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# Our Military

## at Naval Base Kitsap

**NAVAL BASE KITSAP TOOK** its present name and form when installations at Bremerton, Bangor, Keyport, Manchester and Jackson Park in Kitsap County were consolidated into a single entity June 4, 2004. Located on the lush Kitsap Peninsula in Washington state, the base encompasses more than 10,000 acres, supporting nearly 70 tenant commands. It is the largest naval installation in the Northwest and is the third-largest in the United States. The base serves as the host command for the Navy's fleet throughout the Pacific Northwest, providing installation services, programs and facilities to meet the needs of its hosted war-fighting commands, tenant activities and personnel.

Flag commands at Naval Base Kitsap include Commander, Navy Region Northwest; Commander, Submarine Group 9; and the John C. Stennis Strike Group. Other large commands and organizations include the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility; Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division Keyport; Naval Facilities Engineering Command Northwest; Naval Supply Systems

Command, Fleet Logistics Center Puget Sound; Naval Hospital Bremerton; Strategic Weapons Facility Pacific; and the Marine Corps Security Force Battalion. Two aircraft carriers are homeported at Naval Base Kitsap: USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) and USS Nimitz (CVN 68).

### Population

Approximately 27,000 military and civilian personnel (including contractors) make up the workforce at Naval Base Kitsap and its tenant commands.

### HISTORY

Naval Base Kitsap was created in 2004 when the Navy consolidated Naval Station Bremerton and Naval Submarine Base Bangor into one base as part of its resource-optimizing Sea Enterprise Initiative, along with all their associated entities in Bremerton, Bangor, Keyport, Manchester, Jackson Park, Indian Island, the Nanoose Range off Canada's Vancouver Island, and Behm Canal near Ketchikan, Alaska. Though separated

geographically, their common purpose is to support U.S. operations and the fleet.

### Naval Base Kitsap – Bremerton

In 1891, the Navy bought its first land for a Pacific Northwest shipyard on the Bremerton waterfront from German immigrant and entrepreneur William Bremer along waters sheltered by the Sinclair and Dyes inlets. The area became the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility. Originally a repair operation, World War I brought it to the fore as a shipbuilder for vessels from submarines to small boats, and in 1933 it added one of the nation's tallest cranes, the 250-foot Hammerhead Crane No. 28, able to hoist 250 tons, which is still a skyline landmark.

World War II refocused the yard on repairs and upgrades, and in the war's wake, many ships that had seen fierce fighting were mothballed at Bremerton, including the USS Missouri, site of the formal Japanese surrender Sept. 2, 1945. Now a museum ship in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii,

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People around the world increasingly stay connected through social media, whether it be with a deployed service member, with friends and families in locations around the world or with the bases where you have been stationed or expect to transfer.

#### Here are some safety tips for using social media:

1. Never post confidential personal information such as your date of birth, address, Social Security number, or bank and credit card account numbers. Never provide this type of information when signing up for a social networking site. Most sites do not require it, and you should be wary of those that do.
2. Don't invite people whom you don't know to be your "friend." You do not want strangers to know details about you or your family.
3. Never share operational information, such as upcoming ports of call and military exercises. Such information can compromise operational security and the safety of our service members.

The Public Affairs Office can provide guidance on the type of information that should not be shared in a public forum such as a social network or blog.

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that battleship was Bremerton's main tourist attraction from 1955 to its recommission in 1985. Its place has been taken by the retired destroyer USS Turner Joy, opened to the public in 1992.

Shipbuilding at the facility was discontinued in 1979, and these days the installation, one of four naval shipyards, handles dry dock, overhaul, maintenance and recycling services for nuclear-powered vessels as well as providing surface ship support. It is the Pacific Northwest's largest naval shore facility and one of Washington state's largest industrial installations. In 1998, the Navy made Bremerton a homeport, and today it homeports two aircraft carriers, the USS John C. Stennis and the USS Nimitz.

In 2002, the Navy launched Sea Enterprise (an initiative to establish principles that reward greater effectiveness while eliminating institutional hurdles to innovation), which ultimately led to Naval Base Kitsap's organizational structure as we know it.

