ORCAS ISLAND, WASHINGTON

JULY 11-15, 2022

FAMILY ADVENTURE

Map of Puget Sound and the San Juan Islands

Ferry Boat ride from Anacortes to Orcas Island

Leaving Anacortes – on the way to Orcas Island

Arriving at Orcas Island

We stayed at a rental house at Doe Bay (near Doe Bay Resort). Bay view.

The girls found a nearby rock to climb.

And a hammock to swing on.

Evie (12) was “Just a Girl who loves Bearded Dragons” and Leah (8) loved little Yoda, “This is How I Float”

The arrival of the celebrated “Buck Moon”

[Note: July's full moon is called the “Buck Moon” because this is when bucks' (male deer) new antlers have grown more sizeable after starting late in the spring]

Leah Rose

The girls had fun playing with Aunt Susie.

And having breakfast with her in the morning.

DAY 2 – Moran State Park, Mount Constitution

Visit Obstruction Pass State Park for kayaking information

Watch the arrival of an Island Transporter and the unloading of a truck.

Enjoying lunch at the public beach.

Enjoying a day in the sun at Cascade Lake (Moran State Park).

An eagle watches us from a nearby tree.

The girls enjoyed swimming in the cool water of the lake.

300 year old tree ring. The Park is a CCC Project 1933-1942. Cascade Lake Map.

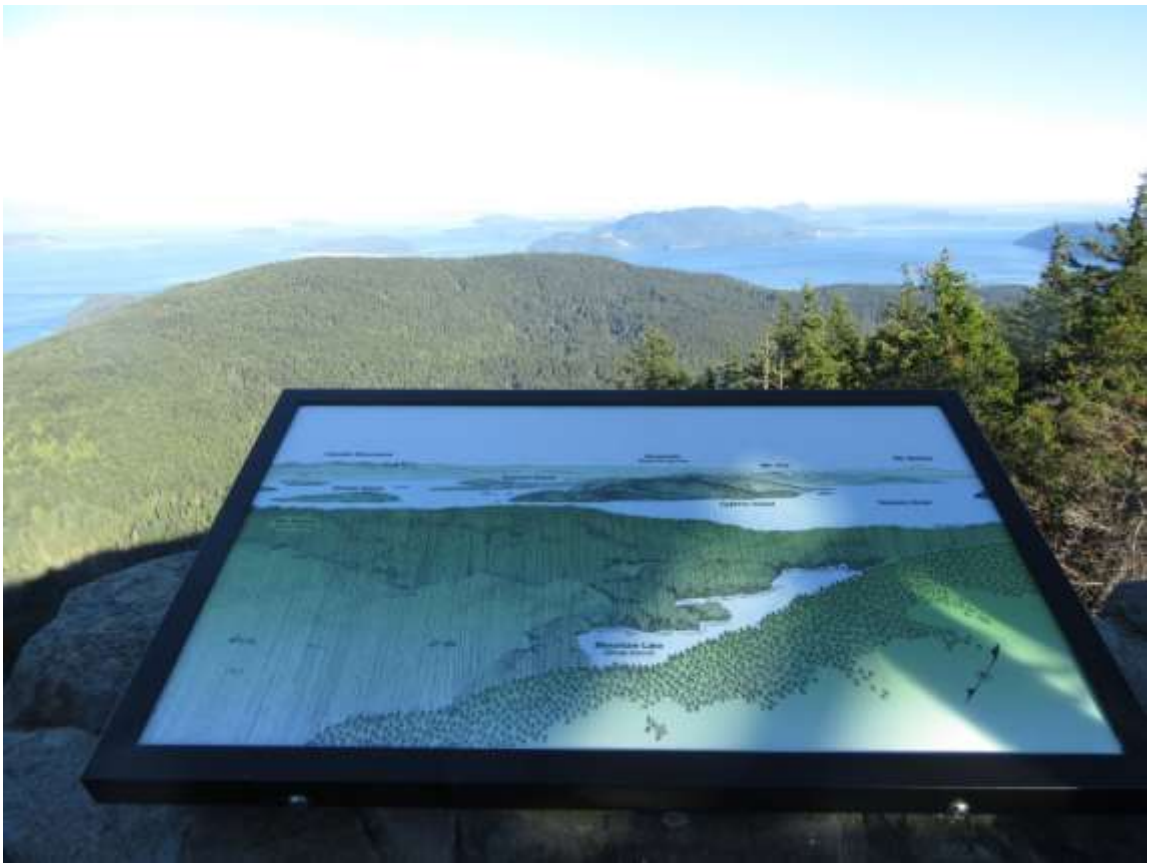
Plaque for Robert Moran, donor of Moran State Park to Washington.

