

Bellingham Whatcom County Events & Activities

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INDOOR ACTIVITIES

BATTING CAGES

Inside Pitch

1750 Moore Street, Bellingham
360.647.1600

5 tunnels, 4 cages, pro shop,
instruction & parties.

BOWLING

Mt. Baker Lanes

1788 LaBounty Dr, Ferndale
360.384.0235

Park Bowl

4175 Meridian St, Bellingham
360.734.1430

20th Century Lanes

1411 State St, Bellingham
360.734.5250

ICE SKATING

Sportsplex

1225 Civic Field Way, Bellingham
360.676.1919

bellinghamsportsplex.com

Public skate, drop in hockey,
one batting cage.

ROLLER SKATING & BLADING

Lynden Skateway

421 Judson, Lynden
360.354.3851

WALL CLIMBING/ GYMNASTICS

North Coast Gymnastics Academy

1710 Express Dr. (off Fraser St.),
Bellingham 360.733.6969

Call for program information.

Whatcom Family YMCA

1256 N. State. St., Bellingham
360.733.8630. Call to confirm hours.

www.whatcomymca.org

Swimming, weight room, racquetball,
basketball, classes, and organized sports.
65-foot climbing wall. Hours: Mon-Sat,
6am-9:45pm

INDOOR SWIMMING

Arnie Hanna Aquatic Center – Bellingham City Parks facility

1114 Potter St., Bellingham
360.778.7665

www.cob.org/services/recreation.aquatic

Lap lanes, diving tank, wading pool,
and a tube water slide.

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ELECTRONIC GAMES

“Tilt” Arcade

Bellis Fair Mall, Bellingham
360.734.4574

Trampoline Zone

4201 Meridian St., Bellingham
(behind Pro Golf)
360.255.0722



MUSEUMS

WHATCOM MUSEUM

360.778.8930

www.whatcommuseum.org

Lightcatcher Building

250 Flora St., Bellingham

The building is named for its focal point and most innovative feature—a spectacular, translucent wall that captures the Northwest's most precious natural resource: sunlight.

It features changing exhibitions and the Family Interactive Gallery for children *(FIG).

Wed-Sun, Noon-5pm (Thurs until 8pm).

*FIG opens at 10am Wed-Sat.

\$10 adults / \$8 seniors & students / \$4.50 children 3-5 years

Old City Hall Building

121 Prospect St.

The 1982 "red" Old City Hall is known for its prominent architecture. It is open for viewing with some historical exhibits and is used for special programs. Open Thurs-Sun, Noon-5pm. Admission is included with entrance fee to Lightcatcher Building.

The Syre Educational Center and Photo Archives

201 Prospect St.

Historical exhibits available by appointment. Photo archives open Wed-Fri, 1-4:45pm

SPARK MUSEUM OF ELECTRICAL INVENTION

1312 Bay St, Bellingham

360.738.3886

www.amre.us

Private collection of more than 1,000 antique radios and the history of electrical invention. Open Wed-Sat, 11am-4pm.

\$5 adults / \$2 kids

BELLINGHAM RAILWAY MUSEUM

1320 Commercial St., Bellingham

360.393.7540

www.bellinghamrailwaymuseum.org

History of railroads in Whatcom County, and several model railroad displays.

Kids area. Open Tues-Sat, Noon-5pm

\$4 / \$2 / \$9 families

LYNDEN PIONEER MUSEUM

217 W. Front St, Lynden

360.354.3675

www.lyndenpioneer museum.com

Historic collection. Features a replica of early-century Lynden shops. The museum's most acclaimed exhibit is a collection of more than 40 antique buggies, wagons, carts and other horse-drawn vehicles.

Open Mon-Sat, 10am-4pm

\$7 adults / \$4 kids

MINDPORT EXHIBITS

210 W. Holly St, Bellingham

360.647.5614

www.mindport.org

Hands-on exhibits combining fine and interactive arts for quiet contemplation. Enjoyable for adults and children 6 years & older. Open Wed-Fri Noon-6pm / Sat 10-5 / Sun Noon-4pm

\$2 admission



OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

BIKING

Miles of city park trails, and for the true mountain biker explore Galbraith Mountain or play at the bike jump park. Contact the Visitors Bureau or a local bike shop for maps and route suggestions. Rent Bikes through our Semiahmoo Beach Activity Center.

\$15.00 per rider, per hour

BOAT ACTIVITIES

Scenic, whale, kayak, fishing. Ask for our "Water Adventures" resource sheet for a complete list of scenic and whale watching cruises, kayak tours, fishing charters, and other watercraft activities.

