

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

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Let Icicle Outfitters guide you to summertime fun



Guided trail rides have been part of the State Park's draw since the 1940s when park Superintendent, Wilford Davy, built a barn and corrals and started giving rides. He later started pack trips in the area. In 1983 Wilford retired and the company was taken over by Bruce and Sandy Wick. They have responded to the demand for recreation by opening a second riding

stable in the Icicle Valley and by offering winter sleigh rides. Their safety record has made it possible for them to provide rides for children six years and up plus parents are able to ride double with their younger children; even toddlers. While guided trail rides and sleigh rides remain a core of their business, they have a real passion for introducing guests to the North Central Cascades.

They offer many kinds of experiences such as hiking and horseback riding drop camps to high lakes and private party pack trips. Their most popular outings are described on their web site as "Special Trips." The overnight trips begin in June with the Singing Cowboy Trail Ride on June 23-25 and end Sept. 29 - Oct. 1 with the Horse Drive to move horses from

Leavenworth back to their Entiat Packing Station where the saddle horses and mules spend the winter.

Other trips include the Ride to the Sky, July 21-24; Family Pack Trip, August 4-6; 4 Lakes in 4 Days, July 31-August 3 and August 15-18 and Hike It and Like It July 25-29.

For more information visit www.icicleoutfitters.com.

Hiking in Snohomish County and what you'll need

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Snohomish County in Washington is often overlooked, but is an amazing area to go hiking. With peaceful trails, you'll be able to experience the outdoors like never before, just make

sure you wrap up warm! You wouldn't want to get cold and find the experience less than stellar.

• Know What Equipment You Need

If you're going to go hiking, whether it's on a trail you're familiar with or not, you'll need to know what equipment

is necessary for the trip. Hiking in Snohomish is no different. First, make sure you've got a map that you'll be able to read with ease and a protective case. You might not always be able to rely on signs to follow the trails, and it's better to be safe than sorry. Making sure you're well protected from the elements is equally as important as being able to navigate. If you get too cold, you'll find it harder to navigate, and could get into some trouble. If you're thinking of going hiking wearing jeans, then think again. The denim dries

slowly, and if it gets wet, this could impact on your core temperature and result in you becoming seriously sick. Beyond these clothing concerns, you should have some way to light your path, and extra food.

• The Best Hiking in Snohomish

Now that you're fully prepared to face anything the trails might throw at you, you'll need to know which hikes are the best for you. If you're looking for hikes that are more on the easier end of the scale, then you should take a look at Spencer Island. It is located in

the Snohomish River estuary, and is a fantastic place to see wildlife. This trail is around 3 to 5 miles long, and is great for families who have children.

For a moderate hike, Wallace Falls is a magnificent choice. It is 6.5 miles long and can be visited all year around. Here, you'll see three-tiered waterfalls and find that it is one of the most photogenic trails in the Snohomish area.

However, if you're looking for a real challenge, then Snohomish County has a few of those, too. Gothic Basin near Barlow Pass is 9 miles long and can only be



hiked from July to October. This trail covers rocky, steep terrain and continues across old mines and creeks. There are breathtaking views of waterfalls along the trail, too. At the basin, the hard hike pays off, with gorgeous views of the surrounding peaks and landscape.

2017 Northwest Salmon Derby Series

The Northwest Salmon Derby Series is a fishing promotion program directed by the Northwest Marine Trade Association-producers of the Seattle Boat Show. In 2017, the Northwest Salmon Derby Series partners with 15 derbies throughout the region to promote fishing opportunities and events.

At the conclusion of the Everett Coho Derby on September 24, the Derby Series will award the grand prize boat to one lucky winner!

The grand prize will be a fully loaded Hewescraft 220 OceanPro valued at \$85,000! Powered by a Honda 250 and 9.9 horsepower motors on an EZ-loader on a

galvanized tandem axle trailer, Raymarine Electronics, Scotty Downriggers and Dual Stereo system.

In order to win the Hewescraft grand prize boat, anglers can fill out a Northwest Salmon Derby Series raffle ticket at any of the remaining derbies. Every angler's name, address, telephone number and e-mail will be entered, free, into the drawing during the derbies. One ticket will be issued per angler per derby. For example, if an angler entered all 15 derbies, their name would be entered 15 times, whether they caught a fish or not during any derby. Remember, in order to win the boat, purchase of a derby

ticket from the host derby is not required. One entry per person, per derby.

Plus, each participating derby offers its own list of prizes for participating.

For more info visit www.northwestsalmonderbyseries.com.

