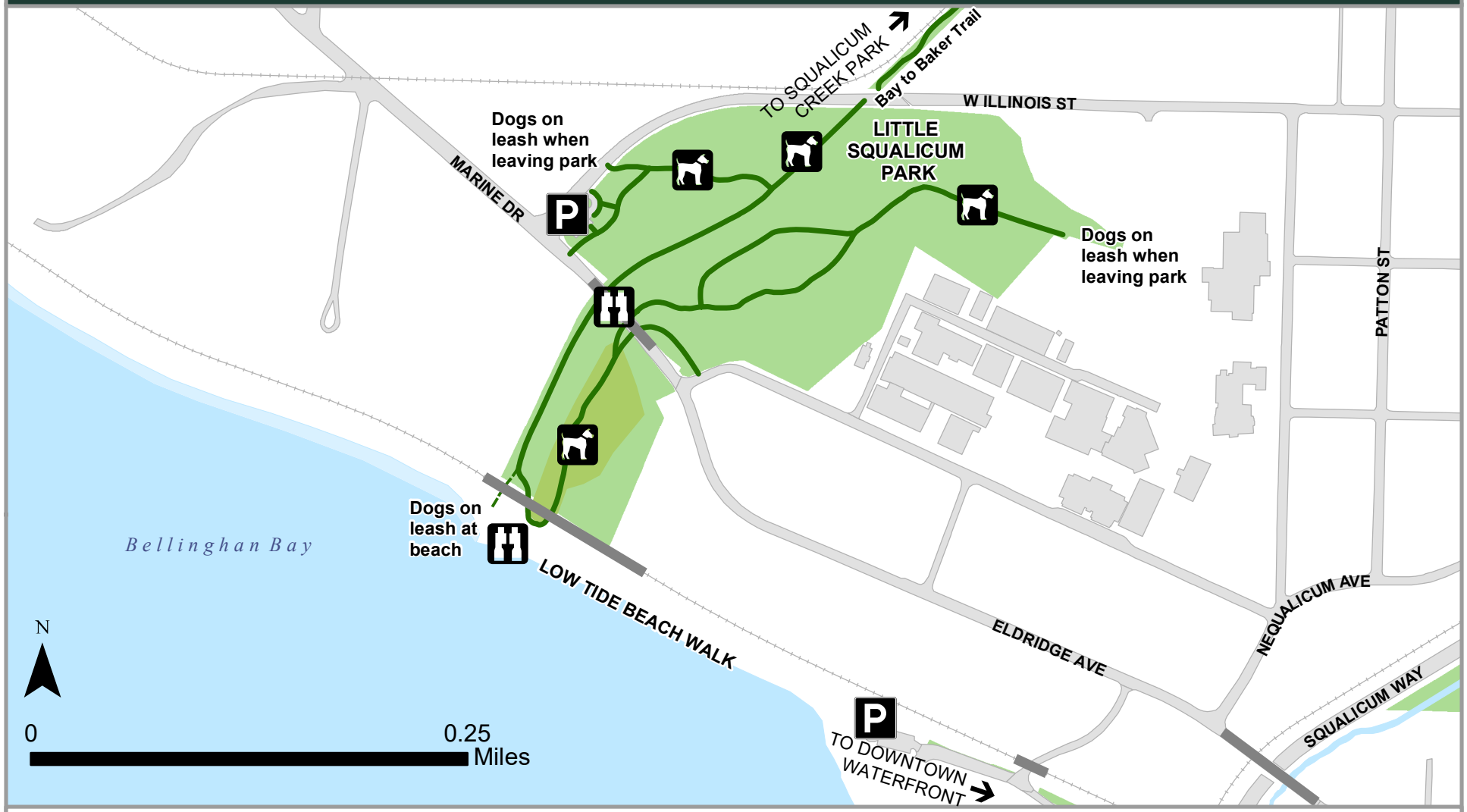
TRAILHEADS

- Little Squalicum Park, 640 Marine Dr.
- Birchwood Park, 2709 Cedarwood Ave.
- Squalicum Creek Park, 1001 Squalicum Way
- Port of Bellingham parking area - From Port of Bellingham's parking area at the west end of Roeder Avenue, take a low tide beach walk on sand and cobblestones along the Bellingham Bay shoreline.
- Please leash your dog on the beach

MILEAGE

- 0.7 mile – Squalicum Beach to Pinewood Ave. /Patton St.
- 1.2 miles –Squalicum Beach to Squalicum Parkway at the Northwest Avenue Bridge.
- 1.2 Miles – Squalicum Creek Park, from Squalicum Way to Squalicum Beach.

1a. Bay to Baker Trail & Little Squalicum Park



Primary Trail (6'-12' wide)

Minor Trail (1'-3' wide)

Bridges

Parking

Viewpoint

Dog off leash area

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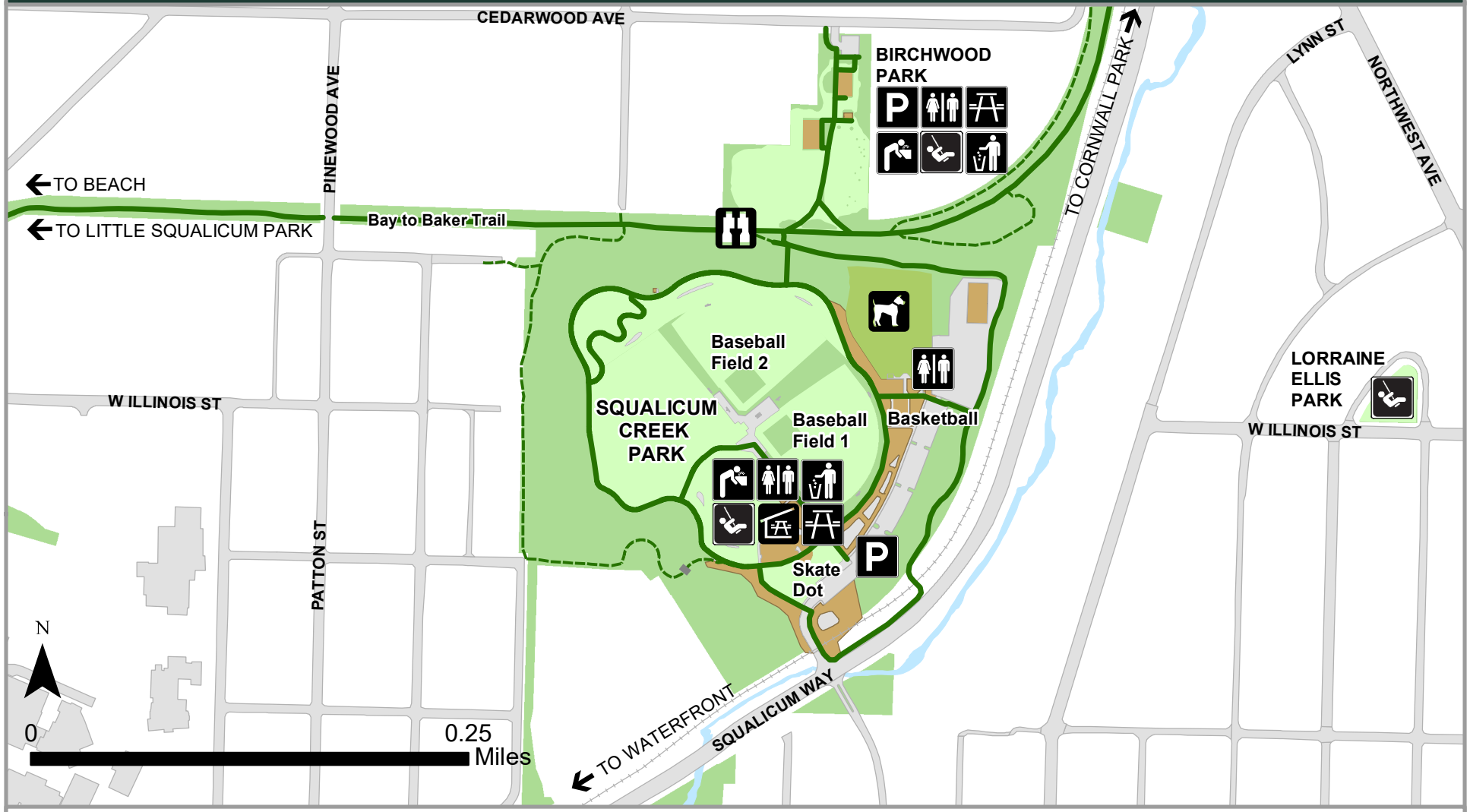
1b. Squalicum Creek Park & Bay to Baker Trail



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2. Big Rock Garden

DESCRIPTION

Big Rock Garden was established in 1992. Nestled in a grove of evergreens above Lake Whatcom sits a unique city park showcasing original sculptures in a 2.5 acre garden. Meandering paths wander through the peaceful landscape of Big Rock Garden Park, where nature and art complement each other.

The Park boasts over 37 permanent works by distinguished international and local artists. Each May, the Friends of Big Rock Garden Park and the Bellingham Parks & Recreation Department sponsor a Mother's Day celebration with a focus on the garden and the opening of a new seasonal sculpture show.

Seasonal change in the garden inspires a new experience with each visit. Rhododendrons and azaleas announce spring with brilliant color, over 100 varieties of maples signal the arrival of fall, and the conifers restful winter hues complete the year.

Amenities include drinking fountain, gardens, gazebo, parking, restrooms, sculpture collection, and trails.

Dogs are not permitted in the Big Rock sculpture garden.

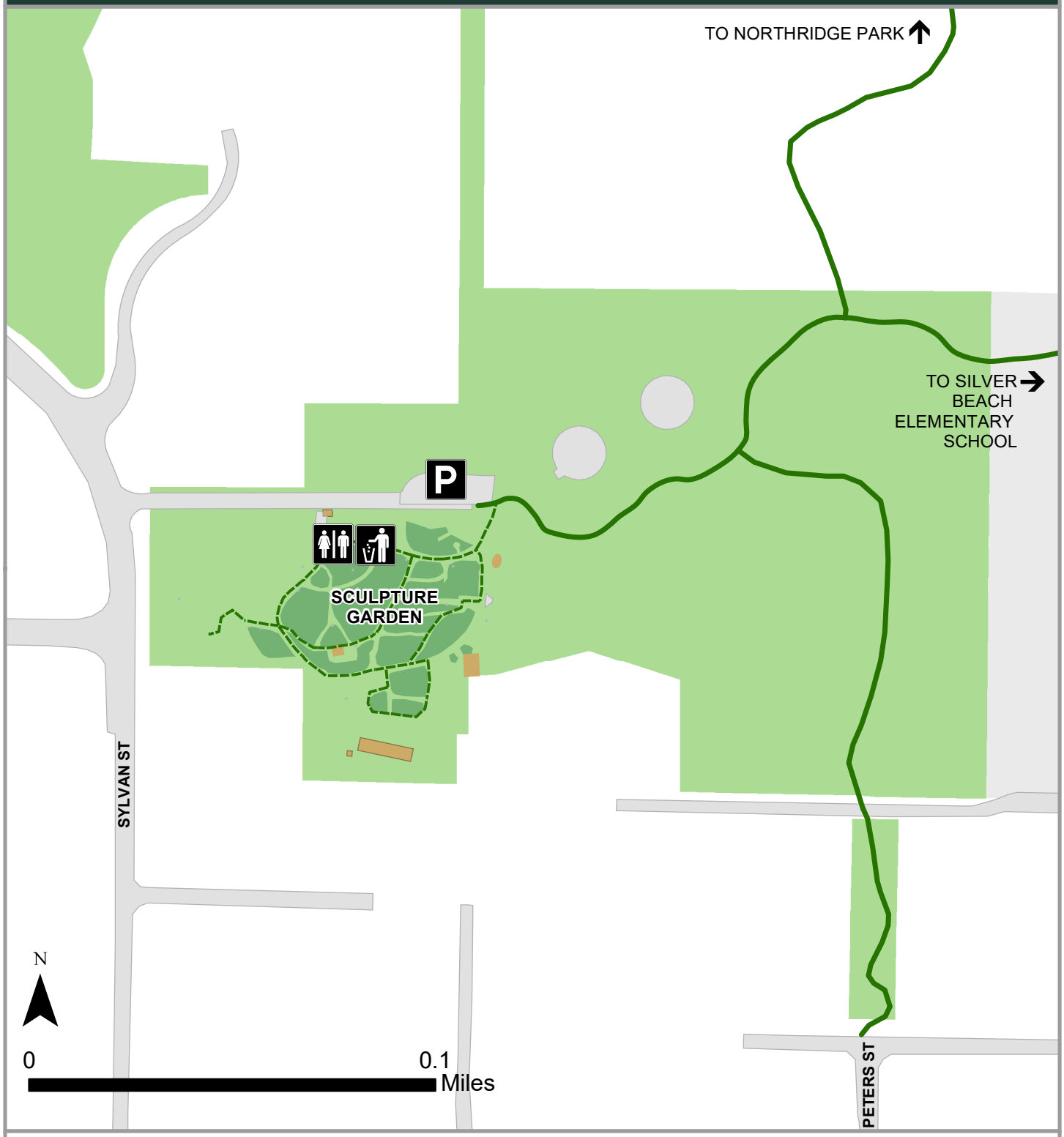
TRAILHEADS

- Parking at Big Rock Garden, 2900 Sylvan Street

MILEAGE

- 3.2 miles from Memorial Park to Bloedel Donovan Park
- 0.6 miles from Railroad Trail to Northridge Park
- 1.0 miles from Memorial Park to Woburn Street
- 0.6 miles from Woburn Street to Klipsun Trail
- 0.6 miles from Klipsun Trail to Alabama Street bridge
- 1.0 miles from Alabama Street to Bloedel Donovan Park via Whatcom Creek Bridge
- 0.6 miles from Railroad Trail to Barkley tunnel
- 0.6 miles from Barkley tunnel to Big Rock Garden

2. Big Rock Park



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3. Bloedel Donovan Park

DESCRIPTION

Bloedel Donovan Park is a community park established in 1946. Facilities include a community building, a pavilion, boat rentals, food concessions, playground, a swimming area and beach, parking, restrooms, trails, basketball court, sand volleyball courts, multipurpose field, boat launch, picnic tables and barbecues.