#### **Naval Base Kitsap – Bangor**

North of Bremerton on the Kitsap Peninsula's west side, fronting the Hood Canal, Naval Base Kitsap – Bangor began as an ammunition depot for munitions headed for World War II's Pacific theater. The Navy bought 7,676 acres there near the town of Bangor for the U.S. Naval Magazine, and the depot shipped conventional weaponry overseas in response to national needs from January 1945 to January 1973, the year naval officials decided to make Bangor the homeport for the first squadron of Trident nuclear-powered

submarines. This included plans for a submarine base; a missile processing facility (the Strategic Weapons Facility Pacific) to on-load, off-load, repair and care for submarines' missile systems; and Trident refit and personnel training facilities. Bangor's new naval submarine base activated Feb. 1, 1977. The Naval Intermediate Maintenance Facility, Pacific Northwest, was established four years later, in 1981, as the primary maintenance facility for the West Coast Trident submarine fleet, a year before the arrival of the USS Ohio, the first Trident based in the Pacific. Since then progressive consolidations with similar Navy operations in Everett and Bremerton, then the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard (2003), have confirmed its command status as the Intermediate Maintenance Facility portion of the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility. The IMF concentrates on hull, mechanical, electrical, electronics and weapons systems repairs for submarines.

#### **Manchester Fuel Depot**

In 1889, the U.S. War Department bought waterfront land in Manchester to bolster Puget Sound defenses, acreage that was used during World War I to test torpedoes and to stockpile fuel, such as coal and oil. The property was transferred to the Navy in 1919, and 20 years down the road, with World War II looming, the Navy developed it as a West Coast fuel depot, building a long pier for refueling ships (1940). Today, the Manchester Fuel Depot is the largest depot for military fuel in the continental U.S. It meets military and federal needs throughout Washington, Oregon, Idaho, British Columbia and the western

Pacific, though much of its capacity is devoted to fuel for Navy and aircraft carrier jets.

#### **Naval Undersea Warfare Center Keyport**

The Navy's only depot for maintaining and repairing torpedoes and undersea mobile targets, the Naval Undersea Warfare Center Keyport has other areas of involvement that include undersea warfare systems, mobile mines and unmanned underwater vehicles. In addition to its local ranges, it has several remote test and evaluation sites in Hawaii, Southern California, Nevada, British Columbia and Guam. The center is about 7 miles east of Naval Base Kitsap – Bangor on Liberty Bay, north of Port Orchard. The U.S. Naval Undersea Museum is next to the warfare center.

The torpedo center has been in Keyport since 1914, when the Navy determined it needed closer maintenance for its Pacific fleet torpedoes than Newport, Rhode Island, the Navy's only depot for torpedo testing and repairing at that time.

World War II shifted Keyport's testing and repairs into high speed, and during the war years, as many as 100 torpedoes were tested each day. The Cold War followed that war's end, and Keyport expanded its operations and technology to include the world's first 3D undersea tracking range. By 1966, Keyport was testing nearly every torpedo that the Navy used and extended its operations beyond the Pacific Northwest, even to the Arctic Ocean, where it helped carry out naval undersea tests.

Today, Naval Undersea Warfare Center Keyport's areas of operation embrace land and air as well as water for its array of services and products for the U.S. Navy, other military branches and allied militaries.

#### **Nanoose Range (Canada)**

The Naval Undersea Warfare Center Keyport under Naval Base Kitsap and the Canadian military jointly operate Canada's Nanoose Range off the east side of Vancouver Island, British Columbia. The area has been used to test torpedoes, sonar and other equipment for undersea warfare.

#### **Southeast Alaska Acoustic Measurement Facility (Ketchikan, Alaska)**

Naval Base Kitsap has used its Southeast Alaska Acoustic Measurement Facility in the Behm Canal near Ketchikan since 1992 to determine how noisy its submarines are when they're submerged, both traveling and at rest. Tests determine the sources of any noise and try to reduce or eliminate it to reduce vulnerability and increase stealth. Though submarines are the principal subjects, any vessel can be evaluated. Alaska's Behm Canal was chosen for the operation because the remote fjord has little ambient noise or noise interference.



