

Map Legend *(map on reverse)*

Trailheads



hiking

Trails



maintained

0.24 approximate distance in miles between trail junctions

Facility



parking

Publicly owned land



Shinglemill Creek Preserve



King County Parks



Vashon-Maury Island Land Trust



Vashon Parks District

Other basemap features



wetland



arterial street



local street



elevation contour (interval = 50 ft.)

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Shinglemill Creek Preserve

The Shinglemill Creek Trail gains elevation from sea level to 400 feet, making it a great round trip “workout” trail. To enjoy the spectacular views across the canyon and into the creek without the steep climb, dropping off a car at the trailhead on Cedarhurst Road allows walkers to make a one-way trek downhill starting from the trailhead off SW 156th Street.

The Shinglemill Preserve was acquired with the support of the Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program, private donations, and King County's Conservation Futures Program. The Preserve is a partnership of King County, the Vashon-Maury Island Land Trust, and the Vashon Park District.



Area

168 acres

Trail length

1.5 miles

Trail uses

The terrain is steep and sandy and, as such, is not appropriate or safe for horses or bicycles. Dogs are allowed on leash, with leashes provided for loan at each trailhead. The trail crosses private property. We enjoy this trail at the invitation of those landowners, and we ask that you respect their property rights by adhering closely to the trail rules.

Access

From Vashon Highway, turn west on SW 156th Street. After approximately .25 mile turn right onto the gravel driveway at the Shinglemill Creek Trail sign. Follow the driveway to the parking lot.

Limited parking is also available on Cedarhurst Road at the other end of the trail and for Fern Cove. At the bottom of the hill, just south of the entrance sign to Fern Cove, pull off to the east side of Cedarhurst Road and park in front of the metal gate. There is room for about three vehicles. From there it is an easy walk into Fern Cove on the west side of the road, or the Shinglemill Creek Trail on the east side of the road.



SHINGLEMILL CREEK

The Shinglemill Creek Preserve is located in the northwest part of Vashon Island and encompasses 168 acres along the lower mainstem of Shinglemill Creek – Vashon's second-largest creek. Efforts to preserve habitat in the Shinglemill Watershed began in 1994 with the purchase of the historic and iconic Fern Cove, the largest stream delta on Vashon where Shinglemill Creek empties into Colvos Passage on the island's west shoreline. The lower portion of the Shinglemill Creek trail offers opportunities to watch for coho salmon returning to spawn, typically in November and December after heavy rains. The delta at Fern Cove offers Vashon's best spot for viewing shorebirds.



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Puget Sound

Fern Cove

Shinglemill
Creek
Natural Area

Private
Property

Shinglemill Creek
Preserve



Contour interval: 50 feet

