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Zombie Walk in Snohomish

Thursday, Oct. 29

Zombies and ghouls are invited to Downtown Snohomish for a family-friendly, frightfully fun Zombie Walk Thursday, October 29 - the last Snohomish Market day of the season!

In preparation for the impending Zombie-Apocalypse, all participants and spectators are asked to bring “rations for the survivors.” (Food donations to benefit the Snohomish Community Food Bank. Cash donations are also welcome as the goal is to raise \$12,000.)

Zombie festivities will begin at 3 p.m. at the Snohomish Carnegie, 105 Cedar Avenue.

Festivities will include Face Painting stations (transform into a ghoul of your choice), music and entertainment, local



Evan Morud photo

vendors, Award for Best Zombie and more.

Meet at 3 p.m. at the Carnegie Bldg., 105 Cedar in downtown Snohomish. At 4 p.m., the horde takes over! The Costume Contest will begin in front of the Carnegie Building. There will be trophies for the Children’s Category, Adult Category, Pet Category and Group Category. After the awards, the entire horde

of Zombies will lurch and shuffle their way down the sidewalks of First Street.

This event is family-friendly, frightfully fun, and for a great cause. Whether you come as a creepy crawler, a ghastly ghoul, or just yourself, your participation helps fight hunger right here in Snohomish.

Join the horde! Feed the hungry!

Snohomish Winterfest

December 11-13

Bundle up and head to Downtown Snohomish for Winterfest, a magical weekend filled with festive events for the whole family!

From twinkling lights to live music, a holiday market, and special treats, there’s something for

everyone! Enjoy ice sculptures, cozy craft sessions and meet Santa Claus!

For more information visit www.historicdowntownsnohomish.org



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,

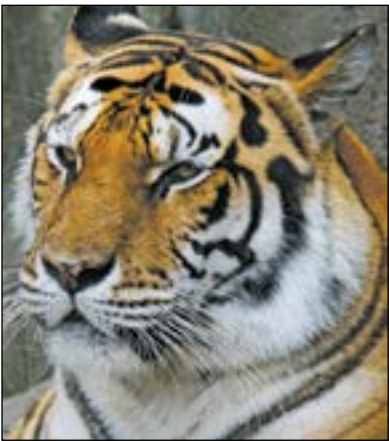
bears, grazing elk, zebra and buffalo.

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

Chelan WinterFest

Nestled among the snow-capped hilltops and glacier fed waters, Lake Chelan is the perfect place to experience Washington’s Winter Wonderland!

The Lake Chelan Winterfest festival has been a favorite for over 30 years! Packed with ice and fire elements held over two back-to-back weekends in January, you’ll enjoy live ice carving, Washington’s largest beach bonfire, and incredible fireworks lighting up the winter skies.

You’ll enjoy intricate ice sculptures, two spectacular fireworks shows, the infamous ice bar (Chelan Jan. 15-17), Fire Bar (Manson Jan. 22-24), live

music, snow slide, wine tasting, Kids Cocoa Crawl, Teen Center for middle and high school ages, activities for kids of all ages, a polar bear splash, massive beach bonfire and more across both downtown Chelan and Manson!

Sip local wines, dance to live music, and dive into cozy, family-friendly fun. Whether you’re here for the chill of ice weekend or glow of fire weekend, Winterfest has it all!

Plan your trip today and create your memories at the 2026 Winterfest festival in January.

“Chelan Ice” weekend: January 15-17

“Manson Fire” weekend:



Photo courtesy of Chelan Chamber of Commerce

January 22-24.

For more information and schedule visit www.lakechelan.com/winterfest/

Take a road trip to Moses Lake



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 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. 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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A photograph of an orca leaping out of the water, creating a large splash. The orca is black on top and white on the bottom, with a distinctive white patch near its eye. It is captured mid-air, with its body arched and its tail fluke visible. The water is a deep blue, and the splash is white and frothy.

