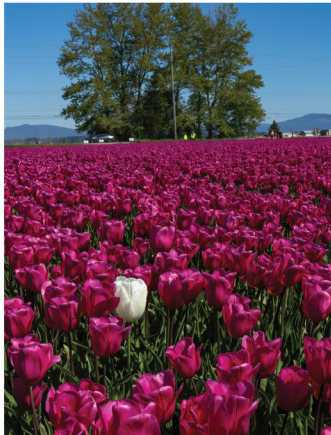


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Frequently Asked Questions

How long is the Cascade Loop?

About 440 miles, connecting mountain passes, river valleys, lakes, and coastal communities.

How many days should I plan for my trip?

Most travelers spend at least 3 to 5 days exploring the Loop, but you could definitely increase your days to accommodate more stops and activities! If you don't plan to stop much, you could #DoTheLoop in a weekend.

Which direction should I drive?

You can travel either direction, but counterclockwise offers the easiest access to our most iconic views!

When is the best time to visit?

Every season offers something unique, but keep in mind that in the winter the Loop turns into a "Crescent" as North Cascades Highway closes. So if you want to drive the whole Loop, plan for warmer months. See WSDOT for updates and historic closure and opening dates.

Can I bring my dog?

Absolutely! Throughout this guide you will see "🐾" indicating a pet-friendly activity, off-leash location, or lodging property.

Are there any tolls?

The only "toll" is for the ferry between Mukilteo and Clinton. Online maps may show this as a toll road.

Do I have to take a ferry?

To do the entire Loop, you would need to take the ferry between Clinton and Mukilteo.

Can I take public transportation?

Yes! Information for bus service options can be found on the first page of each region.

Can my RV or travel trailer handle the Cascade Loop?

Yes! Our scenic byway is comprised of well-maintained roadways courtesy of our friends at WSDOT and we have all manner of RV-equipped campgrounds on and near the byway.

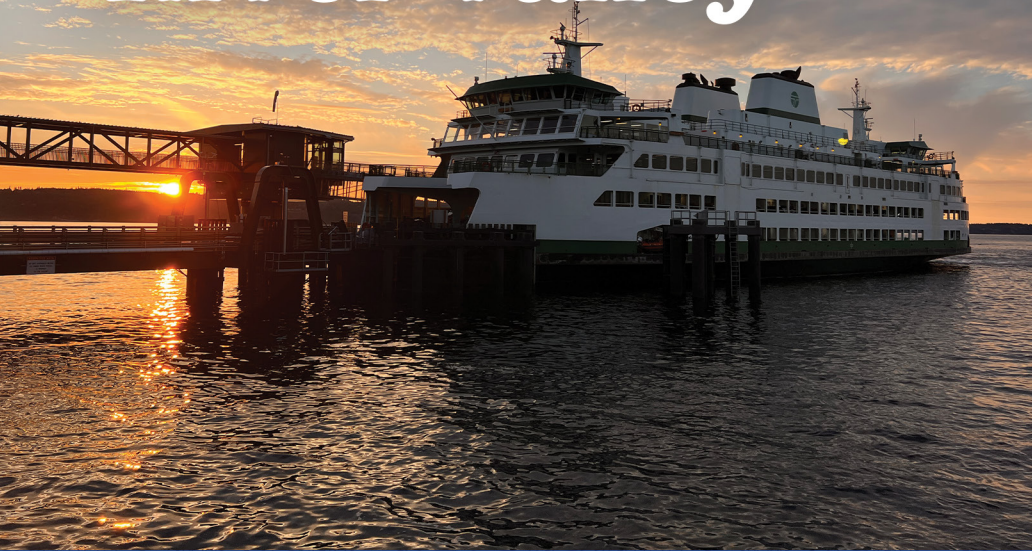
Where can I find stroller or wheelchair-friendly trails?

Watch for the "♿" icon indicating a paved or flat gravel trail suitable for all abilities.

Where can I find even more info?

Visit cascadeloop.com for tons of info, plus book directly with our lodging partners and create your own itinerary right from the site!

Snohomish River Valley



33 MI/54 KM



45 MIN - 1 HR 15 MIN



0-300 FT/0-91 M ELEV



WATERFRONT, URBAN, AND AGRICULTURAL



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Regional Rundown

Your Cascade Loop adventure begins in the Snohomish River Valley at the edge of the Puget Sound. The scenic drive leads you through fertile farm valleys to the foothills of the Cascade Mountain Range, where vibrant urban centers and small towns serve as gateways to the Cascade Loop.

The history of this region includes dairy farming, fishing and timber industries, and it is presently known for its aviation district, naval station, and outdoor recreation.

Festivals & Events

July • Kila Ha Ya Days, Snohomish
August • Skyfest, Arlington
August • Evergreen State Fair, Monroe
September • Mukilteo Lighthouse Festival
December • Wintertide, Everett





Farmers & Makers Markets

Everett • Sundays, 10:30am - 3pm
Monroe • Wednesdays, 3pm - 7pm
Snohomish • Thursdays, 3pm - 7pm
Arlington • Saturdays, 10am - 2pm

Don't Miss!

Everett's Waterfront and Mill Town Trail are great for birding and wildlife viewing, with interpretive signage and the largest public marina on the west coast.

Seasonal Highlights

-  Holiday events
-  Whale migration
-  Fishing and crabbing
-  Farms & U-pick

Community Transit

Bus service from Mukilteo to Gold Bar on US 2. Connect to Skagit Transit routes in Everett.

communitytransit.org

More Resources

discoversnohomishcounty.com
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Mukilteo

A waterfront community on the shore of the Puget Sound, and the unofficial "beginning" of the Cascade Loop. Known for its historic 1906 lighthouse, scenic views of the Olympic Mountains, and the bustling Mukilteo-Clinton ferry terminal, it is a charming coastal community with miles of forested ravine trails, great for birding and wildlife viewing, plus a new dirt-jump bike park.

Mukilteo Chamber and Visitor Center. 4902 76th St SW, discovermukilteo.org

See & Play

Boeing Future of Flight. Premier aerospace attractions, welcoming guests to enjoy the Boeing Everett Factory Tour (the world's largest building by volume), Gallery, Sky Deck and Boeing Store. Mon – Sun 8:30am – 5:30pm. 8415 Paine Field Blvd, boeingfutureofflight.com

 Lighthouse Park. The 14-acre park offers access to the beach with picnic areas, boat launch, and playground. Grounds are accessible to visitors year-round. 609 Front St, mukilteowa.gov

  Mukilteo Fishing Piers. Two public piers allow fishing in the Puget Sound, the largest is just past the ferry terminal. First Street. wdfw.wa.gov

Mukilteo Ferry. Learn about the region's rich tribal influence upstairs at the Mukilteo ferry terminal. Gateway to Whidbey Island (Clinton/Mukilteo route). Find sailing schedule online. 910 First St, wsdot.wa.gov

Eat & Stay

Silver Cloud Hotel – Mukilteo Waterfront. Complimentary Breakfast. Close to Lighthouse Park and ferry dock. 718 Front St, (425) 423-8600, silvercloud.com/Mukilteo



Everett

The largest metropolitan community on the Loop, this vibrant urban center is known for international cuisine and its waterfront district. Watch hockey, baseball, indoor football, and other sports teams play at local venues throughout the year.

Visit Everett. visiteverett.com

See & Play

High Trek Adventures. This aerial adventure park boasts a ropes course and three different ziplines as well as mini golf, laser tag, climbing wall, and axe throwing. 11928 Beverly Park Rd Bldg C, (425) 382-2966, hightrekadventures.com

Imagine Children's Museum. Hands-on exhibits for children 12 and younger, including art, history and science presented in fun ways. Closed Mondays. 1502 Wall St, (425) 258-1006, imaginecm.org

♿️🐾 Lowell Riverfront Trail. 1¾-mile, multi-use trail features a wide paved path with numerous wildlife habitats. Views of Mount Baker, Mount Rainier and the Cascade Range. 1400 Lowell River Rd.

♿️🐾 Mill Town Trail. A 6.8-mile shared-use sidewalk path with multiple access points through the Waterfront District. Interpretive signage tells of the maritime history.

♿️🐾 Port of Everett Waterfront. Miles of connected waterfront walkways and public access opportunities to boating and in-water recreation, plus tasty cuisine from a mix of restaurants. portofeverett.com



Snohomish

A charming historic town on the banks of the Snohomish River, known for its picturesque Main Street lined with antique shops, boutiques, and a rich sense of community. Hotspot for anglers fishing on local rivers.

See & Play

♿️🐾 **Centennial Trail.** A 30-mile paved walking, jogging, and biking path built on the old Burlington-Northern railroad line. The trail travels north from Snohomish through Arlington to the Skagit County line. Multiple trailheads and access points.

Eat & Stay

🐾 **Snohomish Inn.** Jetted tub rooms available. 323 2nd St, (800) 548-9993, (360) 568-2208, snohomishinn.com

Monroe

A welcoming community surrounded by natural beauty that offers a mix of adventures. Parks, trails, and a charming downtown with local shops and eateries. Boat launches draw anglers to the Skykomish and Snohomish Rivers for salmon, steelhead and cutthroat trout. Sip suds and spirits at three breweries, a whiskey bar, and a taphouse.

🐾 **Monroe Visitor Center.** 125 South Lewis St, (360) 794-5488, choosemonroe.com

See & Play

🐾 **Al Borlin Park.** An oasis in an urban setting, this 90-acre park offers picnic areas with barbeques and beach access. Trails weave through a thickly wooded area which include views of the Skykomish River. 615 Simons Rd.



Five distinct regions come together in Snohomish County, offering river valleys, coastal waters, mountain trails, and welcoming towns. Just minutes from Seattle, it's easy to roam boldly.



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Historic Downtown. Venture off US 2 and explore Historic Main Street. Shop for unique, locally made treasures and enjoy farm-to-table, or ethnic dining. Step back in time at the Historical Society & Museum.

Evergreen State Fair Park and Speedway. Home of the largest county fair in the Northwest. Features NASCAR races and specialty events year-round.

Lake Tye. Enjoyed by anglers, kayakers, and paddleboarders, this 42-acre lake also includes a swimming area, 1.63-mile paved loop trail, and a street-style skateboard park. Mid-summer events include free movies, concerts, dancing, and a beer garden. 14964 Fryelands Blvd.

Mural Walk. Let art inspire you! Tour 11 amazing outdoor murals by artist David Hose. monroewa.gov/publicart

Skykomish River. An angler's delight, and fun for rafters looking for all classes of whitewater, from calm to "boulder drop" adrenaline racing!

Wiggly Field Dog Park. 2½ acre off-leash park, with agility equipment, and a dog drinking fountain. 413 Sky River Pkwy.

Arlington

Part of the Mountain Loop Scenic Byway. Peaceful small town with quaint shops, antique stores, tasty diners, and gourmet restaurants. The 30-mile paved Centennial Trail passes through the heart of Arlington.

Stilly Valley Visitor Center. 114 N Olympic Ave, (360) 403-3421, meetmeinarlington.com

See & Play

Twin Rivers Park. Where the North and South Forks of the Stillaguamish Rivers converge. Large open fields, disc golf, picnic tables. 8003 SR-530 NE.

Arlington Skate Park. Concrete bowl, full pipe and street course. 18501 59th Ave.



A bite and brew near the Mukilteo Pier

American Wigeons, Pete Freund



Explore Responsibly

From the shorelines on Whidbey Island to the peaks of the Cascades, the Cascade Loop is filled with breathtaking landscapes and unspoiled wilderness. Help us protect these places and keep them welcoming for everyone by recreating responsibly. A few thoughtful choices can make a big difference for nature, local communities, and your own adventure.



Protect the Loop

- Protect the landscapes that make this region special.
- Stay on marked trails to protect fragile plants and prevent erosion.
- Pack it in, pack it out. Take all trash with you - including food scraps.
- Take only pictures. Rocks, flowers, and artifacts should stay where they are.
- Keep wildlife wild. Observe animals from a distance and never feed them.
- Follow fire restrictions during dry summer months.



Respect Others

- Share the outdoors with kindness and consideration.
- Be mindful of noise in natural areas and quiet communities.
- Keep pets on leashes where posted and always clean up after them.
- Yield on trails - bikers yield to hikers, and everyone yields to horses.
- Park responsibly and avoid blocking roads, driveways, or trailheads.
- Follow posted rules in parks, recreation areas, and public lands.



Prepare Yourself

- Plan ahead so your adventure stays safe and enjoyable.
- Check weather and road conditions before heading out.
- Bring plenty of water, snacks, and sun protection.
- Download maps or navigation tools in areas with limited cell service.
- Tell someone your plans if heading into the backcountry.
- Know your limits and choose activities that match your experience level.

Stevens Pass Greenway



62 MI/100 KM



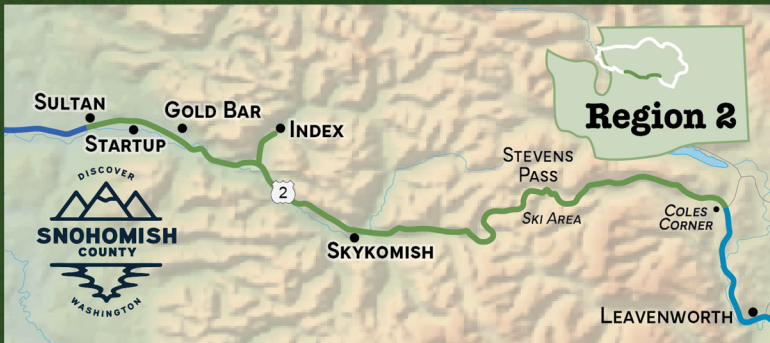
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FORESTED MOUNTAIN PASS



Regional Rundown

Follow the Skykomish River through lush forests and past thundering waterfalls that line the scenic byway up and over Stevens Pass. Charming historic towns offer friendly hospitality and feature fascinating remnants of the past.

This region is steeped in railroad, timber, and mining history and many hiking trails follow converted railbeds. Granite cut from Index can be found in many turn-of-the-century buildings in Seattle and Olympia. Learn about the tribal influences on these communities at our partner museums.

Festivals & Events

July • Sultan Shindig

July • Gold Dust Day, Gold Bar

September • Return of the Salmon, Sultan

October • Sky Valley Farm Fest





Farmers & Makers Markets

Sultan • Saturdays, 10am - 2pm

Don't Miss!

Wallace Falls features a majestic three-tiered waterfall, with 17 miles of hiking and biking trails.

Seasonal Highlights

-  Skiing & snowboarding
-  Waterfall season
-  Hiking & biking
-  Return of the Salmon

Community Transit

Bus service from Mukilteo to Gold Bar on US 2.

Connect to Skagit Transit routes in Everett.

communitytransit.org

More Resources


discoversnohomishcounty.com
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Sultan

A quaint town with a rich logging history, nestled near the Skykomish River. Plenty of access to a range of outdoor activities showcasing a tight-knit community atmosphere. The downtown corridor includes amazing murals depicting historical scenes and early settlers.