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### *Naval Magazine Indian Island*

As one of the main U.S. Navy munitions handlers, Naval Magazine Indian Island, south of Port Townsend on Washington's Olympic Peninsula, occupies the whole 4.4-square-mile island. The depot supplies armaments to submarines, Military Sealift Command and naval combat ships, and joint and allied forces. The location's name, formerly Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach, Detachment Port Hadlock, was changed to Ammunition Depot Indian Island in April 2000 (later to Naval Magazine Indian Island), and its command was transferred to the Pacific Northwest from a series of commands in the Southwest. It began in 1941 as the Navy's Naval Magazine and Net Depot to store munitions and assemble mines and submarine nets. Today, it provides technical support of ordnance and ordnance-related equipment and processes and logistics management as the only active break-bulk and containerized ordnance transshipment port in support of the joint services of the Pacific Command.

### *Naval Hospital Bremerton*

Bremerton has had a naval hospital almost from the beginning; the first on land began operating out of a small wood-frame building shortly after the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard opened in the 1890s. It soon moved into a brick hospital building on a hillside overlooking the shipyard, with multiple expansions over the years, until its transfer to a new facility in Jackson Park, about 5 miles north of Naval Base Kitsap Bremerton, in 1980. This accredited, community-based acute care and obstetrical hospital has 25 inpatient beds and several ambulatory, acute and specialty clinics, including branch clinics at Bangor, Everett and the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. The hospital provides care to more than 60,000 eligible military families in the region.

## ORGANIZATIONS COMMANDER, NAVY REGION NORTHWEST

Commander, Navy Region Northwest provides consolidated base operations support for Navy activities in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota and Iowa. The commander oversees the assigned shore organization and provides facilities and space management, exercise coordination, and support to homeported and transient ships, submarines, and aircraft as well as afloat and ashore tenants, military and family members.

### COMMANDER, SUBMARINE GROUP 9

Subordinate to Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Submarine Group 9 has administrative control over assigned submarine commands and units in the Pacific Northwest. The group commander monitors shipboard training, personnel, supply and material readiness of ballistic missile submarines and their crews. The commander is also responsible for nuclear submarines undergoing conversion or overhaul at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton.

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The mission of the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility is to maintain, modernize and retire the Navy's fleet. The Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility provides the Navy with maintenance, modernization, recycling and support that helps assure U.S. dominance at sea. It has permanent sites in Bremerton, Bangor and Everett, Washington; in San Diego, California; and at Commander, Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan. The shipyard in Bremerton is the Pacific Northwest's largest naval shore facility and one of Washington state's largest industrial installations. The Intermediate Maintenance Facility is the largest command at Naval Base Kitsap—Bangor.

## NAVAL UNDERSEA WARFARE CENTER DIVISION KEYPORT

The Naval Undersea Warfare Center at Keyport provides technical leadership, engineering expertise and unique facility complexes that serve to ensure sustainment of undersea warfare superiority for the United States. As one of two divisions of the Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Keyport's mission is focused on developing and applying advanced technical capabilities to test, evaluate, field, and maintain undersea warfare systems and related defense assets.

Keyport's primary site is on the Puget Sound, but in order to provide ready support to fleet operational forces at all major Navy homeports in the Pacific, Keyport also maintains detachments in Southern California and Hawaii, an operating site in Guam and an office in Japan.

Keyport's technical complexes are recognized national assets and include more than 2.3 million square feet of specialized technical facilities and nearly 2,000 square nautical miles of undersea ranges. The highly trained and diverse workforce of engineers, scientists, technicians and industrial craftsmen are developing, maintaining and providing technical solutions to meet fleet material and operational readiness needs.

## NAVAL FACILITIES ENGINEERING COMMAND NORTHWEST

Naval Facilities Engineering Command Northwest is a complex, multimission, echelon four command reporting to Commander, NAVFAC Atlantic. NAVFAC Northwest has public works departments at Kitsap, Whidbey Island and Everett. The geographic area of responsibility covers 11 states: Washington, Alaska, Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota and Wyoming.

NAVFAC Northwest's diversified programs support planning, design, contracting and construction (including the acquisition and disposal of real estate for the Navy) and assist client activities in the application of specialized programs such as energy, environment and base closures.