The remaining derbies included in the Northwest Salmon Derby Series are:

- Bellingham Salmon Derby, July 14-16 (Also Kids Division)
- The Big One Salmon Derby, July 26-30, Couer D'Alene
- South King County PSA Salmon Derby, Point Defiance, August 5 (Also Kids Division)
- Gig Harbor Salmon Derby, August 12 (Also Kids Division)
- Vancouver Chinook Classic,

Aug. 19-20

• Willapa Bay Salmon Derby, Sept. 2

• Columbia River Salmon Derby, August 26 (Also Kids Division)

• Edmonds Coho Derby, Sept. 9 (Also Kids Division)

• Everett Coho Derby, Sept. 23-24 (Also Kids Division)

– Fall Derbies –

• Bayside Marine Derby in

Everett, Nov. 4-5

• Friday Harbor Salmon



Derby, Nov. 30-Dec. 2

• Resurrection Salmon Derby

in Anacortes, Jan. 5-7, 2018

Information subject to change

Bayside Marine's drystack is anchor at Everett waterfront



Bayside Marine's state-of-the-art 55,000 square foot facility was the first building to go up as part of the Port of Everett's re-development the "Waterfront Place"

"It's the very first thing people see in the new Craftsmen District," port spokeswoman Lisa Lefeber said.

Bayside Marine is the anchor tenant for the Craftsmen District and services the port's new 220-slip marina and the existing 2,050-slip marina.

"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 is one of the most well thought out marine facilities in the nation."

The facility's climate controlled drystack accommodates boats up to 32-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. "The techs love the ability to be servicing your boat in a nice heated shop while mother nature is doing her thing outside." Bayside's parts and service department is stocked with a great selection of manufacturers' parts and accessories along with a new fishing and tackle department.

"We can get almost anything for your boat with just a day or two notice," said LaLone.

Selecting the right equipment for this facility was no easy task. LaLone and co-owner Dan Hatch spent two years researching the dry storage facility they would open as part of the redevelopment project. One of the most difficult decisions involved in the process was choosing the boat lifting equipment.

Being on Puget Sound, they had to consider the changing tides when selecting the equipment. After extensive research, they decided that a

marina forklift with negative lift would be the best choice. In order to lower and retrieve boats into and out Puget Sound, 17-feet of negative lift was required. Bayside selected Hoist Lifteruck to produce two customized Neptune Series forklifts for the job.

Bayside Marine has a great showroom to highlight their Boats and motors. Featuring major outboard lines of Yamaha, Evinrude, Mercury and Honda, Achilles inflatable boats and consignment used boats for fishing and pleasure.

Each November Bayside has their annual Blackmouth Salmon Fishing Derby. Last

year it was called the Everett No-Coho Blackmouth Derby as the earlier scheduled Everett Coho Derby was canceled.

Bayside Marine has been a tenant of the port for 44 years.

Having a strong marine services component in Port of Everett has always been a top priority for the port, and this facility is a great step in that direction. Also included in the Craftsmen District is a state-of-the-art boat yard, a new Travelift dock, boat and yacht sales offices, marine-based supplies, boat repair and restoration shops.

For more information visit www.baysidemarine.com.

Try Canopy Climbing



What is canopy climbing? Most of us ask, and rightly so. The new activity and experience that is canopy climbing is something that really needs to be explained in an article to properly understand and get potential participants hyped for this new, unique and fun local adventure.

When looking for the next summer adventure, locals can either struggle to squeeze into their overloaded car trip vehicles or fight the ever increasing air travel hassles, or they can stay local and do the new amazing unique experience that is canopy climbing.

Now located at Deception Pass State Park and offered by the company AdventureTerra,

participants as young as seven and so far as old as 89 can strap on thousands of dollars of gear, canopy climb 250-plus feet high on some of the biggest trees in the world and experience a new perspective that will seem to put you out of this world.

Two guides, Leo Fischer and Blake Durr, local professional climber and arborist, guide and teach people how to rope climb trees higher than the usual tree worker climbs. It's an incredibly unique recreational experience and all the climbing methods are completely noninvasive and non-damaging to the tree.

For more information and to make your reservations, visit www.adventureterra.com.

Summer fun for all at Jetty Island

The summer long Jetty Island Days runs July 5 through September 4 with programs and activities for the entire family.

Jetty Island, located 1/4 mile off of the Everett waterfront, is a man-made island with sandy beaches and shallow warm water.

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

Another special feature of the island is that it offers an excellent opportunity for

viewing birds.

The free Jetty ferry departs from the 10th Street Boat Launch and Marine Park seven days a week.

Jetty Island Days offers many free programs to help you create an island adventure.

Call 425-257-8300 for complete ferry schedule and evening service and for more information on the programs offered.

No concessions are sold on the island so those visiting should bring their own food, beverages, sunscreen and anything else they want to make their trip enjoyable.



