



Whidbey *and* Gamano  
**ISLANDS**  
Washington State - USA

**Keep it real**

A guide to more thoughtful travel on the islands

# The art of being here

Just north of Seattle, embraced by the Salish Sea, you'll find two of the most beautiful islands in the world. Easily accessed by bridge or ferry, Whidbey and Camano Islands feel a world away. Each island boasts gorgeous natural scenery, a vibrant arts culture, and delicious locally produced food and beverages. For all the wonderful things they share, each island has its own personality, and many charming communities to explore. Both host lively, diverse events throughout the year, so no matter the season, there's always something going on. Get into the rhythm of the islands and share the magic of this place, whether you're planning a large celebration or a meditative retreat.

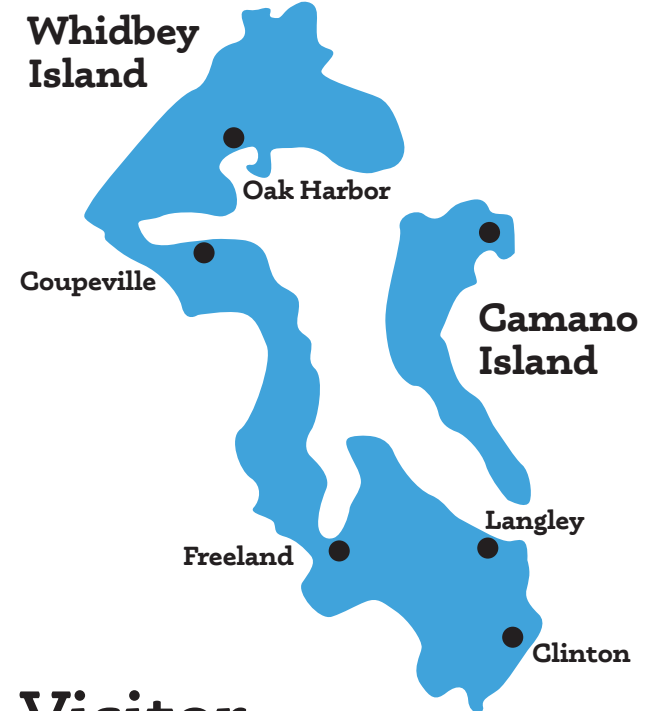
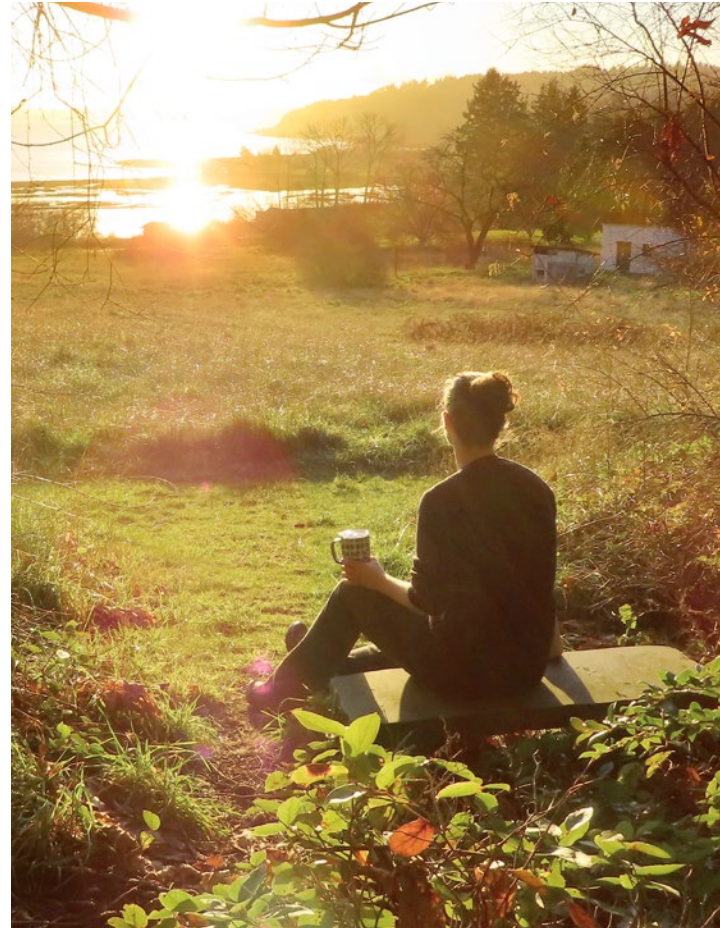


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*Local knowledge from friendly locals*

