

Salt Spring Island Transit

RIDER'S GUIDE

Effective October 1, 2024



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Get Your Bus Pass

It's economical, convenient & green



- Save money on bus travel, gas and parking.
- Convenient, reliable and secure.
- A green initiative that reduces traffic congestion and air pollution.

Monthly Passes

Available to students (to Grade 12) and seniors at a discounted rate.

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Fares

subject to change

Cash

Adult/Student/Senior	\$ 2.25
Child, 12 and under	free

Please have exact cash fare ready.
Drivers do not carry change.

Tickets (10)

Adult/Student/Senior	20.00
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DayPASS

Adult/Student/Senior	4.50
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Monthly Pass

Adult	50.00
Student/Senior*	40.00

* Reduced fare with valid I.D. for persons 65 or over and students in full-time attendance to Grade 12.

Ticket and Pass Outlets

- Capital Regional District
SSI Administration, 108-121 McPhillips Ave
- Country Grocer, 374 Lower Ganges Rd
- Pharmasave, 104 Lower Ganges Rd
- Salt Spring Mercantile, 2915 Fulford-Ganges Rd
- Thrifty Foods, 114 Purvis Ln

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Welcome Aboard

Your local transit system runs seven days a week. Buses serve the Ganges area with service to Fulford Harbour, Vesuvius, Long Harbour, Fernwood and Walker's Hook.

Salt Spring Island Transit provides fixed-route service only, providing scheduled service to major destinations and residential areas.

About Your Transit System

Funding for your local transit system is cost-shared between the Capital Regional District (CRD) and BC Transit

Decisions on fares, routes and service levels are made by the CRD's Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission (LCC) based on public feedback and information provided by BC Transit. Buses are operated by Salt Spring Transit.

Operating costs are covered by a combination of farebox revenue, local taxation, and provincial funding.

Contact

Customer Information	250-537-6758
Lost and Found	250-537-6758
Email	info@saltspringtransit.ca
Web	bctransit.com

If you have comments about service in general or suggestions for improvements, contact:

Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission	
Phone	250-537-4448
Email	saltspring@crd.bc.ca

Holiday Service

There is no bus service on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. All other holidays have transit service on a Sunday schedule.

Subject to change. Check online at bctransit.com for special event service.

Pass Programs

Free Transit for Children 12 and Under

Children aged 6 to 12 ride conventional and handyDART buses for free, without requiring a fare product or identification.

Children aged 5 and under will need to be accompanied by an attendant 12 years or older to ride for free. Children must board and depart at the same stop as the attendant.

Tax Exemption

You do not pay tax when you purchase your transit fare. Transit fares are exempt from federal and provincial tax.

Government of BC Bus Pass Program

The BC Bus Pass Program is offered by the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction. The annual bus pass is valid for the eligible rider on any fixed-route transit service. The pass is non-transferable.

For information on criteria for eligibility, visit www.gov.bc.ca/buspassprogram or call 1-866-866-0800.

Safety

The Bus is a Safe Place

Transit drivers can contact local police, ambulance and other emergency services. Transit drivers are also trained to assist a child or adult in need. Tell the driver if you are concerned about your safety.

BC Transit's safety and security practices uphold the *British Columbia Transit Act* and the *B.C. Motor Vehicle Act*.

Be Safe and Be Seen

Sometimes it is difficult for transit drivers to see you at bus stops, especially along unlit roads. Wear light coloured clothing, wear a reflective strip, use a flashlight or use the light from your mobile phone to signal the driver that you are at the stop.

How to Ride

Bike Racks

Most bikes can be accommodated on BC Transit buses. If you are considering travelling by bike and transit, instructions are posted on the bike racks.

Before your bus arrives, make sure that saddlebags, antennas, helmets, child carriers or any other item that could interfere with the driver's vision are removed from the bike. Electric bikes are only allowed on the bike rack when they weigh less than 25kg (55 lbs.), their wheels fit properly in the bike rack, and the battery (lithium only)

is removed from the bike and brought on board the bus with the customer.

Bike racks on community buses can only be used during daylight hours. Bikes block the headlights at night. Visit *Rider Info* at bctransit.com for an instructional video.

Flagging the Bus

Some rural areas do not have physical bus stops. In these areas, customers "wave" a bus down on designated roads.

When you want to flag the bus, find a safe location along the route and wave at the bus. A safe location is one where visibility is good and where the bus can easily pull off the road, such as a driveway. The same guidelines apply getting off the bus. Ask the driver to find a safe place to stop, close to where you want to get off.

