



Camano Island State Park

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is there a fee to use the boat launch?

Yes, in order to use the boat launch, you will need to purchase one of the following options:

- 1) A Natural Investment Permit
- 2) An annual Discover Pass plus a daily boat launch permit
- 3) A one-day Discover Pass plus a daily boat launch permit

[Natural Investment Permits](#) provide annual access to all Washington State Parks boat launches as well as day-use parking. They can be purchased in-person at the Cama Beach State Park Welcome Center.

[Discover Passes](#) and daily boat launch permits can be purchased at the automated pay station in the parking lot by the boat launch.

Am I allowed to leave my car overnight while I am out on my boat?

Yes, however, in addition to the boat launch permit or [Natural Investment Permit](#), you will need to purchase an [unattended vehicle overnight parking pass](#). This can be purchased at one of the self-serve pay stations in the parking lot by the boat launch.

Also, please remove all valuables and secure the vehicle before leaving it for the night. Unattended vehicle overnight parking is assumed to be at your own risk.

Discover Passes and Natural Investment Permits are both day-use only and not valid for overnight use.

Are the campsites open all year? Are reservations required?

Yes, the lower-loop campsites, cabins, group camp, hiker/biker campsites, and marine trail campsite are all open all year.

Both the lower and upper-loop campsites are reservation-only from mid-May through mid-September. For the remainder of the year, the lower-loop campsites are first come, first served and the upper-loop campsites are closed.

The hiker/biker primitive campsites are first come, first served all year and are only available to people who are arriving on foot or on bicycles.

The [marine trail primitive campsite](#) is first come, first served all year and is only available to people who are arriving via small human or wind-powered watercraft.

Reservations are required year-round for the cabins and group camp.

Reservations can be made [online](#) or by calling the Washington State Parks call center at (888) CAMPOUT.

Cabins and campsites each come with one overnight parking pass that is good for the duration of your stay. For the group camp, the number of overnight parking passes issued will depend on the party size.

If your party will be bringing more than one vehicle per cabin or campsite, then you will need to purchase an extra vehicle overnight pass for each additional vehicle. Extra vehicle overnight passes can be purchased at the self-pay stations or at the Cama Beach Welcome Center for \$10 per night.

Discover Passes are day-use only, so they are not valid for overnight parking.

Is RV camping allowed? What about trailers?

Yes, there are several campsites with pull-throughs that can accommodate certain trailers and RVs depending on length. An RV dump station is also located in the park. However, all campsites at Camano Island State Park are dry sites, meaning there are no water or electricity hookups.

If you are planning to arrive during our reservation-only period from mid-May through mid-September, please visit our [online reservation system](#) or call (888) CAMPOUT to determine which campsites will accommodate your RV or trailer.

Camping is never allowed in any of the parking lots at Washington State Parks.

What are the rental rates of the cabins? What are the camping fees?

Rental fees for the cabins vary depending on the season. For current cabin rates, go to <https://parks.state.wa.us/408/Camano-Island-State-Park>. Camping fees can be found at <https://parks.state.wa.us/166/Camping-fees>.

How do I reserve a cabin?

To book a cabin online, please go to <https://washington.goingtocamp.com>, select the 'Roofed' tab, and then select 'Camano Island State Park' from the dropdown. You can then enter your party size and search for your desired dates.

You can also reserve a cabin over the phone by calling either the Washington State Parks Call Center at (888) CAMPOUT or the Cama Beach Welcome Center at (360) 387-1550.

How far out do you accept reservations?

For groups reserving cabins or campsites, reservations may be made up to nine months in advance of the arrival date. For groups reserving all 5 cabins plus the group camp and one of the day-use facilities, reservations may be made up to 18 months in advance.

How do I book a group reservation?

If you are booking all 5 cabins plus the group camp and one of the day-use facilities, you can make your reservation 18 months in advance by calling the Cama Beach Welcome Center at (360) 387-1550.

Do I need to book a minimum number of nights?

The cabins at Camano Island State Park require a minimum of two nights any time of year. The campsites do not have a minimum stay requirement.

How long am I allowed to stay?

Please refer to the [Washington State Parks rules and regulations](#) for information on the maximum length of stay.