Located on impressive Lake Whatcom, it is a favorite beach hang out in the summer.

Dogs must be on leash, except as noted below.

AMENITIES

- Barbecue grills
- Boat launch (Learn about the Boat Inspection Program before you go!)
- Community buildings
- Dog off leash area (6 AM to 10AM only in areas posted)
- Multipurpose fields
- Outdoor basketball court
- Outdoor volleyball court
- Parking
- Picnic tables
- Playground
- Restrooms
- Trails
- Heritage trees

TRAILHEADS

- Parking at Bloedel Donovan Park at 2114 Electric Avenue

MILEAGE

- 3.5 miles from Memorial Park to Bloedel via the Railroad Trail
- 0.8 miles from Bloedel Donovan Park to the Stone Bridge in Whatcom Falls Park

3. Bloedel Donovan Park

Primary Trail
Minor Trail
Bridges
Parking
Food/concessions
Playground
Restrooms
Picnic area
Boat launch
Trash Receptacle
Dog off leash area
6 AM to 10 AM only

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4. Civic Athletic Complex

DESCRIPTION

Civic Field Athletic Complex is a community park established in the mid-1950's. Facilities include lighted football/soccer stadium, track and field facilities, four lighted and two unlighted softball fields, lighted baseball stadium, aquatic center, playground, skate park, bike park, privately operated indoor ice arena and soccer facility, parking, restrooms and trails.

An easy gravel trail begins near the Sportsplex on Civic Field Way. Follow the path through the woods, then along Frank Geri Fields to a loop trail through the woods east of Puget Street. This trail connects to the Salmon Woods trails and to Whatcom Creek Trail.

Dogs must be on leash on all trails. Dogs are not permitted on sportsfields or within the stadiums.

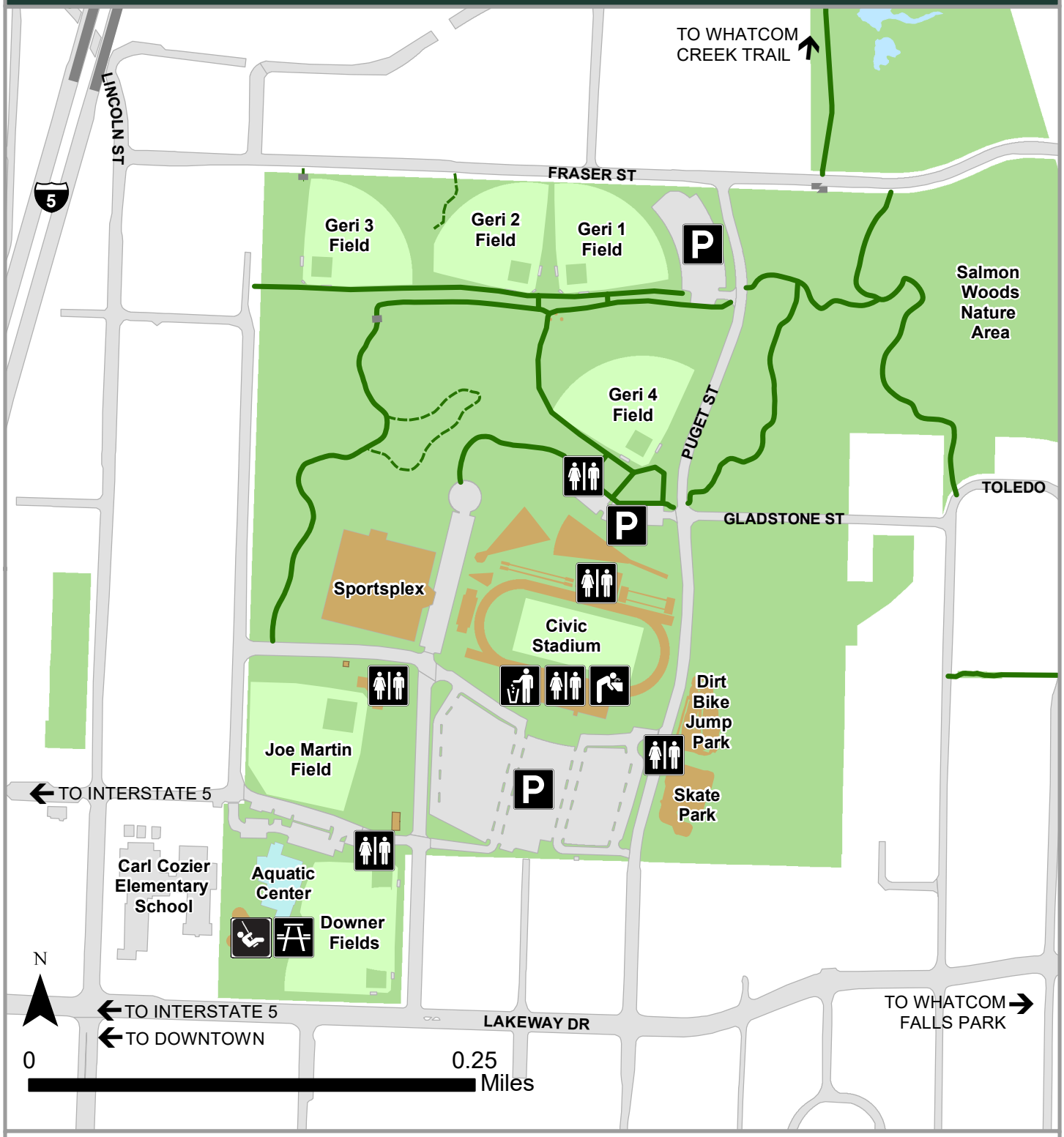
TRAILHEADS

- Use any of the parking lots at Civic Field Athletic Complex

MILEAGE

- 1.2 mile trail loop within the complex
- 0.25 miles for one lap around Civic Field track

4. Civic Athletic Complex



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5. Connelly Creek Trail

DESCRIPTION

Connelly Creek Nature Area was established in 1981. Some of the largest Sitka Spruce trees in the city are found near the creek. Trails include relatively flat terrain along Connelly Creek through a wooded canopy and open meadows. Dogs must be on leash.

Happy Valley Park is a neighborhood park established in 1995. Facilities include playground, picnic table, picnic shelter and trails. Dogs must be on leash.

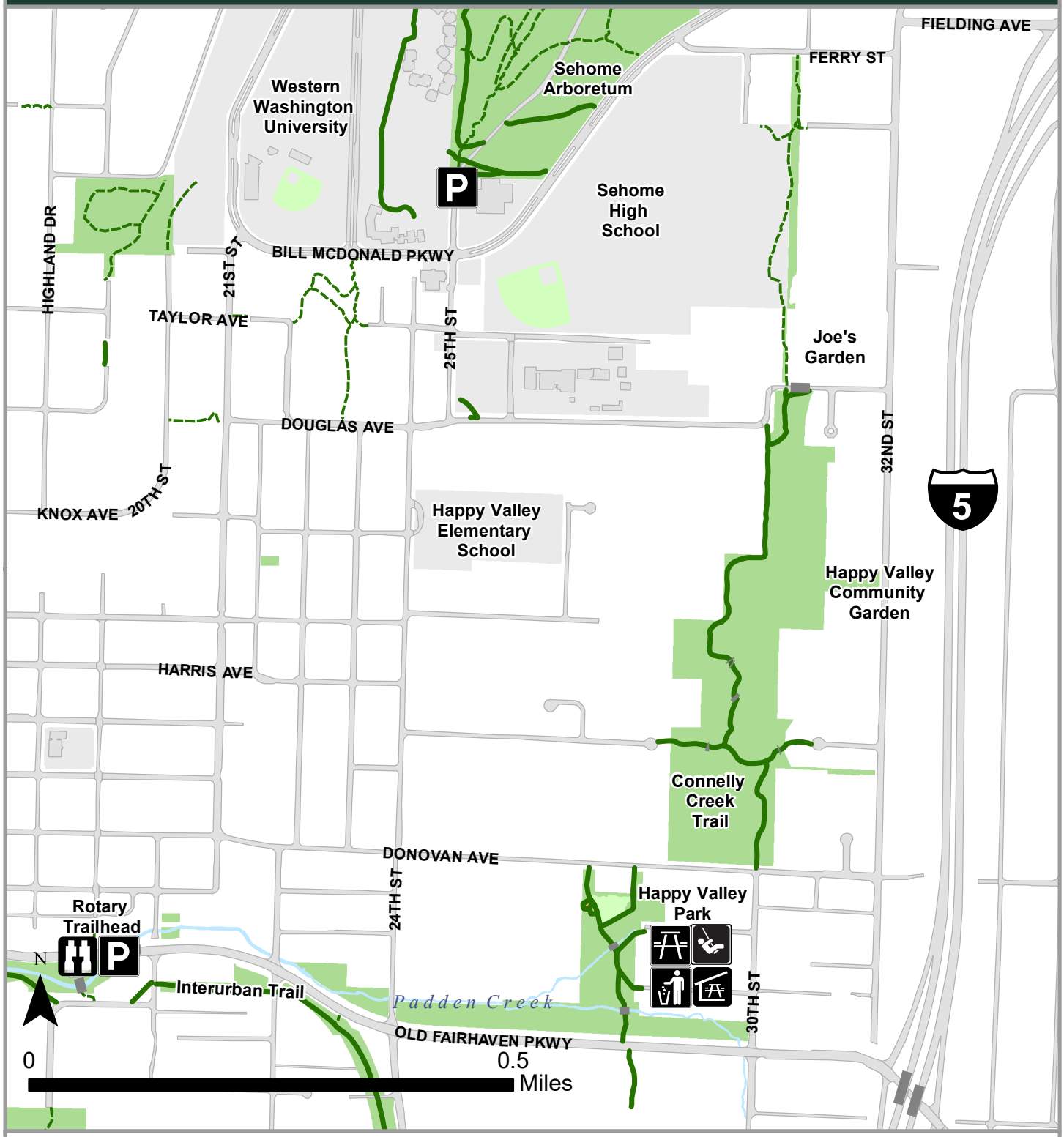
TRAILHEADS

- Limited parking on gravel shoulder at the south access on Donovan Avenue at 30th Street
- North access from Ferry Avenue east of Sehome High School near Bill McDonald Parkway
- Follow the sidewalk on the south side of Donovan west for one block to Happy Valley Park where the trail continues south to Old Fairhaven Parkway
- There are numerous neighborhood access points

MILEAGE

- 1.0 mile - Ferry Avenue to Donovan Avenue
- 0.4 mile - Ferry Avenue to Taylor Street
- 0.6 mile - Taylor Street to Donovan Avenue
- 0.3 mile - Donovan/30th Street to Old Fairhaven Pkwy

5. Connelly Creek Trail



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Parking
Playground
Picnic area
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Trash Receptacle
Picnic shelter

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6. Cordata Trails, Cordata Park & Julianna Park

DESCRIPTION

Julianna Park, acquired by the City in 2007, features trails, picnic tables, benches and interpretive signs. Additional park development is planned for the future. Birding opportunities abound with the variety of habitat. Dogs must be on leash.

Cordata Park, located at 4510 Cordta Parkway, was aquired by the City in 2017. The park is currently under construction and is expected to open in the year 2020. The park will feature a bicylce pump track, spray park, playgrounds, parkour, trails, parking, restrooms, and natural areas. Dogs must be on leash.

Cordata Trails connect Meadowbrook Court to Julianna Park to June Road, with connections to Cordata Elementary School. Dogs must be on leash.