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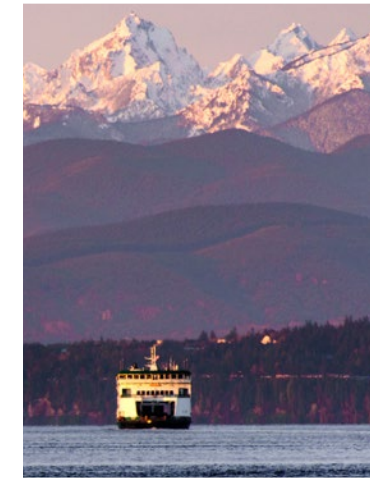


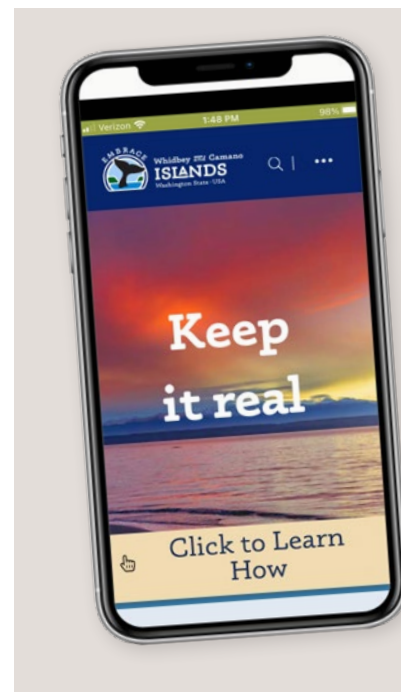
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## Start exploring now

Whidbey and Camano Islands are so gorgeous it can be hard to know where to start! For all the information and inspiration you'll need for your trip, start with this website.

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# Intentional travel offers a deeper experience

Welcome to these beautiful islands. Stay awhile and see what makes this part of the world so unforgettable. Whether you arrive by bridge or ferry, those moments spent crossing the water will transport you to a different way of life. Surrounded by mountains and sea in every direction, Whidbey and Camano Islands seem infused with serenity and inspiration. These islands will move you...if you let them.

Too much of travel today looks like rushing around completing a To-Do list, but that's no way to have a transformative experience. To truly experience the

islands, a certain slowing down is necessary. There is so much to see, taste, and experience here that you can't possibly do it all in one trip, so relieve yourself of that burden and take your time to explore. The most charming surprises can be found, and the loveliest people met when we slow down to enjoy the journey.

Whidbey and Camano Islands represent not just home but sanctuary to so many residents, both human and otherwise. The tight-knit island communities rely on each other, and our stories are interwoven with

those of the land and wildlife. This interconnected nature is apparent from the vast number of non-profit organizations present here; some estimates suggest almost one for every 100 residents! These groups range from protecting a specific species to safeguarding the whole shoreline, preserving a heritage building, or connecting local people with much-needed resources. The people of these islands care deeply for each other and the environment. We invite you to join us in these stewardship efforts.

At its best, travel has the power to reshape our perspectives. That is true whether we're seeing a new part of our hometown or flying across the globe. Whidbey and Camano Islands are of course gorgeous, but it's a deeper connection with the unique culture of this place that will really stay with you. To travel with intention is the key, engaging authentically with the places we visit and stretching ourselves to imagine life in new ways. Let us interact kindly with each other and the land, so that future generations may enjoy the same beauty and abundance. ▶



# Clinton

Photo: Holly Davison

## Where the greatest adventures begin

After a short, scenic ferry ride you'll disembark in the beautiful beachside community of Clinton. This lovely town has a long history as a hub for ferries, going all the way back to Mosquito Fleet crossings in the 1800s, well before the first car ferry in 1919. Even when most parts of the island were only accessible by private boat, Clinton was a popular location for a holiday. With 25 miles of rich shoreline and spectacular views across the Puget Sound, Clinton is an idyllic place to begin your island explorations.

Enjoy the artwork of the area, whether paintings in a gallery or eclectic chainsaw art at the side of the road. Connect with animals at local rescues or generational family farms. Treat yourself to a meal with a view or a cocktail in a covert speakeasy. Pick up some fishing bait or ask a local where to drop in a crab pot. Join the annual Maxwellton 4th of July Parade – a family friendly community event that began in 1915. There is much more to Clinton than first meets the eye.

As a business community, Clinton is proudly hyper-local. Ninety-five percent of the businesses are family owned and operated, and some have been for multiple generations. There are two central retail areas packed with local businesses, but the real secret is how much commerce happens down winding rural roads or tucked into the forest. Get off the beaten path to make the most of this area's hidden treasures. Whether you're planning a beach day or a hike in the woods, in Clinton it's not unlikely to come across a plant nursery, brewery or farm stand along the way.

