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# welcome

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Greetings,

We are lucky to live in King County. The natural beauty and natural resources throughout the County create a wealth that we can all enjoy. I am happy to present the first edition of the *Small Lakes Recreation Guide*, brought to you by the Lake Stewardship Program in the Department of Natural Resources and Parks. The pages of this guide will lead you to some of the most beautiful places in King County. Paddle a canoe in the shadow of Mount Rainier on Lake Meridian in Kent; enjoy a day at the beach at Lake Wilderness Park in Maple Valley; or spend a quiet evening fishing on Cottage Lake near Woodinville. No matter what part of King County you call home, there are small lakes nearby where you can swim, fish, boat, or just sit on the shore and enjoy a summer afternoon with a friend. This guide lists many of the smaller lakes in western King County with public access points, boat launches, swimming beaches, and/or parks.

I hope you share my enthusiasm for the wonderful, natural beauty found in King County. I encourage you to use this guide to get out and explore these lakes and their surrounding environs—you won't be disappointed!

Ron Sims  
King County Executive

# map of western King County



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# lake recreation table

lake	boat launch 	boating regulations 	fishing 	park 	picnic 	playfields playgrounds 	trails 	swimming 	wildlife viewing 
Angle	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Beaver	X	X	X	X <sup>#</sup>	X	X	X		X
Bitter	X*	X	X	X <sup>#</sup>		X			X
Boren	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Cottage	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Deep	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Desire	X	X	X	X			X		X
Fenwick	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Fivemile	X*	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Geneva	X	X	X	X		X			X
Killarney	X	X	X	X	X		X		X
Meridian	X	X	X	X	X			X	X
North	X	X	X				X		X
Pine	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sawyer	X	X	X	X	X			X	X
Spring	X	X	X	X			X		X
Steel	X*	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Wilderness	X	X	X	X <sup>#</sup>	X	X	X	X	X

X\* no boat ramp, launch from shore. X<sup>#</sup> lodge or community center.

# parks

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Looking to get away from the crowds? Longing for a green patch of grass on which to run? Wish to view wildlife? Or just want to take a dip in cool, pristine waters?

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Consider the public beaches and parks found at several of King County's smaller lakes.

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These parks, often less crowded than those located on Lake Washington and Sammamish, yet close to metropolitan areas, provide a range of easily accessed amenities, such as swimming beaches, boat launches, and picnic areas. Some even offer ballfields, tennis and basketball courts, and rental facilities. (For an accounting of individual parks, consult the alphabetical listings in this guide.)

Many residents of south King County are familiar with **Fivemile Lake Park**. Located west of Auburn and east of Federal Way, it is one of the premier smaller parks in the King County Park system. Within its 27 acres are two tennis courts, a basketball court, open

meadows, and a swimming area. The park also has a network of internal trails.

**Beaver Lake Park**, on the south end of Beaver Lake, provides one of the best locations in the King County Park system for a wedding or other social functions. Many couples have tied the knot at the park's beautiful Issaquah Lodge, available year-round for rental. There are also an open-air pavilion, ballfields, a large picnic shelter, walking areas, and Native American art displays. In addition, the park features a natural area and wetland fostering a variety of wildlife, including birds, waterfowl, deer, raccoon, beaver, and toads.

King County's **Lake Wilderness Park** is not your average park. At 108 acres, it is a large regional park with lots of prime shoreline, preserved forestland, play and picnic areas, and meandering pathways. Located within the park is Lake Wilderness Center, hosting a variety of recreation programs. The Center also offers community services such as marriage and pet licenses.

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Please never feed wildlife, including ducks and geese. Feeding wild animals causes them to lose their fear of humans and also disrupts their natural feeding patterns.

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*Beautiful, quiet Geneva Lake Park.*

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Several fishing docks and piers found in King County parks offer anglers a chance to try their luck.

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Hikers take to the Lake Wilderness Trail that cuts through the park, following the edge of the shoreline. Jenkins Creek runs through the middle of the park, a tributary for Big Soos Creek that empties into the Green River. The park also includes three wetlands where a variety of birds and mammals make their home, including deer, beaver, raccoon, hawks, wrens, and ruffed grouse.

Due to recent budget constraints, some King County park areas may not have regular lifeguard service or trash pick-up. Visitors can help keep parks and beaches clean by packing out their own garbage, especially leftover food.



*Fivemile Park offers plenty of family recreation options.*

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When visiting the beautiful parks and public areas in King County, please tread lightly. Children may want to pick flowers, gather berries, dig up wild plants, or forge new trails, but such activities disturb the delicate ecosystem of the area and may adversely affect the animals living nearby.

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# boating

King County lakes offer a variety of boating opportunities, from the quiet solitude of kayaking and canoeing to the excitement of water skiing. Speed limits, lake specific boating restrictions, equipment requirements, and other rules regarding boating activities fall under Section 12.44 of the King County Code. Washington marine laws also affect King County boaters. Some lakes in King County have additional boating restrictions that may be posted at public boat launches or other public access areas.

When it comes to safety, all lakes in King County follow the same basic rules. Before getting on the water, make sure you have your personal flotation device (PFD). A PFD must be available, of appropriate size, and in serviceable condition for each person on board. It is illegal to water ski without wearing a personal flotation device. You also need a person on board who serves as an observer. The observer



*Launch a canoe from over a dozen public access points found at King County's smaller lakes.*

(who cannot also be the driver of the boat) must display a bright red or orange flag whenever the towed person is in the water. In Washington, water skiing is prohibited from sunset until sunrise.

King County Code holds the operation of personal watercraft (such as jet skis) to the same basic rules and requirements as any other powerboat.

Sailboats and other non-motorized watercraft have the right of way.

Operators of personal watercraft must be at least 14 years old. Also be aware that more and more lakes are passing additional rules regarding jet skis and their hours of operation. Additional restrictions are posted at public boat launches and other public areas.

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Children 12 years old and younger must wear a personal flotation device at all times whenever the vessel is underway and when on an open deck or cockpit of any vessel less than 19 feet.

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Speed limits are in effect for all lakes. Generally, no motor powered watercraft is allowed to operate in excess of eight miles per hour, unless posted otherwise. Exceptions to this limit are specified for lakes Meridian, Sammamish, Sawyer, and Washington where a more diverse set of uses occur (e.g. water skiing, transportation, or hydro racing). The higher speed limits for these lakes should be posted at or near public access points.

