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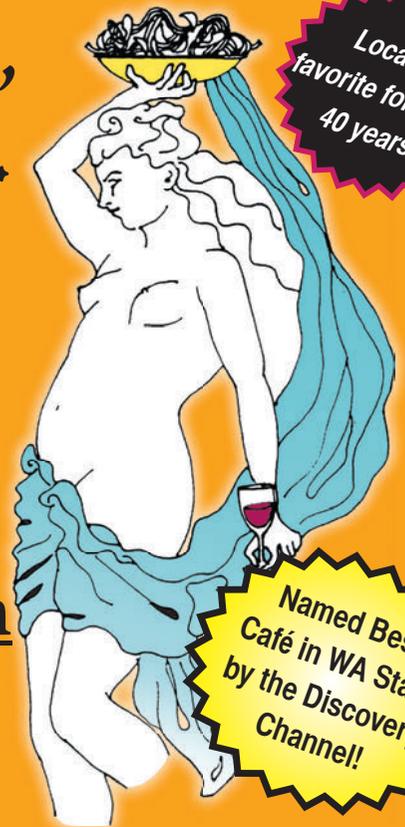
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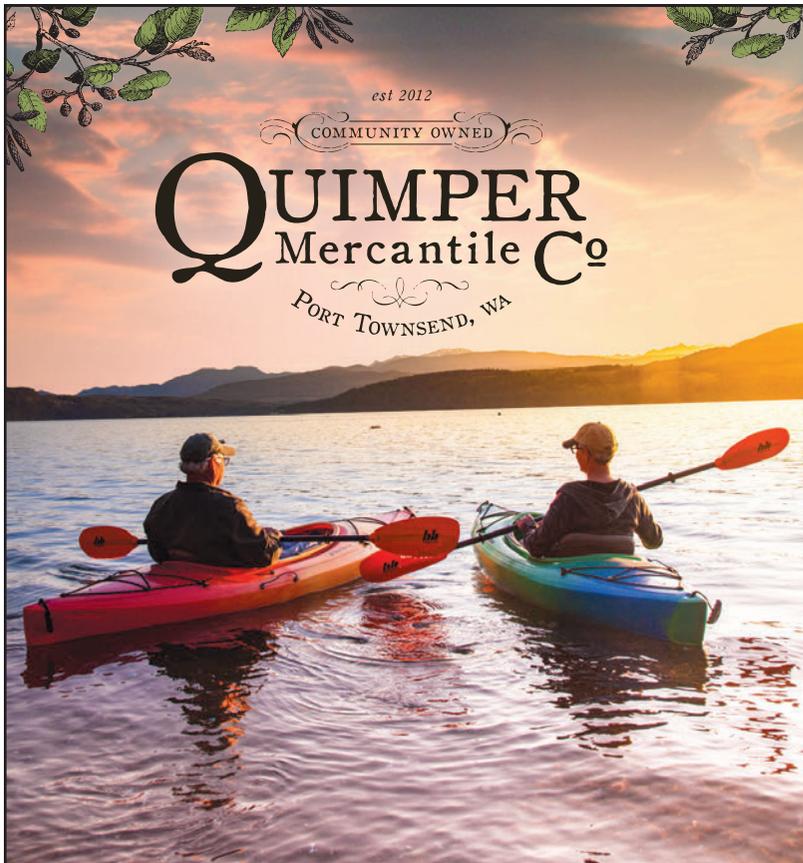
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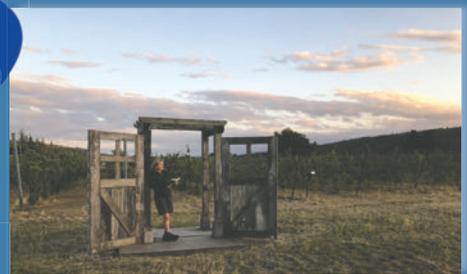
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# Welcome to the other side

Jefferson County is on the other side of it all, a relaxing ferry boat ride from downtown Seattle and less than an hour's drive from there, yet it is worlds away from the hustle and bustle of the big city. Jefferson County and the Olympic Peninsula are home to the best parts of Washington, including a rainforest.

When we say there's something for everyone, we aren't lying. From beaches to bird life to whale watching to live music to theater to artisan foods to organic farms – we've got you covered. Enjoy a day on the beach, go hiking or if you are lucky enough to be visiting during a weekend with a festival, that's a bonus.

Inside of these pages you will read about life on the Olympic Peninsula as well as the many communities that make Jefferson County so unique. You will read about our maritime industry, if you are a foodie, you don't want to miss reading our "Small Community, Big Flavor" story. You will also want to read "Lively Libations" to find out more about our wines, ciders and more. We will tell you about the 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.

Whether you drive across the Hood Canal Bridge, glorying in the Olympic Mountain skyline or arrive by ferry, or watching Port Townsend's unique Victorian downtown

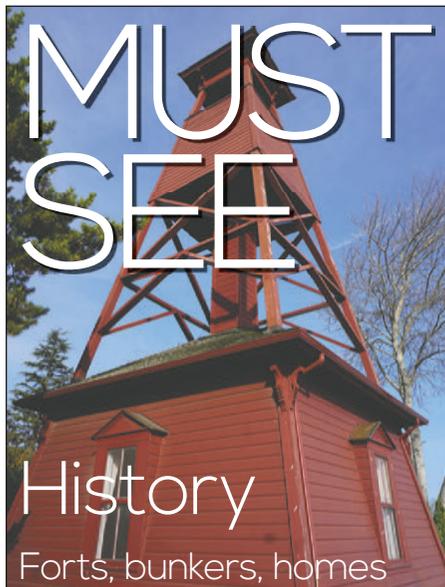
come into focus, it's a great start to a day trip, a weekend getaway or a full-on week away from home.

If you're coming from the South, tracing Hood Canal's western shore on US 101, the shady cabins and campsites offer charms of their own, which should include a stop at Hamma Hamma for oysters.

We have included a list of events to help keep you informed of what goes on in these wonderful communities during the summer and into fall. Be sure to double check to make sure the events are still scheduled to happen,

visit [enjoypt.com](http://enjoypt.com) to check out what is happening all year long.

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 trips to see it all.

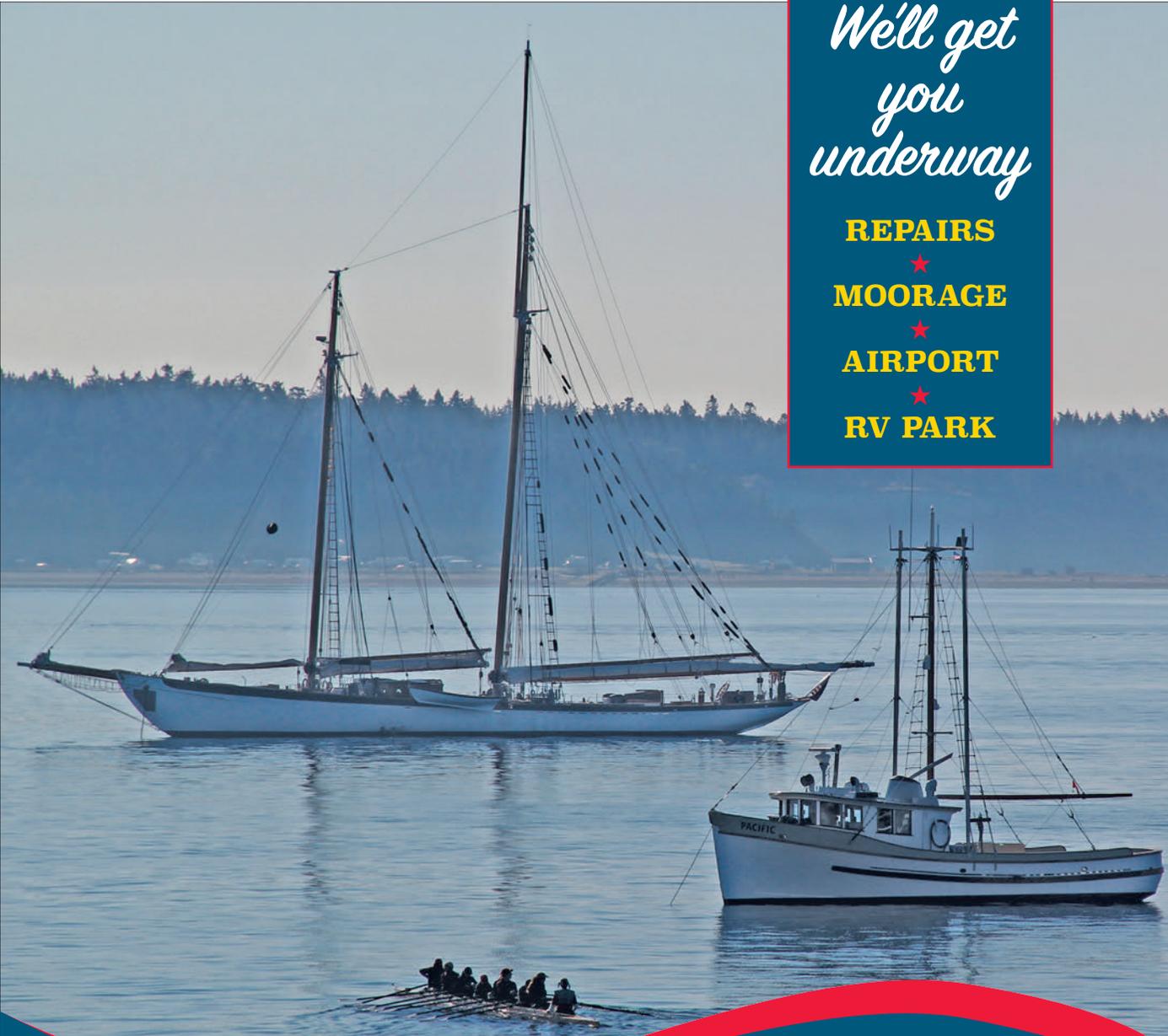


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Port Townsend has long been a haven for both recreational and commercial seafarers. With the appropriately named Boat Haven Marina and work yard, along with a city dock and an additional port-operated marina at Point Hudson, visitors come from near and far to moor in Port Townsend and meet with other like-minded nautical nomads.

