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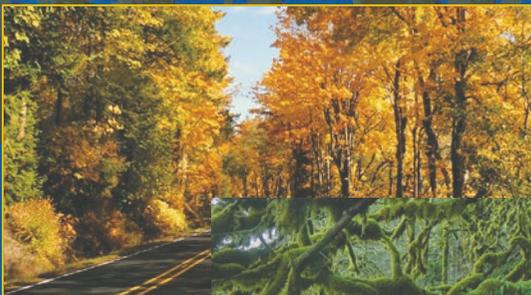
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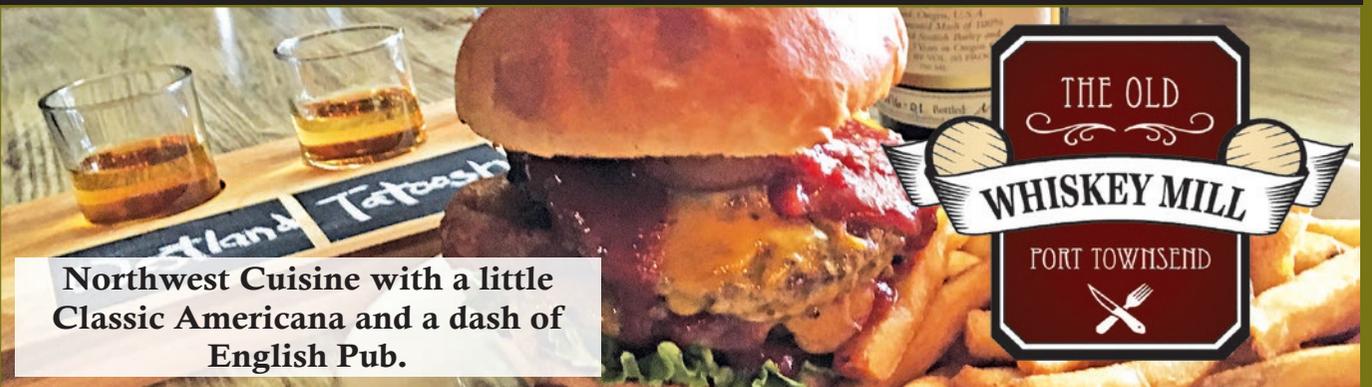
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County so unique. You will read about the tribal cultures that surround us, the history dating back to the 1800s that shaped us, as well as the many beaches and parks that are all worth visiting. Many people come here to vacation and now call Port Townsend or one of the surrounding communities home.

If you are reading this magazine, hopefully it means the country has opened back up and you get to delight in the majestic place we call the Olympic Peninsula.

Whether you drive across the Hood Canal Bridge, taking glory 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.

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 Hama Hama for oysters.

We have included an annual list of events to help keep you informed of what goes on in these wonderful communities all year long. Be sure to double check to make sure events are still scheduled to happen, as there have been some closures, postponements and cancellations for 2020.

As you peruse through the pages of this magazine, please take note of what the many advertisers & businesses have to offer. There support is what made the 2020 Getaway possible.

Let us know if you have suggestions to make this guide more useful every year. Meanwhile, we hope you enjoy your visit, and we look forward to your return visits as there is so much to do here on the Olympic Peninsula it will surely take many visits to see it all.

*E*njoy!



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The Port Townsend ferry comes into the dock, crossing paths with a sailboat in Port Townsend Bay. Leader file photo

# Taking a trip on the ferry?

## What you need to know before boarding the boat

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When traversing between Port Townsend and Coupeville, those who choose the Washington State Ferry system might find it wise to make



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Travelers are advised to arrive at the terminal 30 to 45 minutes before their reserved sailing time.

For those who do not make reservations, standby space is sometimes available. While you might not always get on the sailing of your choice, there is often space available when people don't show up for their reservations or reservation holders end up 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 commuters often bring the booth staff coffee because they know the mix and 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 period clothing and reading books instead of smart phones. They are often called on to help historians and filmmakers capture the day-to-day life of that era, and if he's not busy, he may be willing to share insights with you during the ferry trip.

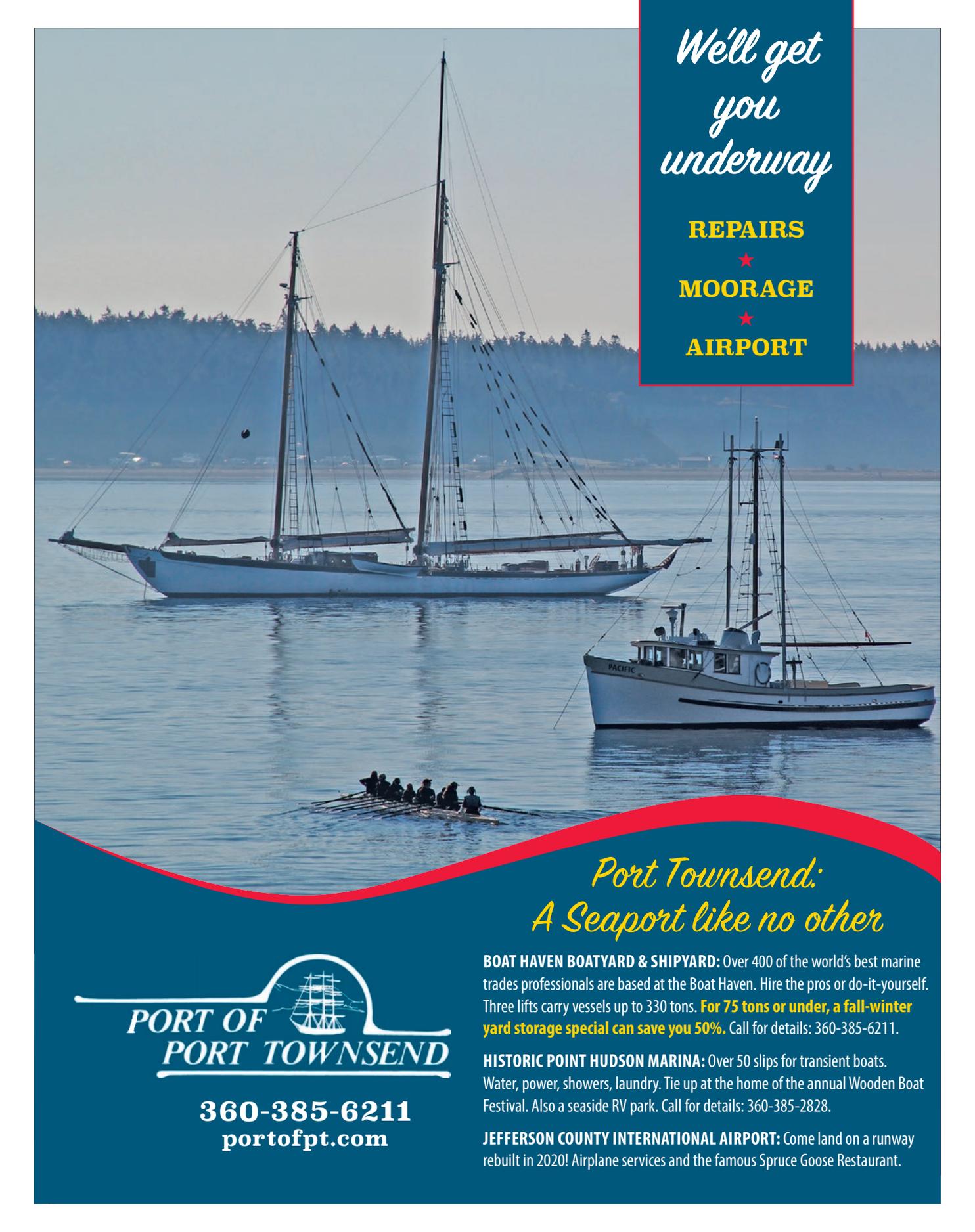
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# 'S curve' view delights, entraps residents new and old

BY LILY HAIGHT  
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The first newcomers to what we now call Port Townsend arrived by boat—landing on the shore the S'Klallam people called home, in the village of “qatay” for hundreds of years.

Since this first landing, newcomers have continued to arrive in Port Townsend. Some do still come by boat. But since the invention of automobiles and the creation of roads, many have arrived by Port Townsend's famous “S curve.”

This curve takes drivers from the tree-shrouded entrance to town through to a stunning visual of the city: the Cascade Mountains frame the far skyline, the blue bay sparkles in the sun, sailboats at the Boat Haven line the docks, birds fly low over the Kah Tai Lagoon, and in the distance, the historic courthouse looks like a decorated cake.

For many, the first time driving the “S curve” is just on a visit. But this sight is like a magnet, bringing them back time and time again, sometimes to stay for good.

Candace Hulbert, former owner of “Candace's Cookies,” moved to Port Townsend from Atlanta in 1977 with



A U.S. Army soldier reporting for duty at Fort Worden in 1960 photographed this “windshield view” of the Sims Way “S curve” looking at Kah Tai Lagoon.

her late husband, Ray. Driving down the S curve is her very first memory of the town.

“It was a dream come true, an absolutely perfect paradise,” she said. However, she was from the big city, and

saw the small town move as a short chapter in her life.

“I was just visiting,” she said. “I brought all my stuff, but I did not ever think that I was gonna stay here by any means. This is the first small town I ever

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More than 40 years later, Hulbert is still here. Many others experience this S curve phenomenon.

“On a trip from my home in Miami on the way to Fairbanks, we left at night in Seattle to drive via Bremerton to Port Townsend,” wrote Betty Todd, who lives in Port Townsend. “After the S curve as we drove down the hill, I exclaimed this was ‘Brigadoon,’ my memory of the movie—a magical present place in the past.”

The S curve view presents a unique dichotomy, showing newcomers a glimpse into the past with the historic downtown buildings in the distance, but also displaying the natural beauty of the Quimper Peninsula, with the preserved Kah Tai Lagoon.

The S curve itself was built in 1930. Before that, Kah Tai was a tidally flushed estuary—its waters went directly into the bay. The name of the lagoon comes from the name of the Native American village that came before Port Townsend, “qatáy.”

In the 1930s, the city built Sims Way, including that famous S curve that travels down the hill and across the mouth of the lagoon.

Today, the lagoon is still a natural area, preserved by volunteers when it was threatened by the Port of Port Townsend, which wanted to expand its boat haven

into the lagoon.

The city’s website describes this period of time, saying that “the ecological value of estuaries wasn’t readily understood and Kah Tai’s value as an inexpensive dumping location for dredge spoils was considered a better purpose.”



The transfer of 231,000 cubic yards of marine sand and mud decreased the lagoon area by more than half and completely altered its physics, biology and chemistry.

Attempts to develop the lagoon

ignited the work of citizens who secured grant funding and private donations to develop a nature park on the recovering dredge spoils of the area.

The current lagoon was dug and connected to the bay, trails were established, and volunteers have been taking care of the park ever since.

For those who have lived in Jefferson County for many years, the buildings and businesses that one passes as they drive down the S curve might have changed over time, but the view’s effect on people is the same.

“I always loved coming into Port Townsend, waiting for the first glimpse of the lagoon, the courthouse, the bay, such a bright blue color,” wrote Marge Samuelson, who volunteers at the Jefferson County Historical Society’s genealogical research center.

“In the 1950s, when my mom would bring us kids to town (we lived in Hadlock then), we would come around the curve and there was the Kah Tai Lagoon, when it was still all there,” she said. “On one visit, my dad had bought a used car from Johnny Barkhurst who lived in Irondale. As mom was coming down the hill, she realized the brakes were not working on the car. Luckily there was that nice long road at the bottom and she got the car stopped about halfway along.”

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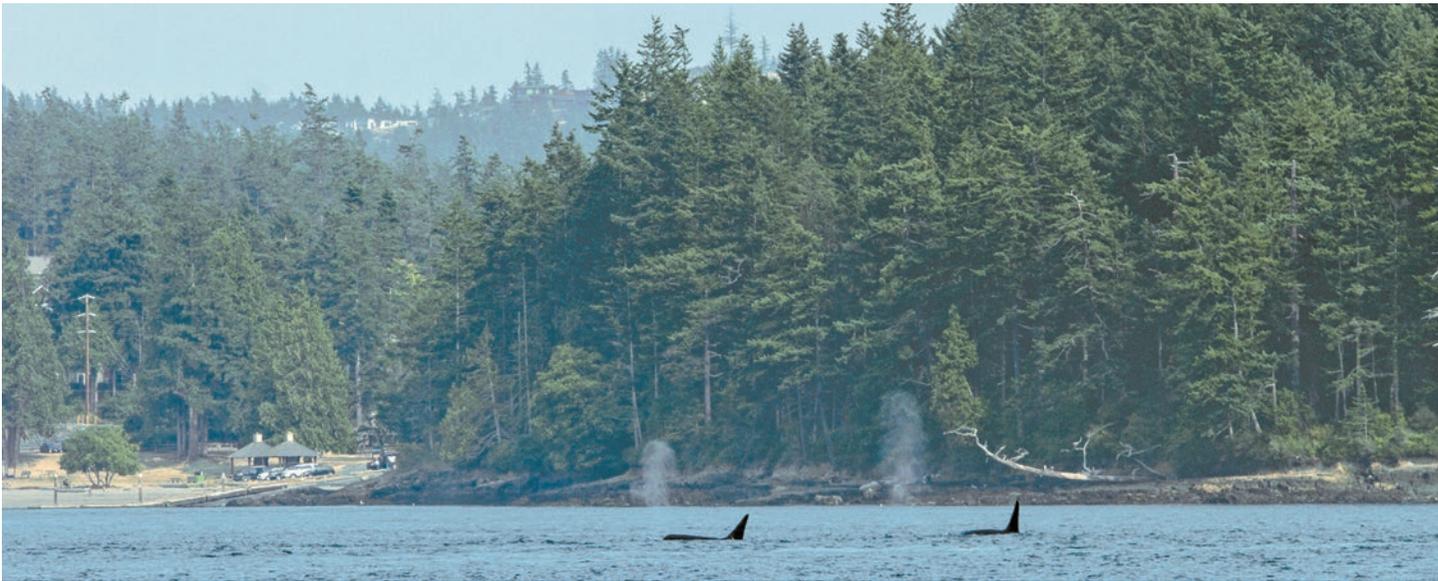
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## Getting out on the water

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 enjoy the stunning views of the land and sea from a kayak.



Orca whales are a common sight in the 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 Resident Southern orca pod that finds refuge in Puget Sound or the Strait of Juan de Fuca, Puget Sound Express is a great option.

After about 35 years seeking out whale species, Puget Sound Express owner Peter Hanke has become deft at finding them.

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

The Redhead offers four-hour excursions. The Glacier Spirit is a scheduled passenger ferry that provides transportation to Friday Harbor and whale watching along the way.

Hanke says he has about a 98% 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. 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, says 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.

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

Hood Canal Adventures, located on the Western shore of the Hood Canal on the Olympic Peninsula in Brinnon, offers a variety of kayak tours through the intertidal zones of the Hood Canal.

Their Tide Pool Tour is the perfect gift for someone who might be less experienced at kayaking. The hour-long trip led by a marine biologist guide heads through low-tide waters to view marine invertebrates including sea stars, sea cucumbers, nudibranch, chitons and crabs. You may also see bald eagles, jellyfish, heron and sometimes a seal or two. Hood Canal Adventures also offers other options, such as the Oysters on the Beach Tour, a three-hour adventure paddling to a small secluded beach to shuck and eat oysters for lunch. During the Crabbing Tour, kayakers learn to catch their own crab, while the Duckabush River and Es-

tuary tour takes kayakers along the river to experience the marine animals in an estuary.