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Boaters can further ensure our waters are safe for the enjoyment of all by keeping a lookout for invasive aquatic weeds.

One of the most troubling is Eurasian watermilfoil, an aggressive, non-native weed that threatens the safety of swimmers and boaters. First discovered in Washington in the 1970s, it now flourishes in Lake Washington, Sammamish, and several smaller King County lakes. Reproducing by a process of fragmentation in which smaller pieces of the plant break away and grow new roots, milfoil spreads to other waterbodies as people unknowingly transport fragments on their boats, motors, and trailers.



*Sailing is a popular activity on many King County lakes.*

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To prevent milfoil and other noxious weeds and invasive aquatic species from infesting new areas, remove all weeds from boats and trailers each time the boat is pulled out of the water. Dispose of the weeds in a garbage can, not back in the water. It is now illegal in Washington state to leave a boat launch without first removing all weeds from the vessel and trailer.

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# fishing

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Trout rising to the surface on a late summer afternoon. Bass lurking in the shallows. A father and son peacefully fishing from a rowboat, waiting for the next strike

while a young woman casts out her line from the shore. It's not just the larger lakes in King County with scenes like these. Many of the County's smaller lakes offer big fishing opportunities as well.

Individual lake listings in this guide provide specific information about length of the fishing season, and fish species present in each lake. However, fishing regulations change often. To learn more, go to the list of resources on page 11 for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife contact information.

Fishing regulations are developed to maintain healthy fish populations. Adhering to them helps ensure good fishing for years to come. In addition, follow a few common sense rules while you are out on the lake.

Use only the methods of propulsion that is permitted on the lake. Many lakes do not allow internal combustion engines. Some prohibit use of electric motors as well. Check local regulations.

Only visit the lake during hours of operation for the park or boat launch. Hours vary at different lakes. Check locally. Minimize noise—from outboard motors, radios, shouting.

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Please be respectful of wildlife and residents living around the lake. It is your visit, but their home.

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You can also do your part to keep lakes healthy for fish and humans. Please leave no trash behind and be aware that there are plants and animals that can “pollute” lakes as well.

Non-native species pose a threat to our northwest ecosystems. Aquatic weeds like milfoil can grow from tiny fragments that “hitchhike” on boats, trailers, and fishing gear from one lake to

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It is advisable to check with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, the agency that sets fishing regulations across Washington state, for updates.

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the next. Be sure to check your boat, trailer, and gear for weed fragments before you launch, and after you leave the water.



*Many of the smaller lakes in King County have public fishing docks and piers.*

Also be on the lookout for invasive animal species. Although not yet documented west of the Missouri River, zebra mussels are a serious concern because of their ability to attach to almost any underwater surface and their lack of natural predators. In the Great Lakes region zebra mussels are responsible for clogging water intake pipes, fouling outboard motors, and rendering entire shorelines unusable because of their sharp shells. Zebra mussels can survive many days out of the water and larval stages can survive in live bait wells.

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If your boat has recently been east of Missouri, please rinse it thoroughly before launching.

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Another invasive animal that could become a problem might be tempting to use as bait, or as a meal on its own. The red swamp crayfish is a native of the southeastern United States. This small crayfish can out-compete native crayfish, and prey on native plant, fish, and amphibian communities.

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The nuisance red swamp crawfish is present in several King County lakes.

To avoid further spread of this invader, please do not take live crayfish away from lakes.

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*Enjoy sunsets and fishing on King County lakes.*

# wildlife

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Lakes and their surrounding shorelines and woods teem with life of all kinds. From those with fur to feathers to scales, here are a few of the critters you may see when visiting King County lakes.



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Feeding ducks and geese will encourage them to hang around docks and lawns, making messes and increasing nutrient inputs to lakes. In some cases animals become aggressive due to humans feeding them. It is better to watch all wildlife from a respectful distance.

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Along the edges of reeds look for a furry brown head bobbing in the water—chances are it's a beaver, otter, or muskrat. Around city lakes, raccoons and opossums are sometimes visible, while at the more rural lakes you may see signs from a passing coyote, deer, and possibly even bear or cougar.

Much easier to spot are our feathered friends. Many waterfowl can be seen living on our lakes—everything from the common mallards and Canada geese to the rare and beautiful wood ducks, hooded mergansers, and loons.

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Around lakes with abundant cattails and other emergent plants, watch for redwing blackbirds to flash their crimson wing patches.

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The belted kingfisher with its distinctive blue mohawk often perches near the water's edge. And don't forget to look up—ospreys and eagles can nest in tall cottonwoods or broken conifers by lakes.

King County isn't warm enough for many scaly creatures, but the few reptiles that can be found here are always a welcome sight. (Don't worry, *no* poisonous snakes live in King County.)

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Look for the gentle garter snake as it slides under brush near the shoreline.

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Check sunny, isolated rocks for basking alligator lizards, and watch branches sticking out of the water to see if a painted turtle or red-eared slider is catching some rays.



In calm, shallow water with lots of reeds and rushes, frogs, toads, and salamanders can be found. You could be lucky enough to spy a red-legged frog or a western toad. (The difference between frogs and toads? Frogs hop, toads crawl!) Peer into the water to catch a glimpse of the intermediate phase of a salamander or newt swimming around.

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We have more kinds of weird and wonderful invertebrates in our lakes than all other types of animals put together. Some are big and elegantly beautiful, such as butterflies and dragonflies.

Others have an ecological importance that far outweighs their tiny size: Daphnia (waterfleas) are barely visible, yet they can clean up algae blooms like little vacuum cleaners.

While it may be tempting to feed the animals found in and near County lakes, please don't. Human food has several bad effects on wildlife, especially waterfowl.



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Dogs may be our best friends, but they can harm wildlife. On a playful romp in the woods Fido may step on nests, knock fledglings out of bushes, and chase animals away from food sources.

Swimming dogs can disturb nesting and roosting sites or stir up bottom sediments, affecting organisms that live in the water. Out of respect for wild critters, please let dogs run loose and swim in designated areas only.