Sky Valley Information Center. (ad this page). Get the inside scoop on must-visit locations, and pick up your Discover Pass and NW Forest Pass. Enjoy exhibits of historic people and places in the Sky Valley. Closed Sundays. 320 Main St, (360) 793-0983, visitskyvalley.com

See & Play

 **Dogs On First.** Off-leash dog park. First Street by Osprey Park.

 **Osprey Park.** Great birding location, this 85-acre park features over two miles of flat, wide, gravel walking trails through forest and wetlands along the river. The namesake Osprey raptors migrate in during the summer. Baseball field, basketball court, and playground. Offers front-row seats to a pink salmon phenomenon, when thousands fill the Sultan River in the fall to spawn. 705 1st St.

Sultan-Sky Valley Information Center

Best stop for Visitor Information and expert info for your adventures in the Sky Valley!

Pick up your US Forest Service Trailhead Pass and Discover Pass



visitskyvalley.com
320 Main Street, Sultan - (360) 793-0983

Gold Bar

A scenic gateway to the Cascade Range. Renowned for its outdoor adventures including hiking, camping, bouldering, and its proximity to the beautiful Wallace Falls State Park.

See & Play

🐾 Off-Leash Dog Area. Just off the highway along SR 2 is a perfect fenced wiggle stop!

Reiter Foothills State Forest. Closed Winter. Park featuring trails suitable for dirt biking, rock crawling, and ATV riding. 46110 Reiter Rd. (*Discover Pass*).

🐾 Wallace Falls State Park. This 1380-acre park sits along the Wallace River and features two lakes and numerous waterfalls. Popular spot for mountain biking, fishing, swimming, boating, kayaking and rock climbing. 14503 Wallace Lake Rd. (*Discover Pass*).



Index

Established in 1907, this tiny, picturesque town is well known for its stunning mountainous backdrop, outdoor recreation opportunities, and the iconic Index Town Wall, a magnet for rock climbers seeking adventure. Mount Index, at 5,991' tall towers over the valley - the views and photo ops are spectacular!



See & Play

Index Town Wall. A 500-foot vertical climb considered to be one of the nation's premier rock-climbing spots. Parking area off Old Goldbar-Index Road, just west of town. (*Discover Pass*).

Outdoor Adventure Center. Enjoy family rafting and kayaking expeditions on calm streams or "boulder drop" adrenaline racing whitewater. Professional kayak school and paddling instruction, plus kayak and E-bike rentals. 444 Ave A, (425) 883-9039, outdooradventurecenter.com

Eat & Stay

🐾 Bush House Inn. Modern conveniences with vintage charm. Renovated mining-era 1898 structure. 308 5th St, (425) 298-7642, bushhouseinn.com

North Fork Kitchen. Located in the Bush House Inn, serving delicious, high-quality meals using fresh, locally sourced ingredients. Stop by the coffee bar to kick start your day. 308 5th St, (425) 298-7642, bushhouseinn.com

Did you know?

The highest elevation at the Stevens Pass Ski Resort is 5,845 ft (1,782 m) at the summit of Cowboy Mountain!

Skykomish

A charming mountain town surrounded by the beauty of the Cascade Range. Known for its historic Great Northern Railway influence, and the scenic Skykomish River that winds through the heart of the community.

See & Play

Depot Park and Railroad Museum. Learn about the rail history of this region in the museum. Ride the Great Northern & Cascade Railway miniature live steam railroad on Saturdays during the summer. 8101 N 5th St, gnandcr.org

Skykomish River. Anglers line the riverbanks, and drift boats float the more tranquil waters with prized fishing holes. Great winter steelhead fishing! Immensely popular for whitewater rafting in summer.

Eat & Stay

Cascadia Cafe. Chat with locals and fill up on hearty, all-American fare. Serving homestyle food for 100 years. Offering travelers a cozy place to unwind, watch the trains go by and warm up after a long day of hiking, skiing, or just driving the Cascade Loop! Open Fri - Mon, 9am - 3pm. 210 E Railroad Ave, historiccascadia.com

Cascadia Inn. (ad this page). A great home base for hiking or skiing adventures and the closest west-side lodging to Stevens Pass Ski Area. The Inn has been charming guests for over 100 years! 210 E Railroad Ave, (425) 293-1937, historiccascadia.com



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Nason Creek near Cascade Meadows, Pete Freund

Stevens Pass

Ascend 4,061' Stevens Pass where the views are mind-blowing year-round! Access the Pacific Crest Trail from the ski resort parking lot (South and North Trailhead). Be prepared to encounter snow in the winter.

Check conditions at [wsdot.com/traffic/passes](https://www.wsdot.com/traffic/passes)

See & Play

♿️🐾Bygone Byways. (Closed winter). This flat, well-marked 1-mile loop trail follows the original route of the Great Northern Railway. Interpretive kiosk explains the natural and cultural history of the area. Westbound access at milepost 69. (*NW Forest Pass*).

♿️🐾Deception Falls Trails and Picnic Area. This seasonal picnic area offers refreshing respite within the forest. There is a paved trail to view the waterfall plus additional miles of dirt trails with interpretive signage explaining the story of this area. Parking area has picnic tables and vault toilet. Milepost 56. (*No permit needed*).

♿️🐾Iron Goat Trail. Gentle grades and various hiking options at each trailhead to accommodate visitors of all abilities. Three access points to this glimpse of railroad history in the region. Reach the Caboose and Interpretive site at milepost 66.4. The trail also connects to historic Wellington, the site of a tragic train disaster in 1910. Walk through historic snow sheds, designed for easy access for strollers and wheelchairs. (*NW Forest Pass*).

Stevens Pass Bike Park. Two types of trails, Freeride and Technical, offer adventures for bikers of all skill levels.

Winter Recreation

Skiing and Snowboarding at Stevens Pass Mountain Resort. 1,125 acres of skiable terrain. (206) 812-4510, [stevenspass.com](https://www.stevenspass.com)

Cross-Country Skiing at Stevens Pass Nordic Center. (28k). Parking is 5 miles east of the resort on Highway 2. Trail use requires tickets. (206) 812-4510, [stevenspass.com](https://www.stevenspass.com)

Discover the Land of Waterfalls

Bridal Veil Falls

Right picture. The falls begin in a narrow draw near Mount Index before they widen and fall down rocky cliffs, forming several distinct "veils" which are visible from the highway. For a closer look, hike the challenging Lake Serene Trail and spur trails to a viewing deck where you are close enough to feel the spray. Milepost 35, near Index. (*NW Forest Pass*).

♿️ Deception Falls

Follow the ½-mile interpretive ADA-accessible trail to a bridge that spans the Upper Falls. Cross footbridges and admire the rock formations carved by the force of the river as you descend into a moss-drenched forest and meander along rocky streams. Picnic area, nature loop, restrooms. Milepost 56. (*No permit needed*).

Wallace Falls State Park

Bottom picture. Three tiers of water drop in nine falls from a height of 265 feet. Twelve miles of foot trails offer a variety of views, including a ¼-mile interpretive trail, and a 2.8-mile hike to the top of the falls. Parking is limited so plan to arrive early, especially on weekends. 14503 Wallace Lake Rd, Gold Bar. (*Discover Pass*).



Summer Fun!



Amazing adventures can be found on the Cascade Loop all year long, but a few visitor favorites are only open during the summer months - or are just more fun when it is sunny and warm!

- hot days
- cool lakes
- golden sunsets

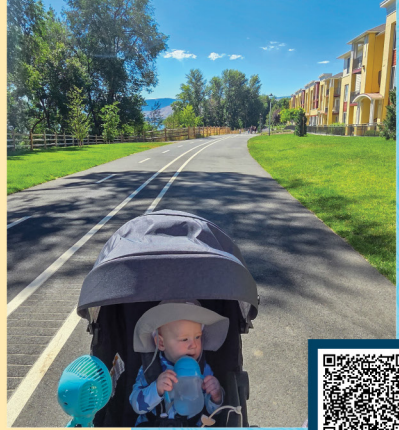
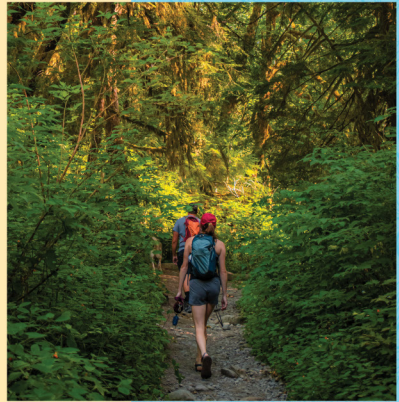
Summer Exclusives
Leavenworth Ziplines
Cashmere Museum & Pioneer Village
Ohme Gardens (Wenatchee)
Wiley's Boat Rides (Wenatchee)
Slidewaters & Lakeside Surf (Chelan)
North Cascades Highway
Liberty Bell
Washington Pass Overlook
Diablo Lake

Outdoor Adventures
Hiking alpine and wildflower trails
Scenic mountain biking
Rock climbing and bouldering
Horseback riding tours
Whale watching tours
Ziplining and rope courses

Make a Splash
Lake and river paddleboarding
Kayaking tours
River tubing and floating
River and lake fishing
Swimming at public beaches

Scenic & Leisure Activities
Wildlife spotting and birdwatching
Picnicking at scenic overlooks
Stargazing in dark sky areas
Easy nature walks
U-pick orchards and farms
Beach combing

Family-Friendly Fun
Playground wiggly stops
Splash pads and water parks
Strolling through public gardens
Ice cream and treat stops



Leavenworth & Cascade Foothills



34 MI/55 KM



45 MIN - 1 HR



800-2000 FT/244-610 M ELEV



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Regional Rundown

As you descend Stevens Pass you enter the region that touts a Bavarian village and classic all-American small towns that snuggle against the foothills of the eastern slope of the Cascade mountains. They offer a diversity of seasonal recreation and cultural experiences.

The history of this region revolved around timber and rail transportation in Leavenworth, and farming in Cashmere, where the first fruit trees were planted in 1883. Learn about tribal influences impacting these communities and the early settlers at our partner museums.

Festivals & Events

May • Maifest, Leavenworth
September • Chelan County Fair, Cashmere
October • Scare Crazy Cashmere
October • Oktoberfest, Leavenworth
December • Christmastown, Leavenworth
January • Winter Karneval, Leavenworth





Farmers & Makers Markets

Leavenworth • Saturdays, 9am-1pm
Cashmere • Sundays, 9am-1pm
Leavenworth Art in the Park • Weekends, May-October

Scenic Side Loop

Take Highway 207 to Plain and the Lake Wenatchee area, before circling through Chumstick Canyon to Leavenworth. (see page 24)

Seasonal Highlights

-  Holiday lights
-  Apple, pear, and cherry blossoms
-  Rafting the rivers
-  Fall colors in the Tumwater Canyon

Link Transit

Free bus service from Leavenworth to Wenatchee through to the Manson area. Connect with Okanogan County (TranGO) in Chelan. linktransit.com

More Resources


visitchelancounty.com
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Leavenworth

This world-famous Bavarian-themed village is nestled in the Cascade Mountains and delights visitors with its charming architecture, festivals, and outdoor recreation. A welcoming atmosphere transports visitors to a European alpine setting.

Leavenworth Willkommen Center. (ad p. 21). 645 Front St, (509) 548-5807, leavenworth.org

See & Play

 Enchantment Park. A wide path winds through the forest and along the Wenatchee River, where birding and wildlife watching is popular. Playground equipment, pump track, skate park and ball fields.
300 Enchantment Park Way.

Greater Leavenworth Museum. (ad p.23). Showcasing Leavenworth's rich past from the Wenatchi First Peoples and the community's unique history. Hands-on family activities. 735 Front St, (509) 548-0728, leavenworthmuseum.org

Leavenworth Adventure Park. Washington's only Alpine Coaster! Enjoy the gorgeous views and thrilling ride along the 3 helix coaster turns. Mining sluice, climbing wall and concessions. Open year round. 9342 Icicle Rd (at the traffic circle), (509) 888-1119, leavenworthadventurepark.com





Bald eagle guarding nest, Pete Freund

♿️🐾 **Leavenworth Fish Hatchery.**

Self-guided tours and exhibits identify fish species. Picnic area and a 1-mile easy trail with interpretive signage teaching about salmon, river ecology, and the role of hatcheries. 12790 Fish Hatchery Rd, (509) 548-7641, fws.gov/leavenworth

Tumwater Canyon. As SR 2 winds its way toward Leavenworth, wayside pull-off spots dot the roadway offering views of wildlife and scenery. In late September through mid-October, this canyon is awash with autumnal colors. Travelers and photographers from around the world trek to this part of the Loop to capture photos of the brilliant colors.

🐾 **Wenatchee River Institute.** Waterfront interpretive walk and birding on a 9-acre nature reserve, which is always open to visitors! Seven gardens, forest, fields, and trails with access to the Wenatchee River. Natural and cultural history interpretation. Great habitat for a variety of bird and wildlife species. Self-guided maps available on website. Audubon Cascade Birding Trail location. Access near 8th and Commercial, wenatcheeriverinstitute.org

Eat & Stay

Enzian Inn. Indoor and outdoor pools all year, family game room, daily breakfast buffet with alphorn serenade. 590 US Hwy 2, (800) 223-8511, enzianinn.com

🐾 **Linderhof Inn.** Romantic spa rooms and family townhouses, breakfast buffet, seasonal outdoor pool. 690 US Hwy 2, 509-548-5283, linderhof.com



Icicle Ridge Trail, Leavenworth



Holy Schnitzell!



Year-round recreation, jaw-dropping beauty, and true Bavarian charm meet in surprising ways in the heart of the Northwest. Only two hours east of Seattle. **Book your trip at leavenworth.org**

Leavenworth
WASHINGTON



Cashmere

A picturesque town nestled in the heart of the Wenatchee River Valley, celebrated for its rich agricultural heritage, charming downtown district, and proximity to outdoor adventures including river rafting, rock climbing and paragliding.

Cashmere Visitor Center.

cashmerechamber.org

See & Play

Aplets & Cotlets Candy Kitchen.

(ad inside front cover). Famous for their Apple-Walnut and Apricot-Walnut candies. See ad for free tour hours and samples of confectionery delights! 117 Mission Ave, libertyorchards.com

Cashmere Museum & Pioneer Village.

Indigenous artifacts and geological specimens. Pioneer Village with cabins, mostly relocated from area homesteads, and furnished with antiques from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Open Wed - Sun, Apr - Oct. 600 Cotlets Way, (509) 782-3230, cashmeremuseum.org

Wenatchee River from Old Manitor Rd

Leavenworth Festivals



55th Annual Maifest

Traditional Maifest Celebration: May 8-10, 2026
Bavarian music and Maipole (Maibaum) raising, plus a colorful Grand March down Front Street.

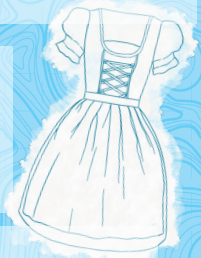
Leavenworth Spring Birdfest: May 14-17, 2026
A celebration of birdsong, mountain ecosystems, and the natural beauty that surrounds the Bavarian village.

Live Chainsaw Carving: May 16-17, 2026
Experience the artistry of the mountains at live chainsaw carving demonstrations.

International Alphorn Festival: May 23-24, 2026
Alphorn players from around North America gather together for open-air concerts and special performances.

Oktoberfest

First three weekends of October
Classic Bavarian music and contemporary favorites, dancing, beer gardens, street fair vendors, and lots of exciting events. Grab your dirndl and lederhosen, and party like it's Munich.