There are a few rules to follow when visiting the Jetty: pets, alcohol and glass containers are not allowed on the island; all children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult; overnight camping is prohibited; swimming is allowed at your own risk on the west shore only; campfires are allowed in designated

areas only.

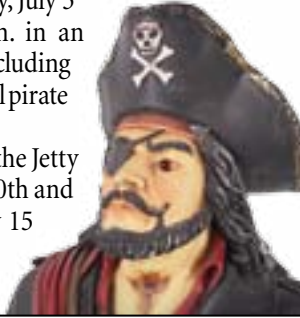
Jetty Island beaches are among Puget Sound's sandiest and its waters are a kite boarder's paradise!

So come and wiggle your toes in the warm sand, play in the water and explore the nature trails of Everett's two-mile long scenic gem!

Pirates Day on Jetty Island

The charismatic Pirates of Puget Sound will storm the Jetty Tuesday, July 5 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in an action-packed celebration including demonstrations of traditional pirate skills and folklore.

The ferry will depart from the Jetty Landing & Boat Launch at 10th and W. Marine View Drive every 15 minutes, starting at 9:45 a.m.



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. And, with a little luck, you may observe a family of beavers busily constructing a dam.

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

Mitchell Lord purchased 80 acres on the hill in 1879 and homesteaded on 130 acres in



1884. Devoting most of his attention to dairying, he also raised horses, sheep and hogs. 100 acres were in cultivation. His home, built on a terraced elevation overlooking the Snohomish River Valley, was one of the most imposing residences in the county.

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.

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

San Juan Get-Aways

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.



Bob Heirman Wildlife Preserve

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 natural preserve encompasses within its boundaries vast open spaces, two pristine lakes, fragile wetlands, and an extensive river environment.

From Snohomish, 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.1.co.snohomish.wa.us/departments/parks.

Walleye Classic

The Mardon Resort Spring Walleye Classic will be May 6-7. This is a Central Washington Fish Advisory Community Event. Net proceeds benefit the on-going fish habitat project on Potholes Reservoir, www.cwfac.org

For more information and to register, visit www.mardonresort.com



Mike Reichner of Sequim proudly displays his catch.

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Visit Ellensburg for year-round fun



With access to thousands of acres of mountain forests and high country lakes and streams, the area is a summer paradise for backpacking, camping, fishing, mountain biking, golfing and river rafting.

Located in the heart of the beautiful Kittitas Valley, 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, hiking, snowmobiling, and cross country skiing.

Ellensburg's historic district offers a wide variety of cultural activities and eclectic shops.

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

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. Export

opportunities for these crops continue to expand.



Ride the ever popular Wenatchee River for thrills!

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!

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.

Osprey Rafting has been providing Wenatchee River fun and excitement for over 20 years. Their business and Pro shop are conveniently located in the town of Leavenworth on the Wenatchee River.

Osprey Rafting Company will give you the first class white water rafting experience you are looking for. Whether you begin your experience in

Leavenworth on the class IV waters of the High Adventure or start things off east of Leavenworth in the class III Main Event waters, your trip is sure to be a memorable one. Osprey Rafting also offers the only family friendly class I & II river float with its exclusive "Huck's Adventure." Enjoy an excellent Build-a-Burger BBQ meal, swinging in the hammocks, sitting by the fire with your friends and family, roasting marshmallows, and even play a game of horseshoes. You won't want the party to end at Huck's Landing, Osprey's private Wenatchee river side beach paradise.

For more information visit www.ospreyrafting.com.



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Experience the Zip Line in the San Juans for thrills



photo by B. Marrett, San Juan Islands Visitor's Bureau

Come and experience for yourself the only Zip Line Tour in the San Juan Islands! This family-friendly zip tour features eight zip lines that will take you through a beautiful forest and over protected wetlands. This tour is an amazing way to experience the natural landscape of San Juan Island while zipping from platform to platform through the forest canopy. Throughout your tour you will soar past

tall Douglas Firs, Western Red Cedars, and experience the forest and wetlands from a viewpoint usually exclusive to birds.

Zip lines are one of the fastest growing outdoor adventure sports. The adrenaline rush you receive will definitely put some excitement in your day!

Don't worry if you've never gone zip lining before. The experienced and patient guides at Zip San Juan will

be there for you to make sure you enjoy your tour.

Tours last approximately three hours, which includes travel time to and from the course. The Zip San Juan course is approximately 10 minutes from Friday Harbor. Zip San Juan provides transportation to and from Friday Harbor or Roche Harbor to the zip site.

Participants need to be eight years and older and those under the age of 16 will need to be accompanied by an adult. Participants need to weigh between 60 and 280 pounds. People with medical conditions should check with their doctor before participating.