## NAVAL SUPPLY SYSTEMS COMMAND, FLEET LOGISTICS CENTER PUGET SOUND

Located on the shores of Puget Sound at Naval Base Kitsap – Bremerton, Naval Supply Systems Command, Fleet Logistics Center Puget Sound provides a variety of logistics support services and products to fleet and shore commands of the U.S. Navy and other military commands and governmental agencies in the Pacific Rim. The Navy's regional broker for Commander, Navy Region Northwest, NAVSUP FLC Puget Sound is staffed with 68 Navy personnel and 322 civilian employees. The center delivers combat capability through logistics by teaming with regional partners and customers to provide supply chain management, procurement, contracting and transportation services, technical and customer support, defense fuel products and worldwide movement of personal property.

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## MARINE CORPS SECURITY FORCE BATTALION

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to conduct recapture or recovery operations to regain control of compromised strategic assets.

## USS NIMITZ

The USS Nimitz is a supercarrier of the U.S. Navy. One of the largest warships in the world, it was laid down, launched and commissioned as CVAN 68 but was later redesignated CVN 68 (nuclear-powered, multimission aircraft carrier) on June 30, 1975, as part of the fleet realignment.

The Nimitz is now the oldest American aircraft carrier in active service. It is named after the great military leader Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz. The ship is part of Carrier Strike Group 11 at Naval Station Everett.

## ARRIVAL

See the Getting To & Around Kitsap County chapter on Page 16 for information about local airports, train service and public transportation. The closest commercial flights land at Sea-Tac Airport in Seattle, about 55 miles from Bremerton. The base does not provide transportation, but there is a Bremerton-Kitsap Airporter shuttle serving Sea-Tac, Bremerton and Bangor.

Go to [www.kitsapairporter.com](http://www.kitsapairporter.com) for the schedule and additional information.

## SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship is vital to the relocation process. Don't PCS without talking to your sponsor before departing for Naval Base Kitsap. Your sponsor will answer any questions you have about the base and the local area, make lodging or dorm arrangements and meet you upon arrival.

If you have not been in touch with a sponsor and your departure is nearing, contact your gaining unit or call the Fleet & Family Support Center at 866-854-0638.

## DRIVING DIRECTIONS

For drivers, Naval Base Kitsap is about an hour and a half away from the Sea-Tac Airport because motorists must loop first south, then north. Ferry boat service offers a more direct shot between Seattle, Bainbridge Island and Bremerton. However, ferry traffic is very heavy on summer weekends and holidays; travelers may have to wait for several ferries before being allowed to board. For more information on ferry schedules and fees, visit [www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries).

Cellphone use by the driver of a moving motor vehicle is prohibited on all Department of Defense installations unless the cellphone is used with a hands-free device.

## Ferry Routes

The closest ferry to the airport is the Fauntleroy terminal, which can carry passengers and vehicles from Seattle to Southworth. To get to the Fauntleroy terminal from Interstate 5, take Exit 163 to the West Seattle Bridge. Head over the bridge to the community of West Seattle, and continue straight to Fauntleroy Way Southwest. Follow Fauntleroy Way Southwest for about 3 miles to the terminal, just past Lincoln Park. Ferry crossing time is approximately 40 minutes. Once you dock in Southworth, take state Route 16 west and then state Route 3 north. State Route 3 north will carry you to Bangor's Trigger Gate (take the Trigger Avenue exit) and Trident gate (take the exit toward Bangor), as well as Naval Base Kitsap's Keyport gate. To get to the Keyport gate, take state Route 3 north to state Route 308 east. Turn right on McKittrick Road. Make a slight left onto Dowell Road, then turn right on A Street.

The Seattle-Bremerton ferry carries passengers and vehicles from Seattle to Bremerton. To get to the Seattle ferry terminal from Interstate 5, take Exit 164B for Edgar Martinez Drive South. Turn right onto Edgar Martinez Drive



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South. Turn right onto First Avenue South/Dave Niehaus Way South. Make a slight left onto Railroad Way South/state Route 519. Continue to follow state Route 519 (under the viaduct). Turn left on Jackson Street to access the terminal. The ferry crossing takes approximately an hour. The main gate to the Naval Base Kitsap – Bremerton/Puget Sound Naval Shipyard complex is on Callow Street, about 3 miles west of the ferry terminal off Burwell Street. The downtown gate for the shipyard is one block from the ferry terminal but is only accessible for official business with prior authorization.

