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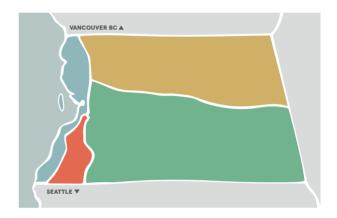
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#### WELCOME,

Tucked between the Cascade Mountains and the Salish Sea, just a few miles north of Seattle, you'll find Seattle NorthCountry. Originally home to the Coast Salish Peoples, the region is steeped in history. From the splash of salmon moving from river to sea, to the silence at the center of an alpine lake to the hustle of seaside cities, Seattle NorthCountry is full of stories.

We're excited you're here, but we do ask one thing—that you be a responsible guest and carefully consider your impact on this place. The Coast Salish people teach us an important lesson—that anytime we make a decision, we should consider how it will impact future generations. How will the choice I make right now affect the people who live on this land hundreds of years from now? While you're with us, we ask that you think in this way.

In that spirit, you'll find a series of notes throughout this guide with tips on being a responsible guest. Please take the time to read and consider those. Thank you for visiting!

- The Seattle NorthCountry Team

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# Modern Whale Watching

Mindfulness Meets Science on NorthCountry Whale Watching Tours.

by: RICHARD PORTER

**Edmonds, WA.** Puget Sound Express is a family whale watching company sailing out of several PNW locations, including Edmonds. For 34 years and three generations, the Hanke family has offered guided tours of the Salish Sea, giving their passengers an up-close view of wild cetaceans: a bucket list experience. To see a gray whale rolling in a placid bay, exposing a fluke is to understand, like sailors of yesteryear, the power of leviathans.



#### ALL THE DETAILS

When to Visit

Tours run from February to November.

Tour Length

Tours leaving Edmonds last about 2.5 hours.

Where to Stay

The Best Western
Plus Edmonds
Harbor Inn
is located
minutes from
the Edmonds
Ferry Terminal,
and downtown
Edmonds (where
great food and
drink abounds).



#### SARATOGA



#### The Boats

Puget Sound Express has two sleek hydrofoil boats powered by jet propulsion. The Saratoga and the Chilkat Express (both catamarans) quietly cruise Puget Sound at relatively high speeds (approx. 40 knots), taking passengers on halfday tours. The boats travel as far north as Victoria or the San Juan Islands and return to the Edmonds Marina within a three-hour time window. Their daily route varies, depending on whale migration patterns, but passengers can expect to see Whidbey, Gedney, and Camano Islands, the Cascade and Olympic Mountains, as well as various inlets and waterways.

#### Whale Sightings Guaranteed

Puget Sound Express has a "guaranteed whale watching" policy—meaning if you don't see a whale on your journey (it's rare not to see a whale), they'll offer you free, no-expiration-date tickets to come back and cruise another time.







#### **Protecting** Marine Wildlife

Puget Sound Express painstakingly meets and exceeds regulations on how much space to give to whales. Their posture is that of stewards of nature. They observe "go slow" zones and quietly idle or shut off their engines when a whale is in sight.

"We're the eyes on the water," says Sarah Hanke, third-generation whale watcher. The tour boats help to track pod behavior, migration, and feeding habits. A network of scientists and researchers use this information to study whale populations. For example, they've been observing a gray whale named "Patch" since 1991. Patch returns to

the same place at the mouth of the Snohomish River in Possession Sound. During the tour, the guides make note of which whales are doing what and where.

This compiled data helps scientists to understand whale behavior. It also empowers whale watching tourists to appreciate just what they're looking at.

Naturalists on board The Saratoga and the Chilkat act as docents, interpreting what passengers are viewing. These experts break down the difference between resident and transient orcas. They can also tell you about the dining habits of minke, humpback, gray whale species and a variety of porpoises.



#### SUSTAINABLE **NORTHCOUNTRY**

To help protect our aquatic friends, reduce your use of single-use plastics and always pack out what you pack in. Trash ends up in the sea where it can be swallowed by marine life.

#### When You Go

Besides whales, you're likely to witness some other variety of abundant Salish Sea marine life: seals, sea lions, or otters. But you may just see a resident orca toss an octopus into the air. Or you may see a humpback calf breaching. Grab a pair of complimentary binoculars and go out on the deck. Expect to keep your eyes peeled for surprises. That's part of what makes whale-watching with Puget Sound Express great: every trip brings something unexpected.

#### **Puget Sound Express**

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# INDEX: Deep in the Cascade Mountains, you'll find a tiny mining town where you can escape the city and find some room to breathe. by: RICHARD PORTER



# The first thing you hear when you visit Index is, startlingly, nothing.

Or, more accurately, all you can hear is the soothing sound of white noise.

When you cross the old suspension bridge into town and park your car next to an enormous rusty saw blade—a nod to the town's history of timber and mining extraction—and step out of your car, there's nothing to hear. No traffic. No ambient street noise. Nothing except the sound of wind blowing in the trees on the side of Heybrook Ridge and the running water of the North Fork of the Skykomish River.

Then you see the towering wall of granite on the north end of town, a sheer cliff face. The Index Town Wall. It's then that you get the scope of outdoor recreation on tap here. The hiking on the forested ridges, the kayaking and rafting on the Skykomish River, the rock climbing and bouldering on the Town Wall.

You get why locals describe Index as "the gem of the forest"

#### The Past Informs the Future

Index, Washington is a riverside hamlet located on a square quarter mile in a small mountain valley a mile north of Highway 2. Its proximity to the mineral-rich Central Cascades helps explain its existence—120 years ago the town was booming with miners. Photographs from 100 years ago show regional hikers at the top of forested hillocks. Mt. Persis, Mt. Index, and the Heybrook Ridge rise in the back of these photos.

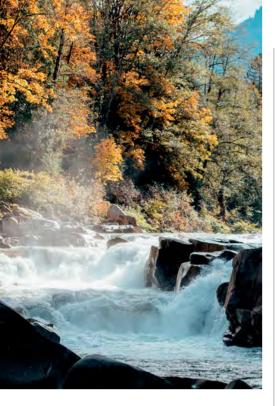
What's striking, when viewing these historic photos today, is how little of the natural beauty has changed during the intervening century. The construction cranes and high rises of Seattle, though only an hour away, feel far removed from the quiet forest of the Upper Skykomish River Valley. There are still groves of virgin old growth timber in the canyons that surround Index—a rarity in a region originally populated by loggers.

Today, the economy of Index is based around tourism. Visitors can stay at one of a half dozen BnBs like A Cabin on the Sky and walk, bike, or hike to nearby photogenic locations like the Heybrook Lookout, Eagle Falls, or Bridal Veil Falls. They can pitch a tent at Troublesome Creek or the San Juan Campgrounds and access the nearby Alpine Lakes.

#### **The Corsons**

Maybe nobody knows local recreation better than The Corson family of Index. They guide visitors down scenic Skykomish River with their **Outdoor Adventure Center** touring company. The Corsons are active investors in the community of about 200 people, buying and lovingly refurbishing historic properties. **The River House** is the "command center" of Outdoor Adventures. The 1902 chalet-style lodge was in disrepair when Bill Corson bought it in 2007. Now it's a cozy place to warm up after a day spent on the Skykomish River rapids, with a small bistro, a selection of local cider and





beer, and a fireplace. The lodge decor is mostly vintage recreation gear-a nod to the town's long-standing love of everything outdoors.

Bill's son Blair Corson is restoring the Bush House Inn on the north end of town. Blair and his family have been working on the old property since 2011 and should have the place completely remodeled by the Inn's 120th anniversary, later this year. Remodeling a 117-year-old 3-story building is an act of dedicated love, requiring a new foundation, new windows, new siding, and drywall.

The past meets the future with care, investment, and some elbow grease.

#### The Gem of the Forest

All that quiet. All that history. Such natural beauty and centuries-old stories deserve protection and stewardship. Index and its surrounding environs regularly make "top destination" listicles on social media travel channels. New media attention attracts recreators by the droves, and not everyone who comes to enjoy the area recreates mindfully.

#### **All About** Index

#### **INDIGENOUS PEOPLES**

**Before Western** settlement. Index was home to the Skykomish Native American Tribe. They spoke a language called Lushootseed and fished in the Skykomish River.



#### STRIKING GOLD

A gold rush at nearby Monte Cristo in the late 1800s spurred a population boom and filled Index with hotels housing miners.



#### **HEYBROOK LOOKOUT**

Just across the bridge, you'll find a hike that leads to a historic fire lookout with unforgettable views of mountains and valley.



Legendary Pacific Northwest musicians like The Walkabouts and Jerry Cantrell have recorded albums in Index.



#### **ROCK CLIMBING**

Rock climbers come from around the world to climb at Index. Details at SeattleNorthCountry.com.

In recent years the Corsons have led efforts to blast graffiti off the rocks at Eagle Falls—a place that can best be described as stupidly gorgeous. For years, ATV enthusiasts tore up land at nearby Reiter Pit, before the town and local agencies created structured trails and stringent guidelines for ATV use. The message is clear: come here to enjoy the area, but do so mindfully.

The Corsons and the people of Index are invested in protecting this "gem of the forest," keeping it as it appeared a century ago. They view themselves as the stewards of the area. Bill Corson mentions that the North Fork of the Skykomish River draws kayakers from international destinations, and they often remark on the Yosemite-like beauty of the towering town wall.

The beauty here is both a blessing and a moral imperative—Index, the "gem of the forest," is for enjoying, but also for stewarding. The sound of Index always will likely always be quiet wind and water-a beacon of tranquility for tech-raddled masses and travelers looking for respite in grandeur.

#### **Plan Your Trip**

Book a rafting tour with Outdoor Adventure Center at: outdooradventurecenter.com. Or call: (425) 883-9039.

#### **Driving directions to Index** from Seattle:

Drive N on Interstate 5. Take Exit 194, headed E toward Snohomish/Wenatchee. Stay on HWY 2 until you see the exit on the left for Index, Wa. The exit is at approx. mile marker 35.

For lodging and other info please visit SeattleNorthCountry.com ■



## Releasing the Forms Within

#### James Madison, Storyteller and Craftsman

Master carver James Madison carries a chainsaw through his shop on a weekday morning. He's wearing a Tulalip Red Hawks hooded sweatshirt and leather work boots dusted in curled wood shavings. He's headed to a shed to put a motorized cutting chain to a 998-year-old reclaimed Western Red Cedar.

Inside the studio, long ribbons of cedar shavings are piled on the gravel floor next to a Shop-Vac. Rusty chains are piled in the corner, and a level hangs from a nail on the wall.

This is a place where spirit meets materiality.

