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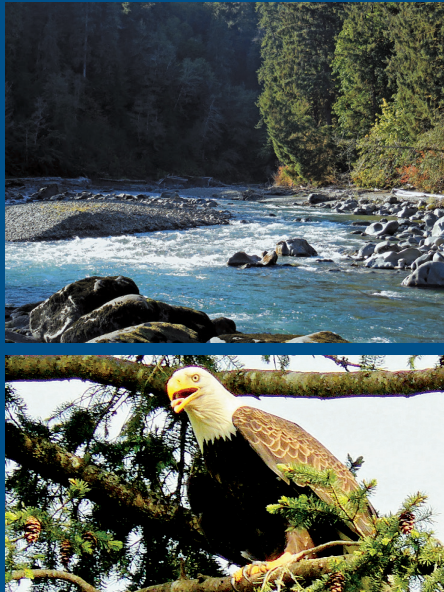
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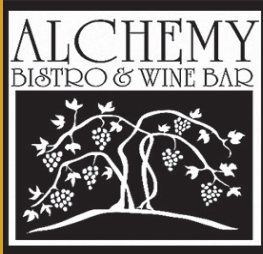


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But it also means I'm too young to remember the days when my Grandpa Ike knew the ferryman at Shine, who (according to family lore) would turn back to get Ike if the boat had left before Ike showed up.

Regardless if I'm some crusty ancient to you or a young whippersnapper, we can agree there's nothing like the gateways to the Upper Left corner of the United States.

Whether you drive across the Hood Canal Bridge, glorying in the Olympic Mountain skyline or arrive by ferry, watching Port Townsend's unique Victorian downtown come into focus, it's a great start to a day trip, a weekend getaway or a full-on week away from home.

And if you're coming from the south, tracing Hood Canal's western shore on SR 101, the shady cabins and campsites offer charms of their own, not least of which is a stop at Hamma Hamma for oysters or digging into the freezer at

roadside stores for a taste of Olympic Mountain Ice Cream on your way to Port Townsend.

For me, the long westbound grade west of Hood Canal Bridge was where every vacation started. It meant we had finally hit the final stretch of our long journeys to the family's homestead, where fishing, clamming, hiking and other summer treats awaited.

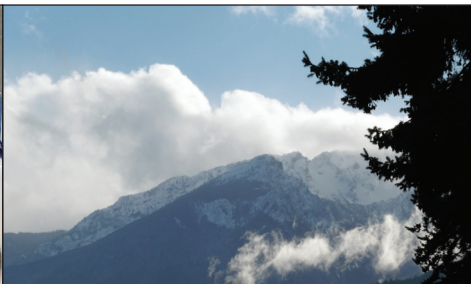
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Let us know if you have suggestions to make this guide more useful every year. Meanwhile, we hope you love this place the way we do: respectfully and joyfully.

**Dean Miller**

*Dean Miller is Editor of the Port Townsend Leader and the great-great-grandson of an Olympic Peninsula homesteader.*





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Max Grover, of Port Townsend, is the creator of the cover art of this edition of "Getaway Guide." *Leader photo by Chris McDaniel*

## Primitive, self-taught artist provides 'Getaway' cover

He relishes scorn from fine-arts world

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**M**ax Grover is not a "fine arts" painter, but one who expresses himself in a manner that, at times, is scoffed at by those with haughty brows.

"There is a genre of art that is primitive, self-taught, outsider art," said Grover, a Port Townsend oil painter who created the cover art for this edition of "Getaway Guide."

Grover self-identifies with that genre, saying he was once called "faux naive."

"There is nothing faux about my naivete, believe me," he joked. "It is the real deal. I am self-taught for the most part. People who know me know I do these paintings because they are a reflection of my personality."

The majority of Grover's art is colorful, bright and happy.

"It is upbeat, whimsical and it also has a narrative quality," he said. "My paintings tell stories."

That ability to relate a tale through

"There is nothing faux about my naivete, believe me. It is the real deal.

**Max Grover**

ARTIST

an image is something Grover said he picked up working as an illustrator — he has drawn for major publisher children's books over the years. "The Accidental Zucchini" for instance, was published by Harcourt Brace.

"Not every painter can be an illustrator, and not every illustrator can be a painter," he said. "They do have to have a bit of storytelling that goes along with it."

Illustration reaches a different audience than fine art, Grover said, opening up a whole new world for him that would not have been accessible if he were a traditional painter.

Grover began his journey as a non-traditional painter in his 30s.

▼ See ARTIST, page 74 ▼



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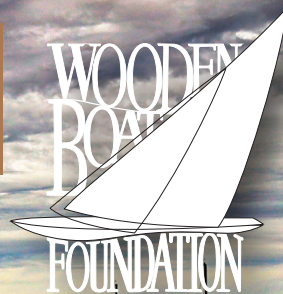


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▼ See FERRY, page 74 ▼



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## *The communities that constitute Jefferson County*

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### **Brinnon**

A census-designated place in south Jefferson County, Brinnon is home to about 800 residents as of the latest census. Known for being the oldest Boy Scout Camp west of the Mississippi, founded in 1919, Brinnon was named in 1860 after Elwell Brinnon, who took a donation land claim at the river's mouth.

Brinnon is located about 61 miles north of Olympia and is located on the Olympic Peninsula's east side, along Hood Canal on the eastern edge of the Olympic National Forest.

The median household income is about \$51,250, with the median property value about \$287,000.

Brinnon is about 38 miles south of Port Townsend and about 13 miles south of Quilcene.

### **Chimacum**

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The Chimacum Valley is named for the Chemakum Tribe that once lived on the land.

The unincorporated community on the eastern Olympic Peninsula is known for its agriculture.

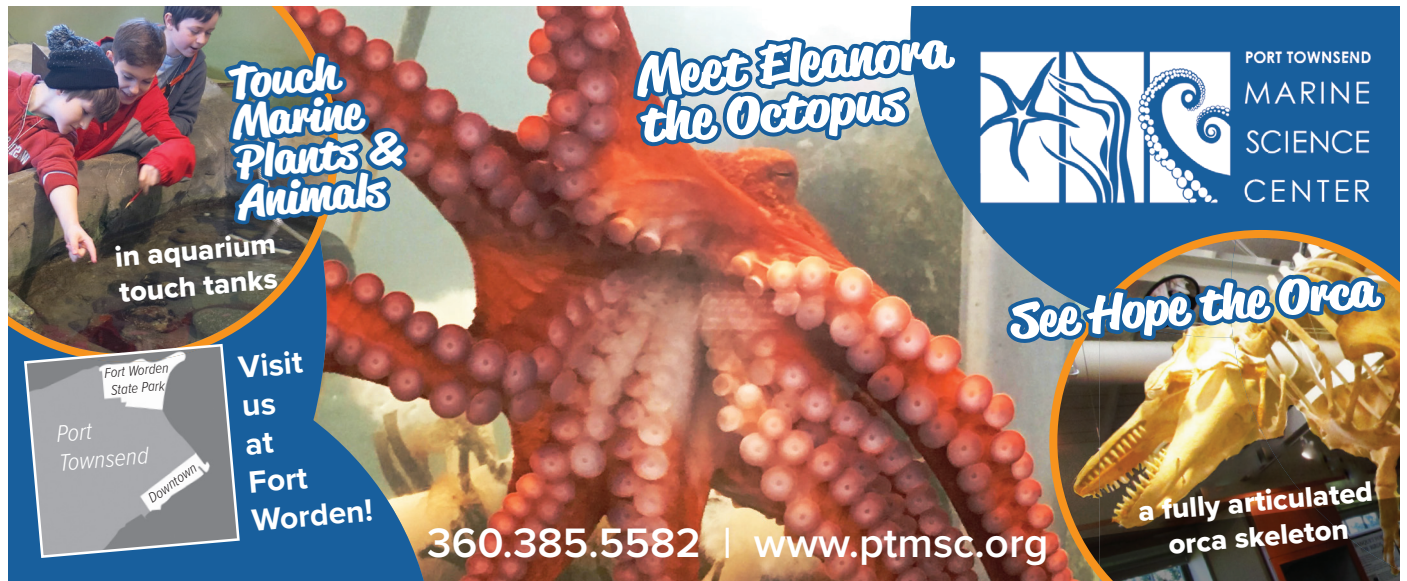
In 2014, the Jefferson County Land Trust, in collaboration with Washington State University, designated more than 15 acres of undeveloped agricultural land in central Chimacum to be reserved as incubator farms and called the Chimacum Commons.

Chimacum is home to the Chimacum School District, one of four school districts in Jefferson County.

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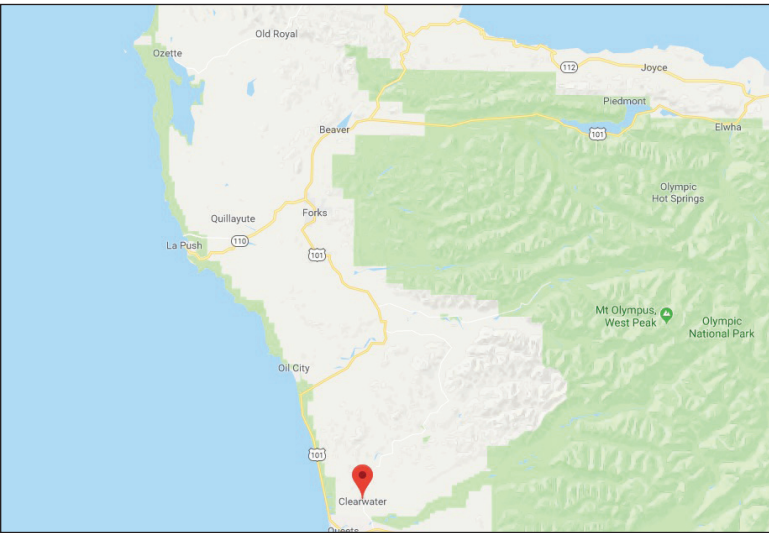
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## Clearwater

Clearwater was named for the nearby river and is comprised mostly of timberlands with limited private ownership.

The unincorporated community is found on the west coast of Jefferson County and is just outside the boundaries of the Quinault Indian Reservation.

The influence of the Pacific Ocean gives Clearwater heavy year-round precipitation and an oceanic climate, according to the Köppen climate classification system.

Clearwater is located about eight miles north of Queets.

## Coyle

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Named after George Coyle, an early settler, Coyle is located about 16 miles south of Bridgehaven on the Toandos Peninsula in an unincorporated area.

The Toandos Peninsula is frequently called the Coyle Peninsula because the community of Coyle is located at the tip. It is also known as the Dabob Peninsula, as it separates Dabob Bay from the rest of the Hood Canal.

The community is known for a musical event called “Concert in the Woods,” with a summer-long program.

Coyle is also known for clams and oysters. The beach is mostly rocky, and digging is difficult but productive for butter clams and native littleneck clams in the mid-low tidal zone. There are also some horse clams and cockles. Geoducks can be found in the sand at extreme low tides (-2.0 or lower) below the rocky zone.

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## Discovery Bay

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Located about 13 miles southwest of Port Townsend, Discovery Bay, a.k.a. “The Lavender Capital of North America,” is a small bay that has clean water along forested slopes. There are no official public parks, beaches, boat launches or parking lots, but there are hotels and bed-and-breakfasts along the water where visitors can enjoy views and beach access.

Discovery Bay enters the Strait of Juan de Fuca between the Miller and Quimper peninsulas. Its mouth is just south of Protection Island and is between 6 to 7 miles in length. It is fed by Snow Creek, among other small watercourses.



## Dabob

*Dabobbaycottage.com, dnr.wa.gov*

Dabob Bay is one of the largest and most pristine salt marsh bay estuaries in Puget Sound. It is located on the east side of the Bolton Peninsula, which separates Quilcene and Dabob bays.

On the north end of Hood Canal, Dabob Bay is home to six family-owned shellfish companies, and is known worldwide for the quality of its water, shellfish and diverse wildlife.

Dabob is located about 13 miles south of Discovery Bay, and about 23 miles south of Port Townsend.

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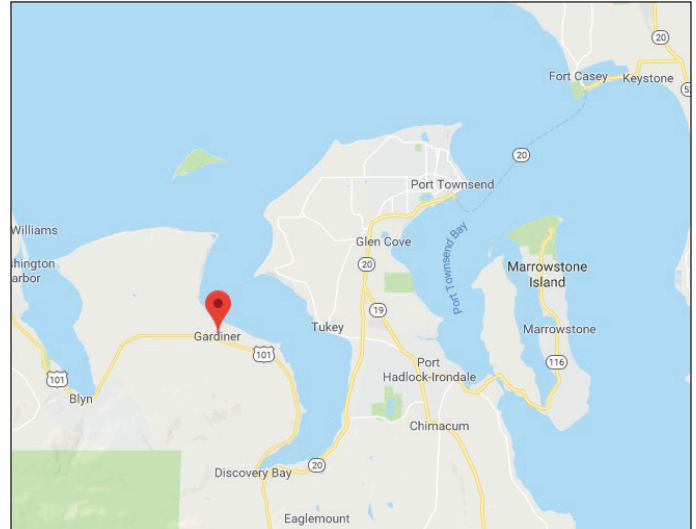
#### **Gardiner**

Gardiner is an unincorporated community, partially in neighboring Clallam County, and is about 6.5 miles north of Discovery Bay on the Miller Peninsula.

