

Whidbey Island Rocks

in Washington State Parks and Recreation Lands

Guidelines for hiding and finding painted rocks in parks.

- When hiding or searching for a rock, carefully replace any natural items you move. Keep in mind "leave no trace."
- Take care to not go off the trail or trample vegetation. Avoid wetlands and archeological sites.
- Please do not place rocks in mowed areas.
- When you find a rock, you can keep it or re-hide it, and post a picture to the Facebook group "Whidbey Island Rocks - WIR" (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WhidbeyIslandRocks/>)
- Make sure to seal your painted rock with weatherproof sealer to prevent paint peeling which could disturb the ecosystem.
- Avoid hiding rocks outside that have items added, such as beads or string, that would be attractive for birds or animals to eat (these rocks may be hidden instead inside appropriate public places with permission).
- Please limit the number of rocks removed from beaches in parks.
- Be Safe. Look out for stinging nettles, slippery rocks, and other dangers.
- Please use trash cans or dumpsters to keep parks clean, and if there is no receptacle pack out trash.
- Park hours vary depending on weather and season. All day-use areas close at dusk.
- Discover Passes are required at Washington State Parks and recreation lands (<http://parks.state.wa.us/167/Discover-Pass-Fees>)



We are so fortunate to have the treasures that are the parks of Whidbey Island and beyond to explore and enjoy. Please join us in mindfully protecting the natural beauty and habitat in the parks, while continuing to enjoy respectful rock hiding and finding!