The Wooden Boat Festival, which was forced to go virtual in 2020, is expected to make a triumphant return following its hiatus amidst the rigors of the COVID-19 pandemic. With the caveat that all present plans are subject to change, the 45th Wooden Boat Festival is expected to take place between Sept. 10 and Sept. 12.

You don't have to swing by Port Townsend for the Wooden Boat Festival to get a gander at some gorgeous gaffs. All year-round wooden boats of all sizes and shapes are being sailed into town either to visit or to undergo routine (and sometimes

not-so routine) maintenance at the hands of the area's numerous skilled shipwrights.

Grab some friends and raise sail for a little fleet racing through the Port Townsend Sailing Association. The PTSA organizes a multitude of local racing events both during the week and on the weekends. Feeling a little brave? Join the ranks of Port Townsend's maritime community in the dead of winter for the annual Shipwrights Regatta. (For more information on how to participate in races or join the Port Townsend Sailing Association, visit [ptsail.org](http://ptsail.org).)

Is sailing something you've always wanted to get into? Has your life as a landlubber lost its luster? Can you hear the howling winds and roaring seas calling to you in your dreams? Well before you decide to make like Melville, do a little learning first and make sure you're well prepared for whatever Poseidon has up his sleeve.

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The Northwest Maritime Center's got your back whether you're looking to learn the basics of sailing or hoping to hone those sea skills to participate in one of the center's infamously challenging races like the Race2Alaska, WA360, Salish 100 or Seventy48. To learn more about the programs offered at the center, visit <https://nwmaritime.org/programs/>.

Don't forget to check out the Pocket Yacht Palooza from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 17 at the Northwest Maritime Center. This event is open to small boats of all types and caters to the folks who have found that when it

comes to getting on the water, bigger is not always better.

If hopping in a boat and doing all the work isn't really your thing, maybe give a thought to paying a visit to Amber Heasley of Sail Port Townsend.

With the option to just sit back, relax and enjoy the ride, chartering a boat through Sail Port Townsend is a fine way to get on the water without breaking a sweat. And if during your excursion, you get up the gumption to take the helm, Heasley's background as a certified US Sailing Basic Keelboat Instructor, can surely be put to good use. For more information or to plan your trip visit [SailPortTownsend.com](http://SailPortTownsend.com).

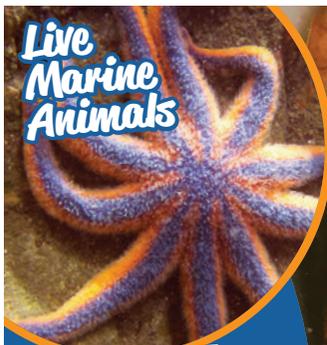
What adventure's complete without

a majestic encounter with nature? Visitors to Port Townsend can get the chance to watch some of the largest mammals on the planet from the deck of the Puget Sound Express during a whale-watching tour.

The family-owned and operated whale watching company Puget Sound Express has been continuously running in Port Townsend for more than 30 years. The group is also a member of the Pacific Whale Watch Association and dedicated to responsible marine wildlife viewing and conservation in the Pacific Northwest. Visit <https://www.pugetsoundexpress.com/> for more information on booking your whale-watching tour.

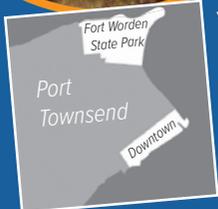
Don't forget to swing by the Boat Haven Marina and yard to walk the docks and check out all the boats that call Port Townsend their homeport. Bonus points if you can get a glimpse of the Western Flyer while walking by the Port Townsend Shipwrights Co-Op as the skilled craftspeople work to return the famous vessel that carried John Steinbeck back to its former glory.

Whether you're just looking to sample the local fare, or get some work done on your 60-foot wooden schooner, Port Townsend has something for everybody and a little extra for the folks who enjoy the saltier things in life.



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**Local advice; When possible, make accommodation reservations in advance.**

Some people like to plan their getaway well in advance, while others just wing it. Consider these tips, unique to our area, which apply to both travel styles.

## 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 Navy vessels from the nuclear submarine base on Hood Canal. If you are crossing the bridge on a strict timeline, say, to catch a flight, keep in mind that you may be delayed at the bridge 30 minutes. Dial 511 for a menu of state ferry, bridges and highway travel info.

## 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, or international service out of Anacortes. Call-center

hours are 5 a.m.-8:15 p.m., seven days a week at 888-808-7977, or go online to [wsdot.wa.gov/ferries](http://wsdot.wa.gov/ferries). For the other ferry routes, expect heavier traffic (and a possible wait) when heading westbound on a Friday and eastbound on a Sunday. When traveling between Port Townsend and Coupeville, those who choose the Washington State Ferry system may find it wise to make reservations in advance, as ferries often fill up during high season.

## Getting Around

Bicycle travel here has 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 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 Highway 104, and turning north to PT using Center Road.

Motorcycle groups and car clubs love cruising here. Again, Center Road is a smooth connection between the scenic drive along Hood Canal, the agritourism options in Chimacum and the Victorian architecture to be seen in PT. But don't be surprised if you come to PT on a summer Saturday and decide to spend the night – and find there are no rooms at the inn.

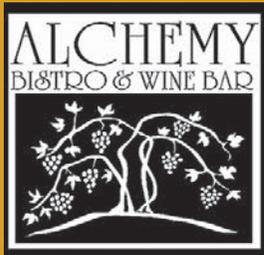
It is possible to plan an Olympic Peninsula visit without your own motorized transportation. If you carry what you need on your back or on a bicycle, a combination of public transport and ferries can get you almost everywhere you want to go.

## Emergency

Dial or text 911 to reach emergency services. Be prepared to state your location. Please keep in mind that GPS devices may be misled by our pioneer-era road system.

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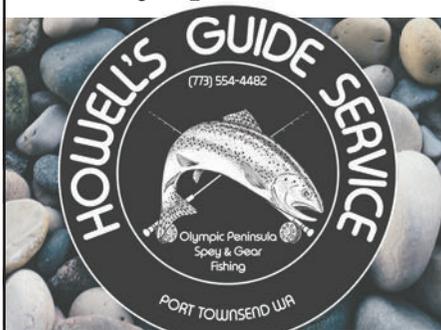
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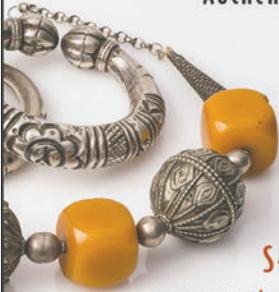


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BY ALLI PATTON  
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If food isn't something that comes

to mind when Jefferson County is on the brain, it might be time to change that.

Visitors can find a wide variety of good eats up, down, and all over the area. Every adventure needs fuel, so if you're in need of breakfast, lunch, dinner, or just a snack, this place has got you covered.

Treat yourself to some of the many elegant entrées offered at Alchemy Bistro & Wine Bar, like the Beef Bourguignon or the Mediterranean Rabbit. Make it a more casual affair at Khu Larb Thai where Moo Yang and Kow Soi are among their many specialties. Come because of the roadside allure and stay for the quality ingredients that make up the specialty burgers at Burger's Landing. With a basic breakfast, brioche French toast, or any of their scrambles, fill up with the no-frills Blue Moose Cafe where your morning needs are met. Satisfy your cravings with a jumbo hot dog from the popular outdoor venue, Dogs-a-Foot.



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When it comes to overall Best Restaurant in town, you can't lose. Where the options are always delicious and your choices are never wrong, some local favorites include Finistère, Tommyknockers Cornish Pasty, Ajax Cafe, and Fountain Cafe.

Best Coffee in town was voted Mean Bean Coffee Company along with Velocity Coffee and Better Living Through Coffee.

Best Fish & Chips in the area can be found at Sea J's Cafe, locals say. Doc's Marina Grill is another favorite.

Mo-Chili BBQ was dubbed Best Food Truck. Be sure to check out

Tacos y Burritos San Juan, as well.

Siren's Pub and The Castle were named for having the Best Happy Hour.

You can find the Best Lunch Special at Tommyknocker's Cornish Pasty.

Fiesta Jalisco and El Molcajete Mexican Grill are both ranked as Best Mexican Restaurant.

Enjoy the Best Milkshake at Sea J's Cafe.

Date night needs the Best Romantic Dinner, voted Lanza's Ristorante by residents along with Finistère.

Waterfront Pizza has the Best Pizza in town with Ferino's Pizzeria as another fan favorite.

You can procure the Best Produce at Chimacum Corner Farmstand, and don't forget the pickings at the Port Townsend Farmers Market.