Farming, lumber and fishing still figure into Gardiner's economy, but the area is following the Jefferson County trend away from agriculture, as old homesteads and family farms are subdivided into residences.

During the last census, roughly 300 people lived in the area.

Although Gardiner is considered within Jefferson County, the area is served by Clallam County Fire District 3.



#### **Indian Island**

*Wta.org*

Indian Island is an unincorporated community located between Port Townsend and Kilisut Harbor.

Until the construction of the Port Townsend Ship Canal, Indian Island was connected to the mainland by a broad sand flat and back-shore marsh.

It is covered by the Indian Island Naval Reserve, and although the last census showed about 200 residents, there are no civilian residences on the island.

The Naval Reserve is home to Naval Magazine Indian Island.

Indian Island also has a large trail system along the coast. The Indian Island trail is divided into three segments; Portage, Lagoon and Isthmus, with miles of shoreline that can be hiked on the beach, on the bluffs or a combination of the two. Leisurely beach ramblers, trail runners and everyone in between has access to nature and the breathtaking scenery of Oak Bay.



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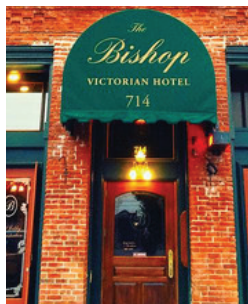
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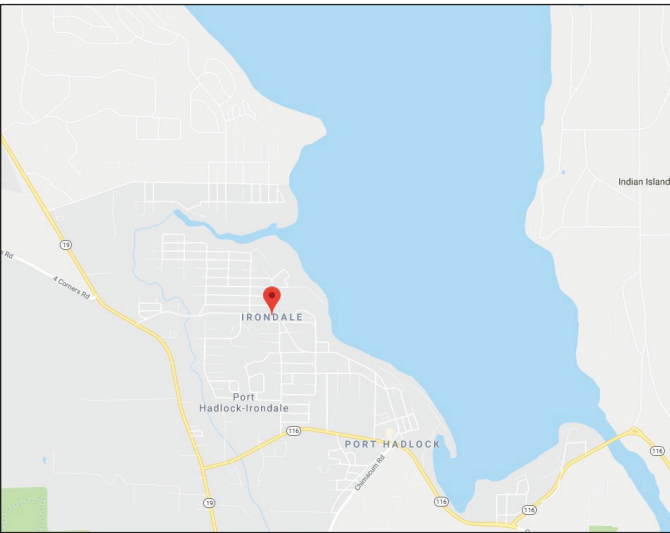
#### Irondale

The first iron-producing blast furnace in Washington was completed in Irondale in 1881. About 1,200 tons of pig iron was produced during its first year of operation, with ore obtained from Chimacum Valley. The plant was closed in 1889.

The initial hope was for Irondale to become a major iron and steel producer for the western United States. At first, it looked as though this dream might come true. After only two years of production, Irondale had several bars, boarding facilities for both men and horses, and homes and accommodations for more than 200 workers.

Before the local economy and the plant failed in 1889, there were more than 400 men employed at the foundry. The town expanded and grew on the sandy bluffs overlooking the waterside plant.

As of the most recent census, the population for both Irondale and Port Hadlock combined is 3,580.



#### Leland

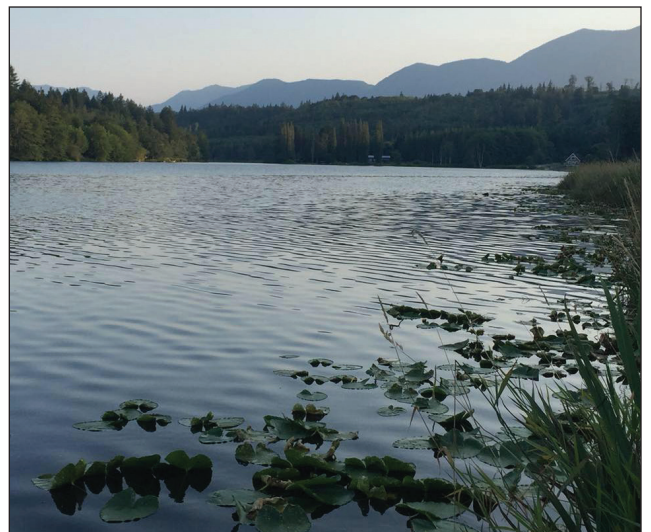
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Named after early settler Laura Andrews, Leland is an unincorporated community within Jefferson County.

The area is known for Leland Lake, with a shallow and largely underdeveloped shoreline.

The lake is stocked in April and May with catchable-size rainbow trout, and good numbers of coastal cutthroat trout broodstock, weighing about one pound each, are stocked in March.

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## Marrowstone Island

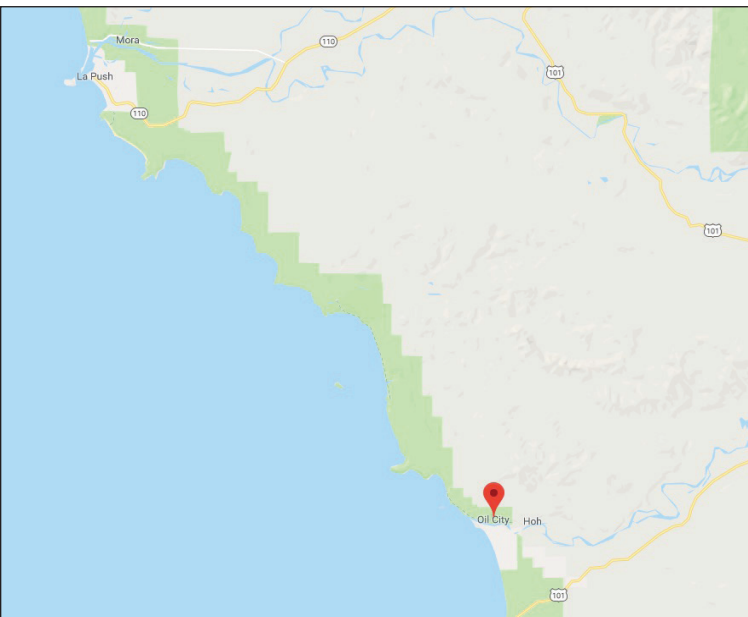
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Discovered by George Vancouver in 1792, and settled in the 1800s by Norwegian immigrants, Marrowstone Island is still home to descendants of the original settlers.

As of the last census, Marrowstone Island, which is located east of Indian Island, was home to about 840 people.

At the north end of the island is Fort Flagler State Park, a military base built in 1907 to protect the entrance to Puget Sound. Fort Flagler existed as a military base until the early 1950s, when it was decommissioned and turned into a state park. The Fort Flagler barracks and bunkers are preserved today, and open to the public. There are hiking trails with views of Mount Rainier, Mount Baker and the San Juan Islands.

The median household income in Marrowstone Island is \$48,533, with the median income for a family being \$54,397. The median house value is \$487,077.



## Oil City

Considered a ghost town of Jefferson County, Oil City was once a petroleum company town with a store and a cannery. The company built a camp and put in a few buildings, a cookhouse and a better house for the company manager.

A road was built from Highway 101 in 1931-32. At one time, the Coast Guard had a base there. It was a small group that used the same buildings the Oil City people had left. At the beginning of World War II, they also watched for enemy planes.

The Olympic Park bought some of the land in foreclosures, but some was still privately owned.

In 1963, the mayor of Port Townsend, Dennis Sullivan, received a letter from H.J. Reichardt, inquiring about land his father owned.

"For more than 35 years my dad, J.D. Reichardt, has owned lot 1 of block 32, First Addition to Oil City, Jefferson County, Washington," the letter stated. "His father had died, and he had inherited the property. (The) oil company wanted him to sign an oil drilling lease, and he was interested in information on the oil drilling at Oil City. About 10 or 15 years ago, the county put up some of the land that was in forfeiture for sale. I drove out there, curious as to what was left, but it had returned to its natural state. The dreams of riches (are) just a memory."



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#### Port Hadlock

Samuel Hadlock moved west in 1846, landing in Washington in what is now known as Port Hadlock in 1870.

He contracted with the Washington Mill Company to build a saw-mill on a spit of land off the bay, on a low bank, but with deep enough water for tall ships to moor.

It was there Hadlock established a large mill, shipping lumber to San Francisco and as far away as Australia and Hawaii.

Construction started on the alcohol plant in 1909. It was completed in 1910, and began manufacturing wood alcohol from sawdust.

The residential section was in upper Hadlock. After the lumber mill burned, businesses began to move uptown.

William Sehrrs, of Sehrrs Shipyard, built the Masonic Temple in 1911. Sehrrs completed other projects, such as the Nordland ferry and bridges across the Chimacum Creek.

The Tri-Area, which includes Port Hadlock, Irondale and Chimacum, was a growing, viable township.

The population for both Irondale and Port Hadlock combined is 3,580, as of the most recent census.



#### Port Ludlow

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Port Ludlow, a census-designated area in Jefferson County, has roughly 2,600 residents in the area.

Following the completion of the nearby Hood Canal Bridge in 1960, Port Ludlow became the site of resorts and planned communities, attracting more affluent residents who were retired, buying vacation homes, or needing a more convenient commute to the business centers on the west side of Puget Sound.

In 1842, the town and bay were named in honor of Lt. Augustus C. Ludlow, by the Commander of the U.S. Exploring Expedition, Lt. Charles Wilkes.

The first shipments of timber from the Puget Sound to San Francisco in 1851 stimulated interest in the business potential of building sawmills on Puget Sound. John R. Thorndike and W. P. Sayward sailed to Puget Sound in 1852, and found the environs of Port Ludlow promising. Thorndike filed a timber claim of 318 acres, and they started building a mill there.

The median household income of Port Ludlow is \$67,500.







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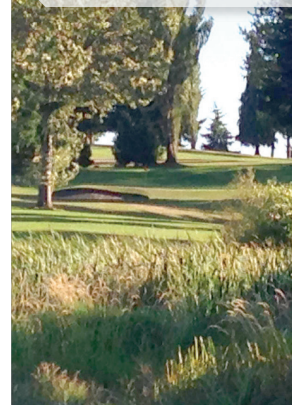
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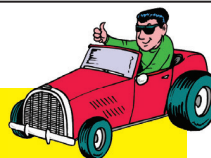


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## Port Townsend

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Port Townsend is the only city in all of Jefferson County, with about 9,100 residents as of the 2010 census. It is also the county seat.

In addition to its natural scenery at the northeast tip of the Olympic Peninsula, the city is also known for the many Victorian buildings remaining from its late 19th century heyday, numerous annual cultural events, and as a maritime center for independent boat builders and related industries and crafts. The Port Townsend Historic District is a U.S. National Historic Landmark District.

Port Townsend is also called “The City of Dreams,” because of the early speculation that the city would be the largest harbor on the west coast of the United States.

The income per capita in Port Townsend is \$33,756, with a median household income of \$50,330.

The median property value is \$298,700.

## Quilcene

Quilcene is an unincorporated community and census-designated area in Jefferson County, whose population was 596 as of the 2010 census.

The community is located on the Olympic Peninsula at the head of Quilcene Bay, an arm of the seawater-filled glacial valley of the Hood Canal.

Early inhabitants of the area were the Twana people, inhabiting the length of the Hood Canal. The Quilcene (“salt-water people”) were a distinct band of these people.

The Wilkes Expedition charted the place as “Kwil-sid” in 1841. Hampden Cottle, a logger from Maine, and several other families settled there in 1860, and eventually established a town. The town was originally situated on the banks of the Quilcene River, before being moved to higher ground. The economy in Quilcene was based primarily on farming and logging, and by 1880, the town had a population of 53.

The Tubal Cain Mining Company in 1902 claimed Quilcene would become the center for the smelting of iron, copper, gold and manganese expected to be found in the Olympic Mountains. However, little ore was ever discovered.

At the southwest edge of Quilcene, at the union of the Big Quilcene River and Penny Creek, the Quilcene National Fish Hatchery has been operating since 1911. There, the U.S.



Fish and Wildlife Service raises coho salmon for on-station release and provides coho salmon eggs and fingerlings for tribal programs.

The Quilcene Historical Museum was established in 1991, and has published books about the history of Quilcene and Brinnon.

The museum’s major events during the year include its opening day weekend, school tours and special tours throughout the school year, the Brinnon Shrimp Fest, Quilcene High School alumni reunions, the Quilcene Fair and Parade, and Quilcene art walks.