This is Pacific Northwest life at its finest. Surrounded by wooded wilds, you'll find it hard to believe you're only 20 miles from Seattle as the crow flies. ➤

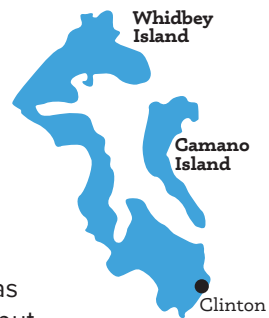
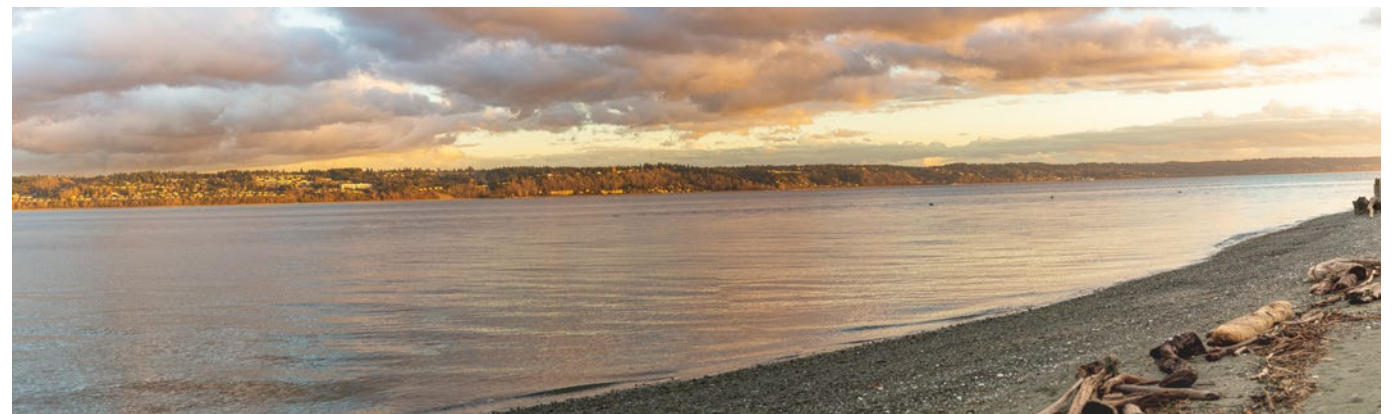


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# Langley

*The village by the sea*



Perched on a high bluff overlooking Saratoga Passage, Langley, a quaint and artistic community, packs a lot of personality. Originally founded in the late 19th century by fifteen-year-old Jacob Anthes, Langley became one of the first municipalities in the nation to have an all-female city council. The beautiful Langley library overlooking the Cascade Mountains was originally spearheaded by Langley's first female mayor more than 100 years ago.

In 1915 a thriving artist colony began which sparked a culture that still flourishes today, with Langley becoming one of the state's earliest designated Creative Districts. A natural choice considering the one-square mile of downtown, Langley houses multiple theaters, performance venues, dance and gymnastics troupes; as well as numerous musicians and visual artists. Beyond the galleries and venues, creativity continues to bloom throughout the area, including within local restaurants, who source their ingredients from local farmers, ranchers, and wine makers. Just when you think you've seen all Langley has to offer, discover the vibrant collection of working artists and charming, historic buildings at Bayview Corner.

The waterway that once brought logging ships and commerce to the small village is still the preferred migration path of gray whales, who spend time each spring in Saratoga Passage, resting and fattening up before they continue their journey north. Every year, these magnificent creatures travel from Mexico in the winter to Alaska for the summer. Every April, they are celebrated in Langley with the Welcome the Whales parade and festival. Visit the Langley Whale Center to learn directly from the Orca Network about the plethora of life in Puget Sound.

History very much comes alive on the islands, fused strongly with life today. In Langley, you can catch a movie in a 1930s cinema, learn new art techniques in beautiful heritage school buildings, or explore the century-old fairgrounds. And, as if it weren't picturesque enough, the town is also home to a large population of adorable rabbits who look as though they've hopped right off the pages of a storybook. ▶



## Get a FREE trails guide

Available at visitor centers, and many other locations around the islands



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## Keep it real on the trails

- Stick to the trail
- Read trailhead information
- Follow leash guidelines for pets
- Take only pictures
- Pack it in, pack it out, including your pet's waste
- Respect private property
- Share the trail and be kind to other hikers
- Park courteously
- Use trail during daylight hours
- Tell someone where you're going
- Bring water & sunblock

# Nurturing nature

The natural features of Whidbey and Camano Islands are too exquisite not to notice or care for. On these islands you'll find old-growth forests, inland lakes, rare prairies, and geographic features left behind by ancient glaciers. The two islands hold an impressive range of state parks, from tiny hidden gems to the most visited park in the state. Port properties and County Parks add several dozen more options to the list.