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◄ Mo Chili BBQ

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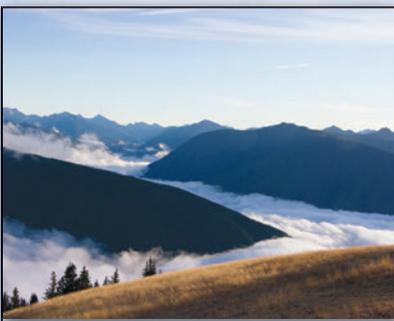
Amber Lights B&B	4042 Hastings Ave W	Port Townsend	98368	360-390-5712	www.amberlightsbedandbreakfast.com	3	x	x				x		Elegant, forest retreat
Harbor House	309257 Hwy 101	Brinnon	98320	360-796-4064		2	x	x		x			x	Waterfront
Solstice Farm B&B	6503 Beaver Valley Rd.	Chimacum	98325	360-732-0174	www.solsticefarmstay.com	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	Water views & sunsets
An Inn Between	5825 Old Gardiner Rd	Port Townsend	98368	360-379-8125		1		x		x	R		x	Waterfront
Arcadia Historic Inn	1893 S Jacob Miller Rd	Port Townsend	98368	360-385-1992	eaglemountwinery.com/historic-arcadia-inn	5		x	x	x	x			1909 Inn at the winery
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
Bay Cottage	4346 S. Discovery Rd	Port Townsend	98368	360-385-2035	www.baycottagegetaway.com	3		x		x				Beautiful beach access
Beach Cottages on Marrowstone	10 Beach Dr	Nordland	98358	800-871-3077	www.beachcottagegetaway.com	9		x	x	x				Private Beach Resort
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		x	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.covervm.com	1		x		x	x			2 nights minimum
Dabob Bay Cottage	840 Piper Rd	Quilcene	98376	360-765-3947	www.dabobbaycottage.com	1		x			R			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.state.wa.us	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
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

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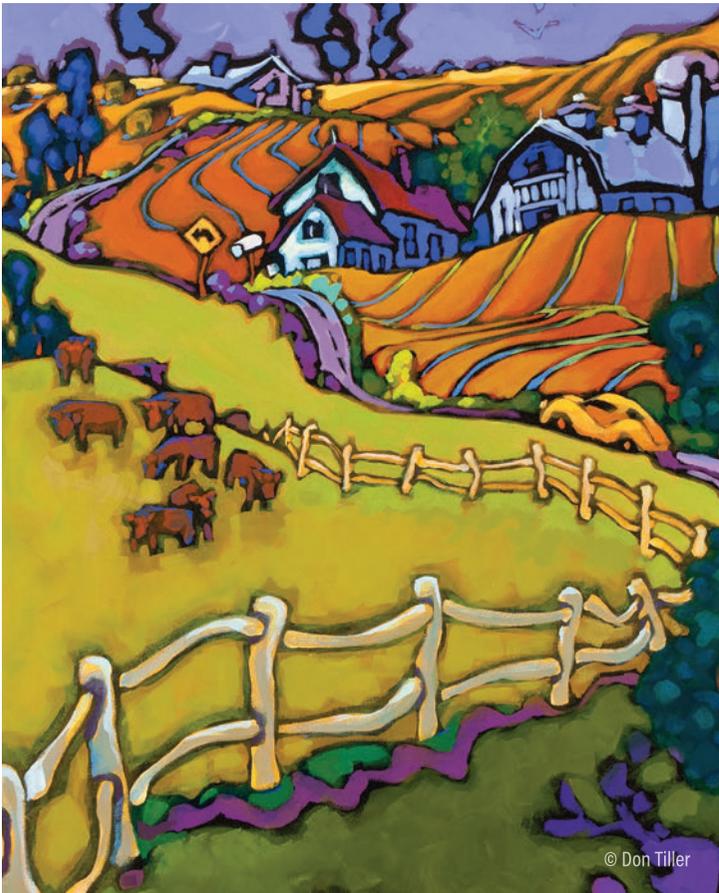
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BY ALLI PATTON  
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Whether you're out and about for Port Townsend Saturdays or Chimacum Sundays, when it's market season in Jefferson County, you can find plenty of homegrown fun.

Open every Saturday beginning in April until mid-December, the Port Townsend Farmers Market is positioned uptown on Tyler and Lawrence streets.

From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., you can find farm, food and art vendors as far as the eye can see. Stock up on local produce, pasture-raised meat, sustainable seafood, and all that the area provides. Treat yourself to the artisan cheeses, baked goods, crafts and more.

Erected on Sundays from June to October, the Chimacum Farmers Market is located on Rhody Drive in

Chimacum, the heart of farm country. The affair is described as more rustic than its Port Townsend counterpart, but it still has plenty to offer in the way of seasonal produce, local meats, artisanal foods, and other farmed and crafted goods. With many of the

vendors and participating farms within walking distance of the

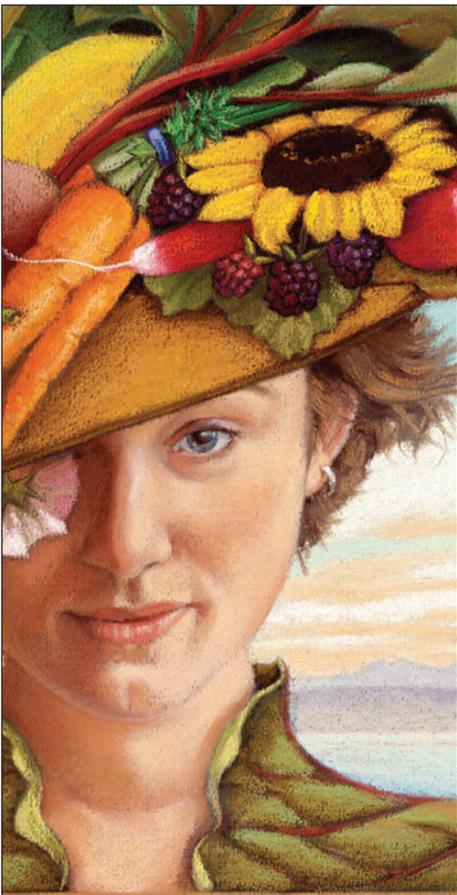
market, this is about as local as it gets. From 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., enjoy a Sunday stroll among a variety of farm-fresh favorites.

The farmers markets have been modified in some ways to ensure the health and safety of

guests and vendors. Children's programs, cooking demonstrations, live music, and other events can normally be found among the stalls, but the more markets' more social offerings have been placed on a brief hold.

To get any of your questions answered and to learn about their programs, newcomers can stop by the information booth at the markets' entrances. Also visit [jcfmarkets.org](http://jcfmarkets.org).

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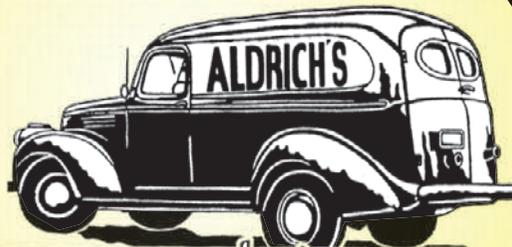


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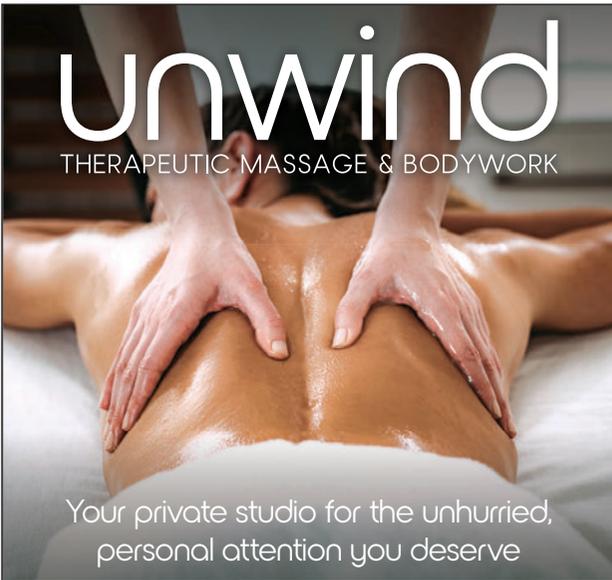
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Now that you're here, these are some of the must-see points of interest and things to experience in Port Townsend.

## Architecture

Fine craftsman-built examples of architecture, including Victorian and Greek Revival. Folks live and work in these homes, commercial and government buildings dating from the 1800s and early 1900s. Downtown National Historic District: Pioneers settled this narrow, sea-level spot in 1851. Ship captains from around the world came to this

port. Port Townsend is still a working waterfront, but with an artistic twist. Downtown hosts art galleries, antique stores, unique shops and many great restaurants, coffeehouses and pubs. Rent a kayak or bike. Walk a public dock.

## Uptown National Historic District

Victorian ladies shopped and lived here to avoid the rough-and-tumble waterfront district. Today, seniors and kids share a community center. The farmers market takes place on Saturdays just a set of stairs and two blocks up from downtown.

## Point Hudson

Find your best public beach access here, where Capt. George Vancouver came ashore in 1792. Native Americans camped

here; Coast Guard trainees and soldiers were on duty here. Most of the area is now owned by the public port district. You can row, paddle or sail with Northwest Maritime Center/Wooden Boat Foundation programs. Puget Sound Express offers whale-watching tours.

## Fort Worden State Park

Starting in 1902, Army Coast Artillery soldiers kept watch here, and in the 1960s, it was home to the Fort Worden Juvenile Diagnostic and Treatment Center. Now, many musicians, writers, dancers and artists create here. Campers, boaters, divers, sunbathers and beach walkers relax. Sandcastles and marine science knowledge are built. Historians teach and tour.

## Beaches

Wildlife uses these beaches, too, so please stay clear of beached seal pups and don't let your dogs chase birds. Saltwater swimming is OK. Just know that Port Townsend Bay has an average temperature of about 54 degrees Fahrenheit.

## Chetzemoka Park

Choose your piece of sunshine or shade, grassy lawn, gazebo or picnic table. Walk through the rose arbor, walk the beach. Run your dog off leash at a special park next door. Learn how the city's first public park, established in 1905, was named that year for S'Klallam Chief Chetzemoka.

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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

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.

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



### 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.

Brinnon is about 38 miles south of Port Townsend and about 13 miles south of Quilcene. For a spectacular "aerial" view of the region, head a few miles north of Brinnon to the Mount Walker lookouts.