For the true adventurers in your life, sign up for a kayak camping trip. Hood Canal Adventures will help you plan your trip with kayak rentals, inside information on the best places to launch and camp, as well as providing important safety information, paddling routes, and a guide on what to bring. They can also inform you of emergency egress locations and local hazards, and help you plan around tides and weather.

Visit their website, [kayakbrinnon.com](http://kayakbrinnon.com), to see a full list of tours and adventure possibilities.



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

The Northwest Maritime Center also offers many sailing classes and tours. With highly experienced U.S. Sailing instructors, a year-round windy bay and a waterfront location surrounded by the Olympic and Cascade Mountains, the Maritime Center offers an ideal experience for beginners. Take the Northwest Maritime Center's Basic Keelboat Program, row and sail aboard an historic replica longboats with experienced captains and mates or take a ride on the beautiful Martha J, a 1984 24' motor launch. Learn more at [nwmaritime.org](http://nwmaritime.org).

Thunderbirds race out in the Port Townsend Bay. *Leader file photo*

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# CITIES & TOWNS

## The communities of Jefferson County

*Editor's note: Information regarding statistics of each area in Jefferson County was established through information provided by [datausa.io](https://datausa.io).*

### Bridgehaven

[bridgehaven.net](https://bridgehaven.net)

The Bridgehaven community is located a few miles south of the west end of the Hood Canal Bridge and is operated by the Bridgehaven Community Club Association. The community has about 200 lots, most with homes on them.

Bridgehaven operates with an elected board of directors, a water board and an architectural committee. Bridgehaven has a water manager to maintain its Class A water system, which supplies Bridgehaven and communities just north and south of it.

Bridgehaven contains about 300 feet of waterfront property, with a large picnic pavilion, a boat launch and parking, as well as a 20-slip floating marina dock and a fish-cleaning station.

Bridgehaven is located about 25 miles south of Port Townsend and 9 miles south of Port Ludlow.



### 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 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 at \$287,400.

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 named it the Chimacum Commons.

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

Chimacum is 10 miles south of Port Townsend and 8 miles northwest of Port Ludlow.

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## Clearwater



Clearwater was named for the nearby river and consists 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 8 miles north of Queets.

## Coyle



[Coyleconcerts.com](http://Coyleconcerts.com), [dnr.wa.gov](http://dnr.wa.gov)

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 to have a musical event called “Concert in the Woods,” with a summer-long line-up.

Coyle is also known for its clam and oyster harvest. The beach is mostly rocky, and digging is difficult but productive for native littleneck and butter 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.

The waters off Toandos Peninsula State Park stay colder in the summer than most of Hood Canal, and the oysters there are known to stay in good condition for most of the summer.

## Discovery Bay



[Allolympicpark.com](http://Allolympicpark.com)

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. 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. It is also the site of many habitat conservation projects that endeavor to restore native salmon and Olympia oyster species. Make a stop at Discovery Bay to walk along the Olympic Discovery Trail and take in the sparkling water views, or grab some food at Disco Bay Detour or Fat Smitty’s.

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## Dabob



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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 Bay.

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.

Dabob is home to Dabob Bay Natural Area, which was established in 1984 to protect rare examples of intact salt marsh and sand spit plant communities within one of Washington's highest-functioning coastal spit and tidal wetland systems. Initially created as a natural area preserve, the site was enlarged in 2009 to include additional land designated as Natural Area Preserves, along with lands designated as natural resources conservation areas. This provides additional opportunities for low-impact public use.



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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](http://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 occupied 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, bluffs or a combination of the two. Leisurely beach rambblers and trail runners and have access to nature and the breathtaking scenery of Oak Bay.

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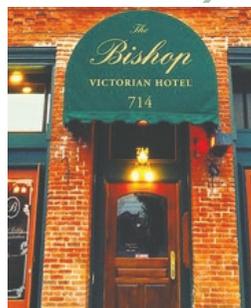
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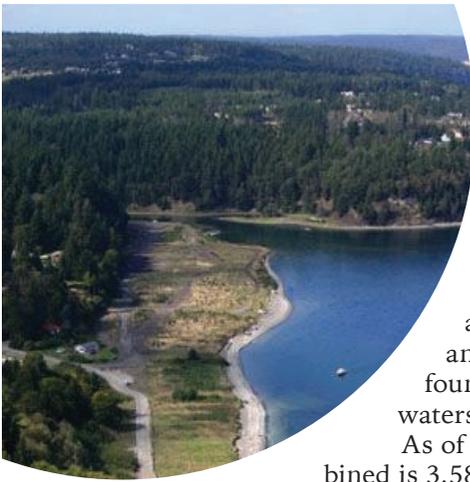
The *Swan Hotel*

## 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 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 that overlooked the waterside plant.

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



## Leland

[Wdfw.wa.gov](http://Wdfw.wa.gov), [wta.org](http://wta.org)

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. Good numbers of coastal cutthroat trout broodstock, weighing about 1 pound each, are stocked in March.



The lake also receives larger rainbows in the fall, providing good fishing even in winter months.

There is good fishing for stocked rainbows during fall, winter and spring, with largemouth bass, bluegill sunfish and yellow perch from spring through the summer. Black crappie fishing can be good during the cooler months of fall.

## 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, 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 on the Hoh River near the west coast of the Olympic peninsula 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 U.S. 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 Port Townsend mayor 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.”

# 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 sawmill on a spit of on a low bank land off the bay, but with deep enough water for tall ships to moor.

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

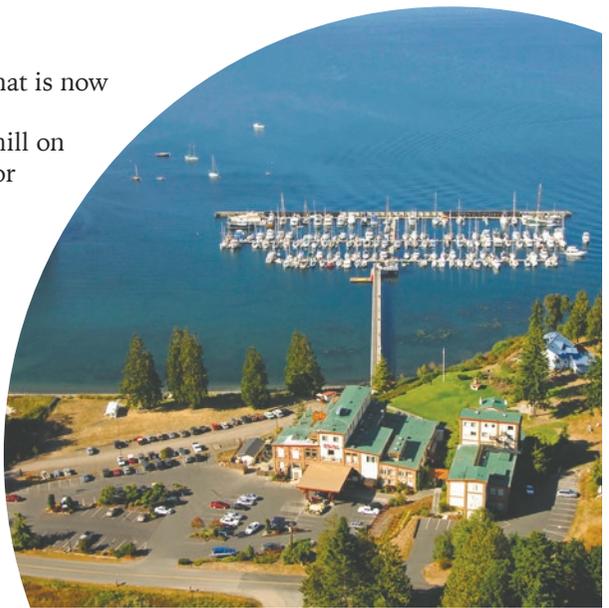
Construction started on the alcohol plant in 1909. It was completed in 1910 and began manufacturing wood alcohol from sawdust.

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

William Sehms, of Sehms Shipyard, built the Masonic Temple in 1911 and 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 Irondale and Port Hadlock combined is 3,580, as of the most recent census.



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## Port Ludlow



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

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 Lieutenant Augustus C. Ludlow, by the Commander of the U.S.

Exploring Expedition, Lt. Charles Wilkes.

The first shipments of timber from Puget Sound to San Francisco in 1851 stimulated interest in the business potential of building sawmills on the 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.

## Port Townsend

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Port Townsend is the only city in 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 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.

## Queets



Queets is an unincorporated community that lies in both Grays Harbor and Jefferson counties. In the 2010 census, the population of Queets was 174. The primary residents are Native Americans of the Quinault Indian Nation.

Drive through Queets on U.S. Route 101 to find Pacific beach hiking trails, access to Olympic National Park and the Olympic National Forest. The town consists of several homes, a store and a gas station, but also provides access to

hiking trails such as the Queets River trail.

The 50-mile long Queets River runs almost its entire course through Olympic National Park. The last few miles run through the Quinault Indian Nation land until it reaches the Pacific Ocean. In the winter months, fly anglers from across the state head to Queets for its numerous and large native steelhead.

## Quilcene

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

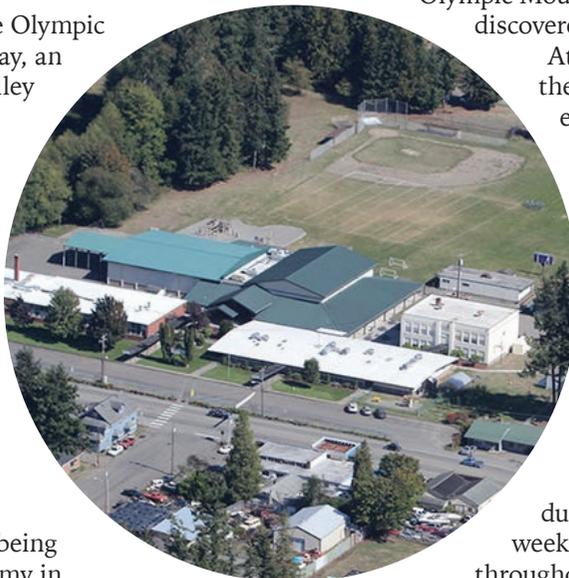
The community is located on the Olympic Peninsula at the head of Quilcene Bay, an arm of the seawater-filled glacial valley of the Hood Canal.

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 smelting center iron, copper, gold, and manganese that was 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.

# SUN & SAND

## Kick back and relax on the coastline



Fort Worden State Park is one of the best summer beaches on which to relax. Dig your feet in the sand or wade out in the water to look for sea creatures hiding under rocks. *Leader file photo*

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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 on the unique coastline of the Olympic Peninsula.

Go at low tide, and you’ll find a host of fascinating creatures in the water, from starfish and crabs to clams and mussels.

Below are some of Jefferson County’s best beaches:

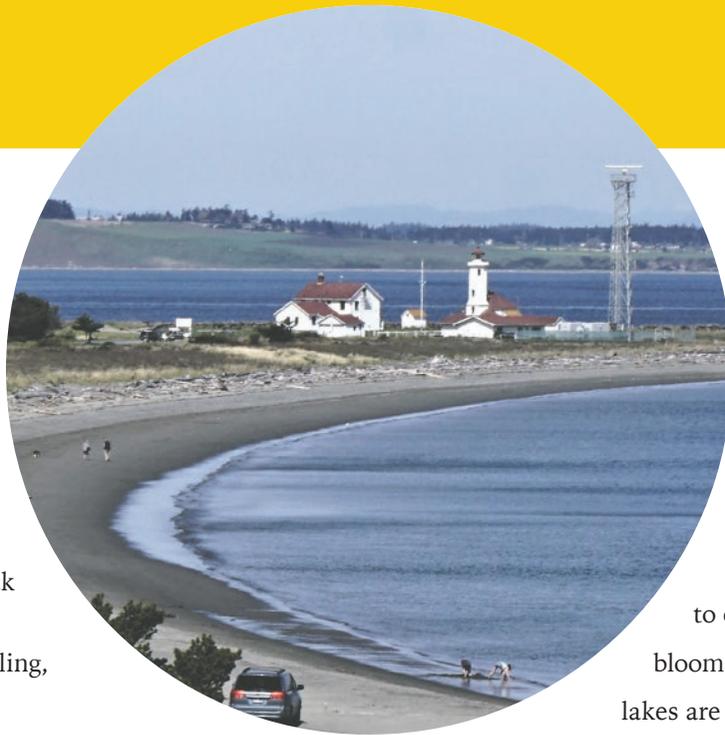
- **North Beach Park** at 5880 Kuhn St. in Port Townsend is tagged as “the best local beach park in Port Townsend” by Jefferson County Parks

and Recreation. At one acre, it includes four picnic areas and shelters, a sandy saltwater beach, views of the San Juan Islands and a restroom.

- **East Beach Park** is at 330 East Beach Road in Nordland, the tiny enclave in low-key Mystery Bay. This 1 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. This 310-acre park includes a picnic area, a freshwater swimming beach, a 40-acre lake, catch-and-release trout fishing, 8 miles of single-track mountain biking and hiking trails, cliffs, restrooms, bicycling, canoeing and birdwatching.

- Another big park, **Indian Island Park** at 3456 Fort Flagler Road in Port Hadlock, offers 220 acres of outdoor recreation. Included are eight picnic areas and shelters, 2 miles of saltwater beach on which to walk along and from which to swim, multi-purpose trails with views of Oak Bay, restrooms, birdwatching, exploration, fishing and clamming. Do not



forget to get a shellfish permit 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 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 that make 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.

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Mount Walker Inn	61 Maple Grove Rd	Quilcene	98376	360-765-3410	www.mountwalkerinn.com	12	x			fee	x	Peaceful Escape
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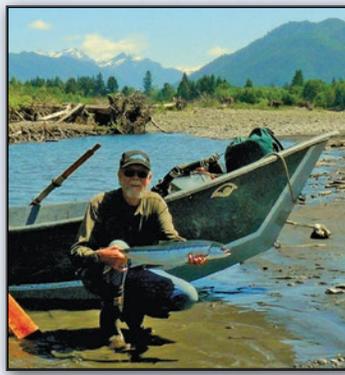
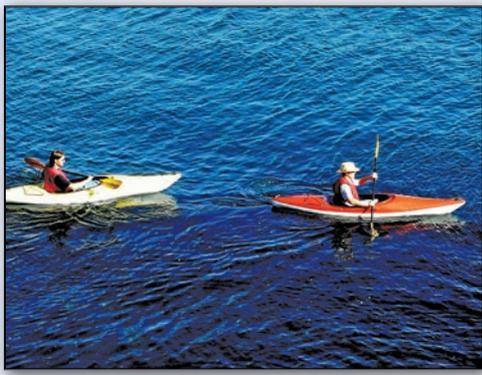
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Solstice Farm B&B	6503 Beaver Valley Rd.	Chimacum	98325	360-732-0174	www.solsticefarmstay.com	2	x	x	x		x	Working farm

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Alegria Guest House	4934 SR 20	Port Townsend	98368	360-379-3695		1		x	x		x	Water views & sunsets
An Inn Between	5825 Old Gardiner Rd	Port Townsend	98368	360-379-8125		1		x	x	R	x	Waterfront
A Wolves' Den	269 N Jacob Miller Rd	Port Townsend	98368	360-531-4508	www.winterchill-farm.com	1		x	x	R		Luxury cabin retreat
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Cabin on the Canal	Near Pleasant Harbor	Brinnon	98320	206-782-3868	www.cabinonthechannel.com	1			x	x		Access to Hood Canal
Cabins at Treefrog Woods	1280 Cape George Rd	Port Townsend	98368	360-379-0906	www.peninsulasportsman.com	3			x	R		Private cabins
Chevy Chase Beach Cabins	3710 S Discovery Rd	Port Townsend	98368	360-385-1270	www.chevychasebeachcabins.com	7		x	x	x	R	Private beach
Chimacum Ridge Lodge	1505 Center Rd	Chimacum	98325	360-774-1644	www.chimacumridgelodge.com	1		x	x	R	R	Olympic Mountain view
Cove RV Park	303075 Highway 101	Brinnon	98320	360-796-4723	www.coverv.com	1		x	x	x		2 nights minimum
Dabob Bay Cottage	840 Piper Rd	Quilcene	98376	360-765-3947	www.dabobbaycottage.com	1		x	x			Private beach, boating access
Elk Meadows	3485 Dosewallips Rd	Brinnon	98320	360-796-4886	www.elkmeadowswa.com	1			R			Mt view—river front
Fairmount Beach House	1071 Fairmount Rd	Port Townsend	98368	360-385-2480	fairmountbeachhouse@msn.com	1		x	x			Private beach
Fort Flagler State Park	10541 Flagler Rd	Nordland	98358	360-385-3701	www.parks.wa.gov	5			x			Now reserve on line
Guest Nest	389A Arcadia West	Port Townsend	98368	442-777-3195	www.vrbo.com/268004	1		x	x			Resort Living
Kathy's Place at Discovery Bay	on Discovery Bay	Port Townsend	98368	360-344-4218	www.vrbo.com/480389	1		x				On the Beach
Owls Nest Guest House		Quilcene	98376	425-941-8641	www.AirBnB.com/rooms/19573421	1						Private, cozy, views
Pleasant Harbor Marina House	308913 US Hwy 101	Brinnon	98320	360-796-4611	www.pleasantharbormarina.com	1		x	x	x		Marina view, quiet
Windermere Vacation Rentals		Brinnon	98320	888-796-3450	www.vacationhomesonhoodcanal.com	10		R	x	x	x	Hood Canal waterfront
Zen River Retreat	423 Lords Lake Loop	Quilcene	98376	360-316-9656	www.zenriverretreat.org	2		x	x	R	x	Restorative Guest Retreat