The Seattle-Bainbridge Island ferry docks at Bainbridge Island, but from there you can take state Route 305 north, and then state Route 3 south toward Bremerton. Then take the state Route 308 east exit toward Bangor/Keyport/Keyport/Naval Base Kitsap.

## From Interstate 5

To get to Interstate 5 from Sea-Tac Airport, follow signs for WA-518 E/Interstate 5/Interstate 405.

To get to Naval Base Kitsap – Bremerton, take Interstate 5 (north or south) to Exit 132B to merge onto state Route 16 west (Bremerton). Merge onto state Route 3 north. Use the right two lanes to take Exit 36 onto state Route 304 east (Bremerton). To get to the Missouri Gate and Pass and ID, turn right on Charleston Beach Road West. To get to the Charleston Gate, turn right on Farragut Avenue. To get to the naval gate, continue on state Route 304 east/Charleston Boulevard. Use the far right lane to turn right on Burnwell Street. Then turn right on Naval Avenue.

To get to Naval Base Kitsap – Bangor or Keyport, take Interstate 5 (north or south) to Exit 132B to merge onto state Route 16 west (Bremerton). Merge onto state Route 3 north. To get to the Trigger Gate, take the Trigger Avenue exit. To get to the Trident gate, take the exit toward Bangor.

To get to the Keyport gate, take state Route 308 east (Keyport). Turn right on McKittrick Road. Make a slight left onto Dowell Road. Then turn right on A Street.

## CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

### Personnel Support Detachment

Building 1050, Bangor..... 360-396-5732  
[www.cnmc.navy.mil/regions/cnrnw/installations/navbase\\_kitsap.html](http://www.cnmc.navy.mil/regions/cnrnw/installations/navbase_kitsap.html)

Those checking in at Naval Base Kitsap will do so at different locations due to the installation's geographically separated units; check-in procedures also may vary.

The Personnel Support Detachment provides administrative personnel, pay and transportation support. Services include travel claim processing, DEERS support and ID card issuance. In addition to the Personnel Support Detachment, the Fleet & Family Support Program at <https://kitsap.navylifepnw.com/welcome-aboard> or <https://kitsap.navylifepnw.com/support-programs/relocation-assistance> can also provide helpful in-processing information.

## TEMPORARY LODGING

### Navy Gateway Inns & Suites

2750 Sargo Circle, Bangor..... 877-628-9233  
<http://ngis.dodlodging.net/propertyts/Kitsap-Bangor-NB>  
 Building 865, 120 S. Dewey St.  
 Bremerton ..... 877-628-9233  
<http://ngis.dodlodging.net/propertyts/Kitsap-Bremerton-NB>

Naval Base Kitsap offers five-star accommodations to permanent and visiting personnel including personnel attached to ships undergoing overhaul. Navy Gateway Inns & Suites are within walking distance of the commissary, Navy Exchange, clubs and recreational facilities.

Pet-friendly rooms are available. Arrange for temporary quarters as soon as you receive your PCS; check availability and room rates online.

### Navy Lodge

2906 Trigger Ave., Bangor..... 360-779-9100  
[www.navy-lodge.com/bangor](http://www.navy-lodge.com/bangor)

The Navy Lodge provides safe, comfortable and clean accommodations for incoming military members and their families. The lodge is conveniently located near the commissary, Navy Exchange, fitness center and other recreational facilities. Pet-friendly rooms are available. Arrange for temporary quarters as soon as you receive your PCS; check availability and room rates online.

## GETTING SETTLED

### HEALTH CARE

#### Naval Hospital Bremerton

One Boone Road, Bremerton..... 360-475-4000  
 Appointments..... 800-404-4506  
 Branch Health Clinic Bangor..... 360-315-4391  
 Branch Health Clinic Everett..... 425-304-4060  
 Branch Health Clinic

Puget Sound Naval Shipyard ... 360-476-2508  
 Nurse Advice Line ..... 800-874-2273, Option 1  
 Pharmacy..... 360-475-4425  
[www.med.navy.mil/sites/nhbrem](http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/nhbrem)

Naval Hospital Bremerton is an accredited, community-based acute care and obstetrical hospital. The facility has 25 inpatient beds and several ambulatory, acute and specialty clinics, including branch clinics at Bangor, Everett and the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. The hospital provides care to more than 60,000 eligible military families in the region.

