



# OUTDOOR ADVENTURE



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# FREE Youth Fishing Events

Expert fishing guides with The Everett Steelhead and Salmon Youth Organization help kids reel in the excitement at this free event for ages 4-14. Bring your own rod, reel and tackle. Some equipment will be available to borrow.

• May 2 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Jennings Pond, 6915 Armour Rd. in Marysville

• May 9 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Thornton A. Sullivan Park, 11405 W. Silver Lake Road in Everett  
 • May 16 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Gissberg Twin Lakes Park, 16324 Twin Lakes Ave. in Marysville.

Hosted by the Everett Steelhead & Salmon Youth Organization (which can be found on Facebook).



# Kids Water Safety Camp

Did you know more children and teens drown in lakes, rivers, and oceans every year than in swimming pools? With so many waterways in our communities, Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue wants to teach kids how to be safe while they play this summer.

Join Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue for one of their annual Kids Water Safety Day Camps that teaches kids awareness and safety skills

while they are on the water. (This is NOT a camp to teach kids how to swim.)

**July 8:** Lake Tye, 14964 Frylands Blvd. in Monroe. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**July 16:** Lundeen Park, 10020 Lundeen Park Way in Lake Stevens. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Campers will need to pack a lunch as only a small snack will be provided.

During the day kids will rotate through four hands-

on stations, both in the water and on the beach. Life jackets will be provided for each camper to wear during camp. Campers can wear their own life jackets if they have them.

To register, visit [www.srfr.org](http://www.srfr.org). Space is limited.

If your children have taken this class in the past, Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue asks that you let other families have the chance for their children to learn water safety.

# Historic Waterfront Tours

The Port of Everett and Historic Everett are offering five "Throwback Thursday" Historic Everett Waterfront Harbor Tours on Thursdays in July and August aboard the 60-passenger Jetty Island

Ferry. The guided tour explores Everett's former milltown days, when the lumber, fishing and maritime industries thrived. "Throwback Thursday"

tours are scheduled for July 9, 23, Aug. 6, 20, and Sept. 3. Reservations are required.

Learn more at [www.portofeverett.com/porttours](http://www.portofeverett.com/porttours)

# Attention Crabbers: Call in catch for study

## Caught a crab with a green tag?



Photo courtesy of Suquamish Tribe

A green tag on a Dungeness crab indicates that it is part of the Suquamish Tribe and WDFW's adult crab migration study.

**By Tiffany Royal  
Northwest Treaty Tribes**

Green tags affixed to Dungeness crab are an invitation for harvesters in Puget Sound to participate in a region-wide tracking project to learn about crab migration.

The Suquamish Tribe and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) teamed up in September 2025 to collect and tag 555 legal-sized male Dungeness crab in mid-Puget Sound so they can learn more about adult crab movement behavior, said Viviane Barry, the tribe's shellfish program manager.

Over four days, scientists collected crab and related data, including carapace width, species, sex and shell conditions such as firmness before affixing them with a green tag.

Each thin tag has an ID number and a phone number. When a tagged crab is caught, harvesters are asked to call or text the phone number listed and report where the crab was found. This project only works if people report each tagged crab and provide

accurate harvest locations, said Gianna Pantaleo, a shellfish biologist for the tribe.

The tribe and WDFW noted the latitude and longitude where they released each tagged crab, at six different spots between Apple Tree Cove near Kingston and Alki Point near West Seattle, so having crabbers report recapture locations will provide shellfish managers with valuable information.

"Then we can figure out how far the crab have traveled," Pantaleo said.

As of December, more than 40 crab have been reported.

"People are really excited about this project," said Korie Griffith, WDFW shellfish biologist. "People are really curious where their crab came from."

While all the data goes into a centralized reporting system managed by WDFW, the information will help both tribal and state shellfish managers.

"In commercial crabbing especially, there's a lot of fluctuation and abundance in the crab harvest, so the more data we have on the crab population, the better

informed we're going to be to manage this resource," Barry said.

The project initially started with the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, which began tagging crab in early 2025. Swinomish staff then worked with other tribal and state shellfish staff to dial in data collection and tagging procedures to make it consistent across the region.

While the Suquamish Tribe hasn't done a recapture migration study like this before, they have been involved in an ongoing crab larvae migration study for the past six years.

The two studies combined could inform crab stock origins and abundance projections in the future, Barry said.

"I think this is a kind of project that offers supplemental information to try and fit the bigger picture of how our crab are being dispersed and what that looks like in Puget Sound," Pantaleo said.

Caught a crab with a green tag?

Call or text the phone number on the tag to report capture location and receive further instructions.

# International Kite Festival

The Washington State International Kite Festival will be Aug. 17-23 at Long Beach. The Festival boasts skies ablaze with color, high flying action and choreographed movement. The event draws famous kite flyers from all over the world and tens of thousands awed spectators, many of which participate in the fun with their own



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visit [www.KiteFestival.com](http://www.KiteFestival.com)

For more information

# Fire starting tips

Saturate cotton balls with petroleum jelly - store them in a small zip style baggie. They will burn for 5-7 minutes, plenty of time to start a fire.



# Explore in a kayak!



shoreline and shallow marshes, perfect for viewing wildlife.

There are many parks along the Snohomish River to launch your kayak. Be aware as river currents can be strong.

Or - for the more adventurous and experienced kayaker, check out the Cascadia Marine Trail. This trail stretches from Olympia to Canada offering almost 70 campsites and 160 day-use sites along its path. Visit <https://www.wvta.org/water-trails/cascadia-marine-trail/>

From day trips to overnight adventures, kayaking can be a very peaceful activity for the outdoor recreationalist.

Be sure to check the weather forecast before venturing out, and as always -- wear a lifejacket!