Some of the best scuba diving in the world is found in the San Juan Islands. There are water reefs, kelp forests and plenty of

For more information visit
www.visitsanjuans.com.

The Bald Eagles return each year, from as far away as Alaska, to feed on salmon that have come to spawn in the clean river gravel. The Eagles also prey on the snow geese that are feeding in the agricultural fields in the floodplain. This is one of the largest populations of wintering Bald Eagles in the lower 48 states. Other watersheds with healthy

The best Eagle watching season is from late November to late-January with Eagle numbers peaking from Christmas through the second week of January. During high flow events or later in winter after salmon carcasses are no longer available, Eagles tend to congregate in the lower watershed and target waterfowl and other birds. Most of the river-related feeding activity is concentrated in the morning. When not actively feeding or searching for food, Eagles will perch in nearby trees to conserve energy. Bald Eagles will also communally roost overnight in the vicinity of a food source. There are 14 known communal winter roosts in the Stillaguamish Watershed.



The Stillaguamish Watershed is one of the largest populations of wintering Bald Eagles in the lower 48 states. Other watersheds with healthy salmon population such as the Skagit and Nooksak rivers also provide winter Bald Eagle habitat.

A woman with blonde hair, wearing a yellow and black hat and dark waders, is kneeling in a river. She is holding a fishing net and has just caught a large, light-colored fish. The background features a steep, rocky mountain and a dense forest of evergreen trees.

The workshops are for all skill levels. Some of the workshops include Fly Fishing, Wildlife & Wilderness Awareness,

To learn more about Washington Outdoor Women and their work-shops, visit www.washington-outdoorwomen.org

The Junior Sportsmen's Club welcomes youth ages 12 - 20. This group plants fish at local lakes, volunteers at fishing derbies, learns how to make flies, tie knots, and much more!

For more information about the Sportsmen's Club, visit www.snomishsportsmen.org or email club@snomishsportsmen.org

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Lights and Ice at Tulalip Amphitheatre opens November 21

Quil Ceda Village presents Lights and Ice at the Tulalip Amphitheatre featuring an outdoor ice rink by Blue Line Sports and Entertainment. Light and Ice will be open from November 21 - January 10. Hours of operation: Monday – Thursday 4 p.m. – 9 p.m., Friday 4 p.m. – 10 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. The cost of entering the event at the

Amphitheatre is FREE to everyone. However, there is a ticket cost for entering the Ice Rink. You will be able to purchase tickets online at <https://tulalipice.com> The Lights and Ice event will also feature a variety of food vendors Thursday - Saturday from 4-8 p.m. On Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays between 4 – 8 p.m., Mr. & Mrs. Clause will be on site. The Grinch

will be there Saturdays from 4-8 p.m and Buddy the Elf will be onsite Fridays. There will be over 10 million lights at the Ampitheatre and throughout Quil Ceda Village, it's a sight to behold. And visitors are thrilled that the Ice Rink was designed to have REAL ice to skate on. This family-friendly event is so successful in bringing joy to people.

Families can enjoy time with loved ones in a family atmosphere with many, many photo opportunities. It's also great for those with mobility issues as the lights can be viewed from your vehicle. Quil Ceda Village is situated along Interstate 5 at Tulalip/Marysville, go west at either exit 200 or 202. Visit www.TulalipLights.com



No tent or RV? No problem -Rent a cabin or yurt this fall or winter

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.

Four cozy cabins sit

among a grove of Douglas fir trees, within walking distance of Lechies Beach on Flowing Lake. Cabins are furnished and include the convenience of electrical heaters and outlets, windows with screens, lockable doors, porches and decks. All cabins are smoke-free and 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.). All



Pictured above is a cabin at Flowing Lake.



Pictured above is a yurt in the winter at Kayak Point.

yurts are smoke-free. For more information or to reserve your yurt or cabin, call 425-388-6600 or visit www.snohomishcountywa.gov/1364/Camping-Lodging.

