

Hike of the Month

Padilla Bay Trail: The Padilla Bay is a great trail for anyone looking to enjoy a nice relaxing leisurely trek along the water. If you are a bird watcher, do not forget to bring your binoculars.

Directions: From Burlington head west on Hwy 20 towards Anacortes for approximately seven miles. Take a right onto Bayview Edison Rd or Bayview Park Rd. Stay on Bayview Edison Rd. for 3.5 miles until you reach second street on the right. Follow the Padilla Bay Shore Trail Parking lot signs.

Length = 3.7 miles round trip **Difficulty** = Easy **Trail Notes** = Leashed dogs ok

Pass = Not Required **Elevation Gain** = 0 feet

Trail Description: From the large Padilla Bay Shore Trail parking lot walk down to the Bayview Edison Road and take a left towards the trail head on the opposite side of the road. Look for the crosswalk about 150 feet down the road.

Start your hike by walking through the gate and along the large well-maintained gravel trail that follows alongside Padilla Bay. The trail meanders alongside a series of swamps, mudflats, and marshlands. Making this an idea spot for viewing a variety of wildlife, including an assortment of bird species.

Take a rest break as needed at one of the benches alongside the trail and relax and take in the beautiful sights and sounds of nature. At a little more than 1.5 miles reach the old boat house on the right. Return on the same route you came in. Hope you enjoyed your trek!

Please share your photos and experiences with us at skagitnature@unitedgeneral.org .