The driver may not be able to safely stop for you if the posted speed limit exceeds 60 km/hr.

Pets on Board

Only small fur-bearing and feathered pets contained in secure, clean, hand-held cages are permitted on the bus. Cages (hard or soft shell) must be small enough to fit on the owner's lap. Customers must hold on to their cages at all times. If there is room, the customers may place and hold the cage beside them on the floor. The cage should not block the aisle or restrict other customers.

Guide Dogs and Service Dogs

BC Transit welcomes guide and service dogs on our buses for persons with disabilities in accordance to the Guide Dog and Service Dog Act (GDSDA) and the BC Human Rights Code. *You will not be asked to provide GDSDA certification*; however, when coming on board with a guide dog or service dog, **the dog must be on leash or wearing a harness** and not occupy a seat. Emotional Support or Therapy dogs are not covered under the GDSDA, therefore, they are not permitted on BC Transit vehicles. Guide and/or service dogs are expected to be non-disruptive and non-aggressive while on board the vehicle..

1 Ganges Local

Monday to Friday				
(A)	(D)	(H)	(C)	(A)
Visitor Info Ctr. Ganges	Meadowbrook	Hospital/Crofton	Brinkworthy Place	Visitor Info Ctr. Ganges
8:07	8:10	8:13	8:17	8:24
10:07	10:10	10:13	10:17	10:24
12:03	12:06	12:09	12:13	12:20
2:07	2:10	2:13	2:17	2:24
4:03	4:06	4:09	4:13	4:20
Saturday				
8:30	8:33	8:36	8:40	8:47
10:07	10:10	10:13	10:17	10:24
12:02	12:05	12:08	12:12	12:19
12:45	12:48	12:51	12:55	1:02
4:12	4:15	4:18	4:22	4:29
Sunday				
8:43	8:46	8:49	8:53	9:00
10:04	10:07	10:10	10:14	10:21
12:15	12:18	12:21	12:25	12:32
2:12	2:15	2:18	2:22	2:29
4:02	4:05	4:08	4:12	4:19

For additional Ganges Local service see 6 SS Connector.

2 Fulford Harbour

To Fulford		To Ganges	
Monday to Friday			
(A)	(B)	(J)	(K)
Visitor Info Ctr. Ganges	Blackburn and Fulford Ganges	Burgoyne Bay Rd	Isabella Point Rd
5:42	5:48	5:55	6:00
7:12	7:18	7:25	7:30
9:07	9:13	9:20	9:25
11:07	11:13	11:20	11:25
1:07	1:13	1:20	1:25
3:07	3:13	3:20	3:25
5:07	5:13	5:20	5:25
7:07	7:13	7:20	7:25
9:07	9:13	9:20	9:25
Saturday			
7:15	7:21	7:28	7:33
9:10	9:16	9:23	9:28
11:10	11:16	11:23	11:28
1:10	1:16	1:23	1:28
3:10	3:16	3:23	3:28
5:10	5:16	5:23	5:28
7:10	7:16	7:23	7:28
9:10	9:16	9:23	9:28
Sunday			
9:10	9:16	9:23	9:28
11:10	11:16	11:23	11:28
1:10	1:16	1:23	1:28
3:10	3:16	3:23	3:28
5:10	5:16	5:23	5:28
7:10	7:16	7:23	7:28