Often James Madison works with cedar. But really, he works with almost any artistic material — yellow cedar, glass, stone, bronze, and fabricated metal — honing each medium to accommodate his cultural

and aesthetic intuitions. He's one of those rare artists who can hop from media to media effortlessly. Indeed, right now he's working on three pieces in three different locations, simultaneously. Each tells a story.

One definition of genius — being able to hold multiple ideas in your mind at one time.

In the shop, he's honed the old cedar into the shape of a thirteen-foot orca dorsal fin. The "fin"

rests on a half-dozen sawhorses underneath scaffolding and fluorescent lights.

"The wood is like a spirit or a ghost," Madison says. "It speaks to me. My grandfather used to tell me to listen to the wood." A knot or a warp in the trunk isn't a mistake: it's a form yet to be realized.

At night Madison dreams of what the cedar wants to be, what spirits are in the material trying to be let out.

The next morning he goes to the shed, selects his tools from a leather holster and starts working. I watch him thunk-thunk-thunk with a custom-made adze, slowly defining the domed crest of a sasquatch scalp. Madison is releasing the forms within the material.

He approaches each piece of artwork with a message, even if he only understands that message intuitively at the outset of the project.

"I basically see something and I let Mother Nature take over; I let it tell me what it's supposed to be. It's the way my culture is, the way I was raised."

The spirit of the piece that James is working on in the carving shed today is that of a grandfather Bigfoot. The muscular sasquatch is depicted walking to a river with his two sons. The old Bigfoot teaching them how

to catch salmon.

In the cultural tradition of Madison's family, Sasquatch isn't a scared animal running from a video camera. Instead, he's a brother to man, a helper, a conduit of the old ways.

James Madison's cultural heritage is that of the Tulalip peoples. The Tulalip Tribes are comprised of thirteen Northwest Coast indigenous families. The Tribes and their ancestors are a land and wa-

ter-based people, part of a larger group of aboriginal Tribes and First Nations known as the Coast Salish peoples, who live around the Salish Sea in what is now Washington State and the Canadian Province of British Columbia. After the signing of the Treaty at Point Elliot in 1855, the US Government relocated these families to a reservation, north of present-day, Everett, Washington for "education" and assimilation

into white culture. Today, the Tulalip Tribes are a self-governed entity of about 4.000 members.

Almost always personal to some degree, James Madison's stories are most often Tulalip stories, specifically the lore of the Coast Salish/Tlingit Nation.

Growing up, James wanted to be a football player. After a failed attempt to play college ball, James moved back to the Tulalip Reservation. He was unsure what he wanted to do.

He decided to study visual art and media, first at Everett Community College, then at the University of Washington. His main focuses were bronze casting and jewelry classes.

He became absorbed in his studies. To hear James describe it, what he felt was something like a calling. He was supposed to be an artist.

"[I was attracted to] Cubism at school... surrealism, Dali. Van Gogh influenced me the most out of European artists. I was fascinated with Cubism, abstraction, and Van Gogh's colors.

These modern and Western influences add a unique "flavor" to Madison's carvings and sculptures, in which the viewer can pick up elements of cubism and the assemblage of Picasso.

"I studied a lot of different media at the university, [especially] metal fabrication. I cut things out of metal, then welded them together, creating sculptures."

Today, Madison works at a variety of studios and workshops, depending on which project he's working on. Sometimes he works with a chainsaw or adze in a carving shed. Sometimes he "pops up" at regional glass studios. Metal fabrication, bronze casting, and stonework each require different venues and processes for creation.

Madison is widely recognized both regionally and in the art community. He's commissioned to custom-make pieces: carved canoe paddles, maps,

giant sculptures, and story poles for private residences.

"I feel very fortunate," he says of his career. "It's a dream job, a dream occupation. I got a lot of support from my tribe, my people, the county, the city of Everett. I've been very very appreciated and loved. I'm very grateful."

Madison has been on the Snohomish County Art Commission. He's an art advocate, lobbying for sculpture parks, raising money for arts programs. His work can be seen in public sculpture parks, downtown

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urban sidewalks, and at the Tulalip Hibulb Cultural Center.

But in the end, his efforts are in the service of relaying invaluable truth. He sees himself as a conduit. "Everything I do has a story to it, has information about my culture, historical stories, stories passed down from my grandfather to my father, to me. Stories so far back we can't remember how far back."

His are tales that need to be told. His are forms that need to be released. ■



#### James Madison Driving Tour

#### "Mother Earth."

18' driftwood sculpture portrait located on the spot where the Point Elliott Treaty was signed. Lighthouse Park, 609 Front St, Mukilteo

#### "Kia."

Totemic 135' portrait of Madison's great grandmother, carved from a 998-year-old tree. Hibulb Cultural Center & Natural History Preserve, 6410 23rd Ave NE, Tulalip

#### "Diving rock."

Totemic image of a man grappling with an octopus, representing "water power." Tulalip Tribes Admin. Building 6406 Marine Dr, Tulalip Bay

#### "Tulalip People."

Cubed metal sculpture featuring salmon climbing a fish ladder. Kayak Point Regional Park, 15711 Marine Dr, Stanwood

#### "Raven Captures the Sun."

Fabricated metal cube with Tlingit and Salish design motifs. *Centennial Trail, Fifth Street, Arlington* 





When you're in Urban Basecamp

by: KRISTA QUINBY

For savvy travelers, the smart money stays in Seattle NorthCountry, where less expensive hotel options and a central locale mean more time and money for excursions and for eating out. Those staying in the Urban Basecamp will find an area flush with international epicurean delights waiting to be discovered. Nowhere does the diversity of Seattle NorthCountry show more, or find more appreciation, than in the restaurants we love. Here are seven secret favorites that will take your tastebuds around the world, even if you never leave Snohomish County.

## Casa El Dorado

Washington State is liberally sprinkled with the brightly-muralled, family-friendly Mexican restaurants most folks frequent. For those more interested in the food on their plate than the art on the walls, Casa El Dorado holds a place of reverence. Known formally as Casa El Dorado Mexican Handcrafts and Tortillas, or more casually among locals as "the tortilla factory," they can be found in an unassuming strip mall on Casino Rd, just off Evergreen Way and Hwy 526. This nofrills spot offers just a few cafeteria-simple tables and chairs, with soccer on the TV providing the only ambiance most diners need. The menu is limited to about a dozen plates and a few soups, but those in search of authentic Mexican staples and a full belly will be well rewarded. First and foremost, Casa El Dorado is a tortilleria, and their flour tortillas are special enough to draw Seattleites into the NorthCountry. For those seeking a fast, fresh and authentic Mexican fill-up, Casa El Dorado is the place to be. Look for the large "Tortilleria" sign in the Casino Square strip mall, and then loosen your belt a few pegs. 205 E Casino Rd Ste B12, Everett

## Curries

Spice lovers will find a little slice of heaven in Curries: a family-run Indian restaurant tucked away in a tiny strip mall.

Once a mere hole-in-the-wall a few miles from the current location, they quickly grew a reputation for uniquely wonderful dishes and service. and were able to expand into their upgraded space. While a slow, sit-down dinner is a good way to enjoy the famously friendly service, the best deal is the lunch buffet. For a reasonable price, you can experience the full range of traditional Indian flavors and fill your belly to bursting. Parking is free but the small lot fills up quickly during the lunch hour at this popular spot. The Curries lunch buffet remains a favorite among those who appreciate perfect naan bread and creamy palak paneer. Food this good will always have a strong following. 7318 Evergreen Way, Everett



#### **3** Bantaba African Restaurant

A short walk from the Lynnwood Convention Center, but miles away from ordinary, you'll find this West African restaurant tucked into a strip mall.

It would be an easy spot to miss if you didn't know what you were looking for, and that would be a shame. While East African restaurants are often easy to find in many larger urban centers, discovering a West African hot spot is a rare treat. The inside of Bantaba is unassuming, with warm colors and a few subtle decorations to give a sense of place. Over the counter, you'll find a large menu with colorful photos to help guide first timers who might not know what they're in for. Bantaba is a delight for meat lovers, who will revel in the Afra Lamb. Don't pass up the black-eyed pea slaw as a side; this salad has a fresh brightness that pairs perfectly with the rich, main dishes. Those seeking the authentic flavors of West Africa should also try the Benachin, an iconic, tomato-soaked rice also known as Jollof rice in other areas, where fierce competitions rage over whose region (or mother) makes the very best. If your NorthCountry travels take you near the Lynnwood Convention Center, don't miss the opportunity to taste a unique style of cuisine you won't often come across. Bantaba is a hidden gem worth seeking out. 19417 36th Ave W, Lynnwood



Oshima Sushi

# Sushi could be considered a local staple in the Pacific Northwest, with our easy access to exceptional fresh seafood.

Of course, that doesn't mean all sushi restaurants are created equal. It's easy enough to find good sushi in our urban centers if you're willing to spend an arm and a leg. The true prize, however, lies in finding the secret spot with above par dishes at below average prices and a dedicated, knowledgeable chef. Locals, and quite a few visitors, will tell you that Oshima is just such a place. Oshima is conveniently located in a strip mall off Hwy 99 and boasts plenty of free parking. The space is small, decorated with bamboo and murals of verdant Japanese hillsides. They offer a bevy of staples beyond sushi, including a range of noodle options to make even picky eaters in your party happy. However, Oshima truly shines for devotees of sashimi, who will be pleasantly surprised by the selections as well as the portions. If you luck into this restaurant on a slow evening and you're feeling adventurous, order Omakase and give Oshima the opportunity to dazzle you. 11108 Evergreen Way, Everett

You Should Also Go To The Spa



Lynnwood boasts two Korean Spas that are famous among locals.

Q Sauna and

Spa is open to people of all genders. For a pretty low daily fee, you can soak in the sauna all day. Or, sign up for a massage or facial.

#### **Olympus Spa**

is femaleonly with a (similar) daily fee model. Note: clothing is not allowed in saunas or hot tubs.

Or, make it yourself



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#### Sam Oh Jung Restaurant

#### Visitors seeking to warm up from the inside out are invited to visit Sam Oh Jung for fresh, gloriously spicy Korean cuisine.

Easy to find, sandwiched between Northwest Motorsport and a QFC right on Hwy 99, with ample free parking, Sam Oh Jung is ideal for a small group lunch or dinner. Be prepared to share, as the table will fill with the traditional small plates (Banchan) to delight your senses, and serving sizes are designed to satisfy. Regular diners recommend trying the seafood pancake, or pahjun, which is perfectly crispy and large enough to share between a few friends. And, of course, on a cold, rainy PNW day, you can't go wrong with Bibimbap served sizzling in a hot stone bowl with your choice of protein. The space is cozy and casual, but it can get busy around dinnertime as it's a favorite with locals in the know. Still, service is always prompt and cheerful, with a big red button stationed at every table so you'll never have to seek out your server even on the busiest Friday night! 17425 Hwy 99, Lynnwood



#### Take it to the Park.

When the sun shines, eat outside.

