



# OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

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## FALL/WINTER 2015

# San Juan Get-Aways

Forty of the San Juan 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 close to 82 resident orcas (killer whales) in the waters of the San Juans, traveling in three 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 offering 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.

For more information visit [www.visitsanjuans.com](http://www.visitsanjuans.com).

Your visit to Coupeville on Whidbey Island isn't complete without a drive around Penn Cove to see the mussel farm. Coupeville is well known for hiking and biking recreation. Most popular is to hike up the bluff above Ebey's Landing. The endless vistas include Mt. Baker, Mt. Rainier, the Olympics, the Strait of Juan de Fuca and Vancouver Island. [www.cometocoupeville.com](http://www.cometocoupeville.com)

## Ellensburg • CleElum • Roslyn

### Visit Ellensburg for year-round recreation

Located in the heart of the beautiful Kittitas Valley and in the center of Washington State, historic Ellensburg is home to year-round recreational activities, numerous events, excellent shopping and dining, and a variety of performing and visual arts.

Ellensburg has become a popular hub for concerts at the nearby Gorge Amphitheatre, water skiing on the Columbia River, golf at Suncadia Prospector Course, fly fishing, river rafting, snowmobiling, and cross country skiing.

Ellensburg's historic district offers a wide variety of cultural activities, eclectic shops, pubs and restaurants. Nestled just east of the Cascade Mountain Range and north of the Stuart Mountains, Ellensburg experiences only about 9-inches of precipitation a year, more than 300 days of sunshine, and four distinct seasons.

#### Arts and Entertainment

Professional, community and university theaters and auditoriums provide the stages for a year-round schedule of plays, concerts, dance recitals, operas, musicals, films, and lectures. Art galleries and museums can be found on the Central Washington University campus and in the community, featuring fine arts, crafts, pottery, weaving and sculpture by both students and internationally recognized Northwest artists. The National Western Art Show and Auction draws thousands of visitors annually on the third weekend in May.

Once a year, entertainment takes on a western flavor as the Ellensburg Rodeo and Kittitas County Fair turn Labor Day Weekend into a celebration of frontier life. A gigantic parade (the horsiest parade in the world), an old-fashioned

country fair with all the rides, exhibits, food and entertainment, and the Ellensburg Rodeo, selected as one of the Nation's top Rodeos, fills the air with the sights, sounds, and smells of a rip-roarin' time.

#### Agriculture

Agriculture continues to be a big factor in Ellensburg's economic climate. Many farms and ranches are operated by second and third generation families whose ties go back to the early settlers. Ellensburg



is noted for its production of beef cattle and is one of the world's largest producers of timothy hay.

Fruit orchards provide another healthy cash crop, as

technology develops hardy and flavorful new varieties of apples and pears.

[www.visitellensburg.com](http://www.visitellensburg.com) or [www.cleelumroslyn.org](http://www.cleelumroslyn.org)

# Bayside Marine's Annual Fishing Derby Nov. 1-2

The 2015 Fall Black-Mouth fishing Derby will be Nov. 1-2. Put this on your calendar for a weekend on the water fishing. Everyone is welcome! Come down to the famous Bayside BBQ and party as Bayside cooks up some fresh salmon!

Please bring non-perishable food items for the annual food drive (monetary donations are also gladly accepted). Last year 6,390 pounds of food was given to the local Volunteers of America Food Bank. This is always a very welcome donation to local families who need a helping hand.

While you're there, check out Bayside Marine's state-of-the-art 55,000 square foot facility.

"The facility has a great wow factor," said Jeff LaLone, co-owner of Bayside Marine. "There are not many people who don't walk in and say

WOW, and not just the boating population," continued LaLone. "Leaders in the marine industry have said it's one of the most well thought out marine facilities in the nation."

The facility's climate controlled drystack accommodates boats up to 36-feet long and stores up to 150 boats. It also has a fully equipped service department with all the latest techs and tools. "When the weather goes bad it's a great time to get all of those service needs taken care of," LaLone said. Bayside's parts and service department is stocked with a great selection of manufacturers' parts and accessories along with a fishing tackle department. "We can get almost anything for your boat with just a day



2014 Fall Derby winner Joe Stephanson (at left) with his \$2,000 prize winning fish and his father, Ray Stephanson, Mayor of Everett.

or two notice," said LaLone.