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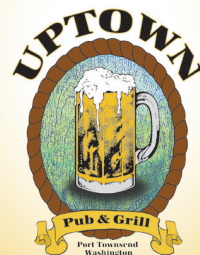
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## Kick back, relax, beach-comb Jefferson County beaches

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If you “dig a french bikini on Hawaiian island dolls, by a palm tree in the sand” as Brian Wilson sang in “California Girls,” Jefferson County might not be your beach destination.

But if you dig a cozy fleece on a mostly-empty strand with towering mountain ranges in the distance, come on over.

Jefferson County’s beaches provide vacationers and even lunch-break strollers a wide range of experiences of the unique coastline of the Olympic Peninsula.

- North Beach Park at 5880 Kuhn St. in Port Townsend is tagged as “the best local beach park in Port Townsend” by Jefferson County Parks and Recreation. At one acre, it includes a picnic shelter, sandy saltwater beach, views of the San Juan Islands and rest room.

- East Beach Park is at 330 East Beach Road in Nordland, the tiny enclave in low-key Mystery Bay. This one-acre park includes two picnic areas and shelters, a sandy saltwater beach to walk along, views of Admiralty Inlet, restrooms and a fireplace to warm you. Horse riding is allowed.

- For a freshwater experience with a great deal more elbow room, try Gibbs Lake Park at 110 Gibbs Lake Road in Chimacum.

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- Another big park, Indian Island Park at 3456 Fort Flagler Road in Port Hadlock offers 220

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# MARROWSTONE VINEYARDS

## A Nordland 'getaway that's not far away'

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**O**n the patio at Marrowstone Vineyards in Nordland, the sound of birds chirping almost drowns out vineyard owner James Holloway as he talks about his love of making wine.

Below the patio and winery are rolling green hills, where grapes are growing. Beyond that, through a line of evergreen trees is the sparkling blue of the Salish Sea. And even beyond that, on a clear day, the Cascade Mountains create a

stunning portrait on the horizon.

It is in the midst of this natural landscape Holloway is hoping to create his perfect getaway experience on Marrowstone Island: a destination winery where people can come enjoy handcrafted wines, local food and live music.

On April 1, Holloway celebrated his two-year anniversary of owning Marrowstone Vineyards.

While he is now immersed in the art of wine making, Holloway, who was born and raised in Port Townsend, did

▼ See VINEYARD, page 34 ▼

◀ The Rosé of Sangiovese, offered this summer at Marrowstone Vineyards, is a smooth, light Rosé. Leader photos by Lily Haight

▼ James Holloway prides himself on handcrafting everything at Marrowstone Vineyards, from the wines to the bottle labels.





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# Vineyard: Summer lineup



JAMES HOLLOWAY, OWNER OF MARROWSTONE VINEYARDS HOPES TO CREATE A GETAWAY ON THE ISLAND. COURTESY PHOTO

▼ Continued from page 32 ▼

not always see himself in this position.

"Would I have thought I'd be sitting here right now being a winemaker? Definitely not," he said. "It just kind of fell in my lap."

Holloway was originally a contractor on Marrowstone, where he met the vineyard's previous owners, Ken and Judith Collins. After offering his services should they ever need a hand, he fell in love with the wine production process.

"After the first crush I was hooked," he said. "I knew that this was what I wanted to do."

Operating a small business doesn't come without its challenges. But when Holloway bought the business two years ago, he had a vision.

"I saw it as a challenge," he said, "but I also had a vision for this place. We have this awesome view of the narrowest point in the shipping lanes, the Cascade Mountains, the fresh air. I thought it could become an iconic spot for wine and a retreat for people. A getaway that's not far away."

## The Wines

Before beginning to work with the previous owners of Marrowstone Vineyards, Holloway did not have a whole lot of wine-making experience.

"Just drinking it," he said. "Which is the best kind of experience. But as far as winemaking is concerned, I started my career here."

On his first trip out to pick up grapes in Eastern Washington, Holloway spent hours in the fields, learning about different varietals from experienced grape growers.

With a background in construction and contracting, Holloway fell in love with the routine of producing wine, from making his own labels, to doing the bottling and corking.

But his true passion lies in the chemistry of making wines.

"He has a golden palate," said Alison Hero, owner of the Silverwater Cafe, who collaborated with Holloway on creating a robust red wine for the

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1	x			x	x			2 nights minimum
1	x			x				Private beach, boating access
5				14				Mt view—river front
1	x			x				Private beach
5				x				Now reserve on line
1	x			x				Resort Living
1	x							On the Beach
1								Private, cozy, views
4	x	x		x				Marina view, quiet
2				x				Beachfront
10	R			x	x	x		Hood Canal waterfront
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## Jefferson County Accommodations

### Public Campgrounds

						Park <sup>1</sup>	# of sites	Hook-ups	Pull-through	Dump Station	Toilets	Showers	Handicap Access	Pets <sup>2</sup>	Swim	Shore <sup>3</sup>	Boating	Trails
County Fairgrounds	4907 Landes St	Port Townsend	98368	360-385-1013	www.jeffcofairgrounds.com	FA	80	x	x	x	x	x		x				Fairgrounds
Collins Campground	Hwy 101, 6 mi. from 101	Brinnon	98320	360-765-2200	www.fs.usda.gov/olympic	S	16		x		x		x		x	F	x	quiet, on river
Dosewallips State Park	Hwy 101, 1/4 mi. S of	Brinnon	98320	888-226-7688	www.parks.wa.gov	S	140	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	F	x	beach & trails
Falls View Campground	CLOSED	Quilcene																
Fort Flagler State Park	10541 Flagler Rd	Nordland	98358	360-385-1259	www.parks.wa.gov	S	116	x	x	x	x	x		R		S	x	Open year round
Fort Townsend State Park	1370 Old Fort Townsend Rd	Port Townsend	98368	360-385-3595	www.parks.wa.gov	S	40	x	x	x	x	x		R		S	x	Open year round
Lake Leland County Park	165 Leland Valley Rd.	Quilcene	98736	360-385-9160	www.countyrec.com	C	22		x		x		x	x	x	S	x	Open 4/1 - 10/31
Oak Bay Lower County Camp.	301 Portage Way	Port Hadlock	98339	360-385-9160	www.countyrec.com	C	6	x			x		x	x		S	x	Open 4/1 - 10/31
Oak Bay Upper County Camp.	290 Cleveland St	Port Hadlock	98339	360-385-9160	www.countyrec.com	C	24	x	x		x		x	x		S	x	Open 4/1 - 10/31
Quilcene County Campground	294964 Hwy 101	Quilcene	98376	360-385-9160	www.countyrec.com	C	24	x								F	x	Wooded
Seal Rock Campground	1 mile N of Brinnon	Brinnon	98320	360-765-2200	www.fs.usda.gov/olympic	F	41		x		x			R		S		beach & trails

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Port Ludlow RV Park	44 Breaker Ln	Port Ludlow	98365	360-437-9377	www.portludlowresort.com	P	32	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	in the woods
Smitty's RV Park	9142 Flagler Rd	Nordland	98358	360-385-2165	smittys_rv_park@msn.com	P	32	x	x					x		S	x	quiet county setting

Park <sup>1</sup>	Shore <sup>3</sup>	Boating	Trails
<sup>1</sup> <b>PARK CODE:</b> (P)ivate (F)ederal (F)airgrounds (S)tate (C)ounty (P)ort <sup>2</sup> <b>PET CODE:</b> (R)estricted   <sup>3</sup> <b>SHORE CODE:</b> (F)resh (S)alt			

### Public Parks

Anderson Lake State Park	Anderson Lake Rd	Chimacum	98325		www.parks.wa.gov	S	F	x	x	Fresh water, boating, kayak, trails, fishing in season
East Beach County Park	Marrowstone Island	Nordland	98358	360-385-9160	www.countyrec.com	C	S	x		Beach, kayak, shelter, fireplace
Gibbs Lake County Park	West Valley Road	Chimacum	98325	360-385-9160	www.countyrec.com	C	F	x	x	9 miles hiking, horse, mountain bike trails
Hicks County Park	Shine	Port Ludlow	98365	360-385-9160	www.countyrec.com	C	S	x		Boat ramp, kayak, Hood Canal at Hood Canal Bridge
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Home Lake	Above Dosewallips River	Brinnon	98320		www.fs.usda.gov/olympic	F	F		x	Dosewallips River
Indian Island County Park	Fort Flagler Rd	Marrowstone	98358	360-385-9160	www.countyrec.com	C	S		x	Picnics, 2 miles sandy beach & trails
Irondale Beach County Park	End of Moore St.	Irondale	98339	360-385-9160	www.countyrec.com	C	S	x	x	Restored beach, Chimacum Creek, historical site
Lake Leland County Park	Hwy 101	Quilcene	98376	360-385-9160	www.countyrec.com	C	F	x		Fishing dock, boat ramp, camping Open 4/1-10/31
Larry Scott Memorial Trail	6 mile multi purpose trail	Port Townsend	98368	360-385-9160	www.countyrec.com	C	S		x	Main access at Boat Haven
Ludlow Falls	Paradise Bay Rd	Port Ludlow	98365		www.portludlowrvpark.com	P	F		x	walk to falls
Mt. Walker View Point	4 miles off Hwy 101	Quilcene	98376	360-765-2200	www.fs.usda.gov/olympic	F			x	2 mile hike
Mystery Bay Recreation Area	Fort Flagler Rd	Nordland	98358		www.parks.wa.gov	S	S	x		Picnics, boat ramp
Shine Tidelands State Park	W end Hood Canal Bridge	Port Ludlow	98365		www.parks.wa.gov	S	S			Picnics on Hood Canal at bridge





Wildlife abounds on the shores of Puget Sound. *Leader file photo*

# West

## Visitor Info Centers

### Olympic National Park Visitor Center

3002 Mount Angeles Road,  
Port Angeles, WA 98362  
360-565-3130  
[nps.gov/olym](http://nps.gov/olym)

### Forks Chamber of Commerce

("Twilight" tour center)  
1411 S Forks Avenue,  
Forks WA 98331  
360-374-2531  
[info@forkswa.com](mailto:info@forkswa.com)  
[forkswa.com](http://forkswa.com)

### Sequim-Dungeness Valley

Chamber of Commerce  
1192 E. Washington St.,  
Sequim, WA 98382  
360-683-6197, 800-737-8462  
[info@sequimchamber.com](mailto:info@sequimchamber.com)  
[sequimchamber.com](http://sequimchamber.com)

### Port Angeles Regional Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center

121 E. Railroad Ave.,  
Port Angeles, WA 98362  
360-452-2363  
[info@portangeles.org](mailto:info@portangeles.org)  
[portangeles.org](http://portangeles.org)



## Tide Table for Olympic National Park

[nps.gov/olym/planyourvisit/tides-and-your-safety.htm](http://nps.gov/olym/planyourvisit/tides-and-your-safety.htm)



# East

## Visitor Info Centers

### Port Townsend Visitor Center

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Port Townsend, WA 98368  
360-385-2722, 888-ENJOYPT  
jeffcountychamber.org  
enjoypt.com

### Olympic Peninsula Gateway Visitor Center

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Port Ludlow, WA 98365  
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info@enjoyolympicpeninsula.com  
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### Quilcene Visitor Center

(North Hood Canal Chamber of Commerce)  
Located in Olympic National Forest's Quilcene Ranger District Office  
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Quilcene, WA 98376  
360-765-4999  
visitorcenter@embarqmail.com  
emeraldtowns.com

### Brinnon Visitor Center

(North Hood Canal Chamber of Commerce)  
306144 U.S. Highway 101,  
Brinnon, WA 98320  
360-796-4350  
visitorcenter@embarqmail.com  
emeraldtowns.com



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### Washington State Ferries

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See the many faces of the Olympic Peninsula. *Leader file photo*



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<b>HARBORSIDE INN</b>	330 Benedict St, Port Townsend	360-385-7909	Harborside-Inn.com
<b>PALACE HOTEL</b>	1004 Water St, Port Townsend	360-385-0773	PalaceHotelPT.com
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Holloway gets grapes only from Washington State, mostly from the Eastern part of the state. All the wine production happens at his winery on Marrowstone Island. *Leader photo by Lily Haight*

# Vineyard: Marrowstone Island retreat

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restaurant. “Every wine he makes is phenomenal.”

All of the grapes that make Marrowstone wines are grown in Washington. Most come from Eastern Washington and they also make some wines from their own vineyard on the island.

This spring, Holloway released a new batch of white and rosé wines, including sauvignon blanc, a dry reisling, viognier and two different chardonnays. His rosé’s are keyed for summer: Rosé of Tempranillo — a rosé for red wine drinkers — and Rosé of Sangiovese — a smooth, light rosé for summer.

When it comes to red wines, Holloway said he is best known for his cabernet franc.

“It’s usually used as a combination wine, but I think it’s a wonderful varietal on its own,” he said.

He also has several new blends coming up for the ‘17 vintage, including a syrah blend and a cabernet

“I thought it could become an iconic spot for wine and a retreat for people. A getaway that’s not far away.”