Village of Lights

Each winter, Leavenworth glows with over half a million lights from 6am - 11pm daily, Thanksgiving through February. Free to enjoy, this Bavarian snow-globe scene is magical anytime.

Christmastown: November 27 - December 24, 2026
Sunday to Thursday, 12pm - 4pm, Friday & Saturday, 12pm - 6pm.
Enjoy free live music, strolling carolers, and cheerful performances, and get a full dose of holiday cheer like pictures with Santa, making festive crafts, grabbing tasty treats, and more!

Winter Karneval: Weekends in January, 2027
Each weekend brings new entertainment, from traditional Dreikönigstag (Three Kings Day), to fire dancing and more. The celebration concludes with Fasching, a tradition similar to German Mardi Gras. Join the Fasching Pub Crawl and enjoy themed cocktails, exclusive menus, and lots of great photo ops!



Photos courtesy of Leavenworth Chamber



Riverside Park, Cashmere

Chelan County Fair. Always the weekend after Labor Day. Carnival, midway acts, livestock auction, exhibit barns, fair food, concerts and rodeo. 5700 Wescott Dr, chelancountyfair.com

Pinnacles State Park. Features hiking and climbing sandstone slabs and spires with views of the surrounding landscapes. Closed in winter. 7201 N Dryden Rd. (*Discover Pass*).

Riverside Park 9/11 Spirit of America Memorial. Relax along the Wenatchee River with picnic tables, restrooms, playground equipment and pump track. This park features the 9/11 Spirit of America Memorial with statues. Annual Remembrance Ceremony is September 11th. 201 Riverside Dr.

The Side Street. Several businesses located in historic buildings in Cashmere, including coffee shop, cider taphouse and vintage shopping. 101-111 Railroad Ave, sidestreetcashmere.com

Yonder East. Enjoy locally produced cider in an historic building in the heart of Cashmere. Comfy indoor space, plus outdoor area with firepit. Food Truck onsite. Closed Mondays. 111 Railroad Ave, yondereast.com

 **Follow Us!** 



**Leavenworth's
History from
Indigenous Roots
to Bavarian Village**

735 Front St. | 2nd Fl.
Leavenworth | (509) 548-0728
OPEN DAILY 11AM-4PM

leavenworthmuseum.org 

Beaver Valley Lodge



800-763-5215 or 509-763-9012
www.beavervalleylodge.com

18630 Beaver Valley Road
Leavenworth, WA 98826

Plain & Lake Wenatchee



For a Scenic Side Loop, the remote region north of Leavenworth offers lakeside camping at Lake Wenatchee State Park, boating, swimming, and golf. Winter brings great groomed snowshoe and Nordic ski opportunities on Plain Valley Ski Trails (kids 17 and under ski and snowshoe free). Complete the loop to Leavenworth through Chumstick Canyon.

See & Play

Hidden Lake. A 1.2-mile round trip great for beginner or advanced hikers. A peaceful slice of nature, with pines and old-growth cedar. (*NW Forest Pass*).

Lake Wenatchee State Park. 492-acres on glacier-fed Lake Wenatchee and the Wenatchee River. Play at the beach, or walk the family-friendly path along the lake.

Onsite paddleboard and kayaking rentals during summer. North and South parks have camping (including limited winter camping). (509) 763-3101, (*Discover Pass*).

Lake Wenatchee State Park



Leavenworth Ziplines. Ride nine ziplines and cross two suspension bridges.

19115 Chiwawa Loop Rd, (800) 858-2276, (509) 763-2713, leavenworthziplines.com

Wild at Heart Horse Rides. Guided mountain trail rides for beginner to experienced riders, young and old alike. See the beautiful Cascade Mountains from a different perspective: high in the saddle! wildathearthorserides.com

Eat & Stay

Beaver Valley Lodge. (*ad this page*).

Variety of room sizes from single queen beds to a Victorian Farmhouse. Courtyard with outdoor seating and lifesize chess/checkers board. 18630 Beaver Valley Rd, (509) 763-9012, beavervalleylodge.com

Mountain Springs Lodge. Luxurious suites, cabins, and large lodges. Gifts and coffee shop onsite.

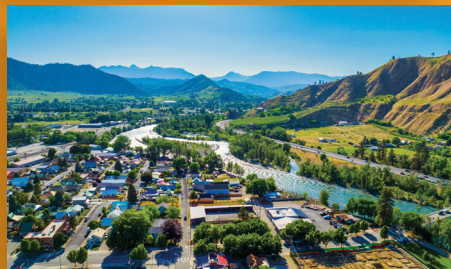
19115 Chiwawa Loop Rd, (800) 858-2276, mtsprings.com



PLAIN/LAKE WENATCHEE
& CASHMERE

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Wenatchee & Columbia River Valley



27 MI/43 KM



30-45 MINUTES



650-900 FT/200-275 M ELEV



AGRARIAN COUNTRY & RIVER VIEWS



Regional Rundown

The byway follows the Wenatchee River valley to its confluence with the Columbia River, where you find the largest community on the eastern side of the Loop: Wenatchee. Orchards, vineyards and shrub steppe hillsides flow through the landscape. Bustling towns are commercial hubs of Washington State's important fruit industry.

A trading post was established here in 1829, and over time it became known for logging, farming and ranching, as well as rail and river transportation. Large scale irrigation in the early 1900's created a thriving fruit industry, dubbing this area the "Apple Capital of the World."

Festivals & Events

April/May • Apple Blossom Festival, Wenatchee
May • Classy Chassis & Car Show, East Wenatchee
June • Entiat Vintage Hydroplane Regatta
September • Wenatchee River Salmon Festival





Farmers & Makers Markets

Wenatchee • Saturdays, 8am - 1pm
Pybus Artisan Days • Fri - Sun, 9:30am - 2:30pm

Don't Miss

Horan Natural Area's gravel trails offer great birding opportunities in 100 acres of wetlands. Frequent sightings of bald eagles plus osprey in summer.

Seasonal Highlights

-  Winter recreation
-  Wildflower hikes
-  Boating & camping
-  Fresh picked apples & pears

Link Transit

Free bus service from Leavenworth to Wenatchee through to the Manson area. Connect with Okanogan County (TranGO) in Chelan.

linktransit.com

More Resources

visitchelancounty.com

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Wenatchee


Situated in the heart of the state's apple country, Wenatchee combines a vibrant cityscape with the natural beauty of the Columbia River and mountain foothills. Discover a mix of outdoor recreation, cultural attractions, dining and pub scene in this thriving agricultural community.

Wenatchee Valley Visitor Center and Tasting Room. (ad p. 31).

137 North Wenatchee Ave, (509) 662-2116,
visitwenatchee.org




See & Play

  **Apple Capital Loop Trail.** This 10-mile paved loop trail circles both sides of the Columbia River. Many access points including Walla Walla Point Park, Confluence State Park, and Pybus Public Market. Walking tour of bronze sculptures near Riverfront Park along with new kids play areas: Steamboat Splash Pad and Apple Playground near 5th Street. chelapud.org/parks



More than a
MUSEUM

**Rocky Reach
Discovery Center**
Open 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.,
Tuesday - Saturday
Located seven miles north of
Wenatchee on Hwy 97A



🐾 Confluence

State Park. At the confluence of the Wenatchee and Columbia Rivers, this park has a boat launch, swim beach, picnic area, playground, sport courts, and camping that accommodates big rigs. The Apple Capital Loop Trail passes through, and links this park to the Horan Natural Area.

area, playground, sport courts, and camping that accommodates big rigs. The Apple Capital Loop Trail passes through, and links this park to the Horan Natural Area.

Discovery Center at Rocky Reach Dam.

(*ad p. 27*). Fun for all ages with hands-on exhibits – crank a turbine and steer a steamboat as you learn the history of the Columbia River. Acres of landscaped grounds with picnic area, restrooms, and playground. Open year-round, Tues-Sat, 9:30am - 5pm. 6151 Hwy 97A, (509) 663-7522, chelanpud.org

🐾 Foothills Trail System. Network of hiking and biking trails close to town in the foothills of the Wenatchee Mountains, including locals favorite, Saddle Rock. Find trail conditions, seasonal closure information and maps at cdlandtrust.org. (*No permit needed*).

Ohme Gardens. (*ad p. 29*). Open Apr-Oct. A mile of stone paths covers a 9-acre forested garden with 200-foot elevation gain. Allow an hour to explore the maze of trails at this oasis in the desert. 3327 Ohme Rd, (509) 662-5785, ohmegardens.org

Pybus Public Market. A public market with restaurants, gift shops, art gallery and gelato! Housed in a renovated historic building on the Wenatchee riverfront. Home to the seasonal Wenatchee Valley Farmers Market and weekends find vendor booths with locally made products. 3 N. Worthen St, (509) 888-3900, pybuspublicmarket.org



Overlooking Wenatchee and the Columbia River



**Visiting on a hot
summer day?
Cool off at a splash pad!**

Take a refreshing break and let the kids run, play, and cool down during a warm day on the road.

Wenatchee has three different parks with free splash pads open in the summer!

Visit our website for a list of splash pad locations in every region

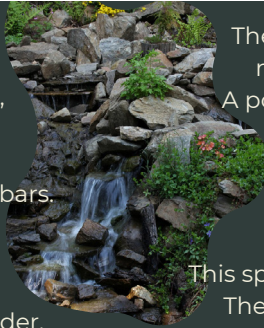


OHME GARDENS

High under the dome of heaven,
Where jewel fingered stars
Caress the earth in blessing,
The moon smiles through filmy bars.

On a spot akin to Eden,
So ethereal it seems;
Where one man stopped to ponder,
And fashion his dearest dreams.

There's a flower bordered stairway,
Where the strains of "oh promise me"
Are made holy by the presence
You can feel but cannot see.



There are shady nooks,
moss covered stones,
A pool and wishing well.
A vista house
on the highest point
With pictures
no one may sell

This spot of joy and beauty,
The loveliest in the land,
Is the handiwork of a mortal,
But it's God
that guides the hand.

by Bertha Whitely Graham.



April 15th - October 15th
Daily 9am - 6pm
3327 Ohme Rd.
Wenatchee WA
OHMEGARDENS.ORG





♿️🐾 Walla Walla Point Park. Plenty of places to get the wiggles out at grassy areas, protected swim area and playground equipment. Restrooms, sports courts, picnic shelters. An ADA fishing platform allows paved access to the confluence of the Wenatchee and Columbia Rivers. The ten-mile Apple Capital Loop Trail and the Horan Natural Area are accessible from here. 1351 Walla Walla Ave, chelanpud.org/parks

Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center. Undergoing major renovation starting in 2026, a Downtown Gallery space will showcase exhibits and host events during the transition. 30 South Mission, (509) 888-6240, wenatcheevalleymuseum.org

Wiley's Boat Rides. Whether you crave playful spins, a relaxing cruise, or panoramic views of Rocky Reach Dam, our rides deliver fun for every visitor. wileysboatrides.com

Eat & Stay

🐾 Hilton Garden Inn. Riverfront lodging along the Apple Capital Loop Trail and next door to Pybus Public Market. Restaurant and lounge onsite. 25 N Worthen St, (509) 662-0600, hilton.com

Pybus Public Market. A variety of cuisines, plus multiple specialty food shops and a taproom. 3 N Worthen St, (509) 888-3900, pybuspublicmarket.org

🐾 Residence Inn by Marriott. Indoor pool and restaurant, bicycle rental for the Loop Trail. 1229 Walla Walla Ave, (509) 470-3091, marriott.com/eatri

Warm Springs Inn and Winery. Modern B&B experience in a 1917 mansion, complete with a wine bar and tasting room plus pickleball court. Overlooks the Wenatchee River. 1611 Love Ln, (509) 662-5683, warmspringsinn.com



Malaga

Sitting along the Columbia River, Malaga is surrounded by acres of fruit trees and vineyards. Malaga Springs Winery offers sweeping views across the valley.

See & Play

Huckleberry @ Three Lakes. Delectable sweet or savory breakfasts, and a lunch menu with something for every appetite. 2695 Golf Dr, (509) 662-4117

Three Lakes Golf Club. Award winning 18-hole, par 69 course with views across the Columbia River and dramatic local geology. 2695 Golf Dr, (509) 663-5448, threelakesgolf.com



Bighorn Sheep, Pete Freund

East Wenatchee

Adjacent to its sister city across the river, this flourishing community is a blend of residential areas and commercial developments with stunning views of the Columbia River, the Wenatchee Mountains, and the Cascade Range.

Pangborn Memorial Airport. flywenatchee.com

See & Play

Wenatchee Valley Super Oval. One of the fastest quarter-mile asphalt tracks around!



Entiat

The city of Entiat sits near the confluence of the Columbia and Entiat Rivers and the area is an outdoor recreation mecca with camping, world-class fishing, and within the 30+ mile Entiat River Valley, over 200 miles of trails for hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking, ATV's and snowmobiles.

Entiat Chamber. entiatchamber.org

See & Play

Albert Long Museum. Open Memorial Day to Labor Day. Saturdays, 10am - 3pm. 2117 Lakeshore Dr, entiahistory.com

🐾 Columbia Breaks Fire Interpretive Center. Free, self-guided walk that explains the role wildfires play in local forests and foothills. Part of the interpretive trail is paved and accessible for wheelchairs. Watch for the fire lookout along the highway near milepost 217. columbiabreakswildfire.com

🐾 Entiat City Park and Campground. On the shore of the Columbia River at the confluence with the Entiat River. Tables and shelter, swim area, boat launch, restrooms, nature trail. Campground can accommodate big rigs. 2461 Lakeshore Dr.

🐾 Silver Falls. A 1.7-mile loop trail climbs over the top and behind the waterfall of Silver Creek. At the campground, a level, wide interpretive trail loops through the trees and offers a family-friendly stroll in the wilderness. Travel up Entiat River Road 29.5 miles to the trailhead. (NW Forest Pass).



Hit the Trail

Take a break from the road and experience the landscapes of the Columbia River Valley on foot. These hikes and walks offer everything from quick nature strolls to rewarding viewpoints.

Horan Natural Area. A relaxing riverside walk along wetlands and wildlife habitat at the edge of town. Flat trails wind through cottonwoods and ponds along the Columbia River, making it a great spot for birdwatching and an easy nature break.
~2.5 miles round trip | ~30-60 minutes | Easy

Silver Falls Trail. A scenic forest hike that leads to a beautiful cascading waterfall. The trail is relatively short but rewarding, with cool shade and the sound of rushing water most of the way.
~2 miles round trip | ~1-1.5 hours | Easy/Moderate

Saddle Rock Trail. One of Wenatchee's most recognizable landmarks, this trail climbs steadily to a dramatic rock formation overlooking the valley. The reward is sweeping views of orchards, the Columbia River, and surrounding foothills.
~3 miles round trip | ~1.5-2 hours | Moderate

Clara and Marion Lakes. This forested trail leads to two quiet alpine lakes nestled in the mountains near Mission Ridge. Expect shady woodland paths, gentle elevation gain, and peaceful lakeshores perfect for a picnic.
~3 miles round trip | ~2-2.5 hours | Moderate



Clara Lake



Horan Natural Area



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Lake Chelan Valley



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800-1700 FT/240-520 M ELEV



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Regional Rundown

Lake Chelan is glacier-fed and pristine, and it slices deeply into the heart of the Cascade Range in a setting that offers abundant scenic beauty and recreational opportunities. It's also the state's 11th viticultural area and home to hundreds of acres of vineyards.

