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## Dear Triathlete,

Welcome to the Whidbey Island Triathlon! We look forward to having you as a participant in our 18<sup>th</sup> annual race on August 16, 2014. Below are updates and reminders about this year's event, Rules and Regulations, and a checklist. **We encourage early check-in to avoid any last minute problems or unnecessary stress.** Come out Friday, make a weekend of it! We are looking forward to a terrific event this year, see you there!

## Getting to Whidbey Island via Ferry

Check the schedules and fares at [www.wsdot.wa.gov](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov). The ferries are crowded in the summer, resulting in long lines. Plan ahead and get to the ferry dock really early before your targeted ferry. You can also drive onto the island from the north end by way of the Deception Pass Bridge.

**Clinton Ferry from Mukilteo:** In order to check-in at Community Park then travel to the Lake by 9:30 am, the very **LAST** boat you can catch from Mukilteo is 8:00 am. This ferry will fill up early and leave cars behind. Reservations are not available for the Mukilteo/Clinton ferry

**Coupeville Ferry from Port Townsend:** You can and **must** make reservations for the Port Townsend/Coupeville ferry well in advance and catch the first boat to make it on time.

## Directions to Community Park

Address: 5495 Maxwellton Road, Langley WA 98260.

Directions: From Hwy 525, turn north on Maxwellton Road. Drive about .5 mi. Community Park is on your right, shortly after the High School. On Race Day, all parking will be at the South Whidbey High School, 5675 Maxwellton Road, Langley, which is just south and next to Community Park.

## Directions to Goss Lake

Address: 5235 Lakeside Drive, Langley WA 98260.

Directions: From Hwy 525, turn north on Bayview Road. Drive 1.8 miles. Turn left on Andreason Rd. Drive .6 mile. Turn right onto Lone Lake Rd. Drive .6 mi. Turn left onto Goss Lake Rd. Drive .5 mi. Turn left onto Traverse Rd. Drive 1 block. Turn right onto E. Lakeside Dr. Drive .2 mi. Goss Lake is on the left.

## Packet Pick-Up

Packet pick-up times: Friday, 3:00 – 6:00pm and Saturday (Race Day), 7:00 – 9:15am, at *Community Park*. On Race Day, all parking will be at South Whidbey High School, 5675 Maxwellton Road, Langley, which is just south of, and right next to, Community Park. You will walk a very short distance into the park to the only 2-story building in the Park, upstairs in the "Crow's Nest".

**CAMPING** Camping is available at the Island County Fairgrounds located at 819 Camano Ave. Langley, just 1.75 miles from Community Park and .5 mile from downtown Langley. You may camp on Friday and/or Saturday. Fees: Power (\$15/night) or without Power (\$10/night). There are no fire pits or BBQs, so bring your own if desired. Purchase camping when registering for the tri.

## WHAT'S IN THE RACE PACKET

**CHIP TIMING BAND** Racers must wear the chip-timing band on their left ankle. Racers must also cross all necessary timing pads at the lake, transition areas and finish line. Relay teams will be issued one band and will be required to pass it off in the transition areas. Chip timing bands must be turned in at the completion of the race. Racers will be charged a \$30 fee for unreturned bands.

**BIB NUMBER** Place your bib number on the front of your clothing that will be worn during the run portion. Your bib number must be visible on the front when you come across the finish line. This number should be written on all personal items that will be used. Your body will be marked at the lake.

**BIKE NUMBER** Place the self-adhesive bike number on the bike's crossbar prior to checking it in at the lake.

**TRANSITION BAG** Participants will receive a bag with their race number on it. All participants are responsible for placing their personal items into their bag prior to leaving Transition Area 1. These numbered bags will be transported back to Community Park toward the end of the race. **DO NOT** count on having its contents available during your bike-to-run transition! It is the entrant's responsibility to retrieve their bag from their designated area at Transition Area 2 after the race. It is important that all personal items be marked with your race number. We are not responsible for lost or stolen items.

**SWIM CAP** Swim caps will be provided and must be worn during the swim. Your cap color designates your start wave, but listen closely to verify that you are in the correct wave.

## PARKING & GETTING TO THE START LINE

**There is no parking at the lake!** This is a point-to-point race, and the course has two transition areas, T1 (swim to bike transition) at Goss Lake, and T2 (bike to run transition) at Community Park. These transition areas are 7 miles apart.

