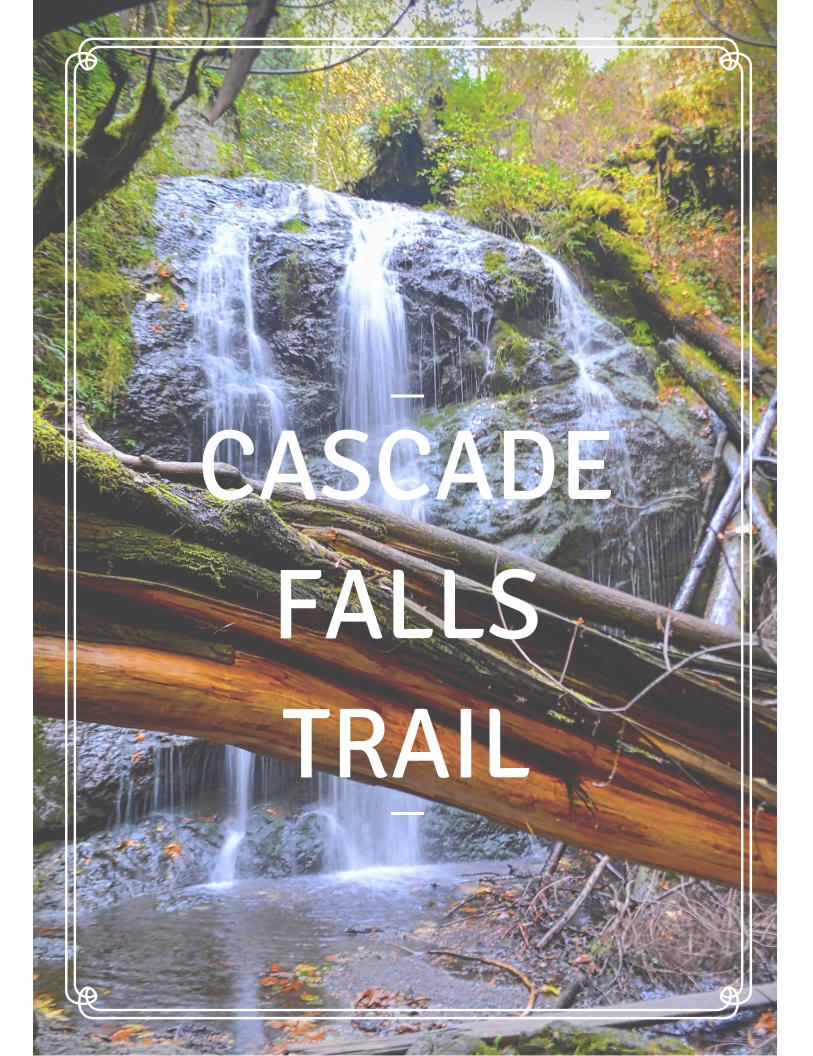


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#### Cascade Falls Trail

#### MORAN STATE PARK

If you're looking for a short, but visually amazing hike, with a series of beautiful waterfalls, then Cascade Falls is one you cannot miss during your visit to Orcas Island.

The shortest distance is traveling just beyond the entrance to Mt. Constitution. There's a parking lot clearly labeled which provides a short path just a few hundred yards to some amazing views of Cascade Falls.

Although it's a short hike (less than 1/4 mile), it is fairly steep to get down to the base of the falls, but a well-maintained path. The hardest part is making it back to the parking lot as it's vertical ascent can be daunting, but there are some great viewpoints to allow you to catch your breath.

If you're in for a short hike with some great views, you won't be disappointed here. Best during spring and early summer, but all year long will provide great views.

Why we like it: It is an amazing view and quick to access.

**How to get there:** Drive up Mt. Constitution Road about .25 miles, parking is located on the right side with signs to Cascade Falls. Then follow the clearly marked trail to the falls.