The history of this region involved mining in the upper lake areas, and the steamboats that hauled provisions. The fresh mountain air turned the valley into a mecca for visitors in the late 1800's.

Festivals & Events

May • Manson Apple Blossom Festival

September • Hydrofest, Manson

October • Brews on the Bridge, Chelan

October • Haunted Manson

January • Lake Chelan Winterfest

February • Red Wine & Chocolate

Farmers & Makers Markets





Chelan • Thursdays, 2pm - 6pm

Manson • Saturdays and Wednesdays, 8:30am - 12pm

Don't Miss

Echo Ridge Trails have wide, easy hiking and mountain biking trails suitable for all ages with technical trails for the more adventurous, available spring through fall.

Seasonal Highlights

-  Ice fishing
-  Blooms and blossoms
-  Fun on the lake
-  Wine harvest

Link Transit

Free bus service from Leavenworth to Wenatchee through to the Manson area.

Connect with Okanogan County (TranGO) in Chelan.

linktransit.com

More Resources

visitchelancounty.com

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Chelan

A captivating lakeside town nestled along the pristine shores of Lake Chelan, renowned for its crystal-clear waters, surrounding vineyards, orchards and charming historic downtown. Family-owned boutiques, wine-tasting rooms, restaurants, a century-old theater, and small-town charm.


Lake Chelan Chamber & Visitor Center. (ad back cover). Stop in to see displays showing the history of the area and get itinerary tips and visitor insight.

216 E Woodin Ave, (509) 682-3503, (800) 424-3526, lakechelan.com

Lake Chelan Wine Valley. This AVA boasts 24,040 total acres located 7 miles along the lake's eastern end and the surrounding lands. Numerous vineyards and boutique wineries from Chelan to Manson offer amazing views and an inspiring atmosphere.

lakechelanwinevalley.com

See & Play

 Beebe Springs Natural Area. Wide, graveled path network meanders through native grasses, and around wetlands, with benches and areas for bird and wildlife viewing. Audubon Cascade Birding Trail location. Just north of US 97 and SR 150 junction. (Discover Pass).

Chelan's Historic Ruby Theatre. Opened in 1914, enjoy first run movies in this amazing original building with horseshoe balcony, ornate tin ceilings, period décor, and rare 106-year-old Wurlitzer photoplayer lovingly named "Valentina." 135 E Woodin Ave, (509) 687-3210, rubytheatre.com

Chelan Ranch Organics. Family-owned organic farm and year-round fruit stand offering a wide range of experiences for road trippers and campers. Visit during harvest for U-pick organic blueberries, cherries, apples, or U-cut lavender bouquets. Farm Stay Spaces available. 90 Chelan Ranch Rd, chelanranch.com



Lake Chelan Valley Events

Cruizin Chelan Car Show: May 29-30, 2026

20 years of chrome and classic cars - vote for your favorite ride, hang in the beer garden, enjoy live music, or bring the kids to make crafts and play games.

Hydrofest: September 25-27, 2026

Watch the hydroplane rooster-tails race around the lake during this thrilling, family-friendly event



Brews on the Bridge: October 4, 2026

Enjoy regional beer and cider, live music, a stein holding contest and other games, and iconic views of the lake from the Old Bridge in Historic Downtown Chelan.

Haunted Manson: October 1-31, 2026

Family fun with a wide variety of harvest and spooky activities. Participate in an apple shoot, pumpkin walk, scarecrow contests, and escape room.

Small Town Holidays & Village of Lights: November 28 - December 31, 2026

Valley-wide shopping and holiday fun for the whole family. Santa sightings, fireworks, sip and savor events, and more!

Lake Chelan Winterfest: January 15-17 & 22-24, 2027

The celebration of the season throughout the valley with fireworks, live ice carving, beach bonfire, wine bar, and kid-friendly activities.

Red Wine & Chocolate: February 1-28, 2027

Special wine and chocolate pairings, curated flights, cheese bites, live music, art shows, and amazing wine dinners.

🐾 Echo Ridge Trails. Overlooking the lake and surrounding peaks. Hiking trails in warm months and groomed Nordic ski trail system in winter. Ski passes online or at visitor centers. (509) 682-4900. (*NW Forest Pass*).

High Trek Chelan Ropes Course. Fun for the whole family! Navigate through 60+ obstacles and go ziplining with spectacular views of the lake. Closed Winter. 106 Waterslide Dr, (509) 931-1111, hightrekchelan.com

Lake Chelan Boat Company. (*ad p. 37*). Year-round boat tours with passenger service from Chelan to upper Lake Chelan, offering a variety of daily layover options to explore Stehekin. Reservations recommended during peak season. 1418 W. Woodin Ave, (509) 682-4584, ladyofthelake.com

View up lake from Twenty Five Mile Creek



Lake Chelan State Park. Enjoy hiking, biking, volleyball, swimming, fishing and on-water sports. Onsite rentals of kayaks and SUP available in summer. Campground accommodates big rigs in summer. Limited trailer camping available in winter. 7544 S Lakeshore Rd. (*Discover Pass*).

Lakeside Surf. The world's largest and greatest stationary wave and complete surf facility. Spectators welcome at no cost. Open May to mid-October. 106 Waterslide Dr, (509) 558-8582, lakesidesurf.com

Nature's Window Wildlife and Natural History Museum. A 9,000 square foot museum that contains authentic dioramas featuring 180 animal specimens - a merger of science, technology and art. 21285 US 97A, (509) 670-8081, natureswindowmuseum.com

Riverwalk Park. One-mile paved scenic loop trail along the Chelan River with great birding opportunities and easy access from downtown corridor. Restrooms, picnic areas and shelter, nearby boat launch, boat trailer parking, and access points for shoreline fishing.

Slidewaters Waterpark. Float around the Lazy River, race your friends on the Downhill Racer, or speed down the numerous body and tube slides. Everyone will find ways to play all day! Open May - September. 102 Waterslide Dr, (509) 682-5751, slidewaters.com

South Lakeshore Road. The furthest drivable point up lake to Twenty-Five Mile Creek State Park and see the dramatic change between the lower lake basin and the forested hillsides of the upper lake. From US 97A, head north on SR 971.

Stehekin Ferry. Cruise in style and comfort on efficient catamarans from Field's Point Landing to Stehekin, with stops at Prince Creek, Lucerne/Holden. Ask about additional flag stop. (509) 682-4584, reservations (509) 669-5045, stehekinferry.com

Eat & Stay

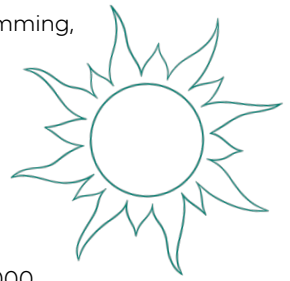
Chelan Ranch Organics. Farm stay sites for a unique opportunity to be immersed in farm life. 90 Chelan Ranch Rd, (509) 881-7137, chelanranch.com

Manson

A quiet resort community with an old town charm. With many parks along the lakeshore you'll find public beaches, playgrounds, and even a swimming spot for dogs. Find wine tasting, breweries, cozy eateries, escape room, and a game store filled with nostalgic classics the whole family can enjoy. And woven through it all is something rare today: the genuine human experience—friendly faces, simple moments, and a place that still feels personal. All this surrounded by great outdoor adventures!

Lake Chelan Visitor Center – Manson. 10 Wapato Point Pkwy Unit D, (509) 888-0332, lakechelan.com

Manson Visitor Center. 590 E Wapato Way, (509) 888-1553, mansonchamber.com



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(509)682-4584 ladyofthelake.com

See & Play

Antheia of Chelan. Beautiful U-pick flower garden in the hills above Manson overlooking Lake Chelan. 600 Klata Rd, (206) 375-2383, antheiachelan.com

Historic Manson Main Street. Stroll through quaint shops and restaurants of the peaceful downtown and learn about local history and cultural heritage. historicmanson.org

Manson Scenic Loop. A stunning route that winds through the hills on the north shore of Lake Chelan. Sweeping lake views, quiet country roads, vineyards, orchards, and charming rural scenery. mansonchamber.com/mansonscenicloop

Old Mill Park. Enjoy an afternoon picnic at this shady park on the shore of Lake Chelan. Nearby boat launch with a marine pump-out station and large parking area. *(No permit needed in the Day Use area).*

Eat & Stay

Mountain View Lodge. Year-round hot tub, seasonal pool, outdoor pavilion and BBQ space, grassy play areas. Suites and kitchenette units available. 25 Wapato Point Pkwy, (509) 687-9505, mvlresort.com

Stehekin

There are no roads to the tiny, uplake, mountain village of Stehekin – it is accessible only by boat, helicopter, or by hiking in. The Lady of the Lake passenger ferry leaves Chelan and Fields Point, with regularly scheduled service to Stehekin and back. The Stehekin Ferry also offers flag stops. Purchase tickets and schedule bus tours and bike rentals at ladyofthelake.com.



See & Play

Buckner Homestead and Orchard. Historic landmark established in 1889 is now an interpretive center for early life in Stehekin. See the tools and techniques early settlers used to make a living in this valley over a century ago.

Rainbow Falls. A picturesque, 312-foot waterfall with two viewing areas.

Hiking Trails. Find miles of trails with great options for day-hikes from easy to difficult. The Stehekin Valley is the southern gateway to North Cascades National Park and hundreds of miles of trails carry hikers into four adjoining wilderness areas.

Learn more at cascadeloop.com/stehekin.





MANSON & CHELAN

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-  Airport
-  Ferry Crossing
-  Side Loop
-  Canadian Border Crossing

Elevations around the byway

Everett	82 ft.
Stevens Pass	4,061 ft.
Leavenworth	1,171 ft.
Winthrop	1,768 ft.
WA Pass Overlook	5,477 ft.
Diablo Lake Overlook	1,201 ft.
Sedro-Woolley	56 ft.
Oak Harbor	92 ft.

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Methow Valley



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OPEN GRASSLANDS & MOUNTAIN VALLEYS



Regional Rundown

From endless starry skies to open range lands and distant mountain peaks, the Methow Valley is Washington state's Wild West! Consider a winter trip to the Methow Valley and recreate on the largest Nordic trail system in the U.S.

Cowboy culture is alive and well in this region, continuing the ranching history that began in the 1800's. The valley is renowned for the artisan communities that thrive here.

Festivals & Events

May • '49er Days and Methow Valley Rodeo, Winthrop

June • Methow Valley Chamber Music Festival, Twisp

July • Apple Pie Jamboree, Pateros

July • Winthrop Rhythm & Blues Festival

November • Christmas at the End of the Road, Winthrop

November • Mistletoe Madness, Twisp

Farmers & Makers Markets

Twisp • Saturdays, 9am - Noon





Winthrop • Sundays, 10am - 2pm

Okanogan Valley • Saturdays, 9am - 1pm

Scenic Side Loop

Travel along the Okanogan Trails Scenic Byway and follow SR20 over Loup Loup Pass to the "heART" of the Methow Valley.
(see page 49)

Seasonal Highlights

-  Groomed ski trails
-  Wildflower hikes
-  Floating the rivers
-  Horseback riding

TranGO Transit

Bus service through the Methow Valley to Mazama, and other Okanogan County locations. Connect to Link Transit in Chelan
okanogantransit.com

More Resources

okanogancountry.com

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Pateros


Anglers from near and far make the journey here to the confluence of the Methow and Columbia rivers. The section of the Columbia River behind Wells Dam, known as Lake Pateros, is renowned for fishing, boating, and personal watercraft play.


Pateros Visitor Center and Museum.

(ad this page), 113 Lakeshore Dr,
(509) 923-2571, pateros.com

See & Play

 **Alta Lake State Park.** Open Apr - Oct. The 2-mile lake offers trout fishing, water skiing and windsurfing. Tent and RV camping spaces. Audubon Cascade Birding Trail location. 1B Otto Rd. (*Discover Pass*).

 **Columbia Cove.** In nearby Brewster this park on the Columbia River has camping, boat launch and docks, sheltered picnic areas, playground, swim beach.

 **Memorial Park.** Stretch your legs along the Columbia River. Enjoy life-size sculpture by award-winning artist Virgil "Smoker" Marchand that commemorates the tribes who originally lived here. Swim beach, dock, splash pad, and paddlewheel themed playground. 233 Lakeshore Dr, pateros.com

City of Pateros

Gateway to the Methow and Okanogan Valleys

509-923-2571 | pateros.com



July - Apple Pie Jamboree
July - Jet Ski Races
August - Hydroplane Races

Pateros Museum - 113 Lakeshore Drive
Open 7am-3:30pm, Mon-Fri Year-round

Methow

You might not notice the tiny town of Methow, if not for the renovated Methow Store! Enjoy fishing in the nearby Methow River and watch for deer, coyotes, and other wildlife which are often seen in this stretch of the valley. Stop by the Methow Store for fishing recommendations!

The Methow Store. Established in 1896 and reimagined in 2024. New owners are breathing life into this historic store building and now offer breakfast, lunch, coffee and delightful freshly baked items, as well as groceries, and supplies for all your recreational needs. 1096 SR 153, (509) 866-6847, themethowstore.com



Twisp

An official Creative District in Washington, Twisp boasts the work of hundreds of local artists and makers, including a thriving music and theatrical arts scene.

Twisp Visitor Center. (ad p. 45). 201 State Rte 20, (509) 997-2020, twispwa.com

See & Play

Farmers Market. The Methow Valley Market was one of the first Farmers Markets in the state! It begins the second Saturday in April through October, 9am-noon. Methow Community Center, 201 State Rte 20, methowvalleyfarmersmarket.com

🐾 Lookout Mountain Trail. Combines a modest warm-up hike with a long cross-country climb. This scenic hike offers panoramic views, lush forest, wildflowers, and a fire lookout tower. (No permit needed).

Loup Loup Ski Bowl. The driest powder and perfectly groomed runs on 300 acres of diverse terrain. For beginner through advanced alpine skiers, Nordic skiers and boarders alike, and a tubing hill. Summer trails for hiking, biking, and horses. 15 miles from Twisp, skitheloup.com

Methow Arts. Theater, music, dance, poetry performances, art festival, and a film series. Free arts education programs for students in Okanogan County. (509) 997-4004, methowarts.org



American mink, Pete Freund

Methow Valley Chamber Music Festival. (Every June) Showcasing world-class chamber music in the beautiful setting of the Methow Valley. See website for tickets and winter performance dates. methowmusicfestival.org

Methow Valley Interpretive Center. Permanent and rotating exhibits highlighting the plants, wildlife, geology, and climate of the Methow Valley, along with artifacts, language recordings and cultural information related to the Methow band of the Colville Indians. Open Saturdays all year, Sundays in the Summer. 210 5th Ave, (509) 997-0620, methowvalleyinterpretivecenter.org

The Confluence: Art in Twisp. Gallery and gift shop featuring original art, functional wares, art prints and artisan crafts.

confluencegallery.org

Twisp Park Riverwalk. At the edge of the Methow River, a dog friendly path with access to the water. Local art installations and gazebo. 325 N Lincoln St.