From mountain streams and numerous lakes to the shores of Puget Sound, there are a wide variety of options available in Snohomish County for

kayakers of all skill levels. There are three main sloughs on the lower Snohomish River - Ebey, Union and Steamboat - that follow miles of

# Free Fishing Weekend!



“Free Fishing Weekend” is June 6-7, when fishing licenses are not required of anyone to fish in Washington. Free Fishing Weekend in Washington is always the first weekend after the first Monday in

June. Washington State Parks, in coordination with WDFW, will once again offer Free Parks Days BOTH days on the same weekend as part of WDFW’s Free Fishing Days! This will give visitors an entire weekend to explore state parks for free as well as fish for free!

The State Parks free days are a great way for people to try a new park or visit an old favorite.

Free days apply only to day use visits (no overnight stays or rented facilities).

# Visit Olympic Game Farm

The Olympic Game Farm has been entertaining families for over 50 years. The farm has hundreds of animals on site for families to “Get Face to Face with Wildlife” from the comfort of their vehicles on the famous Driving Tour.

Olympic Game Farm is the place to get face to face and experience wildlife at close range. You’ll have the opportunity to really see a tiger’s stripes, a Kodiak bear’s huge size or to get slobbered by a buffalo!

Experiences, which at first are hard to imagine, become pleasantly surprising: friendly llamas eat bread from your hand,

bears, grazing elk, zebra and buffalo.

You will also see many animals which are on the endangered species list, such as timber wolves, tigers, and African lions.

In addition to the endangered species, Olympic Game Farm is home to coyote, bobcats, and many more species.

Bread to feed the animals must be purchased at the Game Farm. Bread purchases may be limited when appropriate.

No reservations are required, operations are



on a first come first served basis. Cash or card only.

Olympic Game Farm is fun for the whole family! It is located at 1423 Ward Road in Sequim. For more information visit [www.olygamefarm.com](http://www.olygamefarm.com)

# Ride the Wenatchee River!

The Wenatchee River is the most popular river in Washington State. This scenic river stretches from the mouth of the Tumwater Canyon in Leavenworth, down to the confluence of the Columbia River in Wenatchee.

Commercial whitewater rafting trips are a favorite activity for all! From Leavenworth to Cashmere, you can experience the tallest waves in the state and the notorious rapids of the Wenatchee like Rock’n’Roll, Rodeo Hole, and Drunkards Drop... and those are just a few!

The small waves of the scenic lower Wenatchee River, from Cashmere to Wenatchee, are perfect for the whole family, including the little guys. This multi-use river is also



Photo courtesy of Osprey Rafting / Orion Expeditons

From the tallest waves in the state to calmer, scenic waters, the Wenatchee River offers a great outdoor adventure for the whole family.

enjoyed by paddleboarders at Happy Wave in Peshastin, when water levels are from 3,500 – 7,000 cfs.

The end of July and all of August is tubing season!

There is no better way to spend a hot summer day in the Wenatchee Valley than to hit the river with a tube and some buddies.

# Take a Moses Lake weekend road trip



By Lisa Laughlin

For uncrowded recreation, open skies, and wide vistas, central Washington is the place to go. At the heart of the region, the city of Moses Lake will provide all the play you could ask for on a summer or fall weekend. You’ll be able to hike for hours in the larger Columbia Basin Wildlife Area, a 192,000-acre area with 13 unique units, each alive with flora and fauna that will give you a feel for this arid, high-desert region. A variety of fish await fishermen in the lowland lakes of the area, which host Bluegill Sunfish, Walleye, Smallmouth Bass, Rainbow Trout, Black Crappie, Yellow Perch and more. Area amenities include craft beer and wine tasting rooms, family-owned restaurants, seasonal baseball and fastpitch tournaments, and fall harvest festivities.

As a city of over 26,000 surrounded by more agricultural fields than highways, the Moses Lake area has plenty of gravel riding opportunities for cyclists. A wide-open ride also means a shadeless ride, so riders should be sure to bring their own

drinking water. The Larson Recreation Center is home to a BMX track sanctioned by the American Bicycle Association for those looking to go off-road. (Check the BMX track Facebook page [https://www.facebook.com/moseslakebmx1709/events/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/moseslakebmx1709/events/?ref=page_internal) to make sure there’s not a race before you head out to ride.) For biking around Moses Lake, refer to the city’s Activity Trails Map at [www.cityofml.com/480/Activity-Trails-Map](http://www.cityofml.com/480/Activity-Trails-Map). You’ll be able to cycle on a mix of bike lanes, multi-use paths, and road shoulders as you tour quiet areas surrounded by agriculture with views of the lake.

If hiking is more your thing, it will be easy to fill a morning or afternoon with one of the region’s desert hikes, taking time to explore the desert hues (spectacular in fall) of the Potholes region via the Desert Wildlife Area hike, located just north of the Winchester Wasteway. Hikers, fishers, and cyclists alike will be delighted by the miles of sagebrush, native grasses, shrubs, and small waterways that are home to animals such as Blue Heron, loons, deer, coyotes, rabbits,

hawks, eagles, and more.

Before or after recreating, get to know the community of Moses Lake by visiting the Moses Lake Farmer’s Market <https://www.farmersmarketml.com/> (open every Saturday May through October), where you can “get fresh with the locals” and enjoy produce straight from the farm. (You’ll want to try the sweet corn.)

Whether you choose to hike, bike, fish, shop, camp, or catch a baseball game, your vacation to Moses Lake will provide a small-town desert getaway with memorable recreation, history, and culture.

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# Free Life Jacket Rental Program

Over 860 children and teens die every year in the U.S. from drowning. In Washington state, an average of 17 children and teens drown every year. Most of them are swimming, boating or just playing in or near water.

Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue offers a free Life Jacket Rental Program. Both Type II and Type III are available, and there is an assortment of sizes ranging from Infant, Youth and Adult. All of the life jackets are Coast Guard Certified.

How do you take advantage of this program? All you have to do is visit Station 31 at 163 Village Court in Monroe between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Please be aware that on weekends firefighters will be the only ones at the station so their availability may be call dependent.) Ring the doorbell if the door is shut. The staff will weigh you and fit the life jacket. They will record your name, phone number, and the day you plan to return the life jacket. When returning the life jacket, ring the doorbell, and give the borrowed life jacket to a staff member.

