

Gunk Hole Summary

For

Columbia River

Codes – **F**uel, **G**roceries, **R**estaurants, **R**estrooms, **S**howers, **B**each, **Q**uiet, **N**o **W**ind, **D**ocks, **SM** statute mile

Ilwaco – Office 360/642-3143, FU 7am-8 pm, G, RE, R, S (free), D; ice cream, laundromat, \$0.35 bus to Long Beach, walks, SM = 0

Astoria West Basin – Office 503/325-8297, FU, RE, R, S, NW, D; trolley to supermarket, CYC membership card and burgee gets you one night free moorage, great maritime museum, SM =14

Tongue Point – Q, NW, great anchorage, SM = 18

East Basin – RE, trolley to town, supermarket close, SM = 17

Warren Slough – Q, NW; Conservancy refuge, great for dinghy exploration, trip line on anchor recommended, SM = 27 on main channel, but south by 4 miles

Blind Slough/Grizzly Slough – Great for exploring with shallow draft boat or dinghy; Devils Elbow channel moved south, SM = 28 on main channel, but south by 3 miles

Steamboat Slough – G & RE (limited at Skamokawa), Q, NW; trip line on anchor recommended or tie with long line to pilings; accessible both ends, can dinghy to 16

Skamokawa - if vehicle available, drive 2-3 miles up valley to glass blowing place, SM = 34

Cathlamet –Office 360/795-3501, FU 9 am – 5 pm summer, G, RE, R, S, Q, NW, D, 30/50 amp power – Elochoman Sough Marina great for kayak or dinghy trip, SM = 40

Westport Slough – Q, NW – rarely used, quiet anchorage good for kayaking. Enter either between the two range markers or along the Oregon shore south of the red buoy. Stay close to the south shore until approaching the ferry dock, then be sure to go to the north shore. Anchor anywhere in the next 2 miles. Go past the private moorage about ½ mile for the quietest spot. SM = 43.

Clatskanie – G, RE, R, NW, D – Shallow, DO NOT try this for the first time on your own, a neat trip up several miles of a canal like setting with Humps Restaurant at the end. SM =49

Willow Island (near east end of Wallace Is. just up stream from Beaver Slough) - Q, NW; Stay on mainland side including the small island, go past Humps sign on fisherman's dock and just past anchorage and double back, hug Wallace island, anchor between two islands in 10-12 foot deep water, trip line recommended on anchor, room for 2-3 boats, Many small fishing boats will pass in season. SM = 50

Crims Island/Bradbury Slough – Q, good dinghy trip to island, SM = 54

Gull Island – Shallow keel recommended or navigate at high tide by staying close enough to shore so you can pick flowers off pilings, SM = 55 17

Fisher Island Slough – Home of Longview Yacht Club, reciprocals & free ice, SM = 59

Walker Island - Can be windy; CRYC has dock available for use if club not using it; room for about 7 boats in Smugglers Cove (1/4 mile east of CRYC dock); recommended anchoring with trip line and by line from tree on shore, SM = 61

Rainier – new docks, short walk for groceries, restaurants, no over night (?), Bouncy! SM = 69

Carrolls Channel Cowlitz River – next to freeway, watch depth, SM 71

Goble – F, D (poor), NW, SM 74, enter from down stream. Good bar food and live music (weekends) at newly remodeled tavern, anchor up stream opposite the old River Queen ferry boat or further up stream.

Sandy Island – B, no protection from wind from North, SM 75, navigable back side of Sandy Island, possible log rafts to tie to

Kalama –Office 360/673-2325, FU 8 am – 4:30 pm M-F, F (avoid Angel's), R, S (at park), Q, SM 75, local brewery

Martin Slough – near freeway, NW, Tyee Yacht Club dock, SM 79. Watch tide and deadheads – 1/3 from left going in, 2/3 from right going in, great blackberries when in season

St. Helens City – FU, G, F (St. Helens Café a must), R, S, B, can be windy, concrete docks on the island, SM 86. Nice theater and new deli. Currents can be tricky.

Sand Island (across from St. Helens City) – D, B, R, SM 86. 18

THINGS TO DO AND SEE

Astoria

Bus Service Available to Warrenton, Gearhart, Seaside and Cannon Beach. Call 503/861-7433 for information or pick up

Visitor Guide for complete bus schedules and routes.

Maritime Museum

Location: 1792 Marine Drive

Hours: 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Costs: \$8 adults, \$7 for seniors, \$4 for children ages 6-17; family package \$20 for two adults and children

Astoria Aquatic Center (includes water slide, lap pool, adult hydro-spa pool, fitness room and kiddies wading pool)

Location: 1997 Marine Drive

Hours: 5:30 a.m. – 8 p.m. M-5; 5:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Saturday; closed to general public 1-4 p.m. M-F

Costs: \$3.50 non-resident youth (ages 2-17); \$4.50 for non-resident adults

George Flavel House Museum

Location: 441 8th St.; Open daily – call 503/325-2203 for information

Costs: \$5 for adults; \$4 for seniors, AAA and students; and \$2 for children ages 6-17 19

Uppertown Firefighters Museum and Children's Museum

Location: 2968 Marine Drive

Hours: 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday

Highlights: Antique fire equipment 1879-1963

Fort Astoria (503) 325-5825

Location: Exchange and 15th St.

Open Daily

Highlights: Recreation of one corner of the 1811 fort, first permanent American outpost west of Mississippi

Riverfront Trolley - Ride all day for \$2.00 and Runs Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Board at: West Basin, Astoria Red Lion

Maritime Memorial (near Bay Street)

Columbia House Condominiums (foot of 3rd Street)

Foot of 6th, 11th, 14th Streets

Maritime Museum, foot of 17th St.

Comfort Suites

East End Mooring Basin, Foot of 36th.

Sunday Market, 12th street, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Clatsop County Fair, Early August, Astoria Fairgrounds 20

Shanghaied in Astoria – Community Theater Production – runs Thursday, Friday and Saturday – call 503/325-6104 for ticket information

Ilwaco/Long Beach

Columbia Pacific Ilwaco Heritage Museum (360) 642-3446

Location: 115 SE Lake St.

Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Tues.-Sat; Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday

Colbert House (360) 642-2400, (360) 642-3078

Location: Corner of Spruce and Quaker Streets

Early 1900's residence – National Register of Historic Places –

Tours available during summer only.

Long Beach

Long Beach Kite Museum (360) 642-4020

Location: Third Street and Pacific Hwy.

Hours: 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily

Cost: \$1.50

Highlights: Over 1300 kites including 700 Japanese, Malaysian and Chinese kites

Website: <http://www.funbeach.com> Check for Coupons, Calendar, Events

Cathlamet Area

Erickson City Park

Located: South of school complex on Columbia street

Facilities: restrooms, tennis courts, basketball, horseshoe pits, playground equipment, drinking fountains, nature paths, simple skateboard area

Julia Butler Hansen Municipal Swimming Pool

Julia Butler Hansen House

Library, free WiFi

Public Restrooms

Located at end of Main Street just past Cathlamet Market, right below the Library

Wahkiakum County Historical Museum (360) 795-3954

Location: 65 River St.

Hours: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday

Cost: nominal