Please visit www.zipsanjuan.com.

com for other requirements and restrictions.

Reservations are required. Groups consist of a maximum of eight people. Cost is \$76/youth, \$86/adults, \$76/seniors 65 years and up. Call for more information or make reservations 360-317-8434. www.zipsanjuan.com

Edmonds Underwater Park

The Edmonds Underwater Park is located immediately north of the Edmonds ferry landing at the foot of Main Street. The park includes more than 27 acres of tide and bottomlands of which approximately half have been developed with features and trails specifically for divers.

The Underwater Park is a series of man-made reef structures interspersed with sunken vessels in various states of decay, which together create an extensive artificial habitat for a wide variety of marine life. These features are connected by an extensive network of fixed guide ropes anchored to the bottom which make it easy for divers to get around the park.

The man-made reefs are made from: concrete blocks, tractor tires, PVC pipes of various sizes, sunken navigation buoys, an old tree trunk, sunken boats and ships, old pieces of the 520 floating bridge and much more. There is even a cash register and the bed of a pickup truck.

The park's original feature was a 325-foot De Lion Dry Dock, which was sunk in 1935 next to the ferry dock to act as a current buffer and remains a popular dive destination within the park. This enormous structure has created a beautiful artificial reef and attracts an abundance



For more information visit www.ci.edmonds.wa.us

of sea life.

In 1972, a 94-foot tug, the Alitak, was placed northeast of the dry dock and since 1977 other features have been added north of the dock to encourage divers away from the ferry landing. These include the ships Fossil in 1982, the Molly Brown in 1996 and the 70-foot Triumph in 1999. About two wooden boats per year have been sunk in the park because wooden boats last only about two years before lost to decay.

Protected from heavy coastal surges, the nutrient-rich inland waters of Washington support an abundance of sea life. Park features provide habitats for a stunning variety of life. This includes: enormous lingcod, cabezons, spotted ratfish, various greenlings and rockfish, seaperch, gobys, sculpins, flounders, sole, eelputs, Dungeness, red rock,

kelp and hermit crabs, horse clams, geoducks, scallops, heart cockles, moon snail, giant pacific and red octopus, shrimp and so much more.

Depths are fairly shallow at the park. It's hard to go much deeper than 40 feet anywhere in the park, making this a great beginner's site. This park is a great place for numerous dives, as it will take many days to explore. Volunteer divers are constantly improving and maintaining the park, creating new and exciting areas for all divers to explore.

The Underwater Park provides convenient parking at Brackett's Landing Park, as well as picnic areas, interpretive information, public restroom and shower facilities, dry changing area in addition to spectacular mountain views.

BAVARIAN LEAVENWORTH

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 Washington's Cascade Mountains.



BAVARIAN LEAVENWORTH

The Bavarian Village history



the Yakama, Chinook and Wenatchi tribes.

The area was eventually settled by pioneers in search of gold, furs and fertile farmland. Stakes were claimed, land was parceled out, and the Leavenworth area was soon bustling with settlers. By 1890, the original town was built on the Ice Flats.

Leavenworth's history does not begin with the alpine tradition of the town today, but with the proud heritage of

But it wasn't until the end of the century that the town began to blossom with the arrival of the rail

line. The Great Northern Railway through Leavenworth brought opportunities for work, commerce and a new economy.

A healthy logging and sawmill industry created a thriving town until the Great Northern Railway pulled out of Leavenworth. For more than 30 years, Leavenworth lived on the brink of extinction.

Townsppeople knew something had to be done to keep the town alive, so in the early 1960's, the leaders of the community decided to change Leavenworth's appearance, hoping to bring tourism into

the area. Using the beautiful backdrop of the surrounding Alpine hills to their advantage, the townspeople agreed to remodel their hamlet into a Bavarian-style village.

Besides completely renovating the downtown area, community members worked to begin a series of festivals. The Autumn Leaf Festival, Maifest and the

extremely popular Christmas Lighting Ceremony were the first of many attractions Leavenworth offered to passers-by.

And it worked! Since the change to a Bavarian motif, Leavenworth has become a pillar of the tourism industry. Today, more than a million tourists come to Leavenworth each year.

Leavenworth will continue to thrive and expand as the most outstanding Bavarian village this side of the Atlantic. The people of Leavenworth are the town's biggest asset and it is those people who will continue to make Leavenworth "the Little Town that Could."

- *Leavenworth Chamber of Commerce*

Bavarian Village

Leavenworth is a scenic village in a Cascade Mountain setting. It's nearby mountains towering above up to 8,000 feet, over one hundred charming shops and restaurants, and a wide range of events throughout the year make it extremely popular with visitors.