**Lake Stickney** Park has nice picnic tables. a play area, and an offleash dog park. 13521 Manor Way, Lynnwood

#### **Forest Park**

197 acres of wooded trails, picnic areas, a swim center, a playground & an animal farm. 205 Park Rd, Everett

#### Rila Bakery Cafe

#### There's nothing quite like a perfectly turned out pastry paired with fresh coffee.

Rila Bakery Cafe offers a fresh twist with an East Asia meets Paris take, bringing unexpected flavor profiles and imaginative combinations. Matcha tea and red bean find their way into cakes here, and bubble tea can be purchased alongside espresso. Located in a strip mall off WA 524, it would be easy to drive right past this slice of pastry heaven. The outside bears a simple, black and white sign, a subtle nod to the minimalist elegance within. With reclaimed wood walls and chalkboard styled menus, Rila would not look out of place on a busy street in Paris or New York. While you can pick up your sweets for the road, and their packaging is as darling and welldesigned as the establishment, Rila is a lovely spot to sit and relax while you savor the carefully crafted selections.





# SALISH SEA COASTAL COMMUNITIES

Soak in the salty smell of the air while you kayak to a tiny sandy island. Explore rocky beaches, tuck into a cozy coffee shop, and catch your own Dungeness Crab. Wander bustling seaside towns where you can try your hand at glassblowing or create a custom Funko Pop! Visit the Hibulb Cultural Center and learn about the history of the first people to care for this land. **Everything in the Coastal Communities is** inspired and informed by the Salish Sea the atmospheric visual art, the fresh-fromthe-boat salmon dinners, and the sweeping views of the Olympic Mountains.





**SEATTLE** ▼

# CITIES & TOWNS



#### **1** EDMONDS

A beachy arts town centered around a community fountain, Edmonds is adorned with murals and is home to a walk-on ferry terminal and underwater diving park. Enjoy cafes, seafood restaurants, and more art galleries and supply stores than you can shake a paintbrush at.

#### **12** MUKILTEO

A seaside city with a historic lighthouse, public waterfront park, and a ferry terminal, Mukilteo is the place to take in island views, grab fish and chips from a walk-up counter or a craft beer at a brewpub.

#### 3 DOWNTOWN EVERETT

Home to toymaker Funko, Jetty Island, and world-famous Narrative Coffee. Everett is an arts-forward community with old working-class mill town grit that is appealing for visitors seeking authenticity.

#### **4** MARYSVILLE

Famous for strawberries, river delta kayaking and a historic downtown.

Marysville is worth a visit to sample goods from the charming Third Street merchants and wander along the beautiful Ebey Waterfront Trail that runs along the Qwuloolt Estuary.

#### **5** TULALIP

Home of the indigenous Tulalip Tribes. Tulalip has two casinos (one of which is a fourdiamond resort), the Hibulb Cultural Center, and the Seattle Premium Outlet Malls.

#### **6** STANWOOD

Stanwood is a small downtown known for glass-blowing and visual arts and accessible by Amtrak. Kayak Point—a beachfront camping spot—is a popular visitor destination. The Stanwood Hotel, built over a century ago, is a living piece of history.



#### **COASTAL ROAD TRIP**

**SALT & IRON** 

### The Seaside Road Trip

The Salish Sea is a dream world, a place where islands float in mirrored water.

It's the perfect place to "unplug" from your workday reality.

Outdoor recreation in the PNW requires access to a waterproof windbreaker and a sense of humor-regardless of the time of year. Both will prove to be important on any trip along the coast.

#### **EDMONDS**

Start in Edmonds-an arts community just north of Seattle. Located along the beach, it's good for watching ferries, catching a coastal train, or sipping on a microbrew. But the real attraction is its walkability. The beach town is laid out on a nice scale for pedestrians who want to

SALT & IRON (321 Main St) is a restaurant serving American Northwest comfort cuisine. Here, you'll find cloth napkins, fresh flowers, and the option to dine al fresco on the patio. You can taste the sea here in the fresh air and shellfish.

Try the oysters au gratin, avocado toast with egg sunny side up, and Moscow Mules. Salt & Iron's blackboard lists their oyster farmers—they're not joking around when it comes to fresh bivalves.

Next, you should head to the art galleries. DRIFTWOOD MODERN (403 1/2 Main St) is a small gallery filled with curated mid-century modern furniture and artteak credenzas, watercolors, and walnut coffee tables for your inner Don Draper.

THE COLE ART STUDIO (107 5th Ave S), also a gallery, curates mostly fine local art at a higher price point. "Local art" as in sculpture and paintings by artists who

# live down the street.

#### WHAT TO **PACK**

#### SEA KAYAK/ CANOE

If you have one and can bring it along, you'll find great places to get out on the water along the way. In Everett, head to the 10th street boat launch and boat to Jettv Island-a tinv humanmade island off the coast. Accessible to the public by a small ferry July-August only, visitors who reach the island via personal watercraft will often have it to themselves during the rest of the year.

#### **ALL-WEATHER**

**GEAR** Even in high summer, wind and rain can appear with little warning along the coast. Be sure to pack a raincoat and warm sweater. If you're headed out on the water, don't forget to pack sun protection. The water reflects the sun's rays and

can give you a nasty sunburn when you least expect it.









#### SUSTAINABLE **NORTHCOUNTRY**

To help protect the creatures we share this land with please do not feed or touch the wildlife. Human food can harm our furry and feathered friends.

#### **MUKILTEO**

Next, head north to the small lighthouse city of Mukilteo. Mukilteo is one of the oldest cities on this side of the Salish Sea, desirable for its deepwater port. The city is best known for its walkable beach park where you can build bonfires, fly kites, or simply sit on driftwood and stare out at the islands of Whidbey and Camano. The lighthouse still works. You can climb a tower to see the lantern up close and get a panoramic view of the stormy Salish Sea.

From the shoreline, you can watch the Washington State Ferries pull out of the docks of Mukilteo. If a ferry ride is on your bucket list, consider walking on the ferry and grabbing coffee on the other side (try the popular HONEYMOON BAY COFFEE, located right next to the ferry terminal).

Back in Mukilteo, you'll find IVAR'S FISH **HOUSE** (710 Front St) next to the ferry terminal. Locals appreciate Ivar's as a local treasure; their restaurants have been in the Seattle area for over 80 years.

The walk up counter is good for fish and chips and soft serve ice cream to-go. Luckily the highly walkable and photogenic Mukilteo Beach is a five-minute jaunt away.

In the mood for a beer? Swing into **DIAMOND KNOT BREWING COMPANY (621** Front St), a gastropub next to the ferry terminal. The Diamond Knot was named after a ship that was wrecked in the Mukilteo Harbor. The shipwreck still lies out there, below the waves.

Try the blackberry cider or mango IPA. The place offers patrons bowls full of complimentary peanuts that they can crack and drop right on the floor.

#### **EVERETT**

Everett, a quick trek up the coast, is a former mill city-done-good. Modern culture is taking to the postindustrial downtown like seagulls to french fries.

Downtown is walkable, full of small businesses, restaurants, and historic buildings.









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Grab a six-pack of watermelon kolsch at **TOGGLE'S BOTTLE SHOP** (1420 Hewitt Ave). Toggle's has coolers full of over 600 craft beer and ciders. You can fill growlers here, or crowlers (tallboy cans) to go.

For camping grub (or any type of grub, actually) try the **SNO-ISLE NATURAL FOODS CO-OP** (2804 Grand Ave). It's a truly local market that sells produce, cheese, beer and more from local producers.

#### **STANWOOD**

Thirty minutes north of Everett is **KAYAK POINT** (15610 Marine Dr), a saltwater park on the edge of the Salish Sea, next to an inlet called Port Susan.

Here you'll find easy access to the majestic Puget Sound. Smell the pungent low tides and see piles of driftwood jumbled up into tangled pyres like abstract sculptures.

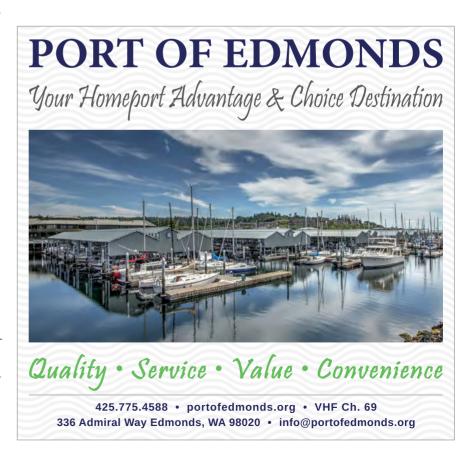
For the full rustic seaside experience, spend the night in a yurt. Yurts come furnished with bunk beds, a futon, a coffee table, and electric outlets as well as a fire pit and deck outside. Indoor plumbing and warm showers are nearby.

Hike to the beach down a path filled with fragrant cedar trees. The old growth forest is beautiful—filled with emerald light. Emerge from the treeline and look out over the waves to islands beyond.

If you're ready to head back into civilization, wander north and find Stanwood, a small coastal town that was originally home to indigenous Coast Salish peoples.

Here, you'll find a walkable downtown with locally-owned restaurants and bars. If it's breakfast time, try the **DUCK IN CAFE** (8801 WA-532). For a fancy dinner, head to **CROW ISLAND FARMS** (27008 102nd Ave NW), a rustic fine dining restaurant serving a seasonal menu







featuring local farm-to-table goods, seafood and wild game.

Next, head to the PORT SUSAN BAY PRESERVE, where you can wander tidepools and find thousands of birds, several species of salmon, smelt, English sole and clams.

#### **WHEN YOU GO**

If you're planning to stay at Kayak Point, be sure to reserve your yurt well in advance, during high season they can be difficult to come by.



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#### **EXPLORE HISTORIC EVERETT**

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#### COASTAL **BUCKET LIST**



Seven things you must experience when you visit the Coastal Communities.

**☑ GO WHALE WATCHING** It's easy to get absorbed into the island scenery on a whale watching tour, but keep your eyes on the water for signs of a telltale fluke or waterspout. Guided tour boats whisk you around the photo-perfect Salish Sea-up to the San Juans and back-in search of humpback, orca, and gray whales.

✓ VISIT THE HIBULB CULTURAL CENTER The indigenous families that comprise the Tulalip Tribes have lived on the shorelines and waterways of Snohomish County for millennia. They celebrate their heritage at the Hibulb Cultural Center on the Tulalip Reservation. On public display are totem poles old and new, woven cedar artifacts, hand-carved canoes, and interactive exhibits that tell the story of a people and their relationship to the land and sea.