Native American Burial Ground at Doe Bay

Mountain Lake (on the way to Mount Constitution)

Top of Mount Constitution – 360 degree view of surroundings

View of Mount Baker.

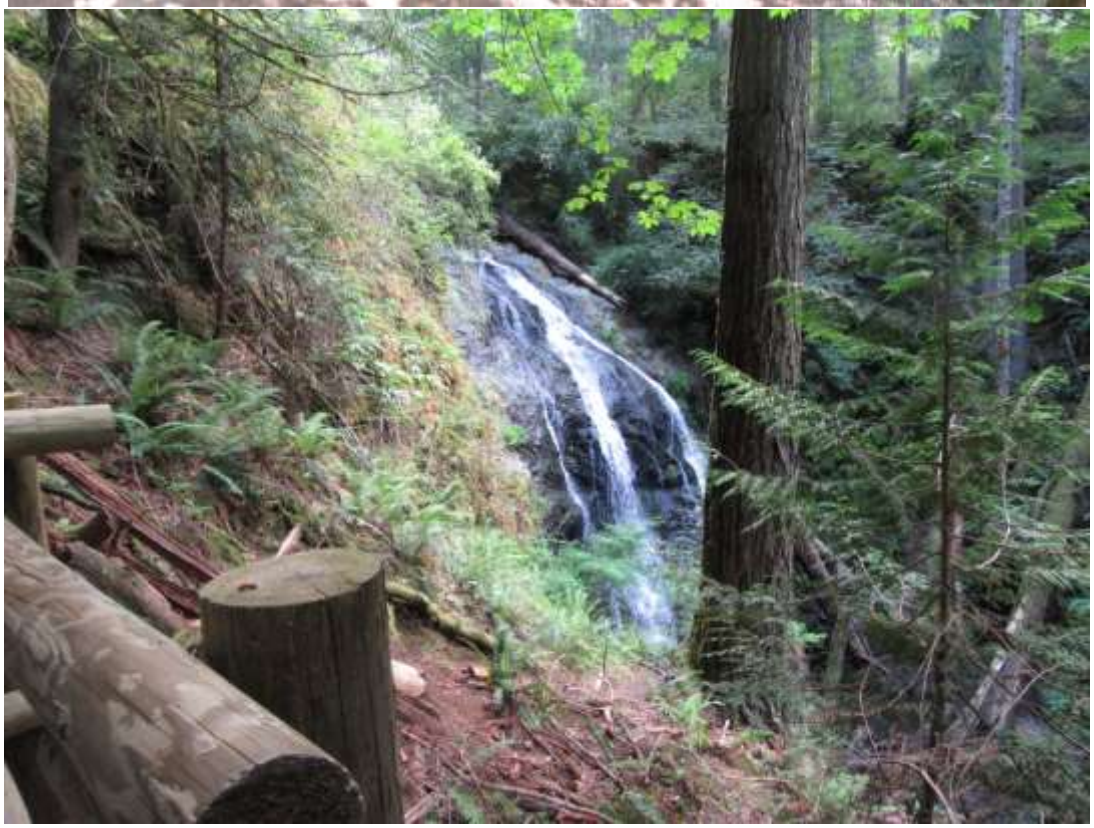


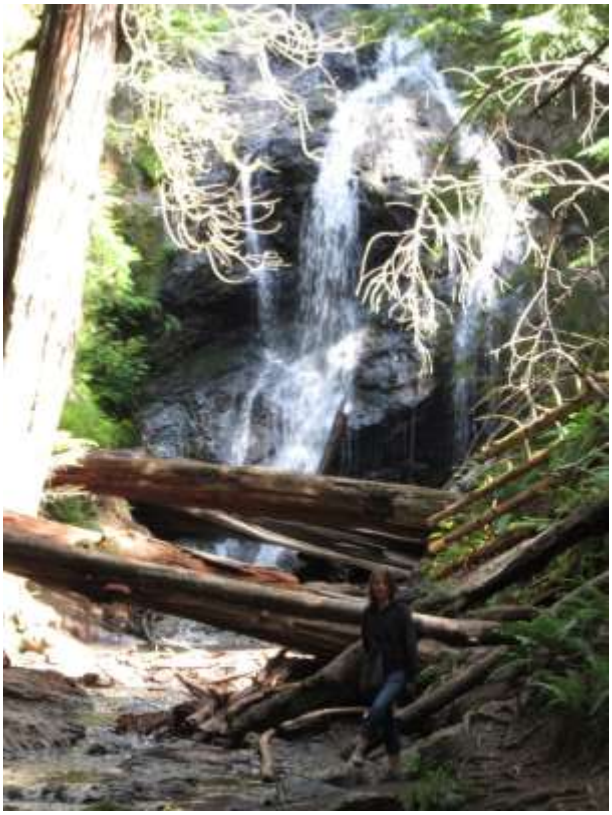
Strait of Georgia, Patos & Sucia Islands

Canadian Coast Range (background)

DAY 3 – Reservation for Outer Island Excursions (3:45pm)