## WEST JEFFERSON COUNTY

Cedar Creek Cabins & Eagles Nest	107 Downans Creek Rd	Forks	98331	360-374-3259	www.forkslogcabin.com	2		x	x			Private River Trail
Hoh Valley Cabins at Elk Meadows	5843 Upper Hoh Rd	Forks	98331	360-374-5254	www.booking.com/hoh_valley_cabins	3			x			Rainforest Retreat, wildlife viewing
Kalaloch Lodge	157151 Hwy 101	Forks	98331	360-962-2271	www.thekalalochlodge.com	65			x	x	x	Ocean Experience
Rainforest Hostel	169312 Hwy 101	Forks	98331	360-374-2270	www.rainforesthostel.com	2		x	x	R		*See our website for rates



# Jefferson County Accommodations

## Public Campgrounds

Campground	Address	Location	Phone	Website
County Fairgrounds	4907 Landes St	Port Townsend	98368 360-385-1013	www.jeffcofairgrounds.com
Collins Campground	Hwy 101, 6 mi. from 101	Brinnon	98320 360-765-2200	www.fs.usda.gov/olympic
Dosewallips State Park	Hwy 101, 1/4 mi. S of	Brinnon	98320 888-226-7688	www.parks.wa.gov
Falls View Campground	CLOSED	Quilcene		
Fort Flagler State Park	10541 Flagler Rd	Nordland	98358 360-385-1259	www.parks.wa.gov
Fort Townsend State Park	1370 Old Fort Townsend Rd	Port Townsend	98368 360-385-3595	www.parks.wa.gov
Lake Leland County Park	165 Leland Valley Rd.	Quilcene	98736 360-385-9160	www.countyrec.com
Oak Bay Lower County Camp.	301 Portage Way	Port Hadlock	98339 360-385-9160	www.countyrec.com
Oak Bay Upper County Camp.	290 Cleveland St	Port Hadlock	98339 360-385-9160	www.countyrec.com
Quilcene County Campground	294964 Hwy 101	Quilcene	98376 360-385-9160	www.countyrec.com
Seal Rock Campground	1 mile N of Brinnon	Brinnon	98320 360-765-2200	www.fs.usda.gov/olympic

## Private Campgrounds

Campground	Address	Location	Phone	Website
Cove RV Park	303075 Hwy 101	Brinnon	98320 360-796-4723	www.coverv.com
Hard Rain Café & RV Park	5763 Upper Hoh Rd.	Forks	98331 360-374-9288	www.hardraincafe.com
Halfway RV Park	Hwy 101 & Brinnon Ln	Brinnon	98320 360-796-4715	
Port Ludlow RV Park	44 Breaker Ln	Port Ludlow	98365 360-437-9377	www.portludlowresort.com
Smitty's RV Park	9142 Flagler Rd	Nordland	98358 360-385-2165	smittys_rv_park@msn.com

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
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FA	80	x	x	x	x	x		x				Fairgrounds
S	16		x		x		x		x	F	x	quiet, on river
S	140	x		x	x	x	x	x	x	F	x	beach & trails
S	116	x	x	x	x	x		R		S	x	Open year round
S	40	x	x	x	x	x		R		S	x	Open year round
C	22		x		x		x	x	x	S	x	Open 4/1 - 10/31
C	6	x			x		x	x		S	x	Open 4/1 - 10/31
C	24	x	x		x		x	x		S	x	Open 4/1 - 10/31
C	24	x								F	x	Wooded
F	41		x		x			R		S		beach & trails
P	25	x			x	x		x		S	x	country store
P	13	x	x		x	x	x	x				Rain Forest
P	22	x	x		x	x		x				groups welcome
P	32	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	in the woods
P	32	x	x					x		S	x	quiet county setting

Park <sup>1</sup>	Shore <sup>3</sup>	Boating	Trails
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<sup>1</sup>PARK CODE: (P)private (F)federal (FA)irgrounds (S)tate (C)ounty (Po)rt  
<sup>2</sup>PET CODE: (R)estricted | <sup>3</sup>SHORE CODE: (F)resh (S)alt

## Public Parks

Park	Address	Location	Phone	Website
Anderson Lake State Park	Anderson Lake Rd	Chimacum	98325	www.parks.wa.gov
East Beach County Park	Marrowstone Island	Nordland	98358 360-385-9160	www.countyrec.com
Gibbs Lake County Park	West Valley Road	Chimacum	98325 360-385-9160	www.countyrec.com
Hicks County Park	Shine	Port Ludlow	98365 360-385-9160	www.countyrec.com
H.J. Carroll County Park	Rhody Dr.	Chimacum	98325 360-385-9160	www.countyrec.com
Home Lake	Above Dosewallips River	Brinnon	98320	www.fs.usda.gov/olympic
Indian Island County Park	Fort Flagler Rd	Marrowstone	98358 360-385-9160	www.countyrec.com
Irondale Beach County Park	End of Moore St.	Irondale	98339 360-385-9160	www.countyrec.com
Lake Leland County Park	Hwy 101	Quilcene	98376 360-385-9160	www.countyrec.com
Larry Scott Memorial Trail	6 mile multi purpose trail	Port Townsend	98368 360-385-9160	www.countyrec.com
Ludlow Falls	Paradise Bay Rd	Port Ludlow	98365	www.portludlowrvpark.com
Mt. Walker View Point	4 miles off Hwy 101	Quilcene	98376 360-765-2200	www.fs.usda.gov/olympic
Mystery Bay Recreation Area	Fort Flagler Rd	Nordland	98358	www.parks.wa.gov
Shine Tidelands State Park	W end Hood Canal Bridge	Port Ludlow	98365	www.parks.wa.gov

S	F	X	X	Fresh water, boating, kayak, trails, fishing in season
C	S	X		Beach, kayak, shelter, fireplace
C	F	X	X	9 miles hiking, horse, many new mountain bike trails
C	S	X		Boat ramp, kayak, Hood Canal at Hood Canal Bridge
C	F		X	Picnics, ball fields, shelter for weddings and reunions
F	F		X	Dosewallips River
C	S		X	Picnics, 2 miles sandy beach & trails
C	S	X	X	Restored beach, Chimacum Creek, historical site
C	F	X		Fishing dock, boat ramp, camping Open 4/1-10/31
C	S		X	Main access at Boat Haven
P	F		X	walk to falls
F			X	2 mile hike
S	S	X		Picnics, boat ramp
S	S			Picnics on Hood Canal at bridge

## Which adventure to take?

BY LEADER STAFF

Olympic National Park is a hiker's paradise. There are 922,651 acres to explore, of which 95 percent has been designated by Congress as wilderness.

There are more than 3,000 miles of rivers and streams, 60 glaciers, 300 bird species, 1,200 native plants and 650 archaeological sites.

With more than 611 miles of trail, there are diverse experiences for those willing to hike an intricate lacework of trails.

The easiest trails are short, paved nature walks at **Hurricane Ridge**, accessed from Port Angeles, and in the **Hoh Rain Forest**, on Jefferson County's West End. The many snowfield- and glacier-fed river valleys offer from easy to moderate treks for day hikes or multiday trips.

### EASY GOING

Unique to the Olympics is the seashore wilderness that preserves much of the peninsula's west coast. The hiking here is generally easy, with short, steep sections required to traverse the multitude of magnificent headlands that dominate this coastal ecosystem.

Olympic National Park is largely a secretive, intimate wilderness that does not give up her secrets easily. Many of the trails start at elevations not much above sea level, then climb steeply through densely timbered mountainsides, eventually revealing an expansive treeless subalpine ecosystem with delicate wildflowers surrounded by rocky, formidable peaks.

Crowning this ecosystem is the third-most-glaciated area in the Lower 48, exceeded only by Mount Rainier and Mount Baker. Most of the hikes that access these areas are strenuous, but the rewards are well worth the effort.

Among the rewards could be a glorious vista revealed only when that last



There are eight giant trees in Olympic National Park, including the Duncan Cedar, which is the world's largest Western red cedar. It is 178 feet high and 19.4 feet in diameter. It is down a long gravel road, one way less traveled. *Photo by Rachel Lee Canavor*

switchback is finally rounded, and meteor showers viewed from the warmth of a sleeping bag.

### ADVENTUROUS

For the more adventurous, the Olympics offer innumerable peaks to climb. Forty-three of the peaks rise above 7,000 feet; the tallest is **Mount Olympus** at 7,965 feet.

By taking advantage of these high mountain ridges and numerous peaks, one can traverse the Olympics from north to south while rarely walking on a trail. For this off-trail adventuring, one must be proficient at route finding and GPS navigation.

Any wilderness experience has inherent danger. Something as simple as a twisted ankle on a day hike can lead to hypothermia and potential death if the weather changes unexpectedly – so be prepared. Bring maps.

### TREAD LIGHTLY

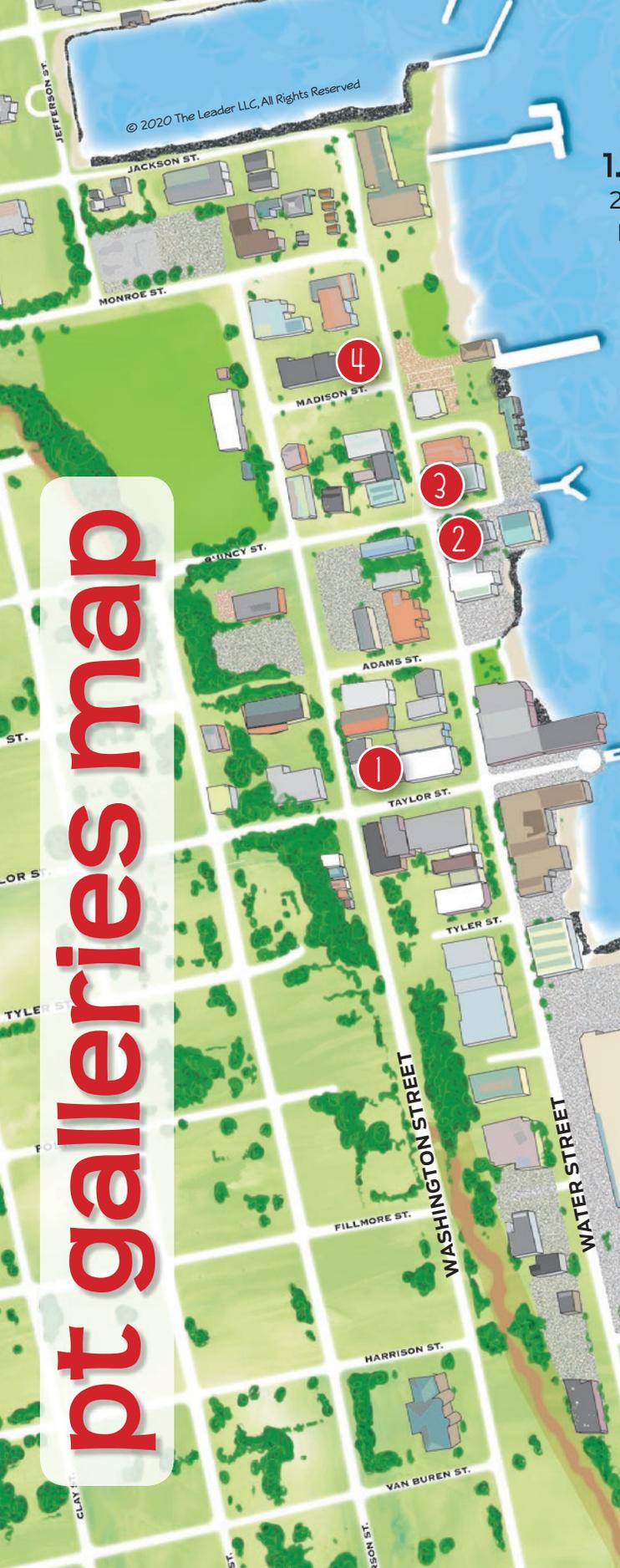
Remember, Olympic National Park is fragile, and park officials ask visitors to tread lightly so the park's wilderness areas are preserved for future generations.

Call 360-565-3130 to check on station hours and seasons or for more information about getting permits.

If you are not passing by a park wilderness office on your way to the trailhead or if you plan to arrive early or late, call to arrange your permit ahead of time.

Wilderness camping permits are used to track the numbers of visitors in different areas to prevent overcrowding and damage. Wilderness permits are also used to locate overdue or lost parties. If you have not filled out a permit, searchers might not know where to start looking for you, so be sure to check in before you begin hiking.