Over two million visitors a year come to Leavenworth for festivals, theater, recreation, or to simply stroll in this quaint little Bavarian styled village.

There is much more to Leavenworth than just the city itself. The surrounding area provides a great variety of recreation and activities for residents and visitors.

Leavenworth offers an outstanding mixture of culture, shopping and recreational fun. Plan your visit today!

BAVARIAN LEAVENWORTH

Calendar of Events fun for all



May 13-14: Maifest

Experience the Grand March and Procession, horses and carriages, traditional German dancing, attire, food, beer and oompa music! 509-548-5807 or www.leavenworth.org

May 18-21: Leavenworth Spring Bird Festival

Celebrate bird song and explore the natural world. Come birding on Bird Fest's Field Trips! Popular trips fill up fast so please pre-register. 509-548-0181, www.leavenworthspringbirdfest.com

June 3: Bavarian Bike & Brews Fest

8.6-mile race with 1,800 feet

per lap. A beer festival follows the race. 509-548-5615 www.dasradhaus.com

June 3: Leavenworth Wine Walk

Sample wines from over 20 of the premier Northwest wineries. 509-548-5058

June 15-18: Leavenworth International Accordion Celebration

Accordion music at its finest with musicians from around the world. 206-622-4786, www.accordioncelebration.org

July-August: Leavenworth Summer Theater

www.leavenworthsummertheater.org

Sound of Music - July 7-8, 14-15, 20, 22, 25-26, 28; August 2, 4, 8, 12, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30 and Sept. 2-3.

Bye Bye Birdie - August 1, 5, 10, 15, 19, 24, 29 and Sept. 1

Annie - July 19, 21, 27, 29; August 3, 9, 11, 17, 22, 26 and 31.

July 4: Kinderfest & 4th of July Celebration

Face painting, free snacks, balloons and games! Front Street Park. 509-548-5807.

Sept. 9: Leavenworth Wine Walk

Enjoy tasting the wines of Washington State vineyards

and gourmet foods while browsing art booths and listening to music. www.visitwashingtonfarms.com

Sept. 23-24: Washington State Autumn Leaf Fest

Celebrate the area's spectacular fall foliage! Enjoy the Grand Parade at noon on Saturday, continuous entertainment, food booths and activities for the whole family. 509-670-8776 or www.autumnleaffestival.com

Sept. 29-30; Oct. 6-7; Oct. 13-15: Oktoberfest

Celebrate in Leavenworth, the ideal setting for you and your family to enjoy the great tradition of Oktoberfest! Live music, German food and beer, Arts and Crafts,



used Bavarian clothing sale, musical groups from Germany and the US and a traditional

Oktoberfest Procession. www.leavenworthoktoberfest.com

Washington Horse Park is the “go to” place for horse people

The Washington State Horse Park is developing into the premier equestrian facility in Washington State, serving the recreational, competitive and educational needs of riders and horse enthusiasts in all disciplines, age groups and skill levels.

The venue provides ample facilities to accommodate large horse events, and is able to cater to small-to-medium size shows and less formal activities. There's camping for the hardy and RV hook ups for a more cushy overnight stay. There's lots of stalls, or tie your steed to your trailer. There are 23 RV hookups available; 15 are in a wooded area with water, electricity and sewer; 8 are “treed islands” in the parking area and have water and electricity. Dry camping is available at designated areas at no charge.

The needs of horse people involved in a wide variety of equine discipline are served at the Horse Park. This world-class venue is fast becoming the “go to” place for breed



shows, western competitions, hunter/jumper shows, dressage competitions, three-day events, combined driving and competitive trail riding, to name a few. Local, regional and national competitions are attracted to the site for its comprehensive offerings and stunning setting.

The Horse Park also serves those interested in less formal equestrian activities such as

trail riding and back country packing. Connections are being made to join the coal Mine Trail east of the site and other nearby regional trails.

Washington Horse Park lies off I-90 in Cle Elum and is five minutes away from a variety of lodging, dining and recreational amenities.

For more information about the Horse Park, visit www.wahorsepark.org.

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 during the summer.

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.snohomishcowa.gov/200/Parks-Recreation.



A walk through the past... in Grant County's Historical Museum, situated on 3 1/2 acres, a complex of 38 buildings preserving the historical legacy of Grant County.

Open Saturday May 6 until Sept. 30th
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 Open daily 10AM-5PM • Sunday 11PM-4PM
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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!

• **Coulee Playland Resort:** Offering RV and tent sites, yurt rentals, party barge rentals, showers, laundromat, moorage on Banks Lake, a premier lake for boating and personal watercraft. 401 Coulee Blvd. E, Electric City. 509-633-2671.