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# resources

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The *Small Lakes Recreation Guide* is published by King County's Department of Natural Resources and Parks Lake Stewardship staff. To ensure the continued health of small lakes for public enjoyment and ecological integrity, the Lake Stewardship staff and trained volunteers conduct ongoing water quality monitoring and stewardship efforts.

Over 75 volunteers help collect information on the lakes of King County. Our monitors serve as the eyes and ears of the Lake Stewardship program, alerting staff to problems and interesting events on individual lakes. By collecting data on lake level, precipitation, water quality, and aquatic plants, we can

better understand how individual lakes work and how best to preserve their quality.

If you would like more information on the Lake Stewardship program or how to become a volunteer lake monitor, please contact staff members:

**Sally Abella—Program Manager, (206) 296-8382**

**Michael Murphy—Environmental Scientist, (206) 296-8008**

**Katie Sauter—Volunteer Coordinator, (206) 296-0516**

For additional information on parks and trails in King County, boating, fishing, and viewing wildlife, please visit the following websites:

## Water Quality and Other Governmental Links

King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks ..... <http://www.metrokc.gov/enviro.htm>  
Noxious Weeds Control Program ..... <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wlr/lands/weeds/index.htm>  
Washington State Department of Ecology ..... <http://www.ecy.wa.gov>  
Washington State Department of Natural Resources ..... <http://www.wa.gov/dnr>

## Parks and Trails

King County Parks ..... <http://www.metrokc.gov/parks>  
Washington State Parks ..... <http://www.parks.wa.gov>  
Washington Trails Association ..... <http://www.wta.org/wta>

## Boating

The Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation  
Motorboat Launches ..... <http://www.wa.gov/iac/iacboat.html>  
US Coast Guard Office of Boating Safety ..... <http://www.uscgboating.org>  
Washington Boating Safety Officers Association ..... <http://www.boatwashington.org>  
Washington State Boating Inspection List  
Required Equipment ..... <http://www.pan.co.yakima.wa.us/Sheriff/boatinsp.htm>

## Fishing

Washington Department of Fishing and Wildlife ..... <http://www.wa.gov/wdfw>  
Washington Lakes Fishing Report ..... <http://washingtonlakes.com>

## Wildlife

Audubon Washington ..... <http://wa.audubon.org>  
Seattle Audubon ..... <http://www.seattleaudubon.org>  
Rainier Audubon ..... <http://www.rainieraudubon.org>  
US Department of Fish and Wildlife ..... <http://www.fws.gov>  
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife  
Guide to Viewing Wildlife ..... <http://www.wa.gov/wdfw/viewing/wildview.htm>

# lake listings

Angle



Beaver



Bitter  
Boren

Cottage

Deep  
Desire



Fivemile  
Fenwick

Meridian

Geneva  
Killarney

North  
Pine  
Sawyer



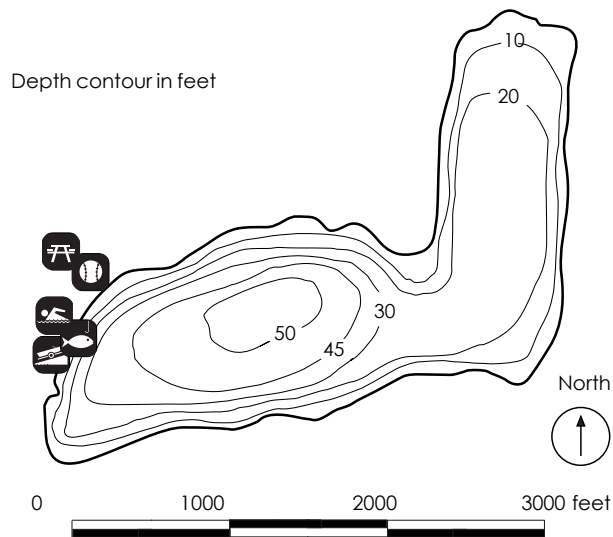
Spring  
Steel

Wilderness



# Angle

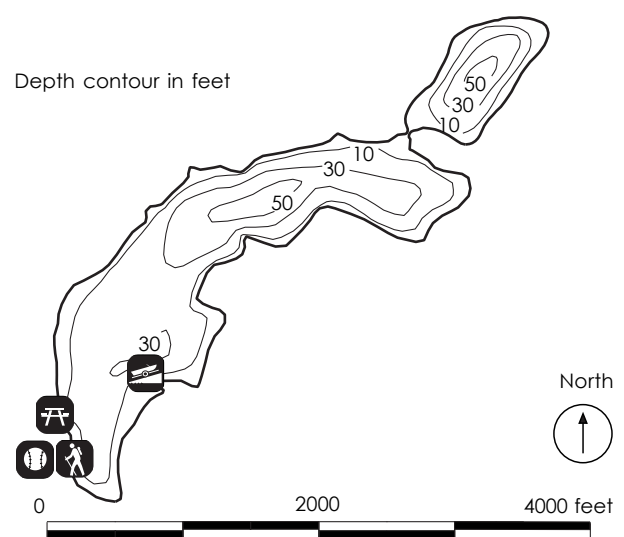
**DIRECTIONS:** Angle Lake is located in SeaTac. From I-5, take the S 188th St exit heading west. Turn right (north) onto International Boulevard, also known as Pacific Highway S or State Route 99, and go 0.4 miles. Access to Angle Lake Park is on the right (east).



features	accessibility	notes
boat launch	park hours	ramp in city park
boat regulations	King County Code 12.44	
fishing	year-round park hours	trout, largemouth bass, crappie, perch, kokanee
park	year-round dawn to dusk	City of SeaTac park, fishing pier
picnic	park hours	tables, group areas, shelter
playfield	park hours	child play area, open area
trails	park hours	
swimming	park hours	swimming beach
wildlife viewing		urban wildlife

# Beaver

**DIRECTIONS:** Beaver Lake is located in Sammamish. From I-90, take exit 17 (Front St), go north on E Lake Sammamish Pkwy. Go about 2 miles, turn right (east) on SE 43rd Way and up the hill. The arterial curves north to become 228th Ave SE. Turn right (east) on SE 24th St and follow to a sharp left turn. Beaver Lake Park is on the right (south) side of the road. For the boat launch circle the lake to East Beaver Lake Drive. The launch is on the right just before Beaver Lake Way SE.