### TRANSPORT OPTION #1 (Ride your bike to the lake)

This is a nice warm-up! Park at South Whidbey High School, next to Community Park. Put your swim/bike gear in a backpack and ride your bike through Langley to Goss Lake. Maps of this route will be available at Community Park, and local athletes will provide guided rides to the lake (scheduled for 8:15AM and 8:45AM).

### TRANSPORT OPTION #2 (Ride a shuttle to the lake)

Park at South Whidbey High School, next to Community Park. Shuttle bus runs will transport people from Community Park to the lake. The buses will depart from approximately 7:30 until 9:15am. **NO BIKES WILL BE PERMITTED ON THE BUS.** We may be able to transport a few bicycles in a box van, details soon.

### TRANSPORT OPTION #3 (Park at nearby parking lot and ride/walk to lake)

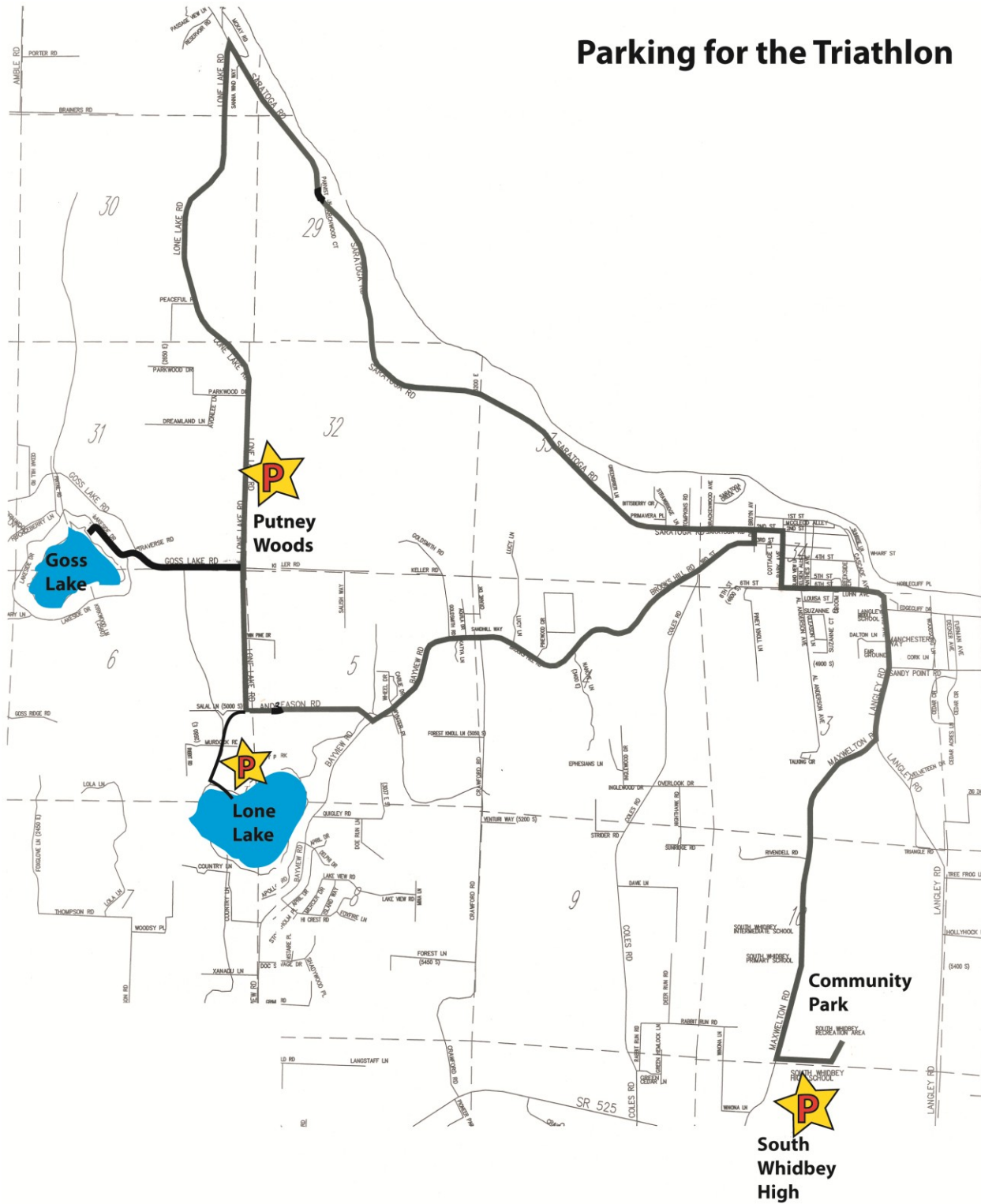
Park at nearby Putney Woods (Lone Lake is also a parking option, just slightly further from Goss Lake). Park there, then can ride your bike/walk 1.2 mi to Goss Lake. If you use this option you will need to ride your bike or catch a shuttle after the race back to your vehicle in the Putney Woods parking area.