**James Holloway**

OWNER

MARROWSTONE VINEYARDS

sauvignon blend.

“I guess I just like all the facets of the business, from the industriousness to the chemistry,” he said. “It’s just fun, playing with different blends. I just really enjoy what I do.”

## Summer At The Vineyards

Beyond making wine, Holloway is working to create a place where people can get away from the rush of everyday life, take a deep breath of fresh air and enjoy some wine with friends.

This summer, Marrowstone Vineyards is entering into its second season of its Summer Music Series.

Starting June 7, each Friday and Saturday there will be live music at the vineyards, with food trucks and wine tastings.

“We want people to enjoy great wine, great food that accompanies it, and just have really an inviting, non-pretentious experience” he said.

The series will kick off June 7 and 8 with music from Port Townsend guitarist Chris Blasucci.

“I love bringing new people out there to the vineyard,” his collaborator Hero said. “I always know it’s going to be a good time.”

Marrowstone Vineyards is located at 423 Meade Road, Nordland, WA 98358. To learn more, visit [marrowstonevineyards.com](http://marrowstonevineyards.com).



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# QUILCENE LOGGING HISTORY

## *Quilcene Historical Museum reopens with logging artifacts*

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When the Quilcene Historical Museum reopened April 21, not only did it have a room full of logging artifacts on display, but its exterior grounds now included the remains of at least one logging machine, with other pieces to follow.

"We don't have a whole lot of pieces, and we don't have much room for the pieces we do have," Quilcene Historical Museum President Mari Phillips said. "But there was a collector in Forks who recently passed away, and a local donor who's asked to see our plans."

Outside the museum, a steam yarder towers over Phillips, as she explained it's missing the tin roof keeping both the machine and its operator dry in cases of rain.

"It yarded logs, via cable, out of the forest, after they'd been cut down," Phillips said. "This machine was probably in use from the late 1800s up until the 1930s. Before that, they had to use oxen."

Because the Worthington mansion is set to be an events center, hosting activities ranging from arts shows to lectures, the museum's other logging artifacts are stored in the same room as their mining exhibit, offering a saturation of relics and information about Quilcene's logging era.

"The Forest Service and Department of Natural Resources still conduct some logging, but commercially, our logging days went from the mid-1860s to the early 1990s," Phillips said. "The spotted owl is still a sensitive subject here."

Phillips was referring to the federal government's decision in 1990 to



Quilcene Historical Museum President Mari Phillips stands by a steam yarder she estimates was in use "from the late 1800s up until the 1930s." *Leader photo by Kirk Boxleitner*

curtail logging in old-growth forests to protect the habitat of the northern spotted owl.

Spotted owl populations have continued to decline, due to numerous factors including predation by barred owls. Meanwhile, timber harvests by all public and private owners fell in Jefferson, Clallam, Grays Harbor and Mason Counties and the number of sawmills fell by about three quarters,

whether because of the old growth logging limits or other economic factors.

Phillips, a third-generation Quilcene native who was born and raised in the town, placed the logging industry's peak boom in the area at the mid-1980s.

"We had five gas stations and three grocery stores here back then," Phillips said. "With as many as six





Quilcene Historical Museum President Mari Phillips examines the artifacts in the museum's mining and logging room. *Leader photo by Kirk Boxleitner*

“It was like the Wild West, in its own way.”

logging companies here at a time, you couldn't even find a place to rent. That high-rolling era put a strain on the community."

Phillips, whose ex-husband worked for Quilcene-based logging company Handly and Phillips, recalled that its local work force was “about half local folks,” with the other half coming from Sequim and Port Angeles.

"It was like the Wild West, in its own way," Phillips said. "My parents owned the Whistling Oyster Tavern, and by the time I was a young adult, it had a rough-and-tumble atmosphere to it."

Looking back further into history, Phillips credited logging with bringing together disparate rural communities in the region.

settlements of housings, Phillips still sees a pioneer spirit in the Quilcene people.

"I had five children here, and three of them still live in the area as adults," Phillips said. "I go to a larger town maybe twice a month. Folks who were raised here grew up self-sufficient, I think."

Phillips expressed her gratitude to the pioneering Worthington family, who pledged custody of their now-127-year-old house and property to the museum.

"I went to school with two of (William Jenner Worthington's) grandchildren, and they've been so supportive and encouraging of the museum all along," Phillips said.

Quilcene Historical Museum Secretary Larry McKeehan pointed out the museum also offers informational files, books, pamphlets, photos, hand-held tools and other artifacts to help tell the story of logging in Quilcene and the Olympic Peninsula.



# SPLISH & SPLASH

## Whale watching, kayaking and sailing tours in Port Townsend

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Residents and visitors to the Port Townsend area have plenty of opportunities to get out on the waterways, whether to view whales in their natural habitat or to enjoy the stunning views of the land and sea from a kayak.



Orca whales are a common sight in Puget Sound and the Strait of Juan de Fuca. *Courtesy Photo*

### Whale watching tours

For those who want to get out on the water and perhaps glimpse the Southern Resident Orca Whales that finds refuge in the Puget Sound or the Strait of Juan de Fuca, Puget Sound Express is a great option.

After about 34 years seeking out whale species, Puget Sound Express owner Peter Hanke has become deft at finding them.

He operates two tour boats out of Port Townsend spending the spring, summer and fall hauling tens of thousands of people out to see the sea creatures in their wild habitat.

The Glacier Spirit is a scheduled passenger ferry that provides transportation to Friday Harbor, while The Redhead offers four-hour excursions.

Hanke said he has about a 98 percent success rate

when searching for whales.

This time of year, it is not uncommon to see orcas, said Sarah Hanke, Puget Sound Express director of sales.

Other whales can also be spotted, Peter Hanke said.

"In the last 10 years, it has exploded with whales here," he said. "We see a lot of humpbacks and gray whales. I actually think the food source of the Salish Sea is exploding. We are seeing more seals, more sea lions, more krill that humpbacks feed on."

Christopher Lewman, captain of the Redhead, said a trained eye can identify the whales as far out as a quarter mile.

The Redhead almost exclusively focuses on whale watching tours, although other services are offered including bird watching trips to Protection Island.

For more information about available tours, call 360-385-5288 or visit [www.pugetsoundexpress.com](http://www.pugetsoundexpress.com)



# SPLISH & SPLASH

## Kayaking

Port Townsend Paddlesports, located next to the beach in Fort Worden State Park, rents kayaks, bicycles and paddleboards after opening on Memorial Day Weekend. All rentals include a short lesson and tips to help those with no experience get out on the water.

For those who prefer sticking with a group, PT Paddlesports offers guided tours of the waterways around Fort Worden where participants can soak up views of Mount Baker, Mount Rainier, the Cascades and Whidbey Island.

Often seen on these tours are river otters, harbor seals, porpoises, orcas, puffins and even Bald Eagles.

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



Kayaking is a peaceful way to connect silently with nature.  
*Courtesy photo*



Port Townsend Bay is a great place to sail.  
*Leader file photo*

## Sailing opportunities

For those who wish to connect with their sailing roots, or to try something new, Great Bear Charters offers daily excursions out of Port Townsend.

These four-hour cruises disembark twice daily out of Point Hudson Marina at the end of Highway 20 in historic downtown Port Townsend.

Each four hour-trip can accommodate up to six passengers.

Eight-hour sails out into the strait of Juan De Fuca or south down Admiralty Inlet can be arranged.

For more information, visit the charter's website at [www.greatbearcharters.com](http://www.greatbearcharters.com).



# OLD & NEW

*See what the city and its surrounding environs looked like a century ago*



The Port Townsend Harbor is ripe with living history. *Leader file illustration.*

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**P**ort Townsend's waterfront district and residential area on the bluff were designated a National Historic District in 1976, and Port Townsend as a whole is one of only three Victorian seaports on the National Register of Historic Places.

With 300 Victorian homes in a city of 10,000, it's a concentrated dose of Victoriana.

Jefferson County boasts no shortage of historic buildings, landmarks and other sites.

Of the approximately 1,500 National Register sites in the state of Washington, 77 are found partially or wholly in Jefferson County.

Heck, even this newspaper's

office, the oldest two-story stone structure in the state, is on the register.

But the real hub of history is the Jefferson Museum of Art and History, housed in a 19th century courthouse building next to City Hall in the downtown waterfront district.

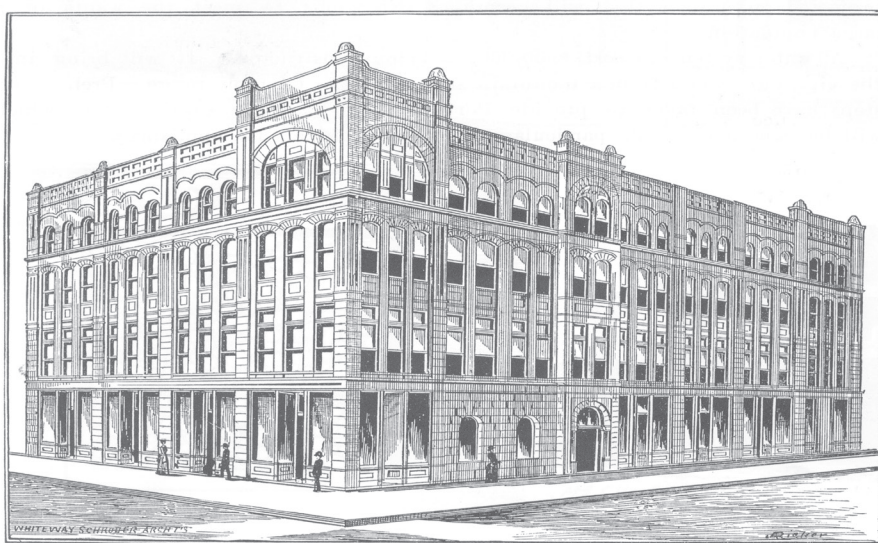
The museum houses exhibits and leads walking tours through the downtown and uptown districts, teaching visitors the history and architecture of the area.

Port Townsend's back-in-time vibe owes to the number of 19th and early 20th century buildings surviving the town's growth,





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THE TUCKER BLOCK.

according to the Enjoy Port Townsend website.

The National Register of Historic Places recognizes more than 90,000 places of national, state and local historic significance across the United States and this city has more than its share of those.

Among the historic sites recommended by Enjoy Port Townsend are:

- The Rothschild House, located at the corner of Jefferson and Taylor streets in uptown Port Townsend, which remains virtually unchanged from a hundred years ago.

Managed by the Jefferson County Historical Society, whose site is at [jchsmuseum.org](http://jchsmuseum.org), visitors can see its original furnishings and decor.

- The Jefferson County Courthouse, overlooking Port Townsend Bay and the entrance to Admiralty Inlet, was approved for construction in 1890, with its distinctive red bricks shipped in from St. Louis, and nearly 800 tons of sandstone brought in from Alaska.

- The Port Townsend Federal Building was originally home to the Port Office and Customs House, and is the oldest federally constructed post office in Washington state, as well as the only example of Richardson Romanesque design in a federal building in Washington. The building was constructed in 1893, and is still in use today.

The uptown (uphill, literally) neighborhood of Victorian homes are also popular with sightseers. Many of these historic homes are private residences, so onlookers should respect privacy, although stopping and staring is a commonplace event. The lavish architectural details and multi-colored paint jobs are just that striking.

As already mentioned, the entire downtown core is a National Historic District, with many of the

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# OLD & NEW



After serious renovation in 2018, Water Street is ready for tourist season. *Leader file illustration.*

## History: Rewinding Jefferson County

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same buildings still standing from more than 100 years ago.

Outside of Port Townsend, PTguide.com lists half a dozen historic landmarks of note, including the Chimacum Post Office at 9223 Rhody Drive, Fort Flagler State Park at 10541 Flagler Road in Nordland, the Irondale Jail and Historic District at 562 E. Moore St. in Port Hadlock, the Methodist Episcopal Church of Port Hadlock and the Uncas School of Discovery Bay, all of which are also on the National Register.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, of Port Hadlock, also known as the Barrett House, is now a private

home, but was built in 1903 as the first permanent Methodist church in Hadlock, sharing a minister with the Methodist church in Chimacum.