• **Laurents Sun Village Resort:** Offering cabins and 85 full hook-ups, boat rental/moorage, paddle bikes, canoes, great fishing and waterskiing. 33575 Park Lake Rd. NE, Coulee City. 888-632-5664.

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

showers. 800-416-2736.

• **Spectacle Lake Resort:** Offering furnished kitchen units, RV and tent sites and great fishing. 10 McCammon Rd., Tonasket. 509-223-3433.

• **Campbell's Resort:** Offering 170 guest rooms located on Lake Chelan with private patios, five guest lodges, and Lakeside cottages. Water activities, beach sports, lake or pool swimming, outdoor barbecues. The resort offers 1,200 feet of sandy beach, 2 swimming pools, 2 hot tubs, boat moorage, spa and a new fitness room. 800-553-8225, www.CampbellsResort.com.

• **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

• **Coulee House Inn & Suites:** Best view of Grand Coulee Dam offering saunas, heated outdoor pool, cable, Internet, kitchen units and laundry. Downtown Coulee City, 800-715-7767. www.couleehouse.com

• **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

• **Icicle River RV Resort:** Offering cabins, spa, propane, free Wi-Fi, cable TV, showers, laundry, campers' store. 7305 Icicle Rd., Leavenworth. 509-548-5420. www.iciclerivervv.com

• **Icicle Village Resort:** Offering day spa, restaurant, activities. 505 Hwy. 2, Leavenworth. 800-961-0162. www.iciclevillage.com

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

• **Shady Pines Resort:** Fully equipped cabins, full hook-up RV sites, gift and tackle shop, boat rentals, WiFi, hiking, water skiing, swimming, fishing, bike trails. 125 West Fork Road, Conconully. 800-

552-2287 www.shadypinesresort.com

• **Gibsons North Fork Lodge:** Fully equipped cabins located between two fishing lakes. 100 North Main Street, Conconully. 800-555-1690 www.gibsonsnorthfork-lodge.com

• **Chalet at the River:** Gourmet kitchens, rustic elegance, huge deck overlooking restful scenic view, hottub, easy walk to Leavenworth. 11679 Riverbend Drive, Leavenworth. 866-731-8418 www.achaletattheriver.com

• **Thunderbird Resort:** Salmon and steelhead fishing, mini golf, three pools, hottub, playgrounds. 26702 Ben Howard Road, Monroe. 888-870-0393. www.RVonthego.com

• **Winthrop KOA:** Cabins, full hookups, extra large pull-through sites, riverside campsites, tent sites, pool, playground, game room, store, showers, laundromat, volleyball, horseshoes, group camping area. 1114 Hwy 20, 509-996-2258, www.methownet.com



[methownet.com](http://www.methownet.com)

• **Kahler Glen Resort:** Golf course, pro shop, restaurant. Lodging year round. Located between Leavenworth and Lake Wenatchee. 1-800-440-2994, www.kahlerglen.com

• **Columbia River Inn:** Outdoor pool, hot tub, fitness center, sauna, conference room. Next to historic Coulee Dam and Lake Roosevelt. 1-800-663-6421, www.columbiariverinn.com

• **Sunbanks Lake Resort:** Moorage, launch, watersport rentals, camping, fishing, lake view villas and cabins, tent and RV sites. 57662 Hwy. 155n, Electric City. 1-888-822-7195, www.sunbanksresort.com

• **Cascadia Inn:** Closest lodging to Stevens Pass. 14

room country inn, onsite cafe and lounge; access to river, rails and trails. Free wifi. 210 Railroad Ave., Skykomish. 1-866-677-2030. www.historiccascadia.com

• **Mysty Mountain Properties:** Cabins, lodges and chalets for cozy getaways. 206-219-6427. www.vacationrentalcabins.com.

• **Thousand Trails Leavenworth:** Log cabins, lodge rooms and Clearcreek Lodge (sleeps 12). Cross country skiing, fishing, hiking, snowmobiling in an Alpine Wonderland. Bring your RV or cozy up in a cabin. 20752 Chiwawa Loop Rd., Leavenworth. 844-883-5382. www.thousandtrails.com



Campgrounds and Get-Aways

Reasons to take your family camping

By David Lanford

Thinking of taking your family for a vacation? Instead of going for expensive vacation packages and burn a hole in your pocket, why not bring your whole family for a great camping trip. Family camping is not only affordable, it offers enjoyment that packaged vacations can't even come close to.

The 5 reasons below will provide you with some of the great benefits that family camping can bring:

1. It's educational - The kids will learn about nature and wildlife as well as about learning about national monuments and state parks. Kids also learn other skills from camping like independence, self-reliance, wilderness skills and first aid.

2. It's active - Obesity is a growing epidemic among children. Instead of taking your kids on a vacation where

they will just sit around most of the time, taking them camping will be encouraging them to swim, hike, and do other outdoor activities.