Small Craft Boat Rentals (Seasonal):

Bellingham Bay Community Boating Center

501 Harris Ave.

360.714.8891

www.boatingcenter.org

Next to Bellingham Cruise Terminal in Fairhaven. Rents kayaks, rowboats, canoes and small sailboats (14-23 foot). Rentals for use in Bellingham Bay

Paddle and Pedal Adventures

360.224.0707

Rents kayaks, paddle boards, bikes at Birch Bay and Semiahmoo Resort, Blaine.

Samish Park

673 N. Lake Samish Dr., Bellingham

360.733.2362 or 360.733.2900

Non-powered boat rentals on Lake Samish in summer.

Silver Lake County Park

9006 Silver Lake Rd, Maple Falls

360.599.2776 or 360.733.2900

Rents rowboats, pedal boats and canoes in summer.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES/CONT.

CAMEL SAFARI

1.800.836.4036

www.camelsafari.com

Unique farm offers educational experiences including camel rides and Segway tours on the farm. Learn about Dromedary (one-hump) and Bactrian (two-hump) camels.

CLAMMING / CRABBING

Before harvesting shellfish, call the Shellfish Poisoning (Red Tide) Hotline at 800.562.5632. Crabbing is seasonal and hard-shell clamming is year-round.

For info, view a WA State Sport Fishing Rules Guide at www.wdfw.wa.gov/ or pick up at a license outlet: Bellingham: Yeagers, LFS Inc., Fred Meyer, Big 5 / Birch Bay: Bay Center Market / Blaine: True Value Hardware.

BELLINGHAM BELLS BASEBALL AT JOE MARTIN FIELD

1220 Civic Field Way, Bellingham
360.746.0406

www.bellinghambells.com

Watch exciting West Coast League baseball with the local "Bells" in June & July.

BELLINGHAM FARMERS' MARKETS

360.647.2060

Open-air markets featuring locally produced garden delights, berries, nuts, vegetables, jams, cheese, crafts, local food vendors and entertainment.

Downtown Bellingham

Saturdays (April-Dec.) 10am-3pm.

Historic Fairhaven

Wednesdays (June-Sept.) Noon-5pm.

*There are also seasonal markets in surrounding communities.

GO KARTS / MINIATURE TRAIN RIDE & MINIATURE GOLF (SEASONAL)

"Miniature World" Family Fun Center

4620 Birch Bay-Lynden Road, Birch Bay

360.371.7700

www.miniatureworld.org

Go-Karts, miniature train ride, and an 18-hole miniature golf course.

RACING KARTS

Sumas International Motorsport Academy - SIMA

529 West Front Street, Sumas

360.988.5104

www.simaracing.com

A world class go kart track facility featuring kart rentals, kart racing, kart sales, and lessons. Birthday parties, bachelor parties, and corporate events welcome. Open year round, dawn to dusk, Tuesday-Sunday. Minimum age 12 years old and 5 feet tall.

DISC GOLF

Cornwall Park has a 9-basket disc golf course. The tees are located throughout this densely treed park. Maps available at the Bellingham Parks Department in the park or the Visitors Bureau. There is also a course in Vanderyacht Park, Ferndale and in Patterson Park, Lynden

HIKING

City, county, and USFS trails offer a wide variety of hiking opportunities. Bellingham is designated as a "Trails Town USA." Trails in the county range from waterfront strolls to technical mountain climbs. The Visitors Bureau has a variety of trail lists and/or maps. More detailed information may be obtained through park departments, local outdoor shops, or the USFS office.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES/CONT.

HISTORIC RIDES

Lake Whatcom Railway

Hwy. 9, near Acme

360.595.2218

lakewhatcomrailway.com

1.5-hour ride on a vintage train.

Runs Tuesdays and Saturdays, July & August. Holiday trains celebrate Fall in October, Valentine's Day, Easter, 4th of July, and Christmas.

"Looking Back on Bellingham Bay"

Departs from Squalicum Harbor

360.778.8930 or 360.734.8866

www.orcawatch.com

Learn the history of Bellingham during a 2 1/2 sunset cruise on Thurs. evenings in July/August.

Plover Ferry from Blaine Harbor to Semiahmoo

Blaine Marina

360.332.5742

www.blainechamber.com/plover/index.html

Restored historic ferry makes a 12-minute crossing across Drayton Harbor.

Accommodates 17 foot-passengers, bicycles and strollers. Summers, Fri-Sun (hourly), donation.

