

# Anacortes Area Tsunami Evacuation Walk Times



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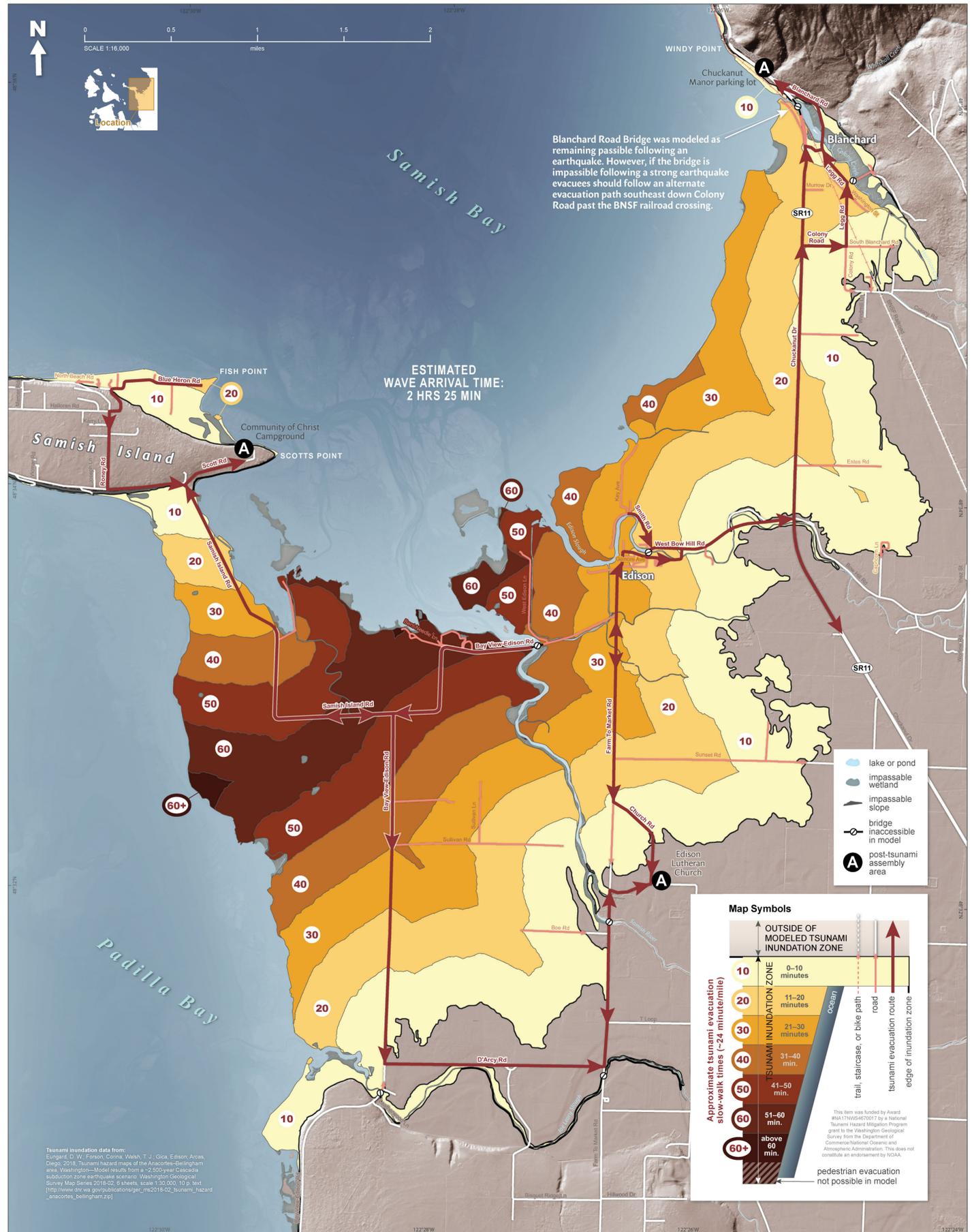