Dental care services are dedicated to the oral care of military service members. Family members of active-duty personnel are encouraged to use the TRICARE Dental Program. Program information is available by visiting [www.tricare.mil/CoveredServices/Dental/TDP](http://www.tricare.mil/CoveredServices/Dental/TDP).

## HOUSING

### Housing Service Center

2720 Ohio St., Bangor ..... 800-876-7022  
<https://kitsap.navylifepnw.com/housing>

The Naval Base Kitsap Housing Service Center is ready to help you transition to your new home and community. Use its resources to become familiar with available housing options and support services. When you arrive at Naval Base Kitsap, visit the center for valuable information, counseling and guidance before signing any lease or sales contract for housing.

### Unaccompanied Housing

Bangor and Keyport..... 360-930-6830  
 Bremerton ..... 360-824-3337



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Naval Hospital Bremerton.....360-475-4334  
<https://kitsap.navylifepnw.com/housing/unaccompanied-housing>

Unaccompanied Housing is available at Bangor, Bremerton, Keyport and Naval Hospital Bremerton. Unaccompanied housing provides safe, clean, secure and comfortable accommodations. Amenities include TV lounges, laundry facilities and game rooms.

### Family Housing

2720 Ohio St., Bangor .....800-876-7022  
[www.northwestmilitaryhousing.com](http://www.northwestmilitaryhousing.com)

At Naval Base Kitsap, military family housing is privatized. In addition to your option to purchase and rent housing in the local community, you may choose to live in privatized housing by signing a tenant lease agreement with Hunt Military Communities, which owns the family housing and is responsible for constructing, maintaining, repairing and managing the community.

### MAIL

#### Postal Services

2650 Ohio St., Bangor .....360-396-6141  
 Building 502, Bremerton .....800-275-8777  
[www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com)

A full-service post office is available at Bangor. A postal kiosk can be found inside Bremerton's recreation center.

### PETS

#### Veterinary Clinic

1004 Tautog Circle  
 Poulsbo, WA 98315.....360-396-7900  
[www.facebook.com/bangorvet](http://www.facebook.com/bangorvet)

The vet clinic provides veterinary service for pets of military families. Services available include dental cleanings, health certificates, sick call appointments, spay and neuter surgeries, vaccinations, wellness exams and other small procedures. Due to limited resources, most veterinary emergency cases are best served through a full-service civilian veterinary hospital; see the Military Buyer's Guide tab to connect with local veterinarians.

All pets living on base must be registered with the clinic upon arrival. On-base housing may limit the number and breed of pets that can live in on-base housing.

### RELIGIOUS GUIDANCE

2900 Ohio St., Bangor .....306-396-6005  
 90 Olding Road, Bremerton.....360-476-7445  
[www.fb.com/nbkchapels](http://www.fb.com/nbkchapels)

The Bangor and Jackson Park chapels provide for the spiritual and religious needs of military personnel and their family members. Pastoral counseling, spiritual direction, religious studies and worship are some of the key elements of the chaplain's ministry. Additionally, advocacy may be provided with or to a member's military chain of command. Specific services may include marriage preparation and enrichment, weddings, invocations and benedictions.

### VEHICLE REGISTRATION

All personnel assigned to Puget Sound activities must register their privately owned vehicles at a Naval Base Kitsap Pass and ID office. All vehicles and motorcycles must have proof of insurance in the vehicle or with the operator. The insurance coverage must meet Washington state insurance requirements. Operators must possess a valid state driver's license. Washington state traffic laws apply on base; see the Getting To & Around Kitsap County chapter on Page 16 for more information. All vehicles entering or leaving base are subject to search.

### SERVING YOU

#### DINING

##### Bremerton All American Restaurant

Building 866, 120 S. Dewey St.  
 Bremerton .....360-476-9085

##### Cafe.com

Building 1027, 120 S. Dewey St.  
 Bremerton .....360-476-2673

##### Inside Out Cafe

2720 Ohio St., Bangor .....360-396-2523

##### Juan's Cantina

Outside Building 1027  
 120 S. Dewey St., Bremerton.....no phone

#### Khaki Lounge

2720 Ohio St., Bangor .....360-396-2472

#### Samuel Adams Brewhouse

Building 434, 1400 Farrugut Ave.  
 Bremerton .....360-476-6719

#### Taco Bell and Pizza Hut at Olympic Lanes

2701 Ohio St., Bangor .....360-396-2534

#### Trident Inn Galley

Building 2101, Tunny Street,  
 Bangor.....360-396-6058

For hours, menus and special event information, visit <https://kitsap.navylifepnw.com/food-drink>.