Eat & Stay

1908 Barbecue & Bourbon. This renovated historic building built in 1908 has been brought back to life with renewed purpose! 101 North Glover St, 1908bbqtwisp.com

Blue Star Coffee Roasters. Award-winning blends, coffee bar, fresh pastries, and roasting facility. Closed Sundays. 1240 E Methow Valley Hwy, (509) 997-2583, bluestarcoffee.roasters.com

Casialodge and Ranch. Hot tub and pool, private decks, extensive game room. 20556 State Rte 20, (509) 449-1538, casialodge.com

Idle-A-While Motel & Cabins. Cabins with full kitchen and outdoor grill, motel units available. Off leash dog park onsite. 505 Methow Valley Hwy, (509) 997-3222, idleawhilemotel.com

Methow Suites Bed & Breakfast. Onsite library and table games, private decks, horseshoe and fire pits, and children's play area. 620 Moody Ln, (509) 997-5970, methowsuites.com

Riverbend RV Park. (Seasonal). On the bank of the Methow River. Pull-throughs, 50/30/20 amp, dump. (509) 997-3500, riverbendrv.com

Lupo Brio. Bringing the soul of Italy to the Methow Valley! Wood-fired cuisine made with locally sourced ingredients. 201 S Glover St., (509) 285-0771, lupobrio.com

Twisp River Suites. (*ad this page*). Complimentary gourmet breakfast, fire pits, picnic tables and swings. Deep soaker tubs in each room. 140 Twisp Ave, (509) 997-0100, twispriversuites.com



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"Paws Awhile" Pet Suite Options
twispriversuites.com
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Winthrop

The Eastern Gateway to North Cascades National Park, this Old West town has wooden boardwalks and eclectic boutiques, art galleries and gift shops. Pedestrian bridges span the Chewuch and Methow Rivers, with viewing platforms to watch salmon spawn and access points for swimming, rafting and tubing. Winter brings countless recreation opportunities from fat tire biking to snowshoeing, and miles of groomed trails.

Winthrop Visitor Center. (ad this page). Take a photo in the old jail cell! Share on social media using #WantedinWinthrop. 49 State Rte 20, (509) 996-2125, winthropwashington.com

See & Play

🐾 Homestream Park. Inspiring sculptures throughout this 2-acre space with riverside trails and interpretive signage that tell the story of the life cycle of salmon, and inviting visitors to connect with the land, the river, and the rich history of the region. 504 State Rte 20, homestreampark.org

🐾 Mack Lloyd Park. On the Methow River, this shady park features a covered picnic area, drinking fountain, playground, river access, and restrooms. Ample parking for RVs and large vehicles. Audubon Cascade Birding Trail location. 51 N State Rte 20.

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🐾 Methow Trails. North America's largest Nordic ski trail system consists of more than 120 miles of groomed trails, with select trails specifically for fat tire biking, snowshoeing - and even for skiing with your dogs! In warmer months the trails are great for hiking and biking, too. Visit website for trail pass info. 21 Horizon Flat Rd, (509) 996-3287, methowtrails.org

North Cascades Smokejumpers Base. Birthplace of smoke jumping. Guided tours, kid friendly. 23 Inter-City Airport Rd, (509) 997-9761.

🐾 Pearrygin Lake State Park. Enjoy swimming, kayaking, and boating. Hiking trails in the summer become snowshoe and Nordic ski trails in winter. Tenting and RV camping with full hook-ups available (seasonal). Audubon Cascade Birding Trail location. 4 miles from Winthrop on Bear Creek Rd. (Discover Pass).

🐾 TWiN Trail. A ¾-mile off-leash trail. Please be respectful and pick up after your pup! 21 Horizon Flats Rd.

Winthrop Rink. Ice Rink in winter for hockey and skating, in summer play pickleball, roller skate, and more. 208 White Ave, 509-996-4199, winthroprink.org

Winthrop Tubing. (ad this page). Float the Methow River and enjoy beautiful views of the Cascade Mountains and wildlife sightings. Book online! Shuttle available between Abbycreek Inn and Winthrop Barn. (509) 996-3153, winthroptubing.com

Eat & Stay

Fainting Goat Restaurant. Offering brunch with fresh, locally sourced ingredients. Wed-Sun, 9am - 3pm. 207 White Ave, (509) 996-3919, faintinggoatwinthrop.com

Abbycreek Inn. (ad this page). Hot breakfast, pool, hot tub, and sauna. Balcony rooms with mountain views available. 1006 Hwy 20, (509) 996-3100, abbycreekinn.com

Chewuch Inn & Cabins. Breakfast daily in lodge. Cabins have private hot tubs & seasonal BBQs. 223 White Ave, (509) 996-3107, chewuchinn.com

Hotel Rio Vista. Private balconies, hot tub, riverside picnic area. 285 Riverside Ave, (509) 996-3535, hoteliiovista.com

Methow River Lodge & Cabins. Lodge has private patios or balconies. Cabins include full kitchens and private hot tubs. 110 White Ave, (509) 996-4348, methowriverlodge.com

River Run Inn & Cabins. Relax on the banks of the Methow River. Bikes available for guests, as well as volleyball and badminton net and other outdoor games. 27 Rader Road, (509) 996-2173, riverrun-inn.com

Sun Mountain Lodge. Rooms, suites, or cabins and a spa onsite. Seasonal pool and year-round hot tub. Amazing views from The Restaurant and Wolf Creek Bar and Grill. 604 Patterson Lake Rd, (509) 996-2211, sunmountainlodge.com



Winthrop Tubing
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WinthropTubing.com
Float the majestic waters of the
Methow River with shuttle service
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Horses near Sun Mountain Lodge, Pete Freund

🐾 Winthrop Inn. BBQ picnic area, sand volleyball court, and riverside seating. 960 Hwy 20, (509) 996-2217, winthropinn.net

🐾 Wolfridge Resort. Year-round hot tub and seasonal pool. Kid's play area. 14 Wolf Ridge Ln, (509) 996-2828, wolfridge-resort.com



Methow River, Winthrop

Mazama

World-renowned rock-climbing destination with some of the best single and multipitch sport climbing in Washington. Last opportunity to fuel up before you reach Marblemount on the other side of the pass.

During winter, this is the last community you can reach before the seasonal road closure. Methow Trails connect Mazama and Winthrop with groomed winter rec trails, and summer hiking and biking trails.

See & Play

🐾 Goat Peak Lookout. This 3.5-mile trail is worth the dazzling scenery and incredible views. The first half mile starts off relatively easy, with elevation gains of 1400 feet over a series of switchbacks in the next 3 miles.

🐾 Tawls-Foster Suspension Bridge. This 2-mile out-and-back highlights the impressive bridge that spans the Methow River. The trail is flat and forested and follows the river to the bridge. Audubon Cascade Birding Trail location. Trailhead 3.6 miles from Goat Creek Road junction with SR 20 as you approach Mazama.

Eat & Stay

🐾 Freestone Inn & Cabins. Located just steps from lakes, creeks and the surrounding forests of the North Cascades. 31 Early Winters Dr, (509) 996-3906, freestoneinn.com

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Omak

For a Scenic Side Loop, explore the Okanogan Trails Scenic Byway. From Pateros head east through Brewster and then north along Highway 97. From Okanogan, take Highway 20 over Loup Loup Pass to the Methow Valley at Twisp. Visit roadside fruit stands as you travel through orchards, many owned by third- and fourth-generation farmers. Historical markers narrate a rich history along the route which travels through the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation.



Okanogan Country Tourism. (ad this page). (888) 431-3080, okanogancountry.com

Omak Visitor Center. 401 Omak Ave, (509) 826-4218, omakvisitorcenter.org

See & Play

Omak Stampede. A weekend of western entertainment from the first ride-in to the running of the World-Famous Suicide Race. Family friendly carnival, Wrangler Kids Night, Indian Encampment & Pow Wow, Western & Native Art Show, Rodeo Dances and Vendor Row, and Omak Stampede "Company Store." omakstampede.org

Eat & Stay

Best Western Peppertree Inn. Indoor pool and hot tub, game room, and fitness center. Complimentary breakfast. 820 Koala Dr, (509) 240-9281, bestwesternomak.com



Sand Hill Crane, Pete Freund

Winter Adventures

For downhill skiing or snowboarding there are many locations to choose from! Stevens Pass Mountain Resort, Mission Ridge Ski & Board Resort, Echo Valley Ski Area, Loup Loup Ski Bowl, and Mount Baker Ski Area are all easily accessible from the scenic byway.



The Cascade Loop also offers miles of groomed Nordic ski and snowshoe trails. Choose from Plain Valley Nordic Ski Trails, Echo Ridge Nordic Ski Trails, and Methow Trails.

For a slower experience, plan a family fun sleigh ride at Sun Mountain Lodge in Winthrop, or Mountain Springs Lodge in Plain.

Check with the Visitor Centers nearby for additional winter recreation and event opportunities.

Learn more at cascadeloop.com/winter



Winter Closure



The North Cascades receive abundant snowfall each year, causing Highway 20 to close for the season in late fall/early winter, and reopen in spring, depending on conditions. The closure is from milepost 178 (west of Mazama) to milepost 134 (east of Diablo). This means our Loop becomes a crescent, and travelers should schedule accordingly.

Winter Travel Tips

Winter travel can be beautiful and rewarding, but mountain weather can change quickly. Before heading out, be sure to take a few extra minutes to plan ahead - it might end up saving you hours of headache!

Check WSDOT for road and mountain pass conditions.

Always allow yourself extra travel time when you expect winter conditions.

Between November 1 and March 30, all vehicles traveling over a mountain pass must carry chains. (Practice putting chains on before you leave home!)

Cell service can be limited in remote areas. Download maps and plan your route in advance.

Keep an emergency kit in your car.

With a little preparation, winter drives and outdoor adventures along the Cascade Loop Scenic Byway can be safe, comfortable, and unforgettable.

North Cascades



90 MI/144 KM



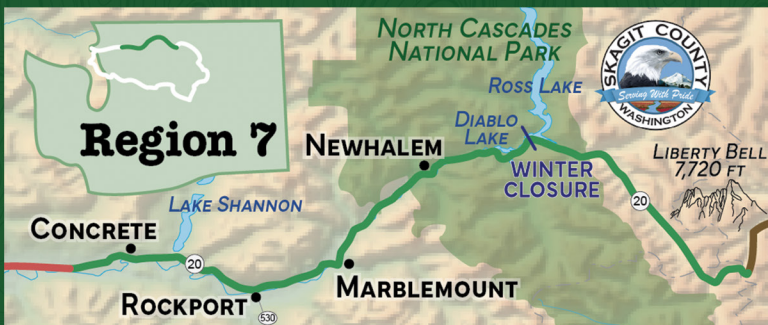
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SCENIC FORESTS & DRAMATIC PEAKS



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Regional Rundown

Dramatic mountain peaks and spectacular scenery across national forest and park land—this is the Cascades at their best—with lakes, rivers, abundant hiking trails, and travelers' rests along the way.

The history of this region revolved around fur trapping, then mining and logging, and the North Cascades Highway (SR 20) was completed in 1972, connecting Skagit and Okanogan counties. Clay and limestone deposits in the Upper Skagit Valley were instrumental in the production of cement, which was used in the construction of the dams that now produce electricity for much of the region.

Festivals & Events

August • Concrete Days

October • Ghost Walk, Concrete

Farmers & Makers Markets

Concrete • Saturdays, 10am - 2pm

Don't Miss


Washington Pass Overlook provides iconic views of Liberty Bell Mountain. Paved trail for easy access.

Seasonal Highlights

 Snowmobiling

 Pass opening

 Iconic views

 Larch madness

 Skagit Transit

Bus service from Concrete to Anacortes. Connecting route with Everett.

skagittransit.org

More Resources

visitskagitvalley.com

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Over the Pass

As you travel up and over the crest of Washington Pass (elevation 5477'), you will reach the brilliant, turquoise-colored Ross and Diablo Lakes. Views from these glacier-fed lakes reach north to Canada and south into the most-glaciated valley in North America outside of Alaska.

See & Play

Colonial Creek Campgrounds.

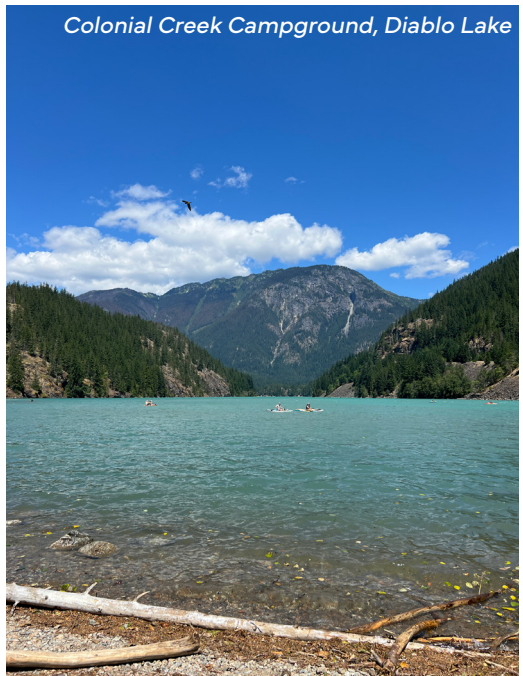
Two campgrounds, one on each side of Highway 20 at milepost 130. North (closed in winter) offers camping along Diablo Lake, and a fully accessible fishing pier and boat launch. South is more remote but does have hike-in sites available in winter.

 **Diablo Lake.** World-renowned for the amazing color of the water which is caused by fine rock particles refracting sunlight. Grab a selfie at the overlook (milepost 131.7) for the quintessential North Cascades view (no parking permit needed) or take a dip at the forest service campground.

Gorge Powerhouse Visitor Gallery.

Learn the history of the Skagit Hydropower Project with photos and interpretive panels. Open seasonally. Trail to Ladder Creek Falls is behind the powerhouse.

Colonial Creek Campground, Diablo Lake



♿️🐾 **Happy Creek Forest Walk.**

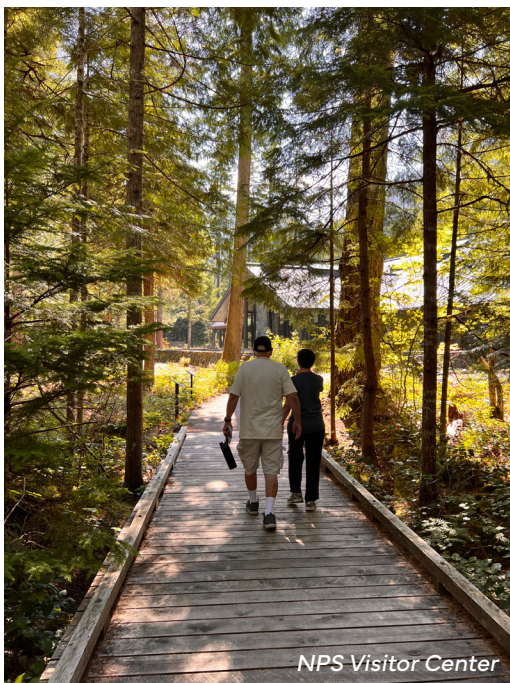
Short loop trail (mostly boardwalk) through a stand of old-growth forest. Just east of milepost 134. *(No permit needed).*

♿️🐾 **Rainy Lake.** The parking area is shady with picnic tables. A 1-mile accessible trail to Rainy Lake also offers several benches. For more adventurous hikers, continue 2 miles to Lake Ann or 7.5 miles around the Heather Maple Pass Loop. Audubon Cascade Birding Trail location. Milepost 158. *(NW Forest Pass).*

Skagit Tours. Experience the jaw-dropping beauty of Diablo Lake on a fun, interactive, boat-tour. Enjoy stunning views of glacier-clad peaks and hidden waterfalls. Learn about the fascinating natural and cultural history of the area. (360) 854-2589, skagittours.com

♿️🐾 **Trail of the Cedars.** Forest loop trail with moderate grades, interpretive signs and benches. Just south of the Skagit General Store (milepost 120).