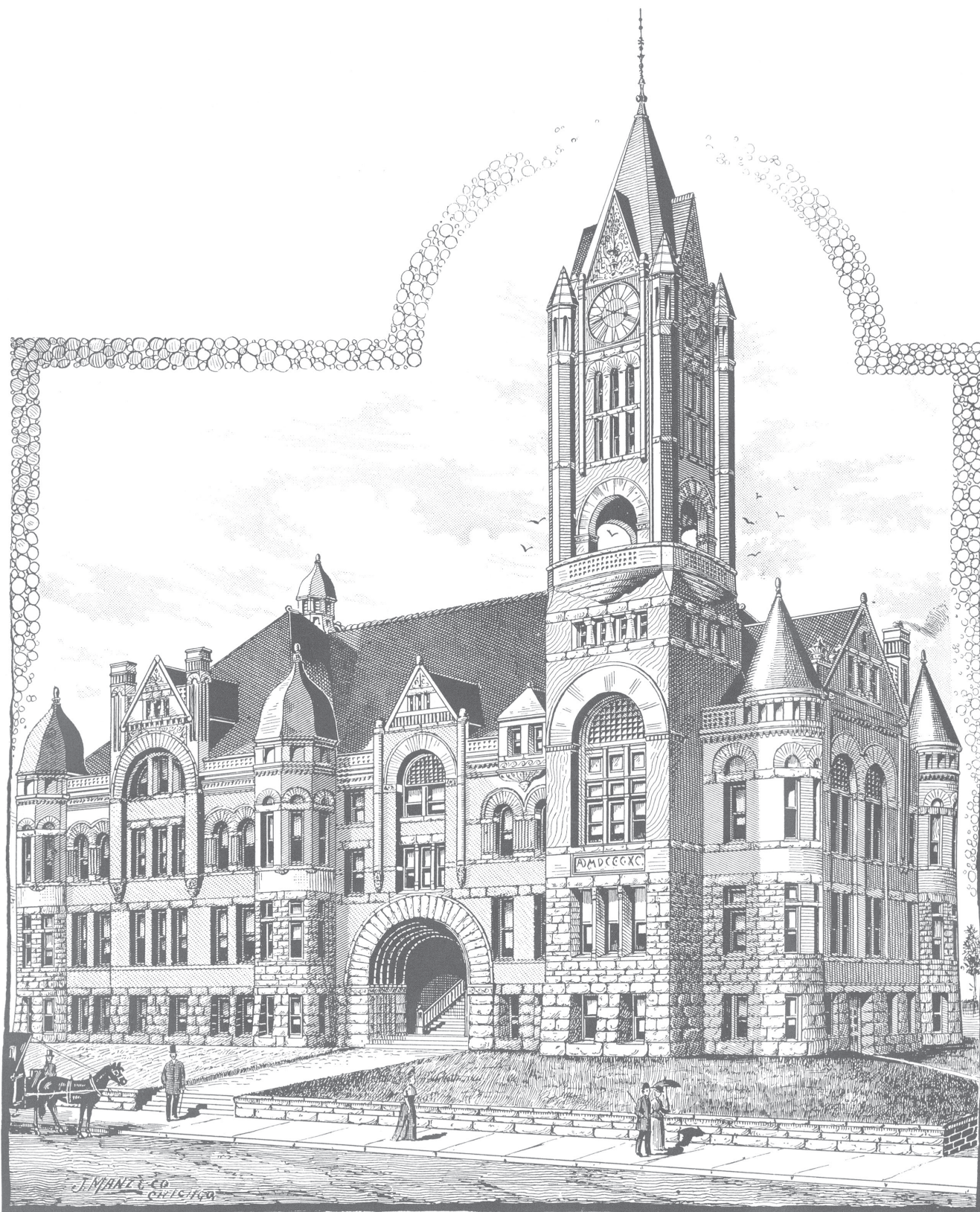
The two congregations merged in the 1950s to form a new church, where the Hadlock church's old bell and pews were moved, and the old building became a private residence. The former church was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1983.

Fort Flagler State Park is a former U.S. Army artillery fort, at the northern end of Marrowstone Island, established in 1897 and activated in 1899. It was named for Civil War veteran Brig. Gen. Daniel Webster Flagler, who served as the Army's

Chief of Ordnance. The fort was deactivated and declared surplus in 1954, but the state Department of Parks and Recreation acquired the land in 1955 for use as a state park.

According to the site fortflagler.net, the 750-acre park still encompasses the original fort's boundaries, and maintains 10 historic gun batteries for visitors to view. The main parade ground is flanked by century-old former officers' quarters, available for vacation rentals, and the Fort Flagler Museum houses a host of artifacts and displays from the park's days as a coastal defense fort.





JEFFERSON COUNTY COURT HOUSE.



# VINE *to* TABLE

## Three locations target different wine-related experiences

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If all goes well for Port Townsend Vineyards this summer, the newcomer to the Olympic Peninsula wine scene will put in place the final phase of a wine-to-table experience for customers.

Jens and Karle Coppenrath started Port Townsend Vineyards in 2015, with the planting of several European varieties on ranchland at Portuguese Hill. Since opening the doors at their winery location in 2017, operations manager KC Vessey reported that Port Townsend Vineyards' production has been in full swing and bustling with activity, with wines in all stages of development and a "vibrant" tasting room at the hub of their operation.

Between kegs and cases, the Port Townsend Vineyards' annual production is the equivalent of 5,000 cases per year, "and growing," according to Vessey.

"As for varieties, we introduce a new wine each month, first to our wine club, and the next month to the public," Vessey said. "So that means we'll release at least 12 wines a year. We've also got our collection of four reserve wines, too."

Recent releases have included their 2017 Merlot, 2018 Pinot Gris and 2017 Sangiovese.

"We welcome guests onto the land, to immerse themselves into a world of winemaking, and experience the art of growing and harvesting grapes," Vessey said. The next step came in 2017 with completion of the 2640 W. Sims Way winery, where visitors to the barn-like building can observe crushing, barreling, aging and bottling. Port Townsend Vineyards also operates



Locally grown wines include merlot, pinot gris, and sangiovese. Photo by Kirk Boxleitner



Port Townsend Vineyards currently produces about 5,000 cases per year. Photo by Kirk Boxleitner



# VINE *to* TABLE

custom crushing services that permit ambitious amateurs to make their own wines and blends.

An on-premises tasting room, customary at wineries, gives wine enthusiasts the chance to sample close to the terroir that produces Port Townsend Vineyards product and to talk to winemakers and other staff about the process.

“Guests and emerging winemakers can get a close up look at our state-of-the-art equipment and winemaking methods,” Vessey said. “We also provide an opportunity for guided tastings and spacious summer events.” He said the winery is the center of the company’s wine education programs.

But what about food pairings? Wine is almost always a companion to a meal and not its own show.

For now, Port Townsend Vineyards’ downtown tasting room near the Rose Theater has given the vintner a toehold in the restaurant district. But this summer, Port Townsend Vineyards expects to finish the vine-to-table journey when it opens its Wine Plaza in the rehabilitated and remodeled C.F. Clapp building at 725 Water St.

Vessey said the tasting room

“We’re excited to have more space to highlight our wine and food pairings, events, and expand our service and hospitality. We’re able to differentiate and highlight the unique elements of each space.”

**KC Vessey**

OPERATIONS MANAGER  
PORT TOWNSEND VINEYARDS

and waterfront plaza will offer food pairings to complement Port Townsend Vineyards’ wines and promote regional fare such as shellfish and seafood. The space is designed to accommodate live music and other community events.

“For us here, with so much good food that is native to the area, like the salmon and oysters and all the shellfish ... if you’re making wine around them, eventually the flavors are going to really come together,” said Ben Thomas, winemaker at Port Townsend Vineyards, who grew up in Port Townsend and has been making wine for more than 20 years.

Among the promised highlights of the C.F. Clapp Building space are an “immersive” wine bar, a tasting

counter and a variety of seating configurations to support large and small groups.

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“Our vision was to produce a collection of sparkling and still wines that reflect the coastal Puget Sound region, by using the grapes grown in our own vineyard, and by sourcing grapes from other top regional vineyards throughout the Pacific Northwest,” Vessey said.

Vessey sees each of Port Townsend Vineyards’ three locations as an important component in offering “a multi-sensory” experience through wines, the vineyard and local food pairings.

Vessey pledged the Port Townsend Vineyards would continue their popular Wine Down Fridays through the summer at the winery, with live music, lawn games, food trucks and wine.



Jefferson County Photo by Kirk Boxleitner



# PARKS & REC

*County parks offer miles of trails, reservation-free camping, and scenic picnicking*

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Jefferson County has 20 parks and four campgrounds, with miles of trails for walking, hiking, and mountain bike riding, as well as camping, picnicking and relaxing on the beach.

As the weather warms up, these parks offer an alternative to state parks, which often fill up fast and require a Discovery Pass.

“A big highlight of our parks system has always been that there is no pass required,” said Matt Tyler, manager of the Jefferson County Parks and Recreation programs. “Both state and federal parks require passes.”

Not only that, but Jefferson County’s campgrounds do not require a reservation.

“You can usually find a spot at one of the four of them,” he said. “If you have not planned ahead, and you need a place to stay, try our campgrounds. They are well maintained and supervised.”

## CAMPGROUNDS

### Lake Leland Park & Campground

Nestled below the Olympic Mountain range is Lake Leland, a beautiful freshwater lake in Quilcene, at 165 Leland Valley Road. Come for the day and use the park’s boat ramp for fishing, kayaking, and more. The park has a picnic area and restrooms. Bring your tent and stay the night at the campground. Open from April 1 to Oct. 21, the campground has 22 sites and is \$18 per night. No reservations are necessary; it is first-come, first serve. Bring cash or check to pay for your stay at the self-payment kiosk. The maximum vehicle length is 30 feet, and there is no potable water.

### Lower Oak Bay Campground

The Lower Oak Bay Campground at 301 Portage Way in Port Ludlow is a 30-acre campground with 6 campsites. Camp on the sandy spit within steps of a lagoon, with bird watching, fishing, kayaking, picnic areas, and views of Oak Bay. The campground is open April 1 to Oct. 31 is \$20 per night. No reservations are necessary; it is first come, first served. Bring cash or check to pay for your stay at the self-payment kiosk. The maximum vehicle length is 30 feet.

### Upper Oak Bay Campground

Located at 290 Cleveland Street in Port Ludlow the Upper Oak Bay Campground provides stunning views of Oak Bay, with a playground and restrooms. The campground is open April 1 to Oct. 31 and has 24 campsites, at \$20 per night, and six sites with electricity at \$25 per night. Upper Oak Bay campground has a camp host on site. No reservations are necessary; it is first come, first served. Bring cash or check to pay for your stay at the self-payment kiosk. The maximum vehicle length is 30 feet.

### Quilcene Park & Campground

Come for the day to Quilcene Park, located at 294964 Hwy. 101 in Quilcene to enjoy basketball and tennis courts, a skate park, picnic shelter and playground. The campground is open from April 1 to Oct. 31 and has 12 campsites available at \$15 per night. No reservations are necessary; it is first come, first served. Bring cash or check to pay for your stay at the self-payment kiosk. The maximum vehicle length is 30 feet.



# PARKS

## Beausite Lake Park

Located at 510 Beausite Lake Road in Chimacum, this 50-acre park has a view of the quaint Beausite Lake, a hidden gem in the Chimacum valley. A rustic conference center in a woodland setting is available for meetings, weddings, reunions and gatherings. You can reserve it by contacting the NW Kiwanis at 360-732-7222.

## Broad Spit Park

Located in Dabob Bay, this 48-acre wilderness park is accessible only by boat. Here you can view the wildlife that occupies the bay, including a variety of birds like Great Blue Herons and Bald Eagles. Take only pictures, leave only footprints.

## Cape George Trailhead Park

Located at 733 Cape George Road in Port Townsend, this trailhead provides easy access parking for the Larry Scott Trail, with horse trails, single track bike trails, and a pristine view of the water. It also has a toilet and one picnic area.

## Courthouse Park

Need a spot to relax after a day shopping in Port Townsend? Rest beneath the maple trees at the Courthouse Park at 1820 Jefferson Street. Or bring your game face and enjoy playing tennis or basketball at the courts.

## East Beach Park

Work on your shell collection. A walk on East Beach Park, located at 330 East Beach Road in Nordland, on Marrowstone Island, provides a beautiful view of Admiralty Inlet, Mount Rainier, and Mount Baker, as well as wildlife viewing, a picnic shelter and a fireplace for cookouts. This park also has a toilet.

## Gibbs Lake Park

In the last few years, Gibbs Lake Park, located at 110 Gibbs Lake Road, has expanded by nearly 300 acres. The Quimper Trails Association—a group of volunteers focused on improving Gibbs Lake park—are working on more trail construction, adding mountain biking and hiking trails. The 40-acre freshwater lake has catch and release trout fishing, with a boat launch, swimming beach and toilet. It's the perfect place for an afternoon fishing, birdwatching, or relaxing lakeside.

## H.J. Carroll Park

Located at 9884 SR 19 in Chimacum, H.J. Carroll Park is one of the newest and most developed parks in the county. The park has two shelters that can be reserved for parties, weddings, and reunions. The park also features athletic fields, a BMX bike track, walking paths, a playground, a disc golf course, basketball courts, and a picnic area. Enjoy nature by taking a walk through the native plant garden, or watch salmon swimming in Chimacum Creek. The park also has access to the Rick Tollefson Trail. It is supervised 24 hours a day by on-site caretakers, and has toilets.