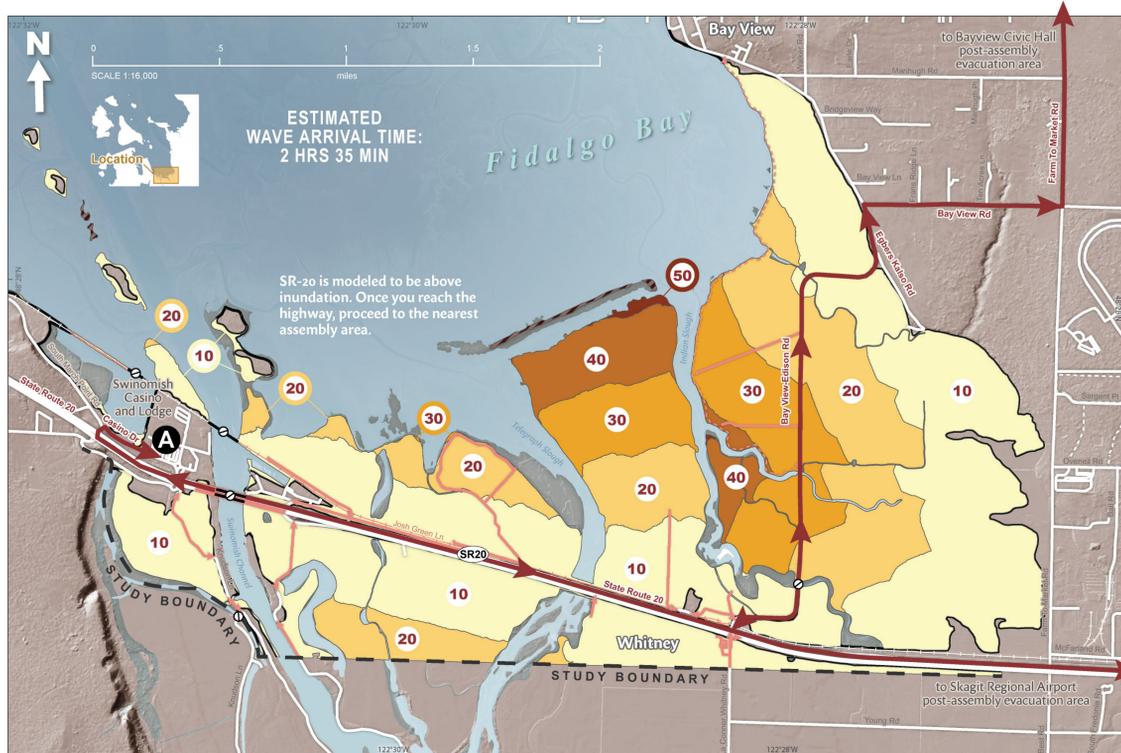
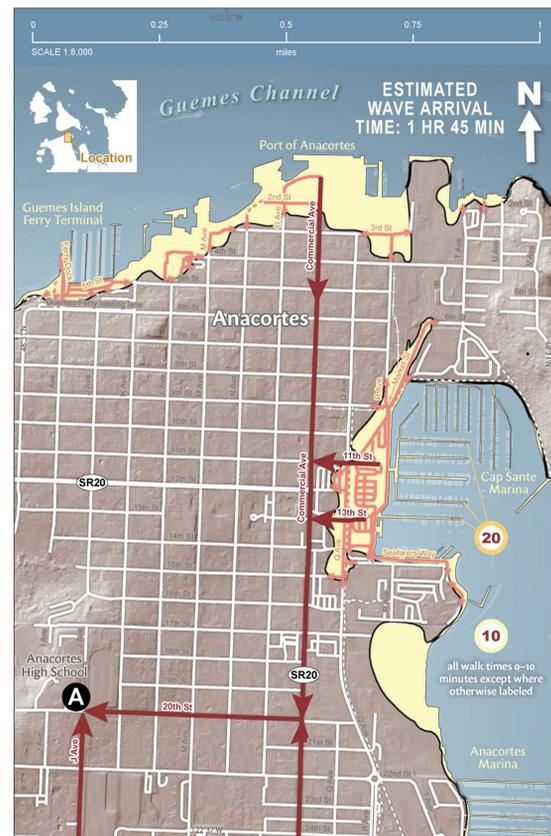
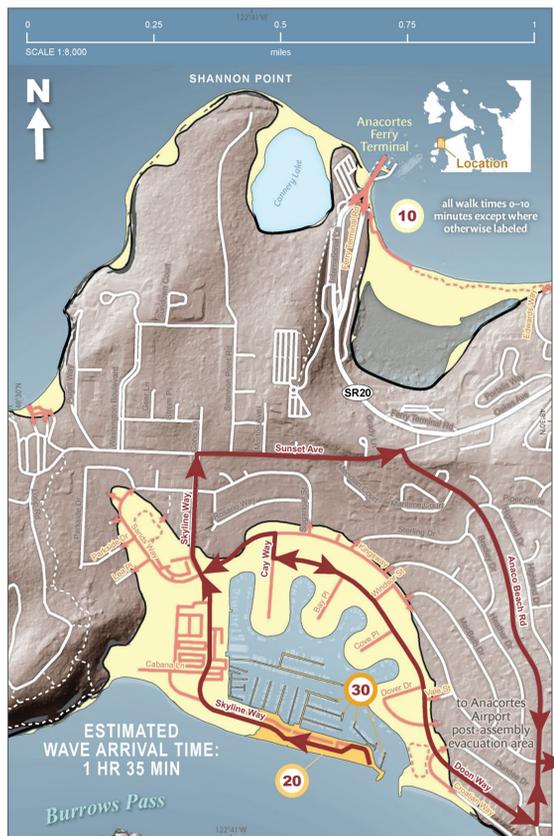
**IN CASE OF EARTHQUAKE, GO TO HIGH GROUND OR INLAND**



