



Where and When to see Marine Mammals along The Whale Trail

Sightings
 Frequent ■
 Occasional ■
 Rare ■

	CETACEANS							PINNIPEDS			MUSTELIDS	
	Orcas	Gray Whale	Humpback Whale	Minke Whale	Dall's Porpoise	Harbor Porpoise	Pacific white-sided dolphins	California Sea Lion	Harbor Seal	Steller Sea Lion	River Otter	Sea Otter
Lime Kiln State Park	May-Oct											
San Juan Island Natl Hist. Park	May-Oct											
Langley		Mar-May										
Coupeville		Mar-May										
Alki Point	Oct-Feb											
Pt. Robinson	Oct-Feb											
Seattle Aquarium												
Pt. Defiance	Oct-Feb											
Dosewallips State Park												
Port Townsend MSC	Oct-Feb											
Freshwater Bay												
Salt Creek												
Seki Overlook												
Shipwreck Point												
Neah Bay (Makah)												
La Push (Quileute)												
Washington State Ferries												
San Juan Island Routes	May-Sept											
Central Sound Routes	Oct-Feb	Feb-May										

Notes:

1. The orcas most commonly seen along The Whale Trail are the Southern Resident Killer Whales (J, K and L pods). Data in this chart refers to where and when you are most likely to see the southern residents. Transient orcas are increasingly seen here, but sightings are much less predictable. Offshore orcas are also seen, very rarely.
2. Except for orcas and gray whales, there is little monthly variation associated with marine mammal sightings. For example, if harbor seals are commonly observed in an area, they are likely to be common there year-round.
3. This is still a work in progress! If you've seen marine mammals, be sure to contact sightings networks in your area.

References:

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