

TAKING THE SEATTLE FERRY TO BAINBRIDGE ISLAND AS A WALK-ON PASSENGER USING AN ORCA CARD

PURPOSE

To show people how to ride the ferry from Seattle to Bainbridge Island as walk-on passengers using an ORCA card. In the case that people are unable to secure an ORCA card, then I will briefly tell them how to obtain a ticket.

AUDIENCE

People who want to ride the Seattle/Bainbridge Island ferries as walk-ons and using an ORCA card.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

- ORCA card.
- Debit/Credit/Cash to transfer funds to ORCA card.
- Electronic device with internet access to create an account.



CURRENT FARE RATES

SEATTLE TO BAINBRIDGE ISLAND PASSENGER FARE RATES	
Adult (age 19-64)	\$10.25
Senior (age 65 and over)	\$5.10
<u>Disability</u> (Regional Reduced Fare Permit)	\$5.10
Youth (age 18 and under)	No charge

RECOMMENDATIONS

Download the following mobile applications to make your trip easier:

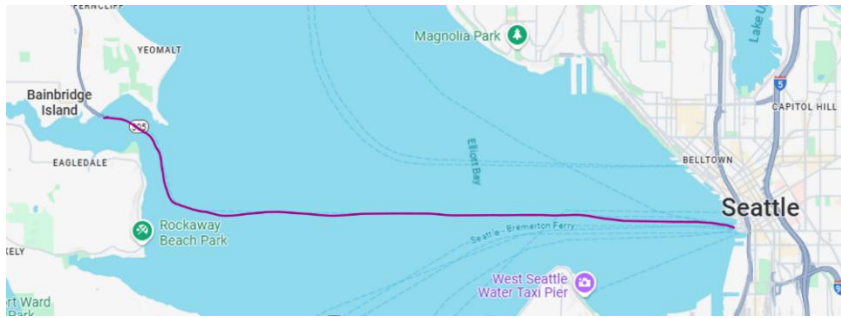
WSDOT: get access to all ferry schedules, alerts, and real-time data on ferry locations.



ORCA: track your ORCA card balance in real-time, add money to your card instantly, and set up autoload when balance is low.

RIDING THE FERRY

It takes the Seattle/Bainbridge ferries 35 minutes to cross the Puget Sound.



Weather, maintenance issues, or short staffing may affect travel ferry times. It is advised to check the WSDOT app for any alerts.

STEP 1

Buy an ORCA card. This card pays for fares and transfers from buses, trains, and ferries.

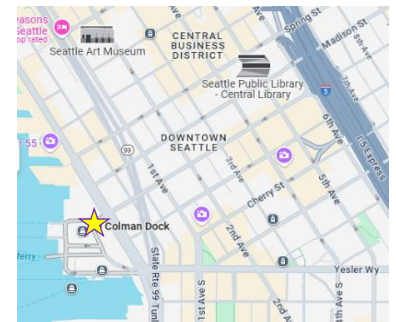
1. Create an account at myorca.com
2. Purchase an ORCA card:
 - Store
 - Vending machine
 - Customer service location [here](#)
 - Call: 888.988.6722 (Monday-Friday 8am-5pm)
 - Order by mail, more details [here](#)
3. Add money to your account via myorca.com or the phone app



STEP 2

Go to the Seattle Ferry Terminal, also known as Coleman Dock on Pier 52.

Address: 801 Alaskan Way, Seattle, WA 98104



STEP 3

Walk into the Seattle Ferry Terminal.



STEP 4

Go up the stairs to the second platform.

Two elevators are also located in the middle of the ground floor platform.



STEP 5

On the second platform, walk straight ahead and enter the building.

Note: If you do not have an ORCA card or find that you forgot it, a ticket booth will be located towards your right. You can purchase a ferry ticket here.

If nobody is available at the booth, go around to the side to find self-serve kiosks.

STEP 6

Upon entering the building, the Seattle to Bainbridge Island ferry waiting area will be on the right side.

STEP 7

To board the ferry, you must go through terminal turnstiles.

If using a ticket you purchased from an attendant or kiosk, you will scan the ticket through the scanner on the bottom (red square).

If using an ORCA card, you will tap your card above the scanner where it says "ORCA."

You must wait until the screen turns green to proceed through the turnstile.



STEP 8

You can now walk onto the ferry.

When you board as a ferry passenger, you enter the middle deck. However, you can also go to the top deck or bottom deck where vehicles are loaded.



The middle deck usually has food service provided in the galley.

Below are the general hours:

Vessel #1:

4:45 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
7:45 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

Vessel #2:

5:20 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday
7:45 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday
8:55 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday



CONCLUSION



You are now ready to enjoy the beautiful views that the Puget Sound has to offer.

If you plan on returning to Seattle as a ferry passenger, you do not need to pay. You can board the ferry through the Bainbridge Island ferry terminal shown in the photo below.



RESOURCES

Seattle Ferry Dock photo: <https://darcawards.com/portfolio/seattle-ferry-terminal-usa/>

WA State Ferries Turnstile and galley photo: <https://www.facebook.com/wsferries>

WSDOT Ferry Dining Hours: <https://wsdot.wa.gov/travel/washington-state-ferries/rider-information/rider-updates>

WSDOT Bainbridge Island photo: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/wsdot/albums/72177720300011773/>

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