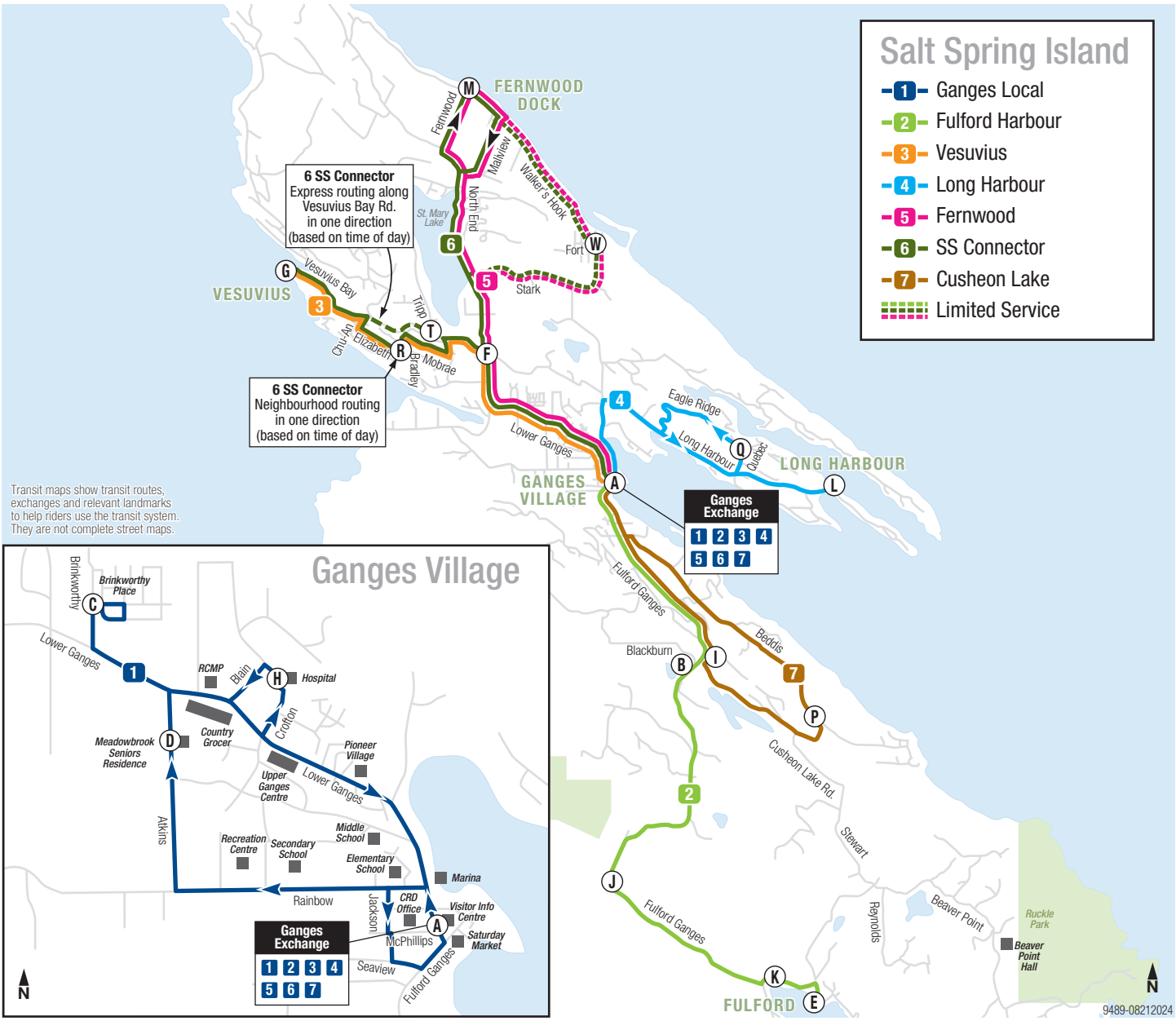
3 Vesuvius

To Vesuvius		To Ganges	
Monday to Friday			
(A)	(F)	(R)	(G)
Visitor Info Ctr. Ganges	North End and Vesuvius Bay Rd	Elizabeth and Bradley	Vesuvius Bay
7:47	7:53	7:57	8:03
9:06	9:12	9:16	9:22
10:14	10:20	10:24	10:30
11:32	11:38	11:42	11:48
2:27	2:33	2:37	2:43
3:39	3:45	3:49	3:55
4:54	5:00	5:04	5:10
6:13	6:19	6:23	6:29
Saturday			
7:47	7:53	7:57	8:03
10:18	10:24	10:28	10:34
11:30	11:36	11:40	11:46
1:02	1:08	1:12	1:18
2:27	2:33	2:37	2:43
Sunday			
9:00	9:06	9:10	9:16
11:31	11:37	11:41	11:47
2:29	2:35	2:39	2:45
3:40	3:46	3:50	3:56

For additional Vesuvius service see 6 SS Connector.

Did you know?

The times listed in each schedule are specific timing points shown on the maps. Along the route you will find other bus stops within a few minutes of the times listed. See "How to Ride" for information on flagging the bus.