# pt galleries map



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## 1. PtSA GROVER GALLERY

236 Taylor (across from the Rose Theatre)  
Noon-5 Tues-Sun. 7-dys/wk starting June  
360-344-8269

## 2. NORTHWIND ARTS CENTER

701 Water Street  
360-379-1086  
Wed - Mon 11:30 - 5:30, Closed Tuesdays  
[northwindarts.org](http://northwindarts.org)

## 3. PACIFIC TRADITIONS

637 Water Street  
360-385-4770 • Daily 10-6  
[pacifictraditions.com](http://pacifictraditions.com)

## 4. JEFFERSON MUSEUM OF ART & HISTORY

540 Water Street  
Open every day 11-4, Closed Tuesdays  
360-385-1003  
[jchsmuseum.org](http://jchsmuseum.org)



Wildlife abounds on the shores of Puget Sound. Photo by Linda Hanlon

# West

## Visitor Info Centers

### Olympic National Park Visitor Center

3002 Mount Angeles Road,  
Port Angeles, WA 98362  
360-565-3130  
nps.gov/olym

### Forks Chamber of Commerce

("Twilight" tour center)  
1411 S Forks Avenue,  
Forks, WA 98331  
360-374-2531  
info@forkswa.com  
forkswa.com

### Sequim-Dungeness Valley

Chamber of Commerce  
1192 E. Washington St.,  
Sequim, WA 98382  
360-683-6197, 800-737-8462  
info@sequimchamber.com  
sequimchamber.com

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

121 E. Railroad Ave.,  
Port Angeles, WA 98362  
360-452-2363  
info@portangeles.org  
portangeles.org



## Tide Table for Olympic National Park

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

# East

## Visitor Info Centers

### Port Townsend Visitor Center

(Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce)  
2409 Jefferson St.,  
Port Townsend, WA 98368  
360-385-2722, 888-ENJOYPT  
jeffcountychamber.org  
enjoypt.com

### Olympic Peninsula Gateway Visitor Center

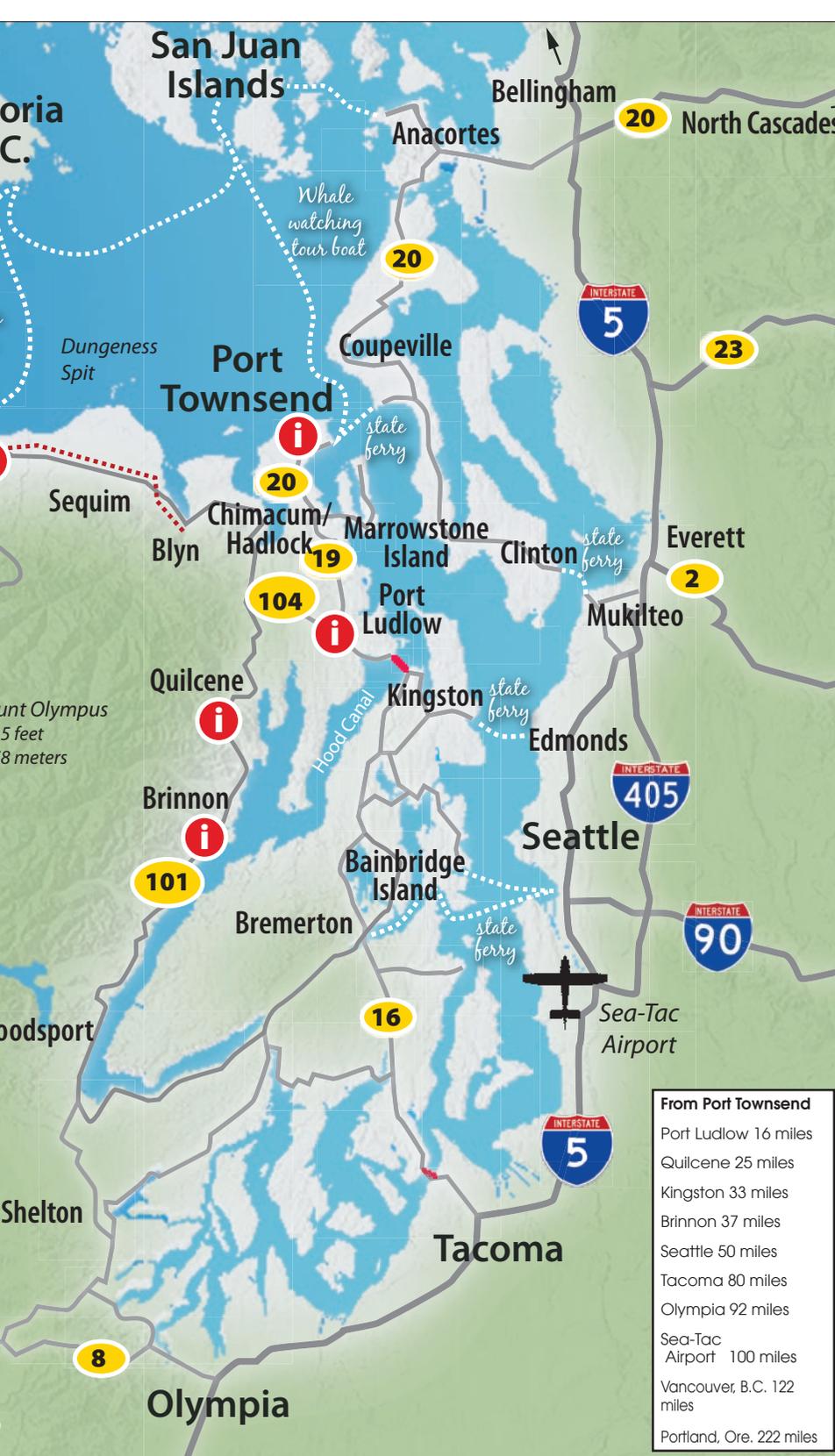
Six miles from Hood Canal Bridge, at the junction of State Route 104 and State Route 19  
93 Beaver Valley Road (State Route 19),  
Port Ludlow, WA 98365  
360-437-0120  
info@enjoyolympicpeninsula.com  
enjoyolympicpeninsula.com

### Quilcene Visitor Center

(North Hood Canal Chamber of Commerce)  
Located in Olympic National Forest's Quilcene Ranger District Office  
295142 U.S. Highway 101,  
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



### Check the Tide

When the tide is out, the table is set.  
When the tide comes in, you could be trapped. For your safety, consult a tide table.

### Washington State Ferries

Check the schedule at [wsdot.wa.gov/ferries](http://wsdot.wa.gov/ferries).  
Call WSF Customer Service at 888-808-7977



Typical vehicles in the busy Port of Port Townsend. Photo by Linda Hanlon

# 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 highlight of the county's parks

system is that there are no passes required.

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," said Matt Tyler, manager of the Jefferson County Parks and Recreation programs. "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-pay 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 six 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 and 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-pay kiosk. The maximum vehicle length is 30 feet.

#### Upper Oak Bay Campground

Located at 290 Cleveland St. 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-pay kiosk. The maximum vehicle length is 30 feet.

#### Quilcene Park & Campground

Come for the day to Quilcene Park 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 serve. Bring cash or check to pay for your stay at the self-pay 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 Beausite Lake, a quaint 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, including 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.

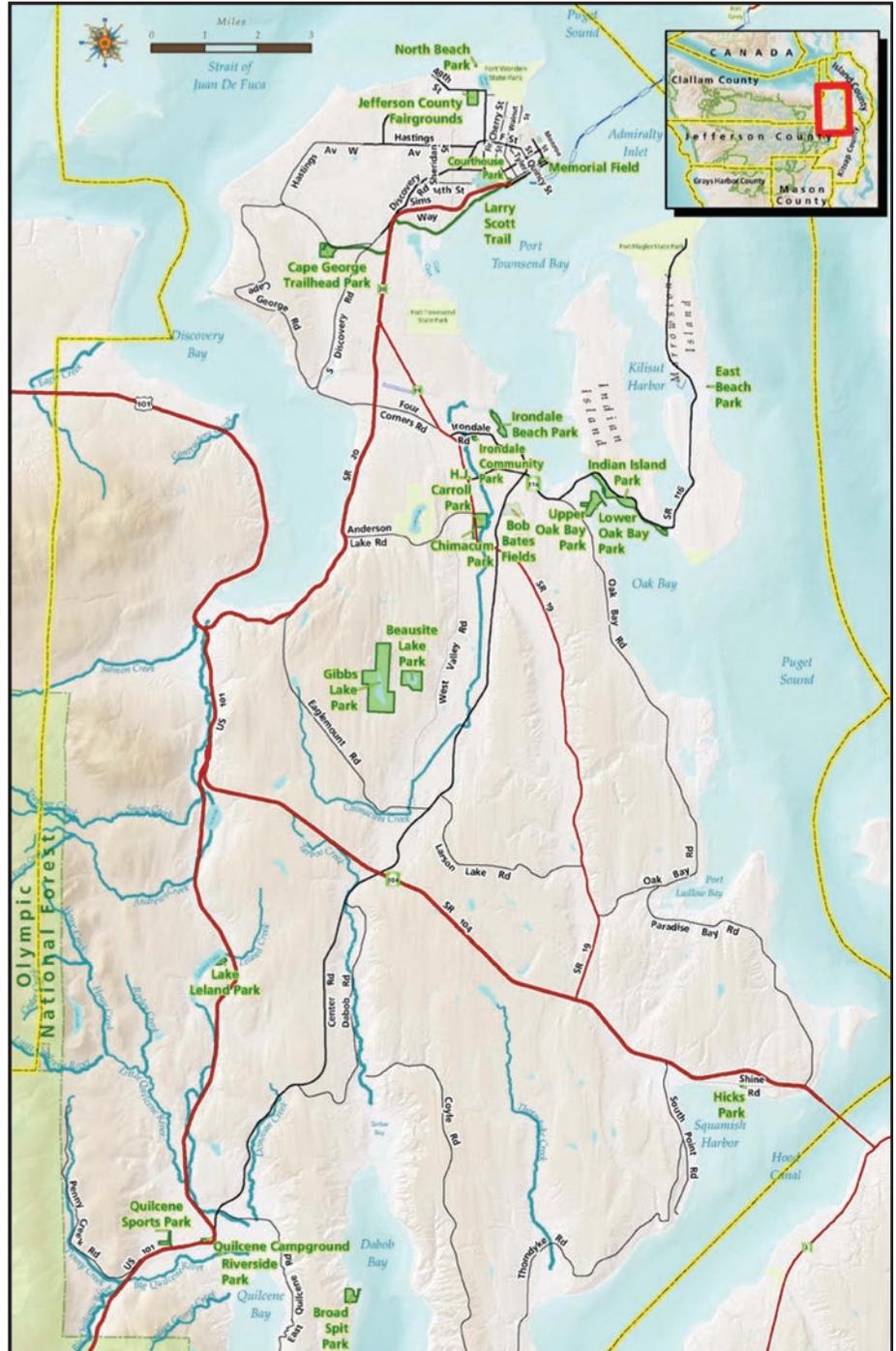
## Courthouse Park

Need a spot to relax after a day of shopping in Port Townsend? Rest beneath the maple trees at 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 at 330 East Beach Road in Nordland, on Marrowstone Island, provides a beautiful view of Admiralty Inlet, Mount Rainier and Mount Baker,

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Oak Bay Campground - Campers can sleep by the water at the Lower Oak Bay Campground, which has camping spots right on the bay. Leader file photo

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as well as wildlife viewing, a picnic shelter and fireplace for cookouts. This park also has a toilet.

## Gibbs Lake Park

In the last few years, Gibbs Lake Park 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 to adding mountain biking and hiking trails. The 40-acre freshwater lake has catch-and-release trout fishing, boat launch, swimming beach and toilet. It's the perfect place for an afternoon of 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 from 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 2 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.

◀ Indian Island's many trails lead walkers to scenic views of the Puget Sound. *Leader file photo*

## Irondale Beach Park

Located at 562 Moore St. 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 at 61 Alma St. in Port Hadlock, is a neighborhood park with a playground and 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 St. 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 at 620 Tyler St., houses after-school 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 outside the Rec Center from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## Quilcene Riverside Park

Located at 41 Muncie Ave. in Quilcene, this park offers a nice view of the Big Quilcene River. Take a rest at the picnic area, do some fishing and observe the natural beauty of the river.

## ATHLETIC FIELDS

### Memorial Field

Located at 550 Washington St. in Port Townsend, Memorial Field is an athletic field with a lighted stadium that hosts community and scholastic athletics. To read more about Jefferson County's recreation programs, go to [countyrec.com](http://countyrec.com).

### 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).

# Around the county

Places to take in nature



Get out on a hike at the Dosewallips State Park, where trails lead into the Olympic National Forest. *Leader file photo*

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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. For more information on how to obtain a Discover Pass, regulations, fishing seasons and more, visit parks.state.wa.us, nps.gov or fws.gov.

## Anderson Lake State 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 boating, 8 miles of hiking trails, 7 miles of bike trails, and 5 miles of equestrian trails.

## Dabob Bay Natural Area Dosewallips State Park

Dabob Bay Natural Area is located about 8 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, eel-grass beds, native Olympia oyster beds, nearshore tidelands and mudflats utilized by juvenile salmon and shorebirds, and open marine waters used by salmon, marine birds, harbor seals and orcas," Washington's DNR website stated.

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.

Dosewallips Park has 1,039 acres and 5 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.

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## Fort Flagler Historical State Park

Located on Marrowstone Island, Fort Flagler Historical State Park was built in the 1890s and active 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 explored freely.

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 comprises 784 acres of marine camping surrounded by about 3 miles 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 the barracks in 1895 closed down the fort.

The park, located about 6 miles south of Port Townsend, has a 414-acre 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, ballfields 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 facilities, a conference center, 2 miles of shoreline and more, all 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 in training to defend 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 looking for indoor accommodations, 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

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 3 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 protect 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, some informally, some in graduate school programs and some at the on-site NatureBridge campus.

Reservations can be made for 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 comprises 800 offshore rocks, reefs and islands stretching from Cape Flattery to Copalis Head, except for those that are part of designated Native American reservations.

“Because of the fragile and remote nature of the refuge, all the islands are closed to human disturbance,” the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service website states. “A 200-yard buffer surrounds each island to protect the wildlife. However the refuges and their inhabitants may be viewed with binoculars or spotting scopes from several beaches along the coast, including Shi Shi, Cape Alava, Rialto, Second, Ruby and Kalaloch.”

# HERE & NOW

## Take a walk into history on the Chetzemoka Trail

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When you're walking downtown Port Townsend, driving out to Fort Worden or looking for sea glass at North Beach County Park, remember what used to be there.

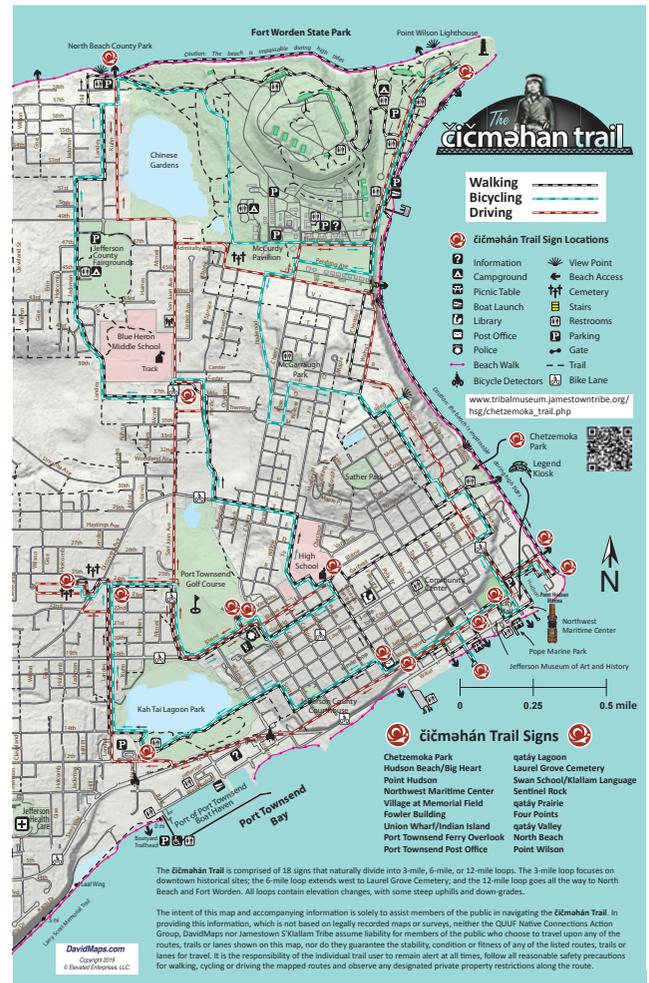
For hundreds of years the S'Klallam people lived in the village of "qatáy" in what is now Port Townsend.