## Chimacum

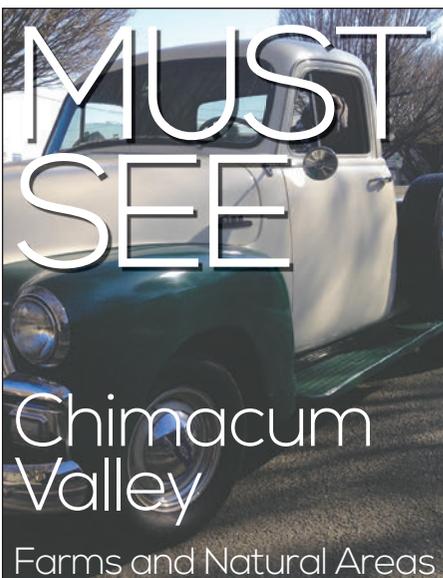
The Chimacum Valley is named for the Chemakum tribe that once lived on the land.

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

Chimacum is 10 miles south of Port Townsend and 8 miles northwest of Port Ludlow. Places to explore are Anderson Lake State Park, HJ Carroll Park, Tamanowas Rock Sanctuary, Chimacum Corner farmstand and Finn River Farm and Cidery, to name a few.

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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



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.

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

## Discovery Bay



Located about 13 miles southwest of Port Townsend, Discovery Bay, aka “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



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.

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

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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

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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## Irondale

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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

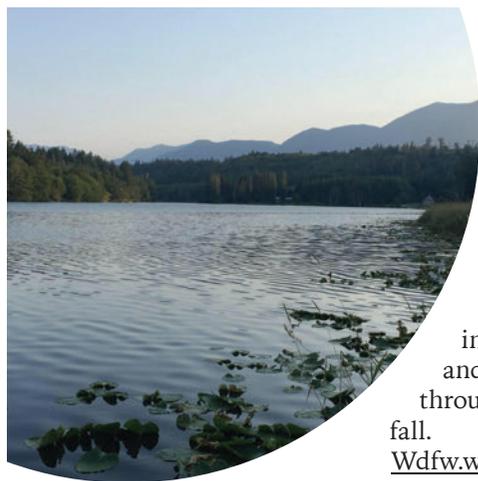
Named after early settler Laura Andrews, Leland is an unincorporated community within Jefferson County.

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.

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



## Marrowstone Island

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.

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## Port Hadlock

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

He contracted with the Washington Mill Company to build a 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 Sehrs, of Sehrs 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.



## Port Ludlow

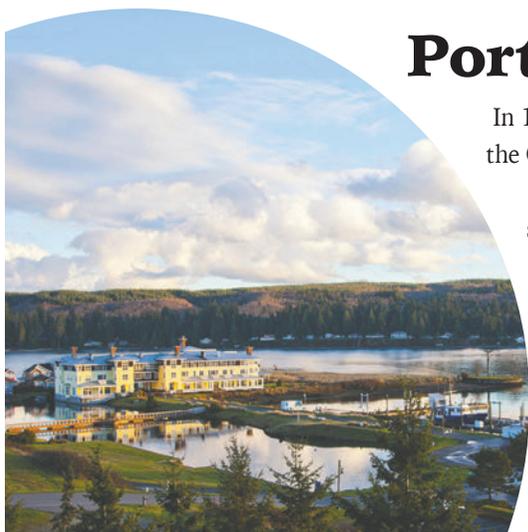
In 1842, the town and bay were named in honor of Lieutenant Augustus C. Ludlow, by the Commander of the U.S. Exploring Expedition, Lt. Charles Wilkes.

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.

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.

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# Port Townsend



Port Townsend is the only city in Jefferson County, with about 9,400 residents, 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.

Fort Worden and Point Wilson Lighthouse should be on your list to visit.

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# 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. Highway 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.



West End surf sunset, Neah Bay

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

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

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



## Tide Table for Olympic National Park

[nps.gov/olym/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



Humpback whales like to getaway in the waters around the Olympic Peninsula.

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## 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.



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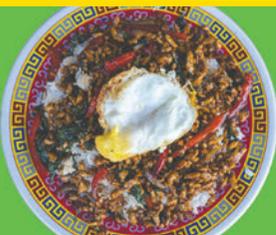


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# Art Galleries

BY ALLI PATTON  
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With western shores kissed by the Pacific, eastern beaches caressed by the Sound, and the miles in-between untouched by civilization, Jefferson County — and the Olympic Peninsula as a whole — has a lot to offer in the way of natural beauty. There is no doubt this place has inspired and influenced a lot of the artwork found around the community.

Maps of the county are dotted with multiple art galleries where visitors can find just as much visual stimulation

indoors as they can outside.

The Port Townsend School of the Arts and the Northwind Arts Center recently married as one organization, formally becoming Northwind Art. An institution of education, exhibition, and advancement, Northwind Art operates both the Grover Gallery and the Best Gallery in downtown Port Townsend. Located at 236 Taylor St., Grover Gallery features a wide array of rotating exhibits. The Best Gallery is positioned at 701 Water St. and is

equipped with two different exhibit spaces. Visit [northwindart.org](http://northwindart.org) to see all there is to explore at their galleries.

Representing artwork from the Coast Salish, Haida, Nuu-chah-nulth, Tlingit, and Cowichan tribes, the Pacific Traditions Gallery offers visitors a look at original art from The First People of the North American Coastal Tribes. This gallery can be found at 637 Water St. in Port Townsend. Learn more at [pacifictraditions.com](http://pacifictraditions.com).

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Also located on Port Townsend's Water Street is the fine art cooperative, Port Townsend Gallery. It features the work of local artists in its indoor and outdoor exhibit spaces.

Find more information at [porttownsendgallery.com](http://porttownsendgallery.com).

Port Townsend's Gallery 9 is another Water Street art hub. With revolving art, ceramic, and jewelry exhibits, you can always spot something new here. Visit [gallery-9.com](http://gallery-9.com) for more.

Port Ludlow Art League is another cooperative gallery in the county. Located on Oak Bay Road in Port Ludlow, this gallery celebrates a community of artists. See the original art, photography, fiber and wood art, and more that grace the gallery walls. Information at [portludlowart.org](http://portludlowart.org).

Come see the art that plays a big role in the community. Support the galleries that support our artists.

## Port Townsend Gallery Walk



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## 2 BAD BOYS GALLERY

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**Address:** 211 Taylor St. B-2 (Undertown), Port Townsend WA 98368

**Contact:** 828-242-4088 (Text only) • [Badboysgallery.com](http://Badboysgallery.com)



## 3 NORTHWIND - GROVER GALLERY

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## 4 PORT TOWNSEND GALLERY

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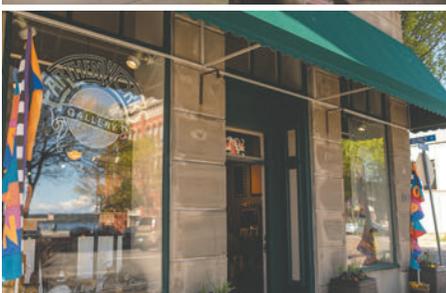


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## 7 JEFFCO HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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**Address:** 540 Water St., Port Townsend WA 98368

**Contact:** 360 385-1003 • [jchsmuseum.org](http://jchsmuseum.org)

# BACK IN THE DAY



## LOOKING BACK: From the pages of the Port Townsend Leader

### October 1897

“Klondike Gold! The Port Townsend Board of Trade respectfully asks your attention to the fact that persons bound to the great gold fields of the North can obtain everything they need from the merchants of Port Townsend, at prices from 5 to 20 percent less than in any other city of Puget Sound.”

### May 1915

“Word was received in this city yesterday afternoon that a Ford touring car driven by Frank Hart had completed the trip over the Olympic Highway [U.S. Highway 101 along Hood Canal] from Quilcene to Olympia. Hart is the first man to have covered the entire distance.”

### March 1918

A schooner arrives in Port Townsend Bay and stands out from the other vessels. “The Wergerland is minus two masts, the sticks having gone over the side when the schooner was 100 miles outside Cape Flattery.”

# Touch Our History

Take advantage of your getaway in Jefferson County by checking out our history with a visit to one of our museums. You might also want to investigate the Jefferson County Historical Society Research Center, shared by the Jefferson County Genealogical Society.

Along with traditional museums — including the Rothschild House, the smallest state park in Washington — we have the Kelly Art Deco Light Museum and the Port Townsend Aero Museum.

## Quilcene Historical Museum

Located at 151 E. Columbia, at the intersection of Center Road, in Quilcene. Admission is by donation. Hours are 1-5 p.m. Friday-Monday from April to September. Limited winter visits are possible, or research may be arranged by calling ahead. Leave a message at 360-765-4848, 360-765-3192 or 360-765-4404.