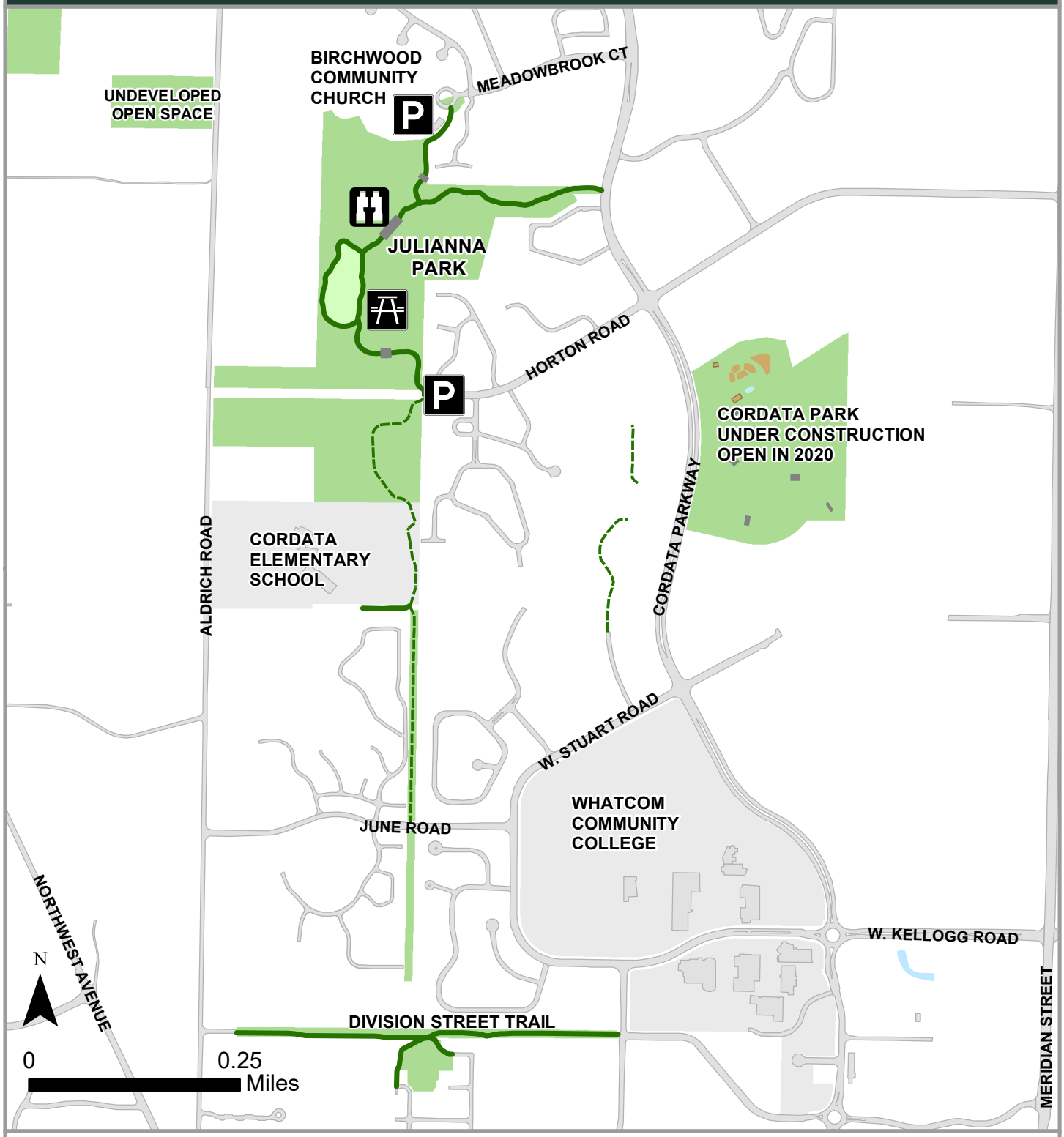
TRAILHEADS

- Walk in trail access to 800 West Horton Road off Cordata Parkway, north of Horton Road. Gravel parking located in the middle of Horton circle.
- Trail users may park at Cordata Presbyterian Church, located at 400 Meadowbrook Court, in signed and designated spaces only. Please respect their private property.
- Parking at Cordata Park located at 4510 Cordata Parkway will be completed in year 2020

MILEAGE

- 0.6 miles from Horton Road south to June Road
- 0.4 miles from Horton Road north to Meadowbrook Court

6. Cordata Trails, Cordata Park, Julianna Park



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Viewpoint
Picnic area

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7. Cornwall Park Trails

DESCRIPTION

Cornwall Park is a community park established in 1909. Facilities include two picnic shelters, two playgrounds, a spray park, disc golf, trails, restrooms, parking, basketball court, tennis & pickle ball courts, multipurpose field, horseshoe pits, barbecue grills and picnic tables. There is no overnight camping permitted in the park.

Cornwall Park includes level gravel and asphalt paved trails in the park interior. Gravel trails are located in the wooded areas. Squalicum Creek runs through Cornwall Park and provides seasonal interest with salmon runs and native plants. Dogs must be on leash.

Bug Lake includes an unimproved dirt trail with some unbridged creek crossings. Fishing is allowed. Please reference Washington State Deparment of Fish and Wildlife for fishing regulations. Portions of the trail may be impassable during high water. Dogs must be on leash.

Maps of the Cornwall Park disc golf course and a Cornwall Park history brochure are available at the Park office.

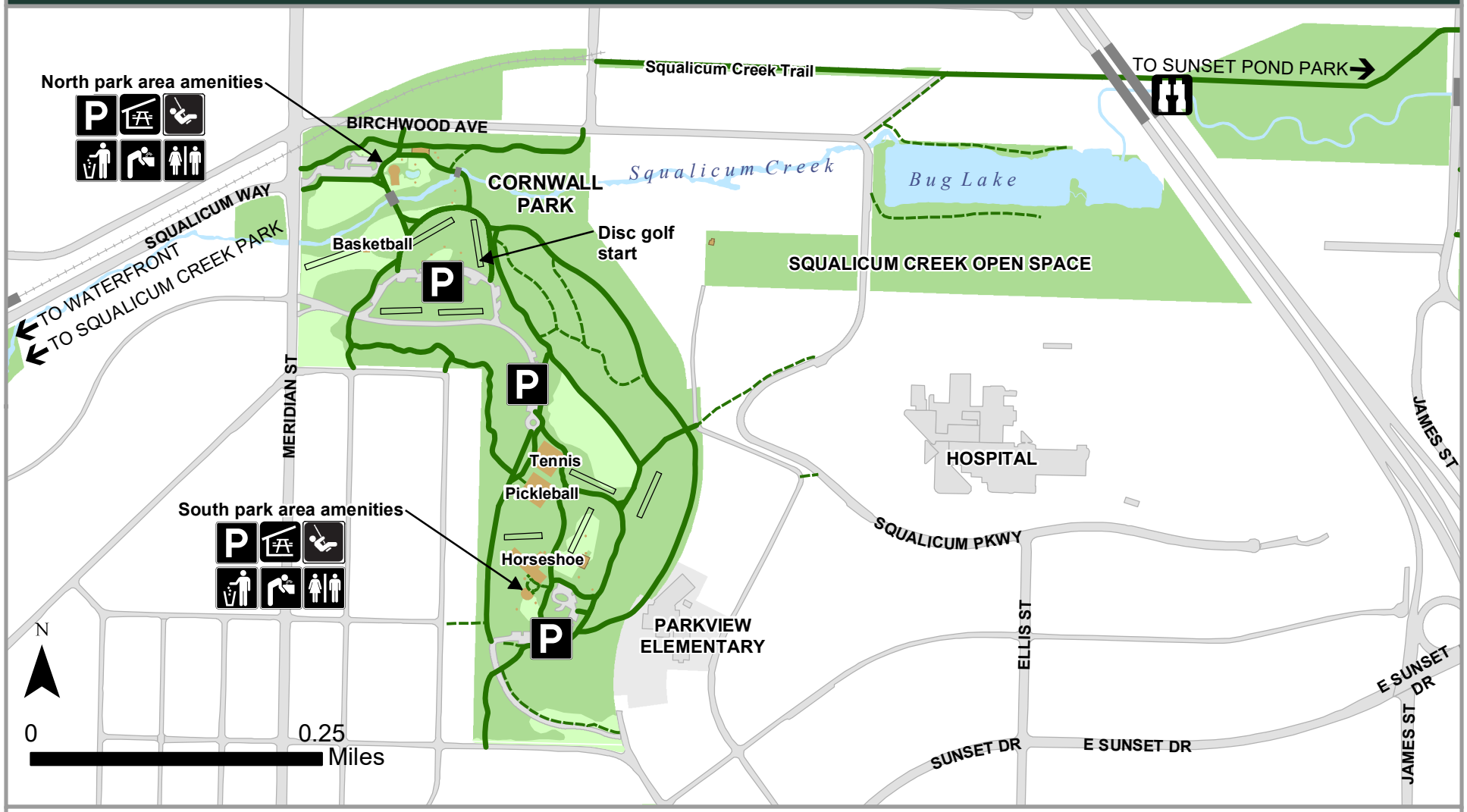
TRAILHEADS

- Cornwall Park has three main park entrances and parking areas:
    - Meridian Street at Squalicum Way
    - Meridian Street at East Maplewood Avenue
    - North end of Cornwall Avenue
- There are no trailheads at Bug Lake

MILEAGE

- 0.1 miles each trail on Bug Lake
- 0.5 miles from Cornall Park to Bug Lake
- 1.4 mile loop around Cornwall Park
- 1.2 miles from Cornwall Park to Sunset Pond Park

7. Cornwall Park Trails and Bug Lake



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Drinking fountain

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8. Downtown Trails

DESCRIPTION

Old Village Trail is an urban trail that runs through the Lettered Streets neighborhood and is sometimes shared with traffic entering driveways and private property. The trail connects Old Town with Elizabeth Park and surrounding neighborhoods. Downtown waterfront trails include Squalicum Harbor Trail, maintained by the Port of Bellingham, which starts at Bellwether on the Bay, located on Bellwether Way, and follows the Squalicum Harbor shoreline. Dogs must be on leash.

South Bay Trail starts at Railroad Avenue and Maple Street and runs along Bellingham Bay. Dogs must be on leash.

Several historical landmarks are located in downtown Bellingham. For a detailed history of each landmark, visit the City's history website:

https://www.iqmap.org/cityiq-staff/images/pcd/HistoricTourImages/DHWT_7.09.Booklet.pdf

HISTORICAL MAP LEGEND

1. Territorial Courthouse (a.k.a. Richards Building) (1858, NRHP)
2. Pickett House (1856, NRHP)
3. First Congregational Church (c. 1902)
4. Immanuel School of Industries (1906, NRHP)
5. Lottie Roth Block (1890, NRHP)
6. Great Northern Freight Depot (1905)
7. Great Northern Passenger Depot (1927, NRHP)
8. Andall Building (1913)
9. Waterfront Tavern (c. 1910)
10. New Whatcom City Hall (1892-93, NRHP)
11. Salmon Woman Totem Pole (2000)
12. Bellingham City Hall (1939)
13. Whatcom County Railway & Light Power Station (1908-1912)
14. Elizabeth Park (1906)
15. Aftermath Club (1904, NRHP)

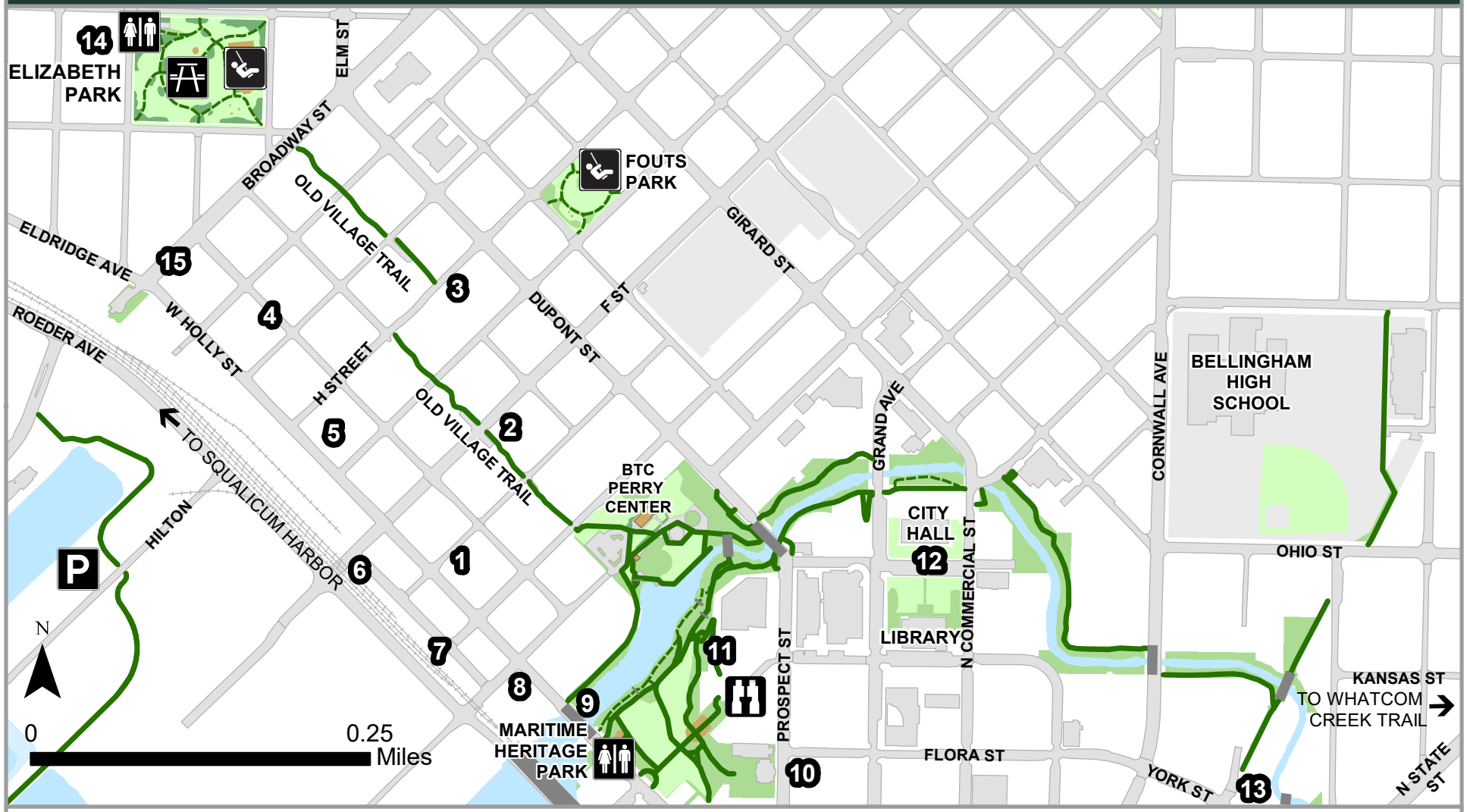
TRAILHEADS

- Old Village Trail north access at Broadway Street
- Old Village Trail south access and parking lot at Maritime Heritage Park
- Waterfront trailhead at Hilton Avenue off Roeder Avenue
- Waterfront trailhead at downtown Waterfront District on Granary Avenue

MILEAGE

- 0.5 miles from Broadway Street to Maritime Heritage Park
- 0.9 miles from Maritime Heritage Park to Squalicum Harbor

8a. Downtown Trails



Primary Trail (6'-12' wide)