**PUT YOUR FEET IN THE SAND ON TINY JETTY ISLAND** A two-mile stretch of sand, Jetty Island is a manmade breakwater just off the coast of Everett. Open seasonally, and accessible only by civic ferry, the warm waters of "Jetty" are beloved by kiteboarders, beach bathers, birdwatchers, and stand-up paddlers. Be sure to pack sunscreen, shade, and a snack-you'll want to linger all day. Check the summer ferry schedule at www.everettwa.gov/jettyisland

**☑ EXPERIENCE FUNKO** Experience the place where international pop culture phenom Funko makes magic. Their new flagship building in Downtown Everett is located in a converted department store and features larger-than-life action figures, interactive art installations, and more pop culture swag than you can shake a Hogwarts jersey at.

**☑ SHOP AT SEATTLE PREMIUM OUTLETS** Seek luxury goods like designer handbags, sunglasses, namebrand shoes, and accessories—all at reduced prices. An "al fresco" shopping experience makes browsing 130 stores a pleasurable treasure hunt. Refuel with a small meal at one of SPO's bistros, cafes, and lunch spots.

**▼ TAKE A FERRY RIDE** In the Pacific Northwest, even a trip on public transportation warrants bringing a nice camera. View the Salish Sea's islands and waterways





from the deck of our iconic green-and-white ferry boats. On tap: fresh sea air, hot Ivar's clam chowder, local beer, and a classic Washington State photo op.

**■ WANDER THE COASTLINE AT KAYAK POINT** Recreators rejoice—there's no wrong way to enjoy Kayak Point. This county park's forested seaside ambiance is made for yurt-goers, families, RV campers, casual hikers, and anyone who appreciates an evening barbecue bonfire. Drop in for a day or make a camping reservation in advance at snohomishcountywa.gov/Facilities

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# URBAN BASECAMP

**Tucked between the Cascade Mountains** and the Salish Sea, this urban center is where the world's best airplanes are made. Here, you can take in the magnitude of flight at the Boeing Tour, learn about the night witches at the Flying Heritage and Combat Armor Museum, or see what it feels like to fly at High Trek Adventures. Wander international markets and sample a spectrum of cuisine: tortas, fresh tortillas, rice noodles, sushi and Korean barbecue. Take day trips to the mountains or the sea, soak away sore muscles in a Korean spa or treat yourself to some retail therapy. Urban Basecamp is a hub for adventure in any direction.



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# CITIES & TOWNS



#### 1 MOUNTLAKE TERRACE

A close-knit, friendly community that boasts over 260 acres of recreational attractions including parks, trails, playfields, golf, fishing, boating, Olympic-sized ice rink and public open space. The Town Center has two breweries and the iconic Double DD Meats. Seattle's premier meat market and specialty foods. The Recreation Pavilion and community center houses an indoor swimming pool, playground, racquetball courts, spa, sauna, espresso stand, rental facilities and more.

#### **2** BOTHELL

Wander riverside trails, and visit a historic downtown for bakeries and boutiques. Bothell is the place to get a lazy weekend morning coffee at a relaxed pace. Hop onto a bicycle to zip to nearby wine country or spend the day strolling the Sammamish River.

#### **3 LYNNWOOD**

A hotspot for shopping and international dining, fifteen minutes north of Seattle. Home to comfortable accommodations and spas within striking distance of the Salish Sea and the Cascade Mountains. Lynnwood is a place you can stay comfortably, with all needed amenities within a tight radius of your lodging.

#### **4** MILL CREEK

The Mill Creek Town Center and accompanying nature trails make for a day of walkable shopping or an evening of fine dining. Wine shops, health food stores, and the University of Washington Bookstore invite visitors in for relaxed exploration. Nearby Arena Sports offers family-friendly recreation in the form of bouncy houses, laser tag, and pizza.

#### **5** SOUTH EVERETT

A culturally-diverse place to get strip mall dim sum, authentic gyros, or handmade noodles. Shop at the Everett Mall or visit the Aviation District for a glimpse into the region's storied aviation history. South Everett is home to the tour of the world's largest building—Boeing's assembly plant.



#### **BASECAMP ROAD TRIP**

## **The Aviation** Loop

Adapted from a story by Lara Dunning.

In Urban Basecamp, you can visit five world-class aviation attractions in a single weekend.

#### DAY 1

#### **FLYING HERITAGE & COMBAT ARMOR MUSEUM**

3407 109th St. SW, Everett flyingheritage.org

Your first stop is the Flying Heritage and Combat Armor Museum. As you tour the

world's largest collection of vintage aircraft and tanks at Flying Heritage & Combat Armor Museum, marvel at their historically detailed restoration. Almost all of the 24 airplanes and 25 vehicles are rebuilt to working condition, and "ready to fly" and "ready to roll." The collection, acquired by the late Paul G. Allen, is housed in two large buildings and rotates, so you might see something new each time you visit.

Be sure to check out the planes with a unique story—like the Polikarpov U-2/Po-2 flown by Russian women nicknamed the "Night Witches" who frequently conducted night raids on German soldiers during WWII. Designed as a crop duster, they made daring night raids during bombing runs and gave the Germans many sleepless nights. The Focke-Wulf Fw 190 A-5, a German plane known for its speed and lightness. In 1954, the plane crashed in a Russian wetland and remained hidden for over 30 years. Today, it is the only one of its kind with an original engine. Another is the de Havilland D.H.98 Mosquito T.Mk III, which is made primarily of wood and became one of the fastest and most versatile aircraft in WWII. This artifact made an appearance in the 1964 British film 633 Squadron.

Another highlight is the "Why War: The

#### WHERE TO EAT

#### LUNCH

Take advantage of the lunch menu at **DIAMOND KNOT BREWERY & ALEHOUSE.** Try the Thai Chicken salad, cinnamon ginger beignets, a giant tater tot stuffed with bacon and cheese, and a blonde beer. Other tasty items include a BLT, Porter pork sliders, and beer-battered cod.

#### Afterward, visit **MUKILTEO CHOCOLATE**

for ice cream or handcrafted chocolates like their awardwinning lavender cheesecake truffles.

#### **DINNER** In the summer,

grab a seat on the outside patio at THE **SCOTSMAN** BISTRO, a cozy restaurant with Scotch flights and a Scottish owner that warmly greets everyone. The menu is a mix of comfort foods and includes yummy Scottish dishes and a very popular enchilada.



#### SUSTAINABLE NORTHCOUNTRY

Pets are welcome at many places in Seattle NorthCountry, but please be sure to pick up after your dog. Don't ruin someone else's day.



Cause and Conflict" exhibit. Here, you can practice your political savvy at the conflict simulators and be confronted with the sobering tragedies of war at the full-scale replicas of the atomic bombs dropped on Hiroshima.

"The "Why War" exhibit was designed not to tell people why wars happened, but to let them figure it out for themselves," said Michelle Donoghue, Marketing & Events Coordinator. "This gives visitors a more interactive and fun way to experience history rather than reading about past events from a textbook."

This is not a museum to rush through, as there are plenty of fascinating artifacts alongside the displays, like a flag flown on D-Day, an Enigma machine, and a replica of SpaceShipOne. Docents are often there to answer questions, and some have even manned these mighty machines.

#### **BOEING FUTURE OF FLIGHT**

8415 Paine Field Blvd., Mukilteo futureofflight.org

Next on the list—Urban Basecamp's premier aviation attraction, Boeing Future of Flight. Here, you'll get to join the 320,000 annual visitors who experience the 90-minute Boeing Tour and see Boeing 747, 767, 777, and the 787 Dreamliners as they're being assembled in the factory. Tip: Required height for youth is four feet. The tour is hands-free, and no cameras or phones are allowed.

The factory building is the largest in the world (by volume). It is so big that Disneyland could fit inside it and still have 12 acres left over for parking! With 35,000 employees this location operates like a mini-city. It has its own fire department, security service, and bank, multiple cafeterias, day care services, shuttle service and tricycles to ride around the massive complex.

#### WHERE TO STAY

The Hilton Garden Inn **North Seattle** is located right next to Boeing Future of Flight. The modern hotel has plenty of amenities including a pool, fitness room, free WiFi, and complimentary hot buffet breakfast in the morning.



The first four doors are the size of a football field, and the last two doors also include the end zones. As you tour the building, you'll gaze down at the planes in various stage of assembly.

Coming soon: Boeing Future of Flight will open a new gallery in summer 2019. For details, visit futureofflight.org.

## DAY 2 MUSEUM OF FLIGHT RESTORATION CENTER & RESERVE COLLECTION

2909 100th St. SW, Everett www.museumofflight.org

Plane restoration includes many working parts, and at the Museum of Flight Restoration Center & Reserve Collection, visitors get a glimpse into that process. The museum has around 30 dedicated volunteers who restore aircraft to be static exhibits at The Museum of Flight in Seattle. On the Restoration Tour, you'll learn about their projects, like the Havilland D.H. 106 Comet, Mexicana Airlines first jet airliner, a Piasecki H-21B Workhorse, a rescue helicopter nicknamed a "flying banana" from Elmendorf Air Force Base in Anchorage, Alaska, the Link Trainer, a simulator for training pilots, used heavily during WWII.

#### HISTORIC FLIGHT FOUNDATION

10719 Bernie Webber Drive, Mukilteo historicflight.org

The Historic Flight Foundation houses 13 historic planes, and a few vehicles, including a 1927 Cadillac Tour Phaeton car that President Franklin Roosevelt rode in during his tour of Glacier National Park. One of the first things you'll notice is that their artifacts are not roped off and you can peer inside the cockpits. Weave your way through the collection, viewing plans like the P-518 Mustang, which had 700 hours of combat flying during WWII, including four attacks on D-Day. Then hop aboard the Douglas DC-3, a Pan American plane that delivered supplies in China and later became a VIP aircraft

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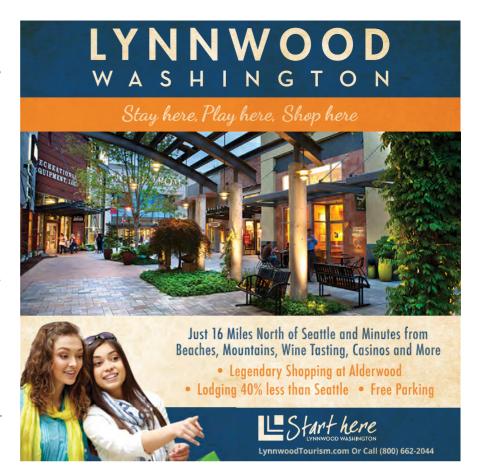


During the summer, the museum has monthly fly days with flying presentations, ride flights, a BBQ, and a drawing to win a ride in a vintage aircraft. And, for those who want more flight time, certain membership levels include a flight on one of the historic planes.