4 Long Harbour

To Long Harbour		To Ganges	
Monday to Friday			
(A)	(L)	(L)	(Q)
Visitor Info Ctr. Ganges	Long Harbour	Long Harbour	Quebec and Eagle Ridge
11:00	11:10	11:15	11:18
1:11	1:21	1:31	1:34
3:10	3:20	3:23	3:26
Saturday			
5:55	6:05	6:05	6:08
8:03	8:13	8:15	8:18
11:28	11:38	11:40	11:43
1:53	2:03	2:10	2:13
2:40	2:50	2:52	2:55
Sunday			
6:50	7:00	7:00	7:03
10:22	10:32	10:34	10:37
2:20	2:30	2:30	2:33

5 Fernwood

To Fernwood		To Ganges	
Monday to Friday			
(A)	(F)	(W)	(M)
Visitor Info Ctr. Ganges	North End and Vesuvius Bay	Walker's Hook and Fort	Fernwood Dock
8:27	8:33	8:40	8:51
10:27	10:33	10:39	10:39
12:27	12:33	12:40	12:51
1:47	1:53	2:00	2:11
4:23	4:29	4:35	4:35
6:27	6:33	6:39	6:39
Saturday			
7:18	7:24	7:30	7:30
11:57	12:03	12:10	12:21
2:10	2:16	2:22	2:22
4:30	4:36	4:42	4:42
Sunday			
10:02	10:08	10:14	10:14
10:50	10:56	11:03	11:14
12:11	12:17	12:24	12:35
3:10	3:16	3:22	3:22
4:21	4:27	4:33	4:33

For additional Fernwood and Walker's Hook service see 6 SS Connector.

Ferry connections

There is no guaranteed connection between the bus and ferry.

BC Ferries cannot delay a departure to wait for a transit bus nor can your transit driver delay a departure if the ferry is delayed. For more information on ferry schedules, please contact BC Ferries.

6 SS Connector AM

Monday to Friday									
(A)	(F)	(W)	(M)	(T)	(G)	(G)	(R)	(A)	(A)
Visitor Info Ctr. Ganges	North End and Vesuvius Bay Rd	Walker's Hook and Fort	Fernwood Dock	Portlock Park	Vesuvius Bay Rd and Tripp	Vesuvius Bay	Vesuvius Bay	Elizabeth and Bradley	Portlock Park
6:28	6:34	—	6:40	6:49	6:51	6:55	6:57	7:01	7:05
8:28	8:34	—	8:40	8:49	8:51	8:55	8:57	9:01	9:05
Saturday									
6:20	6:26	6:33	6:44	6:53	6:55	6:59	7:01	7:05	7:09
8:41	8:47	8:54	9:05	9:14	9:16	9:20	9:22	9:26	9:30
Sunday									
7:15	7:21	7:28	7:39	7:48	7:50	7:54	7:54	7:58	8:02
8:09	8:15	8:22	8:33	8:42	8:44	8:48	8:50	8:54	8:58

6 SS Connector PM

Monday to Friday									
(A)	(R)	(G)	(G)	(F)	(M)	(W)	(A)	(A)	(A)
Visitor Info Ctr. Ganges	Portlock Park	Elizabeth and Bradley	Vesuvius Bay	North End and Vesuvius Bay Rd	Fernwood Dock	Walker's Hook and Fort	Portlock Park	Visitor Info Ctr. Ganges	Visitor Info Ctr. Ganges
8:04	8:10	8:14	8:20	8:22	8:28	8:34	8:47	8:54	9:01
10:08	10:14	10:18	10:24	10:26	10:32	10:38	—	—	10:53
Saturday									
4:59	5:05	5:09	5:15	5:17	5:23	5:29	5:42	5:49	5:56
8:04	8:10	8:14	8:20	8:22	8:28	8:34	8:47	8:54	9:01
10:08	10:14	10:18	10:24	10:26	10:32	10:38	—	—	10:53
Sunday									
6:05	6:11	6:15	6:21	6:23	6:29	6:35	6:48	6:55	7:02
8:04	8:10	8:14	8:20	8:22	8:28	8:34	8:47	8:54	9:01

* Drop off at Hospital and Brinkworthy available by request.

7 Cusheon Lake

Monday to Friday			
(A)	(P)	(I)	(A)
Visitor Info Ctr. Ganges	Beddis Lake at Cusheon Lake	Cusheon Lake and Fulford Ganges	Visitor Info Ctr. Ganges
9:50	10:01	10:05	10:11
12:50	1:01	1:05	1:11
4:25	4:36	4:40	4:46
Saturday			
11:02	11:13	11:17	11:23
12:49	1:00	1:04	1:10
5:56	6:07	6:11	6:17
Sunday			
9:42	9:53	9:57	10:03
12:38	12:49	12:53	12:59
2:46	2:57	3:01	3:07



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