But first – in the morning – we take a hike to Cascade Falls (near Mountain Lake)





Kayaking at Obstruction Pass State Park

Kayaking into the East Sound – towards Obstruction Island

Seals on rocks near Obstruction Island

Stopping at Bird Sanctuary rock to climb some rocks

Return to small harbor.

NEXT:

Whale Watching (Orcas) – On boat Triton with Captain Chad

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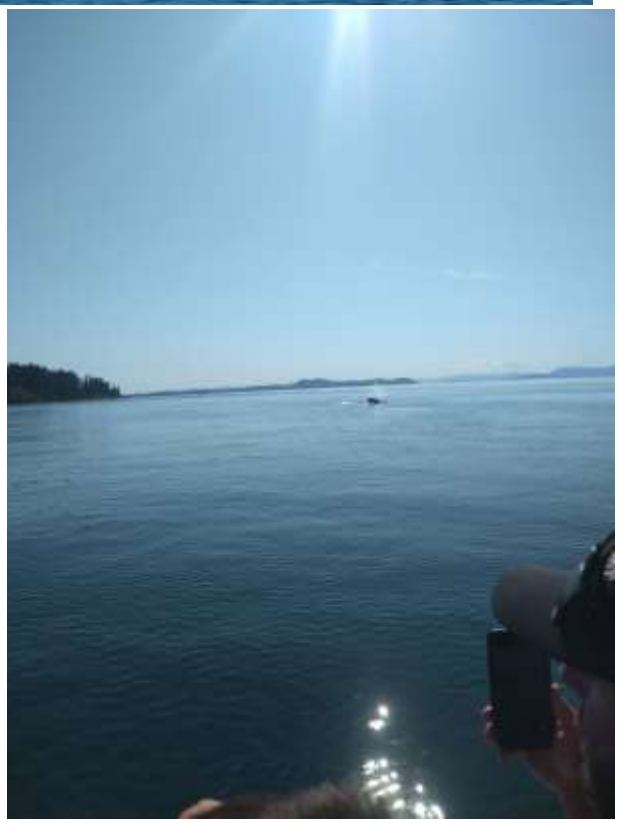