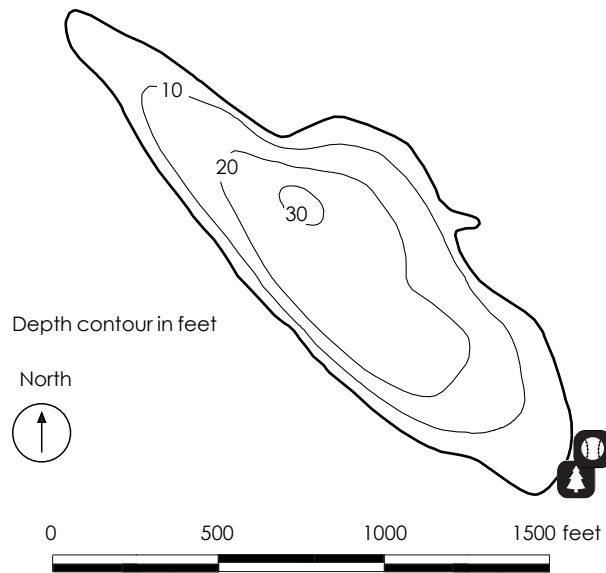


features	accessibility	notes
boat launch	year-round dawn to dusk	WA Dept. Fish & Wildlife ramp, toilets
boat regulations	King County Code 12.44	motors: electric OK <b>no</b> gas power
fishing	year-round	largemouth bass, perch, trout
park	year-round dawn to dusk	King County park, rentable lodge building
picnic	park hours	tables, group areas
playfield	park hours	child play area
trails	park hours	paved and unpaved footpaths
swimming		
wildlife viewing	park hours	woodland, wetland

# Bitter



**DIRECTIONS:** Bitter Lake is located in Seattle. From I-5, take exit 175 (145th St), drive west on 145th St. Turn left (south) on Aurora Ave N, also known as State Route 99. Go one mile to N 130th St and turn right (west), going to Linden Ave N. Parking is on Linden Avenue to the north of N 130th St.

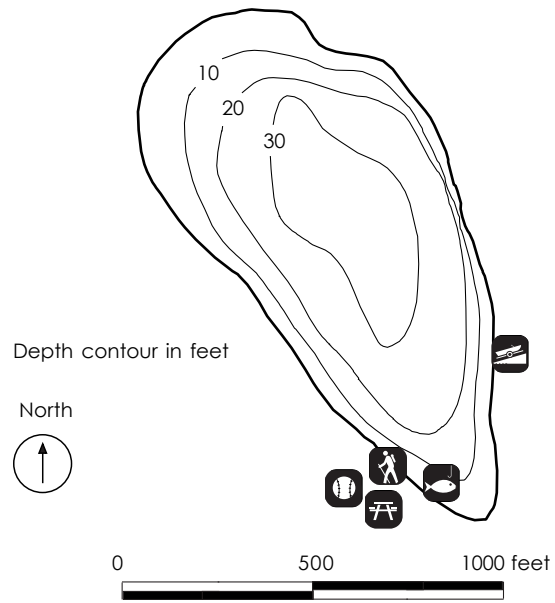


features	accessibility	notes
boat launch	park hours	launch from shore of city park, no ramp
boat regulations	King County Code 12.44	
fishing	year-round park hours,	largemouth bass, catfish pumpkinseed
park	year-round dawn to dusk	City of Seattle park community center
picnic	park hours	
playfield	park hours	child play area, tennis court, soccer field
trails		
swimming		
wildlife viewing		urban wildlife

# Boren



**DIRECTIONS:** Lake Boren is located in Newcastle. From I-405 take exit 10 (Coal Creek Parkway), drive east for 3 miles. The boat launch is on the right (west), past 136th Ave SE. To reach the park, continue 0.4 miles, turn right on SE 84th (west) and drive 0.5 miles.

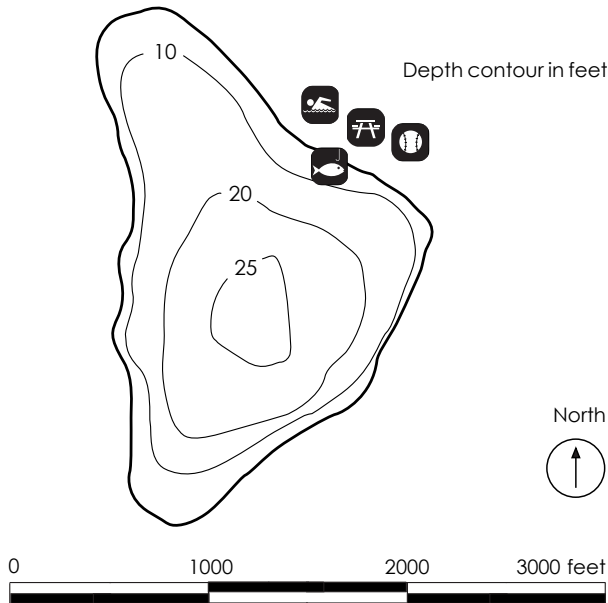


features	accessibility	notes
boat launch	year-round dawn to dusk	WA Dept. Fish & Wildlife ramp
boat regulations	King County Code 12.44	
fishing	year-round dawn to dusk	largemouth bass, perch, catfish
park	year-round dawn to dusk	City of Newcastle park, fishing pier
picnic	park hours	shelters
playfield	park hours	tennis, basketball, child play area
trails	park hours	paved path
swimming		
wildlife viewing		some wooded areas, wetland fringe

# Cottage



**DIRECTIONS:** Cottage Lake is located east of Woodinville. From State Route 522, exit at NE 195th St (Woodinville-Duvall Rd) heading east. The park is located on the right (south) side of the road about 3 miles from Route 522.

