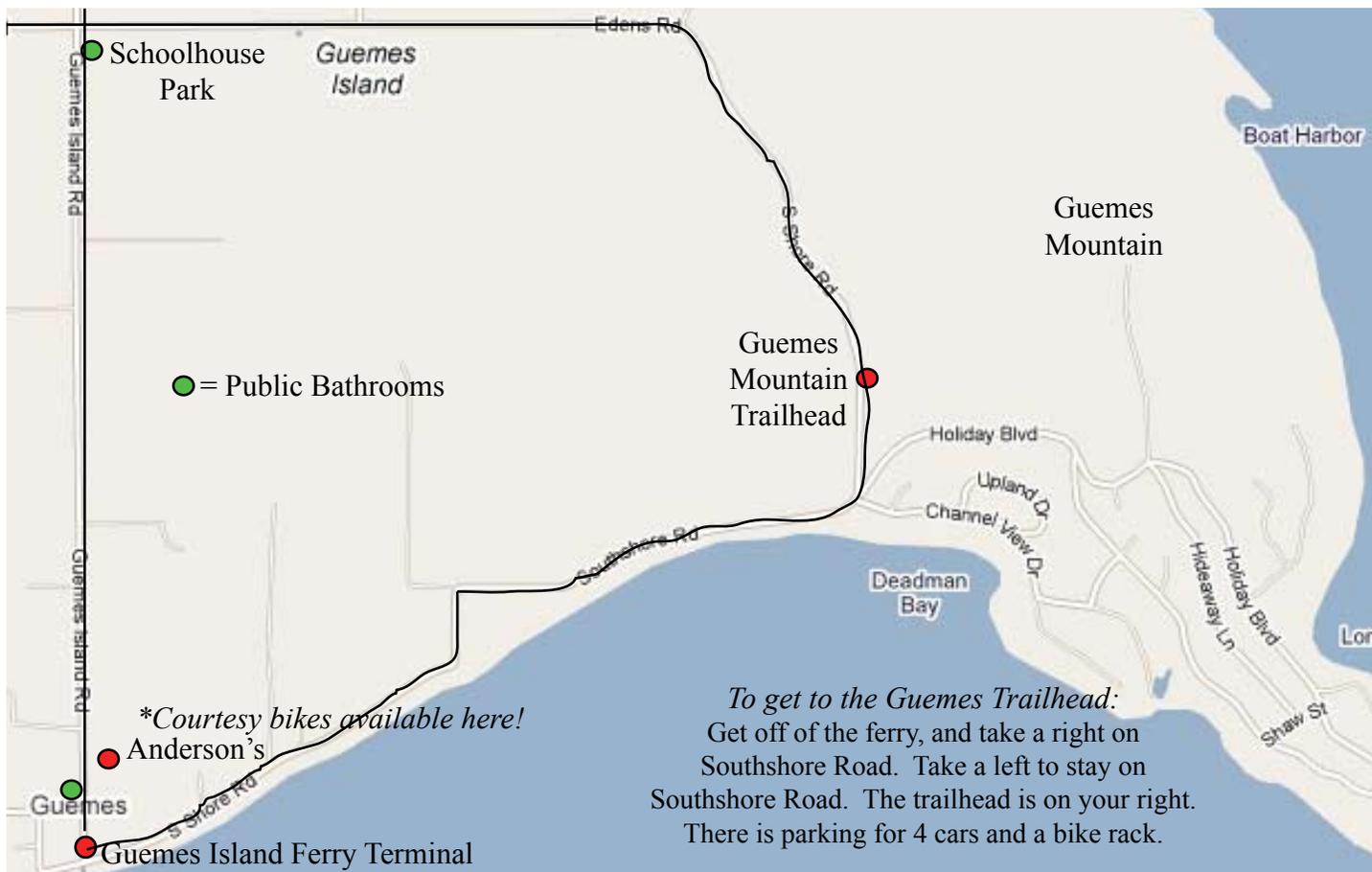


Hiking on Guemes Mountain



Guemes Mountain Information

A large community effort protected Guemes Mountain in 2009. Skagit Land Trust (SLT) now owns and manages the conservation area. The San Juan Preservation Trust holds a conservation easement. In 2011 we collaborated with Washington Trails Association and 175 volunteers to build a 1.2 mile long trail from South Shore Drive to the summit.

The trail has an elevation gain of 550 ft. The trail starts on a trail easement, winding through forest on a neighboring property. It then emerges onto SLT property, ending at a beautiful mountain bald, with views of the surrounding islands. **Low impact day hiking is allowed, with dogs on leash and waste carried out. Please, no biking, horseback riding, motorized vehicles, fires or overnight camping.** The habitat at the top of the mountain is unusual and fragile. Please walk on the paths instead of through delicate vegetation.

There is parking available for 4 cars and a bike rack at the trailhead. If you bike, bring your own lock. Do not park on the side of the road as Guemes' fire trucks cannot pass. Because parking is limited we suggest you leave extra cars at the free ferry parking, or in Anacortes.

Anderson's General Store has a courtesy bike program, where hikers can ride the ferry and borrow one or two bikes to get to the trailhead. Contact Anderson's at (360.293.4548) to reserve the bikes. Bathrooms are available where designated above on the map, at the Schoolhouse Park, the ferry terminal, and, for customers, inside of Andersons.

If you enjoyed your trip up the mountain, please consider making a gift to Skagit Land Trust's Guemes Mountain Fund. Donation envelopes are available at Anderson's or you can visit our website. Our fund ensures that we are able to care for this beautiful conservation area so that our children and their children will also enjoy its magic.

If you would like to report something to SLT or desire more information, you can contact us at (360) 428-7878.

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