Being on Puget Sound, LaLone and co-owner Dan Hatch had to consider the changing tides when selecting the boat lifting equipment for the facility. In order to lower and retrieve boats into and

out of Puget Sound, 17-feet of negative lift was required and they had two customized Neptune Series forklifts made for the job.

For more information visit [www.baysidemarine.com](http://www.baysidemarine.com). See you at the Fishing Derby!



# BAVARIAN LEAVENWORTH

## Fun winter activities in Leavenworth

Visit Leavenworth, the beautiful Bavarian Village nestled in the heart of the majestic Cascade Mountains. Winter outdoor recreation includes cross-country and downhill skiing, snowmobiling, sleighrides and dog-sled-

**WASHINGTON STATE AUTUMN LEAF FESTIVAL**  
Sept. 25-27  
A weekend of fun for all ages. Pretzel tossing, pumpkin pie eating contest, Grand Parade, all-you-can-eat breakfast, street dance. 509-670-8776

**OKTOBERFEST**  
Oct. 2-3; 9-10; 16-17  
Live music, German food and beer, arts & crafts, musical groups from Germany and around the US and a traditional Oktoberfest procession. [www.leavenworthoktoberfest.com](http://www.leavenworthoktoberfest.com). 425-445-6183  
**SNOW FEST**  
Nov. 21  
Snowmobile and winter rec-

reation event at the Festhalle. [info@bavarianboondockers.com](mailto:info@bavarianboondockers.com)  
**CHRISTKINDLEMARKT**  
November 27-29  
This popular northwest tradition features delicious and authentic Bavarian foods, arts and crafts. Family-friendly Bavarian and Christmas-themed entertainment. Front Street Park. 509-548-6605. [\[kindlemarktleavenworth.com\]\(http://kindlemarktleavenworth.com\)  
\*\*THE MOUSETRAP\*\*  
Dec. 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20  
Agatha Christie's greatest mystery! Live theatre one block from Christmas lighting. Ages 5 and over. \[www.leavenworthsummertheater.org\]\(http://www.leavenworthsummertheater.org\)  
\*\*CHRISTMAS LIGHTING FESTIVAL\*\*  
Dec. 4-6; 11-13; 18-20](http://www.christ-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

Visitors come back year after year for this famous Leavenworth festival. Fridays the town is in darkness awaiting Saturday's festivities. The aroma of food booths and roasting chestnuts fill the air; holiday music encircles the village while youngsters sled in the park; holiday personalities stroll the streets; Santa, St. Nick and Father Christmas provide photo opportunities and sleigh rides are minutes away. At dusk everyone gathers to sing "Si-

lent Night" and witness the lighting of the village as it is transformed into a magical wonderland of lights. 509-548-5807

**HANDBELL HOLIDAY CONCERT**  
Dec. 1 & 7  
108 handbells will ring in concert at Icicle Inn. [www.marlinhandbells.com](http://www.marlinhandbells.com). 509-548-5138

**SKI FOR HEALTH DAY**  
January 10  
FREE ski equipment, Nordic lessons and trail passes. [www.skileavenworth.com](http://www.skileavenworth.com)

**BAVARIAN ICE FEST**  
January 16-17  
Fun winter play day for all ages with an invigorating grab bag of outdoor events including fireworks, contests, snow sculptures, smooching and more. Snowshoe demos and relay races, chili cookoff. Fun and laughter for all. 509-548-5807

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**ANTIQUe MALL**  
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*Unique treasures around every corner, and a bit of history too!*

**Take a Vintage Adventure in The Antique Mall at Cashmere**  
509-782-1519  
603 Cotlets Way, Cashmere, WA  
(Corner of Hwy. 2 and Cotlets Way across from Rusty's)

**Outdoor World**

**How To Be As Bug-Free As Possible**

In many areas, September brings the opening of bow season. Hot and buggy days can be uncomfortable for hunters, but they can be an excellent opportunity to take a nice buck.

Comfort is of primary concern when out there dealing with the heat. Using a good seat with back support doesn't do anything for the temperature, but if you are more comfortable on the stand, it does make things more tolerable.

A camouflaged tee shirt with a lightweight and breathable bug suit jacket over top and a hood or face mask is ideal for biting critters. ThermoCell units will also help keep the bugs away.

Scent control should always be a concern but due to warm temperatures, it is especially important during early seasons.

Make sure you clean your body, wash your clothing, and spray your gear with scent elimination products before you enter the woods and again when you get in the stand.

