

DOCKTON ROAD HERITAGE CORRIDOR

From Seattle:

- Take the Fauntleroy-Vashon Island ferry
- Upon disembarking, take Vashon Highway SW 5.5 miles
- Turn left as SW 204th Street, continue on SW Ellisport Road
- Continue onto Dockton Road SW

Corridor Length: 4.7 miles

Begins: Chautauqua Beach Road

Ends: 99th Avenue SW in Dockton, Maury Island

Highlights: Views over Puget Sound to the east and close-up views of Quartermaster Harbor

Nearby: Dockton Interpretive Trail. The half-mile trail, beginning at Dockton Park, includes ten interpretive signs that tell the story of Dockton.

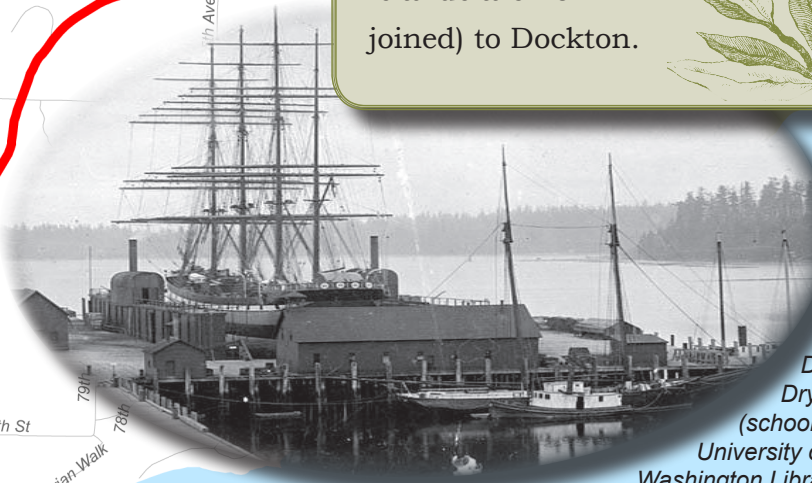


Men at post office. University of Washington Libraries, Special collections UW19407



C. F. Van Olinda general merchandise store at Portage, 1910. Used by permission of Vashon-Maury Island Heritage Association, 004-029

The largest floating dry dock on the West Coast was located in Dockton along Quartermaster Harbor from 1892-1910. Growth of the shipyard operations was a major factor in completing this route from Portage (where Vashon and Maury islands are now joined) to Dockton.



Dockton Dry Dock (schooner)
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Corridor ends

Corridor begins

DOCKTON ROAD MILE-BY-MILE TOUR

Please be respectful and courteous of private residences and property.

Mile 0.0 - 1.0

- Corridor begins with a vista of Tramp Harbor and views across Puget Sound. Ellispport, and remnants of historic Ellispport dock to the north.
- At mile 0.3 is the Tramp Harbor fishing dock, the third wharf in this location where autoferry to Vashon once operated.
- At mile 0.5 is the historic community of Portage, the isthmus between Vashon and Maury islands. Here stands the old Van Olinda store built in 1910.
- Post Office, built in 1900 (moved in 1910). Portage wharf built here in the late 1890s to ship produce to market, receive supplies, and transport passengers via steamer to the mainland. Now a pastoral crossroads, lush with beach and marsh vegetation.
- Historic residences stand at mile 0.6 and at 0.75; (Maggie Van Olinda residence, 1928).
- At mile 0.9 road curves south; the 1929 Gertrude Watts Residence stands east of road.
- Beyond Portage, road continues southeast. Views of Quartermaster Harbor to the west, town of Burton visible across the water. Cluster of beach bungalows date from 1910-30.

Mile 1.0 – 2.0

- Road turns away from water views to a flat plateau area with larger parcels and pastures.
- At mile 1.3 is a classic 1948 Shell Auto Service Station with canopy and service bays intact, still providing full range of services.
- Art Deco-styled 1943 KIRO broadcasting station, built during the war years to provide radio communications to isolated island communities.
- At mile 1.3, house and barn associated with Cyrus Mentzer, owner of an early sawmill located on nearby cove at Mileta on Quartermaster Harbor. At mile 1.4 is a 1930 brick farmhouse and barn, once the Carl Castle Cattle Ranch. The road turns south, passing flower and produce farms.



Mile 2.0 – 3.0

- Corridor continues past produce stands, a sheep farm, and larger residential parcels. Road bears southwest at mile 2.4, alongside Vashon Island Golf and Country Club.
- At mile 2.6 on the right is Mileta Farm, the former estate of Dr. Miles Hatch. Known for his large dairy operation that employed 75 men, he later started Mileta Ice Cream Co. in Tacoma. Note the 1900 English-styled barn, tennis court, and little brick clubhouse.
- Views of golf course continue until mile 2.8. Gravel lanes lead down wooded slopes to private waterfront homes on west and cleared pastures to east.

Mile 3.0 – 4.0

- At mile 3.0 is Sutter Castle, barely visible to the west. An elaborate, Queen Anne-styled residence built in 1889 by Henry Sutter, who successfully manufactured boat-building machinery and tools on the beach in front of his home.
- Corridor becomes deeply forested. Road rises and falls over hilly topography with steep slopes to west. Occasional midrange views of Quartermaster Harbor.

Mile 4.0 – 5.0

- At mile 4.0, Quartermaster Harbor opens to view as road continues west toward water. At mile 4.3 is Dockton Park, built by WPA. Facilities include beach, boat docks, playground, and picnic shelter.
- Continue west into town of Dockton. Dockton Historic Interpretive Trail guides visitors on short walking tour. Ten signs tell the story of traditional boat-building and fishing by local Croatian and Norwegian community. See “Piano Row” houses, the site of large dry-dock and shipyard, a traditional net shed, and the community store, now a King County Landmark.



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