What types of cabins are available and what are the amenities?

The cabins at Camano Island State Park are set in a peaceful and secluded part of the forest, each with its own firepit, picnic table, and charcoal brazier. All cabins feature heat, electricity, a table and chairs, a refrigerator/freezer, and a microwave oven.

Restrooms and showers are located in a bathhouse near the cabins.

The cabins each sleep up to 5 people and contain a twin-over-full bunk bed plus another full bed. You also have the option to pitch a small three-person tent outside to accommodate a total party size of up to 8 people.

Cabin #4 is pet friendly. Cabin #5 is ADA accessible and features a ramp between the cabin and the bathhouse.

Each cabin rental comes with one overnight parking pass that is good for the duration of your stay.

If your party will be bringing more than one vehicle per cabin, then you will need to purchase an extra vehicle overnight pass for each additional vehicle. Extra vehicle overnight passes can be purchased at the self-pay stations or at the Cama Beach Welcome Center for \$10 per night.

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Do the cabins have restrooms and showers?

No, restrooms and showers are located in a nearby bathhouse.

What should I bring if I'm staying in the cabins?

In short, you will want to bring a lot of the items you would normally bring as if you were camping (except for the tent of course).

The beds all have mattresses but no linens, so you will want to bring pillows and either sleeping bags or sheets and blankets.

You will want to bring dishes, utensils, pots, pans, and charcoal for the braziers. You may also bring a camp stove to use outside on the picnic tables, but please do not bring any plug-in kitchen appliances.

We do have firewood available for sale at our host site (campsite #3), but you are welcome to bring your own firewood as long as it is sourced from western Washington.

Additional items to bring would be towels and toiletries.

Am I allowed to cook in the cabin?

Except for microwave cooking, all cooking needs to be done outside. There is a private charcoal brazier available for use and you are welcome to bring your own camp stove to use outside on the picnic tables.

Also, due to the limited power supply, use of plug-in kitchen appliances in the cabins is prohibited.

Am I allowed to put up a tent outside my cabin?

Yes, a small three-person tent is allowed outside of the cabin. The cabin sleeps up to five people, so up to 8 people can stay when a tent is pitched.

Do the cabins have Wi-Fi?

No, Wi-Fi is not available in the cabins.

Do I need a Discover Pass if I'm staying in a cabin?

No, each cabin comes with one overnight parking pass that is good for the duration of your stay.

If your party will be bringing more than one vehicle per cabin, then you will need to purchase an extra vehicle overnight pass for each additional vehicle. Extra vehicle overnight passes can be purchased at the self-pay stations or at the Cama Beach Welcome Center for \$10 per night.

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Are pets allowed in the cabins?

Pets are only allowed in cabins that have been designated as pet friendly. Up to two pets are allowed in a pet-friendly cabin, and an additional \$15 per night pet fee applies when you bring a pet.

Currently, cabin #4 is the only pet-friendly cabin at Camano Island State Park.

May I bring my pet to Camano Island State Park?

Yes, Camano Island State Park allows pets provided they are kept on a leash and you clean up after them. However, pets are only allowed in cabins that have been specifically designated as pet friendly.

What are the park hours?

Camano Island State Park is open from 6:30 a.m. until dusk in the summer months and from 8 a.m. until dusk in the winter. All day-use guests must be out of the park by the time it closes at dusk. People visiting our registered overnight campsite or cabin guests may stay in the park no later than 10 p.m.

I'm planning on camping during the first come, first served time period. How late can a arrive and still get a campsite?

Depending on availability, self-registration for first come, first served campsites is allowed until 10 p.m.

Am I able to leave the park at night if I'm staying in the cabins or campsites?

Yes, you are free to come and go as you please. However, you may need to open the gate and close it behind you.

How many people are allowed to stay in the group camp? What are the amenities?

The group camp is a large, open space with multiple firepits, picnic tables, and charcoal braziers. It can accommodate up to 100 people and 28 vehicles. The number of overnight parking passes issued will depend on the party size.

How do I reserve the group camp?

To book the group camp, please go to <https://washington.goingtocamp.com>, select the 'Group' tab, and then select 'Camano Island State Park' from the dropdown. You can then enter your party size and search for your desired dates.