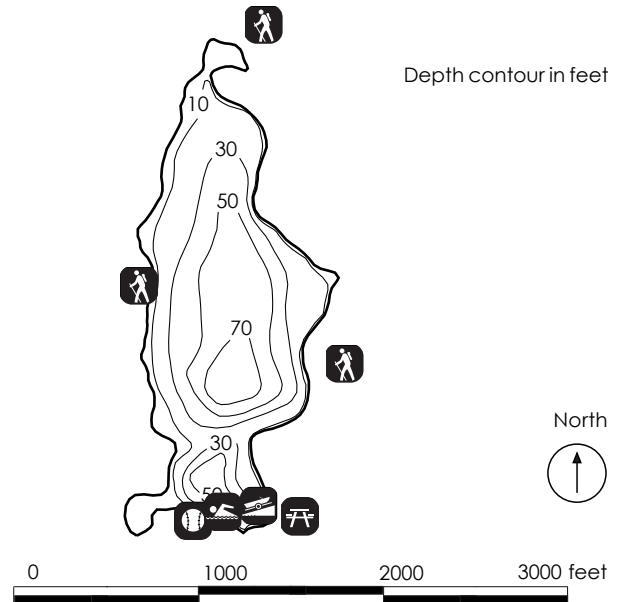


features	accessibility	notes
boat launch	year-round	launch from shore of county park, no ramp
boat regulations	King County Code 12.44	motors: electric OK no gas power
fishing	last Saturday Apr. - Oct. 31	trout, perch, crappie, largemouth bass, catfish
park	year-round dawn to dusk	King County park, fishing pier
picnic	park hours	tables, group areas
playfield	park hours	child play area, multi- purpose court
trails	park hours	footpaths
swimming	park hours	pool, no lake swimming
wildlife viewing		urban wildlife, wetland fringe

# Deep



**DIRECTIONS:** Deep Lake is located southeast of Black Diamond. From State Route 169 (Black Diamond-Enumclaw Rd), turn east on S 400th St ("Krain" intersection). At approximately 1.75 miles where the road meets the Veazie-Cumberland Rd, turn left (north). The entrance to Nolte State Park is on the left (west) at about 1.5 miles.

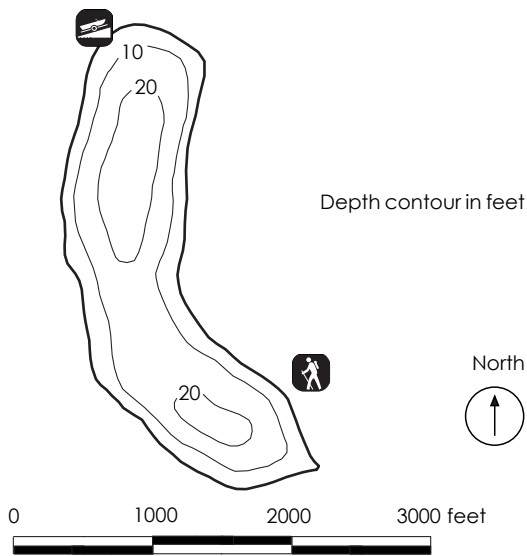


features	accessibility	notes
boat launch	park hours	launch from shore of state park, no ramp
boat regulations	King County Code 12.44	
fishing	year-round park hours	trout, kokanee, perch, crappie, catfish, bass
park	seasonal 8 am to dusk	Nolte State park, fishing pier, ranger station
picnic	park hours	tables, group areas
playfield	park hours	horseshoe pits, softball
trails	park hours	loop trail around lake access from park, biking
swimming	park hours	swimming beach
wildlife viewing		woodlands, wetlands fringe

# Desire



**DIRECTIONS:** Lake Desire is southeast of Renton. On State Route 167 south, exit at SE 41st, turn left (south) on East Valley Rd, turn left (east) at SE 43rd, following the road through name changes. Petrovitsky Park (no lake access) is on the left (north) beyond 162nd Pl SE. For the boat launch, continue on, turn left (east) on SE 184th, turn left (north) onto 172nd Ave SE; follow to W Lake Desire Dr. The park on the SE shoreline can be reached by boat or from the Spring Lake park entrance.

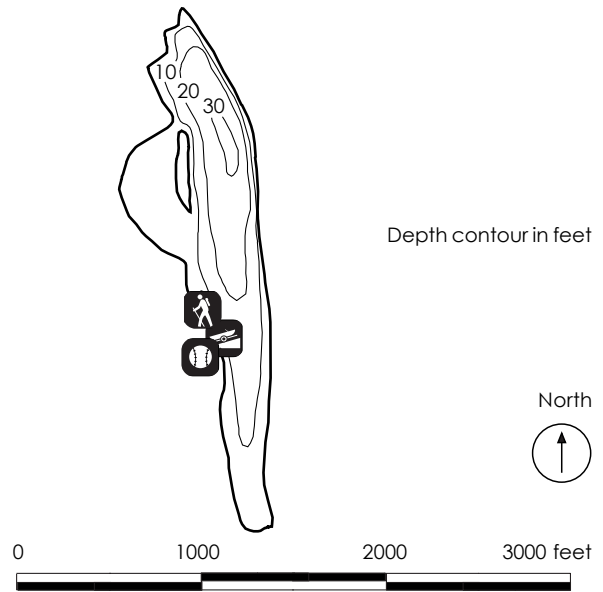


features	accessibility	notes
boat launch	year-round dawn to dusk	WA Dept. Fish & Wildlife ramp, toilet, pier
boat regulations	King County Code 12.44	motors: electric OK <b>no</b> gas power
fishing	year-round	trout, largemouth bass, perch, pumpkinseed
park	year-round dawn to dusk	King County park, access by boat or Spring Lake Park
picnic		
playfield		
trails	park hours	extensive system through Spring Lake Park
swimming		
wildlife viewing		extensive woodland, wetland fringe

# Fenwick



**DIRECTIONS:** Fenwick is located in Kent. From I-5, take exit 147 (S 272nd St), heading east for a little more than a mile. Turn left at Lake Fenwick Rd S and head north for 0.5 mile. The south end of the park and the boat launch are on the east (right) side of the road.