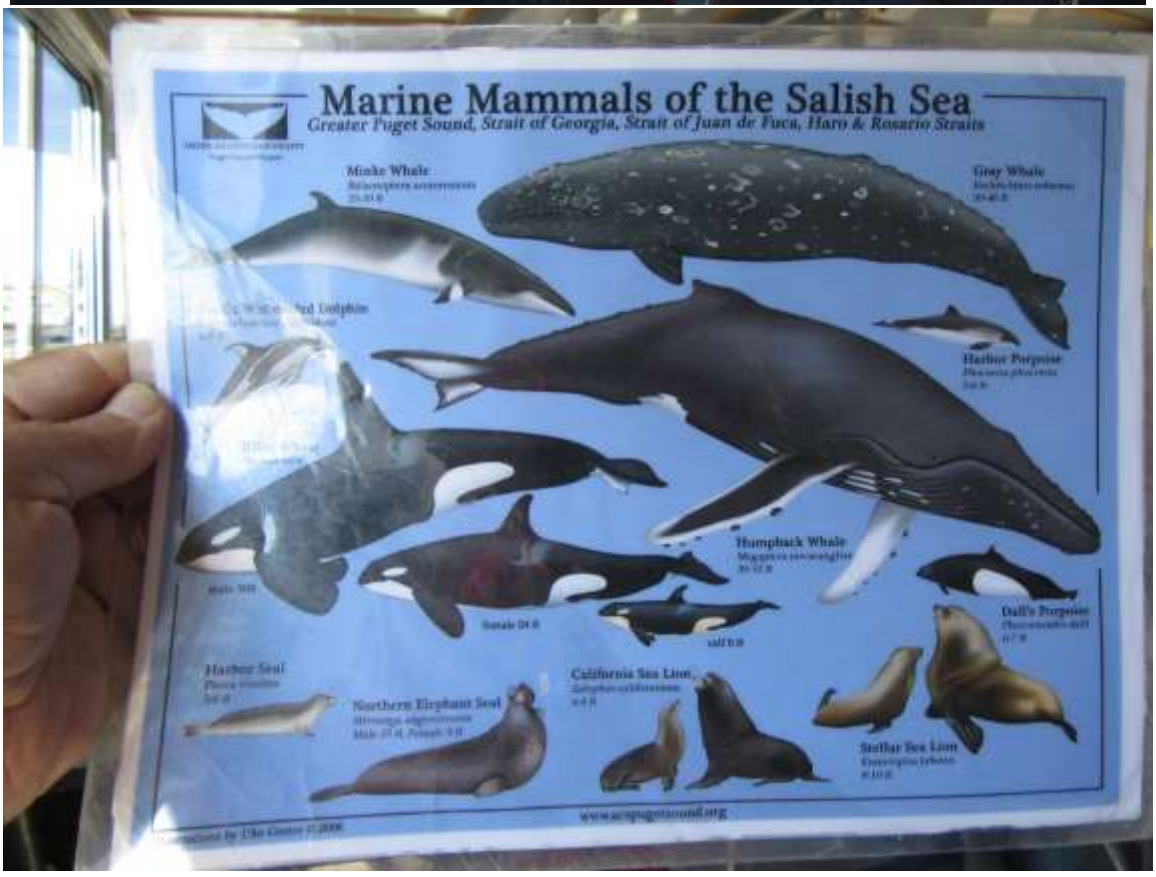
Marine Mammals of the Salish Sea
Greater Puget Sound, Strait of Georgia, Strait of Juan de Fuca, Haro & Rosario Straits
Minke Whale
Gray Whale
Harbor Porpoise
Humpback Whale
Dall's Porpoise
Harbor Seal
