Penrose Point State Park is a beautifully forested, 122-acre marine and camping park on the shores of Puget Sound. The park has nearly two miles of saltwater frontage on Mayo Cove and Carr Inlet. Wildlife, birds and forested terrain make this a popular park.

The park features second-generation stands of Douglas-fir and Western red cedar, along with red alder, Pacific madrone and big-leaf maple. Evergreen huckleberry, ferns and trillium grow in abundance. Observant visitors may be rewarded with sightings of deer, woodpeckers, seals, blue herons and bald eagles. Beach activities include swimming and shellfish harvesting during open seasons (check regulations). The 2.5 miles of wooded trails are popular for hiking and bicycling.

The day-use area is open year round. Campsites are reservable May 15 through Sept. 15. The campground is partially open on a first-come, first-served basis from Sept. 16 through May 14. Two of the three campground restrooms have token-operated showers. An RV dump station is located at the park entrance. A spacious day-use area at the beach has a large lawn, picnic tables, barbecue grills and a restroom.

Penrose Point also has a popular group camp that can be reserved year round. It has a central fire ring and barbecue grill, covered picnic shelter, picnic tables, water, garbage cans and a vault toilet.

Boats may be moored overnight at the dock, which has a pump-out facility, or at one of eight buoys. Near the dock is a picnic area with tables, barbecue grills, a fire ring and a vault toilet. A short trail leads up the hill to a visitor parking lot, the campground and restrooms.

This park was named for Dr. Stephen Penrose, who served as president of Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash., from 1889 to 1939. For more than 30 years, Penrose and his family spent their summers on what is now park property. Penrose was a firm believer in outdoor recreation for his children.

Joemma Beach State Park is a 122-acre marine and camping park with 3,000 feet of saltwater frontage on Case Inlet southwest of Key Peninsula. Aside from the natural beauty of the park and surroundings, the area is an excellent place for fishing, boating and crabbing.

Visitors may enjoy other recreational activities, including hiking, bird watching, swimming and shellfish gathering. The park features a thinned second-growth Douglas-fir canopy with Pacific madrone near the beach and an understory of salal, evergreen huckleberry and ocean spray. Visitors may see seals, deer, raccoons, fox, squirrels and several species of birds. The park includes 19 primitive campsites available on a first-come, first-served basis, some with views of the water. The park also has a full moorage dock and fishing pier, five moorage buoys, a boat launch, three primitive sites for hikers and bicyclists, two water-trail sites for human-powered boats, a reservable picnic shelter, a day-use area (open year round) with picnic tables and standing grills, five vault toilets and accessible drinking water.
Picnic area is a 109-acre day-use park with 5,600 feet of saltwater shoreline on Henderson Bay in Pierce County. The park provides scenic views of sunsets, the Olympic Mountains and Puget Sound.

Kopachuck State Park

The park is dominated by towering second-growth stands of Douglas-fir, with a lush understory of sword ferns and salal. Deer, bear, fox, raccoon, squirrel, harbor seals and many varieties of birds, including shorebirds, are at home in the area. Visitors may enjoy picnicking, swimming, fishing, hiking, scuba diving and clamming.

Nearby Cutts Island Marine State Park is a half mile from shore and reachable only by boat. There are mooring buoys near the island, but overnight camping and outdoor fires are prohibited. The campground at Kopachuck is closed permanently due to tree root disease. The park is open year round for day-use activities. There are covered picnic shelters, several picnic tables and braziers, and more than 2 miles of hiking trails to explore. A marine trail campsite is available near the beach for those who arrive by canoe or kayak. A public boat launch is available 3 miles from the park, near Arletta.