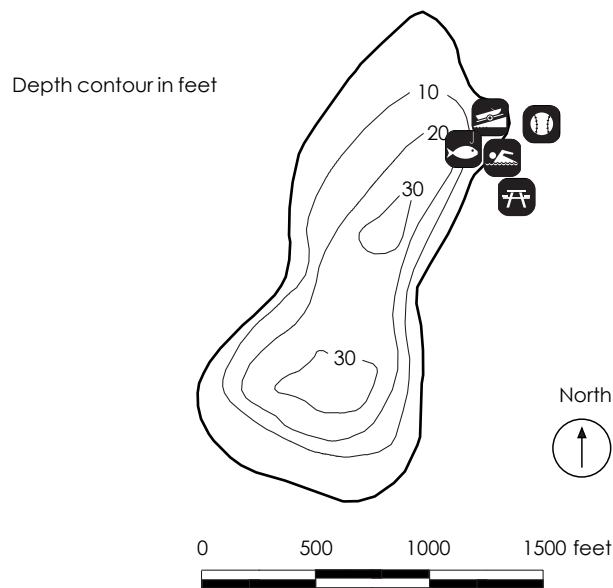


features	accessibility	notes
boat launch	year-round dawn to dusk	WA Dept. Fish & Wildlife ramp
boat regulations	King County Code 12.44	
fishing	year-round	trout, largemouth bass, catfish, perch
park	year-round dawn to dusk	City of Kent, fishing pier
picnic	park hours	
playfield	park hours	disc golf course
trails	park hours	boardwalks
swimming		
wildlife viewing		woodland, wetland fringe

# Fivemile



**DIRECTIONS:** Fivemile Lake is located southwest of Auburn. From I-5, take exit 143 (S 320th St), heading east to Military Road S, turn right (south) and follow Military Road about 3 miles. The park is located on the right (west) side of the road.

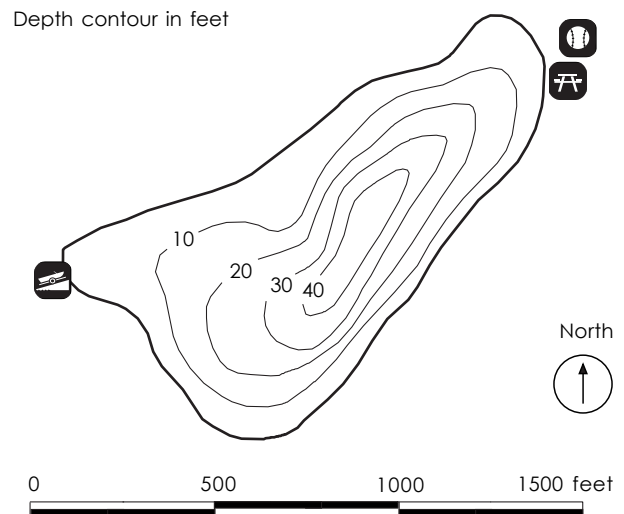


features	accessibility	notes
boat launch	park hours	launch from shore of county park, no ramp
boat regulations	King County Code 12.44	
fishing	year-round park hours	largemouth bass
park	year-round dawn to dusk	King County park, fishing pier
picnic	park hours	group areas
playfield	park hours courts	child play area, tennis
trails	park hours	boardwalk, foot paths
swimming	park hours	swimming beach
wildlife viewing		small wooded area, nearby wetland

# Geneva



**DIRECTIONS:** Lake Geneva is located southwest of Auburn. From I-5 north take exit 142B (Highway 18) east, exit at Weyerhaeuser Way. Head south, turning left at S 344th (east), turn right (south) onto 38th Ave S. The boat launch is on the left, but parking is on the right at Lake Killarney access. For Lake Geneva Park, follow the S 344th as the arterial goes east to Military Rd, turn right (south) on to S 344th St., turn right and see the park.

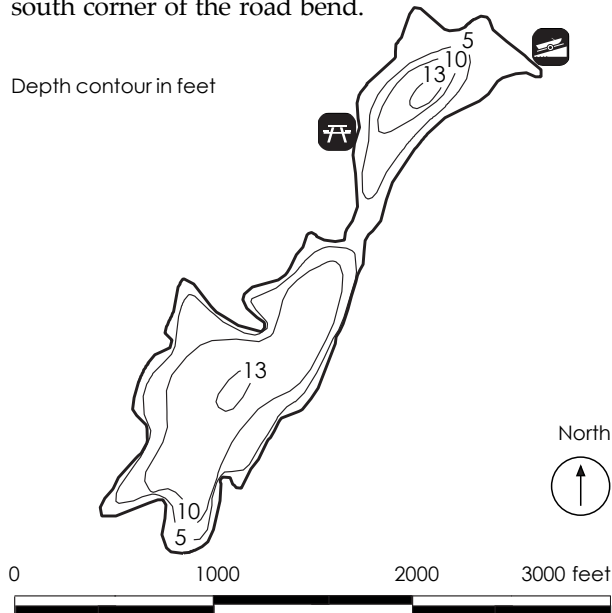


features	accessibility	notes
boat launch	seasonal dawn to dusk	WA Dept. Fish & Wildlife ramp
boat regulations	King County Code 12.44	
fishing	last Saturday Apr. - Oct. 31	trout, largemouth bass
park	year-round dawn to dusk	King County park, fishing pier
picnic	park hours	group areas, shelter
playfield	park hours	child play area, soccer open field
trails		
swimming		
wildlife viewing		small woodland, wetland fringe

# Killarney



**DIRECTIONS:** Lake Killarney is located southwest of Auburn. From I-5, take exit 142B (Highway 18) going east. Exit onto Weyerhaeuser Way heading south (right), turn left (east) onto S 344th Way, turn right (south) onto 38th Ave S. The boat launch is on the right (Geneva boat launch on left). The park is reached by continuing south on Weyerhaeuser Way to a sharp bend west at 349th. The entrance is on the south corner of the road bend.

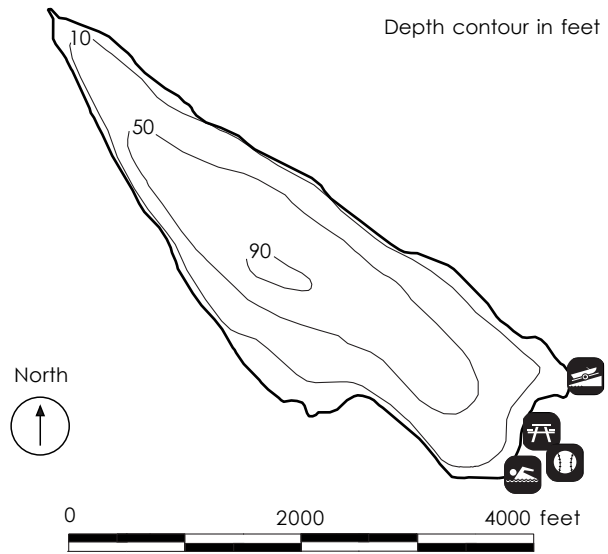


features	accessibility	notes
boat launch	year-round dawn to dusk	WA Dept. Fish & Wildlife ramp, difficult in summer
boat regulations	King County Code 12.44	motors: electric OK <b>no</b> gas power
fishing	year-round	largemouth bass, perch, pumpkinseed, catfish
park	year-round dawn to dusk	City of Federal Way park, limited parking
picnic	park hours	tables
playfield		
trails		wetland walk
swimming		
wildlife viewing	park hours	urban wildlife and wetland fringe