## Free Day-Use Life Jacket

### Locations:

As well as the above rental

program, free day-use life jackets are available at the following local parks and fire departments. (For a full list visit: [www.seattlechildrens.org/dp](http://www.seattlechildrens.org/dp))

- Gissberg Twin Lakes: 16324 Twin Lakes, Marysville

- Flowing Lake County Park: 17900 48th St. SE, Snohomish

- Lake Tye: 14964 Fryelands Blvd., Monroe

- Martha Lake County Park: 16300 E. Shore Drive, Lynnwood

- Wyatt County Park: 10508 Chapel Hill Road, Lake Stevens

- Fire District 26; 402 Lewis St., Gold Bar

- Fire District 28, 512 Ave. A, Index

- Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue, 163 Village Court, Monroe

It is state law that ALL people in a boat must have a properly fitting U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket.

Washington state's lakes and rivers are cold enough to cause drowning by cold water shock, even in the summer and even among the strongest swimmers. A person in cold water can



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automatically inhale and pull water into their lungs. This causes them to choke and panic. Death can occur in minutes. Hypothermia is another risk. It occurs when the body temperature lowers. This leads to a loss of the strength that is needed to swim. A life jacket can reduce heat loss, keep you afloat and more than double survival time.

Do not jump or dive into unknown water, check it out for depth and any hazards or objects that can't be seen from the surface. You should only dive in water that is at least nine feet deep.

And remember that alcohol and swimming don't mix. Alcohol affects judgment and swimming skills. It also increases the effects of hypothermia.

# Monroe Music in the Park

The 2026 Music in the Park Series at Lake Tye Park in Monroe will be held Fridays July 10-31.

There will be Food Trucks, and the Beer & Cocktail Garden begin serving at 6 p.m.

Enjoy live music from 7-8:30 p.m. This is FREE family-friendly fun! Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and dancing shoes!

## Music Lineup:

- **July 10: BroHamM** (pop/R&B) with Skookum Brewing. Food Trucks: Ryan's REZ-ipes, Avery's Chicken & Waffles, Parkside Bites.

- **July 17: Jackie & The Holograms** (80s Rock & Pop). Food Trucks: Ryan's REZ-ipes, Avery's Chicken & Waffles, Parkside Bites.

- **July 24: The Machine** Dance songs from the 70s, 80s, 90s, and 2000s with

Three Bulls Brewing. Food Trucks: Ryan's REZ-ipes, Avery's Chicken & Waffles, Split Open & Melt, Parkside Bites.

- **July 31: Hair Nation** (80's Rock tribute) with Crooked Label Brewing. Food Trucks, Ryan's REZ-ipes, Parkside Bites.

Lake Tye Park is located at 14964 Fryelands Blvd. in Monroe.

# Bob Heirman Wildlife Preserve



Photo By Craig Romano

Bob Heirman Wildlife Preserve at Thomas' Eddy

Dave Beck, Jr. operated a gravel mining operation along the river at Thomas Eddy. The site was then purchased by the Palzer family and used for raising livestock and agriculture. The site was to be subdivided and sold for housing. The Snohomish Sportsmen's Club, led by the late Bob Heirman,

led a campaign to preserve public access to one of the most popular steelhead fishing spots on the river. The Snohomish County Parks Department worked with the association to acquire the property.

With its unique setting and outstanding natural resources, Heirman Wildlife Preserve at Thomas' Eddy offers the perfect location for viewing wildlife, walking, picnicking, fishing and discovering the beauty and wonders of nature. This 343-acre natural preserve encompasses within its boundaries vast open spaces, two pristine lakes, fragile wetlands, and an extensive river environment.

Craig Romano, an award winning author, finds this wildlife preserve a birdwatchers paradise with trumpeter swans in the winter, herons, harriers, ducks, mergansers, eagles, hawks, sandpipers, woodpeckers, swallows, warblers, tanagers, orioles and goldfinch.

From Snohomish, drive south on Hwy. 9 approximately 2.5 miles and turn left onto Broadway; turn left onto Connelly Road, park entrance is approximately 3/4 miles on the left. No dogs are permitted at this park.

For more information on Snohomish County Parks, visit [www.1.co.snohomish.wa.us/departments/parks](http://www.1.co.snohomish.wa.us/departments/parks).



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# Local Farmers Markets

## • Snohomish Farmers Market:

Thursdays 3 p.m. until dusk, May through October, Cedar and Pearl Street, Snohomish

## • Marysville Farmers Market:

Wednesdays 11 a.m.-3 p.m., June 3- Aug. 19,

Comeford Park, 501 Delta Ave., Marysville

## • Monroe Farmers Market:

Wednesdays 3-7 p.m., May 27-Sept. 23, 1 Galaxy Way, Monroe

## • Lake Stevens Farmers Market:

Tuesdays 3-7 p.m. June-

Aug. (except July 7 for Aquafest set-up), North Cove Park, Lake Stevens. Children's play area with bouncy house, cornhole and more.

## • Everett Farmers Market:

Sundays 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m., May 10- Oct. 25, 2930 Wetmore, Everett

# Sail-in Cinema at the Port of Everett Waterfront

The Port of Everett hosts Sail-In Cinema – a free and one-of-a-kind outdoor movie series held on Fridays in July and August at the Port's Boxcar Park. See your pick of 5 family-friendly movies on a 40-foot inflatable screen after sunset. Show up an hour before showtime to snag your spot, enjoy music and yard games, grab free popcorn or purchase concessions. (Please note that the screen can no

longer be seen from Guest Dock 7.)

For land viewing, pack in your low-back chairs to the park. Dress in layers and bring blankets; it gets chilly on the waterfront when the sun goes down. Movie start times are dependent on sunset and will be adjusted each week. The movie lineup and start times will be announced closer to the start of Sail-In Cinema!

Learn more at <https://www.portofeverett.com/sailin>

In the event a movie night needs to be cancelled due to rain or inclement weather, technical difficulty, etc. a notice will be posted on the Port of Everett's website, Facebook and Twitter.

