



OUTDOOR ADVENTURE



FALL / WINTER 2024

FREE

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Ursulmas Medieval Faire

This popular event will be held January 25-26 at the Evergreen State Park, 14405-179th Ave. SE in Monroe.

Watch tournaments and competitions, try your hand at archery and thrown weapons during open hours, play games, and shop

from artisans at the quirky Ursulmas Medieval Faire. Free admission for children age 12 and younger.

Snohomish Valley Ice Rink

The Snohomish Valley Ice Rink at the Snohomish Valley Golf Center, 8511 Marsh Rd. in Snohomish, will open Friday, Nov. 22

The covered ice rink is

made with Smart Rink Technology and skates like real ice.

The Valley Grill will also be open, making this a great date night or family affair.

Admission is only \$10. Please check the website for hours and more information, www.snohomishvalleygolfcenter.com

Join the Snohomish Sportsmen's Club

The Snohomish Sportsmen's Club meets the third Monday of each month at the

Waltz Building, 116 Ave. B in Snohomish. For more information about

the Sportsmen's Club, contact Matt Kennedy at 206-876-0224.

Snowmobiling: Winter recreation fun

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

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

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

No person 12 or under may operate a snowmobile on or across a public roadway or highway. Persons 12 to 16 must pass the snowmobile safety education course and carry on their person, at all times of snowmobile operation, a snowmobile safety certificate verifying successful completion of the course. Youths who operate a snowmobile under the direct



and present supervision of a qualified adult need not show the certificate. Persons 12 and over who successfully complete the snowmobile exam will receive a snowmobile safety patch and a safety certificate permitting operation. For information on where to take the course, call the Winter Recreation Program at 360-902-8684.

All snowmobiles must be registered through the Department of Licensing or their agents, even if a person rides only on his or her own property. The fee is \$50 along with other registration fees and includes a Sno-park permit and decals for the snowmobile and the towing vehicle. This money is used for trail grooming, sanitation facilities, snow removal in

designated parking lots, equipment purchases, mapping, trail signing, safety education, enforcement and program administration.

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

Free River Fishing Clinic

Learn the basics of fishing local rivers for salmon and steelhead. Two expert guides from the Everett Steelhead and Salmon Club present this seminar with slideshow, Q&A and refreshments. Learn where and how to fish from a boat and from the bank.

Coffee, water and snacks included. Bring money to purchase optional raffle tickets for a chance to win tackle. Proceeds benefit the non-profit club.

For more information or to register, call Steve Strong at 425-308-1203.

"People come from all over



the region for this event," said Steve. "Last year a lady from Olympia won a very nice river fishing rod - she was really excited! This was a packed house last year, so please call

and reserve your seat early! This free Clinic will be Saturday, Nov. 9 from 9 a.m. to Noon at Floral Hall in Forest Park, 802 E. Mukilteo Blvd. in Everett.

Chelan WinterFest

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

The Lake Chelan Winterfest festival has been a favorite for over 30 years! This two-weekend festival is a barrel of fun for everyone; a true event for the whole family!

You'll enjoy intricate ice sculptures, two spectacular

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

Plan your trip today and create your memories at the 2025 Winterfest



festival January 17-26. For more information and schedule visit www.lakechelan.com/winterfest/

Rafting on the Skagit

The Skagit River is a Northwest treasure and provides a remarkable out-door experience throughout the year. Snaking down through the North Cascades National Park and surrounded by the majestic Northwest scenery, the Lower Skagit wilderness delivers fantastic framing for your photos of the bald eagles in the winter.

River rafting is an excellent adventure worth planning for. Several tour groups run the Skagit River. The Skagit River is perfect for beginners and run all year long. Tours available include Upper Skagit Whitewater Trip, Lower Skagit River Float Trip, Skagit River Overnights, and Bald Eagle Tours.