# Meridian



**DIRECTIONS:** Lake Meridian is located in Kent. From Highway 18 East, exit at State Route 516 (Kent-Kangley Rd), heading west. Turn right (north) on 152nd Way SE. The park is on the left (west). For the boat launch, continue past the park entrance, around the bend in the road, and it is on the left (west).



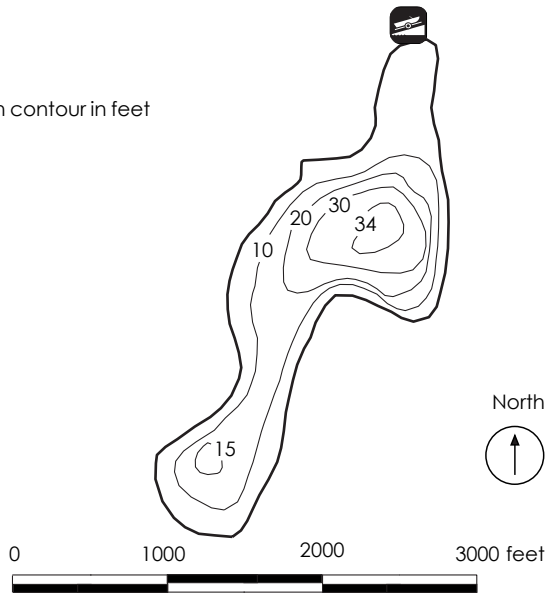
features	accessibility	notes
boat launch	year-round dawn to dusk	WA Dept. Fish & Wildlife and County ramp
boat regulations	King County Code 12.44	motors: electric OK <b>no</b> gas power
fishing	year-round	largemouth bass, perch, trout, catfish
park	year-round dawn to dusk	City of Kent park, fishing pier
picnic	park hours	group areas
playfield	park hours	child play area, open area
trails	park hours	paved walkways
swimming	park hours	swimming beach
wildlife viewing		urban wildlife and wetland fringe

# North



**DIRECTIONS:** North Lake is located near Federal Way. From I-5, take exit 143 (S 320th St), heading east Turn right (south) on Weyerhaeuser Way S. The boat launch is about 0.5 miles, on the left (east) side with ample parking. A fisherman's path to the south provides access to a trail maintained by Weyerhaeuser along the west shoreline of the lake.

Depth contour in feet



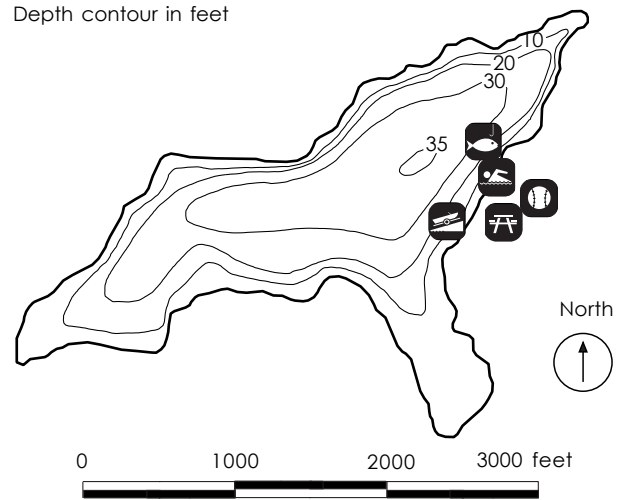
features	accessibility	notes
boat launch	seasonal dawn to dusk	WA Dept. Fish & Wildlife ramp, toilet, pier
boat regulations	King County Code 12.44	motors: electric OK <b>no</b> gas power
fishing	last Saturday Apr. - Oct. 31	trout, largemouth bass
park		
picnic		
playfield		
trails	park hours	fishermen's path
swimming		
wildlife viewing		nearby woodland and wetland areas

# Pine



**DIRECTIONS:** Pine Lake is located in Sammamish. From I-90, take exit 17, heading north on E Lake Sammamish Parkway about 2 miles. Turn right on SE 43rd Way going east up the hill. The arterial curves north to become 228th Ave SE. Turn left (west) at SE 24th St, which will take you into the park. The boat launch is in the park.

Depth contour in feet

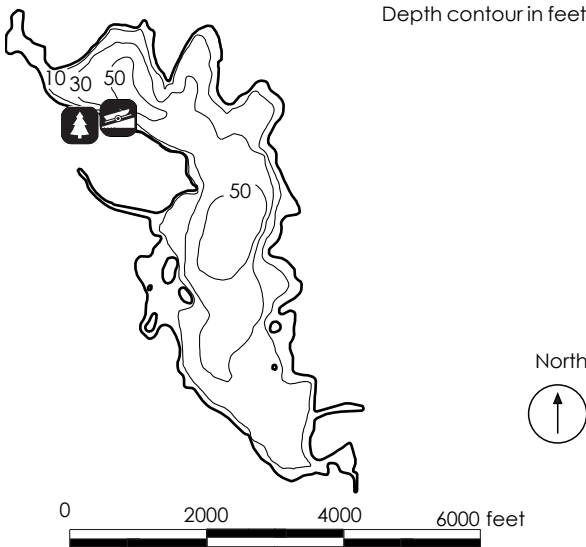


features	accessibility	notes
boat launch	park hours	narrow ramp in city park
boat regulations	King County Code 12.44	
fishing	last Saturday Apr. - Oct. 31	trout, largemouth bass, pumpkinseed
park	year-round	City of Sammamish park, fishing pier
picnic	park hours	group areas
playfield	park hours	child play area, tennis, baseball, horseshoe
trails		
swimming	park hours	swimming beach
wildlife viewing		tree and thicket areas

# Sawyer



**DIRECTIONS:** Lake Sawyer is located in Black Diamond. From I-405, take State Route 169 (Maple Valley Hwy) east to Black Diamond. Turn right on Roberts Dr (west) and go about 1.25 miles to Lake Sawyer Rd SE. Turn right and follow arterial to a sharp left turn (SE 296th St). At the curve, turn right and follow the road to Lake Sawyer Park. The boat launch is by the park.