Boxcar Park is located at 1200 Millwright Loop S. in Everett

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## Rent a cabin or yurt



Have you ever wanted to go camping, but can't afford the upfront costs of tents, cookware and sleeping bags for the whole family? Or maybe it's the bugs or the prospect of sleeping on rocks that keeps you at home.

Consider reserving a yurt at Kayak Point County Park or in the Yurt Village at River Meadows County Park.

You can also reserve a cabin at Flowing Lake County Park.

Your vacation starts immediately when you rent a cabin. Instead of wrestling with tent poles, open the door, toss in your sleeping bag, and head for a hike or walk to Lechies beach on Flowing Lake. No



muss, no fuss and no big bill. The cabins are virtually a "turn key" approach to camping; just bring sleeping bags or blankets, pillows, extra clothing, and food. Nothing else is necessary.

Four cozy cabins sit among a grove of Douglas fir trees and are furnished and include the convenience of electrical heaters and outlets, windows with screens, lockable doors, porches and decks. Cabin #2 is ADA accessible.

Outside, each cabin features a picnic table, fire grill and RV hookup (cabin #1 has a 4' x 12' covered porch). Heated restrooms with showers are a short walk away.

Yurts are covered in canvas

and include such amenities as electric outlets, skylights, wood floors, interior lighting, windows with screens, lockable doors, and outside decks. Each Yurt comes furnished with a futon, bunk bed, and coffee table. Outside each yurt you'll find a picnic table and fire ring.

Yurt Villages include lighted walkways, a large group picnic shelter, and a heated restroom with showers. Villages can accommodate group camping (families, clubs, companies, scouts, churches, schools, etc.). For more information or to reserve your yurt or cabin, call 425-388-6600 or visit [www.snohomishcountywa.gov/1082/campgrounds](http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/1082/campgrounds)

## Take advantage of State Park Free Days



The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission offers "free days in which day-use visitors won't need a Discover Pass to visit state parks by vehicle.

The "free days" are in keeping with legislation that created the Discover Pass, a \$35 annual or \$11.50 one-day permit required on lands managed by Washington State Parks and the Washington departments of Natural Resources (DNR) and Fish & Wildlife (WDFW). The Discover Pass legislation provided that State Parks could designate up to 12 free days each year when the pass would not be required to visit state parks.

The Discover Pass is still required to access lands managed by WDFW and

DNR on these days.

Free days are a great way for people to discover Washington's diverse and scenic state parks. Once people visit a park, it is hoped they will be inspired to help support their state park system by buying a pass.

**The remaining State Parks free days for 2026 are:**

- April 22 : Earth Day.
- June 6: Free Fishing Weekend
- June 7: Free Fishing Weekend
- June 19: Juneteenth
- Aug. 9: Smokey Bear's Birthday
- Sept. 26: National Public Lands Day
- Oct. 10: World Mental Health Day
- Nov. 11: Veterans Day

## Seafair means Summertime Fun!



Hydroplane races are a fan favorite of Seafair.



Many spectators feel that Seafair wouldn't be the same without The U.S. Navy Blue Angels.

Seafair Weekend Festival is Puget Sound's premier boating event, air show, and festival all rolled into one. The 2026 Weekend Festival will be Friday, July 31 through Sunday, August 2 on Lake Washington and at Genesee Park.

The multi-day Seafair Weekend Festival brings together aviation excitement, on-the-water racing, live entertainment, food and beverage vendors, beer gardens with scenic lake views, and family-friendly activities across Genesee Park.

Crowd favorites include the Apollo Mechanical Cup Hydroplane Races and premium hospitality experiences such as the Captain's Club and The Deck, offering some of the most sought-after viewpoints on Lake Washington.

"Seafair Weekend Festival is about creating moments that bring our community together, and the return of the Blue Angels does exactly that," said Emily K. Cantrell, President and CEO of Seafair. "Year after year, their precision, power, and patriotism inspire audiences of all ages. We are honored to welcome them back for both 2026 and 2027 and to continue delivering a world-class experience that celebrates Seattle's waterfront, our aviation heritage, and the joy of summer."

Whether you're a local or a first-time visitor, Seafair Weekend promises to deliver an incredible experience that captures the essence of the Pacific Northwest's vibrant culture and natural beauty.

Known and loved as an unofficial Puget Sound holiday, this is the most anticipated event of the summer! Join in the fun and create memories that will last a lifetime!

For more information, tickets, and event schedules, visit [seafair.org](http://seafair.org).



The Seafair Torchlight Parade will be Saturday, July 25 from 7:30-10:30 p.m.

# Lake Tye Kids Fishing Derby

Snohomish Sportsmen's Club is moving their event to Lake Tye Saturday, April 27! Fishing will be available and open around the lake from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is a free community event open to kids from ages 5-15. Limited gear will be available for those in need at a first come, first serve basis, but if you have gear please be sure to bring to the event. Once a fish is caught, participants will get to weigh it and enter their name in a raffle. Weigh in ends at 12:30 p.m. and the raffle will be at 1 p.m. There will be lots of fun prizes given away for the raffle winners. Come early, say "Hi" at the Snohomish Sportsmen's Club tent and fish the day away!

# Take your family camping!

By David Lanford

Instead of going for expensive vacation packages why not bring your whole family on a great camping trip.

The following will provide the great benefits that family camping can bring:

1. It's active - Obesity is a growing epidemic among children. Instead of taking your kids on a vacation where they may sit around most of the time, taking them camping will encourage them to swim, hike, and do other outdoor activities.

2. Great quality time - No TV, video games, movies, or other distractions. It's a

wonderful way to reconnect with your kids.

3. It's cheap - The biggest expenses that you will have will be food and gas. Eating meals you cook yourself with groceries you bring with you is much cheaper than eating in a restaurant, and gas will probably be cheaper than what you would spend on airfare for the whole family.

A camping vacation is a real vacation for the whole family because there is always something fun and active to do and plenty of time for those that wish to do nothing (usually the parents) to sit and enjoy the quiet stillness of nature.