Minor Trail (1'-3' wide)

Bridges

Historic building or landmark; see trail description page

Parking

Drinking fountain

Playground

Restrooms

Picnic area

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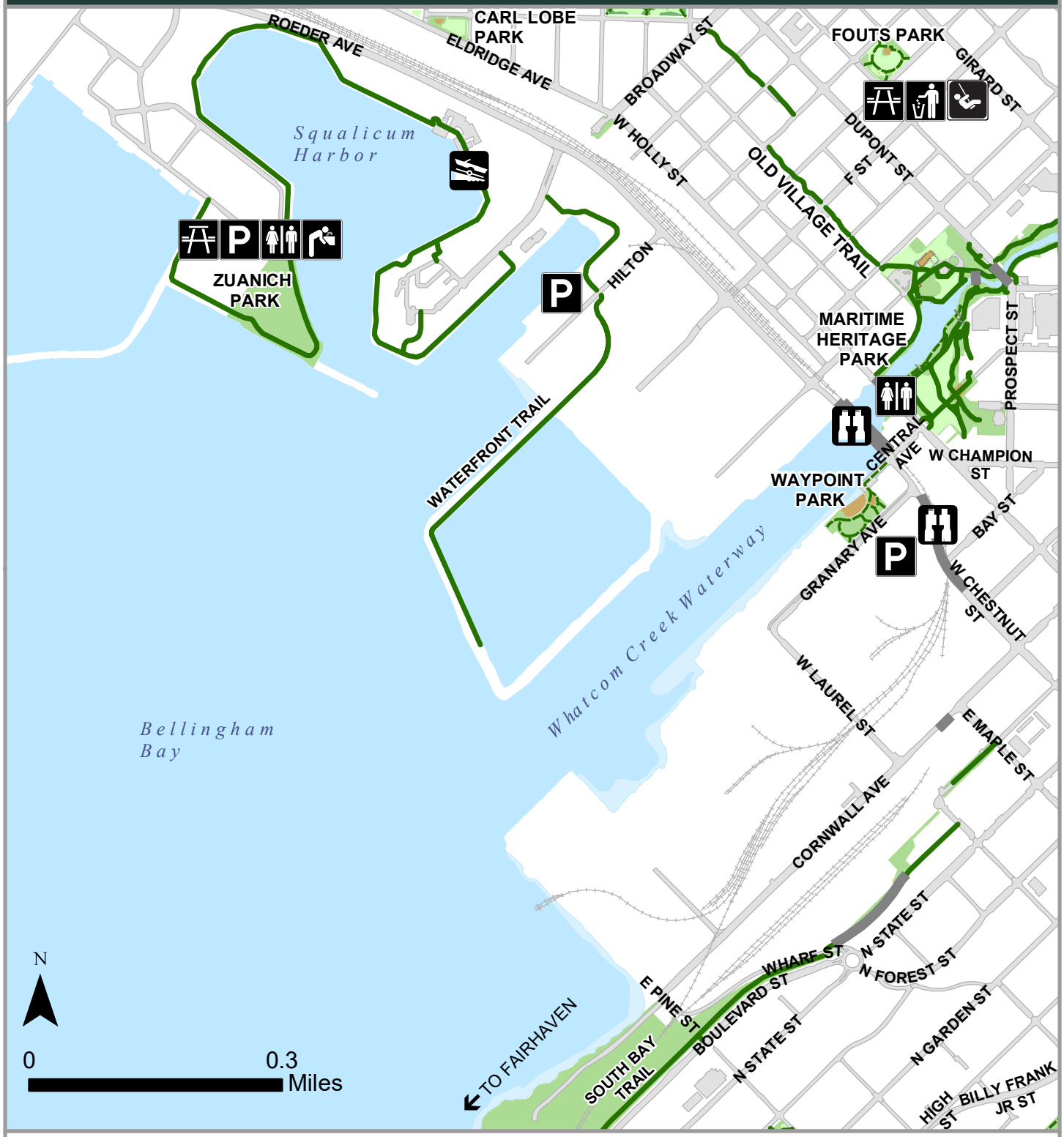

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9. Fairhaven Park

DESCRIPTION
Fairhaven Park is a community park established in 1906. Facilities include two picnic shelters, pavilion, playground, spray park, basketball court, tennis courts, trails, multipurpose field, parking, restrooms, barbecue grills and picnic tables.

Padden Creek provides seasonal interest with salmon runs and waterfalls.

Mostly flat gravel and nautral surface trails are located in a wooded park setting. In late fall, salmon may be observed in Padden Creek. Dogs must be on leash.

TRAILHEADS
- Parking lot in Fairhaven Park on Chuckanut Drive
- Walk in from the Interurban Trail

MILEAGE
- 0.5 miles of trail within the developed park, not including the wooded areas
- 0.6 miles from Fairhaven Park to downtown Fairhaven

9. Fairhaven Park

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Minor Trail
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Parking
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Playground
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10. Interurban Trail & Arroyo Park

DESCRIPTION

The Interurban Trail connects the Fairhaven Historic District with Larrabee State Park following a former electric rail line. This is an easy trail, except for a steep section through Arroyo Park. The trail is mostly wooded with some scenic views of Bellingham Bay, Chuckanut Bay and the San Juan Islands. Dogs must be on leash.

Arroyo Park was established in 1923. Facilities include parking and trails. The park is a starting point for Whatcom County and Larrabee State Park's extensive trail systems in the Chuckanut Mountains.

Arroyo Park includes moderate to difficult trails through densely wooded area. Chuckanut Creek runs through this park. Dogs may be off leash and must be under voice contol at all times.

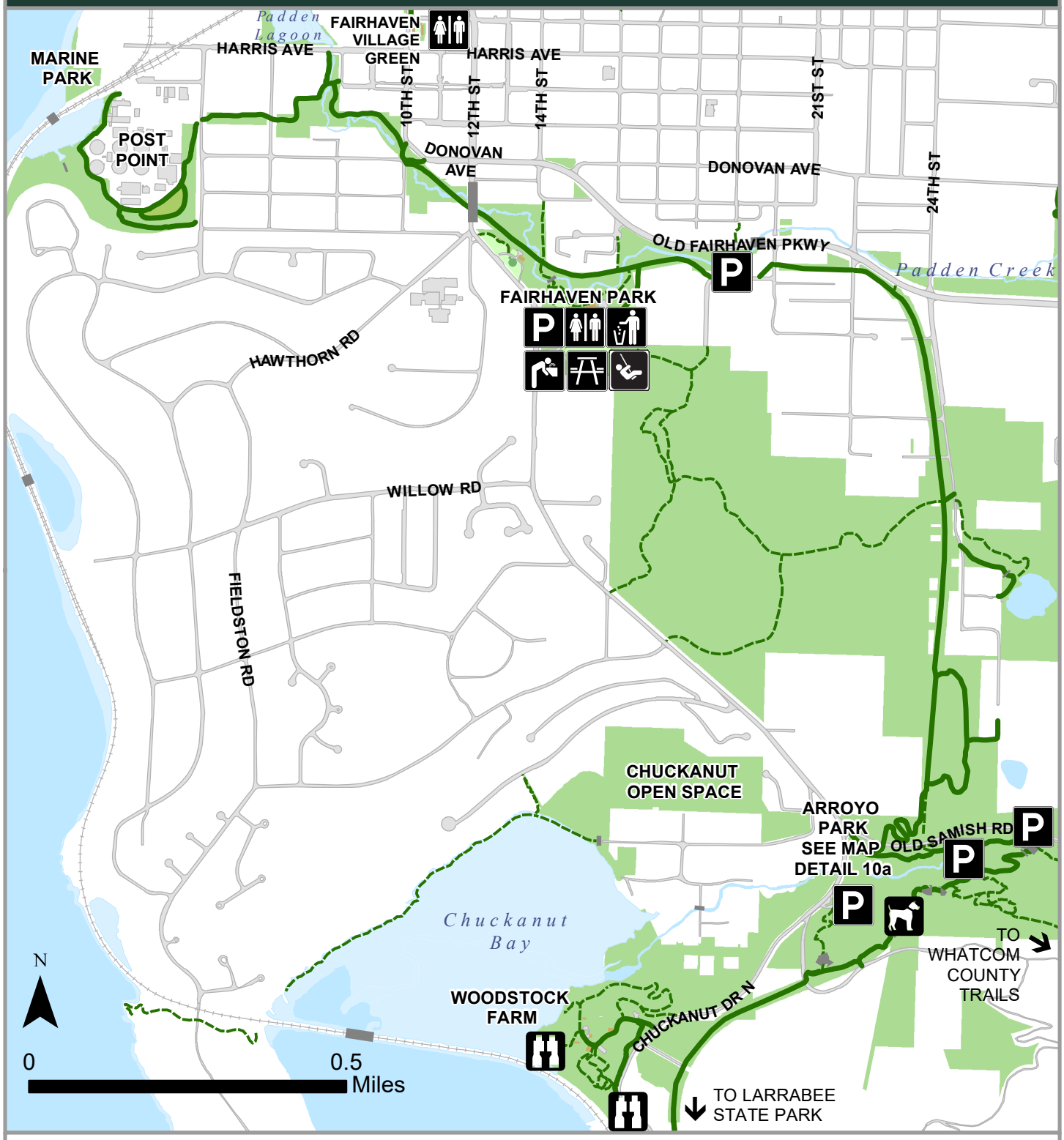
TRAILHEADS

- North access at 10th Street and Donovan Avenue
- South access with fee parking at Larrabee State Park
- South access at trailhead at 1016 Chuckanut Dr N

MILEAGE

- 0.6 miles 10th Street to Rotary Trailhead
- 1.2 miles Rotary Trailhead to Old Samish Rd.
- 0.8 miles Old Samish Rd to California St.
- 4.0 miles California St. to Larrabee State Park
- 1.8 miles 10th Street and Donovan Avenue to Arroyo Park
- 6.6 miles 10th Street and Donovan Avenue to Larrabee State Park
- 0.75 miles Old Samish Road to California Street

10. Interurban Trail



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Dog off leash area Arroyo Park trails only

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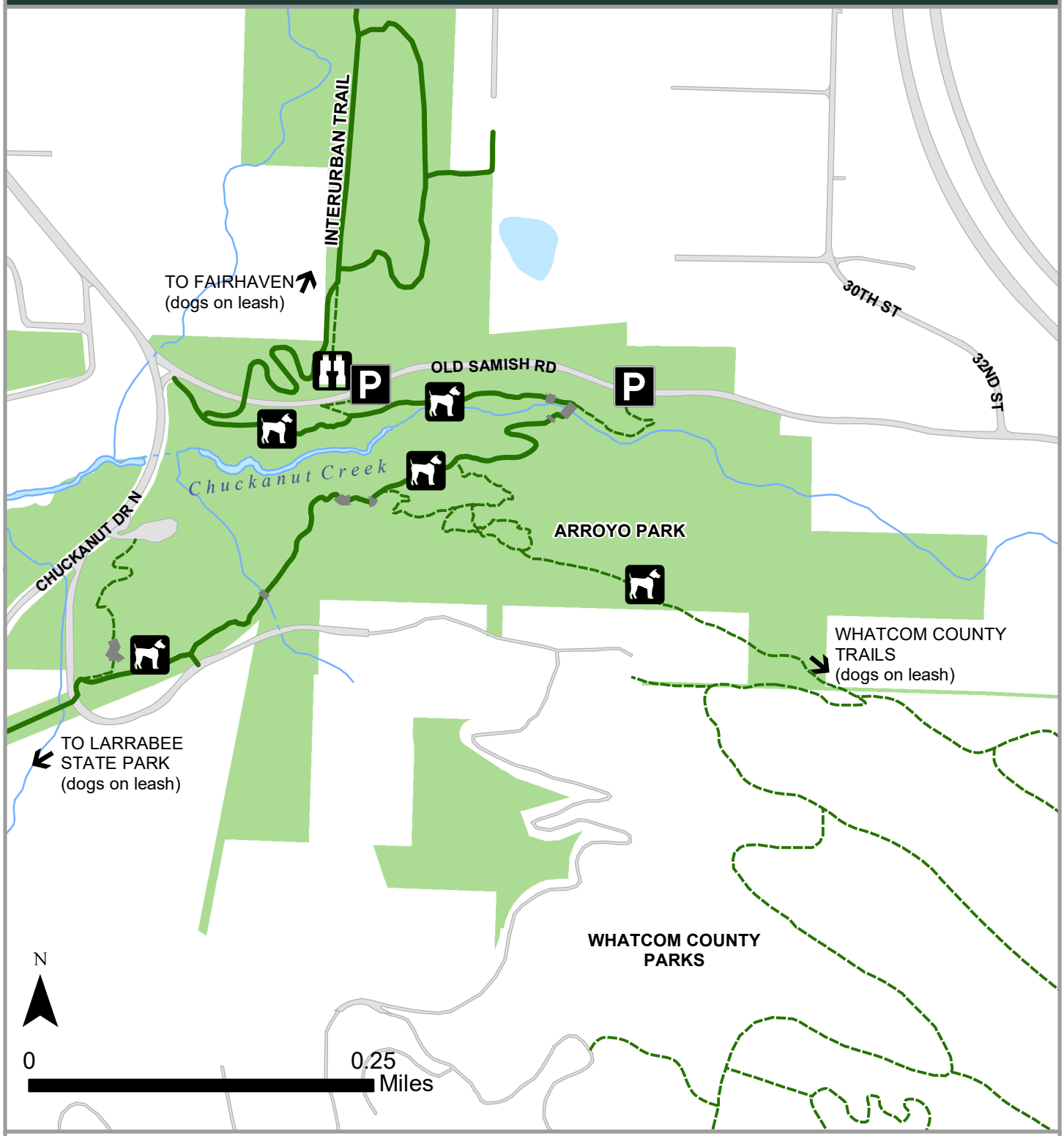

Primary Trail

Minor Trail

Bridges

Parking

Viewpoint

Dog off leash area
Arroyo Park
trails only

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11. Lake Padden

DESCRIPTION

Lake Padden Park is a community park established in 1972. Facilities include picnic shelters, playground, beach with swimming area, restrooms, trails, parking, basketball court, softball fields, multipurpose fields, barbecue grills, picnic tables, and fenced off leash dog park. Lake Padden was once the drinking water source for Bellingham.