Photo: Scott Rosenkranz



## A wealth of parks

In recent years, the Pacific Northwest has been nationally recognized for its cultural and historical significance. The launch of the brand-new Maritime Washington National Heritage Area recognizes the national maritime value of over 3,000 miles of shoreline that envelops both Whidbey and Camano Islands. With such a strong maritime heritage, it's no surprise that many of the local parks preserve pieces of that history.

Cama Beach State Park revives a slice of family fun from the 1930s with rows of cabins on the beach still available for an overnight stay, holdovers from the fishing resort of yesteryear. Possession Point State Park overlooks the point where Puget Sound splits, having made it a major intersection during the days of waterways as highways. Though it has long been popular and populated, this area wasn't accessible by road until 1940! Visitors instead came by boat or on foot along the beach. The maritime history of the islands also includes national defense, as evidenced by the bunkers and antique battle guns at Fort Casey State Park, once known as a point in the Triangle of Fire. History catches up with the present as you gaze across Admiralty Inlet from an

early 20th century lighthouse, while modern-day Navy jets fly overhead while training. And be sure to visit Deception Pass State Park, with its iconic bridge.

The islands' residents have a staunch history of environmental activism, and many of today's favorite parks or walking trails were saved by their efforts. Thanks to dedicated citizens and passionate non-profit groups, Saratoga Woods was never logged, providing beautiful forest paths for strolling and protecting more than 100 acres of wildlife habitat. The effort even led to the formation of an orchestra, originally as a fundraising effort but still playing together over 15 years later! South Whidbey and Duguala State Parks also sprang up to protect resident trees from logging. Duguala State Park features a network of trails through the forest and along the beach, with elevation gain for those looking to raise their heart rate. At South Whidbey State Park, you can enjoy views of the Olympic Mountains as you wander through old-growth forests. This site is home to an ancient cedar tree more than 500 years old. ▶



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# Freeland

## South Whidbey's commercial hub

Freeland began as a socialist cooperative at the turn of the 20th century, taking its name from the Free Land Association that imagined a shared utopia. Since then, it has evolved into a business and commerce center for South Whidbey while still maintaining its sprawling natural beauty and sense of community stewardship. Freeland Hall stands watchfully over Holmes Harbor, connecting modern residents to that history. Built almost entirely by volunteer labor in 1915, it is still a well-loved venue for local events and weddings today.

Hemmed in by gorgeous beaches on each side, Freeland is a perfect place to get out on the water. Take advantage of boat launches on both east and west sides to immerse yourself in scenery and enjoy some of the best fishing and crabbing in the state. Treat your kids to a playground excursion or your fur babies to an off-leash beach adventure; there is fun for the whole family. Considering the bounty of beaches in Freeland, it's fitting that their Polar Bear Plunge event launches us into each new year with

a strong dose of community fun and necessary hot chocolates for this chilly January 1st tradition.

Freeland has a diverse selection of restaurants to satisfy your appetite after a fun-filled day, or to provide the perfect takeout meal for an easy picnic. Fresh food grows on nearby farms and local beverage production abounds. Farm visits and u-pick experiences await. Keep an eye out for tasting rooms with unique and beautiful designs, often hosting evening entertainment.

Visit antique stores brimming with treasure or engage with an art experience. The entertainment options in Freeland are diverse. Whether you find it meditative to experience an old-growth forest or to play a round of golf, there is something for everyone. Maybe it's the utopia origin story, but islanders and visitors alike seem to find all that they need in Freeland. ▶