**TRANSPORT OPTION #4** The last and least desirable option from our end, is to have someone drop you off near the lake early in the morning, before 8:15am. You would need to safely and efficiently exit your vehicle with all your gear in 20 seconds or less, obeying all traffic laws and not holding up traffic, near the intersection of Goss Lake Road and Traverse, then the car must leave and go park elsewhere (see next page).

## Volunteers Needed

We depend upon 100+ volunteers to make this a successful race. If you are bringing guests to watch this event, consider asking them to volunteer. We provide a cool event gift, training, and lots of good company. Volunteers get the best spots to watch the race from!!! Email [programs@whidbey.com](mailto:programs@whidbey.com). It's a great way to get involved and have a fun and rewarding day!

# Parking for the Triathlon



SR 525

## THE RACE COURSE

**SWIM ½ Mile** – The first leg of the Whidbey Island Triathlon is at Goss Lake on South Whidbey. In the month of August, the water temperature is normally in the low 70's. Swimmers will be started from the water in four waves spaced four minutes apart. The swimming course will take the participant on a triangular, clock-wise course. Wetsuits are allowed. Swimmers will exit next to where they started. The transition zone for the bicycle will be several yards from the water's edge and competitors will be running on dirt and Astroturf. You will have a numbered spot for your bike and transition gear.

**BIKE 19.5 Miles** – Leaving Goss Lake, the bicyclists will have paved roads throughout the course. The bike course is lined with trees and views of Saratoga Passage and the North Cascades. Riders will enter Langley and head back toward Goss Lake for the second loop of the bike course. Riders will enter Community Park at South Whidbey High School's north driveway. The bike/run transition zone is located on the baseball outfields at Community Park. You will have a numbered fence section for your bike and transition gear. Please note that the bike course is open to 2-way vehicle traffic. Again, this is an open course. Rules of the road must be followed, and although there are flaggers at some of the corners and intersections, you are always responsible for ensuring that it is safe and legal for you to turn or cross an intersection.

**RUN 3.8 Miles** – Runners begin with a trail run before hitting pavement, heading north on Langley Rd., and then south on Maxwellton Rd. to the park entrance. The finish line is located on the interior of the park and is well marked. Parts of this route are on roads, which are not closed to vehicle traffic.

## TRANSITION AREAS

The course is a point-to point race and has two transition areas: "T1" (swim to bike) at Goss Lake, and "T2" (bike to run) at Community Park.

**T-1** All bicycles must be in the transition zone before 9:30am. When you get to Goss Lake, find the rack with your race number on it, and rack your bike by the seat. Stow your bike gear, including your shoes and helmet, in your numbered bag, and give this bag to the handlers in the transition area. These volunteers will show you where your bag will be when you exit the swim. After you exit the swim during the race, pick up your gear bag, change, and get ready to bike. Make sure you put all your swim gear into that SAME bag. Hand it off to the volunteers on the way to your bike. We will deliver the bag with your gear in it to your assigned spot in T2 (adjacent to the finish line) **at the end of** the race. Don't count on having its contents available for your bike-to-run transition.

**T-2** Before the race, be sure to leave your running shoes at your designated space in T2 if you will be running in different shoes than you bike in. During the race, as you approach T2, you will be told to dismount and walk your bike into the transition area. Leave your bike at your designated space before beginning the run. Be careful to not slip on the pavement as you dismount and walk your bike into T2.

