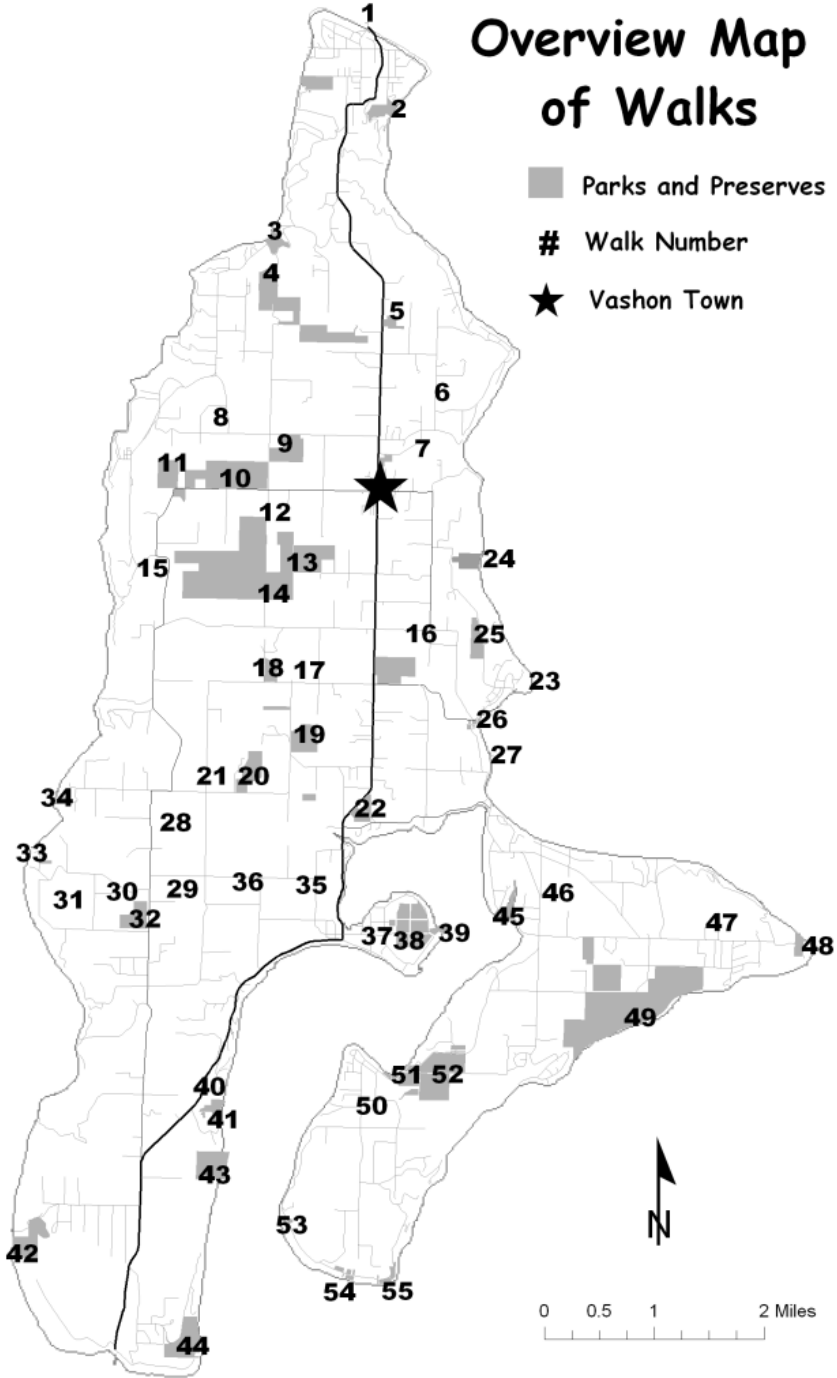
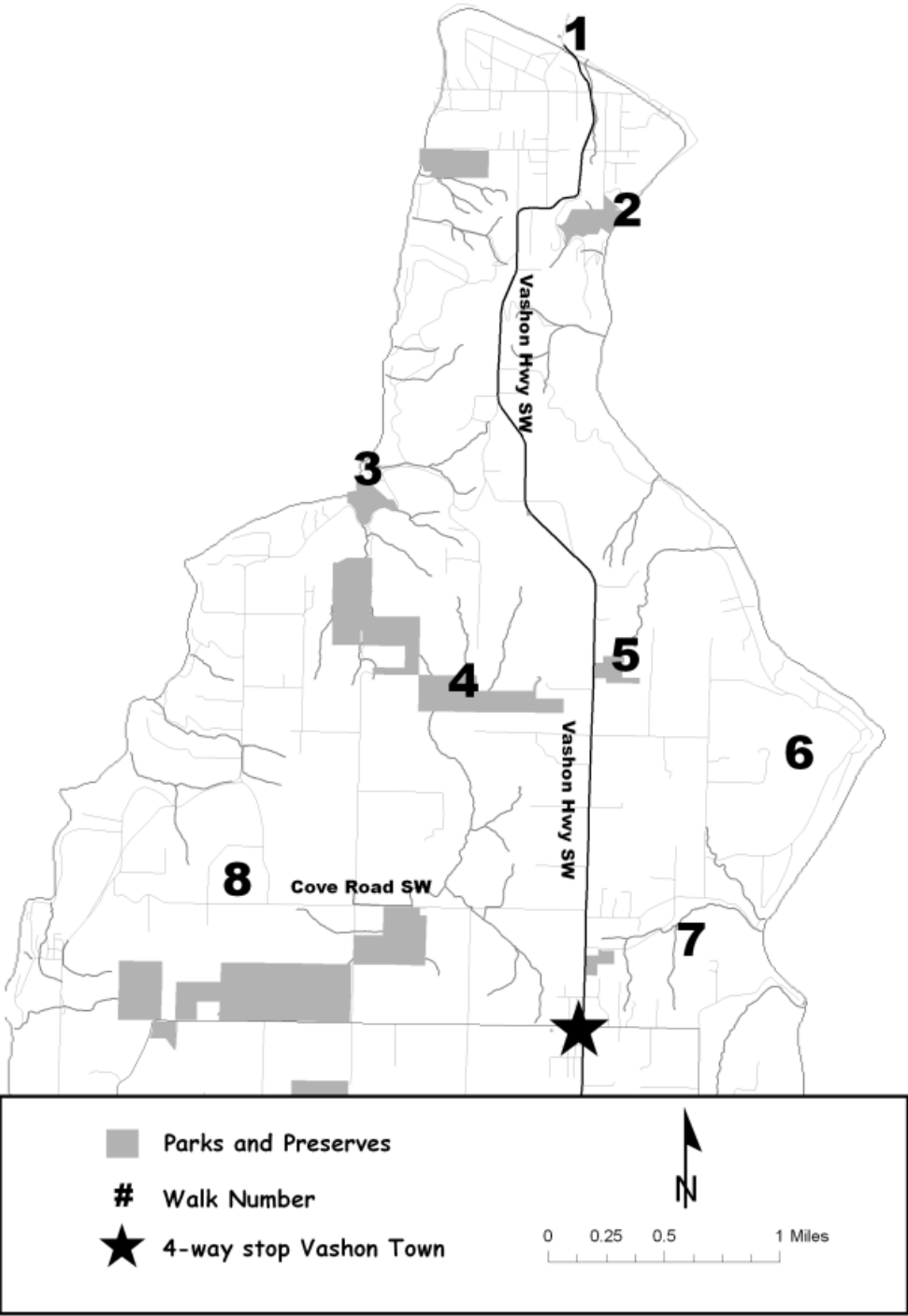


