

Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation
SHORELINE BOATING ACCESS

As authorized under the Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 18.12.040 and 18.12.180, specific sites along Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation shorelines are designated as approved and legal sites for the launching and/or landing of boats.

The following is a complete and comprehensive list of sites to include locations newly approved in 1998 as well as those that were approved in the past. Some of these are previously established sites. In addition, there are sites that are newly designated, following a public process and public review by the Park Board.

Maximum time that is allowed for tie-up at a public boat launch ramp is 15 minutes. Maximum time allowed for use at shoreline sites is 2 hours unless otherwise noted.

The locations, which are permitted for use by hand-carried non-motorized boats, are as follows:

1. Adams Street – a 50’ section of shoreline located at the northern end of the public parking lot which is located at Adams Street and Lake Washington Boulevard South
2. Alki Beach east – a section of shoreline located between 53rd Avenue SW and 55th Avenue SW.
3. Alki Beach west – a section of shoreline located at the western property line and extending northwest for 200’.
4. Bailey Peninsula – a 50’ section of shoreline located at the northern tip of Bailey Peninsula at Seward Park, and northwest of the public restroom. Access is restricted to boats arriving by water only.
5. Beer Sheva Park - located at the eastern end of South Henderson Street at Lake Washington, and north of Atlantic City Boat Ramp.
6. Belvoir Place – the entire shoreline area including the dock. Tie-up is limited to two hours.
7. Carkeek Park – a section of shoreline located south of the overpass and extending south for 300’. Access is restricted to boats arriving by water only.
8. Cormorant Cove Park – the shoreline located at 3701 Beach Drive Southwest.

9. Discovery Park – a 100’ section of shoreline located north of the West Point Lighthouse and a 100’ section of shoreline located south of the West Point Lighthouse. Access is restricted to boats arriving by water only.
10. Duwamish Park – the Duwamish River shoreline located at Duwamish Park.
11. Fairview Park – a public float. Tie-up time is limited to 2 hours.
12. Golden Gardens Park – a section of shoreline located at the south property line and extending north for 300’.
13. Green Lake cove – a 50’ section of shoreline facing north and located at the eastern corner of Green Lake, south of the East Green Lake Beach.
14. Green Lake east – a 50’ section of shoreline located along the eastern shoreline of Green Lake at the foot of NE 64th Street
15. Green Lake Small Craft Center – three low floats and adjacent shoreline at 5900 West Green Lake Way North. Priority use for these floats is reserved for Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation programs.
16. Green Lake west – a 50’ section of shoreline at Green Lake located northwest of Duck Island.
17. Lake Union Power Plant – low float located on eastern shore of Lake Union immediately to the west of Zymogenetics at the old power plant; tie-up time is limited to 2 hours.
18. Leschi – a 60’ float located at Central Leschi and labeled as “Police Dock”; no tie-up is permitted except by Seattle Police; boats must be attended at all times; priority use is reserved for Seattle Police.
19. Lincoln Park - a section of shoreline located at the south property line and extending north for 300’.
20. Lowman Park - the entire shoreline at Lowman Park.
21. Magnuson Park – a 30’ section of shoreline located immediately to the east of the Magnuson tower.
22. Magnuson Park – a 100’ section of shoreline located south of the public boat launching ramps and north of the south boundary of the park.
23. Matthews Beach Park – the sandbar shoreline measuring 100 feet in length located immediately to the north of the site where Thornton Creek meets Lake Washington.
24. Martha Washington Park – a 50’ section of shoreline located on the northern half of the park.