♿️🐾 **Washington Pass Overlook.** A short, paved trail leads to stunning views of Liberty Bell Mountain, Early Winters Spires and Kangaroo Ridge. Audubon Cascade Birding Trail location. Picnic tables and vault toilets. Milepost 162. *(No permit needed).*



NPS Visitor Center



Diablo Lake from Overlook, Pete Freund

Rockport

Anglers flock here to chase coho, kings, humpies, sockeye, steelhead, and trout on the Skagit River.

See & Play

Bald Eagle Interpretive Center.

Open late fall to early spring. Learn about the winter migration of bald eagles, salmon, and the vital role each play in our environment. At Howard Miller Steelhead Park, (360) 853-7626, skagiteagle.org

Howard Miller Steelhead Park. The campground makes a perfect base camp for fishing, river rafting, biking, hiking, and wildlife viewing. Audubon Cascade Birding Trail location. 52804 Rockport Park Rd, (360) 853-8808.

Rockport State Park. Offers numerous trails through forests with sweeping views of the Skagit River. Audubon Cascade Birding Trail location. 51905 Hwy 20.

Eat & Stay

Glacier Peak Resort, RV Park and Winery. Cabins, RV spaces and tent camping, open all year. 58468 Clark Cabin Rd, (360) 708-3005, glacierpeakresortandwinery.com



Juvenile great horned owls, Pete Freund

 **Follow Us!** 

Concrete

Just west of the North Cascades National Park boundary, Concrete offers a wide range of activities with its quaint community parks, plus amazing hiking and camping opportunities. Explore historic buildings and landmarks downtown on the self-guided walk. Stunning mountain scenery, lakes and rivers for fishing, rafting, kayaking, and canoeing.

Concrete Visitor Center. *(ad this page)*. 45770 Main St, (360) 853-8784, concrete-wa.com

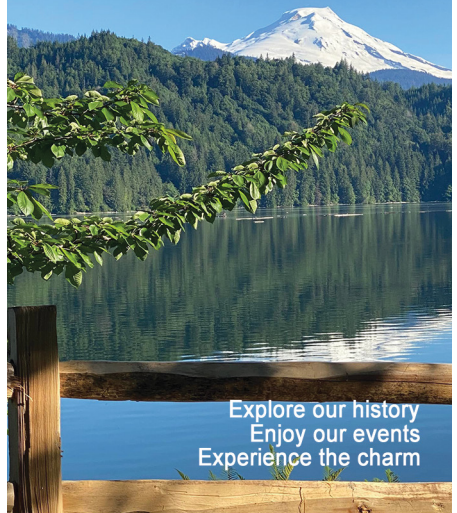
See & Play

Baker Lake. Ten miles north of Concrete. Fishing, swimming, hiking, boating, camping. (360) 856-5700, *(NW Forest Pass)*.

Concrete Theatre. Built in 1923, this is the oldest theatre in Skagit County, still showing first run movies plus live entertainment. 45920 Main St, (360) 466-8754, concrete-theatre.com

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🐾Lake Shannon. A 7.5-mile-long hydroelectric reservoir created by the Lower Baker Dam. Great fishing, boating, and scenic views with a day-use park on the southeast shore. Nearby access to Baker Lake and Mount Baker. concrete-wa.com (NW Forest Pass).

🐾Silo Park. You can't miss the concrete silos looming over the highway. This was the concrete supply center for building Ross and Diablo dams in the 1930's and 40's. Splash pad, skate park, playground, and restrooms. 7503 S Superior Ave.

Eat & Stay

5bs Bakery. Start your day here with an epic cinnamon roll. For those who are gluten-free this is your Nirvana! Open Thur-Mon, 9am - 4pm. 45597 Main St, (360) 853-8700, 5bsbakery.com

Act One Ice Cream Parlor. Ice cream, fresh-baked waffle cones, sundaes, Italian sodas, and a variety of espresso beverages. 45920 Main St, (360) 466-8754, concrete-theatre.com

Annie's Pizza Station. Award-winning pizza, calzone, and signature soups. Open Tues - Sat, 11am - 9pm. 44568 State Rte 20, (360) 853-7227, anniespizzastation.net

🐾Ovenell's Heritage Inn & Cabins. (*ad this page*). Kitchenettes or full kitchens in every cabin and guest house. Overnight camping through Harvest Hosts. 46276 Concrete Sauk Valley Rd, (360) 853-8494, ovenells-inn.com

Visitor Information Centers

North Cascades Visitor Center. (Closed Winter). Chat with park rangers, check out maps, exhibits, audio-visual displays, trails and viewpoints. Just west of Newhalem.

nps.gov/noca/planyourvisit

Skagit Information Center. (Closed Winter). Exhibits on hydroelectric power of the Skagit Project dams, and the nearby communities. Newhalem, milepost 120.

Wilderness Information Center. (Closed Winter) This center is the main backcountry permit office for North Cascades National Park and the adjacent Ross Lake and Lake Chelan National Recreation Areas. 7280 Ranger Station Rd, Marblemount, (360) 854-7245.



If You Plan to Hike, Camp, or Play at a Park or in the Forest ...

... chances are you'll need a pass of some kind. To determine which pass(es) you need, consider which agency manages the land where you want to explore, and whether it is managed by the federal government or the State of Washington.

The two main passes required around the Cascade Loop are the Northwest Forest Pass (Federal) and the Discover Pass (Washington State). Both are available as either annual or single day passes, and can be purchased online or in person. For more information, visit the Forest Service website at fs.usda.gov or the Discover Pass website at discoverpass.wa.gov

Washington State Parks and the Forest Service also offer several "free days" when passes are not required.

2026 Discover Pass Free Days

Earth Day, Apr 22

Free Fishing Weekend, June 6-7

Juneteenth, June 19

Smokey Bear's Birthday, Aug 9

Natl. Public Lands Day, Sept 26

World Mental Health Day, Oct 10

Veterans Day, Nov 11

2026 Forest Service Fee Free Days

Memorial Day, May 25

Natl. Get Outdoors Day, June 13

Independence Day, July 4

Constitution Day, Sept 17

Natl. Public Lands Day, Sept 26

Roosevelt's Birthday, Oct 27

Veterans Day, Nov 11

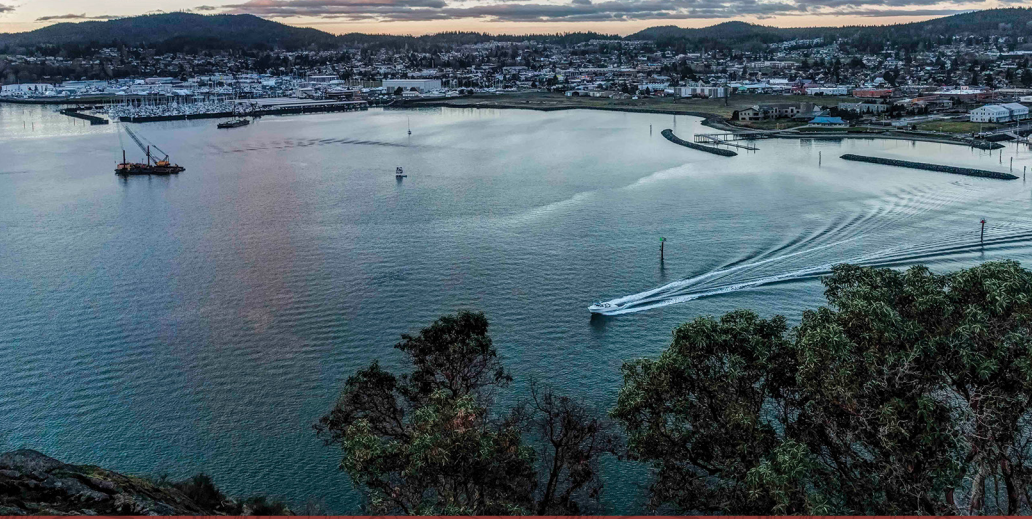


In winter, Sno-Park Permits allow you to park at plowed lots accessible to groomed and backcountry trails.

Some Sno-Park areas also require a Discover Pass.

For more information, visit parks.wa.gov/passes-permits

Skagit Valley & Fidalgo Island



40 MI/64 KM



45 -75 MINUTES



0-150 FT/0-45 M ELEV



COASTAL FARLANDS



Regional Rundown

As you enter the fertile Skagit Valley you can explore fields dotted with farmhouses and heritage barns, blankets of blossoming daffodils and tulips in spring, and acres of produce through the fall. The valley is a birder's paradise, particularly when 50,000 snow geese arrive each winter.

This area has been an agricultural center since the mid-1800's, and other industry influence included timber, mining, and dairy farming. For many years Anacortes was renowned for its salmon canneries.

Festivals & Events

March • La Conner Daffodil Festival

April • Skagit Valley Tulip Festival

June • Anacortes Waterfront Festival

June • Berry Dairy Days, Burlington

June/July • Loggerodeo, Sedro-Woolley

October • Bier near the Pier, Anacortes

Farmers & Makers Markets

Anacortes • Saturdays, 9am - 2pm

Mount Vernon • Saturdays, 9am - 2pm


Sedro-Woolley • Wednesdays, 3pm - 7pm


Bellingham • Saturdays, 10am - 2pm


Scenic Side Loop


Head north on Highway 9 toward Mount Baker, circle through Bellingham, then south on Chuckanut Drive to meet back up with Highway 20 near Burlington (see page 66).


Seasonal Highlights

 Winter bird migration

 Spring blooms

 Whale watching

 Farm stands

 Skagit Transit

Bus service from Concrete to Anacortes. Connecting route with Everett. skagitttransit.org

Travel Resources
visitskagitvalley.com

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Sedro-Woolley

Located on the western edge of the Cascade Mountain Range, Sedro-Woolley proudly serves as the Gateway to the North Cascades. This vibrant community blends small-town charm with big character, offering a growing dining scene that highlights regional flavors, a walkable downtown, and a deep appreciation for arts and culture. Bold chainsaw carvings throughout downtown showcase the town's title as the "Chain Saw Carving Capital of the Pacific Northwest."

National Park and Forest Information Center.


Purchase passes for hiking and forest activities and pick up maps, books, videos and gifts. Relief map of the park and adjacent national forests.


810 Hwy 20, (360) 854-7200, nps.gov/noca

Sedro-Woolley Visitor Center. (ad p. 61).

810 Metcalf St, (360) 855-1841, sedro-woolley.com

See & Play

 **Cascade Trail.** A 22½-mile crushed rock trail, from Sedro-Woolley to Concrete, with benches and views of Skagit River and its wildlife. Parking at Fruitdale Rd, SR 20 and Challenger Rd.

 **Northern State Recreation Area.** Explore over 700 acres with 6-miles of multi-use trails, historic buildings, picnic areas, disc golf and abundant wildlife. Home to the Skagit County Veterans Community Plaza honoring local Vets. 25625 Helmick Rd.

Elk herd, Pete Freund



🐾 Riverfront Park & Bark Park. On the banks of the Skagit River, playground, walking paths, a dedicated off-leash area, restrooms, and picnic area with BBQ grills. Campground accommodates RVs. 1001 River Rd.

Tea and Tour at Willowbrook Manor.

Combine an English Tea experience with the joy of amazing views of mountains and farmland. 27420 Minkler Rd, teaandtour.com

Eat & Stay

🐾 The Kulshan Hotel. Premier extended-stay boutique destination. Kitchenettes, complimentary breakfast. 807 Trail Rd, (360) 207-1369, thekulshanhotel.com



Burlington

Heading west through the Skagit Valley you will find yourself traveling along the fertile fields and berry farms of Skagit's hub city, Burlington.

Businesses in this friendly town welcome travelers with a charm that comes from generations of farm living. Dining experiences feature locally grown produce, and shopping centers provide whatever you need for an exceptional stay.

Burlington-Skagit County Byways Center. (*ad this page*). 520 E Fairhaven Ave, (360) 757-0994, visitburlingtonwa.com



VISIT BURLINGTON

Explore, stay, and play in the Skagit County's "hub city" centrally located off I-5 and Hwy 20 on your adventures north to Canada, south to Seattle, east into the Cascade Loop, and west to the Salish Sea.

ADVENTURE STARTS HERE!

 The Great Outdoors	 Food, Fun, & Festivals	 Abundant Wildlife
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www.visitburlingtonwa.com



See & Play

Berry Dairy Days. Annual event celebrating local farming heritage, featuring grand parade, salmon BBQ, smoke and grill competition, Berry Cool Car Show, cornhole competition, strawberry shortcakes, craft vendors, fireworks show. Always the 3rd weekend in June. berrydairydays.com

🐾 Burlington Dike Trail. 2.2-mile walking and jogging trail along the Skagit River. Trailead and restrooms accessible from several locations. visitburlingtonwa.com

Children's Museum of Skagit Valley. A place where children learn through play and exploration in environments designed just for them! Climbing structures, train exhibit, sensory areas, water feature, music room, crane and more. 432 Fashion Way, (360) 757-8888, skagitchildrensmuseum.org

🐾 Doyle Dog Park. An acre of fenced-in grassy terrain for dogs to enjoy off-leash. Walkways and park benches. 343 S Section St.

Heritage Flight Museum. Explore vintage aircraft, antique military vehicles, a library, and many artifacts donated by veterans. heritageflight.org

Where History Meets Adventure!

Welcome to Sedro-Woolley



Stroll the historic downtown, shop unique boutiques, sip locally crafted drinks, dine at great restaurants, and explore nearby trails. Sedro-Woolley is the perfect mix of heritage and adventure!



sedro-woolley.com





VISITMOUNTVERNON.COM

Mount Vernon

The charming riverfront old-town, stunning natural environment, and strong sense of community, make Mount Vernon a place that feeds your soul, any time of the year. Snow geese, tundra, and trumpeter swans are drawn to the Skagit River and its sloughs and farmlands every winter. Tulip fields attract guests from around the world each spring. Summer is fun filled with free events, while fall offers the bounty of the area's rich soil.

Mount Vernon Visitor Center. (ad this page). 301 W Kincaid St, (360) 428-8547, visitmountvernon.com

See & Play

Bayview State Park. On the shores of Padilla Bay with views of the San Juan Islands. Beach, boating, fishing, waterplay. Near a Pacific Northwest Trail access point, and a Audubon Cascade Birding Trail location. 10901 Bay View-Edison Rd. (Discover Pass).

Little Mountain Park. Hike or drive to the summit for expansive views of snow-capped peaks and forested islands of the North Puget Sound. Ten miles of trails for hiking, mountain biking, and running, plus a wheelchair accessible interpretive nature trail. 3000 Little Mountain Rd.