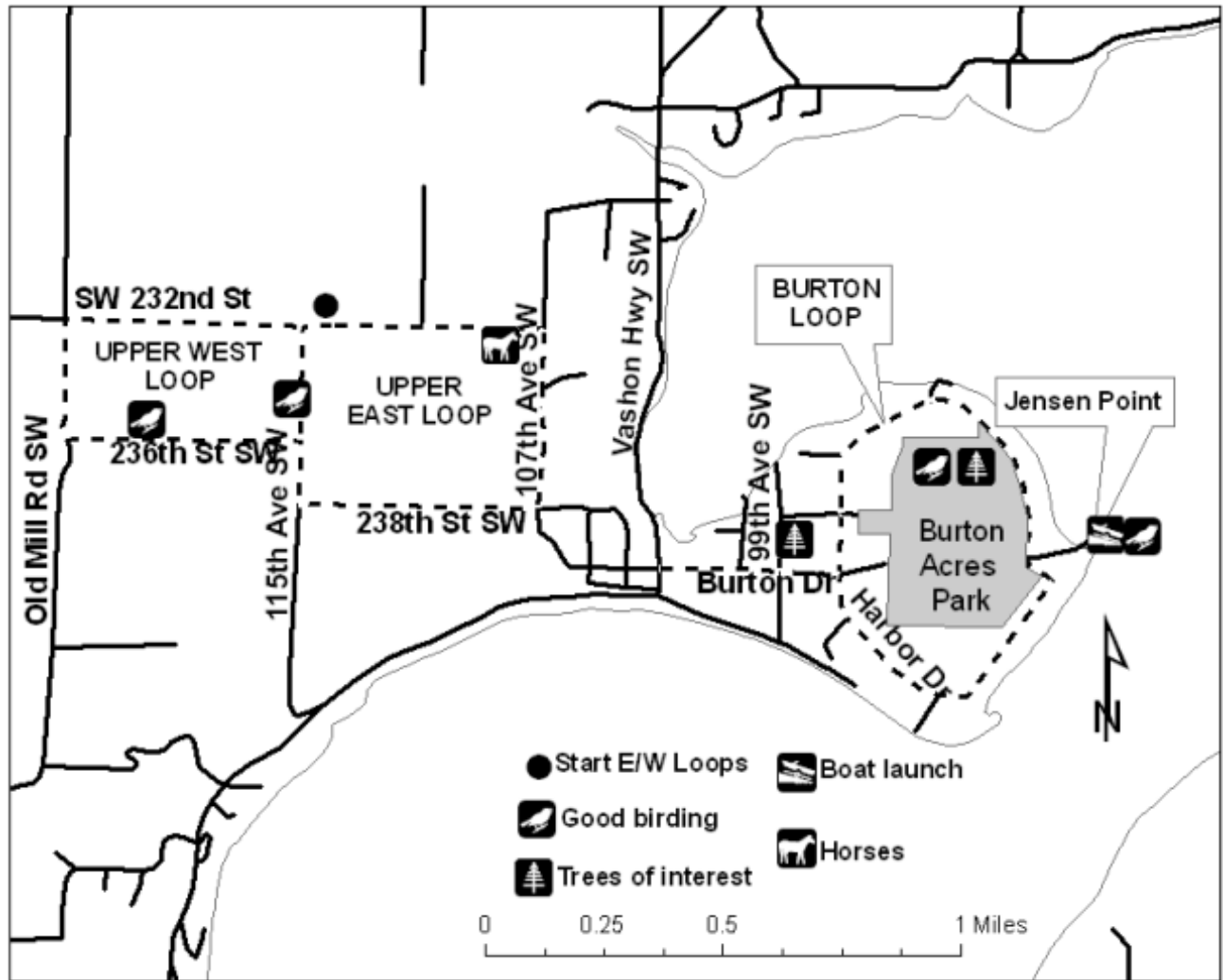
Overview Map of Walks

- Parks and Preserves