They fished for seafood, harvested plants such as native blue camas, and carved canoes for travel.

Today, there are many remnants of this period of time — if you know where to look.

That is why the Native Connections Action Group of the Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, in partnership with the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, created the Chetzemoka Trail in Port Townsend—to educate the public on the relationship between the S'Klallam and the European settlers who arrived in Port Townsend in the mid-19th century.

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The interpretive trail highlighting 18 historically significant sites throughout Port Townsend has signs that offer historic information about Chief Chetzemoka (pronounced Cheech-ma-han; later changed by settlers to Chetzemoka) and the S'Klallam people of the 19th century, as well as the impact of the arrival of European settlers and connections to present-day S'Klallam people.

The trail follows the life of Chief Chetzemoka, who is one of the best remembered S'Klallam leaders because he befriended the early Port Townsend settlers and helped the S'Klallam negotiate the difficult changes in their lives. "Settlers and the indigenous peo-



ples of the North Olympic Peninsula area have worked diligently to coexist and develop respectful relations despite their cultural differences," wrote Ron Allen, Tribal Council Chairman with the Jamestown S'Klallam tribe in a message about the new trail. "Chief Chetzemoka played a key role in establishing this relationship in the 19th century... Today, in the 21st century, our S'Klallam and sister tribes continue to strive to work together to solve problems in a complex society, respecting the values of both the indigenous and the non-indigenous populations of the area."

The trail divides into three loops: a 3-mile, a 6-mile, and 12-mile loop. The 3-mile loop is easily

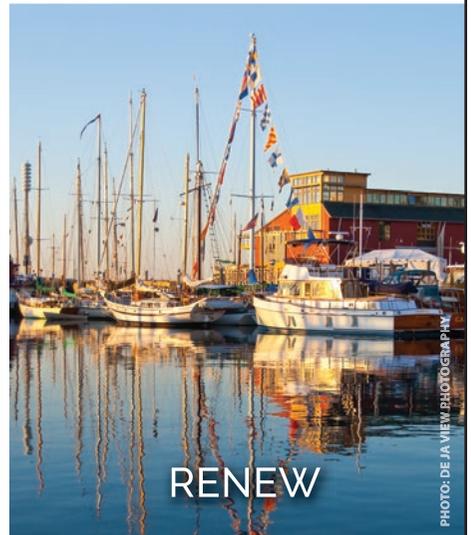
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walkable and features downtown historical sites, such as Point Hudson, Memorial Field and the Fowler Building.

The 6-mile loop extends west to Kai Tai Lagoon and Laurel Grove Cemetery, whereas the 12-mile loop goes all the way out to North Beach County Park and Fort Worden.

The trail is walkable and bikeable with elevation changes and some steep uphill and downhill grades, but is also driveable.

Along the way, signs give information about the historical significance of each site, offering an opportunity for both locals and tourists to learn more about the people who lived in Port Townsend, or qatáy, before white settlers arrived. It also offers a perspective on Chetzemoka's decision to seek peace between the S'Klallam people and the white settlers.

The partnership Chetzemoka forged back in the 1800s is still alive today. An example is the Welcome

Pole donated to the Northwest Maritime Center by the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe.

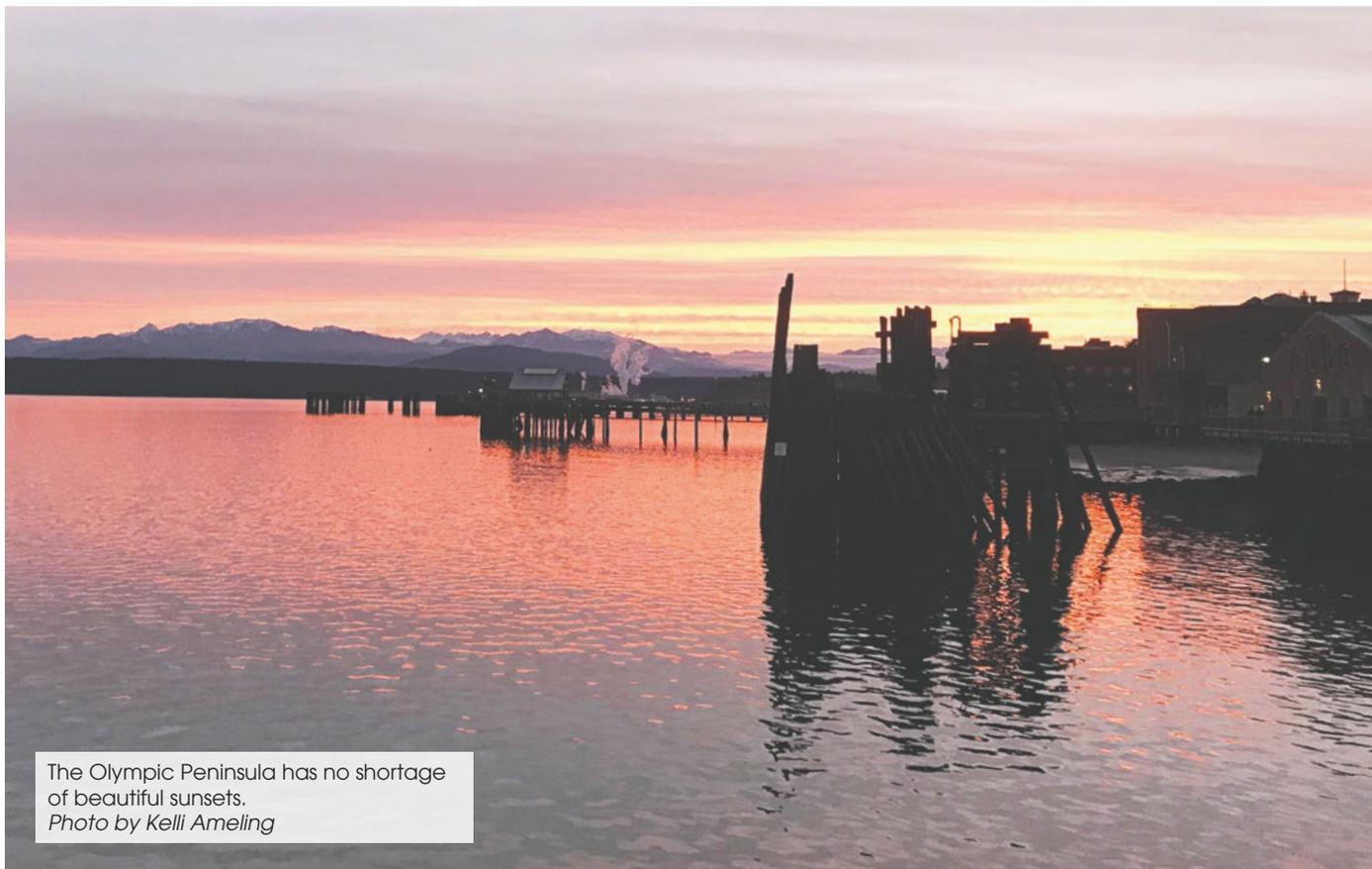
Carpenter Dale Faulstich designed the new totem pole, which features the Supernatural Carpenter, the Spirit of Western Red Cedar, Chetzemoka and Sentinel Rock.

"This is the latest manifestation of a relationship between the Northwest Maritime Center and the Jamestown S'Klallam tribe that is probably about 15 years old now," said Jake Beattie, executive director of the Northwest Maritime Center. "Even during the initial fundraising efforts to secure a place for the Maritime Center, the tribe was involved."

Beattie said the Maritime Center was honored to receive such a gift. It is located outside the Chandlery, at the intersection of Monroe and Water streets.

"It's really profound how something like this can provoke all of us to think about who we are in relation to

this place," Beattie said. "It helps us more completely conceive how we can be better informed, to think about the connections of humans to this place that happened before 1850."



The Olympic Peninsula has no shortage of beautiful sunsets.  
*Photo by Kelli Ameling*

# OLD & NEW

## Historic sites

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



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Port Townsend's waterfront district and residential area on the bluff were designated a National Historic Landmark District in 1977, making Port Townsend one of only three Victorian seaports on the National Register of Historic Places.

With 300 Victorian homes in a city of 9,000, it's a concentrated dose of Victoriana, with many other layers of history, as well.

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

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 village has more than its share of those.

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

Even The Leader's office, built in 1874, the oldest multi-story stone

structure in the state, is on the register.

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

The museum houses rotating exhibitions, and docents lead walking tours through the downtown and Uptown districts, sharing with visitors the history and architecture of the era.

Port Townsend's back-in-time vibe owes to the number of 19th and early 20th century buildings that survived the town's growth, according to the Enjoy Port Townsend website.

Among the historic sites recommended by "Enjoy Port Townsend" are:

- **The Rothschild House** at the corner of Jefferson and Taylor streets in Uptown Port Townsend remains virtually unchanged from 150 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** at 1820 Jefferson St., 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** at 1322 Washington St. 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 is also popular with sightseers. Many of these historic homes are private residences, so onlookers should respect privacy, although stopping and staring is commonplace; 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 same buildings still standing from more than 100 years ago.

Outside of Port Townsend, the recently discontinued PTguide.com lists half-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,



Fort Flagler State Park, a former U.S. Army artillery fort, at the northern end of Marrowstone, 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, and the state Department of Parks and Recreation acquired the land in 1955 for use as a state park.

According to [fortflagler.net](http://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.

sharing a minister with the Methodist church in Chimacum.

The two congregations merged in the 1950s and created a new church with the Hadlock church's old bell and pews removed and the old building becoming a private residence. The former church was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1983.



The Methodist Episcopal Church of Port Hadlock is one of 77 sites in Jefferson County on the National Register of Historic Places. Courtesy photo

# BOTTLES & CANS

## Libations

Jefferson County's wineries, breweries, cideries, distilleries and meaderies invite you to 'Drink the Dragon'

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What was once an annual opportunity to tour the Olympic Peninsula's wineries, breweries, cideries, distilleries and meaderies has since faded into memory, but the 10 establishments that took part in "Drink the Dragon" still serving the public, even if their doors are closed.

Karle Copenrath, operations manager for Port Townsend Vineyards, credited Piper Corbett, co-owner of Propolis Brewing, with conceiving of "Drink the Dragon," yet Casey Reeter, co-owner of the Mead Werks, explained "Drink The Dragon" was not a scheduled event, but a "libation tour at your leisure" of 10 local craft fermented-beverage establishments in Jefferson County.

"Drink the Dragon" offered maps of the 10 locations, with each one administering its own stamps, making travelers eligible for drawings for promotional items.

While Reeter misses the collaboration the campaign encouraged, as each establishment referred customers to their peers, she admitted the participating venues are still figuring out how to conduct such a campaign in an era of state-mandated social distancing.

"Drink the Dragon" has a Facebook page at "Drinkthedragon" for updates, but in the meantime, The Leader offers the following locations, contact information and offerings of each establishments that have participated in this promotion in the past, to wit:



### Admiralty Distillers

Admiralty Distillers' selection ranges from eau de vie and fruit brandy to Marc Brandy, plus Pennant Gin, but on April 10, the distillery announced on its Facebook page that "an anonymous couple" had funded the purchase of "a literal ton of fermentables" to allow the production of hand sanitizer.

The Admiralty Facebook page posted a video on April 13, showing how it strips wines of their alcohol to get "low wines," which in turn are redistilled into high-proof for sanitizer.

820 Lake St.  
Port Townsend, WA 98368  
360-643-3530  
[admiraltydistillers.com](http://admiraltydistillers.com)  
[jake@admiraltydistillers.com](mailto:jake@admiraltydistillers.com)

### Alpenfire Cider

Alpenfire Cider is offering a 50% shipping discount for three to five bottles, and free shipping for orders of six bottles or more.

"We have made a couple of newsletter appeals to our cider club members and social media followers, and the uptick in online sales has helped keep us afloat," said Nancy Bishop, co-founder of Alpenfire Cider. "Our tasting room has been open on Saturdays from noon to 5 p.m. for bottle sales and cider club pick-ups.

We plan to offer some deep-case discounts in the near future, to encourage folks to go that way, and we can also pack orders to-go in advance, by calling ahead."

Bishop said a number of local restaurants that offer to-go menus, from Tommyknockers and Finistere to the Fountain and Silverwater Cafes, are also offering Alpenfire Cider with their selections.

220 Pocket Lane  
Port Townsend,  
WA 98368  
360-379-8915  
[alpenfirecider.com](http://alpenfirecider.com)

[nancy@alpenfire-cider.com](mailto:nancy@alpenfire-cider.com)



## Discovery Bay Brewing

Discovery Bay Brewing is still open for growler fills and keg sales from 3 to 6 p.m. on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays by coming to its beer garden window, where social distancing and repeated disinfection of surfaces are practiced thoroughly so customers can bring their own growlers or buy new ones, on credit or debit only.

948 N. Park Ave.  
Port Townsend, WA 98368  
360-344-2999  
[discoverybaybrewing.com](http://discoverybaybrewing.com)  
[discoverybaybrewing@gmail.com](mailto:discoverybaybrewing@gmail.com)

## Eaglemount Winery & Cidery

Eaglemount Winery & Cidery's tasting room is closed for tastings and by-the-glass pours, but wine and cider enthusiasts can still partake of its products by picking up orders or buying bottles at the tasting room from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, or by ordering wines, ciders and meads by phone or email.

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[info@eaglemountwinery.com](mailto:info@eaglemountwinery.com)



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(360) 344-2129



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(360) 385-9608

THE OLYMPIC PENINSULA LOCAL LIBATION TOUR

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## Finnriver Farm & Cidery

Finnriver Farm & Cidery's cider garden is currently closed for events, but weekend curbside pick-ups for local pre-orders are still available by ordering online, with free shipping on orders more than \$99, or 15% off all Finnriver items. Customers can also enter the "Case Sale Raffle" for a "Finnriver Getaway" on the Finnriver site.

Those who want to continue to enjoy farm-crafted cider "fermented with great love" from Finnriver, as well as support its small farm business, can join the Finnriver Cider Club, again through its website, and receive seasonal shipments delivered to their doors.

124 Center Road,  
Chimacum, WA 98325  
360-339-8478

[finnriver.com](http://finnriver.com)  
[info@finnriver.com](mailto:info@finnriver.com)

## Marrowstone Vineyards

Marrowstone Vineyards' tasting room is open for bottle pickups from noon to 5 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, and is continuing to highlight different varietals on its Facebook page.

In April, Marrowstone's Facebook spotlighted its Milo Red, made of 67% Cab Sauv, 20% Cab Franc, 10% Merlot and 3% Petit Verdot, which the page describes as "a full bodied, elegant Cab Sauv-based blend that is sure to please" and "pairs well with just about anything, including that sourdough bread you just made." Like Marrowstone's other selections, it's also available online.

423 Meade Road  
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[info@marrowstonevineyards.com](mailto:info@marrowstonevineyards.com)



## Mead Werks at Wilderbeef Farm

The Mead Werks is closed until further notice, but those who wish to purchase its meads at local independent grocers in Port Townsend, Chimacum, Discovery Bay and Poulsbo may check the list of locations where they're available at [wilderbeefarm.com/copy-of-our-meads-1](http://wilderbeefarm.com/copy-of-our-meads-1).

Would-be patrons can also click the link at [wilderbeefarm.com/copy-of-our-meads](http://wilderbeefarm.com/copy-of-our-meads) for eGift cards as a purchase option.