## SPECTATOR ETIQUETTE

Please notify your support team that there are many spots to cheer you on from, but limitations on parking. There is no parking at Goss Lake or Community Park, but you can easily park next door at the High School. See above for alternate options. For safety: please tell your supporters to NOT follow you on the bike route, and avoid driving Goss Lake, Lone Lake and Saratoga roads during the race. The roads will be totally congested, and every car just adds to the problem. We recommend that your team cheer you on from Community Park, where they will be able to see you transition from bike to run, and then as you come across the finish line.



Detailed & interactive maps of the course are available online at [www.whidbeytriathlon.com](http://www.whidbeytriathlon.com).



## RACE RULES & INFORMATION

**RACE CATEGORIES** Relay Team, Orca (men 200+ lbs & women 150+ lbs), Male & Female, Age Groups.

**AGE REQUIREMENT** Participants must be 16 years of age or older on race day, or have permission 3 weeks in advance from the Race Director to participate.

**MANDATORY MEETING** You must attend the mandatory meeting at Goss Lake at 9:30am on race day.

**IN-WATER WAVE START** The first wave start will be at 10:00 am sharp. There will be four wave starts spaced four minutes apart. Wave placement is determined by category, age & gender. You will have a brief opportunity to warm up in the water.

**CHIP TIMING BANDS** Racers must wear the bands on one of their ankles at all times during the race, with the exception of relay teams. Teams will be issued one chip timing band and will pass it off in the transition areas. Racers must cross all necessary timing pads at the lake, transition areas and finish line.

**SWIM AIDS** No swimming aids are allowed. Goggles are permitted. Swimmers must wear the swim cap provided.

**WETSUITS** Wetsuits are permitted and optional. Expected water temperature is in the low 70's. You can rent a triathlon-specific wetsuit for your open-water swim without emptying your pocketbook.

**SWIM COURSE** The swim leg is a triangular, clockwise course marked with orange inflated buoys. Swimmers must stay *outside* these buoys.

**BIKES** No fixed gear bikes are permitted. Single speed bikes are allowed if they are freewheeled. Recumbent bikes are not permitted.

**DRAFTING & BLOCKING** No drafting or blocking will be allowed.

**RULES OF THE ROAD** Roads will be open to 2-way traffic. Cyclists must yield right-of-way at all intersections. Cyclists **MUST** ride on side of road; cyclists crossing the centerline will be disqualified. Stop at stop signs. Although there are flaggers at some of the corners and intersections, you are always responsible for ensuring that it is safe and legal for you to turn or cross an intersection.

**Participants are responsible for knowing the course and following the rules of the road.**

**APPROACHING TRANSITION AREA** Cyclists must dismount in the marked dismount area and proceed by foot into the transition area. Careful not to slip!

**WATER AVAILABILITY** There is water at the Start, Finish, and 2 stations on the run course; there is no water on the bike course, and limited water at the Start. Make sure to carry enough water on your bike to get you through.

**BODY MARKING** Body numbers will be done by volunteers at the lake and at possibly at Packet Pick-Up.

**RACE BIBS** Pin your bib number on the front of your garment/race belt you will be wearing during the run. The bib must be clearly visible as you cross the finish line. Your biking number should be placed over the crossbar of your bike.

**HELMETS** Cyclists must wear helmets that meet ANSI-SNELL standards.

**TRANSITION AREAS** The transition areas have very limited space. Only competitors and event staff are allowed in transition areas - no exceptions!

**END OF RACE** Runners must not pass other racers in the final chute after crossing the finish line. The race course will be officially closed at 2 pm. Those completing the race after that time do so at their own risk and are considered disqualified after 2 pm. A follow-up vehicle will sweep the bike route, and a person will sweep the run route.

**FIRST AID** First Aid stations will be located at both the Start and Finish lines. There will be an ambulance on the course. Ham radio operators will be placed along the route, wearing volunteer shirts. Let them know if there is need of assistance.

**AWARDS** You must be present to receive awards. Awards will not be mailed. Awards will be presented at around 1:00 p.m. at Community Park, near the finish line. Awards are presented to the top three male and female finishers. We also award medals three deep in each division, except relays which only has first place medals.

**RACE RESULTS** Race results will be posted after the race at [www.buduracing.com](http://www.buduracing.com).

**RAFFLE PRIZES** There will be a random drawing (by bib number) at the awards ceremony for awesome door prizes. You must be present to win raffle prizes.

