



OUTDOOR ADVENTURE



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Free Youth Fishing Events

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

• May 4 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Jennings Pond, 6915 Armour Rd. in Marysville

• May 11 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Thornton A. Sullivan Park, 11405 W. Silver Lake Road in Everett
• May 18 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Gissberg Twin Lakes Park, 16324 Twin Lakes Ave. in Marysville.

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



Kids Water Safety Camp

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

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

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

July 9: Lake Tye, 14964 Frylands Blvd. in Monroe. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

July 17: Lundeen Park, 10020 Lundeen Park Way in Lake Stevens. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

During the day kids will rotate through four hands-

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

To register, visit www.srfr.org

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

Historic Waterfront Tours

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

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

tours are scheduled for July 11, 25, Aug. 8, 22, and 29. Reservations are required. Learn more at www.portofeverett.com/porttours

Ohme Gardens – a peaceful oasis

People from all over the world visit Ohme Gardens to enjoy the natural stone pathways traversing the hillside gardens, breathtaking panoramic views, towering cedars and firs, lush foliage, mesmerizing waterfalls and tranquil pools.

This peaceful and serene oasis of green is a popular location for weddings and concerts.

Ohme Gardens is located at 3327 Ohme Road in Wenatchee. For more



information visit www.ohmegardens.org or call 509-662-5785.

International Kite Festival

The Washington State International Kite Festival will be Aug. 19-25 at Long Beach. The Festival boasts skies ablaze with color, high flying action and choreographed movement. The event draws famous kite flyers from all over the world and tens of thousands awed spectators, many of which participate in the fun with their own



See famous kite flyers from around the world.

kite flying adventures. visit www.KiteFestival.com
For more information

Explore in a kayak!

From mountain streams and lakes to the shores of Puget Sound, there are a wide variety of options available in Snohomish County for kayakers of all skill levels.

There are three main sloughs on the lower Snohomish River – Ebey, Union and Steamboat – that follow miles of shoreline and shallow marshes, perfect for viewing wildlife.

Or – you can be more



adventurous and take an overnight or weekend kayak trip to the San Juan Islands.

Working Waterfront Tours

The Port of Everett is offering four "Working Waterfront" Harbor Tours on Fridays in July and August aboard the 60-passenger Jetty Island Ferry. The guided tour explores the diverse roles the Port of Everett plays along the waterfront from the operation of its international seaport, public marina facilities, real estate development, environmental stewardship, public access, and more! The "Working Waterfront" tours are scheduled for July 17, 31, Aug. 14 and 28. Reservations are required.

Learn more at www.portofeverett.com/porttours

Free Fishing Weekend!



“Free Fishing Weekend” is June 8-9, when fishing licenses are not required of anyone to fish in Washington. Free Fishing Weekend in Washington is always the first weekend after the first Monday in

June. Washington State Parks, in coordination with WDFW, will once again offer a Free Parks Day on Sunday, June 9, as part of WDFW’s Free Fishing Days. This day, combined with the Saturday, June 8 free day for National Get Outdoors Day, will give visitors an entire weekend to explore state parks for free. The State Parks free days are a great way for people to try a new park or visit an old favorite.

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: 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

Ride the Wenatchee River!

The Wenatchee River is the most popular river in Washington State. This scenic river stretches from the mouth of the Tumwater Canyon in Leavenworth, down to the confluence of the Columbia River in Wenatchee. Commercial whitewater rafting trips are a favorite activity for all! From Leavenworth to Cashmere, you can experience the tallest waves in the state and the notorious rapids of the Wenatchee like Rock’n’Roll, Rodeo Hole, and Drunkards Drop... and those are just a few!



Photo courtesy of Osprey Rafting / Orion Expeditons

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

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

enjoyed by paddleboarders at Happy Wave in Peshastin, when water levels are from 3,500 – 7,000 cfs. The end of July and all of August is tubing season!

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

Take a Moses Lake weekend road trip



Autumn at the Japanese Peace Garden // © Gary Nichols

By Lisa Laughlin

For uncrowded recreation, open skies, and wide vistas, central Washington is the place to go. At the heart of the region, the city of Moses Lake will provide all the play you could ask for on a summer or fall weekend. You’ll be able to hike for hours in the larger Columbia Basin Wildlife Area, a 192,000-acre area with 13 unique units, each alive with flora and fauna that will give you a feel for this arid, high-desert region. A variety of fish await fishermen in the lowland lakes of the area, which host Bluegill Sunfish, Walleye, Smallmouth Bass, Rainbow Trout, Black Crappie, Yellow Perch and more. Area amenities include craft beer and wine tasting rooms, family-owned restaurants, seasonal baseball and fastpitch tournaments, and fall harvest festivities. As a town of 26,210 surrounded by more agricultural fields than highways, the Moses Lake area has plenty of gravel riding opportunities for cyclists. A wide-open ride also means a shadeless ride, so riders should be sure to bring their own