Photo courtesy of Alpine Adventures

Visit Olympic Game Farm

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

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

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

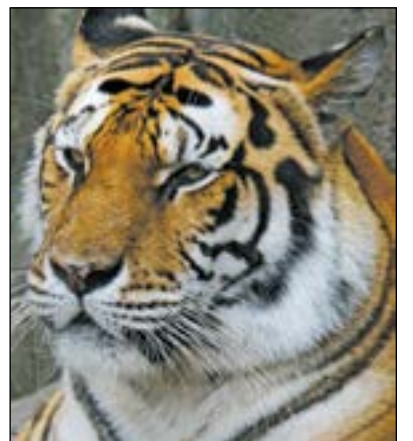
bears, grazing elk, zebra and buffalo.

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

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

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

No reservations are required, operations are



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

Olympic Game Farm is fun for the whole family! It is located at 1423 Ward Road in Sequim. For more information visit www.olygamefarm.com

San Juan Get-Aways



When you take your first step onto a ferry bound for the San Juan Islands, you'll leave behind the stoplights and congestion. During your journey you'll glide by a string of evergreen jewels (the islands) and you'll pass rocky points that define sheltered coves and beaches surrounded by Madrona Trees. Forty of the islands are inhabited; some by a lone occupant, but the majority of the population is located on Lopez, Shaw, Orcas and San Juan Islands.

The San Juan Islands are ideal for whale, porpoises and dolphin viewing. As of September 16, 2024 there were 74 resident orcas (killer whales) in the waters of the San Juans, traveling in three families or pods. The whales are often sighted on the west side of San Juan Island from Lime Kiln Point State Park, the only official whale-watching park in the country.

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

scallops, octopus and other marine life.

The islands are located in the banana belt of the Northwest, so there are about 247 days with sun in the year and an average of only 18-28 inches of rain.

Orcas Island is the largest of the islands and offers summer shell fishing, small restaurants, locally brewed espresso and fantastic views from Mt. Constitution (at Moran State Park), the highest point on the islands. Your view from this point will extend from Vancouver, B.C. to Mt. Rainier.

Lopez Island has several public park areas that offer opportunities for exploring tidepools, enjoying a picnic lunch or a quiet stroll.

After completing a walk or shopping on San Juan Island, you'll want to head for the whale overlook at Lime Kiln Park and then visit historic sites at American and English camps and Roche Harbor to relive island history.

For more information visit www.visitsanjuans.com.

Return of Bald Eagles

With winter comes the return of the Bald Eagles to the Stillaguamish River.

To celebrate these special winter residents, the city of Arlington hosts an annual Eagle Festival. You are welcome to visit and enjoy this event, which includes guided tours, art and photography show, speakers, demonstrations, chainsaw carvings, kids' activities, wagon rides and other fun activities. The 2024 Eagle Festival will be Saturday, February 1. For more information visit www.arlingtonwa.gov.

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

watersheds with healthy salmon population such as the Skagit and Nooksak rivers also provide winter Bald Eagle habitat.

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



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Washington Outdoor Women



Washington Outdoor Women (WOW), a program of the Washington Wildlife Federation dedicated to helping women achieve confidence and competence in outdoor skills through a series of hands-on workshops taught in informative, relevant and reassuring settings.

The workshops are for all skill levels. Some of the workshops include Fly Fishing, Wildlife & Wilderness Awareness, Creating Backpacking Food, and Folded Bark Basket & Cordage Making. WOW teaches over 20 different skills and any one of them can open a new world to you. There are weekend workshops and one day workshops as well. To learn more about Washington Outdoor Women and their workshops, visit www.washington-outdoorwomen.org

Free State Park Days 2024-2025

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

When you buy the Discover Pass, you are helping to keep the state's wonderful outdoor recreation sites open and accessible to the public. Annual Discover Pass is only \$35 and is available at www.discoverpass.wa.gov and at many locations where hunting and fishing licenses are sold.

