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Olympic Discovery Trail Washington



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Sandwiched between the Olympic Mountains and the Strait of Juan de Fuca, the 64.5-mile Olympic Discovery Trail traverses a spectacular route across the Olympic Peninsula. The 123-mile trail connects Puget Sound with the Pacific Ocean, with some 65 miles of trail completed as of early 2025, most of which are paved. The remainder of the route is either on low-traffic roads or highways with shoulders.

#### Port Townsend to Blyn

Port Townsend, which sits on a harbor at the north end of Puget Sound, underwent a building boom in the Victorian era and still looks the part today. Although it didn't fulfill the dreams of early boosters, it is a regional commercial and cultural center with an emphasis on wooden

#### watercraft.

A 7-mile section of packed-limestone trail begins at a busy waterfront boatyard. The trail, named the Larry Scott Trail after a coalition founder, steadily climbs a slope with commanding views of the harbor for a mile, then turns inland, running adjacent to WA 20 until it crosses on an underpass at mile 2.6. The trail heads due west from here and crosses under South Discovery Road before arriving at Cape George Trailhead Park. Passing through the park, the trail crosses South Discovery Road again in 2 miles before arriving at the Milo Curry Trailhead at Four Corners after a 0.3-mile stretch of low-traffic road with no shoulder.

The route beyond Discovery Bay takes trail users on WA 20, which has heavy truck traffic. The Peninsula Trails Coalition suggests using Jefferson County Transit's Sequim route from here to Discovery Bay, Blyn, or Sequim.

Discovery Bay is a small community that sits on the shores of the eponymous bay off the Strait of Juan de Fuca. It was named by English explorer George Vancouver after the ship that carried his crew here in 1792.

The paved trail runs north for less than a mile, then uses a combination of Gardiner Road, Old Blyn Highway, the wide shoulder of US 101/Olympic Highway, and trail for the next 11 miles to Blyn, the center of the Jamestown S'Klallam Reservation, which sits at the base of Sequim Bay.

#### Blyn to Port Angeles

The paved trail in Blyn begins in the woods about 0.5 miles north of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Library, which is located in Sequim at 1070 Old Blyn Hwy. and serves as an official trail parking area. The trail route is paved for 24.1 of the next 26.1 miles to the waterfront in Port Angeles.

Although about 70% of the trail follows the graded railbed,



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States: Washington Counties: Clallam, Jefferson Length: 64.5miles Trail end points: Washington St (Port Townsend) to Quileute Oceanside Resort, 330 Ocean Dr. (La Push) Trail surfaces: Asphalt, Crushed Stone Trail category: Rail-Trail Trail activities: Bike, Inline Skating, Fishing, Wheelchair Accessible, Horseback Riding, Mountain

## Parking & Trail Access

The Olympic Discovery runs between Washington St (Port Townsend) and the Quileute Oceanside Resort, 330 Ocean Dr. (La Push).

Parking is also available at:

• Railroad Bridge Park, 2151 W. Hendrickson Rd. (Sequim)

Please see <u>TrailLink Map</u> for all parking options and detailed directions.













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