By Larry Whitley, Host of the award winning Outdoor World Radio  
For more tips go to [jstips.com](http://jstips.com) and click on Home News & Tips

# BAVARIAN LEAVENWORTH

## Celebrate the Bavarian Ice Fest

Come celebrate the Bavarian Ice Fest Jan. 16-17 and all the wonderful winter activities Leavenworth has to offer such as sleigh rides and many miles of groomed snowmobiling!

### Winter activities

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#### SKIRENNEN CITIZEN RACE

January 9  
Mass start Nordic races, 10, 2 and 1 km. [www.skileavenworth.com](http://www.skileavenworth.com)

#### NISSEBAKKEN TELE RACE

January 24  
Paul Bunyon style lumberjack and jill. Prizes awarded for best costume. [www.skileavenworth.com](http://www.skileavenworth.com)

#### CHICKS ON STICKS

February 7  
This 8km women's only breast cancer awareness fundraiser event is great for skiers of all abilities. [www.skileavenworth.com](http://www.skileavenworth.com)

*Schedule subject to change.*

*For more information on these events and more, call the Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce at 509-548-5807 or visit*

*[www.leavenworth.org](http://www.leavenworth.org).*

This weekend offers invigorating outdoor events including, snow sculpture, tug 'o war, ice cube scramble for kids six and under, the great Frisbee sweep, and Leavenworth's famous Smooshing Contest, a unique race peculiar to the Great Bavarian Ice Fest. The Smooshing contest is held on Front Street with teams of four having their toes strapped to 10' long boards trying to maneuver and glide down the street tandem style. The best thing about Ice Fest, you can cheer from the sidelines or jump right in and compete for prizes.

The festival will end Sunday with a fabulous aerial fireworks display at 6 p.m.

**Play Day Competitions** will be held on Saturday. Registration is mandatory for ALL events. Register at the Gazebo the day of the event. For more info call 509-548-5807.

**Snow Sculpture Contest:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Front Street Park.

**Great Frisbee Sweep:** 11 a.m. on Front Street. (Sweep a frisbee from one end of Front street to the other and keep it under control).

**Ice Cube Scramble:** 12 p.m. at Front Street. (Kids scramble to collect colored ice cubes with a surprise inside).

**Snowball Toss:** 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Front Street Park. (Kids make three snowballs, toss them underhand

through the snowflakes to score).

**Ice Fishing Pond:** 12:30 p.m. Front Street Park.

**Bavarian Mug Relay:** 1 p.m. Front Street.

**Smooshing Contest:** 2 p.m. at Front Street.

**Tug O' War:** 3 p.m. at Front Street Park.

Sunday will also be filled with exciting activities:

**Fireworks Show:** Sunday at 6 p.m. Gather at the Front Street Gazebo.

*Information is subject to change.*

# Return of Bald Eagles

With winter comes the 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. 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.

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 2016 Eagle Festival will be Friday, February 5 and Saturday, February 6. For more information visit [www.arlingtonwa.gov](http://www.arlingtonwa.gov).

## Explore Coulee

### Welcome to the Grand Coulee Dam area

Welcome to Washington State's Recreation Capitol - the Grand Coulee Dam Area. Shop, dine and stay over in the famous Grand Coulee Dam Area for a truly memorable experience.

The Grand Coulee Dam world famous "laser light show" is performed nightly at 10 p.m. on the face of the dam throughout the summer.

Enjoy year-round fishing on Banks Lake, Lake Roosevelt, Lake Rufus Woods, or one of the numerous smaller lakes in the area.

Spring Canyon Park on Lake Roosevelt offers hundreds of feet of sandy beach and 78 campsites. The park rangers put on nightly or weekly shows at the amphitheatre at the west end of the park during the summer.

Experience a scenic hike through Northrup Canyon or to the top of stunning Steamboat Rock, view all sorts of wildlife and birds, take a turn at the skateboard park, take a bicycling trip along the Columbia River, enjoy boating on all of the open water in the region, go swimming and water skiing, golf 9 or 18 holes and take in simply gorgeous sunsets on the magnificent Coulee Walls.

For indoor fun try your hand at bowling, enjoy a play at the local live theater, take in a movie, learn about the history of the region at the Visitor's Center and the Colville Tribal Museum, play your favorite casino game or enjoy a great meal at one of the area's restaurants.