#### **HIGH TREK ADVENTURES** & ZIPLINES

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# Basecamp **Bucket List**

Our top seven things to do when you visit Urban Basecamp

**▼ VISIT THE AVIATION ATTRACTIONS** Seattle North-Country is home to some of the best aviation museums and attractions in the world. Visit the largest building in the world (by volume) at Boeing Future of Flight, see refurbished vintage war vehicles at the Flying Heritage & Combat Armor Museum, and so much more. For full details, see our Aviation Road Trip, starting on page 33. SHOP AT ALDERWOOD Fifteen minutes north of Seattle in Lynnwood, Alderwood beckons shoppers with 152 retailers, and dozens of restaurants. This spacious shopping center with fountains, skylights, and tile offers visitors everything from outdoor recreational supplies to designer clothes and luxury soaps in an airy, walkable atmosphere.

**▼ WANDER HISTORIC DOWNTOWN BOTHELL** It's easy to see why pioneers settled on the north side of the Sammamish River. Today the muraled brick buildings that line Main Street in Bothell contain bakeries, cute cafes, wine bars, and little boutiques. Feel free to explore with a cup of coffee in hand. Your best bets are Cafe Ladro, McMenamin's Anderson School, the Bothell Landing, and Hillcrest Bakery. Woodinville's famous wineries are only a bicycle ride away.

**☑ VISIT MILL CREEK TOWN CENTER** Eighty merchants fit into this bustling yet walkable urban shopping and dining center. Visitors can enjoy froyo, Indian food, and shopping for gourmet dog treats before walking on the forested North Creek Trail. Local favorites include Central Market for delicious foodie snacks, Spotted Cow Coffee for affogato, and the Tapas & Tablas Restaurant for shareable small plates.

**☑** LEARN ABOUT SALMON AT THE NORTHWEST STREAM **CENTER** Salmon are the lifeblood of our region—an invaluable food chain asset and a significant cultural symbol. Salmon and stream health are celebrated at the Northwest Stream Center. And, frankly, it's a beautiful preserve-stroll an elevated boardwalk through a tranquil forest and peer through clear tanks into the very heart of a northwest stream.

RELAX AT Q AND OLYMPUS SPAS It's time for a mung





bean facial and a recharging morning in a salt rock room. Align your chakras, destress your body, and get your cucumber eyes on. Skin care, facials, herbal dry sauna, steam baths, and a reading room help you to detox and recharge your brain. Visit these saunas in Lynnwood and Mill Creek and come back renewed.

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**▼ VISIT MOUNTLAKE TERRACE** Known for its arts community, the annual Arts of Terrace is one of the best art shows in the region featuring works by top local and regional artists. Focusing on all community members, the city devotes over 260 acres to recreation, including its popular aquatic center, nine neighborhood parks, three sports complexes, and 14 sports fields. Every summer, the city hosts Tour de Terrace, a Seafair festival that attracts thousands of people from all over the region.

For more things to do in Urban Basecamp, visit SeattleNorthCountry.com/urban-basecamp ■







# SKYKOMISH — RIVER VALLEYS — SN9H9MISH

Visiting the towns of the Skykomish—Snohomish River Valleys feels like a trip back in time. Here, you can linger in bakeries, boutiques, and vintage shops, sip local coffee alongside some of the friendliest folks around, and hop from farmstand to farmstand, feasting on berries in the summer and picking pumpkins in the fall. Relax in small-town diners after a day of skiing, hiking, or rock climbing. Launch a white-water rafting trip from a historic mining village, then take in the lush river landscapes and rural vistas from a hot air balloon.



# CITIES & TOWNS



#### **1** LAKE STEVENS

Home to the largest recreational lake in Snohomish County, Lake Stevens is an aquatic dream for watersports enthusiasts. Swim, kayak, paddleboard, or wakeboard with stunning views of Pilchuck Mountain.

#### 2 SNOHOMISH

Antiques and boutiques define the bohemian-chic Snohomish vibe. Savor old things and new in charming combinations of upcycled goods and fresh-baked bread. Take a river stroll here for a cozy, small-town feel of an old American "main street." Dive out of an airplane or soar above the treeline with hot air balloons at Harvey Field.

#### **3 MONROE**

Located at the confluence of two rivers and the intersection of

two highways, seemingly every route in the region leads to the small city of Monroe. River recreation, and a cute downtown can't be missed. Every year thousands of swifts flock to the Frank Wagner Elementary School in Monroe. The Evergreen State Fair offers smalltown summer fun as well as weekend NASCAR races.

#### **4** SULTAN

Sultan is a great place to stop off on Highway 2 as you're headed to the Cascade Mountains or Stevens Pass. Get a beer or a coffee and stretch your legs next to the Skykomish River. Be sure to try the regionally-famous Sultan Bakery for tasty baked goods.

#### **5** STARTUP

Stop off at a roadside farmstand for honey, fresh pumpkins, or

tomatoes grown in nearby fields. This tiny city is adorned with sweeping views of the foothills of the Cascades.

#### **6** GOLD BAR

Named for precious ore found in the Skykomish River, Gold Bar is a little city where you can buy beef jerky from a roadside stand or get a stack of flapjacks before hitting the mountains for the day.

#### **1NDEX**

This tiny town is situated underneath towering granite cliffs and next to the Upper Fork of the Skykomish River—both of these features make it an ideal setting for kayaking, climbing, bouldering or offroading with an ATV. Stay in one of the town's many comfortable B&Bs and use it as a basecamp for day adventures in the Cascade Mountains.

#### WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Skykomish "Skykomish" comes from the Northern Lushootseed word meaning "upriver people."

#### Snohomish

"Snohomish" means "lowland people" according to the last chief of the Snohomish tribe, Chief William Shelton.





# Sea to Sky

This is the story of a road trip to the Sky.

"Sky" here meaning both "the Skykomish River Valley" and the actual sky-sky. Because if you drive far enough into the mountains of Seattle NorthCountry, something strange happens.

Land, clouds, rain, snow, and rocks get all mixed up. Rivers become fog. Clouds fill the trees. Waterfalls gush from cliffs. You realize that the mighty Cascade Mountains are permanently engulfed in never-ending cycles of condensation.

This is the reason they call Washington the Evergreen State.

Your trip starts at a low elevation. Begin in the coastal community of Everett, traveling east on Highway 2 to the county line in the sky.

#### **SNOHOMISH**

Snohomish is an appealing mix of old and new. The town prides itself on its non-commercialized and walkable downtown filled with antique shops and boutiques-next to the placid Snohomish River. You can't go wrong with a day filled with upcycled vintage fashion, hand-thrown pottery, or fresh-baked croissants in this adorable old-school town.

Stop for lunch at ANDY'S FISH HOUSE (1229 1st St, Snohomish), a riverfront spot known for seafood (don't miss the clam chowder), before spending a day antique hunting along the river.

#### **MONROE**

From Highway 2, Monroe looks like a few chain stores, but venture a minute or two off the highway and you'll find a walkable historic downtown. For a great picnic spot, swing by the beautiful 90-acre AL BORLIN PARK (561 South Lewis St) where you'll find waterfront access, picnic tables and barbeque pits.

#### THE REPTILE ZOO

A few miles down the road, you'll find **THE** REPTILE ZOO (22715 US-2), a barn filled with scaly crawling oddities like gila monsters, a mexican crocodile, and king cobras. It's a trip to see these exotic creatures crawling and slithering in a barn in the wilderness.

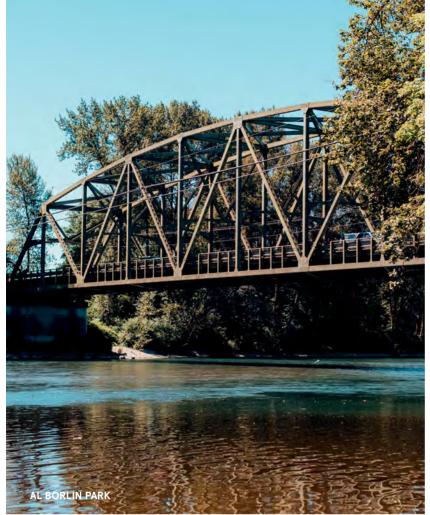
#### WHAT TO **PACK**

#### SNOWBOARD/ **SNOW SKIS**

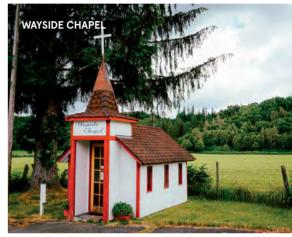
If you're visiting in the winter, you can extend your trip by a few miles and end up at Steven's Pass-a popular spot for winter sports.

#### **HIKING GEAR**

The valley boasts great hikes with stunning views. Pack your hiking gear and head to Heybrook Lookout, Lake Dorothy, or Bridal Veil Falls.







#### SUSTAINABLE **NORTHCOUNTRY**

Please be mindful to navigate around all woody debris in rivers.

Downed trees are vital for salmon habitat, but trap kayaks and rafts.



#### **WAYSIDE CHAPEL**

The Wayside Chapel is a tiny roadside micro-church with four pews on the edge of a grassy field. Stop in for a moment of rest and meditation.

#### **ZEKES DRIVE-IN**

ZEKE'S DRIVE-IN (43918 US-2) is the very last stop for greasy roadside fare before getting deep into the mountains. It's located on a turn-off area past Gold Bar. You can order fish and chips, fried mushrooms, burgers, shakes, and fries. Zeke's also has an indoor seating area to keep you dry. The fish and chips here are crispy on the outside and the shakes are so thick you can stand a straw in them.

#### **INDEX**

To find Index, drive to the middle of nowhere and take a left. Then you're still a mile out of town. If you're looking for an adorable and remote Northwest town, this is it.

The tiny community of Index is located at the base of a craggy mountain face next to a river. Mining and fishing are what brought early pioneers here. The sheer rock cliffs and the North Fork of the Skykomish River continue to draw people to this remote location—it's the perfect town for climbers and kayakers.

Visit the **OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CENTER** (444 Ave A), an A-frame lodge that used to be the town tavern. It's right next to the river, and an ideal place to rent a kayak or a raft to float down the North Fork of the Skykomish. The Outdoor Adventure Center has wetsuits, helmets, and paddles for rent.

After rafting, stop at the lodge for hot scones. The interior of the place is filled with vintage camping gear, a roaring fire (you'll want to warm up), and coolers fully stocked with Washington cider and beer. Try the cider from Tieton Cider Works, a brewery in Yakima.