You can also reserve the group camp over the phone by calling either the Washington State Parks Call Center at (888) CAMPOUT or the Cama Beach Welcome Center at (360) 387-1550.

Is fishing allowed? When is crabbing season? What about clamming?

Fishing and crabbing are only allowed during the appropriate season and with proper licensing. Please refer to the [Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife website](#) for further information.

Clamming at Camano Island State Park is closed indefinitely for conservation reasons and clamming at Cama Beach State Park has been closed permanently.

May I build a campfire on the beach?

Campfires are only allowed in designated firepits. Beach fires are not allowed because they destroy what is otherwise a pristine beach and can spread out of control.

Additionally, recreational fires may be restricted certain times of the year when a burn ban is in effect. Please refer to the [Camano Island State Park website](#) for current burn ban information.

Where can I buy firewood?

Firewood can be purchased at the Camano Island State Park host site (campsite #3 in the lower-loop campground). There are also several grocery stores located on Camano Island that sell firewood.

If you are purchasing firewood elsewhere, please note that any firewood brought into the park must be sourced from western Washington.

Are there any activities for kids? Adults?

Both Cama Beach and Camano Island State Parks host many programs for kids and adults ranging from star gazing at night with a telescope to blowing massive bubbles on the beach, arts and craft activities, guided beach and forest walks, and special guest speakers.

Every Saturday evening from Memorial Day through Labor Day, Camano Island State Park hosts a variety of speakers at the amphitheater with topics ranging from whales of Puget Sound, to how your old shirt can save a salmon. Also on Saturdays at Cama Beach, The Center for Wooden Boats hosts toy boat building at the CWB Boathouse.

For a daily listing of events and activities, please visit either the [Camano Island State Park](#) website or the [Cama Beach website](#).

I'm planning an event. What day-use facilities are available to rent?

The Lowell Point Kitchen Shelter at Camano Island State Park can be rented for picnics, family reunions, weddings, and other special events. It is an enclosed facility located in a grassy area on the beach with large windows showcasing sweeping views of Saratoga Passage and Whidbey Island. The facility accommodates groups of up to 44 people within the shelter and up to 80 including the outdoor area. It is wired for electricity and contains picnic tables, a potable cold-water sink (available seasonally), and a wood stove. Two large charcoal braziers are located outside.

The North Beach Meadow is available to reserve for special events. It is a large grassy area containing several picnic tables and charcoal braziers.

The Camano Island State Park amphitheater can also be reserved for school groups, educational organizations, and any other large groups.

To reserve any of these day-use facilities, please call the Cama Beach Welcome Center at (360) 387-1550.

Am I allowed to drink alcohol at Camano Island State Park?

Alcohol is allowed in the cabins, campsites, picnic areas, and kitchen shelter. Consumption of alcohol is not allowed on the trails or roads, and intoxication is never allowed in any Washington State Parks. Kegs are prohibited.

If you are planning an event at the Lowell Point Kitchen Shelter where alcohol will be served, you will need to obtain a banquet permit. Please call the Cama Beach Welcome Center at (360) 387-1550 and visit <https://lcb.wa.gov/licensing/banquet-permits> for more information.

What types of wildlife live at the park?

While hiking, you might see deer, rabbits, squirrels, chipmunks, coyotes, skunks, raccoons, and river otters. Also keep an eye out in the water for orcas, harbor seals, Dall's porpoises, and grey whales.

Birds commonly seen at Camano Island State Park include crows, ravens, doves, pigeons, ducks, eagles, geese, gulls, hawks, herons, hummingbirds, jays, owls, woodpeckers, and wrens.

May I ride my bike?

Yes, bicycles are welcome in the park. However, some of the trails are not bike friendly.

Do I need a Discover Pass if I don't have a car?

No, Discover Passes are only required for vehicle access at Washington State Parks. There is no charge to enter the park on foot or on a bicycle.

Is geocaching allowed?

Yes, there are several geocaching sites at Camano Island State Park.

How do I sign up to volunteer?

For information on how to volunteer in Washington State Parks, please go to <https://parks.state.wa.us/262/Volunteer-Program>.