Article Source: [www.EzineArticles.com](http://www.EzineArticles.com)

# Boat launch for Sound boaters

Jetty Landing and Boat Launch (607 10th St., Everett) provides quick, easy access to a boater's paradise. The Port of Everett's public boat launch is ideally located to go anywhere on the North Puget Sound, especially the San Juan Islands. The location and facilities are great for fishermen and crabbers wanting to take advantage of the area's abundance.

The Boat Launch is home to the West Coast's largest salmon derby, the annual Coho Salmon Derby, which is held every year in late September.

With 13 lanes (half for launching, half for retrieval), you will have a short wait to

your adventure on the Sound, even on the busiest day. The parking lot comfortably provides parking for about 300 trucks and boat trailers in the gravel parking area and another 50 spots in the unpaved overflow area. There is also ample parking for vehicles without trailers. As the largest public boat launch in Western Washington, boaters do not have to worry about spending their time waiting to launch their boat or find parking.

Near the boat launch is Jetty Landing that overlooks Puget Sound. Fish off the edge of the park and enjoy the picnic area. Jetty Landing is also the location to catch the ferry over to Jetty Island.

# Explore Lord Hill Regional Park

Ride horseback, hike, or mountain bike into the vast evergreen forest of this 1,300 acre upland nature preserve.

A day's exploration of this unique wilderness park will include discovering many species of plant and animal life.

The park contains over six miles of designated trails. From the higher points within the park, one can capture panoramic views of the surrounding Snohomish River valley and distant mountain ranges. Viewpoints such as Devil's Butte Lookout or along the ridge of the Pipeline Trail are popular destinations for viewing

the Cascade and Olympic mountain ranges.

Lord Hill Park offers picnic areas with portable restrooms, river beach access and playground. Trailhead parking accommodates horse trailers and tow vehicles.

The park is located at 12921 150th Street SE in Snohomish.

### Park History

Snohomish County Parks and Recreation secured the majority of the park property from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Washington State Parks. George Harrison (1899-1969) discovered 1,100 acres of State Forest Board land on



Lord Hill that was managed by the DNR. Harrison began a process called re-conveyance action to get the land back under County control. Years later, more land was added to the park.

## Campgrounds and Get-Aways

### Visit these great family vacation spots

Washington is blessed with many great campgrounds and getaways for the outdoor enthusiast's enjoyment. Grab your fishing pole or just relax at one of the following locations this summer!

**• Master's Inn and Healing Retreat:** All rooms have private bathrooms with tubs, individual air conditioner, refrigerator, microwave oven, coffee maker, cable TV and free Internet access. 404 4th Street NE and Hwy. 17, Soap Lake. 866-554-8515 [www.mastersinn-retreat.com](http://www.mastersinn-retreat.com)

**• Smugglers Villa Resort:** Offering vacations on the beach on Orcas Island. Pool, hot tub, sauna, playground, tennis/basketball courts, marina. 800-488-2097. [www.smuggler.com](http://www.smuggler.com)

**• Cascadia Inn:** Closest lodging to Stevens Pass. 14 room country inn, onsite cafe and lounge; access to river, rails and trails. Free wifi. 210 Railroad Ave., Sky-

komish. 1-866-677-2030. [www.historic-cascadia.com](http://www.historic-cascadia.com)

**• Spectacle Lake Resort:** furnished kitchen units, RV and tent sites, store, pool, boat rentals, water sports, fishing, hunting. 10 Mc C a m m o n Rd., Tonasket. 509-223-3433 [www.spectaclelakeresort.com](http://www.spectaclelakeresort.com)



## Silver Lake Licensing

Boat Renewals Due by June 30th

- Vehicle/Vessel Titling
- Disable Parking Permits
- Registrations
- Tonnage
- Permits



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Mill Creek across from Sprouts Farmers Market

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# Make memories at Slidewaters Waterpark at Lake Chelan

## Adventures for every Age

With nineteen water attractions spread across the hillside, Slidewaters is built for everyone from two to one hundred and two. Thrill-seekers will love Thunder Rapids, a one-of-a-kind tube ride that send groups of four barreling down whitewater drops and waterfalls. The Downhill Racer fuels friendly competition and guarantees rematch requests, while over three hundred feet of twisting slides keep the adrenaline pumping all day long. For a more relaxed pace, the five-hundred-foot Lazy River offers a leisurely float with world-class lake and mountain views, and the sixty-person hot tub is the

perfect place to unwind. The youngest guests are right at home at Bug-A-Boo and the Squirt Gund play area, where even toddlers under a year old can splash safely.

## Surf, Dine & Explore

Just steps away, Lakeside Surf features the first manufactured river wave in the United States and one of the premier stationary waves in the world. With on-hand coaches for every skill level, it is an experience unlike anything else in the region. When hunger strikes, the dining lineup goes far beyond standard waterpark fare. River Run Gill serves hand-breaded chicken strips and burgers straight off the grill, while house-smoked

pulled pork, Surfside Tacos, a full sweets menu at Sweet Treats, and craft drinks at Twocan Jenny's Surf Bar round out a food scene worth planning multiple visits around. The Lakeside Surf dining options are even accessible without waterpark admission, making them a destination on their own.

## More Than a Waterpark

A competition-quality sand volleyball court overlooks the Lazy River with stunning lake views, two retail shops offer Slidewaters and surf-branded gear, and High trek Chelan sits at the top of the hill with ziplines, a high ropes course, and axe throwing for those seeking a dry-land adventure.



At Slidewaters, every detail is designed around one mission: delivering the safest, cleanest, and friendliest guest experience possible.

Come discover why families from around the world make Slidewaters their must-visit summer tradition.

Slidewaters Waterpark is located at 102 Waterslide Dr. in Chelan. For more information visit [www.slidewaters.com](http://www.slidewaters.com).