#### **BIGFOOT**

Two miles past Index on Highway 2 you will see the iconic hairy guy: bigfoot. There are two large bigfeet statues on the south side of the road.

This is **ESPRESSO CHALET**, a small Airstream-style trailer converted into a roadside stand. Kitsch is king here. They sell ice cream and serve coffee, and also have a bathroom. Most importantly, they offer the bigfoot statue photo op and other memorabilia like mini bigfoot figurines, t-shirts, and magnets.

#### **THEN BACK**

The beauty of the Sea to Sky road trip is that you can go out to the edge of nowhere, raft on wild rivers, get a hot meal, and be back to a city for a warm hotel bed and cocktails before sundown. This is the beauty of the Pacific Northwest, a place that hasn't been completely tamed.



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# Skykomish— Snohomish Bucket List

Seven things not to miss when you visit the Skykomish-Snohomish River Valleys

▼ TAKE A HOT AIR BALLOON RIDE Floating above the treelines. Seeing the sunset paint the farm fields of the Skykomish River Valley and the redbrick buildings of Snohomish. The feeling of being aloft and soaring. The view of a curved horizon from 1,000 feet in the air. Hot air balloon rides that depart from Harvey Field in Snohomish provide an aerial experience that you'll remember the rest of your life.

✓ VISIT THE REPTILE ZOO Come face to face with an albino alligator and peep at a king cobra from behind protective glass. If it's scaly, shelled, or slithering, odds are you'll find it swimming or basking under a heat lamp here. This roadside reptile zoo will bring out the wonder in visitors with the magic of a two-headed turtle, or an iguana trained to say "hello" on command.

■ LAUNCH A RAFTING ADVENTURE The town of Index is a gateway to world-class rafting. The town is bordered on the south by the North Fork of the Skykomish River. Rent kayaks or rafts and take a guided tour of the river with the expert tour guides of the **Outdoor Adventure** Center. After a day on class-five rapids, return to the OAC's River House in Index to warm up with a cozy fire and a local cider.

■ HIKE TO HEYBROOK LOOKOUT Glamp above the treeline at 1,700 feet. This 1930s fire lookout fell into disrepair for decades before a team of dedicated volunteers lovingly restored it into a luxurious cabin that you can rent by the night. Enjoy morning coffee with panoramic views of the Cascade Mountains. The hike to the top of the ridge is worth every 900 feet of the journey.

SOAK IN THE MIST AT BRIDAL VEIL FALLS Witness a mist-wreathed wonder: Lake Serene spills 1,328 feet from a mountain face directly into the South Fork of the Skykomish River. This perennial wonder of water is called Bridal Veil Falls for its gauzy, ghostly aesthetic. The mist is good for cooling off in the summer or for a spectral hike in the winter.

**■ GO ROCK CLIMBING IN INDEX** The Index Town Wall is comprised of 1,300-foot granite cliffs. The Wall is a favorite of adventurous climbers and bouldering





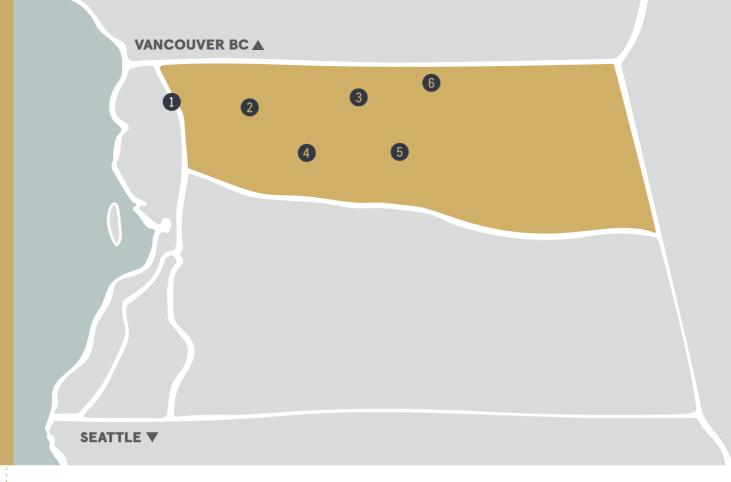
experts. Post up overnight and travel locally to enjoy other bouldering destinations along the Skykomish River Valley.

✓ VISIT LAKE STEVENS A huge draw year round, with lots of activity, Lake Stevens is home to the largest lake in Seattle NorthCountry (1,000 acres and 8 miles of shoreline), a historic downtown situated at the north end of the lake and was built on the former Rucker Mill site. With public and private shore lands, sandy public beaches and public boat launches, Lake Stevens happily recruits visitors toting canoes, jet skis, sailboats, wakeboards and other water gear.

For more things to do in the Coastal Communities, visit **SeattleNorthCountry.com/sky-sno-valleys** 



The Stillaguamish—Sauk River Valleys are the doorstep of the Central Cascades. Here, you can hike to glaciers that pool into alpine lakes, take in the night sky from a fire lookout, camp in the woods at a music festival, and explore the history of lumber & farming towns set in the shadow of towering snow-topped mountains. This verdant valley is a destination for river rafters, hikers, van campers, mountain bikers, and anyone else who likes to roam places that are still truly wild.



# CITIES & TOWNS



#### 1 SILVANA

A charming, blinkand-you-miss-it town. Silvana is comprised of a roadside cluster of diners, grain silos, berry farms, and dairies. A must-stop route for bicyclists exploring the agrarian side roads of Seattle NorthCountry. Also perfect for a small cool-off dip in the Stillaguamish River.

#### **2** ARLINGTON

Farmland at the base of the Cascades: Arlington is still home to old farming co-op/hardware stores as well as more modern kombucha breweries and river rafting. Bicyclists prize this small downtown as a stop-off for refueling as they pedal east toward the photogenic "walking valley"-so-called by the indigenous peoples for the shifting geography, due to glacial melt and changing river flows.

#### **3** 050

Oso prides itself on its tight-knit feel—a community predicated on outdoor recreation, mountain biking, and horses. Visit Rhodes River Ranch for dinner next to a horse arena. The Whitehorse Trail goes through Oso and takes walkers, equestrians and bicyclists to next-door Arlington or Darrington.

#### **4** GRANITE FALLS

A one-stoplight town on the cusp of a literal northwest wilderness. "Granite" as it's known locally, is home to an actual waterfall that spills over rock faces. The gateway to the Mountain Loop Highway—a scenic mountainous and riverfed region, perfect for camping.

#### **5** VERLOT

Verlot Visitor Center was the home and office of the Forest Service

Ranger from the 1930s until the early 1980s. The Verlot Campground, across the street, was the site of a Civilian Conservation Corps camp. Today it is a perfect place to camp over the weekend. It has several campsites for rent and it's right next to the South Fork of the Stillaguamish River, with peekaboo views of Mount Pilchuck.

#### **6** DARRINGTON

A historic lumber town with a small-town vibe, in the shadow of Whitehorse Mountain and on the scenic Mountain Loop Highway. Though lumber still plays a role, Darrington also has access to the best music festivals (Bluegrass Festival and Summer Meltdown), downhill mountain biking, wilderness trails, whitewater rafting and kayaking in Seattle NorthCountry.

#### STILLAGUAMISH-SAUK **ROAD TRIP**

# The Mountain Loop

The Mountain Loop Highway is a real trip "out there"—a self-contained cycle, a circuit that takes you out to the wild woods before returning you to your urban origins.

This is about as "far out" into the PNW wilderness as you can get on four wheels. A car camping dream spot. Expect to see breathtaking beauty.

This route is also known as the Mountain Loop Scenic Byway. Byway as in, you don't really need to go there. And maybe that's the whole point: it's out there just to be enjoyed. Here's a guided tour of the best places to visit when you go.

#### **GRANITE FALLS**

Granite Falls is an old lumber town at the base of Mount Pilchuck.

"Granite," as the locals call it, is the jumping off point to the Mountain Loop. Stop at **GRANITE FALLS HARDWARE** (108 S Granite Ave) to pick up firewood, hatchets, and other camping supplies. The IGA GROCERY STORE (115 N Granite Ave) has ice and food for your trip.

#### WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Stillaguamish The Stillaguamish people are descendants of the Stoluck-wamish River Tribe, who lived along the Stillaguamish River in the 1850s.

#### Sauk

The Sauk people historically lived along the banks of the Sauk, Suiattle, Cascade, Stillaguamish, and Skagit rivers.



On your way out of Granite Falls, look for the town's namesake: a giant waterfall pouring over boulders. It's a short hike from the roadside turnoff.

#### **VERLOT**

One of the most accessible and camper friendly parts of the Loop is Verlot. Located just a few miles out of Granite Falls, it's a FORESTED CAMPING AREA next to the Stillaguamish River. Camping spots here are only \$12 a night for one vehicle, tax included. Most sites at Verlot come with picnic tables and fire rings.

The Stillaguamish River, or the "Stilly" is shallow enough here in the summer to wade or swim in. Across the river is the peak of Mount Pilchuck.

Verlot is not deep wilderness, which makes it ideal for the casual outdoors person. If you want to see more, then continue out on the Mountain Loop.



#### WHAT TO **PACK**

#### **CAMPING GEAR**

The Stillaguamish-Sauk River Vallevs are home to some of the best camping in the region. If you're up for it, you can backpack to Goat Lake and spend the night under the stars (though spaces are limited, so be sure to have a plan B). You'll also find a lot of car campgrounds in the area.

#### THE TEN **ESSENTIALS**

Considering taking a hike in wilderness areas? Be sure to bring along the following:

> Map and Compass

**Sun Protection Extra Clothing** 

Matches or **Fire Starter** 

Headlamp or Flashlight

> First Aid Supplies

**Pocketknife** 

Extra Food

**Extra Water** 

**Emergency** Shelter (such as a space blanket)

#### THE BIG FOUR ICE CAVES •

A short drive from Verlot are the spectacular **BIG FOUR ICE CAVES.** They make for a fail-proof hike. The ice caves are a one mile trek each way from the trailheads; easy to get to along a cleared path that has a low gain in elevation.

The Big Four Mountain has a microclimate on its north face that sustains ice year-round. The mountainside is marbled with veins of frozen water and patches of snow. Majestic.

There are two paths leading from the trailhead that meet up at the base of Big Four. We recommend the boardwalk route through the wetlands. The trail leads through four unique ecosystems, meadow, marsh, forest and alpine.

A major word of warning: never go in, near, or climb on top of the ice caves. They collapse without warning and have killed people.

