Island Center Forest

Island Center Forest features various forest stands, meadows, and the Mukai Pond and Meadowlake Pond wetlands, and it is home to the headwaters of Judd Creek. Island Center Forest provides habitat for a variety of wildlife, including more than 70 bird species. There are more than nine miles of trails for hikers, equestrians and mountain bikers. The wetlands are popular for bird watching and wildlife photography.

Area
450 acres

Trail Length
10 miles

Uses
Hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, wildlife viewing and photography.

Access
Island Center Forest is just southwest of the business center of Vashon Island. The best access to Island Center Forest is off the Vashon Highway. Head west onto SW 188th Street to access a new parking lot at the end of 188th that can accommodate horse trailers.

Head west on SW Cemetery Road and then north on 115th Avenue SW to access another parking area that is limited to cars and trucks.

Parking is very limited on 115th Avenue SW off of SW Bank Road.

You can also access the trails just north of the transfer station on the Westside Highway.

Island Center Forest is served by Metro bus routes 118 and 119 along Vashon Highway SW.

Located in the center of Vashon Island, Island Center Forest is a 450-acre working forest and nature preserve that is managed to demonstrate sustainable forest management while protecting and restoring the health of the site’s habitat. The property is owned and managed by King County Parks in collaboration with community partners who make up the Friends of Island Center Forest, a diverse group that includes the Vashon-Maury Island Land Trust, Vashon Forest Stewards, Vashon–Maury Island Audubon, equestrians and outdoor enthusiasts, among many other community members.

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