Northern Elephant Seal
California Sea Lion
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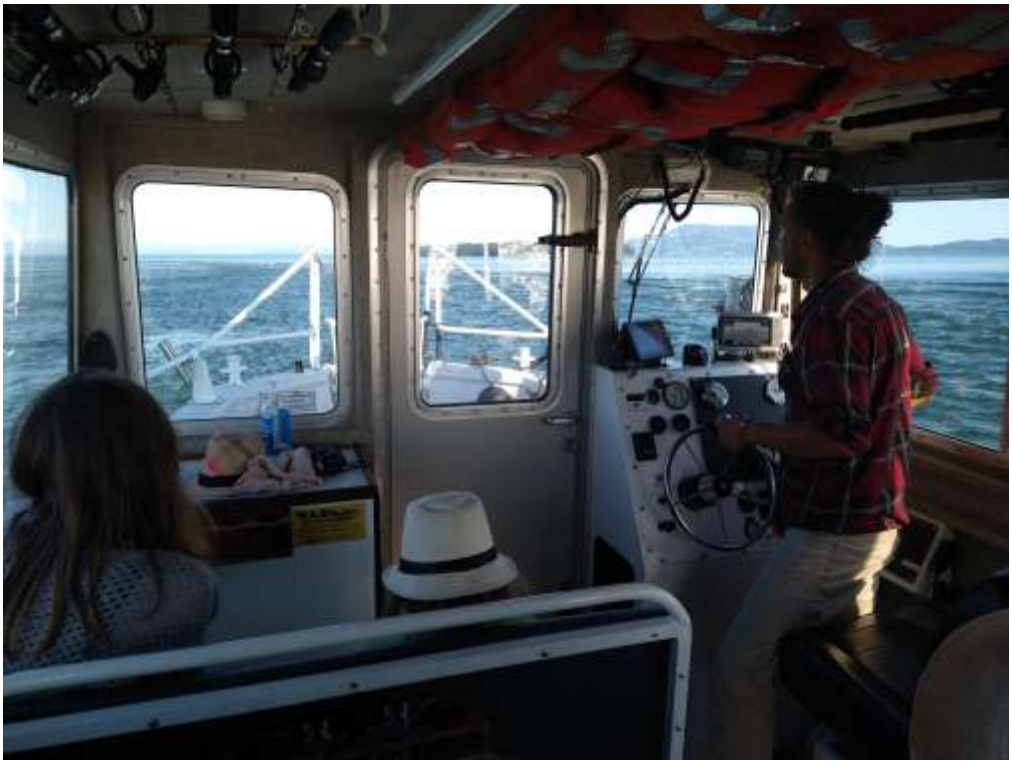
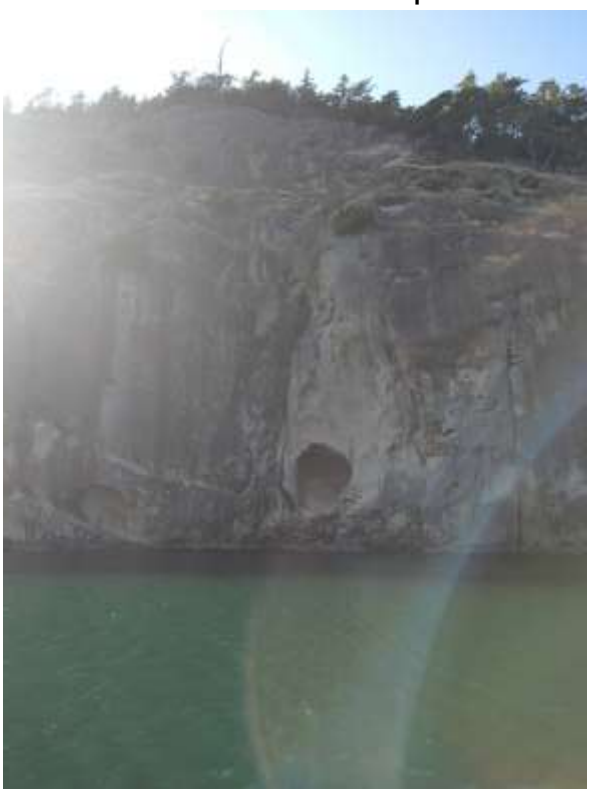
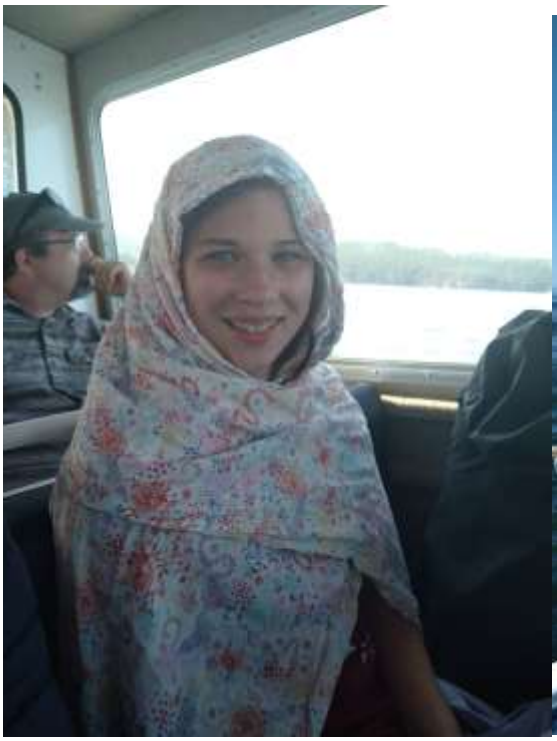
Seal Rocks