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#### Cascade Lake Loop

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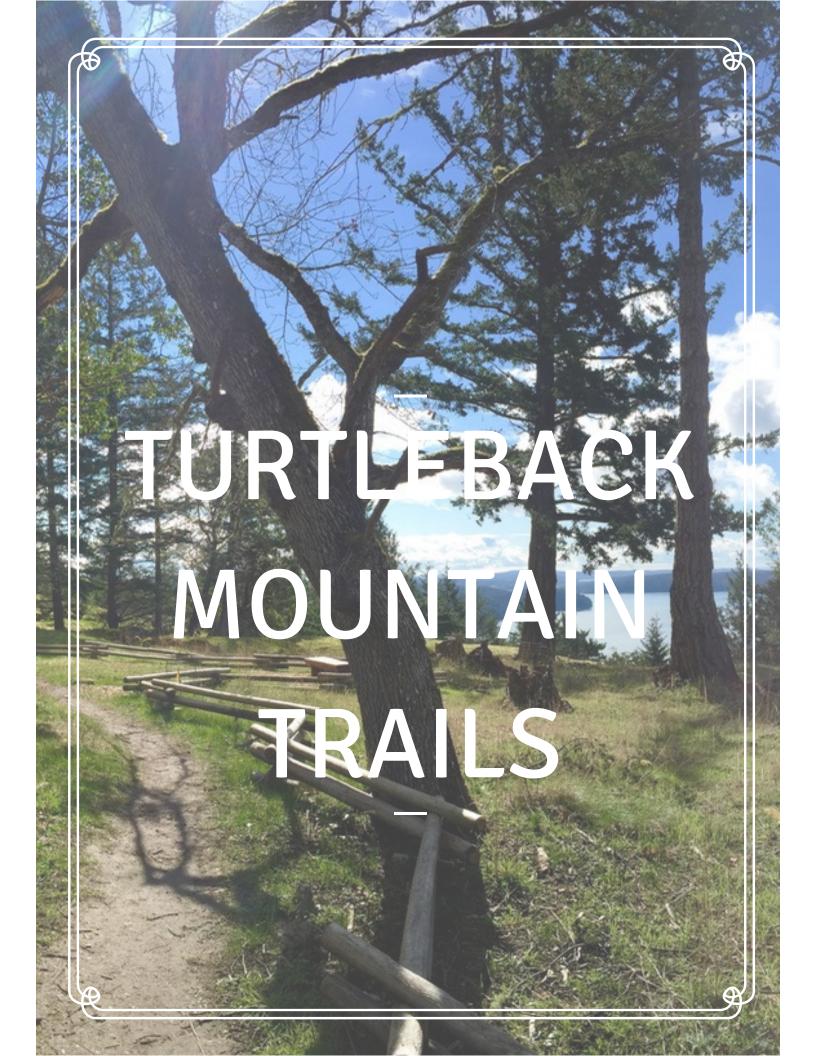
The Cascade Lake Loop is one of the most popular hikes in Moran State Park as it's easily accessed from the main parking lot entering Moran State Park. The trail leads you around the north and west side of Cascade Lake with great views nearly the entire hike.

The elevation change is relatively flat for about half of the 2.7-mile trail with amazing views of the lake. A bit of elevation change as you cross the street, but the views are worth the climb as you look over Cascade Lake.

The Cascade Lake Loop is open year round to hikers and bikers and during the summer, you can get an ice cream cone or coffee from the snack shop.

Why we like it: Good distance hike (approx 3 miles) and relatively flat with great views and easy access.

How to get there: The main parking area at Cascade Lake in Moran State Park, and head on the trailhead to the right (north side of Cascade lake). Alternately, you can cross the street and access the trailhead that starts you south along the hillside.



#### Turtleback Mountain

TWO ENTRY LOCATIONS

**Turtleback Mountain Preserve** on Orcas Island's west side is another popular destination for hiking. Part of the San Juan County Land Bank, it is one of the largest undeveloped places in the county offering views of Crow Valley to the east & the Salish Sea to the west.

Turtleback Mountain Preserve offers a primitive trail system totaling over 8 miles with several several routes to choose from near the top. Two trailheads (North and South) each provide **parking** for 7-8 vehicles and **restrooms**. There are no garbage cans or water, so be sure to come prepared.

Trails for pedestrian use only are accessed at the South trailhead. Trails for multiple use—pedestrian, equestrian, and mountain bike—can be found at the North trailhead. Bikes are permitted on even calendar days only; horses on odd calendar days only; and pedestrians are welcome on all days.

Why we like it: With limited parking, trails are usually less traveled. Great views of Crow Valley and the Salish Sea.