This map is a planning and preparation tool. Learn the evacuation routes for you and your family where you live, work, and play—evacuation maps may not be on hand during an actual emergency.

This evacuation walk time map for the Anacortes area provides an estimate of the amount of time it would take to evacuate from within the modeled inundation zone of a Cascadia-sourced subduction zone earthquake. This map provides the inundation extent for the L1 scenario, defined as the ~2,500-year event from which seismic and tsunami codes are locally derived. Time estimates on this map are modeled assuming a slow walking pace of 2.46 mph (~4 minute/mile), equivalent to the pace used for the timing of cross walks. Estimated wave arrival times shown on the map indicate the time between the beginning of the earthquake and modeled wave arrival at that location.

- Evacuation should begin as soon as earthquake shaking stops and it is safe to move from your drop, cover, and hold position or as directed by a tsunami warning siren, NOAA weather radio, or other official announcements.
- You should make your way uphill and follow the designated evacuation routes shown on this map. These routes were selected for pedestrian evacuation, but may be affected by post-earthquake hazards, such as collapsed bridges, landslides, and downed power lines. Use situational awareness when evacuating and be prepared to take alternate paths if necessary.
- Assembly areas are places of high ground for displaced people. These rally points are typically in open outdoor spaces or in large structures just beyond the tsunami inundation zones.
- Do not re-enter or cross back into the inundation zone until instructed to do so by local officials. Tsunamis are multi-wave events. The first wave may not be the highest, and danger of tsunami inundation may persist for many hours after the initial wave has subsided.



Blanchard Road Bridge was modeled as remaining possible following an earthquake. However, if the bridge is impassible following a strong earthquake evacuees should follow an alternate evacuation path southeast down Colony Road past the BNSF railroad crossing.

**Map Symbols**

OUTSIDE OF MODELED TSUNAMI INUNDATION ZONE	0-10 minutes
10	11-20 minutes
20	21-30 minutes
30	31-40 min.
40	41-50 min.
50	51-60 min.
60	above 60 min.
60+	pedestrian evacuation not possible in model

Approximate tsunami evacuation slow-walk times (~24 minute/mile)

Legend for symbols:  
 - lake or pond  
 - impassible wetland  
 - impassible slope  
 - bridge impassible in model  
 - post-tsunami assembly area (A)  
 - tsunami evacuation route  
 - edge of inundation zone  
 - trail, staircase, or bike path  
 - road

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