## Visit the Hoh Rain Forest for outdoor recreation

The Hoh Rain Forest, pronounced "Hoe", earns its name from the ever-flowing Hoh River that carves its way from Mount Olympus towards the Pacific Coast. However, where the name originates, is up for debate. The word "Hoh" undoubtedly comes from Native American languages; possibly the Quileute word "Ohalet" which means "fast moving water" or "snow water."

Regardless of the name, there's no question as to the allure that draws visitors back to the rainforest year after year. Throughout the winter season, rain falls frequently in the Hoh Rain Forest, contributing to the yearly average of 140 inches of precipitation each year. The result is a lush, green canopy of both coniferous and deciduous species. Mosses and ferns that blanket the surfaces add another dimension to the enchantment of the rainforest.

The Hoh Rain Forest is located in the stretch of the Pacific Northwest rainforest which once spanned the Pacific coast from

southeastern Alaska to the central coast of California. The Hoh is one of the finest remaining examples of temperate rainforest in the United States and is one of the park's most popular destinations.

The Hoh lies on the west side of Olympic National Park, about a two-hour drive from Port Angeles and under an hour from Forks. The Hoh Rain Forest is accessed by the Upper Hoh Road, off of Highway 101.

## Places to Stay

The Hoh Rain Forest has a campground that is open year round, with 72 sites located in the old growth forest along the river. All campsites are reservable during the peak season and reservations are available online six months in advance at [recreation.gov](http://recreation.gov).

There are also places to stay just outside the park boundary, and in the town of Forks, less than a one-hour drive by car.

Information about lodging can be found through the Forks Chamber of Commerce website.

## Recreation

The trailhead for this area is located at the end of the Upper Hoh Road next to the Hoh Rain Forest Visitor Center, which is a great place for more information. The staff there can give you ideas for your visit and exhibits will help explain what makes this area so special. The visitor center is open daily during the summer, closed January through early March, and generally open Friday through Sunday during the spring and fall seasons (hours may vary according to season).

Explore the two short nature trails loop through the forest near the Visitor Center – the Hall of Mosses Trail (.8 miles), and the Spruce Nature Trail (1.2 miles).

The Hoh's major hiking trail is the Hoh River trail, which leads 17.3 miles to Glacier Meadows, on the shoulder of Mount Olympus. The Hoh Lake trail branches off from the Hoh River trail just after the ranger station and ascends to Bogachiel Peak between the Hoh and the Sol Duc Valley.

To get permits and more information on backpacking along the Hoh River Trail and throughout Olympic National Park, visit the Wilderness (Backcountry) Reservations page at <https://www.nps.gov/olymp/planyourvisit/wilderness-reservations.htm>

Pets are not allowed on trails in the Hoh Rain Forest. Visit the PetsPage at <https://www.nps.gov/olymp/planyourvisit/pets.htm> for more information on where you can take your pet in the park.

## Flora and Fauna of the Hoh

Imagine a climate that rains most of the year. Its average summer temperatures don't reach above the mid 70s F or low 20s C. The undergrowth is dense and the canopy is thick, providing shade until an old growth giant falls. This is the life in a temperate rainforest. If you were an animal here, where would you live? If you were a plant, how might you survive? The flora and fauna of the Hoh are unique and abundant. So what might you see?



It is always exciting to see animals in our lush forests. It is common for visitors to spot large mammals like Roosevelt Elk, Black Bears, and River Otter. One may also spot signs of more elusive animals such as Bobcat and Mountain Lions that are more active at night. The overgrown forest floor provides the perfect habitat for animals like banana slugs, snails, rodents, snakes, and salamanders. Among the treetops, you may hear birds sing. Often you'll see American Robins, Barred Owls, and Canada Grey Jays. The old growth provides a special habitat for the endangered Northern Spotted Owl, so remember to respect the home of these

animals during your visit! The Hoh is home to some of North America's giants. As you traverse the trails, you may feel miniscule in comparison to the Sitka Spruce, Red Cedar, Big Leaf Maple and Douglas Fir that thrive here. These tall trees darken the ecosystem below them, giving much loved shade to the hundreds of mosses and ferns below. A skylight only opens once one of these giants collapses, providing not only sunlight, but nutrition and new life to the forest that may grow upon its fallen trunk. These nursery logs can be seen throughout the forest in varying stages of decay. <https://www.nps.gov/olymp/planyourvisit/visiting-the-hoh.htm>

# Bayside Marine's drystack is anchor at Everett waterfront



Nestled in the heart of the Port of Everett lies Bayside Marine, a staple business within the Port for over 40 years. Co-Owners

Dan Hatch and Jeff LaLone, had the vision of creating something unique to the area. They designed a complete one stop shop for the boaters

in the community. From sales, service, and storage, it's a boat enthusiasts amusement park.

With breathtaking views of the marina and the Olympic Mountains, Bayside sits in a prime location right on the waterfront and the Millwright Loop Trail. Spend the morning getting a cup of coffee and pastry from South Fork Baking Company, an afternoon getting a bite at Fisherman Jack's, hop in your boat to enjoy the picturesque Pacific Northwest views, and end your day with food and drinks at Bluewater Distilling. The Port of Everett is booming with

options for eateries.

Bayside offers a range of comprehensive maritime services. Specializing in sales and service of premium, late model, pre-owned boats and new outboard motors, they have everything to help you have a smooth day on the water. Whether you're a seasoned or new boater, their skilled technicians are equipped to help you boat with ease. Their service department offers a wide variety of projects, from boat maintenance to electronic and accessory installations, and more. They also supply marine parts and

accessories to help the do-it-yourself boater maintain their watercraft from the comfort of their home.

Rounding out your one stop shop journey is their state-of-the-art Dry Stack. Keep your boat out of the elements with their luxury dry and heated storage facility. Dry Stack works as a valet system, making a boat day as simple as a phone call away. Call in when you're ready to use your boat, and they will launch it into the water using one of their two marine forklifts, then haul it away and store it until your next outing. The pure convenience of Bayside is

unmatched for the Puget Sound boater.