drinking water. The Larson Recreation Center is home to a BMX track sanctioned by the American Bicycle Association for those looking to go off-road. (Check the BMX track Facebook page www.facebook.com/moseslakebmx1709/events/?ref=page_internal to make sure there’s not a race before you head out to ride.) For biking around Moses Lake, refer to the city’s Activity Trails Map at www.cityofml.com/480/Activity-Trails-Map. You’ll be able to cycle on a mix of bike lanes, multi-use paths, and road shoulders as you tour agriculture with views of the lake. If hiking is more your thing, it will be easy to fill a morning or afternoon with one of the region’s desert hikes, taking time to explore the desert hues (spectacular in fall) of the Potholes region via the Desert Wildlife Area hike, located just north of the Winchester Wasteway. Hikers, fishers, and cyclists alike will be delighted by the miles of sagebrush, native grasses, shrubs, and small waterways that are home to animals such as Blue Heron, loons, deer, coyotes, rabbits,

hawks, eagles, and more. Before or after recreating, get to know the community of Moses Lake by visiting the Moses Lake Farmer’s Market www.moseslakefarmersmarket.com/ (open every Saturday May through October), where you can “get fresh with the locals” and enjoy produce straight from the farm. (You’ll want to try the sweet corn.) Whether you choose to hike, bike, fish, shop, camp, or catch a baseball game, your vacation to Moses Lake will provide a small-town desert getaway with memorable recreation, history, and culture.

This article originally appeared on the Out There Outdoors magazine website outthereoutdoors.com/. The original article can be found at outthereoutdoors.com/get-out-there/take-a-desert-weekend-vacation-in-moses-lake-wa/

Free Lifejacket giveaway and fitting event

Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue, in partnership with America's Boating Club of Snohomish County and the Sno-Isle Library System, will be hosting a lifejacket giveaway and fitting (while supplies last) and boating safety event. The event will be Saturday, May 18 from 2-4 p.m. at the Lake Stevens Library, 2211 Grade Rd. in Lake Stevens.

Please know your child's weight. All minors must be accompanied by a parent or adult caregiver.

Drop in anytime during the two hours to participate

in fun, informative activities that teach boating and life jacket safety.

Fun activities designed for ages 6-12 and their families.

Even strong swimmers can drown. Direct supervision, along with a properly fitted Coast Guard approved life jacket, can help prevent a tragedy.

This event is open to all of



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Snohomish County and the public is also welcomed to bring their own personal lifejackets to make sure they are properly fitted.

Movies Under the Moon in Monroe

Come to Monroe Friday nights this summer for Movies Under the Moon at Lake Tye Park, 14964 Fryelands Blvd. SE, Monroe.

Pre event activities start at

8 p.m., movies begin at dusk. Parkside Bites concessions will be available.

• Aug. 2: Super Mario Bros (PG)
• Aug. 9: Trolls Band

Together (PG)

• Aug. 16: The Marvels (PG-13)

• Aug. 23: Barbie (PG-13)

• Aug. 30: The Little Mermaid (PG)

Visit the Wild Horse Monument

"Grandfather Cuts Loose the Ponies" is a sculpture of 15 wild horses that has crowned a prominent Central Washington hillside for more than a decade and is an inspiring sight for travelers along busy Washington Interstate 90 as they enter Grant County from the west.

The 200-foot line of life-size charging horses is the creation of David Govedare of Chewelah, Washington.

The artwork can be seen from viewpoints along I-90, about two miles east

of the Vantage Bridge over the Columbia River. The eastbound off-ramp has a rough path that leads a quarter mile to the wild-horse monument. Westbound traffic has only a distant view; do not walk across the freeway. Instead, make a 10-mile loop by driving down to the freeway exit at the east end of the Vantage Bridge, then drive east to the George exit to turn around.

For more information and map viewing, visit



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<https://www.wta.org/go-hiking/hikes/wild-horses-monument>

Bob Heirman Wildlife Preserve



Photo By Craig Romano

Bob Heirman Wildlife Preserve at Thomas' Eddy

Dave Beck, Jr. operated a gravel mining operation along the river at Thomas Eddy. The site was then purchased by the Palzer family and used for raising livestock and agriculture. The site was to be subdivided and sold for housing. The Snohomish Sportsmen's Club, led by Bob Heirman, led a campaign to preserve public access to one of the most popular steelhead fishing spots on the river. The Snohomish County Parks Department worked with the association to acquire the property.