Captain Chad of the boat Triton



Geological formations



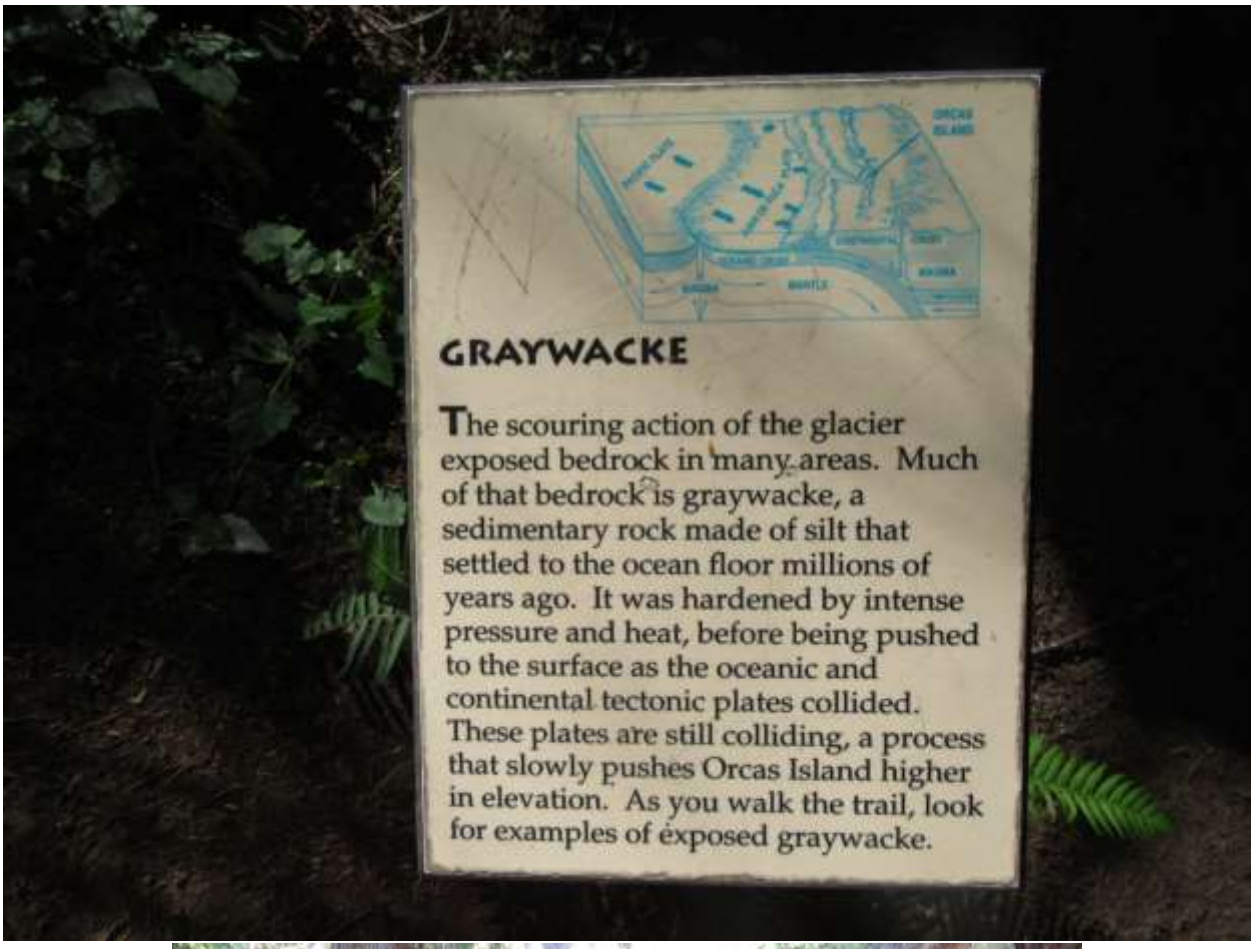
Mt. Baker and the Lighthouse

Evening show watching (baking show)

DAY 4 – Deer Harbor Sailing with Warden Fay

But first – in the morning – hike at Obstruction Pass State Park

WELCOME
Welcome to Obstruction Pass State Park. About 10,000 years ago, when the last ice age ended, this was a barren landscape. As the massive glacier that had covered the area retreated, it revealed a terrain of scarred bedrock and little soil. The plant and animal species that surround you today were largely absent. As you explore the park, we will draw your attention to the processes that created this landscape and continue to change it today.


GRAYWACKE
The scouring action of the glacier exposed bedrock in many areas. Much of that bedrock is graywacke, a sedimentary rock made of silt that settled to the ocean floor millions of years ago. It was hardened by intense pressure and heat, before being pushed to the surface as the oceanic and continental tectonic plates collided. These plates are still colliding, a process that slowly pushes Orcas Island higher in elevation. As you walk the trail, look for examples of exposed graywacke.

