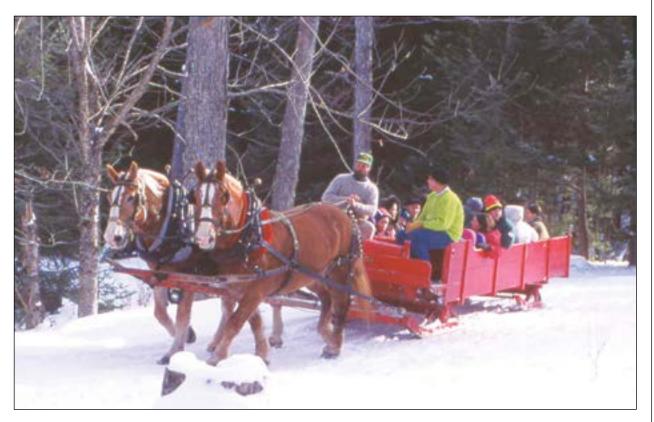


Lake Wenatchee and Leavenworth great for outdoor winter fun



The Leavenworth area attracts many visitors year round. The fall and winter months are popular for Oktoberfest, sleigh rides, snowshoeing, cross country skiing and the famous Tree Lighting Festival.

Lake Wenatchee, Fish Lake and Plain feature activities for the adventure-seeker, strollers along the shores

of the lake, and for people hiking. seeking seasonal outdoor fun. This area is popular for fishing, rafting, biking and

There are many places for you to stay when visiting including Lake Wenatchee State Park. This is a 489acre camping park with 12,623 feet of waterfront on Wenatchee River, creating other natural dangers.

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 glacier-fed Lake Wenatchee a natural wildlife area, and and the Wenatchee River. visitors should be aware of The park is bisected by the the presence of bears and

Port of Everett's Ice rink opens November 25



the new Grand Avenue Park Bridge.

family-friendly The program runs daily from purchased online at www. November 25 through January 8 with public ice skating sessions!

At Pacific Ice, guests will enjoy a truly unique experience of skating on real ice at a covered, partially open-air rink overlooking the Port of Everett Marina. will add to the whimsical atmosphere!

Open Monday-Friday 4 is free for the first

The 'Pacific Ice' community p.m.-9 p.m., Saturday 10 ice rink will be located at the a.m.-10 p.m. and Sunday 10 Port of Everett's Pacific Rim a.m. – 9 p.m. Holiday hours Plaza in Fisherman's Harbor are: Thanksgiving CLOSED, (1028 13th Street), just in Dec. 19 – Jan. 2 from 10 a.m. front of Hotel Indigo's Jetty – 10 p.m., Christmas Eve and Bar & Grille and steps from Christmas Day 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., New Year's Eve and New Years Day 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

All tickets must be pacificice.com processing fee). Adults are \$15 plus \$1.50 processing fee, youth age 12 years and under are \$12 plus \$1.50 processing fee. Skate rentals are included in the one-hour session. Children under 15 years of age must be accompanied Holiday lights, music and a by an adult. hildren under handful of concessionaires 15 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

Parking at Waterfront Place



Snowmobiling: Winter recreation fun

Snowmobiling is one of the state's most popular winter activities. Over 3,500 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.

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 in Leavenworth. Register by 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. The Chelan County Sheriff's Office, in cooperation with the Washington State Parks vehicle. This money is used



and Recreation Commission and the Lake Wenatchee Recreation Club is offering a free Snowmobile Safety Certification Class to young snowmobilers ages 12-16 and to new riders of any age. This class will be Dec. 9 at Lake Wenatchee Recreation Club, 14400 Chiwawa Loop Road December 6 by contacting Rich Magnaussen at 509-667-6508 or rich.magnussen@ co.chelan.wa.us.

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

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.

to register, call Steve Strong at 425-308-1203. This was



For more information or please call and reserve your a.m. to Noon at Floral Hall in seat early!

This free Clinic will be a packed house last year, so Saturday, Nov. 11 from 9

Forest Park, 802 E. Mukilteo Blvd. in Everett.

Chelan WinterFest

Nestled among the snow- fireworks shows, the capped hilltops and glacier infamous ice bar, fed waters, Lake Chelan live music, an ice is the perfect place to slide, wine tasting, experience Washington's activities for kids Winter Wonderland!

The Lake 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

You'll enjoy intricate ice your memories at sculptures, two spectacular the 2024 Winterfest

of all ages, a polar Chelan bear splash, massive beach bonfire and more across both downtown Chelan and Manson!