## Hicks Park

Launch your boat on the ramp at Hicks Park, located at 1090 Shine Road in Port Ludlow, or sit at the picnic area and enjoy the calm waters of the canal for nature watching, swimming, and relaxing. This park has a toilet.

## Indian Island Park

This park has multiple areas with a variety of trails. Located at 3456 Fort Flagler Road in Port Hadlock, the lower area has two miles of beach walking, swimming, fishing, and clamming at the head of Oak Bay. The upper area offers wide trails with a view of Oak Bay over the bluff, perfect for bird watching.

## Irondale Beach Park

Located at 562 Moore Street in Port Hadlock, this park is the historic site of the old Irondale Mill. The sandy beach at the mouth of Chimacum Creek offers views of Port Townsend Bay and provides a great place for hand launching small boats. This park has a toilet.

## Irondale Community Park

This park, located at 61 Alma Street in Port Hadlock, is a neighborhood park with a playground, picnic area, with fields to play baseball, soccer, and football and a basketball court. There is also a drinking fountain and toilets.

## North Beach Park

Located at 5880 Kuhn Street in Port Townsend, this beach offers the best sea glass finds. Walk on the beach to McCurdy Point, where you can see Protection Island and the mouth of Discovery Bay, or go the other direction and head into the trails at the Chinese Gardens and Fort Worden State Park. This beach has a great sunset view, as well as views of the San Juan Islands and, on a clear day, Mount Baker.

## Port Townsend Community Center

The Port Townsend Recreation Center, located at 620 Tyler Street, houses afterschool programs, gym rentals, and bouncy house rentals. Outside, the playground offers the perfect place to relax and play on a sunny afternoon. Come on Saturday and enjoy the Port Townsend Farmers Market, which takes place outside the Rec Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Quilcene Riverside Park

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## PARKS



County and state parks in Jefferson County provide public access for boating, fishing, hiking and lying perfectly still. Shown here is Adnerson Lake State Park. *Leader File Photo*

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## ATHLETIC FIELDS

### Memorial Field

Located at 550 Washington Street in Port Townsend, Memorial Field is an athletic field with a lighted stadium that hosts community and scholastic athletics.

### Bob Bates Field

At 84 Elkins Road in Port Hadlock, Bob Bates Field is used by the East Jefferson Little League team. To learn more, visit [ejlittleleague.com](http://ejlittleleague.com).



# Exploring state parks in Jefferson County

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**Editor's Note:** A Discover Pass is required to get into some areas of the parks listed below. Also, permits for fishing and shellfish harvesting could be required as well. For more information on how to obtain a Discover Pass, regulations, fishing seasons and more, visit [parks.state.wa.us](http://parks.state.wa.us), [nps.gov](http://nps.gov) or [fws.gov](http://fws.gov).



In historic Fort Worden State Park, Point Wilson Lighthouse is an active aid to navigation.

### Anderson Lake Park

Anderson Lake State Park is located in Chimacum, about 10 miles south of Port Townsend, and includes 476 acres of wooded and wetland areas for visitors to enjoy biking, hiking and wildlife.

Located at 1061 Anderson Lake Road, the state park is centered around Anderson Lake, which has 8,250 feet of freshwater shoreline and covers 70 acres.

"Anderson Lake is one of the few parks in the area to offer equestrian and bike trails, which slope down to a lake teeming with birds and wildlife," the Washington State Parks website states.

The park includes eight miles of hiking trails, seven miles of bike trails, five miles of equestrian trails and boating.

### Dabob Natural Area

Dabob Bay Natural Area is located about eight miles northeast of Quilcene, and about 23 miles south of Port Townsend. The area was established in 1984 to protect intact salt marsh and sand spit plant communities, according to the Washington Department of Natural Resources.

Dabob Bay's shoreline boasts good fishing for salmon and spawning sea-run trout and there are places where you can pick up and eat oysters while you fish. In 2009, the state's Natural Area was enlarged as a natural reserve, to permit low-impact public use.

The reserve has 2,771 acres of shoreline, marsh and forest. The bay is large, making it an excellent place to explore by boat.

"The natural area includes mature coastal forests, coastal streams, feeder bluffs, forage fish spawning areas, eelgrass beds, native Olympia oyster beds, nearshore tidelands and mudflats utilized by juvenile salmon and shorebirds, and open marine waters utilized by salmon, marine birds, harbor seals and orcas," Washington's DNR website stated.

### Dosewallips State Park

Dosewallips State Park is located in Brinnon, about 44 miles south of Port Townsend, near where the Olympic National Park-born Dosewallips River drains into Hood Canal.

"This freshwater/saltwater park makes a perfect day or weekend trip," according to the Washington State Parks website.

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# STATE PARKS

Dosewallips Park has 1,039 acres and five miles of shoreline on the Hood Canal and Dosewallips River, known locally as “The Dosie”.

Not only does the state park have forests, mountains, rivers and beaches, the area is “a delight” for clam-diggers, anglers, boaters and beach explorers, the state parks website states.

“Evening may find you grilling up a shellfish dinner and retiring to your cabin or tent, where you’ll fall asleep to the sound of the river, enchanted by this lush, green corner of the country,” the site adds.

## Fort Flagler Historical State Park

Located on Marrowstone Island, Fort Flagler Historical State Park was built in the 1890s and occupied during World War I, WWII and the Korean War. Currently, it houses a military museum and gift shop, which offers tours of gun emplacements and the 1905 military hospital that can be guided or done on free will.

A person visiting the historical area can plan a trip around hiking, boating, kite-flying, beach exploration, saltwater fishing, clam digging and crabbing, according to the Washington State Parks.

“Beachfront tent and RV sites boast some of the best views in the region,” the website states. “So gaze out on the Strait of Juan de Fuca to the north, the Olympic Peninsula to the west and Whidbey Island to the east, and breathe deep of the ocean air.”

Fort Flagler Historical State Park is comprised of 784 acres of marine camping surrounded by about three miles feet of shoreline.

## Fort Townsend Historical State Park

Fort Townsend Historical State Park was built in 1856 to operate an Army Base over the years. But a fire in its barracks in 1895 closed down the fort.

The park, located about six miles south of Port Townsend, has a 414-acre marine camping park with 3,960 feet of shoreline on the Port Townsend Bay.

“Fort Townsend provides a quieter alternative to its bigger, busier northern

neighbor, Fort Worden,” the Washington State Parks website states. “Explore a historic torpedo tower that held state-of-the-art technology during World War II.”

Visitors to Fort Townsend Historical State Park can enjoy self-guided and guided tours of the area, ball fields for children and hiking paths that also allow bikes.

## Fort Worden Historical State Park

Covering 433 acres as a multi-use park, Fort Worden Historical State Park has two miles of shoreline, facilities, a conference center and more, co-managed by the Fort Worden Public Development Authority.

In the last century, times changed for the fort, which at one time housed 1,000 troops and officers training to defend the Puget Sound from enemy forces, the state parks website states.

“Enjoy a meal in the Guard House Pub, and peruse the photogenic 1914 Point Wilson Lighthouse,” the site adds. “Explore defunct coastal defense batteries, and imagine the compound teeming with enlisted men, officers and staff during World War I and WWII.”

For those not interested in camping, Fort Worden Historical State park also offers lodging.

In addition to historical displays, Fort Worden hosts music festivals, conferences and is the headquarters for artist-in-residence programs. Check out the Fort Worden and Centrum organizations’ websites to see what’s going on.

## Olympic National Park

The Olympic National Park is found mostly in Jefferson County, but sprawls north and south into Clallam and Grays Harbor counties, defining the Olympic Peninsula’s skyline and attracting more than three million visitors per year.

Comprising almost 1 million acres, the park embraces vast wilderness, human history, a startling range of ecotones from arid peaks to rain forest, plus more than 70 miles of coastline.

A dozen rivers spring to life in the high country of the park and fall steeply

downhill to the Pacific Ocean, Hood Canal and the Strait of Juan de Fuca, providing crucial spawning and rearing for salmon, steelhead and trout, among other species.

President Grover Cleveland created the Olympic Forest Reserve in 1897 to prevent the forests of the Olympic Peninsula from poor logging

Practices. In 1909, President Theodore Roosevelt

proclaimed part of the reserve as a national monument. Finally, in 1938, President Franklin D.

Roosevelt signed a bill establishing Olympic National Park.

There are only a few roads leading into the park, which makes it a favorite for those who hike, ride horses or float rivers.

“Plan your park activities with time and distance in mind. Olympic is very large and there are no roads that cross the park,” the National Park Service website states. “The summer months of June through September are the busiest time of year.”

Because of its diverse ecosystems, Olympic National Park serves as a laboratory for scientists and students alike, some informally, some in graduate school programs and some at the on-site NatureBridge campus.

Reservations can be made for the local campgrounds, but all other sites are on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Quillayute Needles National Wildlife Refuge

Tucked away on the far west coast of Jefferson County, Quillayute Needles National Wildlife Refuge is a magnet for birders. Set aside by Teddy Roosevelt in 1907 to protect and enhance habitat for the seabird population, the refuge is comprised of 800 offshore rocks, reefs and islands stretching from Cape Flattery to Copalis Head, except for those that are part of the designated Native American reservations.

“Because of the fragile and remote nature of the refugee, all the islands are closed to human disturbance” the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service website .





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# Events

What's happening  
in Jefferson County



The Centrum Jazz Port Townsend combo takes the stage at the Wheeler Theatre in Fort Worden. *Courtesy photo*

## MAY 11

**Wearable Art Show. 2 p.m.,** McCurdy Pavilion, Fort Worden, Port Townsend. Now a yearly show held on Mother's Day weekend in May, The Port Townsend Wearable Art Show has become the hit of spring. If you missed it this year, make plans for next year. The show melds art and fashion, using the

human form as a kinetic part of an artistic piece.

## MAY 15

**84th Annual Rhododendron Festival**

**Rhody Royalty Handprints**

**Rhody Trike Race — Ages 1-6** years—Push bikes are allowed.

2-wheel bikes w/trainers only—12" or less.

**5 p.m. — Trike Races Registration** begins

**6 p.m. — Races begin**

## MAY 16

**Rhody pet parade and Carnival 4:30 p.m., Parade begins uptown** at Harrison St. and ends at Taylor St.



## MAY 17

### **2:15 p.m. – Kiddies Parade**

Registration begins. Assembly at Lawrence and Tyler (by Aldrich's) – parade begins at Adams St. uptown and ends at Madison St.

**3 p.m. — Judging – Must have** a ribbon to be judged!

### **3:30 p.m. — Parade begins**

### **5:15 p.m. – Hair & Beard**

Contest and Bed Race  
Registration begins. Assembly by American Legion, Water Street.

**6:00 p.m. – Hair & Beard**  
judging.

**6:30 p.m. – Bed Races begin at**  
approximately 6:30 p.m.  
immediately following the Hair  
& Beard Contest.

## MAY 18

### **8 to 10 a.m. – Elks Rhody**

Fundraiser Pancake  
Breakfast—PT Elks Lodge

### **8 a.m. – Jim Caldwell**

Memorial Rhody Open – PT  
Golf Course

**8 a.m. – Check-in for Grand**  
Parade opens

**12 p.m.—Running of the Balls**  
fundraiser—PT Sunrise Rotary—  
Monroe Street

**1 p.m. — Rhody Festival Grand**  
Parade

**Cake Picnic—immediately**  
following the parade at Pope  
Marine Park

**4 to 7 p.m. — Rhody Run**  
Packet pick up and on-site  
registration at Fort Worden  
Commons

**5 to 7 p.m. — Elks Rhody**  
Dinner Spaghetti Feed

## MAY 19

### **41st Annual Rhody Run**

**8 to 10 a.m. — Rhody**  
Fundraiser Pancake  
Breakfast—PT Elks Lodge

**8:45 a.m. to 10 a.m. — Packet**  
pickup 12K / Day of  
Registration @ Fort Worden  
Commons.

**8:45a.m. to 10:30 a.m. —**  
Packet pickup 6K / Day of  
Registration @ Fort Worden  
Commons.

**9:30 a.m. — Kid's Sprint in Fort**  
Worden

**11 a.m. — Rhody Run 12k Race**  
starts at Fort Worden.

**11:30 a.m. — 1/2 Rhody Run 6k**  
Race starts at Fort Worden.

## MAY 25

### **Brinnon Shrimpfest**

**10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

**The Brinnon ShrimpFest is a**  
weekend festival located just  
north of Brinnon celebrating  
Hood Canal Spot Shrimp  
and other local seafood. It  
lures hungry shrimpers from  
all over the Northwest to fish  
Hood Canal's rich waters.  
We feature craft booths,  
food booths, belt sander  
races, exhibits, live music, kids  
activities and so much more.