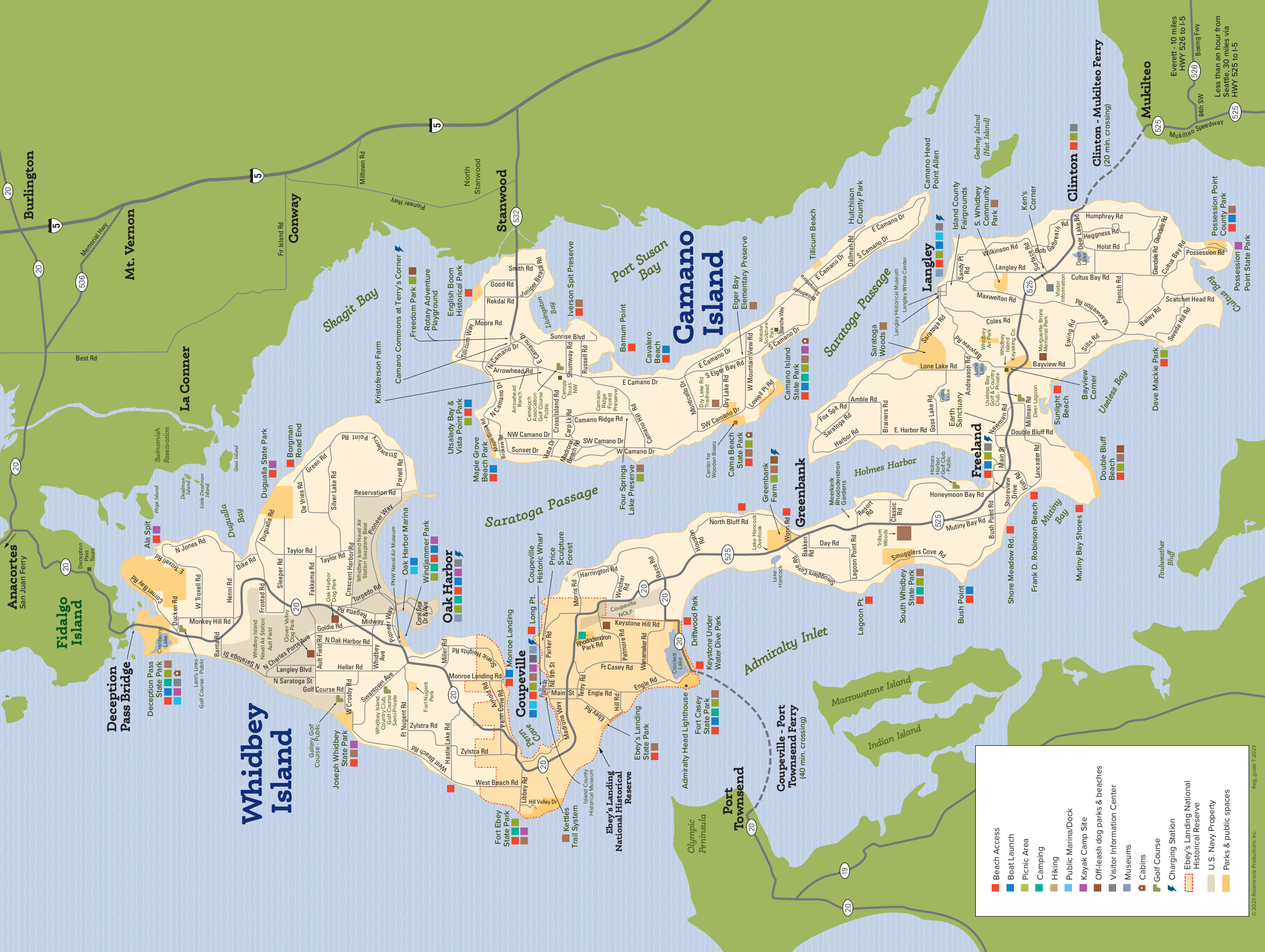


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	Camping
	Hiking
	Public Marina/Dock
	Kayak Camp Site
	Off-leash dog parks & beaches
	Visitor Information Center
	Museums
	Cabins
	Golf Course
	Charging Station
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	U.S. Navy Property
	Parks & public spaces

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# Coupeville

*In the heart of Ebey's Reserve*

For thousands of years before European settlers arrived, the area around what would become Coupeville was home to several Coast Salish villages of Lower Skagit peoples. The idyllic, sheltered shores of Penn Cove offered a wonderful place to make a home, with people living off the gifts nature provided from land and sea. The current town was settled in the 1850s by farmers and sea captains, who built the historic wharf and grew crops at the prairies on the edge of town.



Centered inside of Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve, multi-generational family farms still own and operate historic farmlands. Administered by a local Trust Board composed of Partners from the National Parks Service, Washington State Parks and Recreation, Island County, and the Town of Coupeville, Ebey's Reserve-a first of its kind-provides over 17,000 acres of private farmland, historic buildings, and incredible recreation opportunities.