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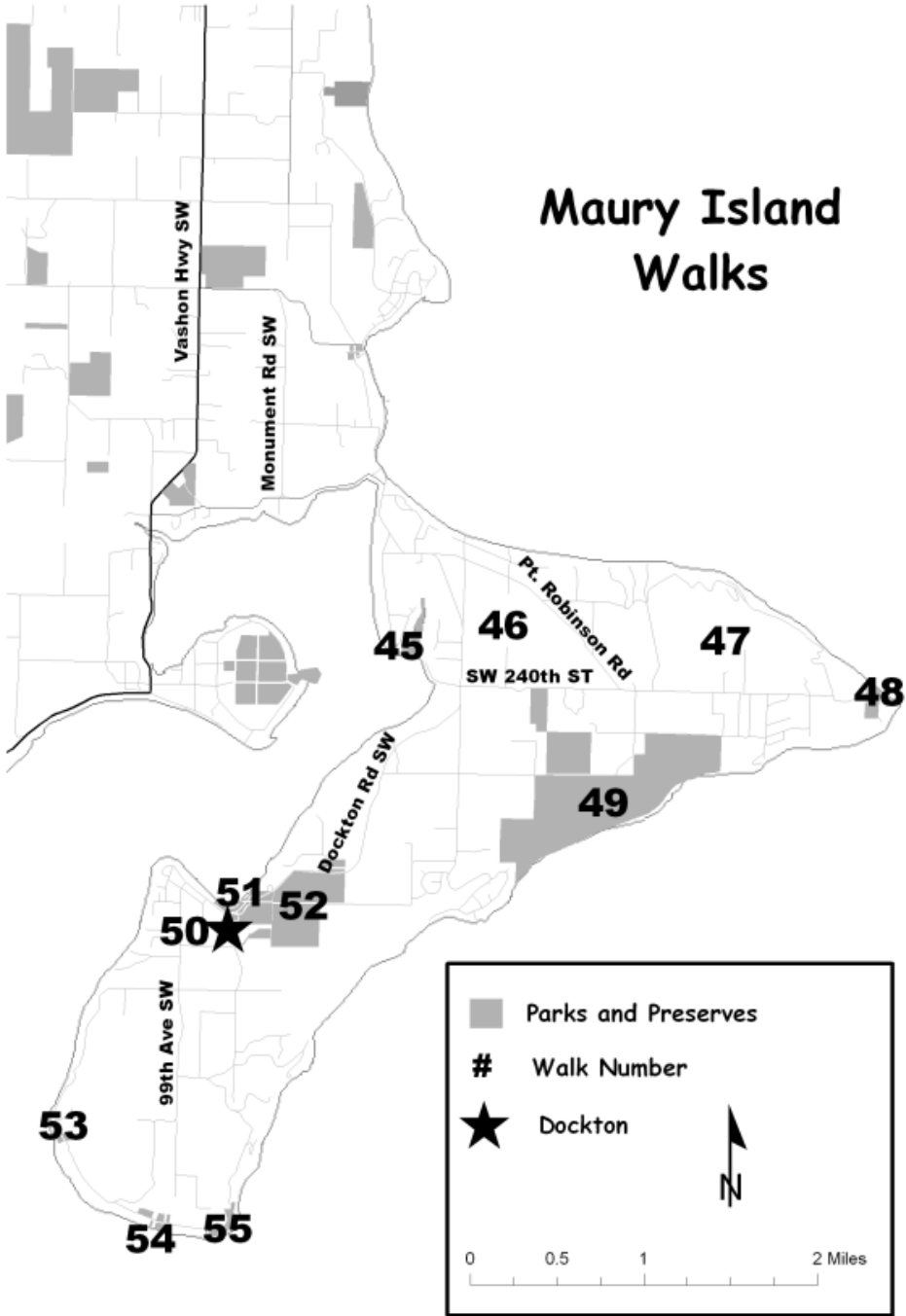