**POINT-TO-POINT RACE** Just a reminder: while check-in and packet pick-up is at Community Park, the race begins at Goss Lake, which is about 7 miles from Community Park. The Start and the Swim-to-Bike transition (T1) is at Goss Lake. The Bike-to-Run transition (T2) and Finish are both at Community Park.

**VOLUNTEERS** We depend upon volunteers to make this a safe and successful race. If you are bringing guests to the Island to watch this event, consider asking them to volunteer. We provide an event gift, snacks at the finish line, and lots of good company. Volunteers get the best spots to watch the race from!!! Please call or email our office in advance of the race to make arrangements, [programs@whidbey.com](mailto:programs@whidbey.com) or (360) 221-6788. It is a great way to get involved and have a fun and rewarding day! Plus, many of our volunteers have been inspired by the whole thing, going on to participate in the tri themselves!

**CAMPING NOW AVAILABLE!** Camping is now available at the Island County Fairgrounds located at 819 Camano Ave. Langley, 1.75 miles from Community Park and ½ mile from downtown Langley. You may camp on Friday before the race and/or Saturday after the race. You may camp with RV/Camper/Power (\$15/night) or Tent/No Power (\$10/night). There are no fire/BBQs, so bring your own BBQ or fire pit if desired. Reserve a spot now!

**SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK** Over the years our swimmer support “flotilla” has provided assistance to many swimmers, so please ask any of them for help as soon as you need it.

**SPECTATOR ETIQUETTE & YOUR SUPPORT TEAM** Please make sure your family and friends know how to be a respectful spectator. The main thing they need to do is stay off the roads we’ll be cycling on, keep out of transition areas, and keep on the “right” side of any flagged off areas. Under no circumstances should they follow you along the road! The best place for them to watch and cheer is at Community Park, where they can watch your bike-to-run transition and see you cross the finish line.

**WHAT SHOULD I HAVE AT TRANSITION AREA 1?** Your bike and transition bag. Place into your transition bag: helmet, biking shoes, Whatever you want to change into after the swim, water, and whatever you’ll want to have for the bike ride.

**WHAT SHOULD I HAVE AT TRANSITION AREA 2?** Your running shoes (unless you’re biking in them too) and whatever you’ll want to run with. You may also want to leave some kind of energy gel or chew, and extra water.

## RELAY TEAMS

You will receive one race packet for the entire team, containing one timing chip band to be handed off from team member to team member in the transition areas. These bands go around your left ankle, and must be in place as you cross all timing mats. It is not necessary that the runner of a relay team be at the pre-race meeting at Goss Lake, as it is hard to make it back to Community Park.

T-1NOTES: the cyclist will wait for their swimmer by the restroom, where they transfer their timing chip to the cyclist.

T-2 NOTES: the cyclist will come all the way in to the transition area to the designated exchange spot to hand off the timing chip. Do not try to exchange them at the entrance to T-2.

YOUR COMBINED AGE: Timing results for relays are calculated as follows: 3 person relays are placed in a category of their total combined ages; 2 person relays are the total of the person doing each leg. So if you have a 50 year-old (swimming and cycling) and a 25 year-old (running) forming a team, your combined age would be 125.

## BICYCLE CHECKLIST

This is our recommendation for a bicycle check to be done for the Whidbey Island Triathlon. Bicycles must be freewheeled; i.e. no fixed gear bicycles allowed. This list is meant only as a guideline. We highly recommend that a professional check your bike before the race.

<b>BRAKES</b>	Front and rear working well. Also check levers to handlebar tightness.
<b>PEDALS/CRANK</b>	Check for tightness.
<b>HANDLEBARS</b>	Check for tightness and verify the ends of bars are covered.
<b>HEADSET</b>	Check for tightness.
<b>SADDLE (SEATPOST)</b>	Check for saddle and seat post tightness.
<b>WHEELS</b>	Check spokes and hub tightness.
<b>CABLES</b>	Check for frayed cables: brake and shifter/derailleur cables.
<b>TIRES</b>	Should be in good shape (no bald tires) and at proper pressure. (If using sew-ups, make sure they are glued on well.)



## THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS



### A TYPICAL TRIATHLON EXPERIENCE

New to our triathlon? Read on to visualize a typical Whidbey Island Triathlon Experience... It takes you step by step through the process, with lots of details and hints so you can plan a fun and rewarding day for yourself.