Coupeville is the second oldest town in the State of Washington and is situated in the heart of Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve. It is home to the historic Coupeville Wharf, unique shops, restaurants, and lodging. Kayaking on Penn Cove, taking walks along the many woodland trails that surround Coupeville, amazing views of the Olympic Mountains, and the abundance of eagles, blue herons, and other wildlife are just some of what is known as the *Coupeville Experience*. With a ferry service connecting central Whidbey to the Olympic Peninsula, the region is really a perfect home base from which to explore the entire Puget Sound.

Filmmakers appreciate the beauty of this area, and it frequently appears in TV and movies. Coupeville's most famous turn on the silver screen was as the whitewashed New England setting for *Practical Magic*, a cult classic from the 1990s about a pair of witchy sisters and starring a lineup of Hollywood royalty. Perhaps it's no surprise that this little hamlet has become quite the Halloween town. Visit in October for a family-friendly Haunting of Coupeville. ➤



Photo: Annette Pitts

# Creativity grows here



There is something about island communities that produce creative residents. Maybe the isolated nature of the place sparks resilience and self-sufficiency, or perhaps islanders just enjoy a quieter pace of life and find inspiration in the water-hemmed beauty. Whatever causes it, Whidbey and Camano Islands certainly have no shortage of creative types, whether they be makers or growers.

Both islands are so lucky to enjoy a long tradition of small farms. While much food eaten today is mass-produced or shipped from faraway, it is still easy on these islands to snack on something freshly harvested and hyperlocal. Not only are there fourth-generation farmers on both islands—still tending the land their families looked after more than a 100 years ago, but there are even training programs for a new generation seeking the skills to be organic farmers.

This farming heritage is just one way that locals care for the land and for their community by feeding their neighbors. The farming community is so vibrant they've even found ways to band together and support bigger sales amongst themselves by sharing resources. This spirit of collaboration is a very islander mindset and has led to all sorts of delicious partnerships and tasty endeavors. The incredible rise of local craft beverages

is evidence of how much appeal and inspiration grows out of these rich soils.

When driving around Whidbey or Camano, you'll frequently see farmstands that remind you a high concentration of artistic souls lives in the vicinity. Not only can you buy fresh blooms, local veggies, backyard eggs, or homemade jam—they'll often be presented to you in the most artistic and whimsical way. Some farm stands are small and simple while



others have grown and evolved over many years, but each has a personality. These seasons of growth tie one to the land and lend a story to every bite.

Farmers markets are another collision of agriculture and artistry, and the islands have an abundance of fabulous choices. Leave yourself plenty of time to stay and explore, as each market has its own personality. Whatever tasty temptations end up in your basket, you're also guaranteed to get an eyeful of art and an earful of music. The creative pieces you can buy for your home are only the beginning. The energy bursting out of island artists means both places host wildly



popular annual studio tours, to invite you into the creative process. If you feel moved to try expressing your own creativity, educational artistic opportunities are available in many mediums.

While it can't be packaged up and brought home, you can hold onto the experience of being moved by performance art during your visit. Among the local population of makers and growers live talented musicians, actors, poets and songwriters. Visit one of the many local wineries that also operate as an event venue. What better place to taste local food and drink, hear local music, and be inspired by local art on the walls.

Many of the breweries are also on a mission to collaborate with local farms, and the results are scrumptious. The tap rooms bring residents and visitors together to enjoy live entertainment and maybe a local food truck. In this way, a small restaurant can put itself in two places at once or be a part of local events and celebrations. The restaurateurs of

Whidbey and Camano Islands merge the artistry of their food designs with the gift of seasonal produce for mouthwatering results. Look closely, you may even be eating your meal with the creations of a local potter, glassblower, or metal artist. Keep an eye on menus for local wines, beers, ciders, spirits, or even meads that will tie you back once again to the land. If you can enjoy a local performance or take in a gorgeous island sunset while you imbibe, all the better.

When not using restaurant walls to feast on local art, remember there are endless beautiful galleries to explore. Some are front and center on a main street, and some are tucked away in the forest ready for you to discover. There are even plenty of sculpture forests living permanently outside among the foliage.

In the same way local artists are happy to open their studios and share their processes, local gardeners can't resist talking to other gardeners, and several open their private sanctuaries for an annual garden tour. Gardening your plot is an important pastime on the islands, even if you're not a full-fledged farmer. You'll note local gardens at several of the schools or growing fresh produce at the food banks. If this activates your green thumb, look out for one of the many plant nurseries and bring a little piece of the islands home to your garden. ➤





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# Oak Harbor

## Home of Deception Pass State Park

Until the early 1940s, Oak Harbor was a small town, much like the other communities on Whidbey Island. Then, the Navy came, seeking a sea-plane base. That base quickly expanded, and Oak Harbor grew into the lively small city it is today.