#### **DEEP LOOP**

Far out on the 'Loop, past the trailhead for the ghost town of **MONTE CRISTO** (which is definitely worth a trip), the Scenic Byway turns into an unpaved road. The route here is steep, and the road is made of compact dirt and gravel.

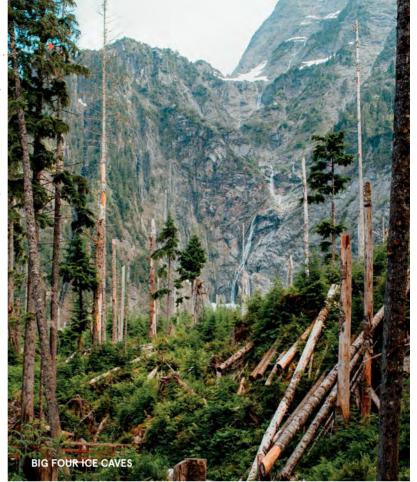
This is where things get really "off the grid." Here you're guaranteed stunning panoramic views. The timber-carpeted slopes and waterfalls might actually take your breath away. Turn off on the White Chuck Overlook and keep an eye out for mountain goats.

#### **DARRINGTON**

Coming out of the wilderness, you'll drive into the small town of Darrington.

Darrington's cozy little downtown has some of the best views in the county of Whitehorse Mountain. Spend an afternoon in Darrington and you'll never quite adjust to the seemingly-distorted perspective of a giant mountain looming over the city.

Darrington is a "jumping off point" if you're headed on the 'Loop in the other direction. Check out one of Darrington's best hikes, **THE WHITEHORSE TRAIL.** 



#### **ARLINGTON**

Past Darrington is **SQUIRE CREEK** (41415 State Rte 530 NE), a wonderful campground for car/tent camping. Beautiful, quiet and rural. It's close to lots of hiking, equestrian, biking, and rafting opportunities.

Between Darrington and Arlington is the **RHODES RIVER RANCH** (22016 Entsminger Rd). This ranch is exactly what you don't expect to find in a Northwest wilderness. Is it a giant luxurious horse-training arena? Is it a classy place for steak dinners and whiskey? Yes to all of the above.

That's right: the roadside restaurant is built around an equestrian arena. Stop by for dinner and a show.

#### **WHEN YOU GO**

It's possible to see the Mountain Loop in one day. But it might be better as a twoday trip: camp overnight, come back the next day.

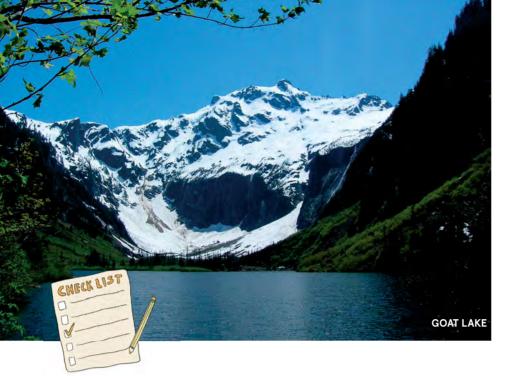
No matter your plans for tackling the route, you simply can't go wrong with the views on this scenic byway. Don't forget your camera.

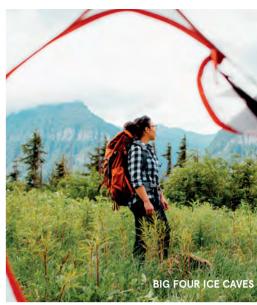
#### SUSTAINABLE NORTHCOUNTRY

Feel free to take selfies, but please do so without harming yourself. Do not get close to cliff edges, waterfalls. or wildlife. While you're at it, please protect wild places by leaving location tags off of your social media posts. Fragile wild areas can get trampled when they become Insta-famous.









# Stillaguamish-Sauk Bucket List

Five ways to experience the Stillaguamish-Sauk River Valleys

NORTH MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK See the rugged northwest from two wheels. 4.6 miles of low-elevation trails take you into the foothills of the North Cascades at this bike park. The trails are ranked by difficulty, ranging from beginner-level novice slaloms to steep-grade "experts only" skills areas. The bike park trails intersect with the Whitehorse Trail-take a short bike ride to the lumber town of Darrington for lunch and a beer.

THE BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL If you're in town at the right time, don't miss the PNW's longest-running bluegrass festival. It's not just for acoustic pluckin', strummin', and stomping. Visitors can enjoy hiking on the Whitehorse Trail, camping, river swimming, and 24-hour campfire jams, food and craft vendors. The festival is held at an outdoor amphitheatre with commanding views of snowy Whitehorse Mountain. Another summer music festival-Summer Meltdown, is held at the same location. Be sure to check SeattleNorthCountry.com for festival dates and times.

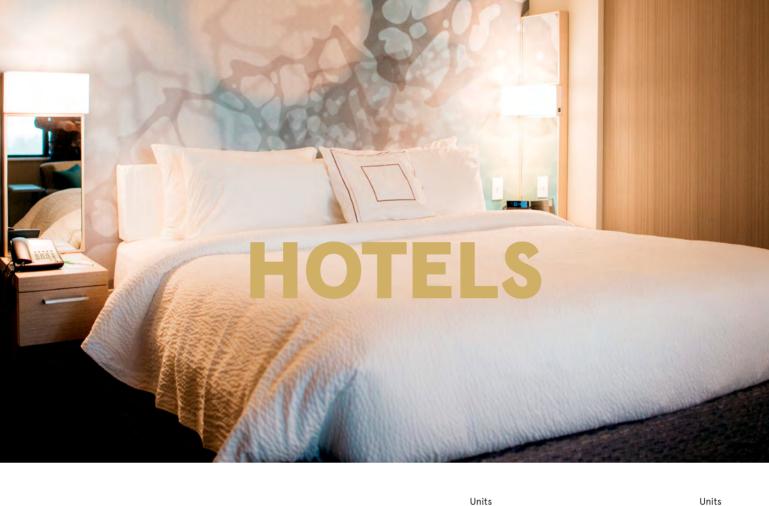
☑ GOAT LAKE Rest your feet in the shallows of this glacial lake on the furthest reaches of the Mountain Loop Highway. This popular trail in the North Cascades offers day-use and overnight camping. Be sure to visit if you like mirrored reflections of stunning Foggy Peak, mountainous waterfalls

and the pristine beauty of an old-growth forest. ☑ BIG FOUR ICE CAVES The north side of Big Four Mountain has a unique ecosystem that creates yearround ice caves. The hike to the caves is accessible from the stunning Mountain Loop Highway. The easy hiking route takes you on boardwalks, over wetlands, and onto a gently-sloping forested path. The caves are for observing only from a distance—they have been known to collapse without warning. Never venture near the

**☑ GREEN MOUNTAIN LOOKOUT** One of Washington State's all-time best hikes, Green Mountain Lookout is definitely worth the 8.5-mile round-trip. The historic lookout at the top was originally built in 1933 and is on the National Register of Historic Places, but it's the view that you won't forget: Glacier Peak, Buckindy, Dome Peak and more loom in the distance. In the winter, you'll likely find snow near the top, in the fall the colors are stunning. If you're hiking in the summer, be sure to pack plenty of water and sun protection-much of the hike is exposed.

For more to do in the Stillaguamish-Sauk Region, visit SeattleNorthCountry.com/stilly-sauk-valleys





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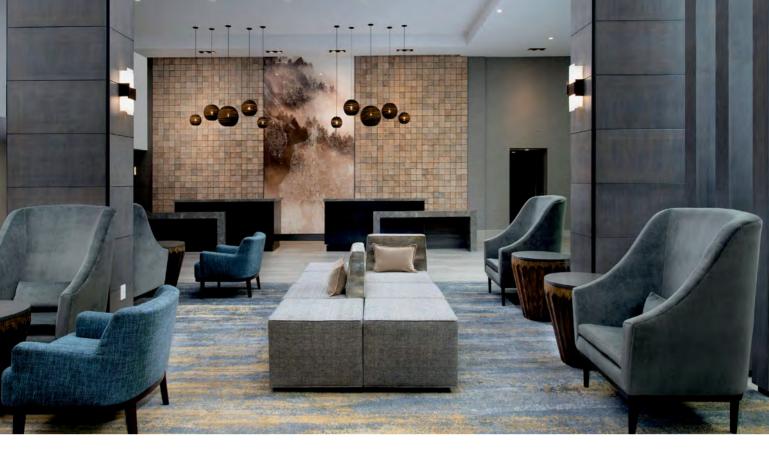
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Kayak County Park offers a unique 3-bedroom Craftsman-style vacation house on a bluff overlooking Puget Sound. Max. 7 people.

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All of our cabins have microwave ovens and outdoor barbecue grills. The main cabin has 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, and 2 hideaway beds. The kitchen has a stove and a refrigerator. 3 smaller cabins have 1 living room and 1 bathroom.

360-652-8169 4726 Lakewood Road, Stanwood lakegoodwinresort.com

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360-569-2799 or 877-325-5881 | Baring greatcabins.com/riverruns/

#### **A Riverside Retreat**

This 2 bedroom vacation rental property stretches over 5 city lots, and is perfectly perched along the crystal clear waters of the Skykomish River. Hot tub, covered porch. Sleeps four.