PAINT BALL

Go Big Paint Ball Park

2149 E. Badger, Lynden

360.318.7637

www.gobigpaintball.net

Paintball and airsoft park consists of 22 exciting acres and can accommodate groups of all sizes. Open year round, every Saturday and Sunday.

RIVER RAFTING

Pacific NW Float Trip

866.967.8555, 360.420.4349

www.pacificnwfloattrips.com

Offers winter Bald Eagle watch trips, mellow Skagit River trips, Class III-IV trips on the Wenatchee River and Zodiac rides through Deception Pass.

RiverRider.com

206.448.7238, 800.448.7238

Offers guided service on many rivers in WA State. Late June-August on the Nooksack River (Class III & IV).

SKATEBOARD PARKS

Bellingham - Puget Street by Civic Field

360.778.7000

Blaine - Corner of 3rd & G Streets

800.624.3555 (Blaine Visitor Center)

SKIING & SNOWSPORTS

Mount Baker Ski Area

1420 Iowa St, Bellingham (administration)

360.671.0211, snow report 360.734.6771

Highest average annual snowfall in North America! Downhill skiing and snowboarding. 2 quads and 6 double chair lifts. 3-mile cross country loop. www.mtbaker.us
Request a "Snowsports" resource sheet from the Visitors Bureau for more detail on snowsport recreation including cross country skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling, and sledding.



OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES/CONT.

OUTDOOR SWIMMING

Birch Bay Beaches

Noted for its shallow and therefore warmer saltwater.

Bloedel Donovan Park

Lake swimming (no lifeguard).

Lake Padden Park

Lake swimming (no lifeguard).

Fairhaven Park and Cornwall Park

Water fountain splash for young children in summer.

Samish Lake County Park

Lake swimming (no lifeguard).

PARKS

Bellingham Parks and Recreation

3424 Meridian Street (headquarters)
360.778.7000

www.cob.org/government/departments/parks/

Offers approximately 10 outstanding community parks, and many neighborhood parks featuring woods, waterfront, lakes, waterfalls, trails, sports facilities, and play equipment. Pick up a "Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas" map at the Visitors Bureau or Parks Department.

Whatcom County Parks and Recreation

3373 Mt. Baker Highway (headquarters)

360.733.2900

www.co.whatcom.wa.us/parks

Offers 10 scenic and educational parks featuring lakes, rivers, woods, marshlands, beaches, trails, and historic landmarks.

In addition, there is a shooting range, and a historic home used for art exhibits and classes. Printed copies at the Visitors Bureau or Whatcom County Parks office.

WATERSLIDES

Birch Bay Waterslides (seasonal)

4874 Birch Bay-Lynden Road, Birch Bay
(I-5 Exit 270)

360.371.7901, 360.371.7500 (recorded info)

www.birchbaywaterslides.net

Features 4 large slides, 60' hydro-drop speed slide, black hole tube slide, a wide ramp slide, a tame river ride, 3 kiddie slides, a giant hot tub, sand volleyball court and more.

WATERLIFE CENTERS

Bellingham Trout Hatchery

Whatcom Falls Park, Bellingham

360.676.2138

Raises Rainbow Trout and some species of native salmon, which are used to stock sport fishing lakes. Mon-Fri, 8am-4:30pm.

Kendall Creek Hatchery

6263 Mt. Baker Hwy, Deming

360.599.2841

The hatchery raises varieties of salmon and trout. The ponds are full January-May. See adults spawning in October and November. The hatchery is also an excellent spot for viewing Bald Eagles December through early February. Daily 8am-4:30pm.

Marine Life Center (Harbor Center at Squalicum Harbor)

1801 Roeder Ave, Bellingham

360.671.2431

www.marinelifecenter.org

Watch fish swim around sea stars, urchins, sea cucumbers, and starry flounders in an observation pool. Pick up sea anemones, sea stars, shells, and crabs in the touch pool. View other sea life in smaller aquariums. Education programs available. Open June-Aug. 10am-6pm / Sept.-May 11am-5pm. Donations appreciated.

Maritime Heritage Park

1600 C St, Downtown Bellingham

360.676.6985

Salmon life-cycle facility and the Environmental Learning Center. Visitors can observe Coho, Chinook and Chum salmon in outdoor rearing tanks and watch their return each fall at the outdoor fish ladder. Other park highlights include a trail along Whatcom Creek, waterfalls, the "Salm on Woman" totem pole, and outdoor amphitheater for community concerts. Daily 6am-10pm.