## Jefferson County Historical Society Museum

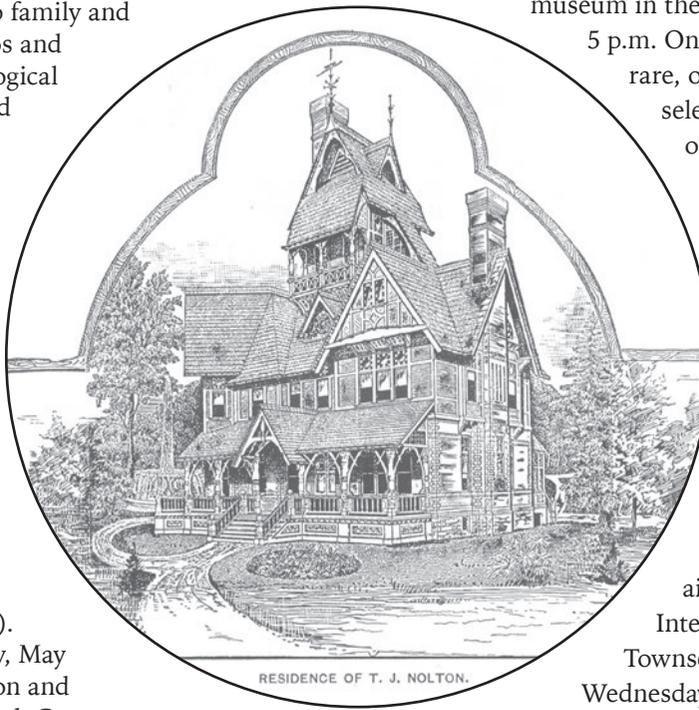
Found in Port Townsend’s historic City Hall, 540 Water St. Check out the gift shop. Museum hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday in January-February and daily the rest of the year. Contact 360-385-1003 or [jchsmuseum@olympus.net](mailto:jchsmuseum@olympus.net); visit [jchsmuseum.org](http://jchsmuseum.org)

## Jefferson County Historical Society Research Center

This is the place to look up family and property histories, view photos and investigate a library of genealogical resources. The center is shared by the Jefferson County Genealogical Society at 13692 Airport Cutoff Road (Highway 19), about 5 miles south of Port Townsend. Hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Call 360-379-6673.

## Rothschild House State Park

A historic home with original furnishings of the Rothschild family (1868-1954). Hours are 11 a.m.-4 p.m. daily, May through September, at Jefferson and Taylor streets in Port Townsend. Contact 360-379-8076 or 360-385-1003; visit [jchsmuseum.org/Rothschild/house.html](http://jchsmuseum.org/Rothschild/house.html).



## Kelly Art Deco Light Museum

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Contact 360-379-9030; visit [thedecomuseum.com](http://thedecomuseum.com).

## Port Townsend Aero Museum

Provides work-based opportunities for youths and young adults, and restores, flies and displays antique aircraft at Jefferson County International Airport south of Port Townsend. Hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Contact

360-531-0252, [ptam@olypen.com](mailto:ptam@olypen.com) or [thuotte@waypoint.com](mailto:thuotte@waypoint.com); visit [ptaeromuseum.com](http://ptaeromuseum.com).

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# Place these top favorites on your list to visit

## 1. Hoh Rain Forest

With an annual rainfall ranging from 140 to 170 inches, the Hoh Rain Forest is a lush, green wonderland, with mosses and ferns covering every tree and surface. According to the NPS, it is one of the finest remaining examples of temperate rainforest in the United States and is one of the park's most popular spots to visit.

## 2. Hurricane Ridge

Hurricane Ridge is located 17 miles south of Port Angeles and is the most easily accessed mountain area within the park. In clear weather, it offers amazing views.

## 3. Kalaloch & Ruby Beach

On the southwest coast of the Olympic Peninsula, is one of the most visited areas of Olympic National Park. The marine environment and offshore islands are protected by three national wildlife refuges. For thousands of marine species, the coastal waters provide a safe haven.

## 4. Lake Crescent

Formed thousands of years ago, this crystal-clear, glacially carved lake has depths of up to 624 feet in places. As the ice retreated, it left behind a steep valley that filled with the waters of Lake Crescent.

## 5. Mora and Rialto Beach

Rialto Beach, which sits about 40 miles southwest of Lake Crescent and about 70 miles from Port Angeles, offers dramatic coastal scenery and is a great place to look for sea lions, seals,

otters, whales, seabirds and eagles.

## 6. Sol Duc Valley

The Sol Duc Valley, located in the northwest region of the park, offers several trails to explore, but probably the most popular is the mile-long hike to the Sol Duc Falls overlook.



## 7. Olympic National Park Main Visitor Center and Wilderness Information Center

Found in Port Angeles, the center houses exhibits about Olympic National Park's natural and cultural history, a hands-on "Discovery Room" for kids, a 25-minute orientation film, the "Mosaic of Diversity," a bookstore and two short nature trails just outside the center.

## 8. Staircase

Staircase, located in the southeastern corner of Olympic National Park, is dominated by enormous Douglas firs. You'll find a variety of hiking trails along the Skokomish River and the nearby forests. The Staircase Rapids Loop Trail is an easy 2-mile path that leads visitors through old-growth forest to a bridge over the North Fork Skokomish River, with only a 200-foot elevation gain. A spur trail leads to a huge fallen cedar. There's also the flat Shady Lane Trail, which measures less than a mile and takes visitors to Lake Cushman. If you're looking for more of a challenge, consider the 7½-mile hike to Flapjack Lakes, which boasts a 3,000-foot elevation.

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# Find a path to your vista

**Trails abound in the Olympic Mountains, but hikers are urged to take simple safety precautions before heading out on their hike. Dress right, bring water and tell people where you are going.**

Olympic National Park is a hiker's wonderland. The park offers many diverse experiences for those willing to hike her intricate lacework of trails.

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

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 trails that access these areas are strenuous, but the rewards are well worth the effort.

Among the rewards are a glorious vista revealed only when finally rounding that last switchback, and meteor showers viewed from the warmth of a sleeping bag.

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.

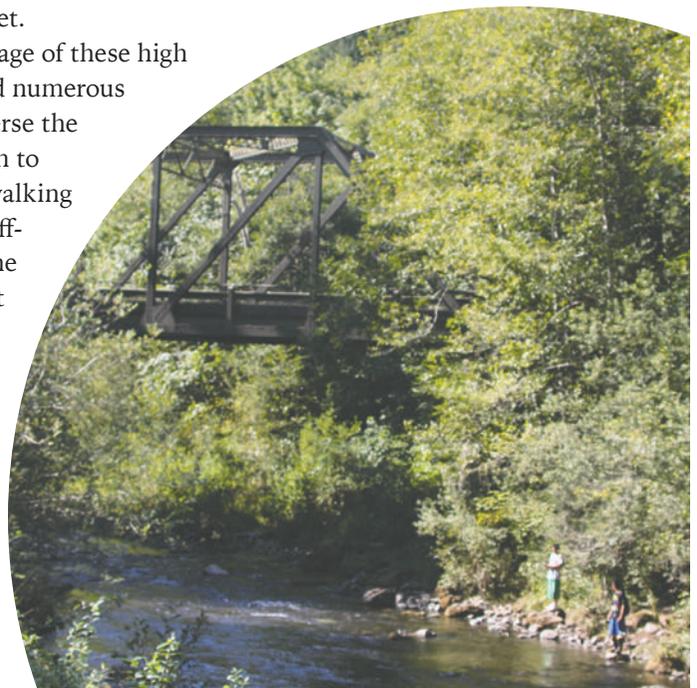
By taking advantage of these high mountain ridges and numerous peaks, one can traverse the Olympics from north to south while rarely walking on a trail. For this off-trail adventuring, one must be proficient at route finding and GPS navigation.

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.

According to the park service, this year nearly 40,000 people will camp in the Olympic wilderness and several hundred thousand people will take [www.nps.gov/olymp/day-hiking.htm](http://www.nps.gov/olymp/day-hiking.htm) day hikes and walks.

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But 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 360-565-3100 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 start hiking.

## BE PREPARED

**B**eing prepared with the 10 essentials (map, compass, flashlight, extra food, extra clothing, raingear, first-aid supplies, pocket knife, waterproof matches, firestarter), plus route-finding skills, can make the difference between an enjoyable trip and a rescue party.

Available at local shops are several hikers' guides that contain valuable information, trail descriptions and suggested routes. Trail permits are available at ranger stations across the Olympic Peninsula.

Courses offered by The Mountaineers, Olympic Mountain Rescue, Peninsula Wilderness Club and various mountain-guide companies teach or enhance wilderness survival skills.



# Lively Libations

BY NICK TWIETMEYER  
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Jefferson County makes for a fantastic place to unwind with an adult beverage, with loads of establishments crafting their own concoctions, visitors can enjoy a wide variety of locally crafted wines, ciders, beers and spirits. Whether you're reaching for a frosty cold one after a hot summer day, or if you're looking to warm up fireside with a full-bodied glass of wine, Jefferson County has a drink for everyone.

As we all hopefully get closer to having the COVID-19 pandemic reined-in, we can begin to start considering the possibility of meeting friends outside of our respective quarantine bubbles to raise our glasses in fellowship once again. The return to some semblance of normalcy is more than welcome.

Here are a few locations throughout Jefferson County for you to eat, drink and be merry.

## Admiralty Distillers

Located in Port Townsend, Admiralty Distillers offer several types of brandies as well as their Pennant Gin. Admiralty's eau de vie ("water of life") brandies come in three varieties, fruit brandy, marc brandy and classic brandy. Tasting room visits are by appointment only and may be scheduled by calling 360-643-3530.

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### Discovery Bay Brewing

Take a trip to Discovery Bay Brewing to enjoy a pint in their heated beer garden between from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Discovery Bay also serves a variety of local wines as well as fresh pretzels, smoked sausages, veggie dogs, and other snacks. Non-alcoholic beverages are also available for the teetotalers.

