



ENTERTAINMENT, ARTS, AND CULTURE

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SEATTLE NORTHCOUNTRY IS RICH IN HISTORY, ART, ENTERTAINMENT, AND CULTURE

(EVERETT, Wash.) — With a [rich history](#) that dates back to its first Native American inhabitants, and cultural and artistic influences from around the world, Seattle NorthCountry's entertainment, arts, and culture are thriving. The region is home to a [vibrant hub of creativity](#), including renowned art studios, performance and events venues, and Native American and other cultural attractions.

Whether experiencing the ancient techniques of glassblowing, taking in a performance of the Cascade Symphony, enjoying an original play, exploring local history and culture, or keeping an eye out for the region's many public art installations, any visit to Snohomish County is made better with an exploration into its entertainment, arts, and culture.

The following are some of Seattle NorthCountry's most notable artistic, cultural, and historical attractions:

PERFORMING ARTS AND VENUES

As a home for world-class performances in the Puget Sound region, Seattle NorthCountry hardly plays second fiddle. Snohomish County is home to the [Cascade Symphony](#), which each year performs five orchestral concerts, a children's concert, and an ensemble concert. The [Olympic Ballet Theatre](#) has offered classical, dramatic, and contemporary ballet for more than 30 years. The [Village Theatre](#) has delighted audiences for years with local musical theater productions that range from Broadway shows to special children's performances, and Arlington's [Shakespeare in the Park](#) is a beloved tradition. In addition, the region's many venues host performers from all over the world, including entertainment's best-known stars. The top venues include:

[Angel of the Winds Arena](#): The 10,000-seat, state-of-the-art arena that has hosted performances from some of the best-known entertainers in the world since it opened in 2003. The list of stars from the world of pop, rock, country music, and more who have performed at the Angel of the Winds Arena is distinguished, including The Smashing Pumpkins, Kanye West, Alan Jackson, Neil Young, Bette Midler, Green Day, and Carrie Underwood, to name a few.

[Edmonds Center for the Arts](#): A state-of-the-art performing arts center, the intimate 700-seat Edmonds Center for the Arts is a regional hub for performing arts, hosting musicians, dancers, and comics from around the world. It is also home to regional performances of the Cascade Symphony Orchestra, Sno-King Community Chorale, the Village Theater, and the Olympic Ballet Theater.

[Everett Performing Arts Center](#): Managed by the Village Theatre, the Everett Performing Arts Center hosts the mainstage productions of the award-winning theater company. Other performances include choral concerts, film festivals, and ballets, as well as the Storybook Theater, which introduces children to live theater.

Other venues: [Black Box Theatre](#) is a one-of-a-kind educational, events, and performance venue at Edmonds Community College in Lynnwood. And Seattle NorthCountry's landscape is dotted with other performing arts venues, including The [Bluegrass and Country Musicmakers Association](#) outdoor amphitheater in Darrington, [Byrnes Performing Arts Center](#) in Arlington, [Driftwood Players](#) community theater in Edmonds, [Evergreen State Fair Park](#) in Monroe, [Gene Nastri Community School of Arts](#) in Mukilteo, the [Historic Everett Theater](#), [Marysville Opera House](#), [Monroe Music in the Park](#), [Normanna Hall](#) in Everett, [Northshore Performing Arts Center](#) in Bothell, [Phoenix Theatre](#) in Edmonds, [Sky Performing Arts Center](#) in Sultan, [Tim Noah Thumbnail Theater](#) in Snohomish, and the [Tulalip Amphitheater](#).

ART GALLERIES AND VENUES

Seattle NorthCountry is a hub for local visual artists, galleries, art museums, public art, and festivals. With art that can be modern and edgy, and others more native or primitive, studios and galleries throughout the region offer a never-ending exploration of visual arts. Even a simple walk down a street, or a foray into a local municipal building, is infused with the works of local artists that help tell the story of the region and its people. The highlights include:

[Schack Art Center](#): Located in downtown Everett, the Schack Art Center features regional artists, special events, community art classes, and even a glass blowing hot shop. Admission is free. And those who visit will find a constantly rotating gallery of professional and student exhibits, and a unique shop offering the creations of regional artists.

[Public art](#): Seattle NorthCountry is blessed to be home to a vibrant community of painters, sculptors, architects, carvers, and more, many of whom are inspired by the richness of the region's history and culture and the natural beauty of its environment. The region's many public art displays celebrate this creativity in the form of sculptures, murals, and more. Many are scattered in the artistic enclaves of [Edmonds](#), [Monroe](#), and [Arlington](#), and are free to anyone who takes the time to look.

[Edmonds Art Walk](#): Held the third Thursday of every month, the Edmonds Art Walk is among the largest in the Northwest, hosting hundreds of exhibitions and live performances each year. Held

at various downtown shops and galleries spread through downtown Edmonds, it draws hundreds of art lovers each month who immerse themselves in the region's creativity.

[Cascadia Art Museum](#): The first museum dedicated to Northwest art from the late 19th century through the 1960s, the Cascadia Art Museum in Edmonds features six galleries in its 11,000-square-foot museum. The museum itself is set in an iconic, mid-Modern century Edmonds building.