> Plan your trip today and create



festival January 12-21. For more information and schedule visit www.lakechelan.com/winterfest/

Visit the Wild Horse Monument

Grandfather Cuts Loose Lake. the Ponies is a sculpture of 15 wild horses that has crowned a prominent Central Washington hillside for more I-90, about two miles 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 lifesize charging horses, the creation of David Govedare of Chewelah, Washington, captures a mystical spirit from a time when real wild horses roamed the steppes. Titled "Grandfather Cuts Columbia River's Wanapum around.

can be seen from viewpoints along east of the Vantage Bridge over the Columbia River. The eastbound off-ramp has a rough path that leads a quarter mile to the wildhorse monument. Westbound traffic has only a distant view; do not walk across the freeway. Instead,

make a 10-mile loop by Loose the Ponies," the scene driving down to the freeway symbolically re-creates the exit at the east end of the Great Spirit turning loose a Vantage Bridge, then drive hiking/hikes/wild-horsesherd of wild horses above the east to the George exit to turn monument



Photo courtesy tourgrantcounty.com

For more information and map viewing, visit https://www.wta.org/go-

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 Overnighters, and Bald Eagle Tours.



Photo courtesy of Alpine Adventures

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. There are around 80 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 During high flow events Northwest, so there are about or later in winter after 247 days with sun in the year and an average of only 18-28 longer available, Eagles 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

return of the Bald Eagles to the Stillaguamish River.

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. salmon carcasses are no tend to congregate in

With winter comes the the lower watershed and target waterfowl and other birds. Most of the riverrelated 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.

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, live music, wagon rides and other fun activities. The 2024 Eagle Festival will be Saturday, February 2 and Sunday, February 3. For more information visit www. arlingtonwa.gov.

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Free State Park Days 2023-2024

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commissionn 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.dicoverpass.wa.gov and at many locations where hunting and fishing licenses are sold.

The remaining free days in 2022 are:

· Oct. 10: World Mental Health Day

- Nov. 11: Veterans Day • Nov. 25: Autumn Day
- Free days in 2024 are: • Jan. 1: First Day Hikes
- Jan. 15: Martin Luther
- King Jr. Day March 9: Billy Frank Jr.'s Birthday
- March 19: State Parks 111th Birthday
- 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

Washington **Outdoor Women**



Washington Outdoor Wilderness Federation dedicated to in outdoor skills through a series of hands-on informative, relevant and workshops as well. reassuring settings.

all skill levels. Some of and their workshops, the workshops include visit www.washington-Fly Fishing, Wildlife & outdoorwomen.org

Women (WOW), a program Creating Backpacking Food, of the Washington Wildlife and Folded Bark Basket & Cordage Making. WOW helping women achieve teaches over 20 different confidence and competence skills and any one of them can open a new world to you. There are weekend workshops taught in workshops and one day

Awareness,

To learn more about The workshops are for Washington Outdoor Women

Join the **Snohomish** Sportsmen's Club

The **Snohomish** Sportsmen's 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.

Club meets the



Lights and Ice at Tulalip Amphitheatre opens November 22

Entertainment.

Light and Ice will be open com/tulalip-ice from November 22 - January

presents Lights and Ice at everyone. However, there is Saturdays from 4-8 p.m. the Tulalip Amphitheatre a ticket cost for entering the

10 a.m. - 10 p.m. The cost between 4 - 8 p.m., Mr. & ice to skate on." of entering the event at the Mrs. Clause will be on site. Interim General Manager, quilcedavillage.com

Village Amphitheatre is Free to The Grinch will be there Kevin Jones said, "Last

According to Teresa Meece, featuring an outdoor ice Ice Rink. You will be able to Quil Ceda Village Marketing rink by Blue Line Sports and purchase tickets online at Manager, "There will be https://tulalipice.ticketspice. over a million lights at the Ampitheatre this year and The Lights and Ice event over 3.4 million throughout 15. Hours of operation: will also feature a variety Quil Ceda Village. And Monday - Thursday 4 p.m. of food vendors Thursday our visitors have been so - 9 p.m., Friday 4 p.m. - 10 - Saturday from 4-8 p.m. thrilled that our Ice Rink go west at either exit 200 p.m., Saturday and Sunday On Saturdays and Sundays was designed to have REAL or 202. More information

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

Quil Ceda Village is situated along Interstate 5 at Tulalip/Marysville, can be found at www.



Bayside Marine's drystack is anchor at Everett waterfront



In 1985 Jeff LaLone Boathouse, and Dan Hatch, long time ownership and created

assumed employees of The Everett Everett Bayside Marine. Since grown based upon a solid reputation of sales, service and dependability.

In 2006, Dan and Jeff had a vision of creating something that was unique to this area; in fact, they are the only facility like it in the state of Washington.

They had a vision of having a complete sales, service, and dry stack all in one. Not only could they service your boat, sell outboard motors as well as boats; now they could store your boat inside a state-of-the-art Dry Stack facility and launch it directly into the water at your leisure.

that time, the business has It's like a luxury hotel for our state and local fishing top-of-the-line motors, such your boat; kept in a dry and rights. Everett Bayside as: Yamaha, Honda, Mercury, heated building when you're Marine is a proud sponsor Evinrude, and MerCruiser; not using it.