The sea-plane base is now Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, with thousands of service members and contractors bringing a diverse population to the island. That diversity is reflected in the restaurant offerings, and you can find anything from casual coffee shops to waterfront fine dining. Look out

for menus serving up locally-grown produce or island libations.

In the chilly months, there are such good cozy options for curling up with a book and an island-roasted coffee. In the warmer months, pick up something tasty from a local food truck and go for a beach picnic. Oak Harbor enjoys easy public beach access, with a coastal ADA path offering a lovely stroll along the downtown shore.

In your wanderings, you're sure to see many historic Garry Oak trees for which the city was named. The

Garry Oak Society is committed to the stewardship and preservation of this beautiful native species. Pop by the visitor center for a walking map and let those residents who've stood for hundreds of years show you around town.

Along with all the modern entertainment of a small coastal city, Oak Harbor is brimming with options for old-fashioned fun. Take a step back in time and go bowling, roller skating, or catch a drive-in movie. The historic downtown is stuffed with tempting shops and lined with public artwork. Detailed sculptures and large, vibrant murals will have you poking your

head around every corner to see what's next. This area transforms each spring with tulips and kломpen for a celebration of the area's Dutch heritage: the Holland Happening Parade and Heritage Festival.

Whether you enter from the spectacular Deception Pass Bridge or drive up the beautiful island to get there, Oak Harbor will win you over all year round. ▶



# Camano Island

## The Easy Island



In the early 20th century, Camano Island became something of an artist's haven. Creators across a wide spectrum of mediums once flocked to a 200-acre artistic commune on the island to live collaboratively and sell their work worldwide. That history directly shaped the community you'll find today, awash with artists and creative thinkers. Once a year, the island holds a studio tour and invites the public into the creative process, but all year round you can visit galleries and take in public displays.

Even the island's most well-known annual event, the Northwest Glass Quest, can't help but involve creative flair. Each February, treasure hunters flock to Camano to explore local parks and businesses while hunting for clues, hoping to take home a large custom handblown glass ball. Participants are offered specific ideas for how to engage more deeply with the local community and achieve the special status of "Kind Quester."

The resident creative crowd is not only visual artists, this is also a place for writers, musicians, filmmakers photographers, and performers of all stripes. The island

speaks for itself with a popular area podcast and as home to a rare radio theatre. Performing artists find it an ideal home base, among a secluded creative community but with 24-hour access to mainland venues. Because Camano can be reached at any time of day by bridge, it has become known as the *The Easy Island*.

With no designated downtown area, the island is ripe for exploration and discovery. Charming businesses, lovely locals, and stunning parks are dotted all over the place, with captivating views promising a rewarding expedition no matter what you find. Outdoor opportunities on land or water abound, so track down a visitor kiosk for suggestions. This is one of the very few areas in the state for such unusual activities as soap box derby racing, axe throwing, or forest ziplining. Camano Island is full of surprises!

Whether you're seeking indulgent shopping experiences or scenic beach walks, "delicious local" food, or a deep wellness experience, *The Easy Island* has you covered. 🏝️



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# ISLAND ITINERARIES



## Scenic back roads

The Whidbey Scenic Isle Way is the primary road running the stretch of the island. It's actually part of the larger 440-mile Cascade Loop. We encourage you to leave the main highway on Whidbey to explore the back roads whether by bus, bike or car. Check out the area map on Page 14 of this guide to see the abundance of winding rural roads to explore. Why stick to the highway when you could be cruising along a coastline, meandering through picturesque farmland, or discovering a tucked-away tasting room? Many of Whidbey's most stunning views and surprising businesses await you down charmingly named little streets. Let yourself get lost! A big advantage of being on an island is you can't stray too far before hitting another beach or finding yourself back on the highway. Take the path less traveled and meet the whole island.



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## Island hopper

In most counties, all the land is attached, but here it's the embrace of the Salish Sea that holds these islands in community. Both islands can boast of gorgeous natural scenery, a laid-back culture, and plenty of creative residents. We can even see each other from many points! But we haven't shared a ferry service since the construction of Deception Pass Bridge in the 1930s, which leaves us with two routes to connect our islands. For a quicker drive, take I-5 for most of the journey between the bridge at Stanwood and the ferry at Mukilteo. For a more scenic drive, pass over a third island of Fidalgo and tiptoe through tulip fields on your way between Deception Pass and Camano Island.



