

Park history

The area once called Middle Point, now Manchester State Park, was established in 1900 as a satellite to Fort Ward which is located on Bainbridge Island. It was created to protect the Bremerton shipyards by operating a minefield in Rich Passage. The U.S. Navy operated Middle Point until 1958, when it was decommissioned.

A former “torpedo” (a term for underwater mines at the time) storehouse built in the early 1900s still stands in the park and is now a picnic shelter/event venue. When the fort was operational, the building stored mine cases, anchors and other equipment serving the minefield. The small concrete building, called a mining casemate, sits next to the storehouse and contained the controls for the mines. Gun Battery Mitchell also remains, having never been fitted for the 3-inch rapid fire rifles at the center of its design. In fact, the guns were never delivered. All three structures are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Park amenities and facilities

Manchester State Park offers several amenities and facilities to make your visit more enjoyable and comfortable, including:

- The old brick “torpedo warehouse” is a large group day-use picnic shelter that accommodates 20 to 150 guests. Reservable by calling (888) CAMPOUT or (888) 226-7688
- Two small picnic shelters reservable by calling (888) CAMPOUT or (888) 226-7688
- 36 picnic tables (available first come, first served). Many of the picnic sites have braziers.
- Kayaks or small watercraft may be carried to the beach area for launching.
- Volleyball net that doubles as a badminton net.
- Horseshoe pit
- Modern restrooms with hot showers
- Trailer dump station
- Two miles of pedestrian trails



Things to remember

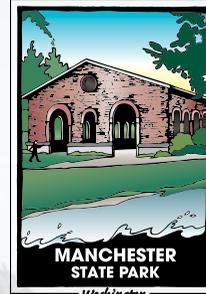
- **Park hours** – The park is open 8 a.m. to dusk year round.
- **Winter schedule** – Although most parks are open year round, some parks or portions of parks are closed during the winter. For a winter schedule and information about seasonal closures, visit www.parks.wa.gov or call the information center at (360) 902-8844.
- Wildlife, plants and all park buildings, signs, tables and other structures are protected; removal or damage of any kind is prohibited. Hunting, feeding of wildlife and gathering firewood on state park property is prohibited.
- One camping party is allowed per site. Maximum of eight people per campsite.
- Campsites may not be held for other parties.
- Camping check-in time is 2:30 p.m., and check-out time is 1 p.m.
- Extra vehicle overnight - \$10 per night in designated area for each vehicle in excess of the one allowed per site. Does not apply to vehicle towed by a recreational vehicle.
- Pets must be on leash and under physical control at all times. This includes trail areas and campsites. Pet owners must clean up after pets on all state park lands.
- Quiet hours are 10 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.
- Engine-driven electric generators may be operated only between the hours of 8 a.m. and 9 p.m.

The Discover Pass is required for day visits to state parks and access to other state-managed recreation lands. The pass provides access to millions of acres of parks, wildlife areas, trails, natural areas and water-access sites. The annual pass is transferable between two vehicles.

- Annual pass: \$30 • One-day pass: \$10 (transaction and dealer fees may apply)

The Discover Pass can be purchased online, by phone or in person. For details, visit www.discoverpass.wa.gov or call (866) 320-9933.