With its unique setting and outstanding natural resources, Heirman Wildlife Preserve at Thomas' Eddy offers the perfect location

for viewing wildlife, walking, picnicking, fishing and discovering the beauty and wonders of nature. This 343-acre natural preserve encompasses within its boundaries vast open spaces, two pristine lakes, fragile wetlands, and an extensive river environment.

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

From Snohomish,



Heron

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

For more information on Snohomish County Parks, visit www.l.co.snohomish.wa.us/departments/parks.

Free Vacation Travel Planners and handbooks

To help you plan your family's next vacation, get your free copies of the Eastern Washington Vacation & Travel Planner and very popular Grant County booklets; Top 35 Fishing Waters, Top 26 Trails and 12 Watchable Wildlife Units,

Top 43 Campgrounds and RV Parks, and Grant County Golf, Winery & Microbrewery brochure.

Simply download these publications at www.TourGrantCounty.com or just email the Grant County Tourism Commission at

jtgingrich@grantcountywa.gov or call 509-754-2011 ext. 2931 and they will mail them to you for free. Please make sure to include your complete mailing address with your request.

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Rent a cabin or yurt



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

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

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

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. 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/1082/campgrounds

Some areas of the park are still under improvement construction. Please visit www.snohomishcountywa.gov and search "Yurt Village." A walking trail down to the beach will be accessible from the campground.

Take advantage of State Park Free Days



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

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

The Discover Pass is still required to access lands

managed by WDFW and DNR on these days.

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

The remaining State Parks free days for 2024 are:

- April 22 : Earth Day.
- June 8: National Get Outdoors Day
- June 9: Free Fishing Day
- June 19: Juneteenth
- Sept. 28: National Public Lands Day
- Oct. 10: World Mental Health Day
- Nov. 11: Veterans Day
- Nov. 29: Autumn Day

Take a zip line tour!



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

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

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

• Bellevue Zip Tour: 14509 SE Newport Way, Bellevue. www.bellevueziptour.com

• Canopy Tours Northwest: 322 NE Camano Drive, Camano Island. www.canopytoursnw.com

• High Trek Adventures: 11928 Beverly Park Rd., Everett. www.hightrekeverett.com

• High Trek Chelan: 106

Waterslide Drive, Chelan. www.hightrekchelan.com

• Leavenworth Zip Lines: 19115 Chiwawa Loop Rd., Leavenworth. www.leavenworthziplines.com

• Mica Moon Tours: 23403 E. Mission Ave., Liberty Lake in Spokane. www.micamoon.com

• NW Trek Wildlife Park: 11610 Trek Drive East, Eatonville. www.nwtrek.org

• Skamania Lodge Adventures: 1131 Skamania Lodge Drive, Stevenson. www.zipnskamania.com

• Treehouse Island Zip Lines: 4220 Spirit Lake Hwy., Silverdale. www.treehouseziplines.com

• Zipline Junky: 218 Main St., Kirkland. www.ziplinejunky.com

FISH ON! With Pacific Salmon Charters



Pacific Salmon Charters is proud to share their passion for the many diverse fisheries, salmon, sturgeon, halibut, tuna and bottom fish. They are one of the coast's finest charter fleets and can accommodate individuals as well as small and large groups. The boats are all modern and have the latest in safety and fish finding equipment.

Pacific Salmon Charters fishes in both the Pacific Ocean and the Columbia River. Enjoy nature close at hand as they use their 40+ years of experience to put you on the fish every day!

When you return to the docks with your fish, the deckhand will take your fish

up to be photographed with you.

Pacific Salmon Charters offers a fillet and vacuum-packing service on-site. You may take your fish home whole, filleted, vacuum-packed. Quick freeze and storage are available.

You can also hire a boat and captain for weddings, burials at sea, historic tours, scenic and bird watching tours. Please call for more details, 1-800-831-2695.

For more information and to make your reservations visit www.pacificsalmoncharters.com or call 800-831-2695.

Please book soon as it is expected to be a busy fishing season!

Take your family camping!

By David Lanford

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

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

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

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

wonderful way to reconnect with your kids.

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

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

Article Source: www.EzineArticles.com

Explore Lord Hill Regional Park

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

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

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

the Cascade and Olympic mountain ranges.