North End Walks





Maury Island Walks



Wingehaven Park

LEVEL: Moderate

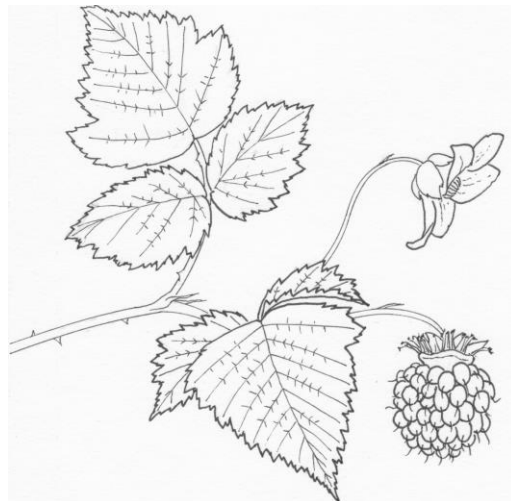
DISTANCE: 0.75 mile to beach, 1.2 miles one way to northend ferry terminal

TERRAIN: Steep old road, stroller friendly if the first pullout is used.

AMENITIES: Portable toilet at beach.

WHAT KIDS WILL LIKE: Beach, otters, pond, marine birds, salmonberries, creek, grassy picnic area.

HOW TO GET THERE: From the four-way stop in Vashon town go north on Vashon Hwy for 3.9 miles. Shortly after passing Vashon Island Realty office on your right, look for a sharp right onto Cunliffe Rd SW. Take this sharp right. In about 0.1 mile, shortly after passing a steep ravine and entering forest, you will see a pullout on your left right near the first driveway off of Cunliffe Rd. This is one parking area for the park and the driveway is the trail to the park beach. This entrance has no steep stairs so is better for stroller access. If you go further and wind left around the next bend you will see another, larger pullout on the left side of the road. This pullout has a long series of stairs leading down to the trail.



DESCRIPTION: This is a 17.7 acre beachfront preserve owned and managed by Vashon Park District. From your car at the first pullout proceed down the driveway. You will pass a house on the left. If you take the stairs down, you will join the trail after it has passed the house. Follow the steep winding

road to the beach. Just before the beach you will see a man-made pond left of the road. It is a remnant of the Italian-style estate that was here at one time. You will find other clues to the former inhabitants as you continue your walk including exotic trees and shrubs, a decorated seawall, and flat areas where a tennis court and other structures used to be.

After passing the pond, the trail opens up into a grassy area and leads to the seawall where there are steps to the beach. If you are up for a beach walk, you can make a long loop by going north along the beach 1.2 miles to the north-end ferry dock (walk #1) and then up the road to your car (0.7 miles).

NATURALIST NOTES: Salmonberry bushes along the road and surrounding the pond provide good snacks for humans and birds starting in June and the salmonberry flowers are popular with hummingbirds starting in April. You will also hear songbirds in the alder thickets all along the road. The north end ferry dock is considered a birding hotspot and the beach at Wingehaven gets many of the same birds. Look for Common loons, grebes, scoters, mergansers, bufflehead, and bald eagles. Sometimes you may also see a fussy little kingfisher flitting along the beach and perching on the alders, very indignant about sharing the beach with you. If you smell something especially stinky as you climb down the seawall to the beach, it is probably otter poop. See if you can find the otter.