3. It's a way to get great quality time - When you're off on a family camping trip you will have lots of quality time to spend with your spouse and your kids because it will just be the family in a quiet, beautiful outdoor environment. No TV, videogames, movies, or other distractions will keep you from focusing on your family or keep them from focusing on you. For families where both parents work and are busy all the time it's a wonderful way to reconnect with your kids.

4. It's cheap - Most camping vacations cost a lot less than traditional vacations. Camping in state parks or other historical areas often costs less than \$100 for a week's worth of camping. However, in the beginning you will need to spend money



on gear.

The biggest expenses that you will have will be food and gas. Eating meals that you cook yourself with groceries you bring with you will be much cheaper than eating in a restaurant three times a day like you would on a traditional vacation, and gas will probably be cheaper than what you would spend on airfare for the whole family.

5. It's something everyone in the family can enjoy - Wouldn't it be nice to be able to relax and enjoy yourself without having to listen to one child complain that he or she wants to go to

the pool while another cries bitterly because you won't buy them a new boat/sweater/toy or trinket and the other just sits in the corner with a sullen look and kicks the bed repeatedly?

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

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Low tides reveal fascinating marine life



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.

Low tide exploration dates for 2017:

May 25,	tide -2.5
May 26,	tide -3.2
May 27,	tide -3.4
May 28,	tide -3.2
May 29,	tide -2.5
May 30,	tide -1.4
June 10,	tide -1.5
June 11,	tide -1.5
June 22,	tide -2.4
June 23,	tide -3.2
June 24,	tide -3.6
June 25,	tide -3.6
June 26,	tide -3.1
June 27,	tide -2.2
July 9,	tide -1.4
July 10,	tide -1.5
July 20,	tide -1.5
July 21,	tide -2.4
July 22,	tide -2.9
July 23,	tide -3.1
July 24,	tide -2.8
July 25,	tide -2.1
August 19,	tide -1.7
August 20,	tide -1.9
August 21,	tide -1.8

Take a hike with Everett Parks and Recreation

Everett Parks and Recreation is offering great hikes for low fees to cover transportation costs and guides. For more information or to register, visit www.signmeup.everettwa.gov or call 425-257-8300 ext. 2. Be sure to have the code handy for the hikes that are of interest to you. Check the website at everettwa.gov/parks for the Recreation Guides listing hikes throughout the year.

• **Big Creek Loop:** May 13 ~ Enjoy a peaceful walk in the southern Olympics among cascading streams. This relatively new trail, which was built entirely by volunteers carves a scenic loop that's always within earshot of the tumbling waters in Big

Creek and its tributaries. Ferry fees included. Round trip is 4.5 miles with 900-foot elevation gain. Adults \$61, youth age 10-17 are \$53. Code # 94241

• **Little Mashel Falls:** May 18 ~ Located near Eatonville, a series of picturesque falls in a lush gorge along the Little Mashel River are well known to locals, but overlooked by folks passing through. A few sections are moderately steep and rugged. Round trip is 5 miles with 500-foot elevation gain. Adults \$44, youth age 10-17 are \$36. Code # 94242

• **Ingalls Creek:** May 20 ~ Follow a flower-lined trail next to a roaring creek full of springs snowmelt. The location between Leavenworth and

Blewett pass usually ensures friendly weather. Round trip is 6-10 miles with 800 to 1,400-foot elevation gain. Adults \$49, youth age 10-17 are \$41. Code # 94243

• **Index Town Wall:** May 21 ~ This rugged (but short) trail rewards you with the finest view in the Skykomish River Valley. Marvel at nearby Mt. Baring and Mt. Index and two mighty river valleys. Round trip is 3 miles with 1,200-foot elevation gain. Adults \$38, youth age 8-17 are \$30. Code # 94244

• **Trout Lake:** May 24 ~ This recently improved trail near Skykomish provides an enjoyable route to a scenic lake nestled below a ring of

snow-covered peaks. Round trip is 3.5 miles with 500-foot elevation gain. Adults \$42, youth age 6-17 are \$34. Code # 94245

• **Chiwaukum Creek:** May 28 ~ This hike features a roaring creek, a fascinating forest recovering from recent wildfires and spring wildflowers galore. Round trip is 5-10 miles with 800 to 1,500-foot elevation gain. Adults \$48, youth age 10-17 are \$40. Code # 94246

• **Mt. Rainier Eastside:** June 1 ~ Take a one-way, mostly downhill hike along Chinook Creek and the Ohanapecosh River. Highlights include several waterfalls and the awe-inspiring Grove of the

Patri-archs. Total hiking about 5 miles with 1,100-foot elevation loss. Adults \$49; youth age 10-17 are \$41. Code # 94247