Lake Padden Golf Course is a beautiful 18 hole golf course with a full service facility offering complete practice facilities, golf lessons, snack bar and club rentals. www.lakepaddengolf.com (360) 738-7400. Dogs are not permitted on the golf course.

Lake Padden includes a moderately graded loop trail around the lake through open and wooded areas. There are additional, moderately sloped dirt trails through the woods south and east of the lake with mostly hilly terrain.

The park includes a horse trailer parking area at the Wilkins Street trailhead. Horses must yield to pedestrians on all trails.

Padden Gorge Trail follows the creek from the dam west of the lake to 36th Street.

Dogs must be on leash, except where noted.

TRAILHEADS

- West Entrance off of Samish Way, east of 46th Street
- East Entrance, off of Samish Way, East of Governor Road
- Wilkin Street east of 40th Street - this is also the horse trailer parking lot
- Trailhead parking and trail access on Samish Way across from Galbraith Lane

MILEAGE

- 2.6 mile loop trail around the Lake
- 5.1 miles of multipurpose trails south and east of the Lake

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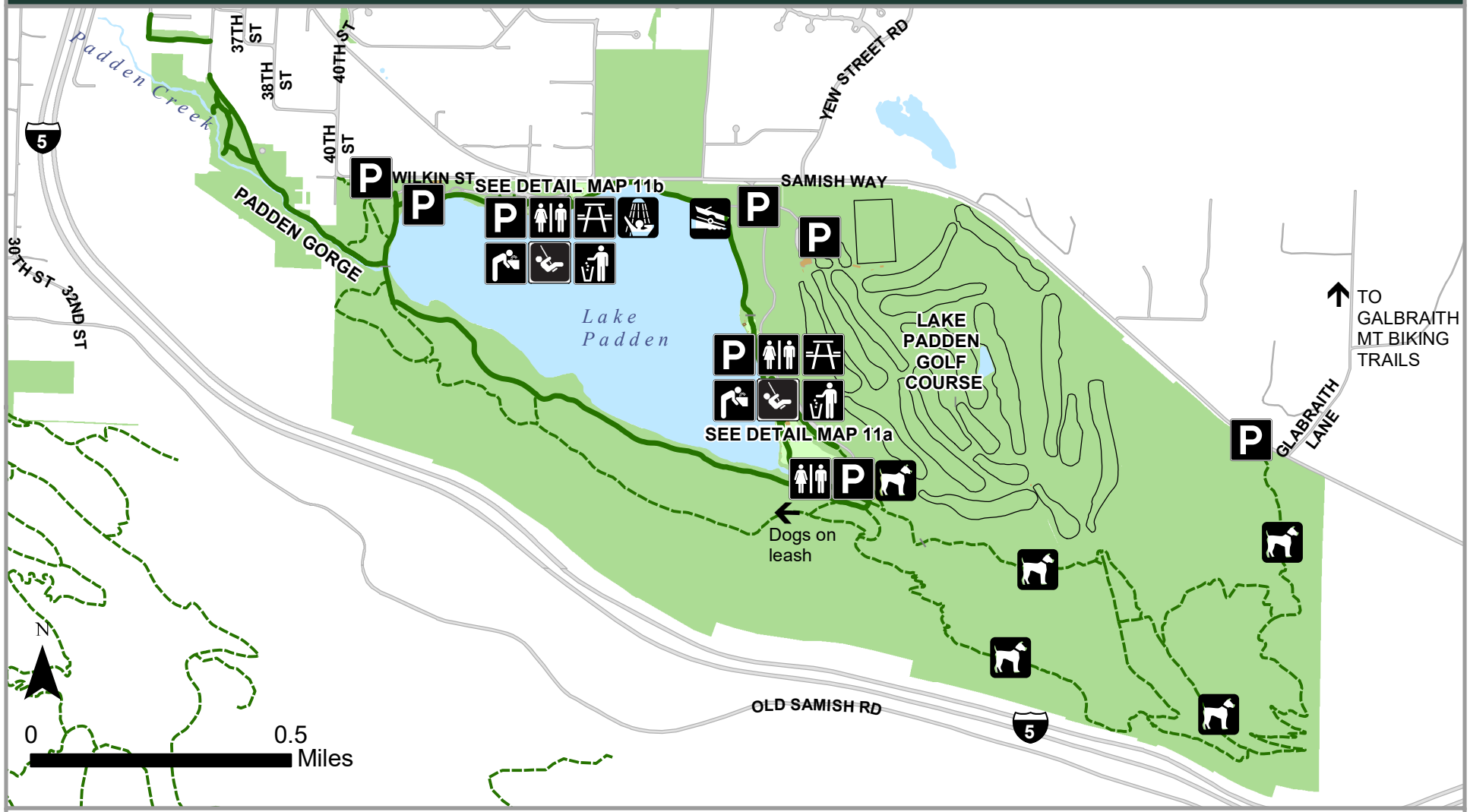

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Parking

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Playground

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Boat launch

Park shelter

Showers

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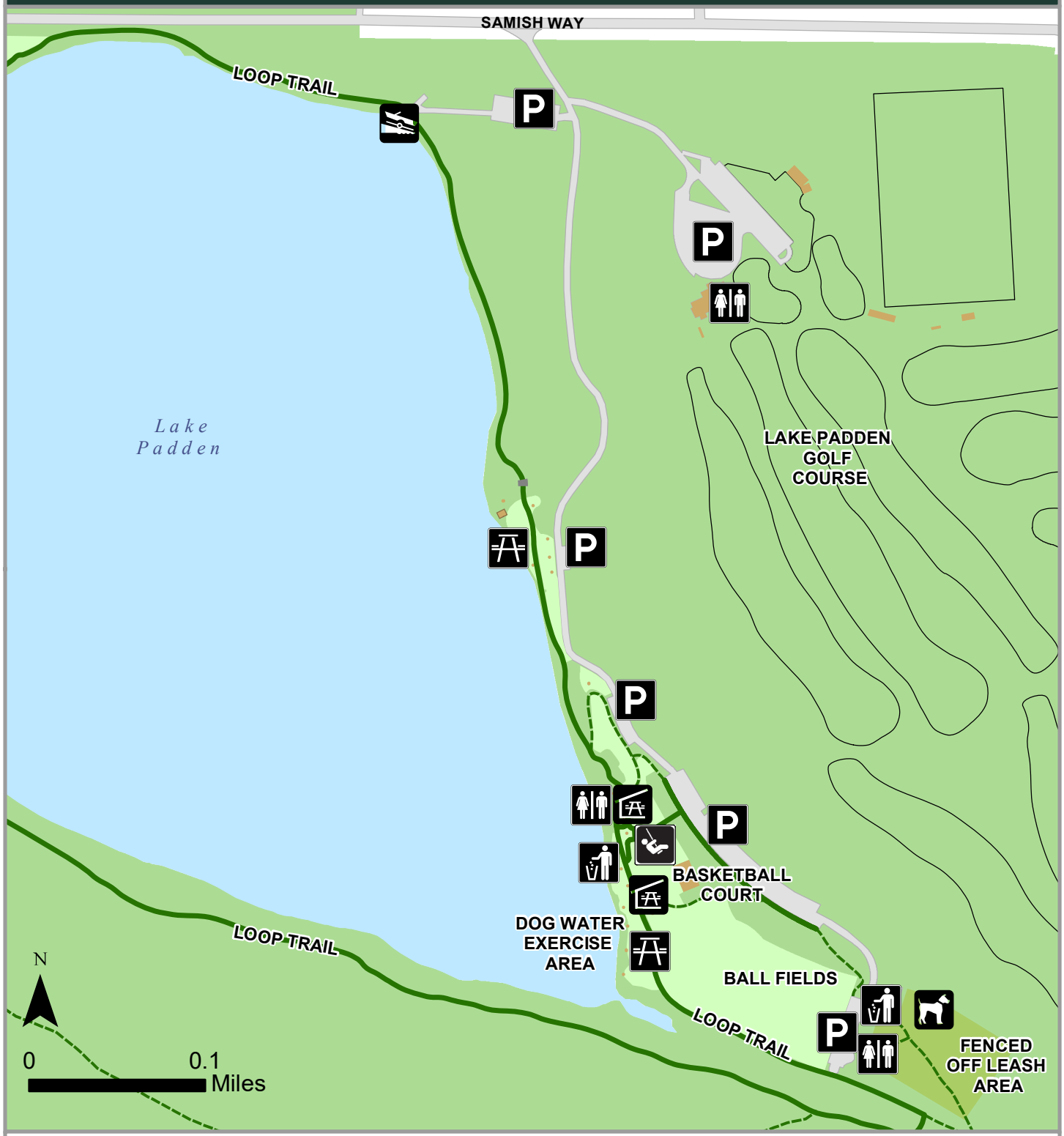
11a. Lake Padden Park Detail



Primary Trail
Minor Trail
Bridges
Parking
Shelter
Playground
Restrooms
Picnic area
Boat launch
Trash Receptacle
Shower
Dog off leash

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11b. Lake Padden Park Detail

Primary Trail (6'-12' wide)

Minor Trail (1'-3' wide)

Bridges

Parking

Drinking fountain

Playground

Restrooms

Picnic area

Boat launch

Park shelter

Showers

Trash Receptacle

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12. Lower Padden & Fairhaven

DESCRIPTION

Lower Padden Creek includes an easy trail with gently rolling terrain, following lower Padden Creek. Salmon may be observed in the late fall. Padden Lagoon has an observation deck for viewing marine wildlife and Fairhaven Harbor. Dogs must be on leash.

Fairhaven Park trails includes mostly flat gravel and dirt trails in a wooded park setting. In late fall, salmon can be observed in Padden Creek. Fairhaven Park woods includes steep inclines and primitive trails. Dogs must be on leash.

Fairhaven Park is a community park established in 1906. Facilities include two picnic shelters, a pavilion, playground, spray park, basketball court, tennis courts, trails, multipurpose field, parking, restrooms, barbecue grills and picnic tables. Dogs must be on leash.

Padden Creek provides seasonal interest with salmon runs and waterfalls.

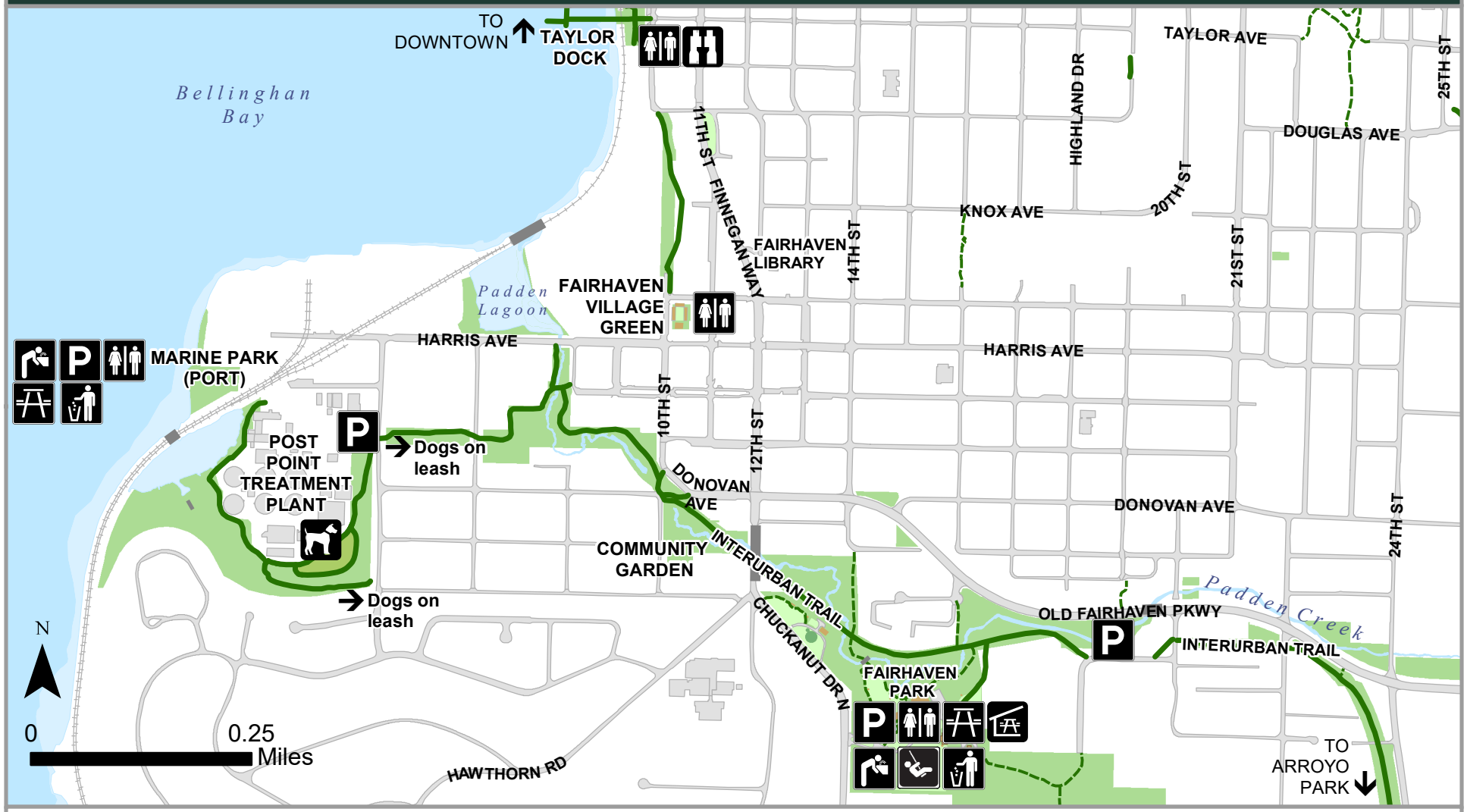
TRAILHEADS

- West access at Post Point Wastewater Treatment Plant at 4th Avenue
- East access in the Fairhaven Historic District at the intersection of 10th Street and Donovan Avenue
- Several access points from neighborhood streets
- Parking lot in Fairhaven Park on Chuckanut Drive

MILEAGE

- 0.4 miles from 4th Street to 10th Street

12. Lower Padden and Fairhaven



Primary Trail (6'-12' wide)

Minor Trail (1'-3' wide)

Bridges

Parking

Drinking fountain

Playground

Restrooms

Picnic area

Viewpoint

Park shelter

Trash receptacle

Dog off leash area (open field & trails around treatment plant only)

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13. Northridge Park

DESCRIPTION

Northridge Park, established in 1991, has trails winding through a second growth douglas fir forest with wetland pockets. There are multiple gravel connector trails to neighborhood streets and one main loop trail through Northridge Park. Three trail segments contain steps. Dogs must be on leash.