## A TYPICAL TRIATHLON EXPERIENCE

### *Park at South Whidbey High School*

Location: 5675 Maxwellton Rd Langley, WA 98260

Notes: It's right next door to the park. There's no charge for parking.

### *Walk next door to Community Park*

Location: 5495 Maxwellton Road Langley, WA 98260

Notes: It's very close!

### *Pick up your race packet (Friday or Saturday)*

Location: Upstairs in the "Crow's Nest", the only 2-story building at Community Park. The door is on the west side of the building.

Notes: Packet pick-up times are Friday, 2:00 – 6:00pm and Saturday, 7:00 – 9:15am. At packet pick-up, you will receive your running bib number, bike number, a plastic bag to be used as your "transition bag", a swim cap, a shirt, your timing chip, and maps. You'll also find out what wave you're in. Ask any questions there or down below at "information".

### *Set up your Bike-to-Run transition (T-2)*

Location: Field #1 at Community Park

Notes: Find your designated number at the fencing/bike racks. If you run in different shoes than you use biking, leave your running shoes at your designated spot at T-2. Leave some extra water or fuel for yourself there. Leave anything else that you don't need at the swim or bike ride. T-2 does not have security, so don't expect to leave anything valuable there over night.

### *Go to Goss Lake (Exception: the runner of a relay team stays at Community Park)*

Location: Goss Lake, 5235 Lakeside Drive, Langley, WA 98260

Notes: **There is no parking at Goss Lake**, so you have some options about getting there.

#### TRANSPORT OPTION #1 (Ride your bike to the lake)

This is a nice warm-up! Park at South Whidbey High School, next to Community Park. Put your swim/bike gear in a backpack and ride your bike through Langley to Goss Lake. Maps of this route will be available at Community Park, and local athletes will also provide guided rides to the lake (scheduled for 8:15AM and 8:45AM).

#### TRANSPORT OPTION #2 (Ride a shuttle to the lake)

Park at South Whidbey High School, next to Community Park. Shuttle bus runs will transport people from Community Park to Goss Lake. The buses will depart from approximately 7:15am until 9:15am. **NO BIKES WILL BE PERMITTED ON THE BUS.** We will be able to transport a few (30 tops) bicycles in a box van. Sign up at Packet Pick-up.

#### TRANSPORT OPTION #3 (Park at nearby parking lot and ride/walk to Goss Lake)

Park at nearby Putney Woods (Lone Lake is also a parking option). Park there, then can ride your bike/walk 1.2 mi to Goss Lake. If you use this option you will need to ride your bike or catch a shuttle after the race back to your vehicle in the Putney Woods parking area. Shuttles will be returning to Putney Woods, departing at 1PM and 2PM. There will be shuttles going from Goss Lake to Community Park at approximately 11am and 11:30am. We cannot guarantee that a relay person would make it from the lake to Community Park in time to meet their cyclist at T-2, or that a spectator could watch their athlete's start and finish.

TRANSPORT OPTION #4 The last and least desirable option from our end, is to have someone drop you off near the lake early in the morning, before 8:15am. You would need to safely and efficiently exit your vehicle with all your gear in 20 seconds or less, obeying all traffic laws and not holding up traffic, near the intersection of Goss Lake Road and Traverse, then the car must leave and go park elsewhere (see next page).

### *Set up your Swim-to-Bike transition (T-1)*

Location: At Goss Lake

Notes: First, rack your bike by the seat by your designated number. The road where you will mount your bike has a slight up-hill grade. If you pre-set your bike to its lowest gear before racking it, your first couple of pedal strokes will be much easier. Next, hand your transition bag (containing your helmet, biking shoes, whatever you need to change into after the swim) to the volunteers in the flagged off area – don't go in! You can watch the volunteer put it in place at your number, so that you have an idea of where it's at. You will pick it up and change right there after your swim.

### *Get Your Body & Swim Cap Marked*

Location: Along the T-1 area there will be several people marking bodies. Look for the folks with the big markers. Ask a volunteer at T-1 if you don't know where they are.

Notes: Volunteers will write your division on your arm and calves, so you will be able to tell who you're competing with as you go along.

### *Get geared up for the swim*

Location: Wherever you can find space near the lake. Please stay out of the T-1 enclosed area.

Notes: Put your timing chip on your left ankle. Put on your swim cap. Put on your wetsuit (optional) and/or goggles (optional).

### *Warm up for the swim*

Location: Waterfront.