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

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

Park History

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



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

Campgrounds and Get-Aways

Visit these great family vacation spots

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

rails and trails. Free wifi. 210 Railroad Ave., Skykomish. 1-866-677-2030. www.historiccascadia.com

•Spectacle

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

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

• Cascadia Inn: Closest lodging to Stevens Pass. 14 room country inn, onsite cafe and lounge; access to river,

Lake Resort: furnished kitchen units, RV and tent sites, store, pool, boat rentals, water sports, fishing, hunting. 10 McCammon Rd., Tonasket. 509-223-3433 www.spectaclelakeresort.com



Slidewaters: Helping families maximize memory making

Slidewaters Waterpark in Lake Chelan boasts some of the most fantastic views of any waterpark in the world. They strive to provide a better than expected experience for every guest by offering the safest, cleanest and friendliest service possible. Always open from Memorial Day weekend until Labor Day, you won't be disappointed in a trip to this one of a kind waterpark. Maximizing your family experience starts by understanding all they have to offer!



- Lakeside Surf: Enjoy the world's greatest stationary wave! Whether you are a first time shredder or a season veteran, come try the first manufactured river wave in the United States. Coaches are on-hand to help everyone have an incredible time. www.lakesidersurf.com

- River Run Grill, Sweet Treats, Twocan Jenny's Surf Bar, Surfside Tacos. The F&B options are more than you can manage in one day, so pick your favorite or plan for multiple days. Hand breaded chicken strips, burgers straight from the grill to your bun, house smoked pulled pork, and a brand new sweets menu—this is not your standard waterpark flare. Insider tip; the options at Lakeside Surf are all accessible without paying any admission—so plan to check those out on a day separate from your waterpark visit.

- Double the retail! Visit the Slidewaters Gift Shop for Slidewaters & Lake Chelan

merch and check out The Surf Shop for Lakeside Surf and surf specific items.

- Slidewaters Waterpark is built for everyone. From 2 to 102, guest will find an attractions they love. Thunder Rapids is a unique tube ride for the adventurous and Bug-A-Boo & Squirt Gun have seen sliders less than 1 year old! The Downhill Racer creates a bragging rights and rematch requests; while the Lazy River is perfect for a casual float while taking in world class views.

- Sand Volleyball Court: The competition quality sand volleyball court overlooks the Lazy River and



offers great views of the lake. For those looking for a dry adventure, check out High Trek Chelan at the top of

the hill—the views only get better as you go higher! Slidewaters Waterpark is located at 102 Waterslide

Dr. in Chelan. For more information visit www.slidewaters.com.

Visit Cama Beach State Park



The cabins at Cama Beach State Park on Camano Island date to the time of a family fishing resort that opened in the 1930's and is one of the unique lodging opportunities in the entire state park system. The cabins are right on the beach facing Saratoga Passage on the west side of the island. The pace is that of a bygone era, but there's plenty to do with the Center for Wooden Boats, Interpretive programs and beach. The Center rents boats and some of the best crabbing is in the water along the

park.

There are lots of hiking trails and a car-free zone around the cabins make the area kid-friendly.

There are two beach bungalows and 24 rustic cabins. Pets are welcome.

For more information or to make reservations, visit www.parks.state.wa.us



Throughout the winter season, rain falls frequently in the Hoh Rain Forest, contributing to the yearly total of 140 to 170 inches (or 12 to 14 feet!) of precipitation each year. The result is a lush, green canopy of both coniferous and deciduous species. Mosses and ferns that blanket the surfaces add another dimension to the enchantment of the rainforest.

The Hoh Rain Forest is located in the stretch of the Pacific Northwest rainforest which once spanned the Pacific coast from southeastern Alaska to the central coast of California. The Hoh is one of the finest remaining examples of temperate rainforest in the United States and is one of the park's most popular destinations.

The Hoh lies on the west side of Olympic National Park, about a two-hour drive from Port Angeles and under an hour from Forks. The Hoh

Rain Forest is accessed by the Upper Hoh Road, off of Highway 101.

The Hoh Rain Forest has a campground that is open year round, with 88 sites located in the old growth forest along the river.

There are also places to stay just outside the park boundary and in the town of Forks.

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

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

For more information visit www.olympicnationalparks.com.



Fire starting tips

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



Bayside Marine's drystack is anchor at Everett waterfront



Nestled in the heart of the Port of Everett lies Everett 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

Fishing Derbies

• **Everett Coho Derby:** Sept. 21 & 22

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

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

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

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

For more information visit everttcoholderby.com

• **Bass Derbies:** visit www.mardonresort.com

• **2024 Trout Derby:** April 22 - Oct. 31.