Whatever your excuse is, Come to Coulee!

For more info, visit [www.grandcouleedam.org](http://www.grandcouleedam.org)



# Snowmobile Expo and Swap Meet Oct. 17-18

The 24th annual Washington Snowmobile Expo and Swap Meet, "The Coolest Ride," will be held on October 17-18. Saturday hours will be from 10am until 6pm, while Sunday hours will be from 10am to 3pm.

Admission is \$10 and children 12 and under are admitted free of charge.

New this year the show has expanded to include most types of motorsports such as snowmobiles, snowbikes, motorcycles, ATVs and UTVs.

Again this year, the Expo will be held at the Puyallup Fairgrounds and will have lots of free drawings.

Used trailers continue to grow in popularity, so there is a large space at the Swap Meet in order to feature them.

See all the new models and specialty sled manufacturers,



plus everything that has to do with snowmobiling from trailers, clothes, high performance parts and accessories to destinations. Plus there will be over 200 swap meet booths!

Sign your kids up now for the Snowmobile Safety Class to be held Saturday, Oct. 17 from noon to 5pm. Presented by the Washington State Parks

Snowmobile Program, the class is open to those 12 to 16 years of age. Register early (as space is limited) by calling (360) 902-8684. There will be plenty of free seminars on both Saturday and Sunday.

For more information on the Expo and classes to be held, visit [www.wssa.us](http://www.wssa.us)

*Information subject to change.*

## Campgrounds and Resort Get-Aways

### Visit these fall and winter getaways

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!

• **Lake Wenatchee Hide-away:** Rent a cabin in the heart of winter activities. Miles of groomed X-country and snowmobile trails, 25 minutes from Stevens Pass and Leavenworth. 800-883-2611

• **Icicle Village Resort:** Aspen suites condominium rentals, restaurant, wine bar, activity center, Leavenworth. 800-961-0162. [www.IcicleVillage.com](http://www.IcicleVillage.com)

• **Thousand Trails Camp-ground:** Four bedroom lodge, cabin rentals, seven bedroom log house, X-country ski and sled rentals, powered RV sites, 100's of trails. 20752 Chiwawa Loop Rd., Leavenworth. 800-353-1700.

• **Orcas Hotel:** Restaurant and Lounge, 12 guest rooms. 888-672-2792. [www.orcashotel.com](http://www.orcashotel.com)

• **Mar Don Resort:** RV and tent camping, motels and marina on Potholes Reservoir (25,000 acre lake). Great fishing, waterskiing, boating, laundromat and showers. 800-416-2736.

• **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](http://www.mastersinn-retreat.com)

• **Spectacle Lake Resort:** Furnished kitchen units, RV and tent sites and great fishing. 10 McCammon Rd.,

Tonasket. 509-223-3433.

• **Grand Coulee Center Lodge:** Complimentary continental breakfast, free Internet, cable, a/c, laundry, kitchens, suites, BBQs, boat parking. 414 Spokane Way, Grand Coulee. 866-633-2860. [www.grandcouleemotel.com](http://www.grandcouleemotel.com)

• **The Willows Motel:** All ground floor units, kitchenettes available, picnic area, internet, cable TV, pets welcome. 303 NE Main Street, Wilbur. 509-647-2100, [www.wilburwillowsmotel.com](http://www.wilburwillowsmotel.com)

• **Red-Tail Canyon Farm:** Fully furnished log home sleeps 6-8. 11780 Freund Canyon Rd. 509-548-4512.

• **Diamond Lake Resort:** Oregon's favorite snowmobiling destination with access to Crater Lake National Park. Motel rooms, cabins, store/gas, lounge and restaurant. [www.diamondlake.net](http://www.diamondlake.net). 800-733-7593.