Notes: Athletes often take time to warm up, in water, before the pre-race meeting.

### *Listen to the Pre-Race Meeting (9:30AM)*

Location: At the waterfront/start area.

Notes: PLEASE be respectful of everyone in the crowd and refrain from talking while this is going on. And remind any spectators to do the same.

### *Swim*

Location: Goss Lake waterfront, see map [http://www.swparks.org/WTriCourse\\_Swim.htm](http://www.swparks.org/WTriCourse_Swim.htm)

Notes: This is an in-water start. Enter the water and wait for the start signal. Your wave start is determined by your age & gender, and should be indicated by swim cap color. Listen closely and make sure you are in the correct group. There are 4 minutes between each wave start, and usually 4 waves total. The swimming course is a triangular, clock-wise course, with 2 large orange floats for sighting. Swimmers will exit next to where they started. The transition area is several yards from the water's edge. Be sure to cross the timing pad after you exit the water!

### *T-1 (Swim to Bike Transition)*

Location: Goss lake park & parking lot.

Notes: Find your transition bag and change by your bag (there are also potties near the bike corral). Put stuff that you won't need until after the race back in your bag. Hand it to a volunteer (they will put it in a truck and bring it over to the park, but not in time for the race). Go find your bike. Run or walk your bike completely out of the fenced transition area, across the timing mat and out of the parking lot to the road a few yards away. Be on the adjacent asphalt road before mounting your bike. This is where pre-setting your bike to its lowest gear will pay off! Be sure you have your helmet on with the chin strap fastened before riding away. Hit the road! Relay teams: the cyclist will wait for their swimmer by the restroom, where they transfer their timing chip to the cyclist.

### *Bike*

Location: See bike route map here: [http://www.swparks.org/WTriCourse\\_Bike.htm](http://www.swparks.org/WTriCourse_Bike.htm)

Notes: Leaving Goss Lake, you will have paved country roads throughout the course. Please note that the bike course is open to 2-way vehicle traffic. This is an open course. Rules of the road must be followed, and although there are flaggers at some of the corners and intersections, you are always

responsible for ensuring that it is safe and legal for you to turn or cross an intersection. You will enter Langley and head back toward Goss Lake for a second loop before continuing into Langley. Riders will enter Community Park at South Whidbey High School's north driveway. T-2 is located on the baseball outfields. You must dismount your bike and walk it across the timing pad and into T2, taking care not to slip!

### *T-2 (Bike to Run Transition)*

Location: Community Park baseball fields.

Notes: You will have a numbered fence section for your bike and transition gear. As you approach T2, you will be told to dismount and walk your bike into the transition area. Leave your bike at your designated space before beginning the run, being mindful of others' bikes. Relay teams: the cyclist will come all the way in to the transition area to their designated spot to hand off the timing chip. Do not try to exchange them at the entrance to T-2.

### *Run*

Location: See run route map here: [http://www.swparks.org/WTriCourse\\_Run.htm](http://www.swparks.org/WTriCourse_Run.htm) Keep in mind that the map here isn't entirely clear on the run through the woods. It will be well marked.

Notes: Runners begin with a trail run before hitting pavement (again, the course is open to vehicle traffic), heading north on Langley Rd., and then south on Maxwellton Rd. to the park entrance. The finish line is located on the interior of the park and is well marked. There are water stations on the soccer fields on Langley Road, and at the intersection of Langley and Maxwellton Roads.

### *Finish Line*

Location: Baseball fields at Community Park

Notes: Cross the line and cheer for your bad self!! Smile for the camera (be sure to check out the photos at [www.hovdephoto.com](http://www.hovdephoto.com) after the event). Course closes at 2PM.

### *Refresh Yourself*

Location: Baseball fields at Community Park, near the finish line.

Notes: There will be Nuun electrolyte enhanced drinks, lemonade, and water. There will be fresh fruit, chocolate chip oatmeal cookies, and bagels with cream cheese.

### *Awards Ceremony & Raffle (1:00PM start)*

Location: Baseball fields at Community Park, near the finish line.

Notes: Stick around, you may be surprised to find that you qualify for a medal, or you may win something in the raffle, like the wetsuit gift certificate from Wetsuitrental.com.