Other venues: The [Lynwood Library Gallery](#), [A Guided Gallery](#) in Stanwood, [Anabel's Framing & Gallery](#) in Everett, [Arts of Snohomish](#), [Bruning Pottery Studio](#) in Snohomish, [C'est La Vie](#) in Edmonds, [Create with J](#), [Edmonds Community College Art Gallery](#), [Russell Day Gallery](#) at Everett Community College, [Gallery North](#) in Edmonds, [James Mongrain Glass Studio](#) in Mukilteo, [Rosehill Community Center](#) in Mukilteo, and [Silvana Viking Hall](#) among many other [galleries, studies, and exhibits](#).

HISTORY AND CULTURE

From the early days of the first Native American who first inhabited the region, to the explorations of the Puget Sound in 1792 by George Vancouver, to the aviation boom of the 20th century that continues to shape Snohomish County today, Seattle NorthCountry has a rich history and culture to explore. The region's museums, 19 in all, and cultural centers help tell the story of the region, enriching any visit. Those include:

[Tulalip Tribes Hibulb Cultural Center and Natural History Preserve](#): With 6,000 square feet of exhibition galleries and interactive displays, the Hibulb Cultural Center on the Tulalip Reservation celebrates and preserves the history, art, and culture of the Tulalip Tribes. With a deep history in the region that dates back thousands of years before the first European-American inhabitants, the Hibulb Cultural Center invites visitors to see, taste, and touch the remnants of a culture that still lives on and draws inspiration from the past.

[Aviation District](#): Home to three distinctive and interactive experiences that immerse visitors in the miracle of human flight, the Aviation District is the Seattle area's ultimate aviation experience. The [Flying Heritage and Combat Armor Museum](#), the [Museum of Flight Restoration Center](#) and Reserve Collection, and the [Future of Flight Aviation Center and Boeing Tour](#) offer unique views of aviation in one of the world's foremost aviation hubs.

[Imagine Children's Museum](#): Set in Everett, this is among the best museums of its kind in the Pacific Northwest. Kids get hands-on with art, history, culture, and science. Excavate dinosaur bones on a rooftop archaeological dig, splash in water tables, pilot a mock airplane, splatter paint around in an art studio, and connect endless plastic pipes into engineering projects.

Other museums and cultural sites: The [Alderwood Manor Heritage Cottage- Heritage Park](#) in Lynnwood, [Blackman House Museum](#) in Snohomish, [Bonhoeffer Botanical Gardens](#) in Stanwood,

[Darrington Historical Society](#), [Edmonds-So Sno County Historical Society Museum](#), [Northwest Veterans Museum](#) in Lynwood, [Gold Bar Depot Museum & Historical Society](#), [Granite Falls Historical Museum](#), the [Iron Horse Railway](#) in Snohomish, [Lake Stevens Historical Museum](#), [Monroe Historical Society & Museum](#), [Mukilteo Historical Society](#), [Mukilteo Lighthouse](#), [Pickett Index Interpretive Museum](#), [Stanwood Area History Museum & D.O. Pearson House](#), [Stillaguamish Valley Pioneer Museum](#) in Arlington, and the interactive [Western Heritage Center](#) at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds, all help tell the story of Snohomish County and its people.

CULTURAL EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

Seattle NorthCountry's festivals are annual siren songs for residents and visitors alike. From music festivals in unique venues, including two every summer in Cascades mountain town Darrington, to celebrations of local art, Snohomish County always offers reason for a visit. Here are some of the most beloved annual events:

[Edmonds Arts Festival - June](#)
[Darrington The Spur Festival - June](#)
[Darrington Timberbowl Rodeo - June](#)
[Arlington's July Fourth Frontier Days](#)
[Darrington Bluegrass Festival - July](#)
[Darrington Summer Meltdown Music Festival - August](#)
[Arlington Stillaguamish Festival Of The River & Pow Wow - August](#)
[Fresh Paint Art Festival - August](#)
[Evergreen State Fair - August and September](#)
[Jaripeo En La Plaza Mexico De Monroe](#)
[Warm Beach Lights Of Christmas - December](#)

To learn more about Seattle NorthCountry, including a complete [calendar of events](#), attractions, and activities, visit [SeattleNorthCountry.com](#).

ABOUT SEATTLE NORTHCOUNTRY:

Located just 15 miles north of Seattle, and stretching from the shores of the Salish Sea to the peaks of the Cascade Range, Seattle NorthCountry is characterized by its abundance and variety of outdoor recreation, urbanscapes, and rural vistas befitting its *True PNW* designation. Seattle NorthCountry comprises four primary regions of Snohomish County: Urban Basecamp, Salish Sea Coastal Communities, Skykomish & Snohomish River Valleys, and Stillaguamish & Sauk River Valleys. An unofficial fifth region, the Paine Field Aviation District, pays tribute to the aviation industry's profound impact on Snohomish County. Under the direction of Snohomish County Parks Recreation & Tourism, and in conjunction with the Snohomish County Destination Alliance, Seattle NorthCountry develops, curates, and delivers a year-round visitor experience that appeals to leisure, business, and group travelers, while working closely with our Native American tribal partners to preserve, protect, and be sound stewards of the ancestral homeland of the Coast Salish people. For more information visit www.seattlenorthcountry.com.

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