"Under the state's 'Stay Home, Stay Healthy' order, wineries, cideries, distilleries and meaderies are all allowed to offer to-go bottles, so that's essentially what we've been doing," said Casey Reeter, co-owner of the Mead Werks. "We're accepting orders online from our Mead Guild members, because we've verified their ages as over 21, and we arrange for them to pick up at their convenience."

Reeter thanked the community for its continued support, as well as for staying home, and asked them to "look out for each another and be well. We miss you too."

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# BOTTLES & CANS

## Propolis Brewing

Propolis Brewing offers organic botanical farmhouse ales handcrafted in Port Townsend, and co-owners Piper Corbett and Robert Horner assure those concerned about coronavirus that their wares come in “carefully sanitized” bottles, available for local home delivery or curbside pickups.

Whether customers call or order online, Propolis offers free delivery on six or more bottles, with its online local order form at [propolisbrewing.com/local-order-form.html](http://propolisbrewing.com/local-order-form.html), and provisions listed at [propolisbrewing.com/shop/product-category/localprovisions](http://propolisbrewing.com/shop/product-category/localprovisions).

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[sales@propolisbrewing.com](mailto:sales@propolisbrewing.com)

## Port Townsend Brewing Company

The Port Townsend Brewing Company has found ways to be safely social, even while still practicing social distancing, as when their parking lot hosted the Mo-Chilli BBQ food truck when it served up to-go orders April 17.

The brewery is selling cases of 22-ounce bottles available for \$20 for a case of five and \$40 for a case of 12, with pick-ups available from noon to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays, and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

330 10th St.  
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360-385-9967  
[porttownsendbrewing.com](http://porttownsendbrewing.com)  
[ptbrewingco@gmail.com](mailto:ptbrewingco@gmail.com)

## Port Townsend Vineyards

Port Townsend Vineyards offers curbside pickup daily from noon to 5 p.m. at its downtown waterfront tasting room location, as well as complimentary, no-contact home delivery service for orders of three or more bottles within Washington state.

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360-344-8271  
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"DRINK THE DRAGON" gets its name from the somewhat dragon-like shape of the region.

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# BITTER & SWEET

## Cocoa Forge offers unique hand-crafted chocolate

### The secret is in the bean

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Susan Fitch operates and owns the Cocoa Forge in downtown Port Townsend, the newest small-batch artisan business to enter the Jefferson County market.

Her trade? Chocolate. But as she will tell you, her product is more akin to a fine wine than your everyday chocolate bar.

The secret to Fitch's product? The cacao beans she imports from all over the world.

The beans come to her raw from places such as Ecuador, Vietnam and Uganda, and at her downtown factory they are sorted, roasted, winnowed, refined, tempered, moulded and packaged into full-size bars.

Her small-scale brand of chocolate manufacturing is part of the bean-to-bar industry that has taken off across the U.S. in the past decade alongside other blossoming craft industries.

According to the Fine Chocolate Industry Association, fine chocolate businesses like Fitch's make up less than 5% of the total chocolate market. There are an estimated 250 bean-to-bar chocolate producers in the U.S., making her not just unique to the Peninsula but across the industry.

A bean-to-bar chocolate maker is one who uses cacao beans, not as a bulk commodity product but rather as the centerpiece of flavor.



Each bar is specific to the producer and region from where its cacao originates, where the harvest, yield and eventually the taste of the chocolate are influenced by the weather and soil composition like fine wine grapes.

Unlike other types of mass-produced chocolates where the flavor of the cacao is covered with other ingredients, Fitch said her process involves almost no additions. She simply "gets out of the way" of the flavor and gives it a platform to blossom.

Because each bar's flavor comes from the bean, her menu is constantly changing. Once she uses up the beans from a specific farm and all the bars are sold, that's it. They will never come back, because even a second harvest

from the same farm might taste different.

Enter her downtown shop for a tasting and Fitch will guide visitors through her world, starting them with a melted sample and moving on to small squares. The warmth of the first, she said, allows the taste buds to open up to the flavor notes. From there, visitors explore chocolate and try and pick out the different flavor profiles, from fudgy and dark to fruity and nutty.

The bars range from 60% to 90% cacao in milk, white and dark blends but the percentage doesn't directly correlate with the bitterness as some might expect. A bar's cacao percentage is determined by the amount of cacao in its solid form or butter. The more butter and the less solids, the less bitter the bar will be, but the percentage could remain high.

A full-sized bar can cost anywhere from \$12 to \$20. Fitch admits the price point is high, but it all comes back to the source. Acquiring some of the rare varietal beans she uses and shipping them to the U.S. is not cheap. Many of the bars use heirloom cacao, ancient strains of the plant unmodified and not used in large-scale agriculture. They are known specifically for their rich flavor and rarity.

Fitch's obsession with fine cocoa flavors began one day while she was working in her rose garden. Before she invested everything to open her business, she worked in construction and gardened as a hobby.



There was a moment as she was mulching her roses with cacao husk, when the sun hit the cacao just right and she could smell the chocolate, she said. She began thinking about why she had become disinterested in chocolate as of late, and eventually began researching the fine-chocolate industry. She realized that much of the consumer-grade chocolate available on the market is made with no care for the quality of the beans. The flavor potential was being lost.

Eventually Fitch became a chocolatier, which is distinct from what she is now: a chocolate maker. A chocolatier makes confections out of already-produced chocolate while the label of chocolate maker encompasses all the processes needed to produce chocolate, including roasting, grinding and tempering.

It was a long road to open her shop,

Fitch said, and was her dream for the past 15 years. She had to find a location for her factory, create relationships with the farms she works with across the globe and gather all the specialized equipment for her vision.

Chocolate was even the catalyst to bring Fitch to Port Townsend, when she took a weekend trip here to try a Claudio Corrallo chocolate bar being sold at Elevated Ice Cream.

Corrallo is a world-renowned chocolate maker and a personal inspiration for Fitch, so when she heard Elevated had one of the rare bars she had always been wanting to try, she took the weekend to drive 800 miles from Nevada City, California, to Port Townsend to taste it for herself.

She fell in love with the area and decided this was where she would eventually open her business.

The name Cocoa Forge comes from

the fact that Fitch's factory is located in a historic building that once held the town blacksmith. It also served as cold storage for Port Townsend Brewery and later a laundromat. When she moved in, the building was in disrepair, but her construction prowess helped her know what needed to get done.

Fitch said she wants people to know her product is not for everyone. Someone who might consider themselves a great chocolate lover might not be ready for her type of simple focus-on-flavor approach.

But if you want to learn more about chocolate and where the food you eat comes from, you can visit Fitch for a tasting.

Because she operates on her own, shop hours vary, so visit [thecocoaforge.com](http://thecocoaforge.com) for more information about current hours and online orders.



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Jefferson County Fairgrounds	Route 3
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Jefferson County Historical Society Museum	Routes 11A & B
Northwest Maritime Center	Routes 11A & B
Port Townsend/Coupeville Ferry	Routes 11A & B
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### Seasonal Events

Rhododendron Festival	May
Centrum Fiddle, Jazz & Blues Festivals	June & July
Jefferson County Fair	August
Uptown Street Fair & Parade	August
Wooden Boat Festival	September
Port Townsend Film Festival	September
Kinetic Sculpture Race	October

### **PETS ALLOWED ON JTA**

All pets must be on a short leash or in a carrier. Leashed animals must remain on the floor. Please check connecting agency policies.

**360-385-4777 [www.jeffersontransit.com](http://www.jeffersontransit.com)**

**Haines Place Park & Ride  
is located near Safeway**

# FRIENDS & FOWL

## Birds, whales, deer

BY LEADER STAFF

Birds, deer, whales; oh yes, the Olympic Peninsula has plenty of creatures small and great.

Bird-watching is a year-round attraction here, thanks to our location on the migratory flyway.

The Port Townsend Marine Science Center offers cruises to Protection Island, a federal bird sanctuary 85 bird species call home, along with sea lions and elephant seals.

Please stay away from seal pups along the beach. The mama seals often leave their spotted pups alone for up to 24 hours. (Do not worry, and do not touch or move the pups. And please, do not disturb beach birds, as they might be nesting.)

Deer are a common sight in Port Townsend due to no-hunting laws. Locals are used to waiting for the deer but if you stop in the middle of the road to take a photo of one, locals might honk.

Orca whales are some of the largest mammals around. Puget Sound Express, with more than 30 years of whale watching expertise, operates a passenger ferry out of Point Hudson.



### OUT IN THE FORESTS

When it comes to hunting, fishing, shrimping, crabbing and clam-digging, don't forget to get your appropriate Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife licenses.

The first four-legged wild creatures you will probably encounter are black-tailed deer. Yes, sometimes their fur seems shaggy and in poor condition.



Although you probably won't see cougars and bobcats, be advised they are around, including in rural subdivisions and homesteads. There are no recent cases of humans here being attacked by cougars, but domestic livestock (including cows, goats and sheep) have been stalked and killed. In 2010, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife personnel "dispatched" seven livestock-killing cougars in Jefferson County alone.

The Roosevelt elk (males sometimes weigh 1,000 pounds) here are part of the nation's largest unmanaged herd. The Dungeness/Dosewallips herd ranges from Brinnon along Hood Canal to the meadows around Sequim. Elk tend to



stay in the lowlands in the winter and move to the high country in summer.

Black bears on the Olympic Peninsula are strictly black – no brown varieties, as seen in other ranges. They usually stick to the forests, venturing into meadows near the timberline in summer.

About 300 mountain goats live in Olympic National Park. Be wary: A hiker died in 2010 after being attacked and gored by an aggressive ram near Hurricane Ridge, the only known fatal attack in the park's history.

Those mangy-looking dogs you might see are actually coyotes. It is not uncommon to see coyotes within Port Townsend or in other backyards. They won't bother you, but your small dog could be at risk if left to roam alone.

A word to the wise – do not feed the raccoons. They are not your friends, and once they get a taste of human food (or cat food) they will keep coming back to demand more. Raccoon feeding troughs also attract coyotes and even cougars.

**PHOTO:** Mallard ducks are released into Port Townsend's Kah Tai Lagoon Nature Park by the Discovery Bay Wild Bird Rescue, which helped return 35 immature ducks to their natural habitat after rehabilitation.

*Photo by Nicholas Johnson*

# FUN *for* KIDS

## Play, swim, explore

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Port Townsend is an ideal playground for children of all ages.

There's so much to do on the Olympic Peninsula – from walking and hiking to beach-combing and swimming – and then there is fishing and sailing and rowing.

There are some wonderful indoor activities, with music, dance, art and even a good read, but if you are traveling through the Olympic Peninsula, being outside with nature is what's happening.

There are a few exceptions.

One exception is the Port Townsend Marine Science Center at Fort Worden State Park. It's probably the best place to get acquainted with the natural wonders of the Peninsula.

The center is housed in a small building at 532 Battery Way, down by the water, and has nice educational exhibits. There also are aquaria, touch pools and a hands-on exhibit across from the main center at the end of the pier. PTMSC is a must-see for kids of any age. The center also offers camps, lectures and programs for all. Visit [ptmsc.org](http://ptmsc.org) or call 360-385-5582.

**Beach, history, camping, exploring:** While you are at Fort Worden State Park, explore. And then explore some more.

The 434-acre park has 2 miles of shoreline and is rich with history and creativity. It's a great place to fly a kite, fish, swim, beachcomb, bird watch or picnic. And, how about marshmallows over an open fire? Rental kayaks and bikes are available, and there are several museums to explore.

But, grab a flashlight and take the kids to the fort's old bunkers first, so they'll want to learn more.

**Read all about it:** If it's raining or dreary outside, do check out the libraries.



In Port Townsend, teen writers meet 3-4 p.m. every Friday at the Charles Pink House, 1256 Lawrence St. during the school year. Drop-ins are welcome.

There are also story times for babies and toddlers, as well as a family story hour the second Saturday of the month. Call 360-385-3181 or check out [www.ptpubliclibrary.org](http://www.ptpubliclibrary.org).

The Jefferson County Library is at 620 Cedar Ave. in Port Hadlock. Call 360-385-6544 or visit [jclibrary.info](http://jclibrary.info) for information on story times and other offerings.

**Indoor pool:** Sun gone? Still need to swim? Take note there is an indoor pool owned by the city of Port Townsend at Mountain View, 1919 Blaine St. Call 360-385-7665. Free for children 3 and under, \$4 for youth ages 4-17 and \$6 for adults. Family passes are \$15. Learn more at [cityofpt.us/pool/](http://cityofpt.us/pool/).

### **Playgrounds and parks:**

Don't forget school playgrounds also are open for public use. Blue Heron Middle School has an all-weather track for those who need to keep their feet moving.

One sweet pocket park in downtown Port Townsend is on the waterfront next to Elevated Ice Cream Co. & Candy Shop at 631 Water St. Grab an ice cream cone and head over to play at Pope Marine Park. It's across from City Hall.

Chetzemoka Park is also a beautiful park. It includes tire swings and a nice swing more appropriate for old sweethearts, perhaps. Look for a path leading down to the beach.

Check out city parks by going to [cityofpt.us/parks/](http://cityofpt.us/parks/).

**Skate park:** For those who have brought their skateboard and helmet and need a skate fix, the Port Townsend Skate Park, at the corner of Monroe and Tyler streets is a gem, and it's right downtown. It has what skateboarders call "deep bowls." There's also a portable toilet and drinking fountain. The park opens at 8 a.m. Find some nice photos of this venue at [northwestskater.com](http://northwestskater.com).

**PHOTO:** Francisco Alas, Madelaine Bell and Amadeo Alas Jr., of Port Orchard, watch a video about an orca named Hope during their visit to the Marine Science Center.

PHOTO BY CHRIS TUCKER

# TRAVEL TIPS & TRICKS



## Know before you go

BY LEADER STAFF

Whether you plan your travels well in advance or like to wing it on your trips, the Olympic Peninsula features easy options that include great sight-seeing opportunities.

Come by boat, bike, car or ferry and note there are places to charge your electric vehicle as well as anchor your boat.

### GETTING AROUND

Bicycle travel on the Peninsula involves a good mix of low-traffic two-lane roads and features such as the Larry Scott Trail in Jefferson County and the Olympic Discovery Trail in Clallam County. The trails do not connect – yet – but plans to do so are in the works. If you are biking to Port Townsend from a ferry terminal at Kingston or Bainbridge, law enforcement suggests crossing the Hood Canal Bridge on State Route 104 and turning north to PT using Center Road.

Motorcycle groups and car clubs love



cruising around our area. Again, Center Road is the best way to take in the scenic drive along Hood Canal, agritourism options in Chimacum and the Victorian architecture in PT. But don't be surprised if you come to PT on a summer Saturday and decide to spend the night, only to find there are no rooms at any inn.

It is possible to plan an Olympic Peninsula visit without motorized transportation. If you carry what you

need on your back or bicycle, a combination of public transport and ferries can get you almost everywhere you want to go.

Motorists should be advised that construction on Lake Crescent Highway might slow their travels, but they can check the conditions, as well as catch up on what's happening at Olympic National Park, at [nps.gov/olymp](http://nps.gov/olymp).

### FLOATING BRIDGE

The Hood Canal Bridge connects the Olympic Peninsula with Seattle, Tacoma and beyond. The 6,521-foot bridge closes to vehicles when it opens for sailboats, and (without warning) for U.S. Navy nuclear submarines based on Hood Canal. If you are planning to cross the bridge while on a strict timeline, say, to catch a flight, keep in mind you might be delayed at the bridge 30 minutes. Dial 511 for a menu of state ferry, bridge and highway travel info. For alerts on your phone, text the words "WSDOT hood" to 468311.