Leavenworth Village of Lights

Picture a stunning backdrop of half a million brilliant lights, majestic mountains frosted with snow and an enchanting Bavarian village filled with fun. Come to Leavenworth this January for the month-long (every weekend) Winter Karneval honoring a German tradition dating back to the thirteenth century, commonly referred to as a "Fasching." You can expect to see a blend of familiar activities, like ice carving and fireworks over Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend, along with new entertainment that will be spread out during the rest of the month, making Leavenworth the perfect winter destination all month long. There will be something happening every weekend such as live Ice Carvings, Fireworks Show, Fasching



Carnival Entertainment, Fire Dancers, Synthetic Ice Skating Rink for Kids, Ice Skating Show, Snow Shoe Demonstrations and more. Fasching Pub Crawl - a German Mardi Gras will be the last full weekend in January with a Pub Crawl complete with carnival masks, giveaways, and fun participating restaurants,

bars, and pubs. Please visit <https://leavenworth.org/winterkarneval> for more information and schedule of events. Also while in Leavenworth – enjoy winter activities such as backcountry skiing, ice climbing, Nordic skiing, snowboarding and skiing, sledding and tubing, sleigh

rides, snowmobiling and snow shoeing. There's something for everyone! **The Bavarian Village** Leavenworth is a scenic and quaint Bavarian village in a Cascade Mountain setting. It's nearby mountains towering above up to 8,000 feet, over one hundred charming shops and restaurants, and a wide range of events throughout the year make it extremely popular with visitors. There is much more to Leavenworth than just the city itself. The surrounding area provides a great variety of recreation and activities for residents and visitors. Leavenworth offers an outstanding mixture of culture, shopping and recreational fun. Plan your visit today!

Leavenworth Ski Hill and more!



Less than two miles from downtown Leavenworth, Ski Hill offers downhill skiing, tubing and many other activities at an affordable price. The Ski Hill hosts free events throughout the winter such as a snowshoe demo and spectators are always welcome at the Alpine races, Nordic races and ski jumping tournaments. Food, beverages and warmth are available at the historic Ski Hill Lodge. For more information visit www.skileavenworth.com **OTHER FUN** **LOCATIONS INCLUDE:** Icicle River Trails •Nordic Trail System: This is very popular for families

because of its dependable snow conditions, gentle terrain and scenic views. • Snowshoe Adventure Trail: Snowshoers love this trail as it meanders through forests, meadows, and dense thicket taking you up close to Icicle Creek at many locations. Golf Course • Nordic Skiing - Enjoy views of the Wenatchee River and the Cascade Mountains. • Snowshoe Trail • Sledding: This is a great place to bring the young ones! Bring your own sled, purchase one or rent a tube for the day! For more information and weather conditions visit www.skileavenworth.com

Family-friendly activities for fall

Fall is a welcome season for many people. The cooler temperatures and still-ample sunlight mean there is plenty of time to enjoy the great outdoors even if summer has ended. Fall activities dot the calendar, with several different options for individuals and families to get involved.

According to Acenda Integrated Health, incorporating family time into a schedule is crucial for a child's development. It's also key to have time to get a break from busy schedules. Fall is a great time to do just that with these activities.

- Apple-picking: Few things are more refreshing than taking a bite out of an apple fresh off the tree. Orchards are bursting with apples this time of year, and an afternoon spent picking apples is a great way to spend time together.
- Leaf treasure hunt: Everyone can head outdoors with a bag or basket to gather leaves. Look for the brightest color or the crunchiest leaf that can be found. The leaves can be



pressed between wax paper to save them.

- Fall festivals: Outdoor festivals are ideal for families because they tend to feature crafts, food, music, and activities.
- Fall baking: Turn those plucked apples into pies or muffins, or use pumpkin and cinnamon to fill a home with delicious seasonal smells. Kids can help stir, pour and sprinkle ingredients.
- Corn maze: Corn mazes may be set up adjacent to pumpkin patches, so the family can pick out the perfect pumpkin to carve and then try to navigate the maze.

