



Ferry Notice

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: May 1, 2026

Jenn Rogers, Communications and Engagement Manager, Skagit County
jrogers@co.skagit.wa.us · 360-416-1300

Guemes Ferry Weekend Update

Pier-Side Maintenance to Begin May 4

The vehicle ferry will be out of service Monday, May 4th, through Sunday, May 17th. The last car ferry run before going out of service will be at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 3rd. Passenger-only service will be provided by Arrow Launch beginning May 4th, at 6:30 a.m., and will operate on the ferry's regular non-peak sailing schedule.

Additional information about the pier-side maintenance period and frequently asked questions can be found in the [April newsletter](#). We will send out weekly updates on the pier-side maintenance work.

Peak Season Begins May 20

As a reminder, peak season starts on May 20. Nonpeak tickets cannot be used from May 20 through September 30. Peak season tickets will be available to purchase, along with nonpeak tickets, starting May 6, 2026.

Guemes Island Parking Updates

This week, you may have seen county crews installing temporary signs along the ferry holding lane on Guemes Island indicating parallel parking will be allowed during pier-side maintenance. Please do not park in the holding lane on Guemes Island until Monday, May 4. This will be an active holding lane all weekend. **Be advised that during the outage, angle parking will not be allowed on any county roads near the ferry terminals (including the ferry holding lane on Guemes Island).**

Angle parking has been permitted during previous outages, but current roadway design and safety requirements do not allow angle parking in locations where it would reduce lane width, limit visibility, or restrict emergency access. As a result, and to remain compliant with these standards, **angle parking will not be allowed.**



Guemes Island ferry holding lane to the right of the white line will be used for parallel parking during the ferry maintenance outage.

Questions regarding changes to the Guemes Island parking can be emailed to ferrycomments@co.skagit.wa.us.

Other important things to keep in mind regarding parking:

- At the beginning of the ferry holding lanes in Anacortes and on Guemes Island, you will see signs indicating **“Authorized Vehicles Only.”** These spaces are reserved for essential service providers who need reliable access to maintain continuity of services for island residents. Keeping these areas clear ensures they can continue to operate efficiently during the outage.

- Do not park in the **school bus loading and parking zones**. These areas must remain open for student transportation and safety.
- Obey all parking laws and adhere to time limits. Parking areas will be monitored, and vehicles may be ticketed and/or towed. Keep in mind that parking illegally or leaving vehicles in time-limited areas for extended periods reduces available space for those who genuinely need to use these lots during the outage. We want to ensure parking remains accessible for everyone who relies on it.
- We understand that accessible parking is especially important during the outage, and we know these spaces fill quickly. To support those who need them, we have temporarily added additional accessible parking stalls for the duration of the maintenance period. However, due to space and safety constraints, we cannot add more beyond what is already in place.