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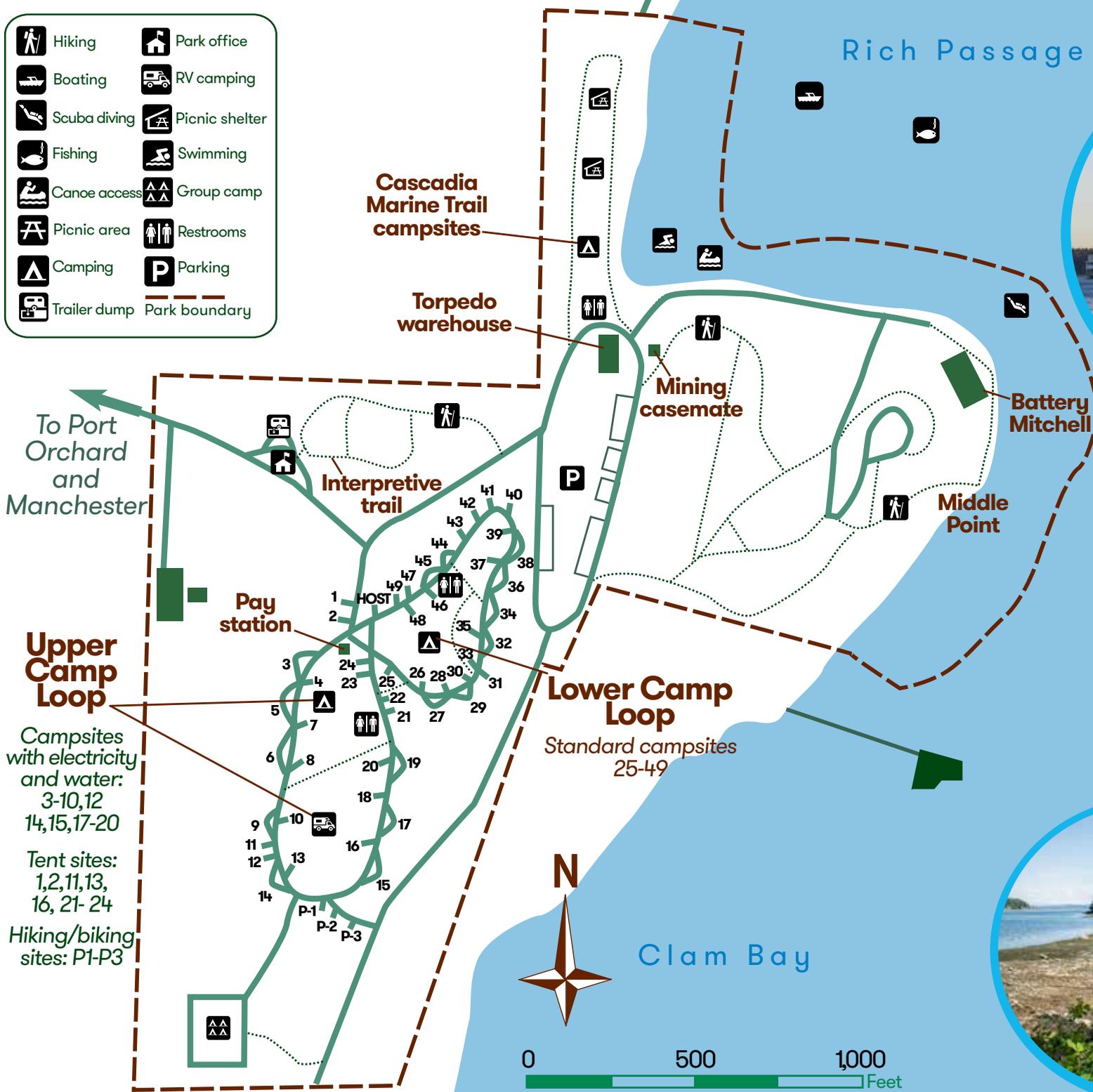
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| | Hiking | | Park office |
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| | Fishing | | Swimming |
| | Canoe access | | Group camp |
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| | Trailer dump | | Park boundary |



Manchester State Park is a forested camping park nestled in woods of fir and maple; the park sits along the shore of Rich Passage in Puget Sound. Bainbridge Island and Seattle are visible from the beach.

The 128-acre camping park features 2 miles of trails and 3,400 feet of saltwater shoreline. The park offers a variety of recreational activities, including kayaking, boating, swimming, scuba diving, volleyball and horseshoes (bring your own sporting equipment).

Overnight accommodations

The park offers several options for overnight stays. There are 35 standard campsites, 15 partial-hookup sites that accommodate RVs up to 40 feet long, two marine trail sites and three first-come, first-served hiker/biker campsites.

There also is a group camp that accommodates up to 130 guests. It features 12 partial RV hookups, a covered shelter with eight picnic tables and electricity, a large fire circle, five small fire circles, horseshoe pit and several unsheltered picnic tables and braziers. There are two ADA accessible unisex restrooms with showers.

Reservations for individual campsites or the group camp may be made online at www.parks.wa.gov or by calling (888) CAMPOUT or (888) 226-7688.



- Campsites with electricity and water:** 3-10, 12, 14, 15, 17-20
- Tent sites:** 1, 2, 11, 13, 16, 21-24
- Hiking/biking sites:** P1-P3