### EDUCATION

#### Navy College Program

[www.navycollege.navy.mil](http://www.navycollege.navy.mil)

The Navy College Program provides sailors with opportunities to earn college degrees through a variety of options. The program's mission is to provide continual academic support to sailors while they pursue a college degree, regardless of their location or duty station.

The Navy College Program is now fully virtual. Use the self-service Navy College Program website to access information about college education and other programs available to those in the Navy. The site can also help you connect with counselors who can help you explore your options and find what's best for you.

Brandman University, Southern Illinois University and Vincennes University offer classes at Naval Base Kitsap.

### FAMILY SUPPORT

#### Fleet & Family Support Center (Blue)

2901 Barbel St.  
 Silverdale, WA 98315 .....866-854-0638

#### Fleet & Family Support Center (Gold)

1099 Tautog Circle  
 Silverdale, WA 98315 .....866-854-0638  
[https://kitsap.navylifepnw.com/](https://kitsap.navylifepnw.com/support-programs/fleet-family-support-centers)

[support-programs/fleet-family-support-centers](https://kitsap.navylifepnw.com/support-programs/fleet-family-support-centers)

There are two Naval Base Kitsap Fleet & Family Support centers in the region. Staff at both facilities is eager to serve you with every career and life change. Contact the centers for individual, marriage and family counseling; class reservations; individual resume assistance; financial counseling; relocation assistance; or deployment or mobilization support anywhere in the Pacific Northwest. Programs are provided at no cost to eligible participants.

#### Child Development Centers

2902 Ohio St., Bangor .....360-396-5920  
 1141 U St., Bremerton .....360-627-2974  
 Building 779, 100 Olding Road,



Bremerton ..... 360-476-8666  
<https://kitsap.navylifepnw.com/child-youth/child-care>

Naval Base Kitsap Child Development Centers offer center-based care for children up to 5 years old. Care at the centers is primarily geared toward those needing full-time child care. The centers are based on the developmental program model that focuses on play and its importance in a child's learning process. These centers are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Children of active-duty military, DOD civilian personnel, reservists on active duty and DOD contractors are eligible. Fees are based on total family income.

## Child Development Homes

Building 780, 90 Olding Road  
 Bremerton ..... 360-476-7484  
<https://kitsap.navylifepnw.com/child-youth/child-care>

The program offers full-time, part-time, hourly, weekend and deployment care for children up to 12 years old. A subsidy is available for all eligible families seeking full-time care so that child care fees are comparable to those fees charged in base child and youth centers.

## Exceptional Family Member Program

Fleet & Family Support liaison... 360-396-5469  
 Hospital coordinator..... 360-475-4215  
<https://kitsap.navylifepnw.com/support-programs/family-assistance/exceptional-family-member-program>

This program provides special-needs families with information and referral services.

## School Liaison

Jackson Park Community Center  
 2572 Cascades Pass Blvd.  
 Bremerton, WA 98312 ..... 360-476-7243  
<https://kitsap.navylifepnw.com/child-youth/school-liaison-officer>

The school liaison office is the connection between Naval Base Kitsap families and private and public schools. The office provides support to service members during all stages of transition and deployment to ensure children receive every available opportunity for quality education.

## Youth & Teen Centers

### Admiral Boorda Teen Center

4168 Greenfish Circle, Bangor ... 360-396-2065

### Jackson Park Youth & Teen Center

781 Wencker Way, Bremerton..... 360-627-2041  
<https://kitsap.navylifepnw.com/child-youth/youth-teen-programs>

Youth centers are open to eligible family members ages 12 to 18 in grades seven through 12 of active-duty members, retirees, DOD civilians and DOD contractors. Kids can explore individual interests by becoming involved with special interest groups, like art clubs, career clubs and community volunteering. Additionally, youth programs provide before- and after-school care, summer camps, homework help and field trips.

