1,718-acre **Turtleback Mountain Preserve** is a beloved island landmark and one of the largest protected natural areas in San Juan County. The mountain is a refuge for plants and wildlife. Habitats include rare Garry oak woodlands, grasslands, quiet forests, and scattered wetlands. Turtleback Mountain Preserve has been protected through the efforts of the San Juan County Land Bank, the San Juan Preservation Trust, the Trust for Public Land, and more than 1,500 private donors.
**Directions**

**North Trailhead from the Orcas ferry landing:**
Take Orcas Road 3.4 miles to the intersection with Nordstrom Lane. Turn left and travel west to the intersection with Crow Valley Road at 4.0 miles. Turn right and travel north. At 5.7 miles from start, a sign directs to a gravel drive and parking on the left.

**North trailhead from Eastsound Village:**
Take Orcas Road 1.1 miles to Fowler’s Corner and the intersection with Crow Valley Road. Keep right on Crow Valley Road. At 2.6 miles from start, a sign directs to a gravel drive and parking on the right, immediately past the Crow Valley Schoolhouse.

**South Trailhead from the Orcas ferry landing:**
Take Orcas Road for 2.4 miles. Turn left on Deer Harbor Road. Pass through West Sound and continue on to Wild Rose Lane at 4.8 miles from start. Turn right and follow Wild Rose Lane to the parking area on the right.

**South trailhead from Eastsound Village:**
Take Orcas Road 1.1 miles to Fowler’s Corner and the intersection with Crow Valley Road. Keep right on Crow Valley Road. At 5.3 miles in West Sound, turn right on Deer Harbor Road. At 6.5 miles from start, turn right onto Wild Rose Lane. Continue on to the parking area on the right.

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