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Wooden boats in progress can be viewed at the Northwest Maritime Center



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## MAY 26

**Brinnon Shrimpfest**  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## MAY 27

**Tractor Days - Nordland**  
General Store

## MAY 28

**PT Summer Band, American**  
Legion

## MAY 31

**SEVENTY48 Race from Tacoma**  
to Port Townsend

**37th WBF Classic Mariners'**  
Regatta

The Classic Mariners' Regatta is beautiful wooden boats, high-caliber sailors racing their hearts out, and a friendly atmosphere. Since 1984 the Classic Mariners' Regatta has animated Port Townsend Bay with the Wooden Boat Foundation spirit that is quintessentially Port Townsend. With hand-sewn award pennants and a courtyard dinner, this is a regatta weekend not to miss. For more visit <https://nwmaritime.org>.

## JUNE 1

**Art Walk - 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m**  
— downtown Port Townsend.

**37th WBF Classic Mariners'**  
Regatta

## JUNE 2

**37th WBF Classic Mariners'**  
Regatta  
**5th Pre Race to Alaska Ruckus**  
**40th Annual Chili Cook-off**  
Fairgrounds

## JUNE 3

**5th Race to Alaska Start**

## JUNE 4

**Chimacum Farmers' Market**  
Opens!  
**Rat Island Regatta**

## JUNE 6

**Main Street's Taste of Port**  
Townsend



Kids get in on the fun at the annual Rhody Trike Races and Kiddie Parade. *Leader file photo*



# EVENTS

## JUNE 7 TO 9

**8th Annual Steam Punk  
Hootenanny**

## JUNE 7 TO 15

**Port Townsend Chamber Music  
Workshop**

## JUNE 7 TO 30

**Key City Public Theater Cole  
Porter Revue**

## JUNE 8

**Port Townsend High School  
Alumni Banquet**

## JUNE 14

**Chamber Music Series:  
American String Quartet**

## JUNE 15

**Raker's Car Show, Memorial  
Field, 9am**  
**PT Library used book sale**

## JUNE 16 TO 20

**Centrum Voices from the Field  
Workshops**

## JUNE 22

**Townsend Bay Music Festival-  
Old at Alcohol Plant**



A classic carnival brings rides to memorial field during the Rhody Festival.  
*Leader file photo*

## JUNE 24 TO 29

**Centrum's Voiceworks**

## JUNE 30 TO JULY 7

**Centrum's Fiddle Tunes**

## JUNE 30

**PT Summer Band, Chetzemoka  
Park, 3 p.m.**

## JULY 4

**Old Fashioned 4th of July at  
Fort Worden**  
**Fiddles on the Fourth, Ft  
Worden**

## JULY 6

**Swan School Picnic on the Pier**  
**Art Walk - 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. —  
Downtown Port Townsend**  
**Fiddle Tunes Dance**

## JULY 7 TO 14

**Centrum Writing Studios**

## JULY 11

**Port Townsend Concerts on the  
Dock - 5:00 p.m. to 7:30**

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## JULY 14 TO 15

Olympic Music Festival

## JULY 14 TO 21

Centrum Writers' Conference

## JULY 18

Port Townsend Concerts on the Dock - 5:00 p.m. to 7:30

## JULY 21 TO 28

Centrum's Jazz Port Townsend

## JULY 25 TO 27

Jazz in the Clubs

## JULY 25

Port Townsend Concerts on the Dock - 5:00 p.m. to 7:30

## JULY 27 TO 28

Jazz on the Farm

## JULY 28

PT Summer Band, Chetzemoka Park, 3pm

## JULY 28 TO 31

Centrum's Acoustic Blues Festival

## AUGUST 1 TO 4

Centrum's Acoustic Blues Festival

## AUG. 1

Centrum Blues Dance  
Port Townsend Concerts on the Dock - 5:00 p.m. to 7:30

## AUG. 1 TO 31

Art Port Townsend Month

## AUG. 3

Hadlock Block Party

## AUG. 2 TO 3

Blues in the Clubs

## AUG. 2 TO 25

Shakespeare in the park, Key City Public Theater - The Merry Wives of Windsor (weekends)



The Rhody Fest Bed Race takes place May 17th, following the Beard Competition. *Leader file photo*



# EVENTS



Wooden boats in progress can be viewed at the Northwest Maritime Center. *Leader file photo*

## AUG. 3

Art Walk - 5.30 p.m. to 8 p.m —  
Downtown Port Townsend

## AUG. 10

Jefferson County Library book  
sale

## AUG. 15

Port Townsend Concerts on the  
Dock - 5:00 p.m. to 7:30

## AUG. 8

Port Townsend Concerts on the  
Dock - 5 to 7:30 p.m.

## AUG. 10 TO 11

Olympic Music Festival

## AUG. 17

Kiwanis Classic Car Show

## AUG. 9-11

83rd Annual Jefferson County  
Fair

## AUG. 11 TO 12

Orchard Vibrations Reggae  
Festival

## AUG. 17 TO 29

Annual Uptown Street Fair/  
Crafts Fair

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# EVENTS



Key City Public Theatre's Shakespeare in the Park takes place each summer. This year, see the Merry Wives of Windsor in August at Chetzemoka Park. *Leader file photo*

## AUG. 17 TO 18

Art PT Studio Tour  
Olympic Music Festival

## AUG. 18

5th Annual All County Picnic

## AUG. 23

Port Townsend Concerts on the Dock - 5:00 p.m. to 7:30

## AUG. 24

PAWS Fundraiser @ Sound Storage

## AUG. 24 AND 25

Olympic Music Festival

## AUG. 25

PT Summer Band, Chetzemoka Park, 3pm

## AUG. 30

Port Townsend Concerts on the Dock - 5:00 p.m. to 7:30

## AUG. 31

Olympic Music Festival

## SEPT. 1

Olympic Music Festival

## SEPT. 6 TO 8

43rd Annual Wooden Boat Festival

## SEPT. 7 TO 8

45th Annual Crafts by the Dock Fair  
Olympic Music Festival

## SEPT. 11 TO 15

Centrum Ukulele Festival

## SEPT. 14 TO 15

17th Jefferson County Farm & Fiber Tour

## SEPT. 14

Quilcene Fair & Parade

## SEPT. 20 TO 22

19th Annual PT Film Festival



# WATER & SAFETY



Cold water kills. Just a few minutes in the chilly waters of the Strait can sap you of muscle control. That's why a PFD is essential gear for every outing. *Courtesy photo*

## LEADER STAFF

While air temperatures may be rising, water temperatures in Washington state waterways remain cold.

The Coast Guard and Washington State Parks' Boating Program encourage boaters and paddlers to know the risks of cold-water immersion.

"Many people only know about hypothermia," said Rob Sendak, Boating Program manager. "Those who survive in cold water long enough to get hypothermia are lucky. A fall into cold water can drown a person within minutes due to cold-water shock."

Always wear a life jacket while out on the water, including experienced swimmers. Wearing a life jacket gives boaters the best chance of survival in the event of an accident, especially in cold water. According to Frank Golden and Michael Tipton, internationally recognized experts in cold-water survival, water below 60 degrees Fahrenheit is immediately life-

threatening - and many Washington waterways stay below that temperature year-round. Sudden cold-water immersion makes it difficult, if not impossible, for boaters to keep their heads above water and stay afloat.

Learn more at [WearItWashington.org](http://WearItWashington.org)

Get educated. At a minimum, take a boating safety course to increase knowledge of emergency procedures and navigational rules. Learn more at [BoaterEd.org](http://BoaterEd.org).

Stay alert for unexpected hazards. Avoid alcohol, marijuana and prescription drugs that decrease alertness. Learn more at [BoatSober.org](http://BoatSober.org).

File a float plan. The plan should include details about the trip, launch area, marina, boat, passengers, towing or trailer vehicle, communication equipment and emergency contacts. Download a free float plan template at [FloatPlanCentral.org](http://FloatPlanCentral.org).

Know the weather forecast and water conditions before setting out (warnings, winds, waves, tides, currents, etc.). Wind is a crucial factor

as it contributes to capsizing and swamping. The National Weather Service offers online weather and river information useful for trip planning. [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov)

Dress properly for the air and water temperatures, always wear layers made of synthetic fabrics. Bring an extra set of clothes stored in a dry bag. Avoid cotton clothing. Consider a wet or dry suit when conditions are appropriate.

Carry two forms of emergency communications equipment, preferably on your body, that will work while wet (whistle, VHF radio, person locator beacon, flares or waterproof cellphone).

Don't apply heat to extremities such as arms and legs of a rescued victim. This sudden change in temperature could cause cardiac arrest.

Mitigate Risk by always posting a lookout, don't drive motor vessels at high speeds and comply with all navigational rules.

For more information about cold-water immersion, visit <https://bit.ly/2G19YqN>



# JAMMIN' JUNGLE

## FAIR HOURS

Friday & Saturday: 10 am-9 pm

Sunday: 10 am-6 pm  
Buildings close at 9 pm

## BBQS AT THE FAIR

Saturday Salmon BBQ: \$10  
Sunday Beef BBQ: \$8

## GATE FEES

Adults (18-64): \$8  
Seniors (65+): \$6  
Students (13-17): \$6  
Children (6-12): \$2  
Age 5 and under: Free

## PRE-SALE TICKETS

Exhibitor/Vendor Single Day  
Ticket: \$5

Pre Season Ticket: \$15  
Season Ticket: \$17

Advance Gate Admission:  
Pre-Sale Only Tickets  
Single Day Pre-sale Admission:  
\$5 (available in Fair Office  
only)

Three-Day Season Tickets  
(includes Sunday's Beef BBQ)  
Advance purchase: \$15  
At gate: \$17

## The Jefferson County Fair

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### A Community Affair

County fairs are the culmination of a year of hard work in the community, and an opportunity for youngsters to show off the livestock they have raised and growers to brag on the heirloom tomatoes from their gardens, according to Jefferson County fair officials.

"The best part of the county fair is without a doubt bringing the community together," the fair board said in a joint statement. "And, what better way to bring the community together than over barbecue and lemonade?"

The fair is the best family event there is for everyone regardless of whether they live in the city or in the county, said city council member Bob Gray.

"All ages can not only have a great time attending the fair but they can also directly participate in the fair by entering their artwork, livestock, flowers and pets."

Jerry Hampton said his favorite part of the annual event is seeing the fair "coming awake" every morning.

"Seeing the kids scurrying around doing their morning chores and smelling the food."

For Laurie Hampton, the best part of the fair is when the National Anthem is sung.

"Fair and 4-H are sometimes the only place we see any patriotism," she said. "It always lets me honor my dad's time in WWII."

### 4H

The fair is most important to the youth involved in community programs, said Danell Mackey, 4-H Leader.

"This is an opportunity for our youth to learn, engage, and teach others of their age, and others in the community."

The fair teaches them responsibility, community service and public speaking, Mackey said. "Many of the youth in this community struggle with educational opportunities, mental health difficulties and addiction. Having a positive program they can engage in can make or break their summer and lives."

### A Long Tradition

The Jefferson County Fair was launched in 1902 as a Forester Carnival in Quilcene, and officially formed in 1903 with by-laws and an article of incorporation. At that time, 1,000 shares were sold at \$1 each to support the yearly event.

In 1911, the fair was moved to its present location in Port Townsend, and capital stock was increased to 10,000 shares.

The name was changed to Olympic Peninsula Fair Association with nine board members and others as heads of departments from the community. A race track, baseball field and buildings for the exhibits were soon built.

No fairs were held between 1931 to 1946 due to the Great Depression and World War Two, with the buildings torn down by WPA workers.

By 1950, the fair was called the Jefferson County 4-H Fair Association and new by-laws were drawn up. The elected trustees wanted this to be a county fair and open to all residents of the county. They developed this into the Jefferson County Fair Association on the grounds where the fairs had been held in previous years.

In addition to multiple buildings erected by volunteers over the years, the fairground includes a 70-unit-campground.



# ALL ABOUT US

## Jefferson County

### POPULATION

31,234 in 2017  
29,872 in 2010

### GEOGRAPHY

Population per square mile: **16.6**  
U.S. average **87.4**

### AGE

Under 5 years old: **3%**  
Under 18 years old: **12.3%**  
65 years and older: **35.6%**  
Female: **50.8%**

### RACE

White alone: **91.5%**  
Black or African American: **1.1%**  
American Indian/Alaska Native: **2.3%**  
Asian alone: **1.9%**  
Hispanic or Latino: **3.6%**  
Two or more races: **3%**  
*(Race data is for the entire county)*

### CHARACTERISTICS

Veterans: **4,129**  
Foreign born: **5.3%**

### HOUSING

Housing units: **18,643**  
Owner occupied: **73.4%**  
Persons per household: **2.14**

### EDUCATION

High school graduate or higher: **94.5%**  
Bachelor's degree or higher: **39.9%**  
*U.S. average is 30.9% for a bachelor's degree*

### INCOME AND POVERTY

Median household income: **\$51,842**  
*U.S. average is \$57,652*  
Persons in poverty: **12.7%**



### BUSINESSES

All firms, 2012: **4,347**  
Men-owned firms: **1,883**  
Women-owned firms: **1,608**

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

233 issued in 2018

### TYPE OF WORKERS

Private wage or salary: **53%**  
Government: **6%**  
Self-employed, not incorporated: **41%**

### RENT

Median gross rent: **\$787 (2016)**

### HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Jefferson County: **\$54,378 (2016)**  
Washington: **\$67,106**

### MEDIAN HOUSE VALUE

Jefferson County: **\$331,317 (2016)**  
**\$157,400 in 2000**  
Washington: **\$306,400**

*Source: US Census Bureau, Washington State Department of Health and Jefferson County Auditor's office*

### COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



KATE DEAN  
*Chair District 1*



DAVID SULLIVAN  
*Commissioner District 2*



GREG BROTHERTON  
*Commissioner District 3*

# \$54,378

## Jefferson County Average Income

*Source: US Census Bureau*

# The Olympic Peninsula

## *Flowing from the mountain tops*

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**T**o residents, the Hood Canal Bridge onto the Olympic Peninsula feels old enough to be a geologic feature. And it is, in a way, having been battered by water in the manner that every other hard feature at this corner of the nation gets eroded and worn by the sea and the rivers. But that easy road access is only 58 years old.