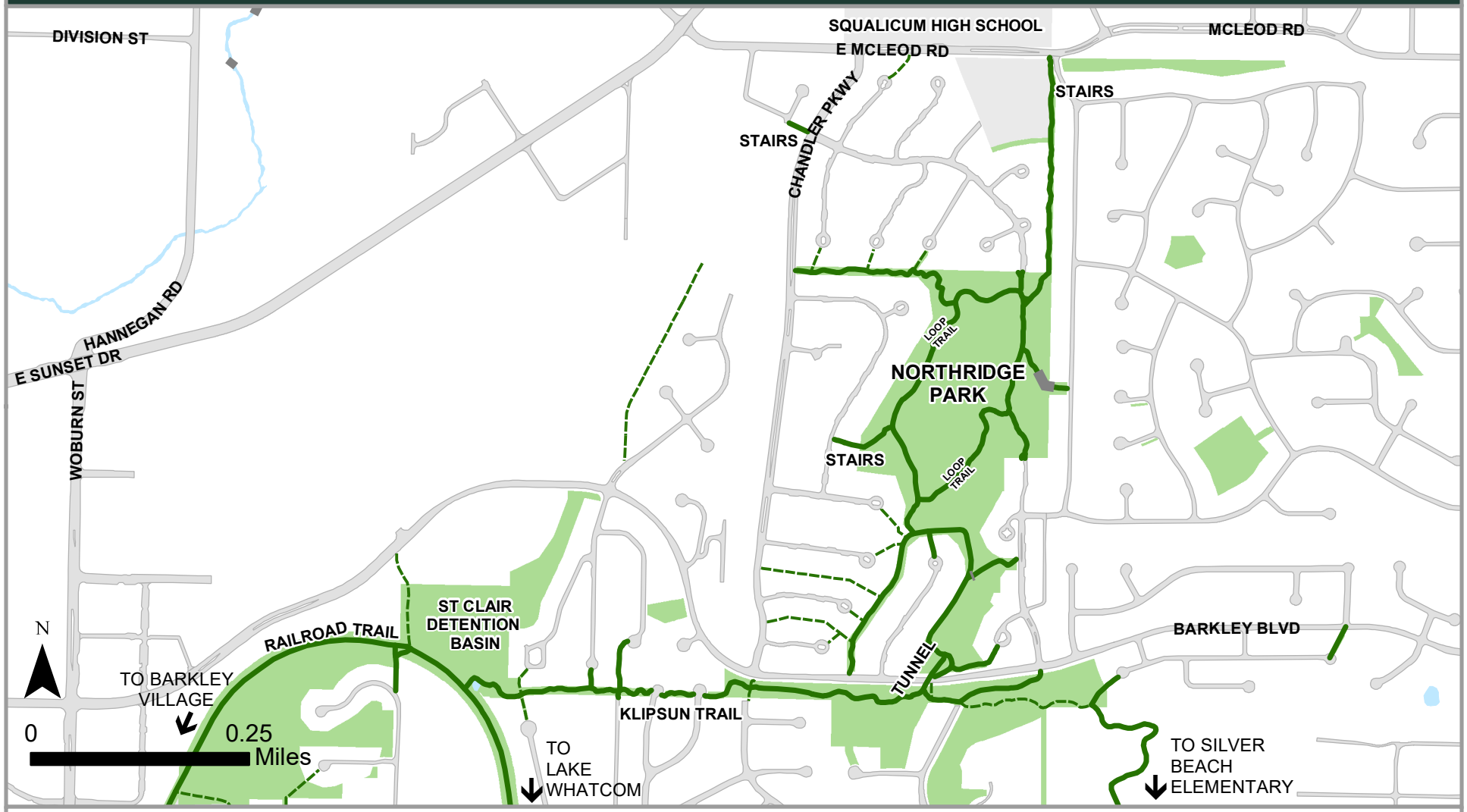
TRAILHEADS

- Local neighborhood street parking only
- Trail access at East McLeod Road, Carrington Way, Magrath Road, Woodside Way, and Chandler Parkway

MILEAGE

- 0.7 mile main Loop Trail
- 0.2 mile Chandler Parkway to Northridge Park Loop and includes stairs
- 0.3 mile E. McLeod Road to Northridge Park Loop and includes stairs

13. Northridge Park Trails



Primary Trail (6'-12' wide)

Minor Trail (1'-3' wide)

Bridges

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14. Railroad Trail

DESCRIPTION

Railroad trail includes gentle grades and gravel surfacing. There are panaramic views of Bellingham Bay from the Alabama Street overpass. Wildlife and marsh birds may be observed near St. Clair Detention pond, Scudder's Pond, and Lake Whatcom. Dogs must be on leash.

Klipsun trail includes steep grades and gravel surfacing with some steps. This trail connects the Railroad Trail to Northridge Park. Dogs must be on leash.

Memorial Park is a neighborhood park established in 1889. Dogs must be on leash.

Big Rock Garden was established in 1992. The Garden is home to a permanent sculpture exhibit. The Japanese syle gardens are maintained with the help of volunteers. Facilities include parking, restrooms, drinking fountain, and trails. Dogs are not permitted in the sculpture park.

TRAILHEADS

- East access from the parking lot at Bloedel Donovan Park
- West access at Memorial Park on King Street
- Parking at Big Rock Garden
- East access at the north end of Sylvan Street
- West access from the Railroad Trail sough of St. Clair Detention Pond
- Many access points from the neighborhood streets

MILEAGE

- 3.2 miles from Memorial Park to Bloedel Donovan Park
- 0.6 miles from Railroad Trail to Northridge Park
- 1.0 miles from Memorial Park to Woburn Street
- 0.6 miles from Woburn Street to Klipsun Trail
- 0.6 miles from Klipsun Trail to Alabama Street bridge
- 1.0 miles from Alabama Street to Bloedel Donovan Park via Whatcom Creek Bridge
- 0.6 miles from Railroad Trail to Barkley tunnel
- 0.6 miles from Barkley tunnel to Big Rock Garden

14. Railroad Trail

Primary Trail (6'-12' wide)

Minor Trail (1'-3' wide)

Bridges

Parking

Drinking fountain

Playground

Restrooms

Picnic area

Viewpoint

Park shelter

Trash receptacle

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15. Sehome Hill Arboretum

DESCRIPTION
Sehome Arboretum was established in 1893. Facilities include trails, parking, overlook tower and intpretive displays. Sehome Arboretum is a backdrop to Western Washington University.

Sehome Hill includes moderately steep, unpaved, gravel and dirt trails through wooded terrain. There are some paved paths with slight grades at the summit.

There is an impressive, multistory, observation tower just north of the parking lot on the summit with views of Bellingham and beyond. Dogs must be on leash, except where noted on signs.

A walking tour of the Unitversity's outdoor sculpture collection is a recommended addition to any walk in the arboretum:

https://westerngallery.wwu.edu/sculpture

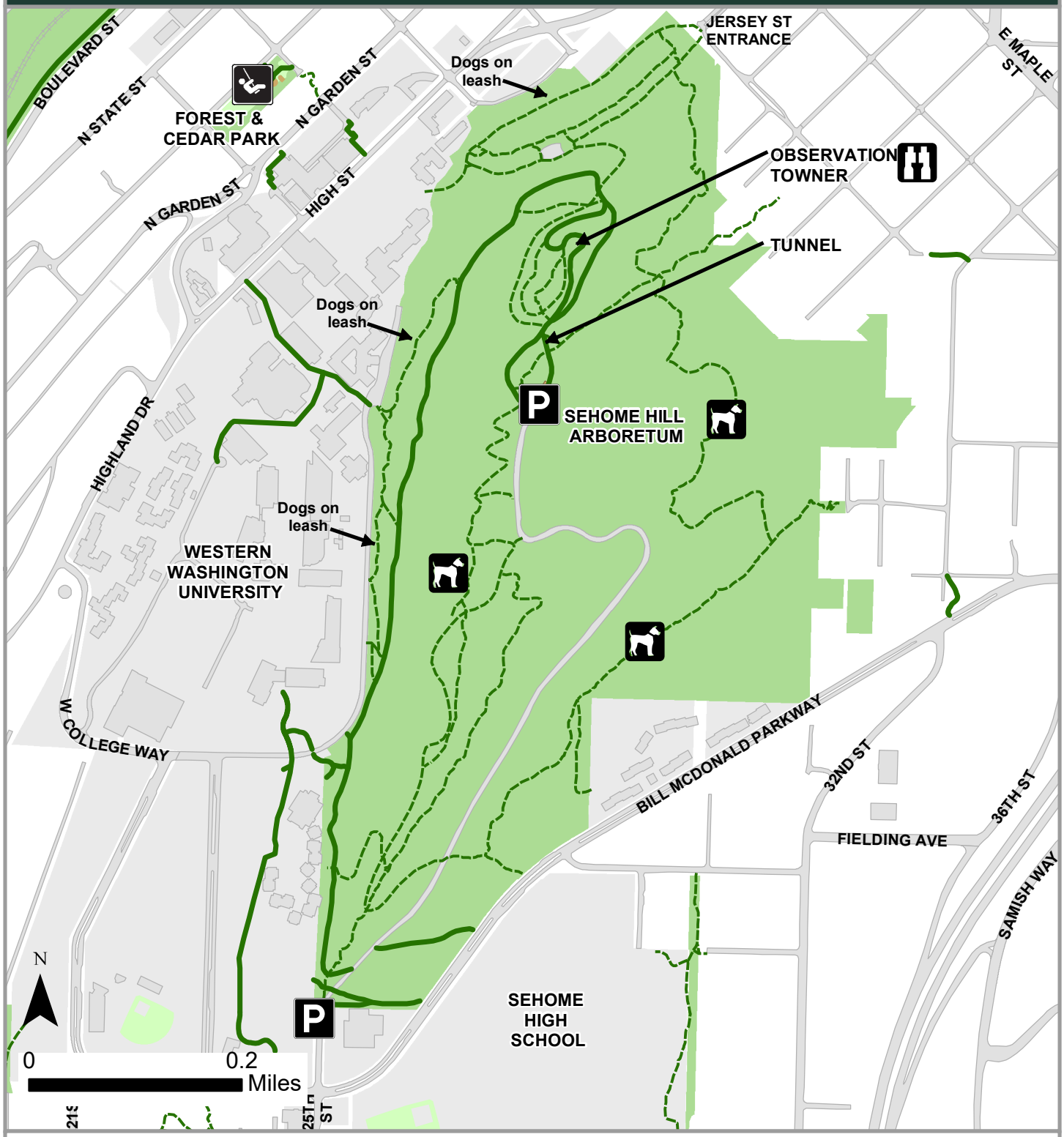
TRAILHEADS

- Parking lot at the top of the hill inside the park. Take 25th Street north from Bill McDonald Parkway
- Several pedestrian access points:
    - North from the end of Jesery Street and E. Myrtle Street
    - West from WWU campus
    - South from the northern end of 25th Street
    - East from Allen Avenue and 32nd Street

MILEAGE

- 6.0 miles of trails within the park

15. Sehome Hill Arboretum



Primary Trail

Minor Trail

Bridges

Parking

Playground

Viewpoint

Dog off leash (minor trails only, except trails abuting University)

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16. South Bay Trail, Taylor Dock and Boulevard Park

DESCRIPTION

Boulevard Park is a community park established in 1980. Located on Bellingham Bay, this park is a favorite for sunset viewing and recreating by the waterfront. Facilities include playground, picnic tables, barbecues, interpretive displays, performance stage, trails, parking, restrooms, and pocket beaches. There is also a coffee shop with fireplace, wireless internet and views of Bellingham Bay. Dogs must be on leash.

Taylor Dock is a historic structure once used to support waterfront industry. It was reconstructed and opened for public use in 2004. Dogs must be on leash.

Fairhaven Village Green was established in 2003. Facilities include restrooms, seating, stage, pergola and drinking fountains. Dogs must be on leash.

This mostly gravel trail system includes gentle grades with scenic views of Bellingham Bay and the San Juan Islands. Dogs must be on leash.