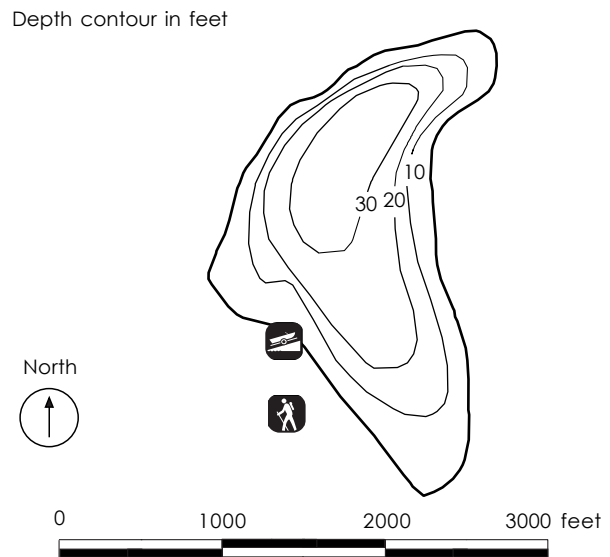


features	accessibility	notes
boat launch	park hours	ramp in city park
boat regulations	King County Code 12.44	motors: electric OK <b>no</b> gas power
fishing	year-round	perch, bass, trout, catfish kokanee, pumpkinseed
park	year-round dawn to dusk	City of Black Diamond park
picnic	park hours	a few tables
playfield		
trails		
swimming		
wildlife viewing		urban wildlife, thickets

# Spring



**DIRECTIONS:** Spring Lake is located north-west of Maple Valley. From I-405, take State Route 169 (Maple Valley Hwy) east to 196th Ave SE. Turn right, going up the hill (west, turning to south) about 1 mile to SE 183rd. Turn right (west) and take the right fork, going around the lake until the road ends at the park entrance. The boat launch is to the left (east) at the park. Trails lead through the park to a shoreline on Lake Desire as well.



features	accessibility	notes
boat launch	year-round dawn to dusk	WA Dept. Fish & Wildlife ramp, toilet
boat regulations	King County Code 12.44	motors: electric OK <b>no</b> gas power
fishing	year-round	largemouth bass, perch, trout, catfish
park	year-round dawn to dusk	King County park
picnic		
playfield		
trails	park hours	extensive system
swimming		
wildlife viewing		excellent woodland and wetlands



# Steel



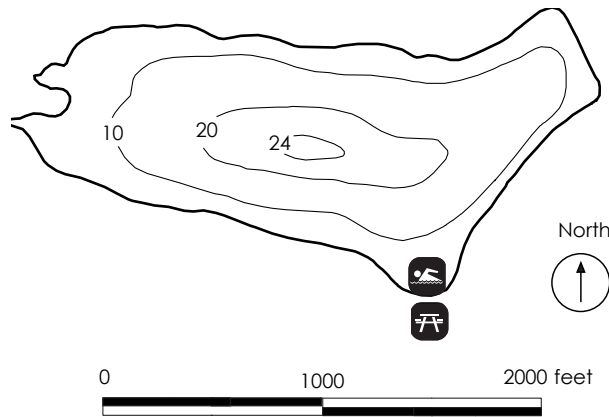
**DIRECTIONS:** Steel Lake is located in Federal Way. From I-5, take exit 143 (S 320th), heading west. Turn right (north) on 23rd Ave S, and take a right (east) on S 317th St, left (south) on 28th Ave S, left (west) on 312th St S, and into Steel Lake Park. The boat launch is at the end of the road.

# Wilderness

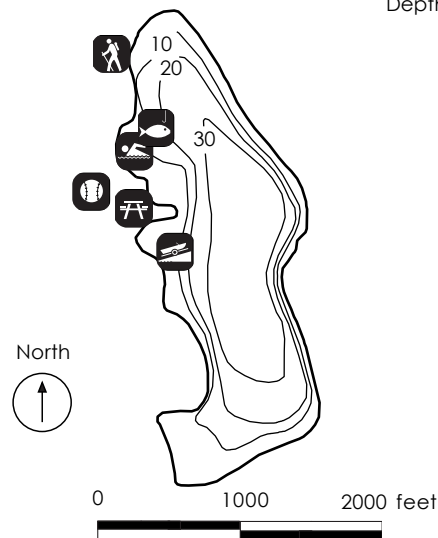


**DIRECTIONS:** Lake Wilderness is located in Maple Valley. From Hwy 18, take the SE 232nd St exit, heading east to State Route 169 (Maple Valley Hwy). Turn right (south), going 0.3 miles to Witte Rd. Turn right (south), drive approximately 1 mile to SE 248th St, turn left (east) and follow the arterial to the park entrance. The boat launch is in the park.

Depth contour in feet



Depth contour in feet



features	accessibility	notes
boat launch	park hours	launch from shore of city park, no ramp
boat regulations	King County Code 12.44	motors: electric OK <b>no</b> gas power
fishing	last Saturday Apr. - Oct 31	largemouth bass, perch, trout
park	year-round dawn to dusk	City of Federal Way park
picnic	park hours	group areas
playfield		child play area, volleyball, basketball
trails		
swimming	park hours	swimming beach
wildlife viewing		urban wildlife

features	accessibility	notes
boat launch	seasonal dawn to dusk	WA Dept. Fish & Wildlife and County ramp
boat regulations	King County Code 12.44	motors: electric OK <b>no</b> gas power
fishing	last Saturday Apr. - Oct 31	largemouth bass, trout, kokanee
park	year-round dawn to dusk	King County park, fishing pier, community center
picnic	park hours	shelter, group areas
playfield	park hours	child play area, baseball soccer, horseshoe, tennis
trails		foot paths
swimming	park hours	swimming beach
wildlife viewing		wooded area, wetland fringe, stream corridor