- Spooky walk: Halloween lands right in the heart of fall. Enjoy a walk through the neighborhood checking out people's Halloween decorations. A night walk with flashlights to listen to the sounds of animals can be "scary" in its own right. Another idea is to go to a haunted house or walk sponsored by a school or amusement park.
 - Football: Enjoy a pick-up game of flag or touch football. It's a great way to enjoy time outdoors and expend some physical activity.
- Fall is a perfect time to enjoy family-friendly activities.

Snohomish Reindeer Games 5K & Kids Dash

This race (formerly Chase the Grinch) has gone to the reindeer! The animals have taken over this holiday 5k hometown Snohomish tradition and they are looking forward to a good time.

Join us in Historic Snohomish on Sunday, December 13 for the Best 5k Run in Snohomish. There will be fun games to play in the village, photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus, the reindeer and you know Who, as well as booths from local non-profits and sponsors.

Check in and festivities start at 8:00 a.m. (or save time with early pick up - see details below)

- 5K Runners will start at 9:00 a.m. (\$45)
- 5K Joggers/walkers at 9:15 a.m. (\$45)
- Kid's Dash at 10:30 a.m. (Elementary age & younger) (\$35)

Register today at www.reindeergames5k.com

The 5K charity run starts and finishes in the cheery winter village at Averill Field, 400 2nd Street, Snohomish (next to the Snohomish Boys & Girls Club). The route takes you along the picturesque Centennial Trail.



This mostly flat 5K distance is a fully supported out-and-back course - a great beginner 5k. Runners return to a festive finish line with themed costume party, entertainment, and photo ops! The Kids Dash will take place around Averill Field.

All 5K participants will receive an official event T-shirt and medal. Kids Dash participants receive an event t-shirt and participation ribbon.

Day of registrations will be accepted, but limited to supplies on hand. If necessary, you will receive a previous year's t-shirt. Register early to guarantee your swag. Wear your most fun and festive attire to help

spread holiday joy and reimagine this yearly Snohomish tradition!

Early packet pickup will be Friday, Dec. 12 from 3-5:30 p.m. at Quilting Mayhem, 1011 Second St. or the day of the event at Averill Field between 8-9 a.m.

For more information or to register, visit www.reindeergames5k.com

This event is produced in partnership with the Central Emerson PTA & Historic Snohomish Downtown Association. All proceeds support students at Emerson Elementary

Sorry, there are no refunds for this event.

Camp fire starting tips



Always clear off the ground where you will be building your fire. Snow will extinguish the flames and leaf litter will spread the fire.

1. 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.

2. Carry a few commercially available fire starter sticks.

3. Use emergency candles to light the fire.

4. Carry water-proof matches, flint and butane lighter.

5. If you must move to a new location, place a few

red coals in a bundle of green leaves, moss, lichen and earth and carry with you in a tin can. The coals will smolder for hours and be ready to start your next fire.

Join the Everett Steelhead & Salmon Club

The Everett Steelhead and Salmon Club is an independent organization of over 140 strong, which was founded in the early 1970's. They were founded not just for recreational purposes but also for the propagation of the fishery resource, to instruct young people and anyone wanting to learn how to fish and protect the fishery we all enjoy.

For more information and to join, visit www.everettsteelheadandsalmonclub.com

Zoo Lights: Fun for everyone!

Woodland Park Zoo: Wild Lanterns will light up the Zoo Nov. 13 through Jan. 17. Take an unforgettable adventure across seven continents and beneath the ocean's surface. Every turn reveals breathtaking wildlife and immersive landscapes, and all new lantern displays.



Woodland Park Zoo

Stop by the Interactive Zone where imaginations of all ages can run wild! Woodland Park Zoo is located at 5500 Phinney Ave. N. in Seattle. For more information visit <https://zoo.org/wildlanterns>

Point Defiance

Zoo: See the zoo transform into a colorful winter wonderland Nov. 27 through Jan. 3 with over 1.5 million lights.



