

Turtleback Mountain Preserve

Driving Directions, Public Access Guidelines, Trail Map

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The citizens of San Juan County purchased Turtleback Mountain through the San Juan County Land Bank with the assistance of the San Juan Preservation Trust and the Trust for Public Land in 2007.

The Preserve's entire trail system is open for pedestrian use. The North trailhead provides access to a Multi-Use Trail Area where equestrian and bike use is permitted as follows: Bikes on EVEN calendar days only. Horses on ODD calendar days only. All riders must register at the trailhead.

Visitors are asked to help protect the preserve by observing the following:

Day Use Only

Stay on Designated Trails

No Fires or Camping

Dogs Must be Leashed

No Hunting or Discharge of Firearms

Take Nothing ~ Leave No Trace

Driving Directions

Turtleback Mountain Preserve is accessed via to parking area/trailheads: The North, or Wildrose Lane entrance and the South, or Crow Valley Road entrance. Parking is limited to 7-8 vehicles. Restrooms are located at the parking areas. There is no garbage, water, shelters or other infrastructure on the preserve. Pack it in – Pack it out.

North (Crow Valley Rd.) Entrance from the Orcas Ferry Terminal

From the ferry landing take Orcas Road north toward Eastsound for 3.4 miles to the intersection with Nordstrom Lane. Turn left and travel west on Nordstrom Lane 0.6 miles to the intersection with Crow Valley road. Turn right and travel north on Crow Valley 1.7 miles. The entrance is on the left and marked with a sign.

North (Crow Valley Rd.) Entrance from Eastsound

Travel south from Eastsound on Orcas Road 1.2 miles to the Y intersection with Crow Valley Road. Travel south on Crow Valley Road 1.5 miles. The sign directs you to a gravel drive on the right immediately past the Crow Valley Schoolhouse.

South Entrance from the Ferry Terminal

From the ferry landing, take Orcas Road north toward Eastsound for 2.4 miles to the intersection with Deer Harbor Road. Turn left and travel west on Deer Harbor through West Sound for 2.4 miles to the intersection with Wild Rose Lane. Turn right and follow Wild Rose Lane to the parking area which is marked with a sign on the right.

South Entrance from Eastsound

Travel south from Eastsound on Orcas Road 1.2 miles to the Y intersection with Crow Valley Road. Travel south on Crow Valley Road 4.2 miles to West Sound and the intersection with Deer Harbor Road. Turn right on Deer Harbor Road and travel west for 1.2 miles to Wild Rose Lane. Turn right and follow Wild Rose Lane to the parking area which is marked with a sign on the right.