• **Chalet at the River:** Gourmet kitchens, rustic elegance. 11679 Riverbend Drive, Leavenworth. 866-731-8418 [www.achaletattheriver.com](http://www.achaletattheriver.com)

• **Anchorage Inn Bed & Breakfast:** Voted best on Whidbey Island. 807 N. Main St., Coupeville. 360-678-5581. [www.anchorage-inn.com](http://www.anchorage-inn.com)

• **Smugglers Villa Resort:** Family style accommodations on Orcas Island. 800-488-2097. [www.smugglers-villa.com](http://www.smugglers-villa.com)

• **Hidden Ranch Outfitters:** Rustic Lodging in two farmhouses with full kitchens and laundry. 1845 Road 14 NE Coulee City. 509-632-5600. [www.hiddenranchoutfitters.com](http://www.hiddenranchoutfitters.com)

• **Leavenworth KOA:** Laundry, store, propane, hot showers. 11401 River Bend Drive, Leavenworth. 800-562-5709. [www.leavenworthkoa.com](http://www.leavenworthkoa.com)

• **Coulee House Inn & Suites:** Laundry, casino and restaurant next door, best view of Grand Coulee Dam. 800-715-7767. [www.coulee-house.com](http://www.coulee-house.com)

• **Mysty Mountain Properties:** Top quality cabins from Gold Bar to Leavenworth. 206-219-6427. [www.vacationrentalcabins.com](http://www.vacationrentalcabins.com)

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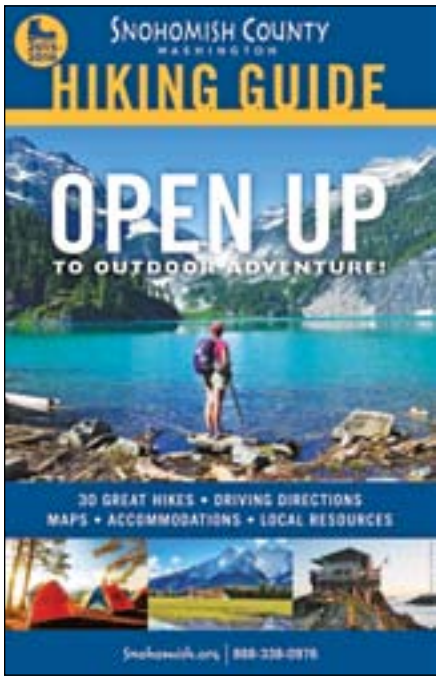
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# Free: New Snohomish County Hiking Guide available



30 hikes from beach walks to wilderness explorations, is now available free from the Snohomish County Tourism Bureau. The guide describes the hikes in detail, including driving directions, topographical maps and a handy chart that lists each hike's roundtrip distance, easy-to-difficult rating, elevation gain, best season to hike it, and closest community.

The fourth edition of the Hiking Guide features several new trails, such as the Sultan River Canyon Trail and Japanese Gulch Loop, a couple of multi-day hikes on the Pacific Crest Trail, and hikes in the Suittle River Valley that recently opened after being closed for 12 years. Also included are local resources and a list of accommodations for those who want to plan an overnight getaway around hiking. The 30 hikes capture the full scope of hiking destinations within Snohomish County: beaches, scenic rivers, old-growth forests, alpine lakes, wildflower meadows, mountain tops, wildlife preserves, historic sites and impressive waterfalls. There are also several easy walks

such as Spencer Island near Everett and the Nakashima Barn-Centennial Trail. The Hiking Guide is authored by Craig Romano for the Snohomish County Tourism Bureau. Romano is an award-winning author of 14 guidebooks on hiking in Washington State and the Pacific Northwest, content provider for Hikeoftheweek.com and Trails Editor for Outdoors NW magazine. He also regularly contributes to Northwest Runner, Mountaineers Magazine, Northwest Travel and The Snohomish County Tribune. For more information: www.CraigRomano.com. To download the Snohomish County Hiking Guide, go to [www.snohomish.org/content/uploads/general\\_](http://www.snohomish.org/content/uploads/general_)

[content/2015\\_hiking\\_guide.pdf](http://www.snohomish.org/content/2015_hiking_guide.pdf) or stop by one of the three Snohomish Visitor Information Centers located in the cities of Snohomish and Lynnwood and at the Future

of Flight Aviation Center at Paine Field, Mukilteo. To locate the centers, visit <http://www.snohomish.org/about/visitor-information-centers> or call (425) 348-5802, ext. 100.

Snohomish County Hiking Guide, a brochure that features

season to hike it, and closest community.

## Ladies Day Out at Cabelas

Cabela's will celebrate Ladies Day Out Saturday, Oct. 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be hands-on demonstrations, seminars, live archery practice, giveaways, samples

and more!

The first 100 women to check in at the table beginning at 10 a.m. will receive a FREE gift and the Cabela Employee Discount.

Cabela's is located at 9810 Quil Ceda Blvd. in Marysville. For more information call 360-474-4880.

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