They have added a new forklift because of the demand of their services and that it was time for some new upgrades, and a new, high-Bayside.

on, they have also strongly contributed and supported a lot of the local fishing organizations, salmon recovery developments, and

of the Northwest Salmon Derby Series, as well as Salmon for Soldiers, and other local fishing clubs; customer base. It was evident all of which host annual derbies and seminars out of their building every year. end forklift was just the start Fishing is very important of some of the upcoming among their customers, so changes happening at it's important for Bayside to be supportive of their rights As the years have gone and contribute as best as they can. Their doors are always and talk about anything and everything fish related.

So not only do they sell the www.baysidemarine.com

but they service them too. Need anything else while you're there? They have a retail store with parts for anything you may need. Or maybe you want to sell your boat or come in and buy a nice used one that they can store in a nice, dry building. Go check out their inside showroom and see just what they have to offer. They're a staple in the waterfront open for anyone to come in district and are here to service you.

For more information, visit

Leavenworth Village of Lights Winter Karneval

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 Winter Karneval honoring a German the thirteenth century, rest of the month, making Synthetic Ice Skating Rink winterkarneval for more ice climbing, Nordic skiing, "Fasching."

You can expect to see a long. blend of familiar activities,

like ice carving and fireworks happening every weekend leavenworth.org/ such as backcountry skiing, something for everyone! over Martin Luther King Jr. such as live Ice Carvings, Weekend, along with new Fireworks Show, Fasching entertainment that will Carnival Entertainment, Fire tradition dating back to be spread out during the Dancers wit \h Circa Cadia,

winter destination all month Snow Shoe Demonstrations and more.

commonly referred to as a Leavenworth the perfect for Kids, Ice Skating Show, information and schedule of snowboarding and skiing, sledding and tubing, sleigh Also while in Leavenworth rides, snowmobiling and There will be something Please visit https:// - enjoy winter activities snow shoeing. There's



Free Projekt Bayern's Oktoberfest in Wenatchee

Projekt Bayern's Oktoberfest is a 24- year tradition that has been hailed as one of the top Oktoberfest celebrations in the country. This festival is perfect for the whole family! This is a FREE authentic Bavarian festival to be held all three weekends: Sept. 29-30, Oct. 6-7, and Oct. 13-14 at the Town Toyota Center in Wenatchee.

Prepare for an incredible experience this year! There will be two huge venues to transport you to a feeling of being in a tent in downtown Munich! Each venue features LIVE German music and entertainment from all your favorite oompah bands!

There will be an authentic Bavarian BBQ with ribs, BBQ pork and Bratwurst with Sauerkraut. Plus, there will be local vendors and food booths.

Every Saturday at 1 p.m. is the be Official Keg Tapping Ceremony not to be missed! Local band with games, bouncy castles for an authentic German Musikkapelle Leavenworth a fan and toys. L-Bow the Clown Oktoberfest like no other!



contest for both men and until 9 p.m. daily.

festive games with prizes! oktoberfestprojektbayern. Children will also com/festival entertained "Kinderplatz" – a kids' area sure to join in this year

favorite during the opening and Leapn' Louie will be ceremonies! Saturdays also there to also entertain the include a Stein holding kids! Minors ae allowed

complete For Attendees will enjoy beer schedule and more pong, corn hole and other information visit www.

in Whatever you do, make

Annual Winery Horse Ride & Costume Contest

Come ride your horse to various Yakima Valley wineries in Zillah, sampling wine as you go! There will be a Halloween costume contest and prizes!

Participation fee is \$35 per person and goes up to \$45 on October 1st.

Camping is available to pre-registrants on both Friday and Saturday for only \$20 per night (no hook-ups but includes stock water and primitive restroom). The larger offsite campsites are sold out but there are still sites available at Basecamp.

The ride starts at 1890 Highland Drive in Zillah on Saturday, October 28. ride but can be left secured at camp.



No dogs are allowed on the Back Country Horsemen of Washington.

For more information

This event is hosted by and to register, visit www.bchw.org or email bchwwineryride@gmail.com

Rent a cabin or yurt this fall or winter

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.

among a grove of Douglas short walk away.

Have you ever wanted to 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 Four cozy cabins sit restrooms with showers are a

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

(families, clubs, companies, scouts, churches, schools, etc.). All yurts are smokefree.

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.

more information For join, visit www.everett steelheadandsalmonclub.com

Visit Olympic Game Farm

The Olympic Game Farm has been entertaining families for over 40 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 are on the endangered whole family! It and experience wildlife at species list, such as timber is located at 1423 close range. You'll have the wolves, tigers, and African Ward Road in opportunity to really see lions. In addition to Sequim. For more a tiger's stripes, a Kodiak the endangered species, information visit www.olygamefarm.comcom

bear's huge size or to get Olympic slobbered by a buffalo!

Experiences, which at coyote, bobcats, and first are hard to imagine, pleasantly become surprising: friendly llamas eat bread from your hand, bears, grazing elk, zebra and buffalo. You will also see many animals which Farm is fun for the

Farm is home to many more species. Bread to feed the

animals must be purchased at the Game Farm.

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