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509-996-2148 or 800-422-3048 | Index centralreservations.net/lodging/ bonnysky

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360-677-2414 | Snohomish www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/mbs/ recreation/recarea/?recid=18042

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425-785-5983 20125 Inter Mountain Park Rd,. Index wildskvranch.com

#### Stillaguamish—Sauk

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www.pacapride.com

#### **VACATION RENTAL WEBSITES**

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Various locations airbnb.com/s/Snohomish-County

#### Home Away (AKA- VRBO)

Many of Snohomish County rental cabins and homes are listed on this site. Over 100 beautiful rentals in all price ranges.

www.homeaway.com

www.vrbo.com

#### **Vacation Rental Cabins**

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206-219-6427 | Various locations vacationrentalcabins.com



#### PARKS AND CAMPGROUNDS

For more information, contact: 425-388-6600 snohomishcountywa.gov/1082/ campgrounds

#### **Coastal Communities**

Wenberg County Park, Stanwood 425-388-6600

Kayak Point County Park, Stanwood 425-388-6600

#### Skykomish-Snohomish

Wallace Falls State Park, Gold Bar 360-793-8784 / 888-226-7688 parks.wa.gov/289/Wallace-Falls

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**Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest** 877-833-6777 fs.usda.gov/recmain/mbs/recreation **River Meadows County Park, Arlington** 425-388-6600 Squire Creek, Arlington 425-388-6600

#### **RV PARKS**

#### **Urban Basecamp**

Lake Pleasant RV Park, Bothell

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goodsamcamping.com.s3.amazonaws.com/ gsparks/LakePleasant/LakePleasant

#### Lakeside RV Park, Everett

425-347-2970 or 800-468-7275

lakesidervpark.net

#### **Maple Grove RV Resort, Everett**

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maplegrovervresort.com

#### Twin Cedars RV Park, Lynnwood

425-742-5540

twincedarsrypark.business.site

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360-652-7083 or 866-342-4981

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Harbour Pointe RV Park, Everett

425-789-1169

harbourpointervpark.com

#### Lake Goodwin Resort, Stanwood

360-652-8169 or 800-242-8169

lakegoodwinresort.com/rv-camping-areas

#### Skykomish-Snohomish

#### **Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Monroe**

360-805-6727 or 425-388-6600

evergreenfair.org/142/RV-Park

#### **Snohomish RV & Mobile Home Park**

360-568-9433

rvparking.com/wa/snohomish/snohomishmobile-home-and-rv-park

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#### Cascade Kamloops Trout Farm & RV Park, Darrington

360-436-1003

cascadekamloops.com

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360-688-3642

emeraldspringsrv.com

#### Lake Ki RV Resort, Arlington

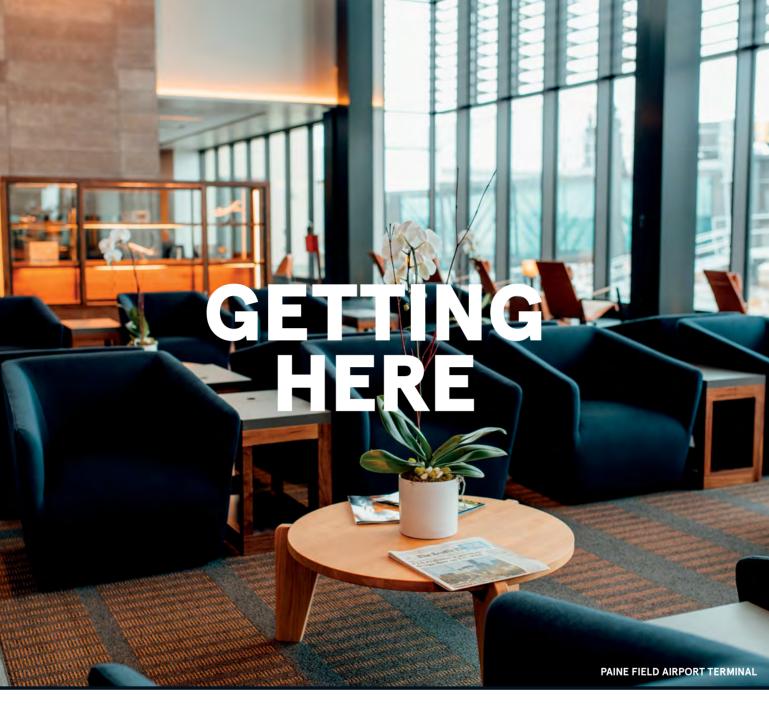
360-652-0619

lakekiresort.com

#### Smokey Point Mobile Home/RV Park, Arlington

360-387-0199

smokeypointrv.com/Home.html



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#### By Car

Interstate 5 provides access from the north and south: Interstates 90 and 405 access I-5 from the southeast. State Highway 2 provides access from the northeast.

#### By Train or Bus

Served by Amtrak, Northwest Trailways and Greyhound Bus Lines. All local and regional buses have bike racks.

#### By Ferry

Two ferry terminals serve Whidbey Island and the Kitsap Peninsula. Washington State ferries now takes reservations for some routes including San Juan Islands at wsdot.wa.gov/ferries or call 888-808-7977.

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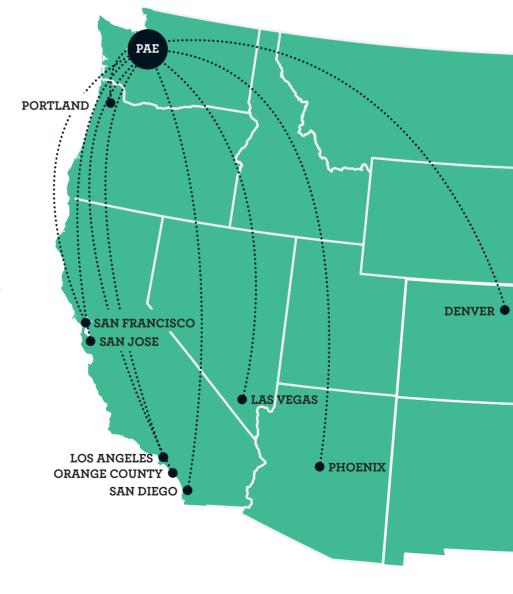
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Tacoma	60
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Portland, OR	200





# Getting Around

Community Transit community transit.org

**Everett Transit** everetttransit.org

**Sound Transit** soundtransit.org

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#### TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

	Amtrak	800-USA-RAIL
	Community Transit	800-562-1375
	Paine Field - Snohomish County Airport	
	painefield.com	425-353-2110
	PAE Airport Terminal flypainefield.com	425-622-9040
	Port Of Edmonds Portofedmonds.org	425-775-4588
•	Seaview Airport Service Seaviewairportservice.com	888-743-8390
	Shuttle Express Shuttleexpress.com	800-487-7433
•	<b>Washington State Ferries</b> Wsdot.wa.gov/Ferries	888-808-7977

### NATIONAL FOREST & WASHINGTON STATE PARKS INFORMATION

Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie	425-783-6000
National Forest	800-627-0062
Washington State Parks Information	360-902-8844

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Economic Alliance Snohomish County	425-743-4567
Edmonds Visitor Center	425-776-6711
Edmonds Chamber	425-670-1496
Gold Bar City Hall	360-793-1101
Granite Falls Chamber	360-302-3051
Index Town Hall	360-793-2488
Lake Stevens Chamber	425-334-0433
Lynnwood Chamber	425-563-7505
Marysville Tulalip Visitors Center and Chamber	360-659-7700
Monroe Chamber	360-794-5488
Mukilteo Chamber and VIC	425-347-1456
Sky Valley Visitors Center and Chamber (Index, Sultan)	360-793-0983
Snohomish Chamber	360-568-2526
Stanwood Chamber	360-629-0562
Stanwood Visitors Center	360-629-3888
Stilly Valley Chamber & Visitor Center	360-659-5453
Snohomish County Visitor Information Center at Boeing Future of Flight	425-438-8100 x.246



# Northwest Ferry Adventure

by: HENRY YARSINSKE JR

New York City has the subway, London has the double-decker bus, and Seattle NorthCountry has the ferry.

For over 65 years, ferries have been used to shuttle people from the island counties to the mainland. But these giant boats aren't just for the work crowd. Some of the best adventures start at ferry terminals and the towns around them. Come with us on two public boat trips that showcase Seattle NorthCountry beauty. From Mukilteo, tour pastoral and charming Whidbey Island, or after strolling through downtown Edmonds, grab the ferry to visit the Kitsap Peninsula and Olympic Peninsula.

#### FERRY 101 - WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOU RIDE

Ferry waits can be incredibly long during peak travel times. Washington State Ferries have cameras on their website, which is extremely helpful as you're planning your trip in route to Mukilteo. Walking on is the cheapest way to experience the ferry. Walk on prices for both the Mukilteo - Clinton and Edmonds - Kingston rides are just \$8.35 for a round-trip adult ticket.

Driving? The price for a roundtrip ticket for Mukilteo-Clinton starts at \$17.90 for car and driver (and an additional \$5.10 per adult passenger) for the 20 minute crossing, while Edmonds - Kingston will cost \$30.00 (and an additional \$8.50 per adult passenger) for the 30 minute crossing. You can pay either at the gate or online via Wave2Go. Keep your stub for your return trip.

Some ferry regulars choose to stay in their cars, but head above-deck to take in the view during the ride. You can even get a bite to eat and a beverage onboard. Pair a beer with a sausage, or maybe some Beecher's Mac n Cheese—a Seattle NorthCountry staple.

#### **MUKILTEO - CLINTON FERRY**

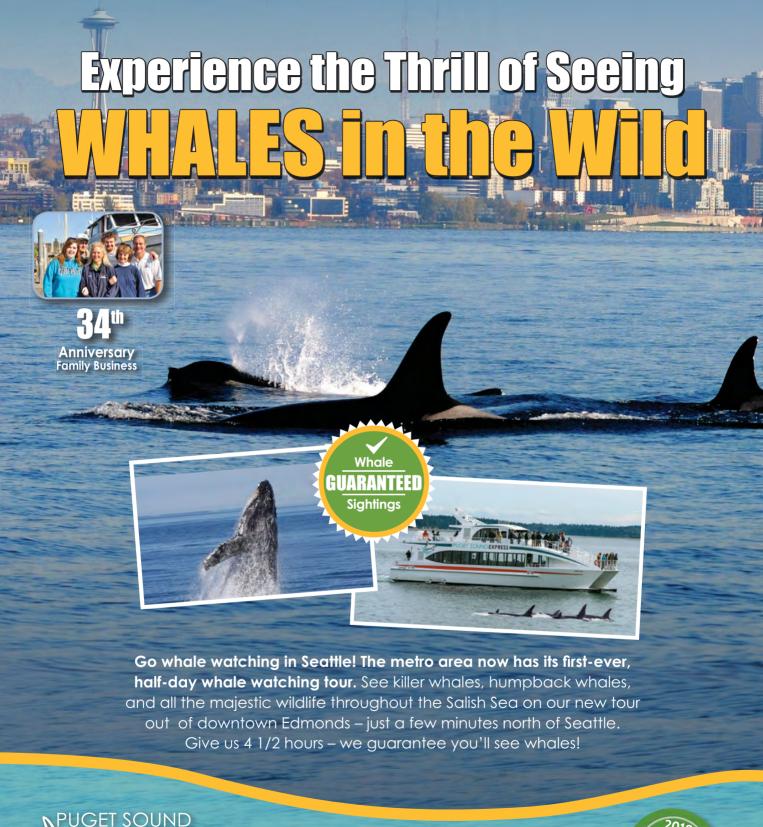
Before boarding, grab a quick bite to eat at Ivar's at the Mukilteo ferry terminal. The legendary Seattle-based fish and chips spot that's been in business for over 80 years. And since both the walk-up and the more upscale Ivar's at Mukilteo Landing are next door to each other, eating there was a no-brainer. If you're driving, as you leave Clinton, head to Langley, which is just ten minutes away. Langley is home to quaint shops and little cafes. It's the perfect spot to take in the island life.

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For sailing schedules and fare information, contact www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries or call 888-808-7977.

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