Point Defiance Zoo

From the giant Pacific octopus to the Narrows Bridge, the Flame Tree to the Seahawks tree, and a magical tunnel of lights, come find your favorite displays... and don't forget

to hunt for Sasquatch! Point Defiance Zoo is located at 5400 N. Pearl St. in Tacoma. Visit <https://www.pdza.org/event/zoolights/> for more information.

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Snowmobiling: Winter recreation fun for everyone



Snowmobiling is one of the state's most popular winter activities. Over 3,000 miles of groomed trails are provided through the winter recreation program in cooperation with federal, county and local agencies, ski areas, snowmobile clubs and private landowners. This program provides Sno-Parks cleared parking areas for vehicles in close proximity to groomed and/or backcountry trails.

There are two types of Sno-Parks, those for snowmobiles and those for non-motorized sports (a handful offer both types of activities).

Have you ever wanted to TRY snowmobiling without having to purchase one until you KNOW if you like it? For information on where to rent a snowmobile, call the Washington State Snowmobile Association at 800-784-9772.

No person 12 or under may operate a snowmobile

on or across a public roadway or highway. Persons 12 to 16 must pass the snowmobile safety education course and carry on their person, at all times of snowmobile operation, a snowmobile safety certificate verifying successful completion of the course. Youths who operate a snowmobile under the direct and present supervision of a qualified adult need not show the certificate. Persons 12 and over who successfully complete the snowmobile exam will receive a snowmobile safety patch and a safety certificate permitting operation. For information on where to take the course, call the Winter Recreation Program at 360-902-8684.

All snowmobiles must be registered through the Department of Licensing or their agents, even if a person rides only on his or her own property. The fee is \$50

along with other registration fees and includes a Sno-park permit and decals for the snowmobile and the towing vehicle. This money is used for trail grooming, sanitation facilities, snow removal in designated parking lots, equipment purchases, mapping, trail signing, safety education, enforcement and program administration.

Once a trail is groomed, it needs time to set up or harden. This takes from 3 to 18 hours. When a snowmobile follows the groomer or travels on a recently groomed trail, it usually destroys the ability of the snow to set up. The trail then quickly reverts to its ungroomed condition, resulting in a waste of users' snowmobile program money so please stay off newly groomed trails. For information on groomed trail conditions visit www.parks.wa.gov/winter

Screen-free ways to keep kids engaged this winter



Late December is a time for students to relax and recharge over the holiday break, which typically begins before Christmas and extends until after New Year's Day.

Parents know that kids tend to reach for their devices when they have lots of time on their hands, and the holiday break from school is no exception. Children who receive new devices as holiday presents may be even more tempted to spend hours on end looking at screens. That temptation is understandable, but succumbing to it can be detrimental. A 2023 study published in the journal *Cureus* noted that excessive screen time can adversely affect academic performance and even reduce the frequency and quality of interactions between children and their caregivers. The study also found that excessive screen time can increase the likelihood of obesity, sleep disorders, depression, and anxiety.

Fewer hours of daylight and colder temperatures can increase the chances kids reach for screens during the late-December break from school. But parents looking to fill kids' time with healthier pursuits can look to screen-free ways to engage youngsters over the holiday break.

The best thing to do is to spend time in the great outdoors. It might be cold outside, but that does not mean families need to spend their entire holiday break indoors. In fact, parents can anticipate outdoor activities over the break and incorporate such recreation into their holiday shopping. When buying holiday gifts for kids, upgrade their outdoor gear. A new moisture-wicking base layer can be paired with hand warmers and glove liners to provide extra insulation for outdoor activities like sledding, hiking, and ice skating. A chance to use their new gear may add to the excitement of spending time outdoors over the break.

Screens fight for kids' attention over the holiday season break from school. But parents can incorporate various screen-free activities into their holiday break routines.