

Bailey's Corner Store

South Whidbey has had beach communities far longer than it's had roads. Some were only accessible by water until the 1940s! Because of this, there were once many small stores in the region, but all had closed by the late 1980s except for one. Bailey's Corner Store remains, having stood at its wooded crossroads for over a century.



Built around 1909, Bailey's was originally a small country schoolhouse known as the Ingleside School. A Mr. Bailey bought the building in 1939, and it has been known as Bailey's Corner Store ever since. Although it's changed hands several times and various additions built on over many decades, this has only increased its appeal and added layers to its story.





ABOVE: Outdoor seating and stage. **LEFT:** The storefront today looks much as it did in 1939.

Southernmost islanders have long counted on Bailey's as the closest place to buy essentials, but in recent years it's experiencing a revival. The covered porch has always been a popular place for locals to shoot the breeze, but now the kitchen serves hot meals and a brewery has opened next door. A beer garden and stage have been added, with trivia nights and live music featuring local musicians. No longer simply a stop of convenience for a few, Bailey's is now a favorite gathering place for many.

Visit Bailey's Corner Store for a burger and brew, and look for upcoming events on their Facebook page.