

Ala Spit County Park Trail

Location: 5050 Geck Road, Oak Harbor

Parking: 20+ spots, paved lot

Difficulty: Easy, but watch the tides

Trail length: 1 mile

Amenities:  Portable toilets seasonally



This driftwood-strewn spit of beach gravel juts out into the waters between Whidbey and Hope Islands. The short out-and-back hike offers dramatic views of the small islands dotting the northern reaches of Skagit Bay, including Little Deadman, Dot and Goat Islands. Low tide exposes an extensive gravel bar waiting to be explored. But beware. At high tide strong currents can flow across the thin neck of the spit and have been known to strand unsuspecting visitors. Check the tides and take the signs seriously. This is a great spot for watching birds and sea life, and can provide good clamming during the season (check Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife regulations).

NORTH WHIDBEY ISLAND