• **Pilchuck Tree Farm Sunset Hike:** June 3 ~ Walk on roads and trails leading up to a hilltop overlook with westward views toward Puget Sound and the setting sun. Bring a flashlight or headlamp for this sunset hike. Round trip is 4 miles with 700-foot elevation gain. Adults \$36, youth age 10-17



Little Mashel Falls

are \$28. Code # 94248

• **Monte Cristo Ghost Town:** June 4 ~ Walk back in time to the site of a mining boom in the 1890s and explore the abandoned road and trail to the town. Round trip is 8 miles with 500-foot elevation gain. Adults \$44, youth age 10-17 are \$36. Code # 94249

Explore 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 10's of acres of grassy park. 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



Explore Grand Coulee Dam area

Coulee Area Lakes



Year round fishing featuring kokanee, walleye, large and small mouth bass, rainbow trout, perch, crappie and sturgeon.

Banks Lake: Over 27,000 acres of warm water from Grand Coulee to Coulee City, aligned with basalt-rock coulees. Steamboat Rock is

the centerpiece.

Crescent Bay Lake: Non-motorized watercraft only, canoe trips and wildlife

Lake Roosevelt: A scenic 151 miles long with 630 miles of shoreline from the Grand Coulee Dam to the Canadian border. Lake Roosevelt National Recreational Area

509-633-9441. Visit the Keller Ferry Marina 509-647-5755 and Seven Bays 509-725-1676.

Lake Rufus Woods: Access from the Elmer City Lower Road Boat Launch. The Columbia River, from Grand Coulee Dam to Chief Joseph Dam. A secret hideaway!

Kayaking gains in popularity

Being close to the water and completely self-powered is a large part of the appeal of kayaking.

Some boats can carry enough gear to camp for days, but even day trips are a great way to have a wilderness experience closer to nature than any motorized means of travel.

Sea Kayaks are wide and stable and great for beginning as well as experienced paddlers, and double kayaks accommodate you and a partner if you prefer "tandem" teamwork.

Being so close to the water and quiet, kayakers often see marine life ranging from jellyfish to pods of whales and flocks of migrating birds.

The following parks have boat launches and lots of places to explore by kayak:

- Langus Riverfront Park is located in Everett and you can kayak around Spencer Island or paddle up Snohomish River and explore Ebey Slough, or circle Ebey Island. Also, you could paddle to Jetty Island.

- Rotary Park is just south of Lowell River Park in Everett and across the river from Ebey Island on Lowell-Snohomish River Road. From here, you can go 6-miles up-river to Cady Park in Snohomish or down-river to Langus Park and the Sound. Heron and eagles are easily spotted in this area and the water is slow moving and protected from wind.

- Edmonds Marina Beach provides easy kayak access without a boat launch, and is located south of the ferry



terminal and the marina. From Edmonds you can easily paddle to Meadowdale Park (about 4-miles up the coast) or to Picnic Point Beach, another mile up. Both have gravel beaches for easy landing and launching. You can also continue on another 4-5 miles to Mukilteo.

- Mukilteo State Park, located at Harbor Point in Mukilteo, is a great place to kayak along the shoreline and pass by the historic Mukilteo Lighthouse and the ferry terminal as you follow the coast north to Everett. It's about 6-miles to the 10th Street boat launch or Jetty Island.

- Kayak Point near Marysville also provides access by beach and the waters are relatively calm and protected. You can paddle about 3-miles across Port Susan to Camano Island and Cavalero County Park, a sandy beach easy to land on and great for picnics.

- Silver Lake, located in south Everett, is a great place for a leisurely day of kayaking on a small, calm lake.

- Wenberg State Park is located north of Marysville on Lake Goodwin. This lake is the county's second

largest lake and there are no restrictions on use. Due to the popularity, mornings are best for kayaking.

- Lake Stevens is the county's largest lake and also has no restrictions on use so it is often crowded with powerboats, but mornings are good for kayaking.

- Other lakes recommended for kayakers are: Lake Crabapple, a half-mile east of Wenberg State Park and does not allow gas motors; Lake Shoecraft, just west of Lake Goodwin, limits ski-boats to one at a time; Lake Ki, just less than a mile east of Lake Goodwin has an 8 mph speed limit; Martha Lake, west of Mill Creek on 164th also has an 8 mph speed limit; Spada Lake near Sultan does not allow motor boats; and Crescent Lake near Monroe also does not allow motor boats.

For an urban waterfront tour, the 10th Street boat launch from the Everett waterfront provides access to the marina area, across to Jetty Island or up the Snohomish River. Kayakers are warned that there is a strong current here and to plan a paddle around the tides.