## STATE FERRIES

Washington State Ferries operates this nation's largest ferry fleet. Reservations are advised for the Port Townsend–Coupeville route, on San Juan Island ferries and international service out of Anacortes. Call center hours are 7 a.m.-5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, at 888-808-7977, or go online to [wsdot.wa.gov/ferries](http://wsdot.wa.gov/ferries). For other ferry routes, expect heavier traffic (and a possible wait) when heading westbound on Fridays and eastbound on Sundays.

## PLUGGING IN

There are a number of electric-vehicle charging stations in Port Townsend, including one in front of the Northwest Maritime Center, which is a public parking spot. The Port Townsend Food Co-op also has a charging station. See [plugshare.com](http://plugshare.com) for stations.

## EMERGENCY

Dial or text 911 to reach emergency services. Be prepared to state your location and which county you are in. Keep in mind GPS devices can be misled by our pioneer-era road system.

There are two urgent-care clinics and an emergency room, the latter at the recently expanded Jefferson Healthcare Medical Center, in Port Townsend. In addition, there are medical clinics in Port Ludlow and Quilcene.

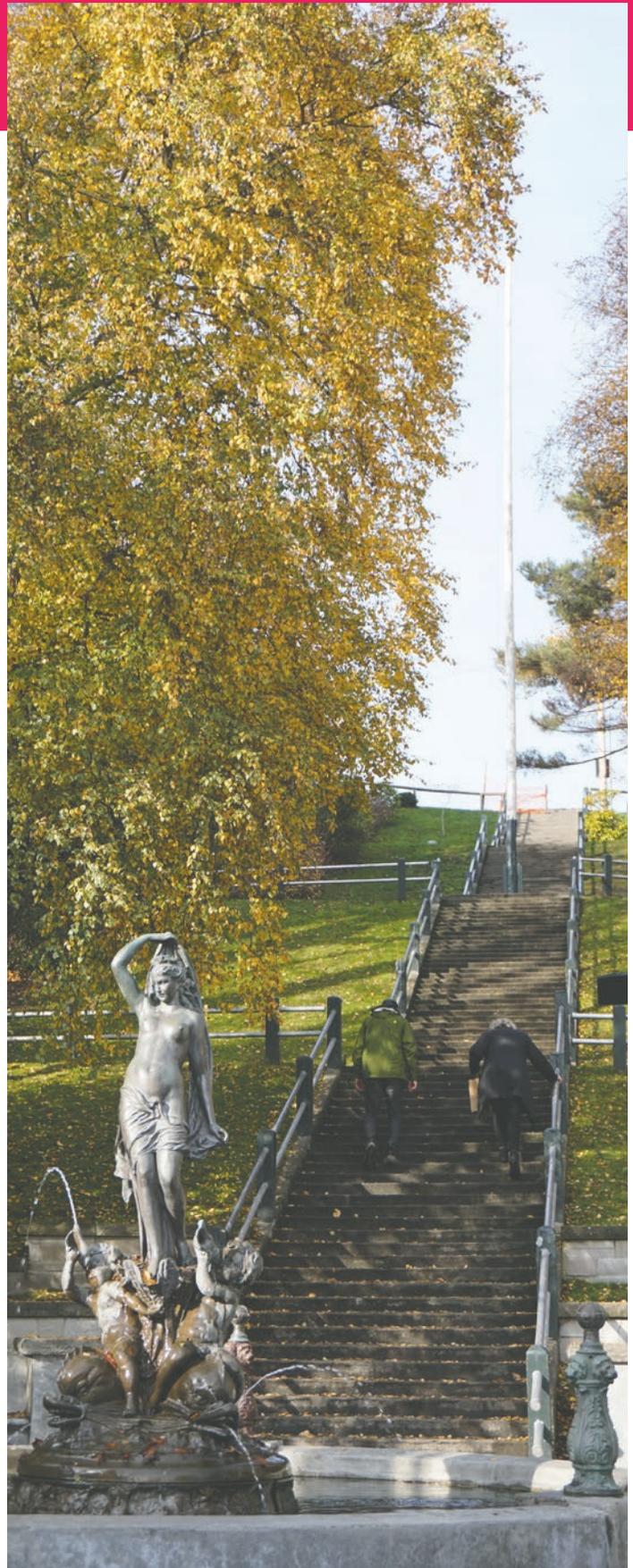
## VISITOR CENTERS

There is no substitute for personal travel suggestions. Check in at the Olympic Peninsula Gateway Visitors Center at the junction of State Route 104 and SR 19 (360-437-0120) or the visitor center in Port Townsend at 2409 Jefferson St. (360-385-7869), and talk to someone who lives here and can answer your questions.

Remember, it's OK to stop and ask for directions. You might discover something new and exciting.

## LOCAL ADVICE

Stop in at a visitor center and ask a volunteer for ideas about where to stay, eat or which events to enjoy. The volunteers are local and love to share their knowledge of the area.





-  Public Restrooms
-  Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
-  Beach Access
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# Events

What's happening  
in Jefferson County



Concerts by the Dock are a popular event in Port Townsend, for music lovers and sailors alike. *Leader file photo.*

This year's calendar does not list individual dates due to the nebulous scheduling caused by COVID-19 and state social-distancing requirements. It lists both events that have been postponed and events still currently scheduled to take place. We urge readers to use the contact information listed to confirm whether those events will still take place.

## JUNE

**P Taste of Port Townsend.** Marvin G. Shields Memorial American Legion Post 26 Hall. Postponed until the fall, with the date still to be determined due to COVID-19. For more information, visit [ptmainstreet.org/tastes-of-port-townsend-2](http://ptmainstreet.org/tastes-of-port-townsend-2).

**Classic Mariners' Regatta.** Point Hudson Marina. High-caliber sailors racing beautiful wooden boats, with hand-sewn award pennants, followed by a courtyard dinner. For more information, visit [nwmaritime.org/classic-mariners-regatta](http://nwmaritime.org/classic-mariners-regatta).

**P Port Townsend Chamber Music Workshop.** Fort Worden State Park. Founded in 2015, the Centrum Chamber Music Workshop strives to foster the highest level of training and coaching for pre-professional chamber musicians in the community, with leading faculty chamber musicians. Each year, two select string quartets and

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two pianists from the country's leading programs are invited to work with a world-renowned quartet-in-residence and artistic director, Lucinda Carver. Each participant is awarded a full scholarship, including tuition, travel, accommodations and meals. Postponed until 2021. For more information, visit [centrum.org/the-port-townsend-chamber-music-workshop](http://centrum.org/the-port-townsend-chamber-music-workshop).

**Port Townsend Orca & Salmon Festival.** Celebrate Orca Awareness Month in the finest location in the Continental United States to view orcas, humpbacks, gray whales, fin whales and minke whales. Public events throughout the month will bring together whale experts, educators, tribal representatives and artists for educational and fun-filled days of exploration around the area's orca population and the broader whale ecosystem in the Salish Sea. For more information, visit [ptorcafest.com](http://ptorcafest.com).

**Around the World in Eighty Days.** Key City Public Theatre. Danger, romance and comic surprises abound in this whirlwind of a show, as some of KCPT's finest physical comedians portray 39 characters traversing seven continents in an adventure adapted from the acclaimed 1873 novel by French writer Jules Verne. For more information, visit [keycitypublictheatre.org/2020/around-the-world-in-eighty-days](http://keycitypublictheatre.org/2020/around-the-world-in-eighty-days).

**P SEVENTY/48 race from Tacoma to Port Townsend.** Postponed until June 4, 2021. For more information, visit [seventy48.com](http://seventy48.com).

**Chimacum Farmers Market opens.** Chimacum Corner Farmstand. Runs Sundays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until Oct. 25. For more information, visit [jcmarkets.org](http://jcmarkets.org).

**Annual Chili Cook-off and Horseshoe Contest.** Jefferson County Fairgrounds Erickson building. Gates open at 12:30 p.m. Horseshoe competition begins at 1 p.m. Judging starts at 3 p.m. Chili categories include mild, hot, family-style (with beans and/or other veggies) and verde. All competition chilis and cornbreads must be registered before judging begins. The creator of the championship chili will have their names engraved on the Cook-Off Trophy. For more information, call 360-385-2556, 360-301-0120 or 360-774-1219.

**P Race to Alaska starts from Port Townsend.** Postponed until 2021. For more information, visit [r2ak.com](http://r2ak.com).

**Port Townsend High School Alumni Banquet.** Elks Lodge. Social time starts at 4 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m., announcements at 7:30 p.m. and dancing at 8:30 p.m., with music provided by The Sherman Brothers. For more information, visit [brownpapertickets.com/event/4421870](http://brownpapertickets.com/event/4421870).

**The Brass Screw Confederacy's annual Steam Punk Hootenanny.** Due to COVID-19, this year's event is going virtual. The group will stream presentations and lectures, music and magical performances, "The Bazaar of the Bizarre," Bodgers' Grande Exhibition and a fashion show spotlighting its spectators. For more information, visit [brasscrew.org/virtual-brass-screw](http://brasscrew.org/virtual-brass-screw).



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**P Centrum's Voices from the Field Arts Academy.** Fort Worden State Park. For students entering grades 7-8, chosen by the Office of the Superintendent of Public Education's Migrant Education Program. Postponed until June 13 to 18, 2021. For more information, visit [centrum.org/voices-from-the-field-arts-academy](http://centrum.org/voices-from-the-field-arts-academy).

**Townsend Bay Music Festival.** Old Alcohol Plant. For more information, visit [oldalcoholplant.com/bayside-events](http://oldalcoholplant.com/bayside-events).

**Friends of the Port Townsend Library used book sale.** Port Townsend Public Library. For more information, visit [friendsofptlibrary.org/what-we-do](http://friendsofptlibrary.org/what-we-do).

**P Rakers Car Club Show.** Memorial Athletic Field in Port Townsend. Postponed until 2021. For more information, visit "Rakers Car Club" on Facebook.

**Gravel Unravel.** Worthington Park, Quilcene. The first endurance bike race in the Olympic National Forest. All of the races — 32, 55, and 80 miles

— will summit Bon Jon Pass, with a party at Worthington Park afterward. For more information, visit [worthingtonparkquilcene.org/events](http://worthingtonparkquilcene.org/events).

**P Centrum's Voice Works.** Fort Worden State Park. Led by artistic director Pharis Romero, this gathering was intended to share Romero's personality, energy and artistry with top-drawer vocalists. Postponed until August of 2021. For more information, visit [centrum.org/voice-works-a-workshop-for-singers](http://centrum.org/voice-works-a-workshop-for-singers).

## JULY

**P Centrum's Fiddles on the Third and Fourth, Fireworks and Fiddles.** McCurdy Pavilion, Fort Worden State Park. Postponed until 2021. For more information, visit [centrum.org/festival-of-american-fiddle-tunes-performances](http://centrum.org/festival-of-american-fiddle-tunes-performances).

**P Centrum's Fiddle Tunes.** Fort Worden State Park. Spend a week living, learning and playing music with masters of a wide variety of fiddling styles and traditions. Postponed until 2021. For more information, visit [centrum.org/festival-of-american-fiddle-tunes-the-workshop](http://centrum.org/festival-of-american-fiddle-tunes-the-workshop).

**Port Townsend Summer Band.** Fort Worden State Park parade grounds, Chetzemoka Park gazebo. For more information, visit [ptsummerband.org](http://ptsummerband.org).

**Fourth at the Fort.** Fort Worden State Park parade grounds. Live music, tug-of-war, a kids' zone, mini-golf, a beer, wine and cider garden, a watermelon-eating

contest, free root beer floats and a laser show. Event date still "to be determined" due to COVID-19. For more information, visit [theproductionalliance.org/events/fourth-at-the-fort](http://theproductionalliance.org/events/fourth-at-the-fort).

**Concerts on the Dock.** Pope Marine Plaza. Kilcid Band, Sound Advice, The Country Lips, The Merrymakers. Seating opens at 4:30 p.m., music runs from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Bring chairs or blankets



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and settle in for some great tunes and dance, see friends, enjoy a drink and have a bite. For more information, visit [ptmainstreet.org/concerts-on-the-dock](http://ptmainstreet.org/concerts-on-the-dock).

**P Olympic Music Festival.** Joseph F. Wheeler Theater, Fort Worden State Park. World-class chamber music performances. Highlights include the Olympic Chamber Music Fellowship and annual children's concert. Postponed until 2021. For more information, visit [olympicmusicfestival.org](http://olympicmusicfestival.org)

**P Port Townsend (and High School) Writers' Conferences, via Centrum.** Fort Worden State Park. Postponed to July 18 to 25, 2021. For more information, visit [centrum.org/the-port-townsend-writers-conference](http://centrum.org/the-port-townsend-writers-conference).

**Jefferson County Fair.** Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Event date to be determined due to COVID-19. For more information, visit [jeffcofair.com](http://jeffcofair.com).

**P Centrum's Jazz Port Townsend and Jazz in the Clubs.** Fort Worden State Park. Postponed until July 25 to 27, 2021. For more information,

visit [centrum.org/jazz-port-townsend-performances](http://centrum.org/jazz-port-townsend-performances).

**P Centrum's Acoustic Blues Festival and Workshops.** Fort Worden State Park. Postponed until August 2021. For more information, visit [centrum.org/port-townsend-acoustic-blues-festival-workshop](http://centrum.org/port-townsend-acoustic-blues-festival-workshop).

**P Centrum's Blues in the Clubs.** Fort Worden State Park. Venues include the Fort Worden Chapel, the USO Hall, Building 204 and Rainshadow Recording. Postponed until 2021. For more information, visit [centrum.org/blues-in-the-clubs](http://centrum.org/blues-in-the-clubs).

## AUGUST

**P Hadlock Block Party.** Port Hadlock. Postponed until Aug. 7 and 8, 2021. For more information, visit "Hadlock Block Party" on Facebook.

**Shakespeare in the Park by Key City Public Theatre.** Romeo and Juliet. Directed by KCPT's newly promoted artistic associate Brendan Chambers, seating for this play is first come, first served at Chetzemoka Park. Bring your own blankets and chairs. For more information, visit [keycitypublictheatre.org/2020/romeo-juliet](http://keycitypublictheatre.org/2020/romeo-juliet).

**Concerts on the Dock.** Pope Marine Plaza. Fortress of the Bear, Uncle Funk and the Dope Six, Abakis, Daring Greatly. Seating opens at 4:30 p.m., music runs from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Bring chairs or blankets and settle in for some great tunes, and to dance, see friends, enjoy a drink and have a bite. For more information, visit [ptmainstreet.org/concerts-on-the-dock](http://ptmainstreet.org/concerts-on-the-dock).

**Uptown Street Fair.** Lawrence Street. This event's 30th anniversary includes live music, food, the Port Townsend Arts Guild's Arts & Crafts Fair, the Jefferson County Farmers Market and a beer garden. For more information, visit [ptmainstreet.org/uptown-street-fair](http://ptmainstreet.org/uptown-street-fair).

