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Sturdy walking shoes advised for Hawley Cove portion of East Loop Trail.

Please respect private property while enjoying your walk along the Waterfront Trail.

Eagle Harbor

Today Eagle Harbor is the busiest port on Bainbridge Island. In addition to serving Washington State Ferries, the harbor also supports a number of marinas and yacht clubs. A number of people live aboard boats moored in the harbor’s open water marina.

In the early 1900’s, a shipbuilding operation was relocated from nearby Port Blakely to Eagle Harbor. (See Historic Sites & Structures #1.) At about the same time, a large creosote plant began operations and the company town of Creosote was established across the harbor at Bill Point. In 1987, the plant was declared a Superfund cleanup site and the buildings were removed. The steel sheet pile wall you see from the ferry keeps hazardous contaminants from entering Puget Sound.

Fifty acres were recently established as Pritchard Park and all but the eight acres remain open to the public. At the west end of the park, a Japanese-American Internment Memorial was built to honor the 272 Bainbridge Island residents who, on March 30, 1942, were the first group of internees forced to leave their homes to live in internment camps in California and Idaho. The memorial marks their departure point, the Eagledale ferry landing, and is now an extension of the Minidoka Internment National Monument. (See www.pritchardpark.org.)

Although far from its natural state, wildlife can still be found in the harbor. River otters enjoy the docks and great blue herons and cormorants can be found on pilings. Canada geese cruise the waters, and bald eagles and osprey can occasionally be seen soaring overhead.

Significant Trees



1 **Douglas Fir** in ravine by ferry terminal is tallest tree in downtown area at 160 feet.



2 **Groves of Madrones** in Waterfront Park, identified by old brown bark peeling to reveal new red bark beneath.



3 **Native plants and trees** planted here in 2003 by the Waterfront Trail Committee.



4 **English Walnut** planted by Mr. Grow in front of historic Captain’s House. (See also Historic Sites & Structures #4.)

5 **Black Locust** is largest in the downtown area and a landmark tree. **Monkey Puzzle** is nearby, identified by its sharp leaves.

6 **Shubert**, *Prunus virginiana*, is a state champion measuring 29 feet tall.

7 **Japanese Laceleaf Maple**, *Oshio Beni*, a rare specimen relocated from Winslow Way in 2004 when development threatened its removal. Nearby **Siberian Elms** are only two of this species in the downtown area.

8 **Apple** trees remaining from an orchard which once occupied this site.

9 **Sycamore, American Elm and Red Oak** planted in 1880 by Mr. Cave.

10 **Monterey Pines** Only known surviving grove of this species in Kitsap and King counties.



For help with tree identification, visit www.arboday.org/trees/whattree/westerntrees.cfm

Historic Sites & Structures

1 **The Hall Brothers Shipyard** was relocated here from Port Blakely in 1902. The town of Madrone changed its name to honor one of the brothers, Winslow Hall. Initially, tall-masted sailing ships were built at this site. Later, minesweepers were built for use in World War II, after which the yard was closed. Traces of the marine railway can still be seen at low tide. The large site is now occupied by the Harborside Condominiums and the Washington State Ferries terminal and maintenance yard.



2 **The Eagle Harbor Congregational Church**, founded by 13 families in 1896, was the first church built on the island.

3 **The Anderson Hardware Store**, now Pegasus Cafe, was built in 1937. The buildings to the east were once taverns and the Winslow Dock Warehouse.

4 **The Ambrose Grow House**, built in the 1880s, is now the Harbour Public House. The Grow’s small stone root cellar can be found at the northwest corner of the house. The pier at this location is open to the public, offering views of modern and historic boats.

5 **A Strawberry Cannery** operated in a large wooden pier building from 1921 to 1941. In 1940, two hundred cannery workers cleaned and packed two million pounds of world-famous Bainbridge Island strawberries packed into 55-gallon wooden barrels. World War II and the exclusion of Americans of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast ended cannery operations in the cove. In 1997, a few years after conversion to office space, the cannery building burned down. The site is now a public park.



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6 **The House and Clinic of Dr. Sam Shepard** was built in 1922. The porte cochère on south side served to shelter the island’s first automobile.

7 **The Island Center Schoolhouse**, built in 1908, now houses the Bainbridge Island Historical Museum. Call 206-842-2773 or visit www.bainbridgehistory.org for museum hours. The cylinder outside is from the Wyckoff Creosote Plant.

8 **Seven Historic Homes** on the east side of Ericksen Avenue, with addresses spanning from 176 to 292, were once the homes of shipyard workers from Hall Brothers Shipyard.



9 **The Winslow Ravine** divided the town into two districts—Hawley to the east and Winslow (formerly Madrone) to the west—until a wooden bridge was built in 1880’s. The steep ravine was filled with dirt in the 1920’s.



10 **“Aunt” Bert Start House** at 1036 Hawley Way was built in 1910 and was the home of one of the early postmasters of Winslow.



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Walking the Waterfront Trails

People enjoy being near water, especially on an island. The Waterfront Trail offers people two opportunities to walk along scenic Eagle Harbor, each offering distinctive views of island history and habitat.

The western loop includes parks, restaurants, marinas and a chance to view some of the island’s historic sites and trees. People usually walk the 2-mile loop in about an hour. Ample shortcuts are available for those pressed for time.

The eastern loop goes through a residential neighborhood and then along the beach at Hawley Cove, ending with a path into a wooded area. For most walkers, the 1.5 mile round trip takes less than an hour.

Bicycles can be rented near the ferry terminal, as can an assortment of boats at Waterfront Park. Coffee cafes and restaurants abound along the western Waterfront Trail. A grocery store and picnic benches can be found for those who would rather pack their own. (The grocery will even recycle your empty bottles.)



The map highlights historic sites and trees along the way. For visitors who would like to know more about the vibrant history of the Island, please make sure to stop by the Bainbridge Island Historical Museum. (See Historic Sites & Structures #7.)

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