**How to get there:** More information and trail maps can be found at **www.sjclandbank.org**.



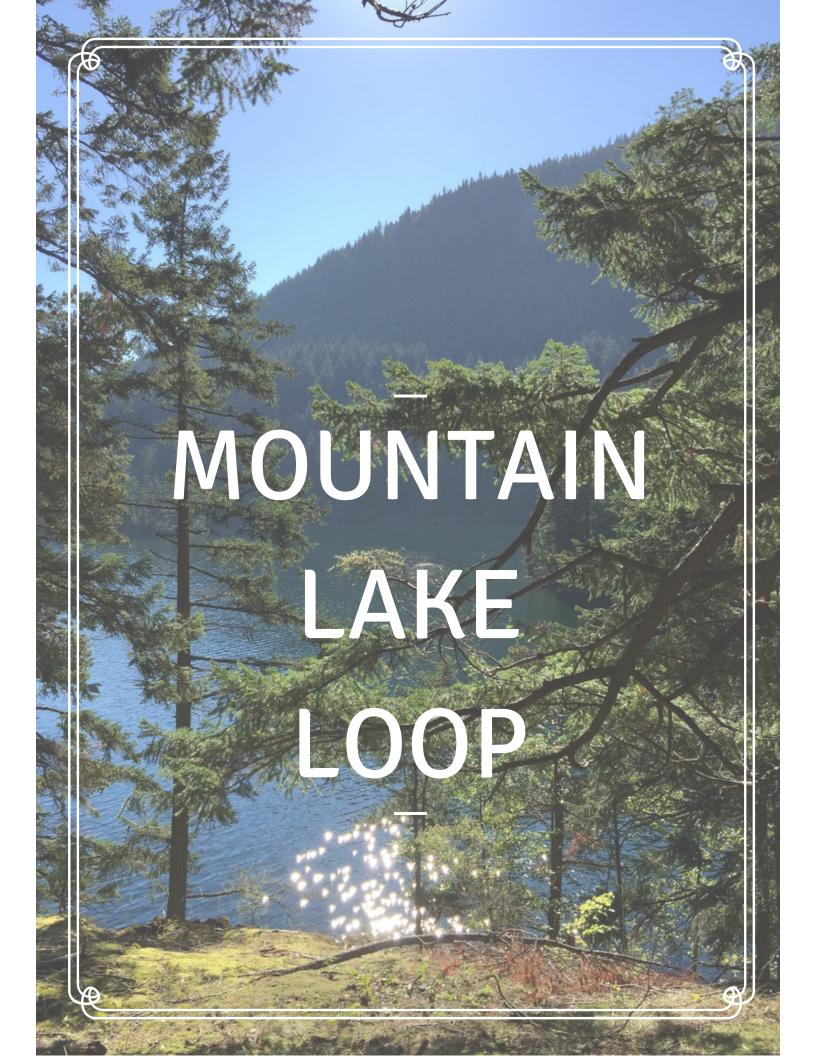
#### Cold Springs Trail MORAN STATE PARK

The Cold Spring Trail is quite a bit more challenging of a hike as there is fairly constant elevation gain throughout the climb. But, with the extra effort, there are also many visual rewards, including a series of amazing waterfalls as you ascend the 2.9-mile trail.

For those that are not interested in the entire 3-mile one-way hike up, you can capture some amazing views well before the top. The cover photo waterfall is from the ~1.2-mile mark - making the hike about 2.5 miles round trip for those looking for something a little less difficult.

Why we like it: The Cold Springs Trail will offer hikers amazing scenery with waterfalls in several locations on the way up. It is also a somewhat challenging climb with constant elevation gains so a more vigorous workout than several of the other hikes listed here. Access to the trail is easy with ample parking at Moran State Park Entrance.

How to get there: the same parking lot as Cascade Lake - follow the trail signs to the Cold Springs Trail.



#### Mourtain Lake Loop

MORAN STATE PARK

**The Mountain Lake Loop** is a beautiful 4-mile hike around Moran State Park's largest lake, Mountain Lake.

Located on the road as you're heading up Mt.

Constitution, this hike is relatively flat for the majority as you're near the lake edge for most of the journey.

Though some elevation gains on the opposite side of the lake will increase your heart rate - but there are some really astonishing from this hike as well.

Hikers will experience several terrains and vistas, including rocky hills, thick woodlands and tree-lines marshlands on the well maintained trailhead.

Why we like it: Great views of Moran's largest lake, located at the Mountain Lake Campsite with ample parking and restroom access.

**How to get there:** Drive up Mt. Constitution Road and follow signs to Mountain Lake.

**Parking** is available at the **restrooms** or next to the boat launch farther into the camping grounds.

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