Skagit River Park. A walking trail, sports complex, and playground, with easy access to the river for fishing. 1100 South Skagit St.

Skagit Speedway. Ground pounding, edge of your seat family fun! 4796 Old Hwy 99 N, (360) 724-3567, skagitspeedway.com

Eat & Stay

Candlewood Suites. Extended stay hotel with full kitchens, on-site laundry. 1866 S Burlington Blvd, (360) 755-3300, ihg.com/candlewood/burlingtonwa

Cocusa Motel. Close to restaurants, shopping, and a casino. Kitchenette rooms available. 370 West Rio Vista Ave, (360) 757-6044, cocusamotel.com

Hampton Inn & Suites. Connecting rooms, daily hot breakfast buffet, indoor pool, and on-site restaurant. 1860 South Burlington Blvd, (360) 757-7100, burlingtonsuites.hamptoninn.com

Did you know?
The Skagit River is one of the few remaining rivers in the lower 48 states that serves as a home to all five salmon species.

Little Mountain Park



Skagit Wildlife Area. 16,700 acres of intertidal estuary. A hot-spot for snow geese, tundra and trumpeter swans winter migration as well as bald eagles, peregrine falcons, and short-eared owls. Audubon Cascade Birding Trail location. wdfw.wa.gov

Tulip Valley Farms. World's most scenic U-pick experience! Acres of vivid color, unique and imaginative photo staging during the La Conner Daffodil and Skagit Valley Tulip Festivals. The only U-pick flower farm in the area!

15245 Bradshaw Rd, tulipvalley.com

La Conner

Historic artistic village nestled between the Swinomish Channel, the Skagit River Delta, and the Salish Sea. A great place for biking on scenic stretches of country backroads. Quaint downtown shopping and dining at the waters edge.

La Conner Chamber. 210 Morris St, (360) 466-4778, lovelaconner.com

See & Play

Andy Porter Photography. Gallery, photo tours, souvenir art prints, and photography classes. 306 Morris St, andyportherimages.com

Pacific Northwest Quilt & Fiber Arts Museum. In the historic Gaches Mansion (1891). Wed-Sun 11am - 5pm. 703 S Second St, (360) 466-4288, qfamuseum.org

Eat & Stay

La Conner Channel Lodge. On the Swinomish Channel, walking distance to dining and shopping. 205 N 1st St, (360) 466-1500, laconnerchannellodge.com

La Conner Inn. Spacious guest rooms adjacent to historic downtown district. 107 S Second St, (360) 466-3101, thelaconnerinn.com

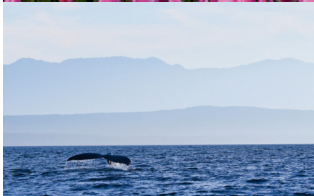


 **SKAGIT VALLEY**

EXPLORE
more...

From mountain peaks to winding waterways, open fields to unforgettable flavors, and a creative spirit rooted in local art and culture, Skagit Valley is a place where the landscape inspires, communities create, and every experience feels connected.

DISCOVER *the* MAGIC of SKAGIT
WWW.VISITSKAGITVALLEY.COM



Skagit Valley Events & Festivals

La Conner Daffodil Festival

Each March, La Conner begins the spring season with this festival celebrating the first blooms of the year - bright and cheery daffodils. Visitors can enjoy fun activities throughout the month. This year, visit Tulip Valley Farms for the festival's only U-pick daffodil experience! It's the perfect way to experience small-town charm while the Skagit Valley begins to burst into color.

lovelaconner.com



Skagit Valley Tulip Festival

Every April, the farmlands across the Skagit Valley transform into a vibrant patchwork of blooming tulips during this internationally known celebration of spring. Visitors can stroll through colorful fields, explore garden displays, and enjoy seasonal events throughout the valley. It's one of the Pacific Northwest's most iconic spring experiences.

(360) 428-5959, tulipfestival.org

Birds of Winter

Birders delight each winter in the Skagit Valley when snow geese, trumpeter and tundra swan arrive in the late fall by the tens of thousands and spend the winter months in the fields after farmers have harvested the carrots, pumpkins and potatoes. Other birds of winter include short-eared owls that enjoy this area from November through March.

Migratory bald eagles also visit in winter causing their numbers to increase along the rivers and waterways
visitskagitvalley.com



Anacortes

The heart of Fidalgo Island features outstanding seafood and a maritime community with historic downtown on the waterfront. Annual events celebrate the vibrant wine and beer scene, and it boasts a Washington Creative District. Once known as “The Salmon Canning Capital of the World.”

Anacortes Visitor Center.

819 Commercial Avenue, (360) 293-3832, anacortes.org

San Juan Islands.

The ferry dock in Anacortes is the jump-off point to the amazing San Juan Islands. The experience riding the ferries to the islands is an adventure all its own. For summer travel, reservations are recommended (wsdot.wa.gov). Find Visitor Information Centers on Lopez, Orcas, and San Juan Islands. (888) 468-3701, visitsanjuans.com

See & Play

Ace of Hearts Rotary Dog Park. Two fenced areas, 1.5 acres. 38th St and H Ave.

Anacortes Kayak Tours. Family, wildlife, and multi-day tours provide memorable experiences exploring the waters and searching for porpoise, seals, sea lions, whales, eagles, and other birds. (800) 992-1801, (360) 588-1117, anacorteskayaktours.com

Cap Sante Park. Overlooks Anacortes and the marina from a height of 220 feet. Trails and disc golf course wind down through the forest. 807 W Ave.

Mount Erie. 1,300 feet atop Fidalgo Island this park provides impressive views, rock climbing, and a network of multiple-use trails in the forest lands. Ray Auld Dr. and Heart Lake Rd. (No permit needed).

Tommy Thompson Parkway. Waterfront scenery along a paved, level trail following an old railroad line from downtown and across Fidalgo Bay, 3.3 miles to March's Point.

Washington Park. Located on the Rosario Strait, offers picnic shelters, restrooms, playground equipment, a boat launch, and a 2.3-mile paved scenic loop drive also used by runners, bikers, and walkers. Campground for RVs. Audubon Cascade Birding Trail location.

Whale Watching. The Puget Sound is a great place to see orca and gray whales.



Short-eared owl, Pete Freund

Eat & Stay

Cap Sante Inn. Close to waterfront and great dining. 906 9th St, (360) 293-0602, thecapsanteinn.com

Majestic Inn & Spa. Historic boutique hotel in the heart of downtown. Restaurant and spa onsite. 419 Commercial Ave, (877) 370-0100, majesticinnandspa.com

Salish Inn. Free continental breakfast. Lunch and dinner available. Lobby beer and wine bar. 907 30th St, (360) 299-3437, salishinnanacortes.com

Bellingham



For an amazing extension to your road trip, take a Scenic Side Loop to Bellingham! Enjoy views of the Salish Sea as you drive the Chuckanut Drive Scenic Byway, and mountain scenes on the Mount Baker Scenic Byway.

Bellingham is a haven for kayaking, paddle boarding, cruising, and fishing. With numerous bays, harbors, and lakes, visitors have endless marine habitats and playgrounds to explore. The rural areas of the side loop offer wildlife viewing, and snowy mountain scenery. Enjoy the vibrant night-life in the historic Fairhaven District.

Bellingham Visitor Information Center.

(*ad this page*). 904 Potter St, (360) 671-3990, bellingham.org

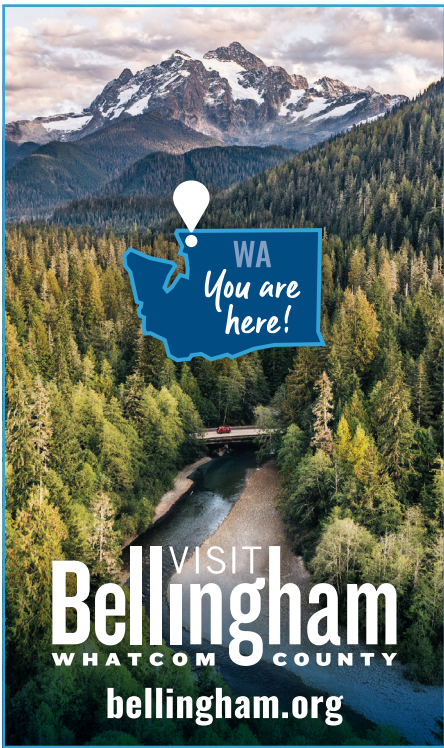


Have you joined my new Cascade Cub Junior Explorer Club yet?



Visit the Cub Club page on our website and find lots of fun downloadable games and coloring pages to print!

On the road already? Check out page 76 in this guide for some fun roadtrip games to play from the backseat!



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Bellingham
WHATCOM COUNTY
bellingham.org

Traveling with Pets




There's no reason to leave your furry loved ones at home when adventuring on the Cascade Loop! All it takes is a little extra planning, and you'll be set for a great trip with your best friend.

Packing List:

- Enough food for the whole trip plus extra
- Bottled water
- Food & water bowls
- Medications
- Bed or blankets
- Leash & harness/collar
- Waste bags
- Favorite toys
- Treats
- Pet-safe cleaning wipes
- Towel
- Microchip and vaccination records
- Pet first aid kit

Do's

- Plan your trip itinerary in advance, including frequent stops to stretch, exercise, and take bathroom breaks.
- Select pet-friendly accommodations and understand and comply with each property's policies. (Listings in this guide with the  allow pets!)
- Keep pets on a leash in parks, towns, and on most trails.
- Bring plenty of water and a travel bowl, especially if traveling in the summer.
- Clean up after your pet.
- Make sure your pet has ID tags in case you get separated.

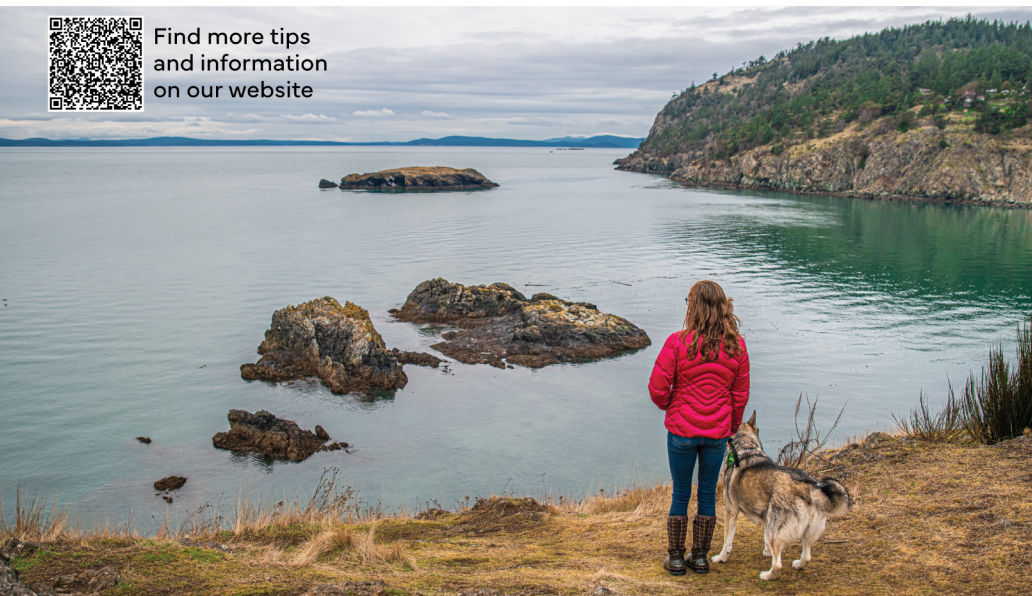
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Don'ts

- Leave your pet in an unattended vehicle, especially in extreme weather.
- Sneak your pet into non-pet-friendly lodging or attractions.
- Allow your pet to roam off-leash in leash-required areas.
- Let your pets approach wildlife or other animals.
- Bring pets on trails where they're not permitted.
- Leave pet waste behind - pack it out or dispose of it properly.
- Lie about your pet being a service animal or emotional support animal.



Find more tips and information on our website



Whidbey Scenic Isle Way



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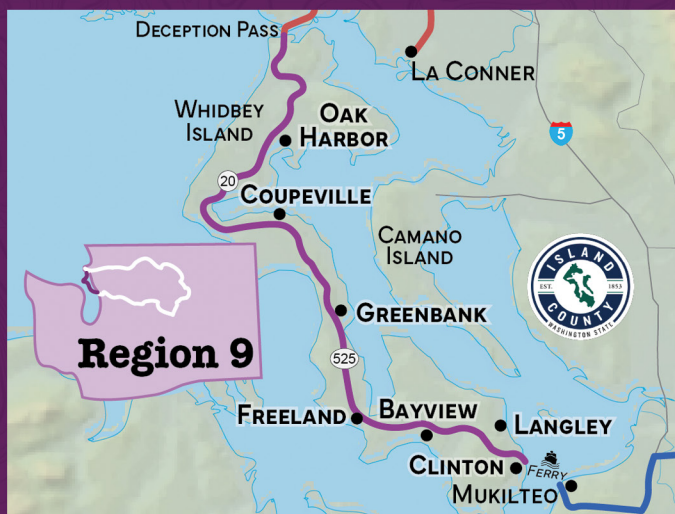
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SALTWATER SHORELINES



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Regional Rundown

Saltwater beaches and historic towns connected to the mainland by bridge and ferry, offering spectacular scenic views of farmlands, forests, and snowcapped peaks of the Olympic and Cascade mountain ranges.

This region is known for a history in timber, fishing and farming. In the early 1900's Fort Casey was built to offer coastal defense of the mainland. During WWII a Naval Air Station was commissioned near Oak Harbor.

Festivals & Events

March • Penn Cove Mussel Fest, Coupeville
April • Holland Happening, Oak Harbor
August • Meerkerk Bluegrass Festival, Greenbank
August • Oak Harbor Music Festival
October • Haunting of Coupeville

Farmers & Makers Markets

Bayview • Saturdays, 10am - 2pm
Coupeville • Saturdays, 10am - 2pm
South Whidbey Tilth, Langley • Sundays, 11am - 3pm

Don't Miss

World famous Penn Cove Mussels are raised in the waters off Coupeville and local restaurants pride themselves on their menu selections.

Seasonal Highlights

- Naval history
- Whale watching
- Fresh seafood
- Beach combing

Island Transit

Bus service for the island. Connect with Anacortes and Mukilteo

islandtransit.org

More Resources

whidbeycamanoislands.com

Oak Harbor

Discover this charming coastal gem with its natural beauty, deep roots in naval history, and close-knit community spirit. The annual Holland Happening event the last weekend in April embraces the towns Dutch heritage, and the traditional 4th of July celebration epitomizes small town America.

Oak Harbor Visitor Center. *(ad this page).*
Mon - Fri, 9am - 5pm. 32630 Hwy 20, (360) 675-3755,
oakharborchamber.com

See & Play

Deception Pass State Park. Immerse yourself in nature with scenic hiking trails, stunning beach views, and the iconic Deception Pass Bridge. Rosario picnic area is an Audubon Cascade Birding Trail location. *(Discover Pass)*



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OAK HARBOR, WA

Let us help you
plan your visit!



OakHarborChamber.com

FOOD.

FUN.