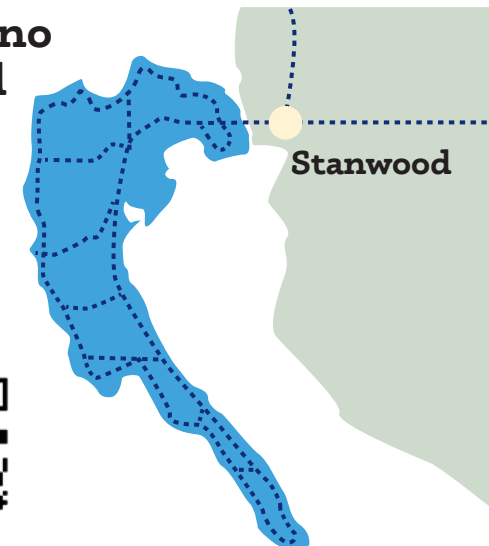
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## Cruising Camano

As you leave the hustle and bustle of Stanwood, you'll cruise across the Gateway Bridge to Camano and feel that you're entering Island Time. Big box stores and large avenues fall away, replaced by land and sea vistas, clusters of funky local shops, and sweeping rural roads. Camano Island is a wildly creative and outdoorsy community with no centralized township. Instead, you'll find hubs of activity and beautiful views around every corner. This island insists you explore it from one delightful end to the other. Enjoy all the publicly displayed art and studios tucked in the woods, eat your way from one delicious stop to the next, and stay overnight so you can bask in an island sunset and sunrise. Walking trails, history, local goods, and outdoor adventure await you here.



## Camano Island



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## No car? No problem!

Both Whidbey and Camano Islands are so fortunate to be served by Island Transit. This fare-free bus service operates on both islands, providing safe, accessible, and convenient experiences for all riders. Relax, unwind, and enjoy the incredible scenery of the islands without ever needing to think about a parking space. Island Transit's friendly bus service and connections to other transit agencies offer riders daily service to and from both islands. Each bus is equipped with a bike rack and can safely accommodate two wheelchairs or mobility devices. Download easy trip planners online and be sure to check the current schedules. Island Transit operates seven days a week, offering a way to visit the islands car-free.



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# Island gatherings



Photo: Sofia Ambrose

It doesn't matter the time of year, a season of celebration is upon us. People seek reconnection with their loved ones in scenic and inspiring places, and Whidbey and Camano Islands fit the bill perfectly. Just different enough to feel a world away, but close by and easy to get to, the islands are ideal for hosting a special occasion.

With a wide variety of venue spaces, ranging from picturesque wineries to seaside conference centers to forested retreat centers and more, you'll discover the ideal setting. Accommodation options vary even more wildly, with tree houses, luxury hotels, oversized vacation rentals or camping cabins all on the menu. Do you envision your squad at a lake house? Your family at a cute B&B? Maybe a romantic getaway on your own secluded mini-island? Any one of these daydreams is an easy reality on the islands.

No one wants to have to cook on vacation, especially if it's a party. Let the restaurants, caterers, and food suppliers of the area take care of that so you can just keep on celebrating. On the islands you could have a luxurious farm-to-table dining experience, hire a food truck, dine in a restaurant, pick up the perfect takeout dinner or even have a catered meal delivered. If you do want to cook using the freshest and most local ingredients available, you won't have to search far.

Farm stands and farmers markets will be nearby no matter where you're staying, and many local groceries carry island-grown or produced goods. In some cases you can even order local produce online!

If you're worried about entertainment for multi-generational guests, you needn't be. Both islands offer so many activities it may be difficult to choose! Take the kids to a u-pick farm or wander in wonder through outdoor art installations. They might like to visit one of the many community playgrounds or make some pottery to take home. Gather your gals together for a tour of the tasting rooms or a blissful spa day. Catch a concert, play, or outdoor festival. Take your honey horseback riding or propose a magical hike. Friends of all ages could enjoy the local museums, a boat tour, or the chance to make something with their own hands. The options are truly endless.

Everyone has a lot of pent-up celebrating to do. Whether you're overdue for a family reunion, engagement party, 1st or 50th birthday, the islands are just the place to weave new memories with the people in your life. Eat breakfast together with friends. Dance until the sun sets and the moon rises over the Salish Sea. Get together with colleagues in a real room instead of a Zoom room. Go adventuring again. ▶



# It's up to all of us. Keep these islands real.

## Our goal:

*"These islands in the Salish Sea are living systems in harmony with people who thrive in a culture of belonging, mutual respect, and ongoing transformation."*



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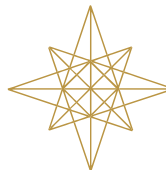


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