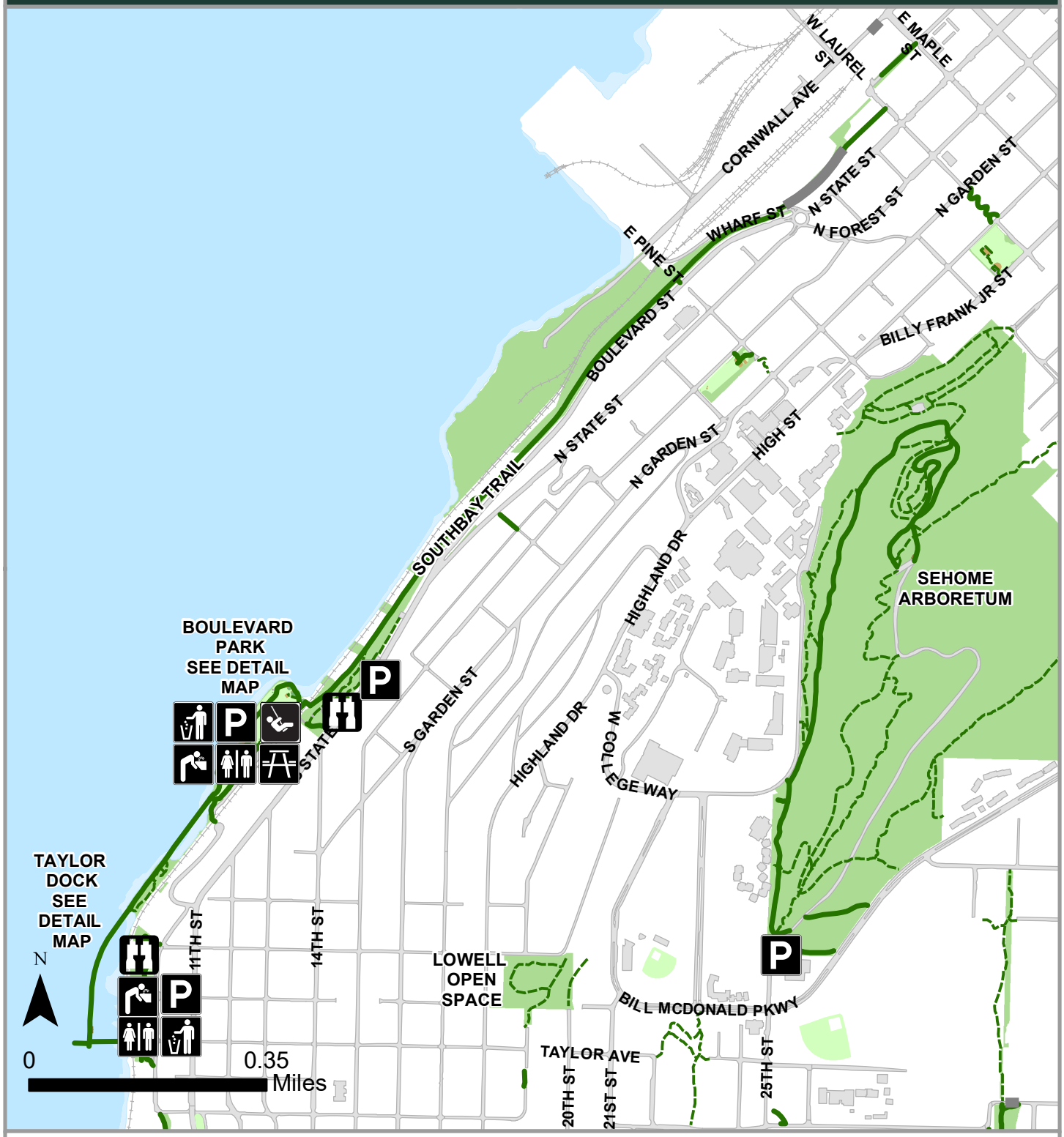
TRAILHEADS

- Parking at Boulevard Park and S. State Street
- North access at Railroad Avenue and Maple Street
- South access at 10th Street and Mill Avenue

MILEAGE

- 0.4 miles Maple Street to Wharf Street
- 1.4 miles Wharf Street to Pattle Point boardwalk in Boulevard Park
- 0.5 miles Pattle Point to Fairhaven Village Green at Mill Avenue

16. South Bay Trail, Boulevard Park, Taylor Dock



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Bridges
Parking
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Playground
Restrooms
Picnic area
Trash Receptacle
Drinking fountain

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16a. South Bay Trail at Taylor Dock

Primary Trail
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Bridges
Parking
Viewpoint
Shelter
Restrooms
Picnic area
Trash Receptacle
Drinking fountain

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16b. South Bay Trail at Boulevard Park

Primary Trail
Minor Trail
Bridges
Parking
Viewpoint
Food/Concessions
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Picnic area
Shelter
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17. Squalicum Creek Trail and Sunset Pond Park

DESCRIPTION

Trails are generally flat with gravel surfacing. There is a gravel trail north of the pond that provides water access. A dirt trail on the south side of pond connects to stairs located on a trail easement at Sunset Pond Appartments and leads to Orleans Street.

All trails, plus the open water, are designated for off leash dog training and water exercise. Dogs must be under voice control when off leash.

Facilities include parking and trails. Fishing is permitted at Sunset Pond. Please reference Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife fishing regulations.

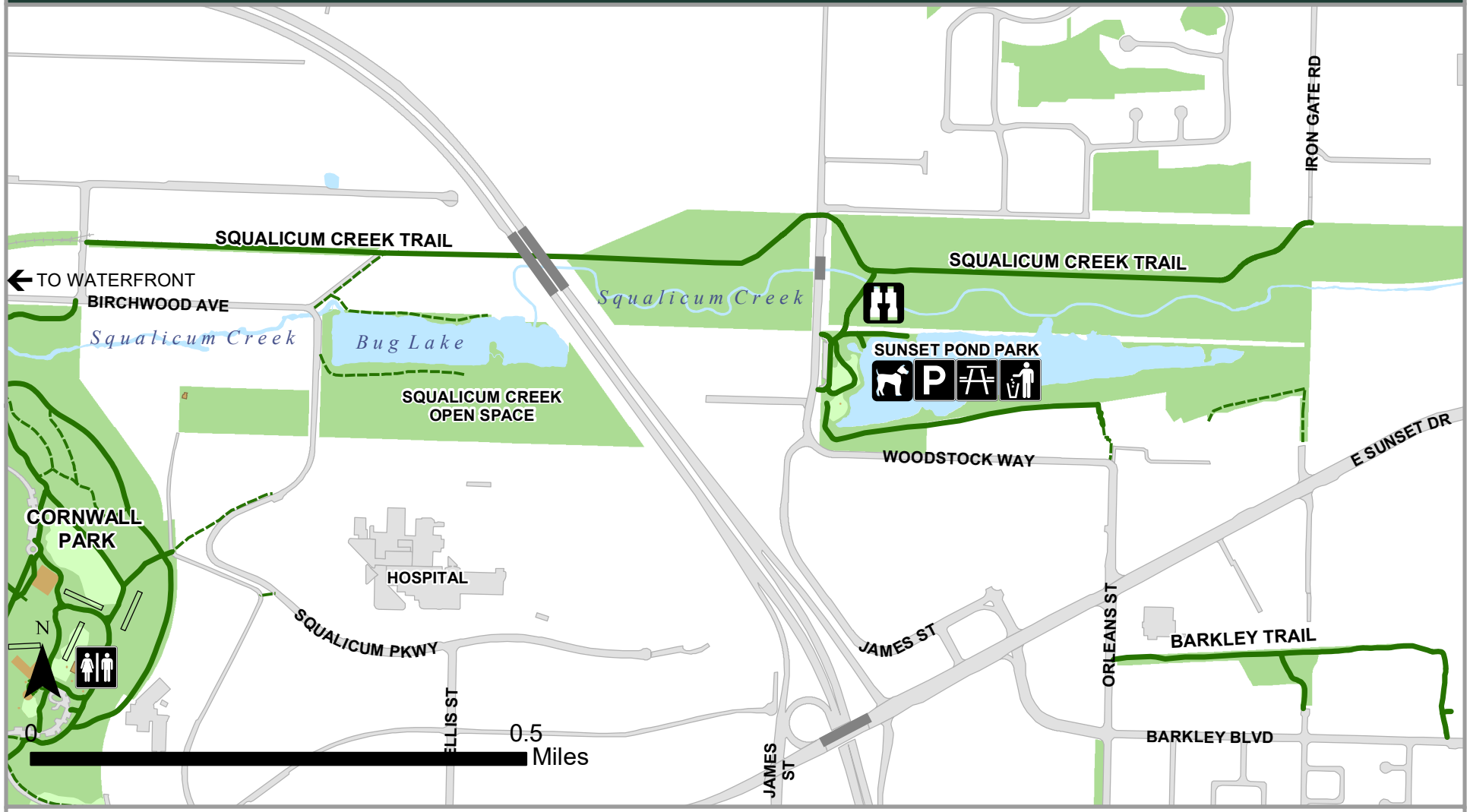
TRAILHEADS

- Parking is available at Cornwall Park at 3424 Meridian Street and Sunset Pond Park on James Street

MILEAGE

- 1.0 miles from Sunset Pond Park to Cornwall Park
- 0.5 miles from Sunset Pond Park to Irongate Road
- 0.2 miles north Sunset Pond Park trail one-way
- 0.3 miles Sunset Pond Park south trail one-way to gate at the apartments

17. Squalicum Creek Trail & Sunset Pond



Primary Trail (6'-12' wide)

Minor Trail (1'-3' wide)

Bridges

Parking

Dog off leash area (trails around the pond only, including open water area)

Restrooms

Picnic area

Trash receptacle

Viewpoint

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18. Whatcom Creek Trail West

DESCRIPTION

Maritime Heritage Park is a community park established in 1978. Facilities include a program building, amphitheater, fish hatchery, picnic tables, benches, trails, interpretive displays, and restrooms. Dogs must be on leash.

Whatcom Creek provides seasonal interest with large salmon runs and waterfalls.

Trails are generally flat and paved with crushed stone or asphalt. At Maritime Heritage Park, trails on either side of the creek lead to the waterfall. Trails continue on both sides of the creek to Grand Avenue, then follow one side or the other of Railroad Avenue. At the bridge, the trail forks right to Railroad Ave. The trail route continues along a street route: Ellis St., to Kansas St., cross State St. and follow Meador Avenue. Just before the I-5 overpass, trail continues along the creek to Whatcom Falls Park.

Dogs must be on leash, except along the waterline trail in Whatcom Falls Park where signs are posted.

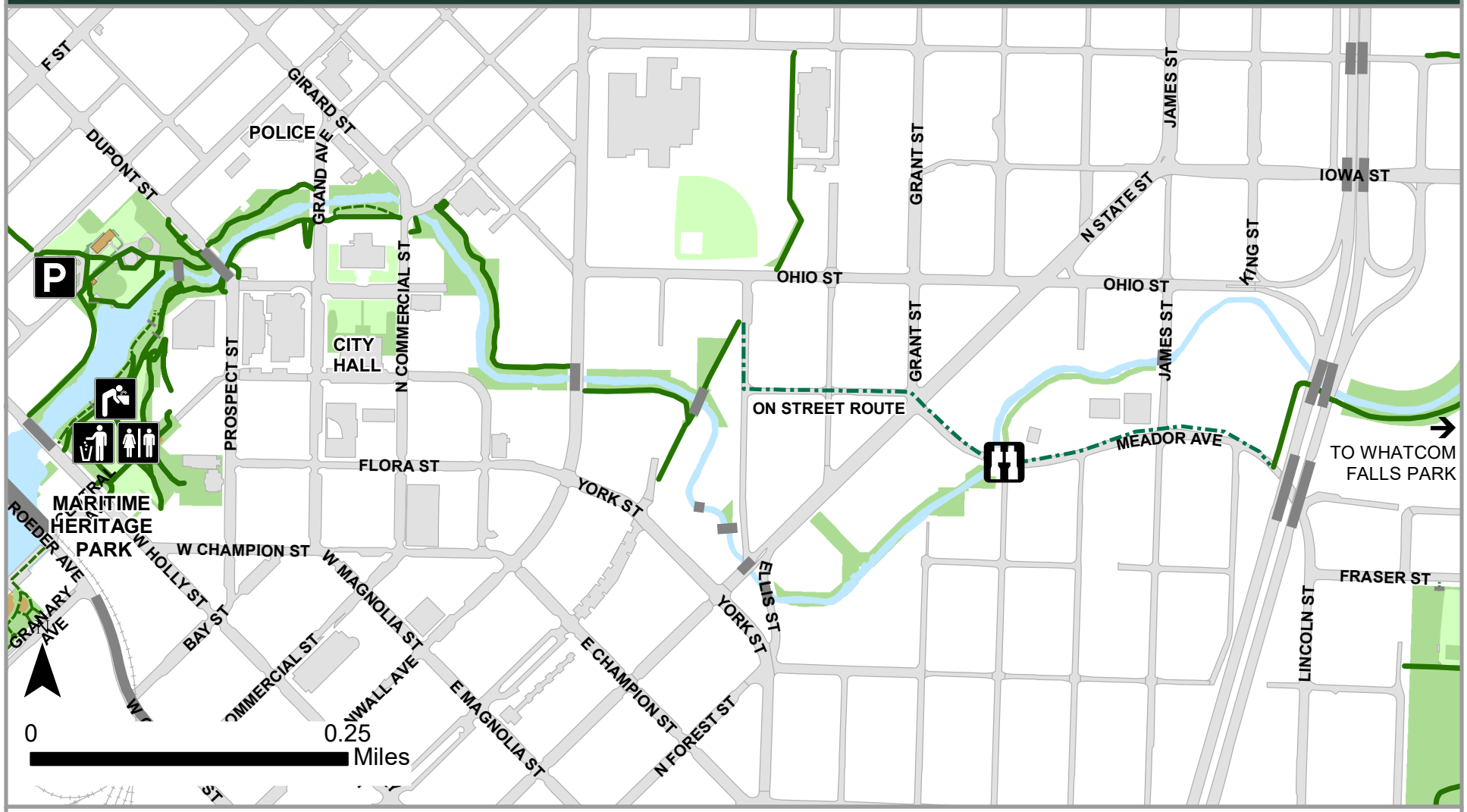
TRAILHEADS

- Parking lot off C Street at Maritime Heritage Park
- Many access points from downtown streets

MILEAGE

- 1.2 miles from Maritime Heritage Park to Interstate 5
- 0.1 miles Falls to City Hall
- 0.4 miles City Hall to Railroad Bridge
- 0.7 miles Railroad Ave. Bridge to I-5 underpass
- 0.4 miles I-5 to Racine Bridge
- 0.4 miles Racine Bridge to Civic Athletic Complex
- 0.5 miles Racine Bridge to Whatcom Falls Park

18. Whatcom Creek Trail West of Interstate 5



Primary Trail (6'-12' wide)

Minor Trail (1'-3' wide)

Bridges

On street route

Parking

Drinking fountain

Restrooms

Viewpoint

Trash receptacle

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19. Whatcom Creek Trail East

DESCRIPTION

Whatcom Creek Trail includes rolling, gravel trails along the creek with some steep grades and stairs. Dogs may be off leash along a stretch of the waterline trail. See map for details. Off leash signs are posted on site.