From supporting local fishing clubs and Salmon Soldiers, hosting fishing derbies, and other contributions, their community involvement is pure. So, next time you are pondering the thought of purchasing a vessel or looking for repairs and service, venture down to Bayside and experience the stunning views, diverse amenities, and top-notch service they have to offer. There is something for everyone – your next nautical adventure awaits!

For more information, visit [www.baysidemarine.com](http://www.baysidemarine.com)

## Fishing Derbies



Courtesy of The Everett Coho Derby

Craig Ballew of Monroe at the 2025 Coho Derby with his 4th Place 11.55 pound winner.

• **Everett Coho Derby:** Sept. 26 & 27

From the humble beginnings of this derby, now called the Everett Coho Derby, it has become the largest derby on the West Coast of North America, based upon numbers of participants.

The derby averages 2000 Adult paid tickets and 270 free kids tickets each year.

**The First Place Adult Derby Prize is \$10,000 cash this year!**

The money made in this derby goes to support many fish enhancement projects including stocking local lakes with trout, a salmon fish hatchery raising fish for release in the Skykomish River, carcass planting in the upper Pilchuck River, many different youth activities including trout clinics/fishing events, high school/college scholarships and sending kids to Youth Conservation Camp as well as many other activities too numerous to mention

For more information visit [everttcoherby.com](http://everttcoherby.com)

• **2026 Trout Derby:** April 25 - Oct. 31.

Calling all fishing enthusiasts! Get ready to cast your line in the 2026 Trout Derby. This annual statewide event, taking place at more than 100 stocked lakes

across Washington, brings unforgettable adventure for anglers of all ages and skill levels. Catch a tagged rainbow trout and win a prize!

For more information visit [www.wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/contests/trout-derby](http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/contests/trout-derby)

• **Lake Stevens Bass Derby: May 9**

Sponsored by Washington State Bass Juperz. For more information visit [www.pondjumperz.com](http://www.pondjumperz.com)

• **Lake Stevens Kokanee Derby: May 16**

Cash prizes and raffles are awarded for the largest Kokanee. Adults \$25, Kids age 14 and under free.

Visit Lake Stevens Kokanee Derby on FaceBook

• **Salmon for Soldiers Day of Honor: Sept. 20**

The Day of Honor fishing event will be held at Harbor Marine at the Port of Everett. Hundreds of Veterans, Active Duty Military and their loved ones go out for a free day of fishing with volunteer boaters. After the day's catch is put on ice, it's time to enjoy a barbecue and raffle. Rods and reels are provided - you don't even need to know how to fish! To volunteer or to participate, email [sam@SalmonForSoldiers.org](mailto:sam@SalmonForSoldiers.org)

For more information visit [www.SalmonForSoldiers.org/about/#events](http://www.SalmonForSoldiers.org/about/#events)

## Lake Wenatchee and Leavenworth – great for outdoor fun

Lake Wenatchee, Fish Lake and Plain feature activities for the adventure-seeker, strollers along the shores of the lake, and for people seeking seasonal outdoor fun. This area is popular for fishing, rafting, biking, rock climbing and hiking.

There are many places for you to stay when visiting including Lake Wenatchee State Park. This is a 489-acre camping park with 12,623 feet of waterfront on glacier-fed Lake Wenatchee and the Wenatchee River. The park is bisected by the Wenatchee River, creating two distinct areas – South Park, with areas for camping, swimming

and horseback riding; and North Park, in a less developed, forested section, a quarter-mile walk from the lake. The park is a natural wildlife area, and visitors should be aware of the presence of bears and other natural dangers.

Leavenworth is the gateway to the Enchantments, which is an extremely popular hiking area. The Enchantments are in the Stuart Range, which is one of the most spectacular parts of the Cascade Mountains.

Whether it's hiking, bicycling, fishing, rock climbing or kayaking, Leavenworth is a known tourist spot equally recognized as a recreational locale.

In Leavenworth, you'll find great cycling opportunities on the two-mile loop at Leavenworth Ski Hill. For more advanced cycling, there's the Devil's Gulch



Photo by Kara Jacobacci, WGS/DNR

Colchuck Lake, nestled in the Enchantments.

and its wilderness trails.

For fishing, try Tumwater Canyon east of Leavenworth for fly fishing. Fish Lake is

another hot spot for fishing. The Wenatchee River is popular for rafting, tubing and kayaking.



Lake Wenatchee

# Low tides reveal fascinating marine life



Photo courtesy of WDFW

Minus tides are a big plus for viewing sea life typically protected by surf, and there will be no better viewing opportunity this summer than the dates listed in this article.

That's when the season's lowest tides arrive, along with thousands of area beachgoers.

These extremely low tides give people a fascinating look at underwater marine life. There's no better time to view and learn about these creatures and how we can protect them while they are at their most vulnerable.

If the allure of low tides isn't enough, many clam and oyster species are in their prime as they fatten up and enter their spawning cycle.

Shellfish gatherers are reminded that they must have a state shellfish license displayed on the outside of their clothing and dig only on public beaches.

For proper beach etiquette and to protect the vulnerable critters, remember these tips:

- Walk carefully. Look where you are stepping and avoid eelgrass beds, which are oceanside nurseries for many animals.
- Keep your pets under tight control.
- Don't take away rocks, shells, seaweed, logs and

other beach items, which are food and shelter for critters galore.

• If you move rocks to look underneath them, put them gently back just the way they were. Rocks protect lots of critters, many too small to see.

• Don't pull on animals like anemones and barnacles that are tightly attached to rocks or pilings.

• Fill up any holes you dig. Beach critters live buried in the damp sand and need protection.

• Remove trash. What you bring and what you find, especially fishing line and plastics.