948 North Park Ave.  
Port Townsend • 360-344-2999  
[www.discoverybaybrewing.com](http://www.discoverybaybrewing.com)



### Eaglemount Winery & Cidery

Located on 12 acres of mixed farm and woodlands known as Arcadia, the Eaglemount Winery & Cidery is an excellent space both for events and to just swing by and enjoy their varieties of wines, meads and ciders available. Book a night at the Arcadia Inn ([www.airbnb.com/users/77538964/listings](http://www.airbnb.com/users/77538964/listings))

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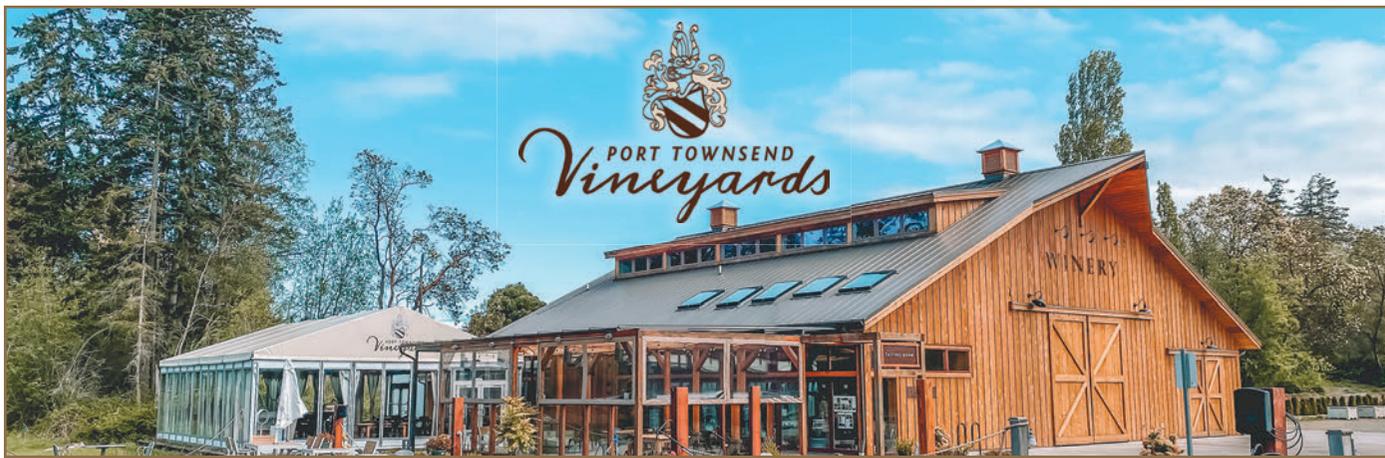


### Finnriver Farm & Cidery

Nestled right in the heart of the Chimacum Valley, Finnriver Farm & Cidery has been farming the land for 15 years — cultivating the fruits that go into their hard ciders,

Finnriver's cider garden is open once again, on a limited basis, for those looking to stop by the farm and enjoy some of their varieties of cider. For those looking to grab and run, Finnriver also offers orders to go as well.

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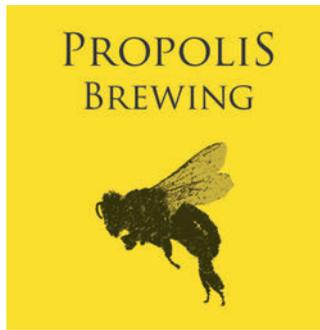
## Mead Werks at Wilderbee Farm

Bighten up your visit to the Wilderbee Farm with a bottle of their "Bright!" Mead. Made with blackberry blossom honey, this mead is light, complex and sips well with just about any pairing.

The farm opens for the season Wednesday, May 5, but those who aren't ready to make it out in-person, can still shop the farm's online store.

The farm also offers U-pick lavender (late June through September), flowers (July through September) and pumpkins (in October).

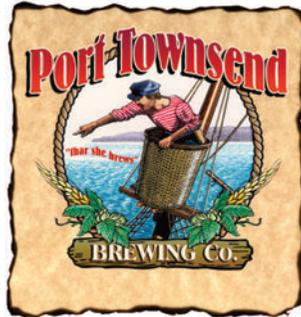
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360-279-2434 • [wilderbeefarm.com](http://wilderbeefarm.com)



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## Port Townsend Brewing Company

As its name might suggest, the Port Townsend Brewing Company, is situated conveniently right in Port Townsend and is well-known throughout the region as a purveyor of fine craft beer.

The tasting room at the Port Townsend Brewing Company is open daily from 2 to 7 p.m. and serves some light pub snacks, although visitors are welcome to bring their own grub.

330 10th St. Port Townsend  
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## Port Townsend Vineyard

Port Townsend Vineyards is sure stop for the oenophile. With two locations available at the Port Townsend Winery (2640 Sims Way) and at Vintage by Port Townsend Vineyards (725 Water St.) visitors can swing by and enjoy a swig at both



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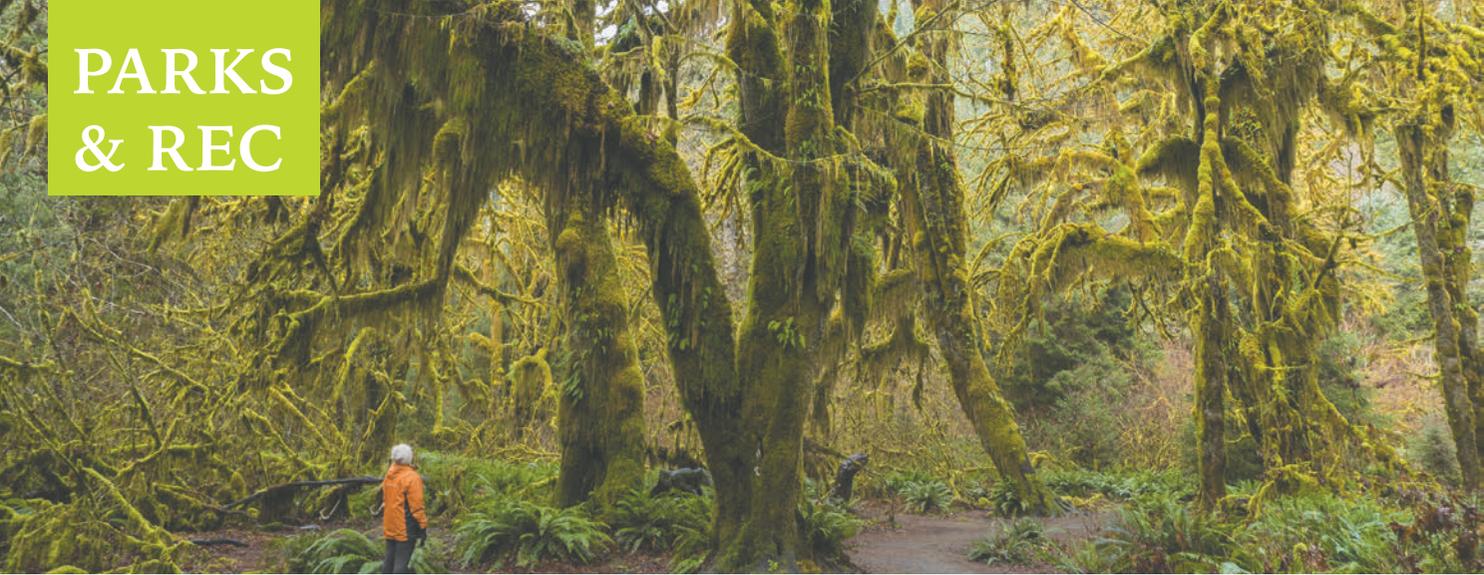
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# County parks offer miles of trails, reservation-free camping and scenic picnicking

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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."

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

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



## 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 Highway 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.

## 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.

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## 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.

# 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 Highway 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.

# 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 [ejlitleague.com](http://ejlitleague.com).



▲ 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

## Around the county

Places to take in nature

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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.

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### 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, eelgrass 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," according to Washington DNR.

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," according to DNR.

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

## **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 Washington State Parks.

“Beachfront tent and RV sites boast some of the best views in the region,” according to Washington State Parks. “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 says. “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.

“Enjoy a meal in the Guard House Pub, and peruse the photogenic 1914 Point Wilson lighthouse,” Washington State Parks advises 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 notes. “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 notes. “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.”

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It’s also a place from which to launch a trip farther west to Dungeness

Spit National Wildlife Refuge (40 miles), Olympic National Park’s Hurricane Ridge (68 miles) or Cape Flattery (122 miles). The Hoh Rain Forest (138 miles) and Kalaloch Beach on the Pacific Ocean (129 miles) are actually within Jefferson County, just on the other side of the Olympic Mountains.

Stay here a few days, go play in the Olympics a few days, and return here for one more taste before heading back to your own home base.

Be practical about your travels, which means:

- 1) Don’t be in a hurry as peninsula roads just don’t make that possible.
- 2) Plan ahead when possible.

There is a wide variety of overnight accommodations in Port Townsend and Jefferson County, just not enough for the summer seasons, and other busy times year-round. Pick your travel dates, search your destination and make a reservation. We’d love to have you come over and stay, but if you arrive on a Saturday afternoon in July looking to rent a room for the night ... good luck.

3) Stop along the way, any way you go, and sample the fresh air, the fresh food and drink, and take the photos that will make people back home go, “ahhhh.”

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# Tourism can include a stop at the pot shop

BY LESLIE KELLY

Whether they are coming from somewhere else in Washington or from out of state, visitors to Jefferson County may want spend an afternoon checking out the legal cannabis retailers here.

In all, Jefferson County has eight cannabis retailers according to the State of Washington Initiative 502 data. In a typical month, consumers in Jefferson County purchase about \$800,000 of cannabis related products from retailers. That means about \$198,000 in sales tax revenue that adds to the state's economic health.

But most who enter a cannabis retailer have other things on their mind. They want to know that they can get legal marijuana from a reputable source. And by shopping at a state licensed retailer, they will be buying products grown or made in the state. In fact, Jefferson County has 15 cannabis processors.

Most of the out of town and out of state customers at Chimacum Cannabis Company, one of the top selling retailers in the county, let the staff know that they are new to the store, according to Rebecca Iverson, assistant to the regional manager.

"Those who are from in state usually are coming here because the know we have a product that they want and can't get elsewhere," Iverson said. "They come for a particular grower

that we deal with."