EXPERIENCES

Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum. Step back in history to see how a small island town embraced the idea of becoming home to a major naval air base. Hands-on flight simulators, rare historical artifacts, and exhibits that bring decades of aviation history to life. PBY-5A Catalina “flying boat” on display. Open Wed - Sun.

545 Ault Field Rd, Bldg. D, (360) 240-9500, pnwnam.org

Windjammer Park. This beachside park features a splash pad, a playground, a swimming lagoon, walking paths, and basketball courts. 1600 SW Beekma Dr.

Coupeville

Second-oldest town in Washington State, with more than 100 buildings on the National Register of Historic Places – including the iconic Coupeville Wharf, circa 1905. Boutique shops, historic tavern and dining overlooking Penn Cove.

Coupeville Visitor Center. Open 7 days a week, hours vary. 905 NW Alexander, (360) 678-5434, coupevillechamber.com

See & Play

Ebey’s Landing National Historic Reserve. The nation’s first historic reserve is part of the National Park Service, which includes 17,400 acres with picturesque farmland, bluff trails, and beaches. Ebey’s Landing Rd. (*Discover Pass*).

Fort Casey State Park. An immaculately preserved military installation that once protected the entrance to Puget Sound. The Admiralty Head Lighthouse on park grounds is a photographer’s favorite at sunset! 1280 Engle Rd. (*Discover Pass*).

Fort Ebey State Park. This coastal camping park is a popular spot for surfing and beach activities. Twenty-five miles of trails, plus picnic sites at historic Gun Battery and the beach. 400 Hill Valley Dr. (*Discover Pass*).



Price Sculpture Forest. Large scale outdoor gallery where you get to wander peaceful trails and learn about unique art. Bring your smart device and experience an Augmented Reality Exhibition of real world physical sculptures. 678 Parker Rd, sculptureforest.org

Eat & Stay

🐾 Captain Whidbey Inn. Six acres of waterfront property with private lagoon, lawn games, chef's garden, and lots of outdoor seating. 2072 Captain Whidbey Inn Rd, (360) 678-4097, captainwhidbey.com

The Restaurant at Captain Whidbey. A fresh menu with locally sourced ingredients and Pacific Northwest delights. Cozy up with a curated cocktail by the 100-year-old fireplace. 2072 Captain Whidbey Inn Rd, (360) 678-4097, captainwhidbey.com



Greenbank

The narrowest point of the island offers views of the Olympic Mountains and Cascade Range in either direction.

See & Play

🐾 Greenbank Farm. Walking trails, art galleries, shops, homemade pies, and wine-tasting. Home to an off-leash dog park. 765 Wonn Rd.

🐾 Meerkerk Rhododendron Gardens. Ten acres of mature gardens and nature trails feature a renowned collection of species and hybrid rhododendrons plus ornamental trees. Open year-round. 3531 Meerkerk Ln, (360) 678-1912, meerkerkgardens.org

Freeland & Bayview

Freeland's Main Street is the service and shopping center for south Whidbey. Great restaurants – from brew pubs, wineries and fine dining, to tacos and Vietnamese fusion.

Greater Freeland Chamber.
freelandchamber.org

See & Play

Bayview Farm & Garden and Flower House Café. Bursting with beautiful, bright house plants to fulfill all of your garden dreams. Stunning selection of curated products for the home. Relax at the Flower House Café with an artisan coffee or homemade scone. 2780 Marshview Ave, (360) 321-6789, bayviewgarden.com

🐾 Double Bluff Beach. 2 miles of off-leash dog-friendly sand, driftwood, tidal pools, unusual bluff erosions, and sweeping views. 6325 Double Bluff Rd.



Brant goose, Pete Freund

Langley

Take the scenic Langley Loop from Bayview to Langley and back to SR 525. Turn north on Bayview Road to find yourself in the Village by the Sea, where you will find great lunch or dinner options with fresh, locally harvested seafood! Langley overlooks the Saratoga Passage and the Cascade Range. Galleries, studios, and shops make up this official state-recognized Creative District.

Langley Visitor Center. visitlangley.com

See & Play

Whidbey Island Kayaking. Group kayak tours for beginner and intermediate explorers. Full-service kayak and paddleboard rentals. Ask about the bioluminescence tour! (360) 221-0229, whidbeyislandkayaking.com

Eat & Stay

Prima Bistro. Waterfront bistro serving a French-meets-Pacific Northwest menu and a big wine list plus beer and full cocktail bar. 201½ 1st St, (360) 221-4060, primabistro.com



Saltwater Fish House. Casual and rustic-cozy, offering Pacific Northwest seafood and raw oysters, plus beer, wine and full cocktail bar. 113 1st St, (360) 221-5474, saltwaterlangley.com

Comforts of Whidbey Winery and B&B. Over four acres of vineyards and 22 acres of farmland. Tasting room and B&B open seasonally. All rooms are adult only. 5219 View Rd, (360) 969-2961, comfortsofwhidbey.com

Clinton

Enjoy quiet rural roads and peaceful beaches. This island community embraces their distinct nautical accent. Hop on the Washington State Ferry for the quick trip back to the mainland at Mukilteo.

Clinton Chamber. discoverclintonwa.com

See & Play

Washington State Ferries. Coming or going, the Clinton-Mukilteo crossing is the shortest route back to the mainland. Check the schedule: wsdot.com/ferries/schedule

Camano Island

Whidbey's sister island has great beaches at Camano Island State Park and Cama Beach State Park. Northwest Glass Quest event to find hidden art occurs every February.



Possession Point State Park

There are so many amazing things to see and do on the Cascade Loop... Where should you start?

We want to help you plan your trip, so we've created several itineraries to provide ideas and get your motor running!



Unique itinerary ideas can be found on our website, including:

- Scenic Drives and Overlooks
- Exhilarating Adventures
- Photographers Paradise
- Waterfall Hikes
- Learn on the Loop
- View Fall Colors
- Salmon Spawning
- Snowshoe Adventures
- Gardens and Outdoor Art
- Disc Golf on the Loop

Plus, get the best rates by booking directly with our lodging partners from our website

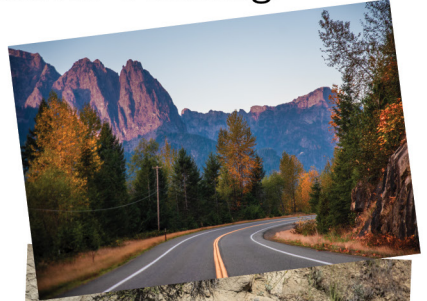
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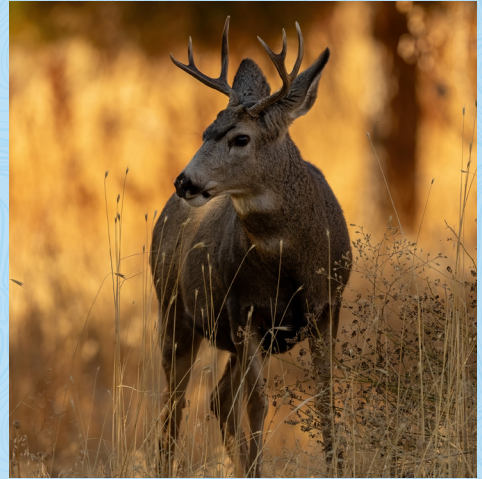




Wildlife

Many species of animals live in the natural areas surrounding the Cascade Loop. What you see during your trip will depend on the season, time of day, weather, what region and how far from the roadway you explore.

Animal behavior varies. Enjoy looking for and photographing wildlife but be alert and safe! Do your research before heading out. Keep a safe distance from all wildlife, do not attempt selfies with critters, and do not offer them your food.



All photos provided by Pete Freund

Predators

- black bear.....2,3,4,5,6,7
- cougar.....2,3,4,5,6
- coyote.....2,3,4,5,6,7
- gray wolf.....2,3,6,7
- lynx.....6,7

Regions

Herbivores

- bighorn sheep4,5
- elk.....2,3,7,8
- moose.....4,5,6,7
- mountain goat2,3,5,6
- mule deer.....3,4,5,6,7
- white-tail deer.....6,7,8

Aquatic

- beaver4,5
- Dungeness crab.....1,8,9
- harbor seal.....1,8,9
- humpback whale.....1,8,9
- mink.....6
- orca whale1,8,9
- river otter.....1,2,3,6,7,8
- sea lion.....1,9

Cute Critters

- pika2,3,4,6,7
- rabbitall
- raccoon.....all
- skunk.....lowlands
- whistling marmot2,3,4,5

& Birding



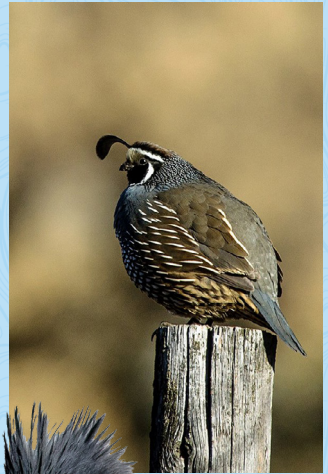
The Cascade Loop features 225 of Washington's 346 annually recorded bird species, in their natural habitats found along the byway. Each region boasts its own unique micro-climate and habitat and therefore, its own diverse populations of birdlife. The Audubon designated a Cascade Loop Birding Trail, identifying birding hotspots and some of the birds you are likely to see.



Birds

Regions

- bald eagle.....all
- belted kingfisher.....all
- brant.....1,8,9
- Bullock's oriole.....4,5,6
- California quail.....all
- Canada goose.....lowlands
- common loon.....1,8,9
- cormorant.....1,8,9
- golden eagle.....2,3,4,5,6,7
- great blue heron.....all
- great horned owl.....all
- green winged teal.....1,4,5,8,9
- grouse.....4,5,6
- osprey.....all
- pine siskin.....all
- red-breasted merganser.....1,2,8,9
- red-tailed hawk.....all
- sandpiper.....all
- short-eared owl.....all
- snow goose.....4,5,6,8
- tufted puffin.....1,9
- trumpeter swan.....lowlands
- tundra swan.....4,6,8
- turkey vulture.....all
- wild turkey.....3,4,5,6,8,9





Join the Cascade Cub Junior Explorer Club!



Have you heard? The Cascade Cub has started a Junior Explorer's Club, and you're invited to join! Visit our website and download your own Cub Club Certificate, as well as lots of fun printable games and coloring pages to bring along on your road trip!

Fun Facts About the Cascade Loop

It's a BIG road trip!

The Cascade Loop is about 440 miles long—that's like driving across Washington State and back again!

Glacier Country

The nearby North Cascades National Park has 300+ glaciers, more than almost anywhere else in the lower 48 states.

A Famous Bridge

The bright green Deception Pass Bridge stands 180 feet above the water—about as tall as a 15-story building!

Apple Country

The city of Wenatchee is known as the Apple Capital of the World, and millions of apples are grown in nearby orchards every year.

Flower Power

Every Spring the fields of the Skagit Valley bloom with millions of colorful flowers during the daffodil and tulip festivals.

Eagle Spotting

Winter visitors to the Skagit River might see dozens of bald eagles gathering to fish for salmon.

Tall Peaks

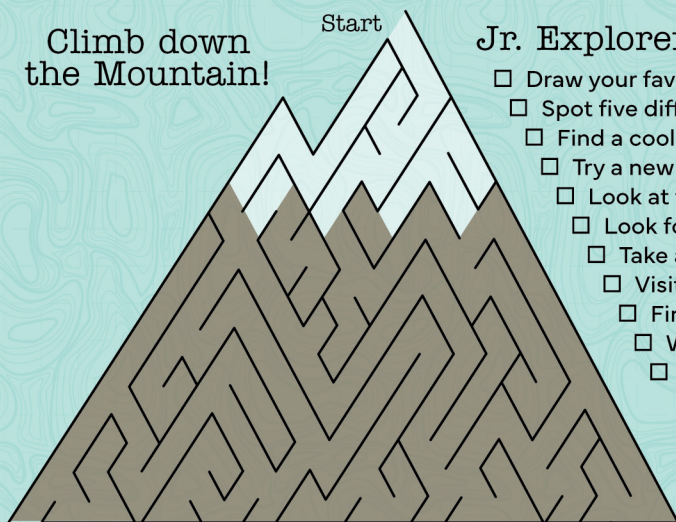
The North Cascades are sometimes called the "American Alps" because of their sharp, jagged mountain peaks.

Ferry Ride Fun

Part of the Cascade Loop can include a ferry ride across Puget Sound, where you might spot seals, seabirds, or even whales!

Climb down the Mountain!

Start



Jr. Explorer Checklist

- Draw your favorite trip memory
- Spot five different kinds of birds
- Find a cool shaped rock
- Try a new outdoor activity
- Look at the stars at night
- Look for animal tracks
- Take a short hike
- Visit a farmers market
- Find a waterfall
- Watch a sunset
- Ride a ferry

Road Trip BINGO

Bridge	Horse	RV	Tractor	Coffee Shop
Gas Station	Speed Limit Sign	Cascade Loop Highway Sign	Red Truck	Yield Sign
Yellow Car	Restaurant	FREE SPACE	Railroad Crossing	Cow
Pedestrian Crossing Sign	Out of State License Plate	Barn	Mile Marker	Train
Bird	Tunnel	Semi Truck	Lake	Stop Sign

Tic Tac Toe

Riddles

Answers at bottom of page

1. I go all around the world, but I never leave the corner. What am I?
2. What has many needles but can't sew?
3. What kind of band never plays music?
4. I can run but not walk, and you usually follow me around. What am I?
5. What is as big as an elephant but weighs nothing?
6. What comes once in a minute, twice in a moment, but never in a thousand years?
7. The more of me you take, the more you leave behind. What am I?

Family Fun Games

Would You Rather...?

Skydive or swim with sharks? Talk to animals or speak every language? Have wheels for feet or crab claws for hands? Always talk in rhymes or sing instead of speak? Live in an amusement park or a zoo? Fly in a helicopter or a hot air balloon? Travel with a pet monkey or a pet penguin?

Chain Game

First person chooses a two word pairing, then the next person chooses another pairing that starts with the second word (like cream cheese > cheesecake). Continue taking turns until you can't come up with another phrase, or you come back around to the first pairing again (like butter cream > cream cheese!)

Alphabet Game

Choose a topic (animals, fruits, countries, etc.). Go through the alphabet naming things that fit in the chosen topic. (Animal example: Alpaca, Bear, Cat...)

1. A postage stamp
2. A pine tree
3. A rubber band
4. Your nose
5. An elephant's shadow
6. The letter "M"
7. Footsteps

Travel the Cascade Loop and Collect Souvenir Passport Stamps!

Stop by participating Loop partners for stamps on this Souvenir Passport Page. Collect stamps from 5 regions and earn a Souvenir Cascade Loop Traveler sticker!

Collect all 9 stamps and earn a Collectible Pin, and enter to win a Passport Prize Package!



Region 1
Snohomish
River Valley

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Region 2
Stevens Pass
Greenway

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Region 3
Leavenworth &
Cascade Foothills

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Region 4
Wenatchee &
Columbia River
Valley

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Region 5
Lake Chelan
Valley

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Region 6
Methow Valley

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Region 7
North Cascades

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Region 8
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Fidalgo Island

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Region 9
Whidbey Scenic
Isle Way

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