The remaining free days in 2024 are:

- Oct. 10: World Mental Health Day
- Nov. 11: Veterans Day

- Nov. 29: Autumn Day
- Free days in 2025 are:**
- Jan. 1: First Day Hikes
- Jan. 20: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- March 9: Billy Frank Jr.'s Birthday
- March 19: State Parks 112th Birthday
- April 22: Earth Day
- June 14: National Get Outdoors Day
- June 7-8: Free Fishing Weekend
- June 19: Juneteenth
- Sept. 28: National Public Lands Day
- Oct. 10: World Mental Health Day
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Lights and Ice at Tulalip Amphitheatre opens November 23

Quil Ceda Village presents Lights and Ice at the Tulalip Amphitheatre featuring an outdoor ice rink by Blue Line Sports and Entertainment.

Light and Ice will be open from November 23 - January 12. Hours of operation: Monday - Thursday 4 p.m. - 9 p.m., Friday 4 p.m. - 10 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. The cost of entering the event at the

Amphitheatre is Free to everyone. However, there is a ticket cost for entering the Ice Rink. You will be able to purchase tickets online at <https://tulalipice.com>

The Lights and Ice event will also feature a variety of food vendors Thursday - Saturday from 4-8 p.m. On Saturdays and Sundays between 4 - 8 p.m., Mr. & Mrs. Clause will be on site. The Grinch will be there

Saturdays from 4-8 p.m.

According to Teresa Meece, Quil Ceda Village Marketing Manager, "There will be over a million lights at the Ampitheatre this year and over 3.4 million throughout Quil Ceda Village. And our visitors have been so thrilled that our Ice Rink was designed to have REAL ice to skate on."

Interim General Manager, Kevin Jones said, "Last

year was so successful in bringing joy to people we are excited to bring it back again so families can enjoy time with loved ones in a family atmosphere."

Quil Ceda Village is situated along Interstate 5 at Tulalip/Marysville, go west at either exit 200 or 202. More information can be found at www.quilcedavillage.com



Bayside Marine's drystack is anchor at Everett waterfront



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

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

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

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

options for eateries.

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

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

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

unmatched for the Puget Sound boater.

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

For more information, visit www.baysidemarine.com

Leavenworth Ski Hill

Less than two miles from downtown Leavenworth, Ski Hill offers downhill skiing, tubing and many other activities at an affordable price.

The Ski Hill hosts free events throughout the winter such as a snowshoe demo and spectators are always welcome at the Alpine races, Nordic races and ski jumping tournaments.

Food, beverages and warmth are available at the historic Ski Hill Lodge.



For more information visit www.skileavenworth.com

**NOTICE: Personal sledding or tubing devices are never allowed at Ski Hill. Ski Hill at any time due to weather. Please check the Conditions Page before you drive up.*

Leavenworth Village of Lights

Picture a stunning backdrop of half a million brilliant lights, majestic mountains frosted with snow and an enchanting Bavarian village filled with fun.

Come to Leavenworth this January for the month-long Winter Karneval honoring a German tradition dating back to the thirteenth century, commonly referred to as a "Fasching."

You can expect to see a blend of familiar activities, like ice carving and fireworks over Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend, along with new entertainment that will be spread out during the rest of the month, making Leavenworth the perfect winter destination all month long.



There will be something happening every weekend such as live Ice Carvings, Fireworks Show, Fasching Carnival Entertainment, Fire Dancers, Synthetic Ice Skating Rink for Kids, Ice Skating Show, Snow Shoe

Demonstrations and more. Fasching Pub Crawl - a German Mardi Gras will be the last full weekend in January with a Pub Crawl complete with carnival masks, giveaways, and fun specialty drinks and eats at participating restaurants, bars, and pubs.

Please visit <https://leavenworth.org/winterkarneval> for more

information and schedule of events.

Also while in Leavenworth - enjoy winter activities such as backcountry skiing, ice climbing, Nordic skiing, snowboarding and skiing, sledding and tubing, sleigh rides, snowmobiling and snow shoeing. There's something for everyone!

Oktoberfest in Snohomish

A mini version of the traditional Munich celebration is coming to First Street Oct. 19 from Noon to 10 p.m. with beer, music, games, and more!