GLACIER
For about two million years, repeated glacial advances and retreats gouged and ground rock and soil from the land creating the Puget Sound trough and shaping the San Juan Islands' shorelines and waterways. About 12,000 years ago, the last glacier (the Vashon glacier) began its 2,000-year retreat. In its prime, it was more than one-mile thick and extended south to what is today the Olympia area. The glaciers eroded and smoothed the rugged features of the San Juan Islands contributing to their present shape.

Sailing from Deer Harbor, Orcas Island

with Captain Warden Fay

Sailboat flying the Ukrainian flag in support of Ukraine

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Last Supper at Rosario Mansion

Rental – 12 Twin House Lane, Rosario

DAY 5 - Leaving Orcas Island

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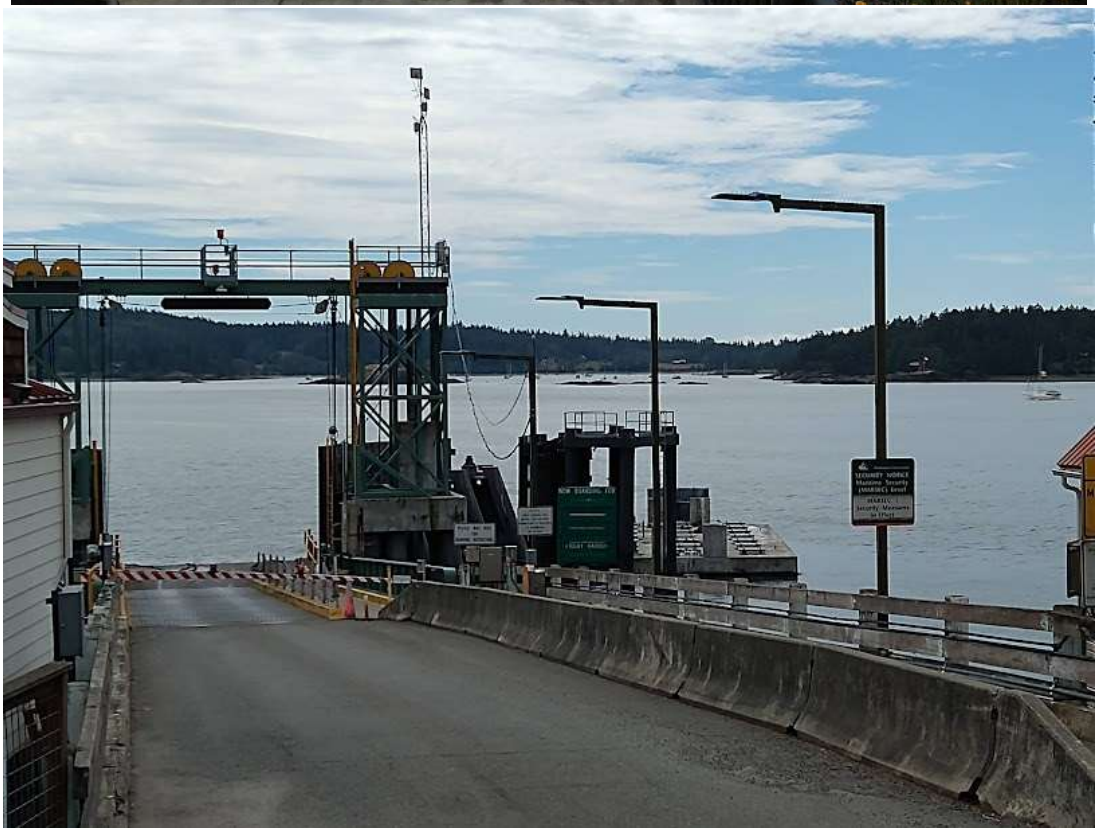

Poster on the Ferry (Yakima)

Fidalgo Bay Preserve on Anacortes

LINKS:

(1) http://wigowsky.com/travels/OrcasIsland.pdf (photo album)

(2) https://youtu.be/H-hTUd6oLOw (video)
Orcas Pod at Orcas Island

(3) https://youtu.be/KV4n33mch64 (video)
Sailing from Deer Harbor, Orcas Island