Calling all fishing enthusiasts! Get ready to cast your line in the 2024 Trout Derby. This annual statewide event, taking place at lakes across Washington, brings unforgettable adventure for anglers of all ages and skill levels. Catch a tagged rainbow trout and win a prize!

For more information visit www.wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/contests/trout-derby

• **Salmon for Soldiers Day of Honor: Sept. 14**

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

Boat launch for Sound boaters

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

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

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

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

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

Lake Wenatchee and Leavenworth – great for outdoor fun

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

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

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

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

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

In Leavenworth, you'll find great cycling opportunities on the two-mile loop at Leavenworth Ski Hill.



For more advanced cycling, there's the Devil's Gulch and its wilderness trails.

For fishing, try Tumwater Canyon east of Leavenworth

for fly fishing. Fish Lake is another hot spot for fishing.

The Wenatchee River is popular for rafting or kayaking.



Low tides reveal fascinating marine life



Photo courtesy of WDFW

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Walk carefully. Look where you are stepping and avoid eelgrass beds, which are oceanside nurseries for many animals.

- Keep your pets under tight control.

- Don't take away rocks,

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

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

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

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

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

Low tide exploration dates for Summer 2024:

April 26 -1.6
April 27 -1.7
April 28 -1.6

May 7 -1.9
May 8 -2.8
May 9 -3.2
May 10 -3.0
May 11 -2.5
May 12 -1.6
May 23 -2.0
May 24 -2.5
May 25 -2.7
May 26 -2.7

May 27 -2.4
May 28 -1.8

June 4 -2.1
June 5 -2.9
June 6 -3.4
June 7 -3.3
June 8 -3.0
June 9 -2.3
June 10 -1.5
June 20 -2.0
June 21 -2.6
June 22 -3.1
June 23 -3.3
June 24 -3.1
June 25 -2.6
June 26 -1.6

July 2 -1.6
July 3 -2.3
July 4 -2.8
July 5 -2.8
July 6 -2.7
July 7 -2.3
July 8 -1.7
July 19 -2.1
July 20 -2.7
July 21 -3.1
July 22 -3.2
July 23 -2.7
July 24 -1.8

Aug. 1 -1.7
Aug. 2 -1.8
Aug. 3 -1.8
Aug. 4 -1.6
Aug. 17 -1.8
Aug. 18 -2.3
Aug. 19 -2.4
Aug. 20 -2.1

The Port of Everett waterfront is calling you

With the Port's Waterfront Place mixed-use destination transforming the face of Everett, there are now even more ways to play tourist here. This year-round hub at the largest public marina on the West Coast features hotels, restaurants, parks and trails, 75+ events, a splash fountain and even a pop-up ice rink in the winter.

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

Hit the Beach on Jetty Island

Catch a ride on the foot ferry to the Port's manmade Jetty Island Wednesday through Sunday from July 5 through September 1 for Jetty Island Days.

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

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

The seasonal foot ferry departs from the Jetty Landing Boat Launch off 10th Street and West Marine View Drive. An online reservation system makes it easy for island-goers to secure their spot on the ferry in advance. Reserve starting in June for the 2024 season.

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



Photo courtesy of the Port of Everett

island is partially offset by a nominal rider fee; children ages 2 and younger ride for free but still require a reservation.

For more Jetty tips, rules, and reservations visit www.visiteverett.com/jetty.

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

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

• Kiteboarding

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

Explore the Water

Launch your adventure by boat from the Port of Everett – your gateway to all the wonders of the Puget Sound. Don't own a boat? No problem. Freedom Boat Club – the world's largest members-only boat club – offers a variety of vessels, from fishing boats to pleasure cruisers. If you'd rather kayak or stand-up paddleboard, KayakShare.com rents single and double kayaks, as well as stand-up paddleboards by the half-hour. Life jackets are provided with each rental.

Catch a Flick

The Port hosts Sail-

In Cinema each summer – a free outdoor movie series held Fridays in July and August at the Port's Boxcar Park overlooking Port Gardner Bay. See your pick of six movies on a 40-foot inflatable screen after sunset. You can "sail in" to watch aboard your boat or "walk in" to enjoy the film from the park. A radio frequency is provided so boaters can tune in while they watch.

Waterfront Trails

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

Groove to Music

Catch free live music at the Port during Music at the Marina every Thursday in July and August at Port Gardner Landing near the Grand Avenue Park Bridge. Enjoy a variety of local acts, a beer garden, food trucks and an art market. The Puget Sounds Steel Drum series takes place Fridays in August at the Guest Dock near Hotel Indigo. Tie up to the dock to listen to sounds of the Caribbean.



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