Come down to Space 802 for pretzels, beer, and lederhosen! Bringing this German tradition to Snohomish there will be local breweries giving tastings of their fall brews, a beer garden, food, music, strong man/woman competitions, and prizes for the best German dressed. Bring your muscles, bring your appetite and bring your lederhosen for this unforgettable mini-Oktoberfest!

Family Friendly Fest from Noon to 5 p.m.; 21+ area and Biergarten 3 p.m. - 10 p.m.; Beer tastings from 3-6 p.m.; Best Dressed contest at 5 p.m.; Competitions at 5:30 p.m. (must pre-register);



Music from 6-9 p.m.

20 percent of all Biergarten sales goes to the Snohomish Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at <https://www.ticketsignup.io/TicketEvent/SnohomishOktoberfest> 21+ Biergarten ticket in-

cludes: Entry, 3 Tasting Tokens, and a Oktoberfest souvenir. There is no cost for the under 21 zone, kids games and more!

Come learn a little bit about this German tradition. Wir sehen uns dort! See you there!

Oh No! He's Back! Chase the Grinch Outta Snohomish

The infamous Grinch is threatening to spoil all of the holiday merriment in the little town of Snohomish... AGAIN!

Runners and walkers can help restore holiday order by Chasing the Grinch out of town on December 15 at 9:00 a.m. in Historic Snohomish.

Check in starts at 8:00 a.m. 5K run is at 9:00 a.m., Jogger/Walker 5K is at 9:15 a.m., Kids Dash at 10:30 a.m. (Kids Dash is for Elementary age and younger).

The Fun-Run 5K starts and finishes at "Cheermeister Village" at Averill Field, 400 Second Street in Snohomish (next to the Snohomish Boys & Girls Club). The route takes you along the picturesque Centennial Trail. This fun and mostly flat 5K distance is a fully supported out-and-



Jim Scolman, Tribune file photo

back course. Runners return to a festive and fun finish line with fun entertainment and photo ops!

The kids dash will take place around Averill Field.

All 5K participants will receive an official event T-shirt and medal showing that you helped Chase the Grinch out of Snohomish. Kids Dash participants receive an event t-shirt and

participation ribbon.

Registration opened Sept. 1 so register early to guarantee your swag (www.chasethegrinch.net). Wear your most fun and festive attire to help spread holiday joy as this tradition continues in Historic Snohomish!

For questions please contact snohomishgrinch@emersonpta.net

There are no refunds for this event.

Rent a cabin or yurt this fall or winter

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

Consider reserving a yurt at Kayak Point County Park or in the Yurt Village at River Meadows County Park. You can also reserve a cabin at Flowing Lake County Park.

Four cozy cabins sit among a grove of Douglas

fir trees, within walking distance of Lechies Beach on Flowing Lake. Cabins are furnished and include the convenience of electrical heaters and outlets, windows with screens, lockable doors, porches and decks. All cabins are smoke-free and Cabin #2 is ADA accessible.

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

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

Yurt Villages include lighted walkways, a large group picnic shelter, and a heated restroom with showers. Villages can accommodate

group camping (families, clubs, companies, scouts, churches, schools, etc.). All yurts are smoke-free.

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

Pictured at right is a cabin at Flowing Lake.



Join the Everett Steelhead & Salmon Club

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

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

Zoo Lights: Fun for everyone!

Woodland Park Zoo: Wild Lanterns will light up the Zoo Nov. 15 through Jan. 19. Large-scale animal and nature scape lanterns representing wild places from around the globe, including bugs, lions, pandas, parrots and more! There will be snacks available and a performance in the entrance building.

Woodland Park Zoo is located at 5500 Phinney Ave. N. in Seattle. For

more information visit <https://zoo.org/wildlanterns>

Point Defiance Zoo: Bundle up and admire over 800,000 holiday lights and displays Nov. 29-Jan. 5. Take a ride on the vintage carousel and come find Sasquatch hidden in the light displays! Point Defiance Zoo is located at 5400 N. Pearl St. in Tacoma. Visit <https://www.pdza.org/event/zoollights/> for more information.



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