

# Xws7amesh PLACENAMES



# SAMISH PLACENAMES

- 1 **A7ts'iqen**  
*'Deepwater Point'*  
Samish Island
- 2 **Qweng7qwengila7**  
*'Place of many dogs'*  
Guemes Island
- 3 **Q'elech'ilhch**  
*Ironwood Village*  
Anacortes
- 4 **Xwchsónges**  
*'Gateway to the mountains'*  
Deception Pass
- 5 **Séyenglhnelh**  
*'Blood across neck island'*  
Cypress Island
- 6 **Xemxemílhch**  
*'Place of horsetail plants'*  
Blakely Island
- 7 **Sxeméne7**  
*'Place of ratfish'*  
Decatur Island
- 8 **Sxwálech**  
*'Bottom of reef netting'*  
Lopez Island
- 9 **Lháqemesh**  
*'To appear – Samish origin story'*  
San Juan Island
- 10 **Sxwálex**  
*'Scattered reef netting'*  
Orcas Island
- 11 **Ch'xení**  
*'Place of seaweed'*  
Waldren Island
- 12 **Penáxweng**  
*'Place of harvesting camas'*  
Matia Island
- 13 **Lhéwqemeng**  
*'Place of harvesting mussels'*  
Sucia Island
- 14 **Tl'xóy7ten**  
*'Place of harvesting mussels'*  
Patos Island
- 15 **Nuxws7áxwom**  
*'Place of harvesting butter clams'*  
Cherry Point

This is a map of historically significant locations for the Samish Tribe. Locate the icons on the map to learn about various village locations, harvesting locations, and animals that roam the area.

To learn more about the culture locations, visit the Samish Language Department portal at:

<https://www.samishtribe.nsn.us/departments/language>