*Whew! Now go see Whidbey's sights.*

## I WHIDBEY

Visiting our fine Island? Whidbey Island is a unique area, known for its exceptional quality of life. There's lots to do and see around here. Read on to check out local sights, tastes and fun activities. Be sure to tell them the "Whidbey Island Triathlon" sent you!

## FUN STUFF TO DO WHILE YOU'RE HERE

Whidbey Island is a unique area, known for its exceptional quality of life.

**STAY** Lodging info is available on chamber of commerce sites for the cities of Langley, Clinton & Freeland. Camping is available at Whidbey Area Fairgrounds or South Whidbey State Park. The State Park features includes a saltwater shoreline, old-growth forest, tidelands for crabbing and clamming, campsites secluded by lush, forest undergrowth and views of the Olympic Mountains.

**HIKE** Goose Rock Trail in Deception Pass State Park to the summit, the island's highest point or on trails in three state parks on Whidbey, or at Putney Woods, the site of our tri parking. Take a stroll through Meerkerk Rhododendron Gardens.

**BIKE** the country roads and bike trails of Whidbey. Your support crew can rent bicycles at *Half Link Bikes* at 5603 BAYVIEW RD, LANGLEY WA, 98260.

**FISH** the freshwater lakes of the island, or try saltwater fishing, crabbing, or clam digging.

**PEOPLE WATCH** at a busy café in the heart of Langley, *Useless Bay Coffee Company*. They have great eats, coffee, and often music, plus an endless stream of people going by their lovely garden. Visit [www.uselessbaycoffee.com](http://www.uselessbaycoffee.com) or call 360-221-4515.

**KAYAK** rentals in Langley and Clinton offer opportunities to see sea lions and whales in Penn Cove and Possession Sound. Go to [visitlangley.com](http://visitlangley.com) for information.

**PICK** berries, herbs and flowers at Whidbey's Greenbank Loganberry Farm (Call 360-678-7700 for information), and Bell's Farm in Coupeville (Call 360-678-4808 for information.)

**TASTE** the local fruit of the vine. Visit *Bloom's Winery Tasting Room*, "Taste for Wine & Art. They're open Thursday - Monday, noon to 5. It includes art gallery space; tables and chairs for sitting and enjoying the food offered with a glass of wine; outdoor seating for good weather days; and live music every Sunday afternoon from 3-5 pm. Visit [bloomswinery.com](http://bloomswinery.com). Also, the run portion of the tri takes you right past *Whidbey Island Vineyard and Winery*, the oldest bonded winery on Whidbey Island. The tasting room is open 11 - 5. Visit [whidbeyislandwinery.com](http://whidbeyislandwinery.com).

**BEACH COMB** the 148 miles of shoreline of Whidbey Island. A local favorite beach is Double Bluff. Located just south of Freeland at the end of Double Bluff Road. it offers great beach access, off leash dog area, clamming, and is a renowned location for Skimboarding (visit [jackdboards.com](http://jackdboards.com) for info. A great place to take the kids for the afternoon, especially when the tide's low.

**CATCH A FLICK** at one of our local theaters. Visit The Clyde, a 1937 Movie House, at [www.theclyde.net](http://www.theclyde.net) or call 360-221-5525 for information. Or visit one of the last Drive-In theaters, The Blue Fox at [bluefoxdrivein.com](http://bluefoxdrivein.com) or call 360-675-5667 for information.

**VISIT LANGLEY** Not only is Langley known as an artists' mecca with galleries filled with local and regional talent, we're also known for our eclectic mix of jewelers, antiques, book stores, and boutique clothing stores where you'll find one-of-a-kind collections.

**SHAKESPEARE UNDER THE BIG TOP** Shakespeare's works are presented by the Island Shakespeare Festival for FREE under a big circus tent at Langley Middle School. Visit [www.islandshakespearefest.org](http://www.islandshakespearefest.org) for info. July 26 - September 7, 2014, Thursday - Sunday shows start at 4:30pm.

**CRUISE THE ISLAND** Rent a scooter from Whidbey Island Moped and tour the island at a slower (and quieter) pace. Visit [www.whidbeyislandmoped.com](http://www.whidbeyislandmoped.com)

**RUN WITH YOUR CHUMS** Come back next spring for our popular Chum Run 5K and run through beautiful Community Park trails. This event supports South Whidbey Parks & Rec and local youth running programs. Visit [swparks.org](http://swparks.org) in April for info.