Sixty million years ago, all of what is now the Peninsula was under the sea. Then the Earth's oceanic plates collided with the continental plates and heaved up, among other new features, the Olympic Mountains, backdrop to every great excursion we write about in this issue of the Getaway Guide.

Erosion is the artist creating what you look at as you hike, boat, bike and pause to sip and sup.

After the upheaval of the Olympics, the ice had its way first. Gravel trapped in glacial ice scoured peaks, carved cirques and cut clefts trenches where lakes and rivers lie.

If you're ambitious, you can climb to the dwindling glaciers in the park and cool your drink with a chip of ice more than 2,000 years old.

A half-dozen times during the last Ice Age, the Cordilleran ice sheet flowed across this area from the north, splitting as it encountered the Olympics.

One part headed west to the sea and chiseled out what is now known as the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The other part shoved east along the Olympics, forming Puget Sound.

About 13,000 years ago, things warmed up.

Most of the alpine glaciers retreated.

Granite, and other rock not part of the Olympics, was carried in by ice floes and deposited high in the peaks, providing endless topics of conversation and scholarship for geology students.

A mixture of glacial melt, snow melt and the Peninsula's legendary rains feeds 11 major rivers on the Peninsula, famed for wild salmon and steelhead, Dolly Varden trout and waded by the Peninsula's iconic Roosevelt Elk.

If you love fishing or just hiking along rivers, here's the waterway summary of Jefferson County.

## THE RIVERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY

### **Hamma Hamma Skokomish River**

About four miles up the Hamma Hamma a waterfall blocks upstream migration of anadromous fish in this east-side Olympics-fed river, which drains into Hood Canal. Even if the salters cannot pass, you can and the upper Hamma Hamma is sometimes called the prettiest river draining the eastern Olympics. Clear water and a leafy riparian zone call to anglers and they have a hard time resisting.

Limited access to the lower river is off Highway 101 at the highway bridge. The upper river is reached via the Hamma Hamma Road (FR 25) or the Jorstad Creek Road (FR 24).

Further south along the east side of the Olympic Mountains, the Skokomish Watershed is drained by two main streams, the North and South Forks of the Skokomish River. They join near the southern end of Hood Canal, into which they drain.

The South Fork Skokomish is reached north of Shelton by turning west off U.S. 101 onto the Skokomish Valley Road, which leads to Brown Creek Campground, 12 miles on. The Lower South Fork Trail begins above the campground.

To explore the North Fork

Skokomish, take the Lake Cushman Road off U.S. 101, following it to Staircase Ranger Station and campground, at the end of the lake. The trail starts there.

### **Duckabush**

The Duckabush River is a hiker's mecca. A little tougher to access, but that's a feature, not a bug, if you want to get away from crowds.

Set your navigation for "Duckabush Road" off U.S. 101. Hiker reports on the Washington Trails Association website frequently caution about road conditions. It's 6.5 miles from U.S. 101 to the road's end, where the trail starts.



Read your hiking guide carefully and decide how much of this one you want to bite off. The trail follows the river for several miles, where determined fishers or foot-dippers can bushwack to the water's edge. As a long backpacking trip, it's significant, but with the payoff of Marmot Lakes at the end of the trail. From there, you can connect to trails that head back down along the Quinault, Dosewallips or Skokomish watersheds.

The Duckabush has historically held winter and summer steelhead, chum salmon, sea-run cutthroat and rainbow trout. But, most of the lower river flows through private property, so access is limited. Collins campground gives anglers access to the lower river.

## Dosewallips

The Dosewallips River is the northernmost of the Olympic Mountain rivers draining into Hood Canal. When talking to locals, you'll hear the "Lower Dosewallips" (from the mouth 13.7 miles upstream to Dosewallips Falls) and "Upper Dosewallips" which is the section upstream of the falls.

Take the Dosewallips Road off U.S. 101. It parallels the river for several miles. The lower is hard to reach, as it cuts through private property, but the further upstream you get, the access improves. Above the falls a mile of road allows good access. Above that, anglers take the trail which follows the mainstream all the way to its headwaters at Hayden Pass. The river runs cloudy most of the year, only clearing enough for dry fly fishing late in the season.

## Hoh

The Hoh River's three main branches arise deep inside the Olympics: The silty North Fork from Mt. Tom Glacier, the South Fork from Humes Glacier and then Tom Creek, sometimes called the Middle Fork, combines with the other two.

The Hoh, largest and wildest of the Olympics watersheds makes its way to the Pacific Ocean through a temperate rain forest.

Very little of the Hoh flows through reservation lands, so much of the river is accessible for fishing and other recreation.

The reach above the Highway 101 bridge is commonly referred to as the Upper Hoh and the waters below the bridge are the Lower.

Both are popular with boaters and anglers.

About half of the Hoh falls within Olympic National Park, so be mindful of differences between state regulations and those of the National Park Service.

In all reaches, beware of logjams. The river runs wild, so big piles of woody debris sometimes clog bends.

## Queets

The waters of the Queets melt off Mt. Queets and the Humes and Jeffers glaciers on Mt. Olympus, are supplemented by drainage from the snowfields of Dodwell- Rixon Pass and pick up the waters of Sams, T-sheletsky, Matheny and Salmon Creeks, plus the Clearwater River. All told, it rolls 50 miles before emptying into the Pacific Ocean.

Annual precipitation in rain forest sections can hit 12 feet per year, so

it can take the river several days to return to normal flows after a storm. The river channel meanders, braids and rebraids constantly. Old growth timber debris piled along the shores is a sobering reminder of the river's ferocity. Settlers found years of work undone overnight and then again a short while later. They were forced out when, in 1938, President Franklin D. Roosevelt declared much of the area a National Park.

At one time, the Queets was home to the largest Douglas Fir on record, with a base diameter of more than 17 feet and its broken-off top 202 feet above the ground.

## Quinault

One of the larger rivers draining the Olympics, The Quinault River starts deep within the southern summits before feeding picture-book-pretty Lake Quinault. Below the lake, the river merges with several tributaries before dumping into the ocean at Taholah.

Reach the upper river via the South Shore and North Shore Roads along the lake. Both roads are not fully paved and the South Shore Road is better, especially if pulling a trailer. There are campgrounds at the ends of both roads.



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**17th Annual Holiday Fair - November 2 & 3, 2019**

**18th Annual Community Garage Sale/Flea Market - March 21, 2020**

## Jefferson County Fairgrounds

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# When on the Olympic Peninsula, do as we do

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One of the finer meals you can eat during your visit to the Olympic Peninsula will be fresh Dungeness Crab.

Yes, a Crab Louis salad is lovely, but that's a full step removed from the miraculous discovery some long-ago S'Klallam experienced when they pulled a crab out of the fire and had the first taste of that flaky white meat. What a fantastic shock that must have been.

The best way to eat crab is plain.

No butter. No sauce. Just crack open the legs and the claws and the body and feast on the sweet

rich meats for which Dungeness is rightfully famous.

We on the Olympic Peninsula take particular pride in these tasty shellfish, named for the settler village where the Dungeness River empties into the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

The S'klallam already had a word for them when whites arrived. It's pronounced "ahtch" which is easy to remember because if a live Dungeness grabs your finger, you'll say something like: "Ahtch!"

If you're traveling with kids, it's a great hands-on mess that they'll remember for a long time.

The only necessity is some implement for cracking open the

tougher parts of the shell.

Crab cracking tools can be picked up at any grocery, although a small set of channel lock pliers or a hand-sized chunk of wood (to lightly crack the shell) can be pressed into service in a pinch.

"But," you're thinking, "I'm on vacation. No cooking!"

We've got you covered.

Most local grocers and all local fish mongers will sell you already-cooked crabs.

For maximum impact, don't buy the cleaned ones. Buy whole crabs.

In the photos accompanying this article we provide the basics of cleaning and breaking down a crab for eating. It's easy, memorable and will make you a hero to the kids.





# Eating Pacific Northwest Dungeness crab



**1** • Flip the cooked crab on its back and use your thumb to flip up the “apron,” which is the small belly protector of the crab that you easily break off at the rear of the crab.



**2** • Taking the apron off gives you an opening at the rear of the top shell (called the carapace) to slide in your thumb and pry the carapace off the crab.



**3** • Now you’ve exposed the mustard-colored guts of the crab and the gills, two sets of squishy sac-like structures attached lightly to the innards on either side. Tear the gills off at their bases and discard.



**4** • At the front of the crab, you’ll find the mandibles, the mouth parts the critter used to drag clams, minnows and small crabs into its mouth. Crack them off at their bases.



**5** • Now for controversy. Some use a kitchen faucet or bucket of clean water to rinse the guts out. Purists say it’s better to just shake the guts out, since tapwater might rinse away affect the flavor of crab meat. The really hard-core crab fans spread the green/yellow/brown stuff on toast, I’m told. Like sucking shrimp heads, this is an acquired taste.



**6** • Now, turn the crab on its back, hold it with both hands, with your index fingers running along each side of the spot where the apron was and your thumbs inside the body. Bend until the crab snaps in half, one set of legs on each side.

## You’re ready to eat.

Snap off legs, breaking them at each joint and use the sharp leg tips as picks to pull meat from the legs. You can also suck the meat out of the leg sections, or use scissors to snip the legs open lengthwise, which is easiest.

The body meat contained in the complex structure to which the legs attach is plentiful and easily slides out of the many chambers.

Serve with crisp grassy white wine, cold beer or a tart cider, plus sourdough bread.

Enjoy!



# Beaches: No shortage on beach front views

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acres of outdoor recreation. Included are eight picnic areas and shelters, 2 miles of saltwater beach to walk along and swim from, multi-purpose trails with views of Oak Bay, restrooms, birdwatching, exploration, fishing and clamming. Do not forget to get a shellfish permit, though, to dig when clams are in season.

- For a smoother sandy saltwater beach, try Irondale Beach Park at 562 Moore St. in Port Hadlock. This 12.5-acre park includes a picnic area, the historic site of Irondale Mill, the beach, the mouth of Chimacum Creek and views of Port Townsend Bay.

Regardless of which park you visit, be sure to check advisories at local lakes before you go, since recent years have seen toxic algae blooms during warm weather making some lakes unsafe for swimming.

Pets should not be allowed to drink from lakes when algae bloom is present. Jefferson County lakes are monitored and posted by Jefferson County Public Health when algae blooms occur.

Visit the Public Health website at [jeffersoncountypublichealth.org](http://jeffersoncountypublichealth.org) for more information.

For complete information on parks in the county, visit the Jefferson County Parks and Recreation website at [countyrec.com](http://countyrec.com) or call 360-385-9129.

# Ferry: Making a reservation is suggested

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traveling at a different time.

Priority for standby space on every sailing goes to emergency vehicles and customers with medical priority loading status.

You will notice regular com-

muters often bring the booth staff coffee because they know the mix and know their ferry staff. Keep an eye peeled also for Gabriel Chrisman cycling on and off the ferry in his Victorian-era suit. He and his wife, Sarah, live their lives as close to the Victorian way as possible, cooking

on a wood stove, wearing archaic clothes and reading books instead of smart phones. They are often called on to help historians and film-makers capture the day-to-day of life in that era and if he's not busy, he may be willing to share insights with you during the ferry trip.

# Artist: From non-traditional to published

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"It wasn't until then that I got the discipline to be able to be an artist," he said. "I had to get rid of all my demons. Then, eventually, I was able to quit my real jobs and started making a living as an artist."

Grover started out as a watercolorist, went on to become an oil painter and then an acrylic painter.

"I am back to being an oil painter again," he said.

"I got kind of on a kick to use up a lot of supplies and frames and stuff I have had lying around."

It has been 25 years or so since the first time he created oil paintings. That time has made him a better artist, he said.

"Problems I had 25 years ago as a painter just aren't a problem anymore," Grover said. "I have a greater feel for the paint. I am not in such a hurry. I have more patience."



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