And if they are from out of state, she said, they usually want to know what the Washington State laws regarding cannabis are.

"We get people from the East Coast — Connecticut, and New York," she said. "And from the southwest like from Arizona, Texas and even Florida. They ask about where they can consume it and how much they can buy."

The store boasts of being friendly, welcoming, and open with lots of light.

"It's a house that we converted into a store," Iverson said. "And because we're located on a corner with other locally owned businesses, people feel free to stop in."

She likes to tell new customers that their products are all organic and free of pesticides. She said the merchandise is displayed so that customers feel free to wander about.

"It's a store where it's really easy to find what you are looking for, and we're happy to answer any questions," she said.

Likewise as Choice Cannabis

in Port Townsend, manager Kendra Rezendes said they stock organic and pest free cannabis and they like to buy from mostly Port Townsend growers and producers.

"If it is their first time in a legal weed store and especially if they are from out of state, we walk them through the store and get them familiar with our products, Rezendes said. "It's fun because they are coming from a state where all of this is illegal and they're getting to experience what

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it's like to be in a legal cannabis state.”

States represented among their visitors include Alabama, Texas and North Carolina, along with California and Oregon where cannabis is legal.

Among the products that seem to sell well currently are any of the cannabis drinks, infused joints, and the edibles.

“We're known for having higher CBD strains, too,” she added.

At Better Buds in Port Hadlock, budtenders know when there is someone from out of state stopping in.

“They are like a kid in a candy shop,” said Seth Nelson, who is a manager at Better Buds. “I just tell them to look around and enjoy themselves.”

Seth recalled the time a man from Texas stopped by.

“He just stood in the doorway and said, 'Holy cow!' He'd never seen anything like it.”



At Better Buds, they focus on the customer and try to educate them about the products they sell.

“I tell them there's no such thing as a dumb question,” he said. “We are here to make sure they get what they need to feel better.”

Those from other places will ask about what's legal. They often want to know if they can smoke cannabis in public.

“We are very careful to card them as they come in,” he said. “And we know the laws. We make sure they know that you can't smoke in public places and that you can't drive under the influence.”

But the questions he gets most frequently are about directions.

“Where is such and such,” he said. “Or how to get to the beach. Sometimes I feel like a travel guide.”

## KNOW THE LAW

Initiative 502 legalized marijuana use for adults however there are still a number of restrictions. It is important for you to be aware of the following laws:

- **Age Limit** – Only adults age 21 and older can purchase and possess marijuana.
- **Purchase Limits** – Adults age 21 and over can purchase up to one ounce of usable marijuana (the harvested flowers, or “bud”), 16 ounces of marijuana-infused edibles in solid form, 72 ounces in liquid form, and 7 grams of marijuana concentrates.
- **Buying and Selling** – Marijuana can only be sold and purchased at state-licensed retail stores. A valid photo ID is required, and no one under 21 is allowed on the retail premises. Many retail marijuana stores only accept cash.
- **Public Use** – It is illegal to consume marijuana in view of the public.
- **Driving** – It is illegal to drive under the influence of marijuana if you have more than 5 nanograms of active THC per milliliter of blood. Doing so may result in significant legal penalties.
- **Travel** – It is illegal to take marijuana outside of Washington. Doing so may result in significant legal penalties.

# Kick back and relax on the coastline

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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.

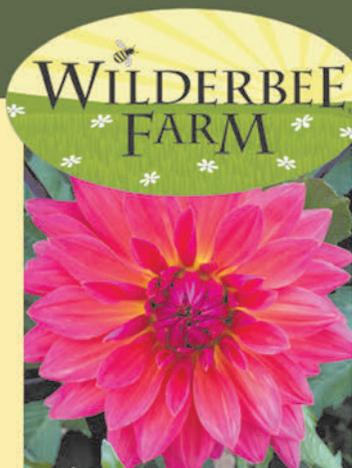
- For a smoother sandy saltwater beach, try **Irondale Beach Park** at 562 Moore St. in Port Hadlock. This 12.5-acre park includes a picnic area, the historic site of Irondale Mill, the beach, the mouth of Chimacum Creek and views of Port Townsend Bay.

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.

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**Viva La Vino Wine Stroll.** Port Townsend Main Street passport culinary experience (self-guided)

**SEVENTY/48.** Race from Tacoma to Port Townsend. June 4. Rules are simple: no motors, no support, and no wind. Human Power only. Pedal, paddle, or row. Race starts in Tacoma, Washington at the head of Tacoma's Thea Foss Waterway near the Museum of Glass to Port Townsend. The race is over 48 hours after it starts. Teams must ring the

bell at City Dock in Port Townsend by 7 p.m. on June 6. For more information, visit [seventy48.com](http://seventy48.com).

**Sol Grinder.** June 5. This bike race will take you down through long cathedral-like corridors of Sitka Spruce, Douglas Fir and Cedars. You will have the sound of water as you cross the sparkling Sol Duc River or one of its many tributaries. Little creeks are constantly gurgling and splashing by you as you grind your way to the pinnacle of this course, opening up to views into the interior of Olympic National Park and Forest. The short and long courses go through the "Keyhole", a passageway blasted through the spine of the dividing ridge. [bikereg.com/gravel-unravel](http://bikereg.com/gravel-unravel)

**Chimacum Farmers Market.** Opens June 6. Chimacum Corner Farmstand. Runs Sundays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. until Oct. 25. For more information, visit [jcfmarkets.org](http://jcfmarkets.org).

**WA/360.** 360 miles of engineless, unsupported boat racing circling Puget Sound. June 7. Stealing the simple framework of Race to Alaska, WA/360 is a race from Port Townsend to Port Townsend, counter clockwise along the edges of COVID allowable travel. There will be actual waypoints, route choices will matter, boat choices will matter and no matter what, teams will have to choose the lesser of two evils - Deception Pass or the Swinomish Slough. [nwmartime.org/wa360/](http://nwmartime.org/wa360/)

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# EVENTS

**PT Eats Restaurant Week.** June 11 - 20. Port Townsend Main Street passport culinary experience (self guided). For more info visit [ptmainstreet.org](http://ptmainstreet.org)

**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. June 20 - 25. For more information, visit [centrum.org/voices-from-the-field-arts-academy](http://centrum.org/voices-from-the-field-arts-academy).

**Classic Mariners' Regatta.** Point Hudson Marina. High-caliber sailors racing beautiful wooden boats, with hand-sewn award pennants. June 21. For more information, visit [nwmaritime.org/classic-mariners-regatta](http://nwmaritime.org/classic-mariners-regatta).

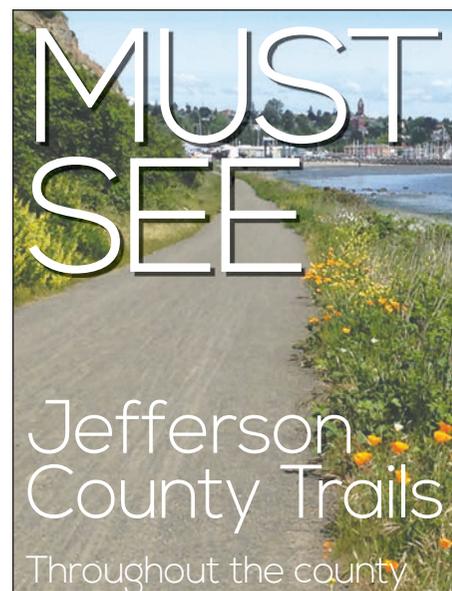
**Bon Jon Pedal Bender.** June 26. Originally called the Quilcene Gravel Unravel. The village of Quilcene is perfectly placed at the base of the Olympic Mountains, and along Quilcene Bay. This town is synonymous with hospitality, and especially welcoming are the great folks at Worthington Park, where

we will be based for the day. After leaving Worthington Park, riders head for their first challenge — Bon Jon Pass. After Bon Jon Pass, enjoy the views and ridges, returning via Lords Lake Loop. Well, except the long course riders — they get to climb Bon Jon again! For more info visit [bikereg.com/gravel-unravel](http://bikereg.com/gravel-unravel)

**Summer Puffin Cruise.** Port Townsend Marine Science Center. Saturday, June 26, 6 - 9 p.m. Each summer Protection Island comes alive as thousands of seabirds arrive to breed and raise their young, including rhinoceros auklets, glaucous-winged gulls, pigeon guillemots, black oystercatchers, two kinds of cormorants, and of course the tufted puffin. Nearly 70 percent of the nesting seabird population of Puget Sound and the Straits nest on the island, which contains one of the last two nesting colonies of tufted puffins in the Puget Sound area. About 1,000 harbor seals depend upon the island for a pupping and rest area, and elephant seals often haul out to molt there during the summer. Although we can't guarantee a sighting on every outing, the

chance of spotting a puffin on our evening Puffin Cruises is very good. For registration and more information visit [ptmc.org](http://ptmc.org).

**Low Tide Walk.** Port Townsend Marine Science Center. June 26. Come by for a guided walk on the beach at low tide and learn how animals survive and thrive in the intertidal zone. Meet at the museum exhibit entrance (building on the shore). RSVP [ptmc.org](http://ptmc.org). For more things to do in and around port Townsend visit [enjoypt.com](http://enjoypt.com).



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## JULY

**Port Townsend Treasures self-guided Trivia Hunt.** See more at [ILovePortTownsend.com](http://ILovePortTownsend.com). Port Townsend Farmers Market. Saturdays through Dec. 18, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tyler and Lawrence Streets, Port Townsend.

**Chimacum Farmers Market.** Sundays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. until Oct. 25.

**Chimacum Corner Farmstand.** For more information, visit [jcfmarkets.org](http://jcfmarkets.org).

**Centrum's Fiddle Tunes.** Join us online. Spend a week living, learning and playing music with masters of a wide variety of fiddling styles and traditions. July 2 - 5. For more information, visit [centrum.org/festival-of-american-fiddle-tunes-the-workshop](http://centrum.org/festival-of-american-fiddle-tunes-the-workshop).