**All-County Picnic.** H.J. Carroll Park. This event encourages East Jefferson County residents to develop resiliency by fostering community and raising awareness about local emergency resources, as the public meets with local emergency management, first responders, community leaders and elected officials, with live music, food vendors, group games, information booths, speakers, demonstrations, kids' activities and free servings of corn on the cob. The theme of this year's picnic is "health and wellness." Needless to say, organizers are adjusting their plans to meet the coronavirus protocol. Event still "to be determined" due to COVID-19. For more information, visit [allcountypicnic.com](http://allcountypicnic.com).

**Analog and Vinyl.** Key City Public Theatre. Romeo and Juliet. Harrison is obsessed with LPs from the 1960s and the superior quality of analog. Rodeo Girl, a quirky California hipster, is obsessed with Harrison, but he barely notices. With his vintage record store about to go under, Harrison and Rodeo Girl are visited by a mysterious customer who makes them a devilish offer they can't refuse. For more information, visit [keycitypublictheatre.org/2020/analog-vinyl](http://keycitypublictheatre.org/2020/analog-vinyl).

**P Kiwanis Classic Car Show.** Memorial Athletic Field in Port Townsend. Cars, trucks and motorcycles of all vintages are welcome. Postponed until 2021. For more information, visit [port-townsend.kiwanisone.org/Page/14919](http://port-townsend.kiwanisone.org/Page/14919).

**Port Townsend Summer Band.** Chetzemoka Park gazebo. For more information, visit [ptsummerband.org](http://ptsummerband.org).

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## SEPTEMBER

**Concerts on the Dock.** Pope Marine Plaza. Kevin Mason and the PT All-Stars. Seating opens at 4:30 p.m., music runs from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Bring chairs or blankets and settle in for some great tunes and to dance, see friends, enjoy a drink and have a bite. For more information, visit [ptmainstreet.org/concerts-on-the-dock](http://ptmainstreet.org/concerts-on-the-dock).

**Centrum Ukulele Festival.** Fort Worden State Park. Registration is limited to 135 people. Workshops to feature jazz, blues, swing, Hawaiian, pop, novelty and jug-band ukulele. Classes cover chords, melody, improvisation, playing up the neck and performing tips. Evenings to feature faculty and participant-led jams, two public performances and a culminating Saturday night party. For more information, visit [centrum.org/the-port-townsend-ukulele-festival](http://centrum.org/the-port-townsend-ukulele-festival).

**P Wooden Boat Festival.** Northwest Maritime Center and Point Hudson Marina. The largest wooden boat festival in North America, where kids and adults can board boats on the water, take in maritime culture, learn from experts and swap stories with fellow wooden-boat aficionados. Postponed until Sept. 10 to 12, 2021. For more information, visit [woodenboat.org](http://woodenboat.org).

**Quilcene Fair & Parade.** Quilcene School. Fair starts at 9 a.m., and the parade starts at 11 a.m. Highlights include a car show, an exhibit hall, a raffle and vendors. For more information, email [quilcenefair@gmail.com](mailto:quilcenefair@gmail.com) or visit [www.quilcenefair.com](http://www.quilcenefair.com).

**Crafts By The Dock Fair.** Madison and Water streets in downtown Port Townsend. Annual event features a variety of artists and craftspeople selling and displaying their wares and answering questions. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday

and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, visit [porttownsendartsguild.org/events.html](http://porttownsendartsguild.org/events.html).

**Quilcene Oyster Races and a Day in the Park.** Worthington Park, Quilcene. Annual half-marathon, 5K and 10K to raise funds for Quilcene-Brinnon Dollars for Scholars and Count Me In For Quilcene. For more information, visit [worthingtonparkquilcene.org/events](http://worthingtonparkquilcene.org/events).

**P Jefferson County Farm Tour.** Farm tour at Chimacum Corner Farmstead, with more than a dozen Jefferson County farms participating, located in and around Port Townsend, Marrowstone Island, Discovery Bay, Chimacum, Port Ludlow, Quilcene and Brinnon. Suggested donation of \$10. Date to be determined due to COVID-19. For more information, visit [theproductionalliance.org/events/jefferson-county-farm-tour](http://theproductionalliance.org/events/jefferson-county-farm-tour).

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**Port Townsend Film Festival.** To be held virtually in light of COVID-19. For more than 20 years, this film festival has made its mission to connect filmmakers and audiences. For more information,

call 360-379-1333 or 360-379-0198, email [info@ptfilmfest.com](mailto:info@ptfilmfest.com) or visit [ptfilmfest.com](http://ptfilmfest.com).

**Port Townsend Chamber Music Series.** Joseph F. Wheeler Theater, Fort Worden State Park. Callisto Trio. For more information, visit [centrum.org/port-townsend-chamber-music-festival](http://centrum.org/port-townsend-chamber-music-festival).

## OCTOBER

**Port Townsend Mini-Makers Fair.** Cotton Building. The PT FIRST Robotics Competition, Tech Challenge and LEGO League have all presented demonstrations in previous years, as have the Sea Dragons MATE ROV team, the Roboctopi FRC team, the Olympic Dragons FTC team and the Whidbey Island Wildcat FRC/FTC team.

**38th annual Great Port Townsend Bay Kinetic Skulpture Race.** Attempts to marry art and transportation produce hilarious results as kooky, ingenious

contraptions try to race the course and strive for mediocrity. Includes art parade, water race, unique awards and "Rosehips Kween Kontest." For more information, call 360-379-4972 or 360-385-7306, or visit [ptkineticrace.org](http://ptkineticrace.org).

**Quilcene Harvest Halloween.** Quilcene School and Worthington Park. Includes pony rides, a scarecrow contest, bonfire, cider and popcorn. For more information, visit [worthingtonparkquilcene.org/events](http://worthingtonparkquilcene.org/events).

**Downtown Port Townsend Trick-or-Treat and Halloween Costume Parade.** Preschool through sixth-grade kids and their parents assemble at the 1st Security Bank Plaza for the start of the parade, proceeding toward the Quimper Mercantile Plaza and trick-or-treating on their way back. Water Street and some side streets are usually closed to traffic for public safety at this event. For more information, call 360-385-7911 or visit [ptmainstreet.org](http://ptmainstreet.org).

## NOVEMBER

**Mexican Day of the Dead.** Upstairs floor of the Port Townsend Public Library. Attendees of all ages and ethnicities can sample Latin American cuisine and express their creativity by making their own paper skull masks with safety scissors and glitter.

**Tri-Area Community Meals Thanksgiving Dinner.** Tri-Area Community Center. More than 250 pounds of freshly roasted turkey and 100 pounds of locally farmed potatoes from Dharma

Ridge Farm were prepared last year for the annual community Thanksgiving Day meal in Chimacum. Vegetables, gravy, cranberry sauce and fresh rolls followed by baked pumpkin pie for a traditional holiday meal.

**Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair.** Port Townsend Community Center.

**Jefferson County Holiday Crafts Fair.** Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Stocking stuffers, gifts, arts and crafts, pictures with Santa, hourly raffles and

an open restaurant. For more information, call 360-385-1013 or visit [jeffcofairgrounds.com/events/holiday-fair](http://jeffcofairgrounds.com/events/holiday-fair).

**Brinnon Community Theatre presents "Christmas."** Brinnon Booster Club.

**Merchant Holiday Open House and Small Business Saturday.** Look for sales at various local shops throughout the day. Supported by the Port Townsend Main Street Program and the U.S. Small Business Administration.

**Wild Rose Chorale caroling in the streets.** Uptown and downtown Port Townsend.

## DECEMBER

**Brinnon Community Theatre presents "Christmas."** Brinnon Booster Club.

**Homes for the Holidays: Edible-House Making Contest.** Jefferson County Library. Bakers and crafters of all ages and abilities are invited to design and build their own edible creations. Structures may be built using anything edible. Patrons will be given the opportunity to vote for their favorites, and the winners will be announced at the library's Holiday Open House.

**Brinnon annual nativity and tree-lighting.** Across the street from the Brinnon General Store.

**Jefferson County Amateur Radio Club holiday potluck.** Cape George Fire Hall. All who are interested in amateur radio are welcome.

**Northwind's Seventh Annual Artist Showcase Holiday Small Works Show.** Northwind Arts Center.

**Festival of Lights 11th Annual Gift & Cookie Bazaar.** Unity Spiritual Enrichment Center.

**YMCA of Jefferson County Family Night.** Mountain View Commons. Holiday crafts and treats, free to all members of the community.

**Brinnon Christmas Craft Fair.** Brinnon Booster Club. For information and booth reservations, call 360-796-4910.

**Fill the Bus with Toys.** Port Townsend Visitors Center Plaza. Drop off cash donations or new, unwrapped toys. Sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve for Toys for Tots, Port Townsend Kiwanis Club and Jefferson Transit Authority.

**Chimacum's 34rd Annual Arts & Crafts Fair.** Chimacum Junior/Senior High School.

**Paul Rogers' Eighth-Annual Holiday Hi-Jinx Show.** Raising funds for community needs such as the Jefferson County winter shelter. Call 360-531-0276.

**Wild Rose Chorale caroling in the streets.** Uptown and downtown Port Townsend.

**Brinnon Kids' Christmas Party.** Brinnon Community Center.

**"Main Street" tree-lighting and Santa's arrival on the Kiwanis Choo-Choo Train.** Haller Fountain, Washington and Taylor streets, Port Townsend. Carolers saunter the streets of Port Townsend, framed by festival window displays and holiday shopping, culminating with the lighting of the community tree and a visit from Santa. A perfect way to launch the holiday season. For more information, call 360-385-7911 or visit [ptmainstreet.org](http://ptmainstreet.org).

**Reindeer Region at the Legion.** Marvin G. Shields Memorial American Legion Post 26 Hall.

Wood ornament-making and other crafts, refreshments, caroling, elves and visits with Santa. Donations for the ornaments go toward PT Artscape to help fund arts in the schools. Write cards to veterans to wish them happy holidays.

**Port Townsend Symphony Orchestra: The Grand Finale.** Chimacum Junior/Senior High School auditorium.

**Holiday open house.** Jefferson County Library. Enjoy refreshments and live music while creating seasonal crafts.

**Solstice Celebration.** Port Townsend Public Library. Crafts, snacks and live music.

**Chimacum Grange Holiday Party.** Chimacum Grange. Join the dessert potluck and holiday sing-along. Feel free to bring a dessert to share, although it's not necessary, or an instrument for the sing-along.

**Winter program.** Brinnon School.

**Brinnon Christmas holiday sale.** Brinnon Community Center. For details, call 360-796-4978.

**Brinnon School PTO Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair.** Brinnon School. For details, call 360-796-4646.

**Community holiday party and pictures with Santa.** Old Alcohol Plant.

**Main Street Kiwanis Choo-Choo Train Rides.** Meet at Pope Marine Park, Water Street at Madison. Suggested donation of \$5 per person to benefit art in the schools.

**Olympic Peninsula Steam's Yuletide Ball and Holiday Open Parlor.** Marvin G. Shields Memorial American Legion Post 26 Hall.

**Ukuleles Unite's annual holiday sing-along and jam.** Song books available online at [ukulelesunite.com](http://ukulelesunite.com). All ages, voices and instruments are welcome to join. For more information, email Patricia Bolen at [patricia98368@gmail.com](mailto:patricia98368@gmail.com).

**Wild Rose Chorale Christmas Concert.** First Presbyterian Church, Port Townsend.

**Trinity United Methodist Church's 25th-Annual Christmas Candlelight Concert, featuring the Choral Belles.** Trinity United Methodist Church. Admission by donation, children admitted free; to benefit local charities, Trinity United Methodist Church's music and historic Victorian restoration programs. Refreshments will be served following the performance. Call 360-774-1644 or email [rdanpurnell@msn.com](mailto:rdanpurnell@msn.com) for more information.

**Christmas Carol Sing-along.** First Presbyterian Church, Port Townsend. This event, now in its 13th year, is free, and children are welcome. For more information, call Walter Vaux at 360-344-3337.

**"Noon Year's Eve" dance party.** Jefferson County Library. Elementary school-aged kids are invited to decorate a New Year's countdown clock then share refreshments as they dance in the New Year at noon.



**"Fishes & Wishes" New Year's celebration.** Finnriver Farm & Cidery. Live music, s'mores around a bonfire, a walk to the creek for seasonal songs, an opportunity to cast wishing stones into the waters and the lighting of "Fin the Salmon" will mark the close of 2020 in Chimacum.

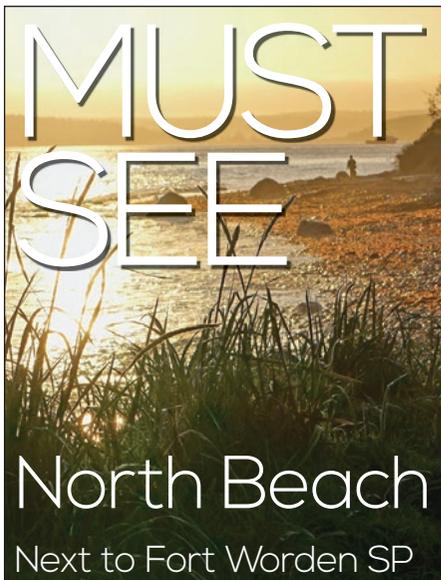
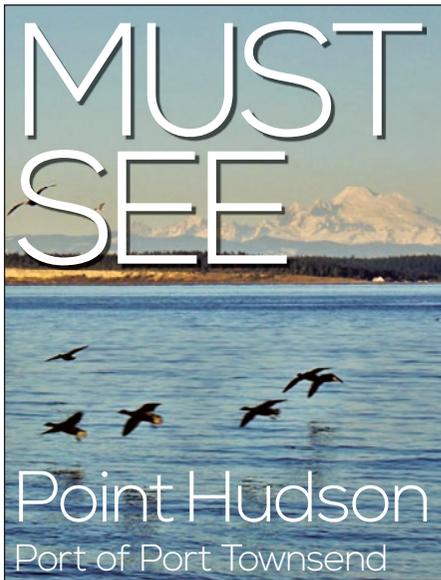
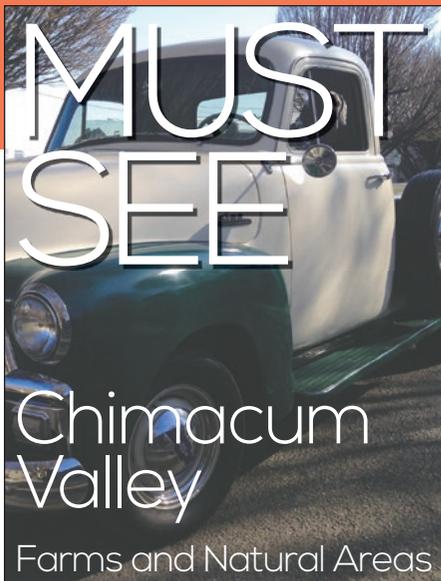
**First Night Celebration, Jefferson Museum of Art and History.** Illuminated anchor raised and fireworks set off at 9 p.m. local time, midnight in New York City. Square-dancing, kids' activities, live music and karaoke for three hours leading up to "midnight." Alcohol-free all-ages New Year's Eve community celebration focusing on art, culture and heritage, with a maritime theme tying it all together. For more information, call 360-385-1003 or visit [jchsmuseum.org](http://jchsmuseum.org).

**Christmas caroling in Brinnon.** Meet to carpool at the Brinnon Community Church.

**Brinnon Christmas Dinner.** Brinnon Community Center. Reservations required, call 360-796-4350.

**Brinnon Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.** Brinnon Community Church.

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