## Lowest low tide exploration dates for Summer 2026:

- April 18 -2.12
- April 19 -2.79
- April 20 -2.94
- April 21 -2.61
- April 22 -1.87
- May 2 -1.33
- May 3 -1.49
- May 4 -1.44
- May 15 -1.81
- May 16 -3.03
- May 17 -3.78
- May 18 -4.02
- May 19 -3.76
- May 20 -3.04
- May 21 -1.96



- May 30 -1.66
- May 31 -1.86
- June 1 -1.91
- June 2 -1.84
- June 3 -1.64
- June 12 -1.75
- June 13 -3.02
- June 14 -3.89
- June 15 -4.30
- June 16 04.22
- June 17 -3.70
- June 18 -2.74
- June 28 -1.57
- June 29 -1.76
- June 30 -1.85
- July 12 -3.15
- July 13 -3.70
- July 14 -3.84
- July 15 -3.54
- July 16 -2.80
- July 17 -1.62
- Aug 9 -1.93
- Aug. 10 -2.46
- Aug. 11 -2.71
- Aug. 12 -2.57
- Aug. 13 -2.00

Source: [tidetime.org](http://tidetime.org)

# Paddle boarding is popular

Stand up paddle (SUP) boarding has increased in popularity over the past few years.

Paddleboarding is a popular water sport where participants stand on a board and use a paddle to move

through the water. Your first time or two out, you may want to rent gear or borrow from a friend. After that, if you decide you love to SUP and want to do more of it, consider buying your own.



# Take a zip line tour!

If you love to zip line or have never experienced the thrill of zip lining, venture out to one of Washington's zip line adventures!

Washington has many tours to offer, each one offering a different experience. Make it a goal to try out each one!

You may also find that many of these businesses offer more than zip lining for the adrenaline junky!

- Canopy Tours Northwest: 322 NE Camano Drive, Camano Island. [www.canopytoursnw.com](http://www.canopytoursnw.com)
- High Trek Adventures:

11928 Beverly Park Rd., Everett. [www.hightrekeverett.com](http://www.hightrekeverett.com)

• High Trek Chelan: 106 Waterslide Drive, chelan. [www.hightrekchelan.com](http://www.hightrekchelan.com)

• Leavenworth Zip Lines: 19115 Chiwawa Loop Rd., Leavenworth. [www.leavenworthziplines.com](http://www.leavenworthziplines.com)

• Mica Moon Tours: 23403 E. Mission Ave., Liberty Lake in Spokane. [www.micamoon.com](http://www.micamoon.com)

• Skamania Lodge Adventures: 1131 Skamania Lodge Drive, Stevenson. [www.zipnskamania.com](http://www.zipnskamania.com)

• Treehouse Island Zip Lines: 4220 Spirit Lake Hwy., Silverdale. [www.treehouseziplines.com](http://www.treehouseziplines.com)

• Zipline Junky: 218 Main St., Kirkland. [www.ziplinejunky.com](http://www.ziplinejunky.com)



# The Port of Everett waterfront is calling you

With the Port's Waterfront Place mixed-use destination transforming the face of Everett, there are now even more ways to play tourist here. This year-round hub at the largest public marina on the West Coast features hotels, restaurants, parks and trails,

75+ events, a splash fountain and even a pop-up ice rink in the winter.

Here are some of top picks to add to your Port of Everett bucket list.

## • Hit the Beach on Jetty Island

Catch a ride on the foot ferry to the Port's man-made Jetty Island Wednesday through Sunday from July 8 through September 6 for Jetty Island Days.

Jetty Island, located 1/4 mile off the Everett waterfront, is a man-made island with a sandy beach and shallow warm water that is a kiteboarder's paradise.

The island's 2 miles of continuous sandy beach is unique to the area and is ideal for sunbathing, picnicking and observing nature and other outdoor activities.

The seasonal foot ferry departs from the Jetty Landing Boat Launch off 10th Street and West Marine View Drive. An online reservation system makes it easy for island-goers to secure their spot on the ferry in advance.

Jetty Island Days is provided in partnership by the Port of Everett and the City of Everett, bringing more than 50,000 people to the island each summer. The cost for providing ferry transportation to the island is partially offset by a nominal rider fee; children

ages 2 and younger ride for free but still require a reservation.

For more Jetty tips, rules, and reservations visit [www.visiteverett.com/jetty](http://www.visiteverett.com/jetty).

If you don't have internet access, please call 425-257-8300 for more information.

You can also take your own boat to the Jetty year-round. A kayak, canoe or paddleboard ride out to the island on a sunny day is a recipe for some serious summer fun.

## • Kiteboarding

Jetty Island is a top destination for kiteboarding and if you're feeling adventurous, you can take a class and learn how. Not feeling gnarly? No prob, it's fun to watch from the beach.

## • Explore the Water

Launch your adventure by boat from the Port of Everett – your gateway to all the wonders of the Puget Sound. Don't own a boat? No problem. Freedom Boat Club – the world's largest members-only boat club – offers a variety of vessels, from fishing boats to pleasure cruisers.

If you'd rather kayak or stand-up paddleboard, KayakShare.com rents single and double kayaks, as well as stand-up paddleboards by the half-hour. Life jackets are provided with each rental.

## • Catch a Flick

The Port hosts Sail-In Cinema each summer – a

free outdoor movie series held Fridays in July and August at the Port's Boxcar Park overlooking Port Gardner Bay.

See your pick of six movies on a 40-foot inflatable screen after sunset. You can "sail in" to watch aboard your boat or "walk in" to enjoy the film from the park. A radio frequency is provided so boaters can tune in while they watch.

## • Waterfront Trails

Discover the waterfront with a long walk or jog along the Port's 4-mile Millwright Loop Trail. The trail ties in on both ends to the esplanade along the water's edge and features views of Port Gardner Bay, the Port of Everett Marina and the mouth of the Snohomish River. There are also the Bay Wood, Pigeon Creek and Union Slough nature trails to check out.

## • Groove to Music

Catch free live music at the Port during Music at the Marina every Thursday in July and August at Port Gardner Landing near the Grand Avenue Park Bridge. Enjoy a variety of local acts, a beer garden, food trucks and an art market

The Puget Sounds Steel Drum series takes place Fridays in August at the Guest Dock near Hotel Indigo. Tie up to the dock to listen to sounds of the Caribbean.



Jetty Island

Photo courtesy of the Port of Everett