25. McCurdy Park – a 30’ section of shoreline located on the eastern edge of East Montlake Park, and located immediately to the south of the Washington Park Arboretum waterfront trail.
26. Ohler’s Island – the southern shore of Ohler’s Island and the eastern most float located at, and adjacent to Lakewood Moorage; access is restricted to boats arriving by water only; tie-up time is limited to 30 minutes.
27. Richey Viewpoint Park – The western most portion of the park near the foot of the western stairway.
28. Sand Point – a location along the northern shore of Sand Point Naval base. A hand launch ramp is available for use with Sail Sand Point having priority.
29. Seacrest Park – the pocket beach (#1) located at the south end of Seacrest Park; and the pocket beach (#3) located at the north end of Seacrest Park.
30. Seward Park – a 30’ section of shoreline located on the southern shore of Bailey Peninsula at Seward Park and east of the southeast shoreline parking area.
31. South Passage Park – a 45’ float located at the eastern property line and connecting to private property owned by George Pocock Rowing Center; Public access is granted through an agreement with George Pocock Rowing Center; no tie-up is permitted; boats must be attended at all times.
32. Stan Sayers Park/ Mount Baker Rowing and Sailing Center - the small craft floats located to the west of Mount Baker Rowing and Sailing Center; priority use for these floats is reserved for Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation programs; no tie-up is permitted; boats must be attended at all times.
33. Terry Pettus Park – the shoreline and public float; tie-up time is limited to 2 hours.
34. Thirty-second Avenue West – the southern street end of 32nd Avenue West located in Magnolia.
35. Washington Park Arboretum – a 50’ section of shoreline located at the southwestern corner of the bay.

The locations, which are permitted for use by non-trailerred motorized boats with less than 10 hp, are as follows:

1. Andrews Cove – a 50’ section of shoreline located at the southwest corner of Andrews Cove and north of the Seward Park art studio.
2. Day Street – the central shoreline and dock area; tie-up time is limited to 2 hours.

Locations that are permitted for use by boats, either power or non-power for launching, landing and/or tie up.

1. Atlantic City Boat Ramp – The public boat launch ramp located at South Henderson Street and Seward Park Avenue South; tie-up time is limited to 15 minutes.
2. Don Armeni Boat Ramp – The public boat launch ramp located at 1228 Harbor Avenue Southwest; tie-up time is limited to 15 minutes.
3. Eddie Vine Boat Ramp - The public boat launch ramp located at the north end of Seaview Avenue Northwest and south of Golden Gardens Park; tie-up time is limited to 15 minutes.
4. Ferdinand Street Hand-carry Boat Ramp– A hand-carry boat launch access site located along the shoreline at the intersection of South Ferdinand Street and Lake Washington Boulevard South.
5. Fourteenth Avenue NW Boat Ramp - The public boat launch ramp located at the southern end of 14th Avenue Northwest, on the north side of the Lake Washington Ship Canal; tie-up time is limited to 15 minutes.
6. Leschi – a fixed pier located at Central Leschi; no power boat launching is permitted at this location; power boat tie-up is permitted for up to 2 hours.
7. Madison Street Dock – The dock located at the eastern end of Madison Street on Lake Washington; no launching facilities at this location; tie-up is permitted for up to 2 hours.
8. Magnuson Park – The public boat launch located at the eastern end of Northeast 65th Street where it meets Lake Washington; tie-up time is limited to 15 minutes.
9. Seacrest Marina – The floats located at 1660 Harbor Avenue Southwest; no public power boat launching is permitted at this location except as an approved Seattle Parks and Recreation Contract or Concession activity; power boat tie-up is permitted for up to 30 minutes at designated places and times, that do not conflict with priority uses; priority use of docks and floats may be determined by Superintendent.
10. South Lake Union Park – The floats to be located along the shoreline at Westlake Avenue North and Valley Street; no power boat launching is permitted at this location; power boat tie-up is permitted for up to 2 hours.
11. Stan Sayers Park Boat Ramp – The public boat launch ramp located at 3800 Lake Washington Boulevard South on the east side of the peninsula; tie-up time at public launching ramp is limited to 15 minutes. The finger piers located on the west side of the peninsula where tie-up is permitted for up to 2 hours, but power boat launching is not permitted.

12. Sunnyside Boat Ramp - The public boat launch ramp located at the intersection of Sunnyside Avenue North and North Northlake Way; tie-up time is limited to 15 minutes.