Whatcom Falls Park is a community park established in 1908. Facilities include picnic shelters, playgrounds, multipurpose field, basketball court, tennis courts, barbecues, picnic tables, restrooms, trails, interpretive displays, fish hatchery and parking.

The stone bridge is an excellent waterfall viewing spot.

Educational signage about local fish is located at the fish hatchery. A brochure detailing Whatcom Falls Park history and points of interest is available at the Park office.

The upper park area also includes a dirt bike pump track for non-motorized mountain bicycles. No dogs are permitted in the bike track area, playground or basketball court.

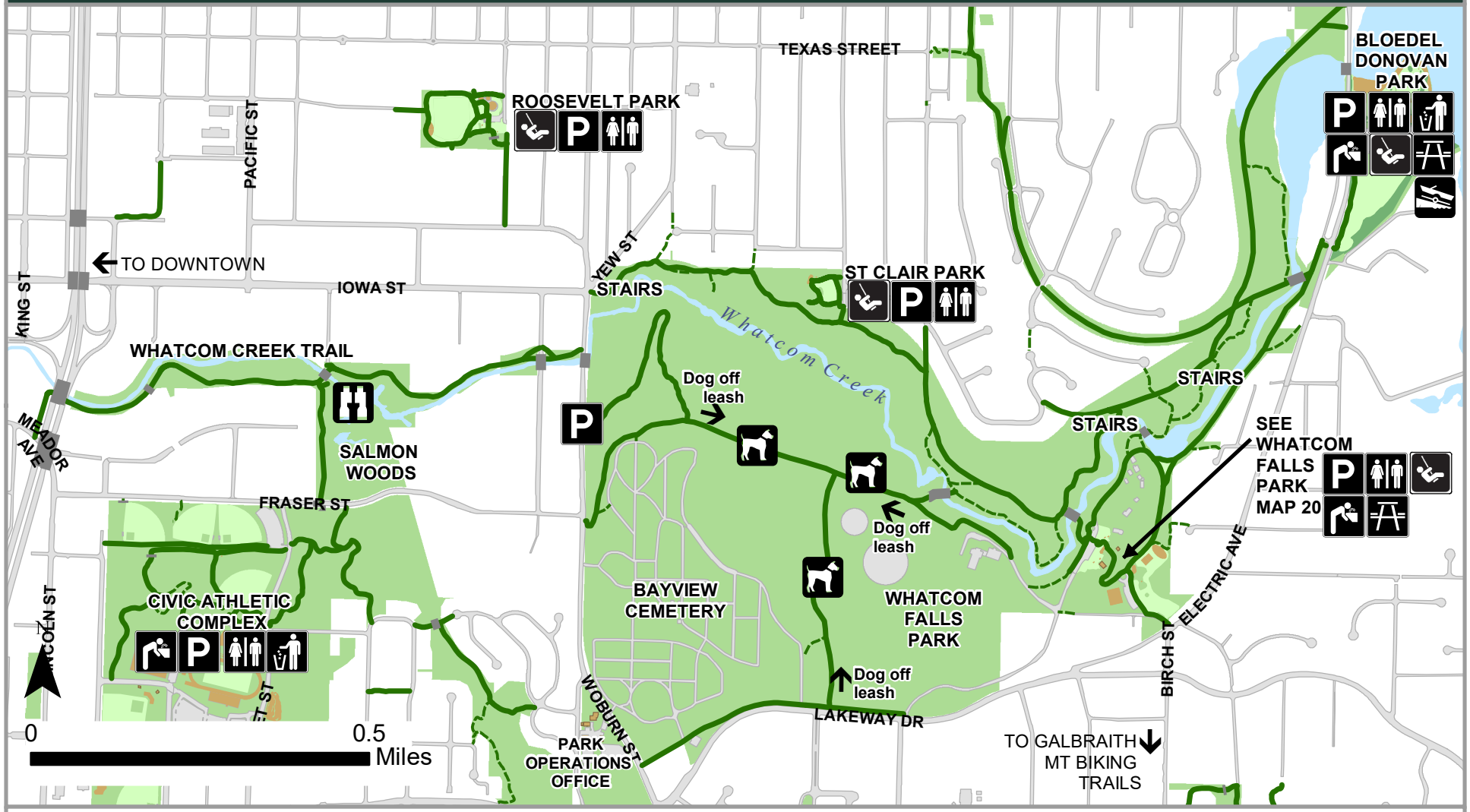
TRAILHEADS

- Woburn Street at Yew Street/Iowa Street
- Woburn Street at Fraser Street
- Electric Avenue at Kansas Avenue
- Electric Avenue at Flynn St.
- Iowa Drive at Erie Street

MILEAGE

- 0.4 milies Woburn Street to St. Clair Street
- 0.5 miles St. Clair Street to Stone Bridge/Falls
- 0.4 miles Stone Bridge to Railroad Trail
- 0.2 miles Railroad Trail to Bloedel Donovan Park
- 0.6 miles Bloedel Donovan to Fish Hatchery
- 0.6 miles Woburn Street to Waterline Bridge
- 0.3 miles Waterline Bridge to Fish Hatchery

19. Whatcom Creek Trail East of Interstate 5



Primary Trail (6'-12' wide)

Minor Trail (1'-3' wide)

Bridges

Parking

Drinking fountain

Boat launch

Restrooms

Viewpoint

Dog off leash area

Playground

Trash receptacle

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20. Whatcom Falls Park

DESCRIPTION

Whatcom Falls Park is a community park established in 1908. Facilities include two picnic shelters, playgrounds, multipurpose field, basketball court, tennis courts, barbecues, picnic tables, restrooms, trails, interpretive displays, fish hatchery and parking. Dogs must be on leash.

The stone bridge is an excellent waterfall viewing spot. Educational signage about local fish is located at the fish hatchery. A brochure detailing Whatcom Falls Park history and points of interest is available at the Park office.

The upper park area also includes a pump track for non-motorized mountain bicycles. No dogs are permitted in the bike track area, playground or basketball court.

TRAILHEADS

- Woburn Street at Yew Street/Iowa Street
- Woburn Street at Fraser Street
- Electric Avenue at Kansas Avenue
- Electric Avenue at Flynn St.
- Iowa Drive at Erie Street

MILEAGE

- 0.4 milies Woburn Street to St. Clair Street
- 0.5 miles St. Clair Street to Stone Bridge/Falls
- 0.4 miles Stone Bridge to Railroad Trail
- 0.2 miles Railroad Trail to Bloedel Donovan Park
- 0.6 miles Bloedel Donovan to Fish Hatchery
- 0.6 miles Woburn Street to Waterline Bridge
- 0.3 miles Waterline Bridge to Fish Hatchery

20. Whatcom Falls Park

Primary Trail (6'-12' wide)

Minor Trail (1'-3' wide)

Bridges

Parking

Drinking fountain

Restrooms

Viewpoint

Trash receptacle

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City of Bellingham
Animal Related Regulations

The purpose of this information is to acquaint you with the City Laws and Policies relating to having animals within City of Bellingham Park facilities. (Bellingham Municipal Code 8.04.070)

GENERAL REGULATIONS

All dogs in City Parks must be under control by means of being **ON LEASH AT ALL TIMES** (the owner or handler must be in possession of one leash per dog at all times) unless in an area designated for dog exercise and training.

The owner or handler of any dog is to **REMOVE FECAL MATTER** deposited by their animal on public property or public easement before the owner leaves the immediate area where the fecal matter was deposited.

The owner or handler of any dog must have in their possession the equipment necessary to remove their dog's fecal matter when accompanied by said dog on public property or public easement.

CERTIFIED SERVICE DOGS ARE EXEMPT FROM THIS POLICY

Service Dogs are defined as those dogs that have been professionally trained and certified as Service Animals.

OFF-LEASH DOG EXERCISE AND TRAINING AREAS

All dog owners/handlers are still responsible for having voice or sound control of their animal in designated exercise areas. When possible conflict exists within use of off-leash areas (particularly trails), by other people or dogs, then the owners/handlers must control their dog by leash if necessary.

The owner or handler must respect all natural areas by staying on trails to minimize damage and preventing dogs from flushing, chasing or otherwise disturbing wildlife.

The owner or handler must also restrict dogs in heat from off-leash areas, as well as dogs who exhibit aggressive behavior.

The City has designated, by City Policy PAR 3.01.20 the following Park areas where dogs can be off leash for exercise and training **as signed**.

Fenced Off-Leash areas: The owner or handler must follow specific regulations within fenced off-leash areas as posted at each site.

Arroyo Park: All Trails

Lake Padden Park: The fenced off-leash area near the ballfields in the southeastern part of the Park. Trails as designated at the east end of the Park between the fenced off-leash area and Galbraith entry on E. Samish. A dog water exercise area near the ballfields area (east side of lake) is signed for dog training/exercise. Dogs are restricted to entering Lake Padden only in this area.

Sunset Pond: All trails plus the water are designated for water exercise and training area.

Sehome Hill Arboretum: All secondary trails. Dogs must be on leashes on all paved trails plus the Jersey Street and Arboretum Walkway which are the two trails at the bottom of the Arboretum abutting the University campus.

Bloedel Donovan Park: 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. year round. If wet weather results in turf damage, off leash dogs will only be allowed south of the parking lot, at the discretion of the Director of the Parks & Recreation Department.

Whatcom Falls Park: The Waterline Trail (south of Whatcom Creek) west of the Water Treatment Plant to Bayview Cemetery and the trail from the Waterline Trail south to Lakeway.

Little Squalicum Park: All Trails. (Note – Little Squalicum Creek may contain hazardous chemicals which may be harmful to animals. Also, the Little Squalicum Beach area is NOT owned or regulated by the Bellingham Parks and Recreation Department.)

Post Point Treatment Area: The field and trails adjacent to the treatment facility are open for dog training and exercise. City park regulations apply to this area.

ANIMAL RESTRICTED AREAS

Due to heavy use by the public plus safety and health concerns, as well as sensitivity to art and gardens, there are several park areas where dogs and domestic animals are not allowed.

A. Playgrounds

B. Spray Parks

C. Athletic Fields including but not limited to:
- Civic & Joe Martin Fields
- Frank Geri & Downer Fields
- Squalicum Creek Park Ballfield
- Battersby Field

D. Tennis Courts

E. Big Rock Garden Park

ON LEASH AREAS

All areas not posted require dogs to be on a leash as part of City Park Code and Citywide Leash Law.

HORSES IN CITY PARKS

Horses are only allowed on paved roads open to motor vehicles OR designated bridle trails in the following parks:

- Arroyo Park. All Trails.
- Cornwall Park. Wooded area between ballfield & pedestrian trail.
- Lake Padden Park. Bridle trails on wooded side of park above pedestrian trail.
- Little Squalicum Park. Trail from Bellingham Technical College to Bay.
- Whatcom Falls Park. Trails across the bridge, north of Whatcom Creek.

The owner or handler is responsible for cleaning up waste deposits left on park property and they are required to have in their possession the equipment necessary to remove the fecal matter when accompanied by their horse on public property or public easement.

NO HUNTING

No person shall hunt, catch or injure any wild animal or bird on park property.

VIOLATION OF REGULATIONS IS PUNISHABLE BY FINE

Any violation of a provision of the regulation is a misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars ($250.00).

ENFORCEMENT

For enforcement of Dog Off-Leash Areas, contact The Whatcom Humane Society: (360) 733-2028.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR DOG'S WASTE!

IT'S THE LAW AND IT'S FOR YOUR SAFETY TOO!

When animal waste is left to decompose, the pathogens it contains can end up in our lakes and streams.

In large numbers, pathogens in untreated drinking water and recreational waters can present a health risk.

11,000 pounds of waste is produced by all the dogs in Whatcom County in one day!

5 ounces of dog waste can contain 3,408,000,000 fecal coliform bacteria.

Fecal coliform is the name for a group of bacteria found in waste from humans and animals. When this indicator bacteria is found in water samples, there may be disease-causing pathogens present as well.

PROTECT BELLINGHAM'S OUTSTANDING GREENWAYS!

- Please stay on trails
- Volunteer for the City's Parks Volunteer Program – find schedules at the Park Admin Office or visit http://www.cob.org/government/public/volunteer/parks/index.aspx
- Report illegal activities in the parks such as tree cutting or dumping