**Summer Puffin Cruise.** Port Townsend Marine Science Center. Saturdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; 6 - 9 p.m. For registration and more information, visit [visitptmc.org](http://visitptmc.org).

**Port Townsend Main Street Hoppy Takeover Beer Crawl.** July 16-24. For more information, visit [ptmainstreet.org](http://ptmainstreet.org).

**Port Townsend Pocket Yacht Palooza.** July 17. Come enjoy this free boat show of Pocket Yachts, put on by the Port Townsend Pocket Yachters. From 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., boats will be shown in the Commons area of the Northwest Maritime Center, with more boats on the beach and anchored close by. Small boats of all types will be shown, including sail & oar, rowing craft, small motor cruisers, kayaks, and more. There is some emphasis on boats suitable for camp cruising, but all interesting designs are welcome and equally appreciated. Visit [enjoypt.com/2021-port-townsend-pocket-yacht-palooza](http://enjoypt.com/2021-port-townsend-pocket-yacht-palooza).

**Palooza Crooza.** July 18 - 20. Starting Sunday, the day after Pocket Yacht Palooza boat show, boaters are invited to join this mini cruise to some favorite destinations close to Port Townsend. Enjoy three days of cruising together. For additional information, visit [pocketyachters.com/palooza-crooza/](http://pocketyachters.com/palooza-crooza/).

**Low Tide Walk.** Port Townsend Marine Science Center. July 24. Join us for a guided walk on the beach at low tide and learn how animals survive and thrive in the intertidal zone. Meet at the museum exhibit entrance (building on the shore). RSVP [ptmc.org](http://ptmc.org).

**Port Townsend Summer Band.** Sunday, July 25, Pope Marine Park, Port Townsend. For more information, visit [ptsummerband.org](http://ptsummerband.org).

**Jefferson County Fair.** Jefferson County Fairgrounds. July 18 - 24. For more information, visit [jeffcofair.com](http://jeffcofair.com).

**Centrum's Jazz Port Townsend Join us on-line.** July 26 - 30. For more information, visit [centrum.org/jazz-port-townsend-performances](http://centrum.org/jazz-port-townsend-performances).

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**Centrum's Acoustic Blues Festival and Workshops.** Join on-line. Aug. 3 - 8. For more information, visit [centrum.org/port-townsend-acoustic-blues-festival-workshop](http://centrum.org/port-townsend-acoustic-blues-festival-workshop).

**Summer Puffin Cruise.** Port Townsend Marine Science Center. Saturday, Aug. 7, 6 - 9 p.m. For registration and more information visit [ptmc.org](http://ptmc.org).

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

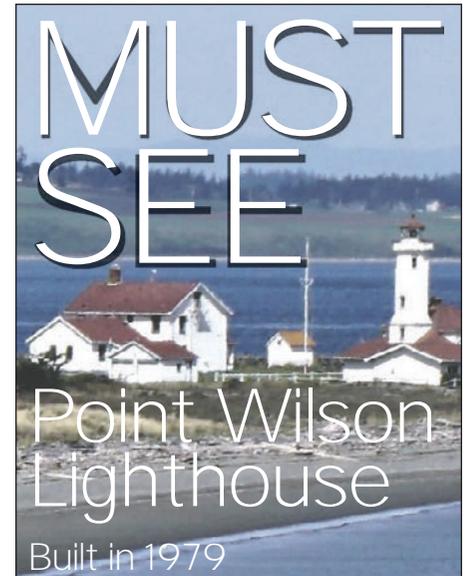


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**All-County Picnic.** Aug. 22. This event encourages East Jefferson County residents to develop resiliency by fostering community and raising awareness about local emergency resources. For more information, visit [allcountypicnic.com](http://allcountypicnic.com).

**Kiwanis Classic Car Show.** Memorial Athletic Field in Port Townsend. Cars, trucks and motorcycles of all vintages are welcome. Saturday, Aug. 21. For more information, visit [port-townsend.kiwanisone.org/Page/14919](http://port-townsend.kiwanisone.org/Page/14919).

**Port Townsend Summer Band.** Pope Marine Park. Aug. 29. For more information, visit [ptsummerband.org](http://ptsummerband.org).

## SEPTEMBER

**Port Townsend Farmers Market.** Saturdays through Dec. 18, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tyler and Lawrence Streets, Port Townsend

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

**Centrum's Voice Works.** Date TBD. 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. For more information, visit [centrum.org/voice-works-a-workshop-for-singers](http://centrum.org/voice-works-a-workshop-for-singers).

**Concerts on the Dock Fundraiser.** Sept. 4. Pope Marine Plaza. Seating opens at 4:30 p.m., music runs from

5 - 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](http://ptmainstreet.org).

**Centrum Ukulele Festival.** Date TBD. 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).

**Wooden Boat Festival.** Northwest Maritime Center and Point Hudson Marina. The largest wooden boat

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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. Sept. 10 - 12. For more information, visit [woodenboat.org](http://woodenboat.org).

**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. - 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday. (During Wooden Boat Festival) For more information, visit [porttownsendartsguild.org/events](http://porttownsendartsguild.org/events).



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**Quilcene Festival.** Fair, Parade, Oyster Run, and More. Saturday, September 18, and the Oyster Run on Sunday, September 19. The Quilcene Fair and Parade takes place at or near Quilcene School from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 18. The school Booster Club has an amazing Salmon BBQ after the Parade. There will also be live music, vendors, a raffle, and activities for young children. Arts and Crafts Exhibition and artists of all kinds are invited to participate. The Car Show will award dash plaques to the first 25 and trophies will be awarded for Best Classic Car, Best Hot Rod, and Best of Show.

The Oyster Races take place on Sunday, September 19 with a USTAF certified Half Marathon and 10K with a 5K fun walk/run. There will be free servings of gourmet grilled oysters and a free locally crafted beer plus a beer garden with regional food vendors. Register at [quiltraces.com](http://quiltraces.com). Farm and Fiber Tour. Several farms in the Quilcene area will be part of the popular Jefferson County Farm and Fiber Tour which will be on both days.

**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. Sept. 18 - 19. For more information, visit the [productionalliance.org/events/jefferson-county-farm-tour](http://productionalliance.org/events/jefferson-county-farm-tour).

**Port Townsend Film Festival.** To be held virtually, streaming Sept. 23 - Oct. 3. 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).

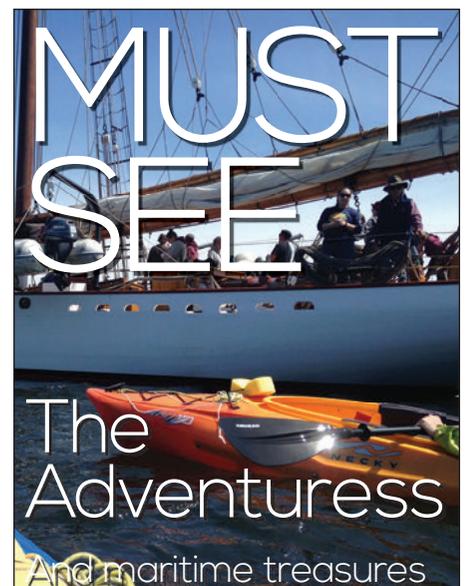
## OCTOBER

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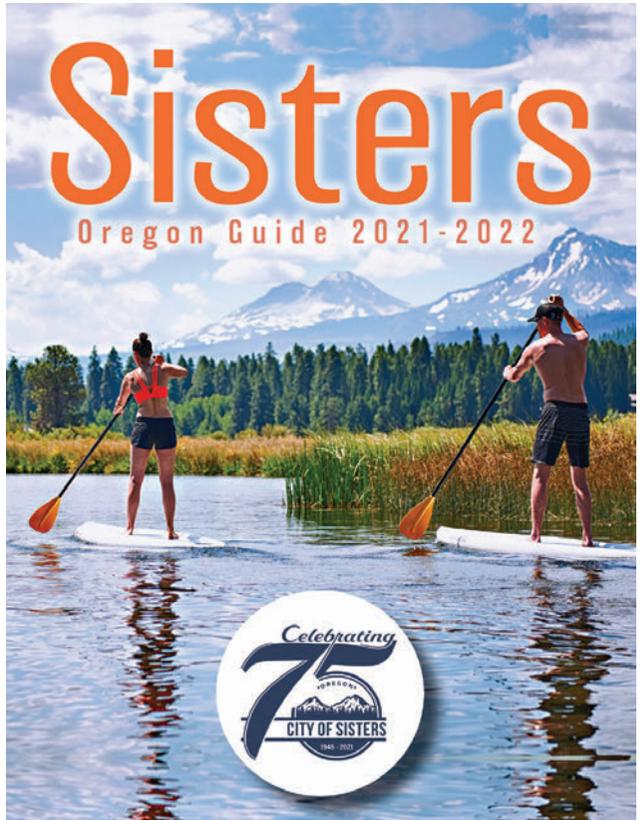
**Great Port Townsend Bay Kinetic Skulpture Race.** Oct 2-3. Attempts to marry art and transportation produce hilarious results as kooky, ingenious contraptions try to race the course and strive for mediocrity. Includes art parade, water race, unique awards and "Rosehips Kween Kontest." For more information, call 360-379-4972 or 360-385-7306, or visit [ptkineticrace.org](http://ptkineticrace.org).

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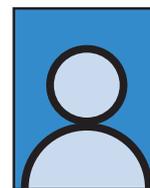
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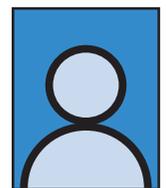
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