

PROPOSED Plan for Lummi Island Tour - Summary

STOPS	Mins	Elapsed mins (full tour)	Elapsed hours (full tour)	TIME
Board the 9:50 ferry at Gooseberry Point				10:00 AM
Walk or drive from ferry to Beach Access Park	10	10		
Tour P&R Beach Access Park	20	30		
Drive to LIHT Aiston Preserve	15	45		
Stop at LIHT Aiston Preserve for overview	30	75		11:10 AM
Drive to LIHT Otto Preserve	10	85		
<i>LIHT Otto Preserve (or view from car)</i>	15	100	1.5 hours	
Drive to LI Congregational Church	15	115		
Intro to church programs and Gathering Place	15	130	2 hours	12:10 PM
Drive to marina	5	135		
Look at existing boat launch at marina	10	145		
Drive to P&R Sunset Beach	10	155		
<i>Tour P&R Sunset Beach (or view from car)</i>	15	170		
Drive on to ferry terminal	15	180	3 hours	1:00 PM
Board the 1 or 1:20 ferry if stay right on track				

The stops shown in gray highlight can be adjusted to be seen as a drive-by, without stopping to get out of the car. Then you can come back another time to wander about and see more of the island.

If you are interested, you can download a map [from this link](#) to access a self-guided tour map with directions and sites of interest. The map is divided into a North Island tour and a South Island tour.

To learn more about the Lummi Island community, you can browse the OurLummiIsland.org website that is maintained by LICA.

Another quick snapshot of island community connections are available [from this link](#).

Key takeaway – a wide variety of island organizations work together to create and manage projects that address community needs. Islanders are creative and resourceful in finding ways to get things done and honor a desire for self-reliance. But we also try to be realistic in recognizing our limits.

Plan for Lummi Island Tour - Details

Start at Lummi Island Ferry Terminal and drive or walk right 5 mins along N Nugent

LUMMI ISLAND BEACH ACCESS PARK for tour and overview of the park (20 mins)

Tour proposed site for a public dock. Note that tidal variations have a dramatic effect on access. Discuss challenges such as neighboring properties, pedestrian safety, and parking. [See handout.](#)

Van picks up group at Beach Access Park and proceeds to Aiston Preserve.

LIHT AISTON PRESERVE for overview of project (30 mins)

View the property and get a brief overview of the nearshore restoration project from the Lummi Island Heritage Trust (LIHT). Parks & Recreation is a valued partner in this complex mine restoration project, having committed \$400,000 from the Conservation Futures Fund to make the initial purchase, and the county holds a conservation easement on the Preserve. Check [the LIHT website](#) for details on the project as well as other properties and programs.

LIHT OTTO PRESERVE AND LIHT HEADQUARTERS for view property and facilities (5-15 mins)

As time permits: LIHT has built boardwalks and invested in two all-terrain wheelchairs to make natural areas more accessible to people with mobility issues. LIHT has launched an island-wide citizen science project to protect our precious groundwater and monitor risks like saltwater incursion. LIHT has also partnered with WCFD#11 to raise volunteers and funding to prevent wildfires. The Nature Explorers and Walk-the-Story programs engage children to connect to the wild and natural treasures of our island.

LUMMI ISLAND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH for overview of community services (15 mins)

Learn about church's role in supporting the Parish Health Ministry, a Senior Food Bank, the Elderberries free weekly lunch for seniors, and more. Tour the new Gathering Place which will help serve as a community center. [See handout](#) with an overview of church programs.

* [Review key census income statistics](#) that illustrate the need for services the church supports.

MARINA AND BOAT RAMP (10 mins)

Walk down the only owned publicly-accessible (fee-based) launch ramp on the island. The ramp is associated with a privately-owned marina, which is for sale. There is no dock available. [See handout.](#)

PARKS & RECREATION PARK - SUNSET BEACH (15 mins)

Park and walk down the trail to the beach. Look at the parking situation and signage. [See handout.](#)

LIHT - CURRY PRESERVE (as time permits)

Drive by and view the community garden, orchard, and easy trails with views across Hales Pass. [View the website](#) for details.

BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (view on right)

Stop briefly and view the school on the right at Centerview Rd with its playing fields, student garden, and playground. The school became an authorized **International Baccalaureate World School** in 2015. It is the smallest IB Primary Years Programme (PYP) school in the world. [See handout.](#)

LUMMI ISLAND FERRY PARKING LOT (van drop off)

This lot currently provides public parking closest to the Lummi Island Beach Access Park. Notice Orchard Park with plantings and landscaping that are maintained by LICA volunteers.

Catch the next ferry, or if time permits, meet at the Lummi Island Library to chat further.

DETAILS FOR TOUR GUIDES AND DRIVER (Stops in **bold green**. Points of interest in black)

1. PARKS & RECREATION LUMMI ISLAND BEACH ACCESS PARK (20 mins)

Drive south on N Nugent Rd ... becomes S Nugent Rd (*drive to Aiston ~ 15 mins*)

Point out:

Lummi Island Library (on right) ... *will learn more at P&R Commissioner meeting*
Saturday Market (held in the meadow on right)
The Islander and Sisters Bountiful Mercantile (on right)
PRIVATE "Granger Beach" (on left)

Continue past Legoe Bay Rd, staying on S Nugent Rd

Point out:

Cedrus Cooperative Housing with 9 townhouses (see sign and street on right)
Price controlled low income affordable homes opened in 2004.

Left on Sunrise Dr > (pass Otto - tour on return as time permits) > right onto Seacrest Dr

Point out:

LIHT Baker Preserve (on right) with x miles of trails
Salvation Army property and summer camp – serves as shelter-in-place with beach access, landing zone (see sign on left)
Scenic Estates community clubhouse and docks (see sign on left) – drive down if time

Follow Beach Ave > proceed to gate at Aiston Preserve

Point out:

Road damage from storm last year. Parks & Rec has committed \$\$ to help rebuild.

2. AISTON PRESERVE for tour and project overview (30 mins)

Retrace route via Beach Dr > left on Sunrise Dr

3. LIHT HEADQUARTERS AND OTTO PRESERVE (*check time and adjust itinerary as needed*)

Right on Sunset Dr > right South Nugent Rd > left on Legoe Bay **Pit Stop or at church**

Point out:

Lummi Island Fire Department and its Disaster Preparedness Team (both sides)

4. LUMMI ISLAND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH (tour 15 mins)

Left on Legoe Bay

Point out:

Land owned by Lummi Nation (on left)
Salish Center for Sustainable Fishing (both sides)
Legoe Bay and reef net fishing (on left)

5. MARINA AND BOAT RAMP (both sides)

Stop and walk on the ramp; discuss condition and lack of dock (10 mins)

Lummi Island Historic Museum (on right – in Marina)

Right on W Shore Dr (drive from here toward Migley Pt with no stops is 5 minutes)

Point out:

Blizard Rd (county road) and trail over to N Nugent Dr (watch for Blizard Rd on right)

Isle Aire Community with approximately 70 houses (on right) / Sunset Beach Community also up there, Aprox 17 houses.

Isle Aire private beach (on left)

6. PARKS & RECREATION PARK - SUNSET BEACH

Park and walk down to the beach. Note parking limitations, need for signage. (15 mins)

Right on W Shore Dr to Migley Pt

Point out:

The Willows Inn (on right)

Beach Condo Community with 22 townhouses on 22 acres (on right)

Migley Point – Seal Rock ½ mile offshore on left. Rocks are part of San Juan National Monument. Need to protect harbor seals, especially pups.

Right on N Nugent Rd > to Ferry Terminal (drive with no stops is 10 minutes)

Point out:

Lummi Point / Lane Spit community with approximately 40 houses (on left)

Blizard Rd (county road) and trail that leads back over to W Shore Dr (see sign on right)

LIHT - CURRY PRESERVE (on right) xx acres ..

If time permits, stop and view community garden, orchard, trails, etc.

BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (on right at Centerview Rd)

If time permits ... will learn more at P&R Commissioner meeting in Nov.

*** Confirm status of Ferndale food Bank Community – at least 7 families use this service.**

Lummi Island Grange (Lummi Island Community Association meets here)

Lummi Island Post Office (left side)

Beach Store Café (on right)

TIDE LEVELS: At Beach Access +9 at 10, 8.32 at 1PM ... At Marina at noon ~8 ft

Driving time ONLY estimate (no time for stops): 14 mins Legoe Bay to Migley Pt + 8 mins to ferry

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