## FINANCIAL SERVICES

### Kitsap Credit Union

Building 2008, Sargo Circle  
 Bangor..... 800-422-5852  
 886 Barclay St., Bremerton..... 800-422-5852  
 Building 1059, Keyport..... 800-422-5852  
[www.kitsapcu.org](http://www.kitsapcu.org)

## LEGAL SERVICES

### Naval Legal Service Office Northwest

1001 Tautog Circle, Bangor ..... 360-396-6003  
 Building 433, 365 S. Barclay St.,  
 Bremerton ..... 360-476-4275  
[www.jag.navy.mil/legal\\_services/rlso/rlso\\_northwest.htm](http://www.jag.navy.mil/legal_services/rlso/rlso_northwest.htm)

NLSO Northwest provides legal assistance to active-duty service members, their dependents, reservists on active duty for 30 days or more, and retirees as resources permit. Legal assistance is available in family law, landlord-tenant law, creditor concerns, consumer law, wills and estate planning. Powers of attorney and notarizations can normally be done on a walk-in basis.

## LIBRARY SERVICES

### The Library at Bremerton Recreation Center

Building 502, 120 S Dewey St. .. 360-476-3178  
<https://n94030.eos-intl.net/N94030/OPAC>

The Bremerton Recreation Center manages a recreational library that includes books, music and other media. Search for titles online and reserve them for pickup at the center. Visit <https://kitsap.navylifepnw.com> and select "Bremerton Recreation Center" under the "Recreation" tab for more information on the recreation center and the library's programs, like the children's story hour.

## NAVY-MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY (NMCRS)

The NMCRS is a nonprofit, volunteer-run organization serving active-duty and retired Navy and Marine Corps service members and their dependents. NMCRS provides emergency assistance through both financial and nonmonetary assistance. Financial assistance is provided through interest-free loans and grants. Nonmonetary help includes financial counseling, visiting nurses and a Budget for Baby program.

More information and assistance are available from the NMCRS offices in Bremerton and Bangor. Call the Bremerton office at 627-2187; it is in Building 491, just inside the Naval Avenue Gate. Call the Bangor office at 396-6704; it is at 1001 Tautog Circle (co-located with Navy Legal Service Office).

## RECREATION

For information about the recreational programs at Naval Base Kitsap, visit <https://kitsap.navylifepnw.com>.

### Aquatics Centers

Building 2700, Ohio Street  
 Bangor..... 360-315-2131  
 Building 1017, 120 S. Dewey St.  
 Bremerton ..... 360-476-9416  
<https://kitsap.navylifepnw.com/fitness-sports/aquatics-centers>

Inside the Bangor Fitness Complex, the Bangor Aquatics Center features a large pool, a diving well and a hot tub. Inside the Bremerton Fitness Complex, the Bremerton Aquatics Training Facility features a pool and hot tub. Swimming lessons, lap and recreational swim, exercise classes and American Red Cross certification classes are available.

### Auto Services

#### Mechanic's Corner

2951 Trigger Ave., Bangor ..... 360-396-2520

#### Vehicle Storage

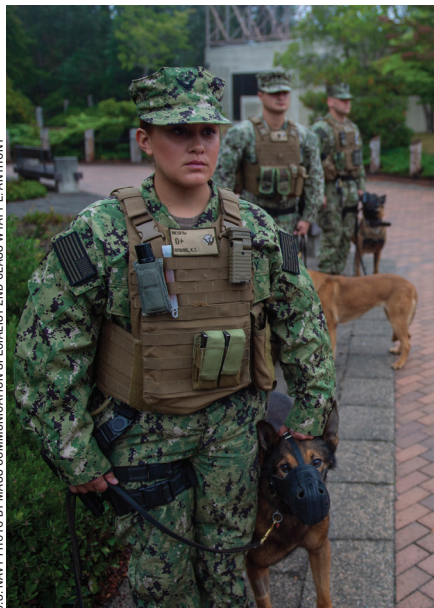
2951 Trigger Ave., Bangor ..... 360-396-2449

### Wheels and Deals

Building 2720, Ohio Street  
 Bangor..... 360-396-2151

### Car Washes

2951 Trigger Ave., Bangor ..... 360-476-2231



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Across from Bremerton

Fitness Complex..... 360-476-2231  
<https://kitsap.navylifepnw.com/recreation/fitness-centers>

Mechanic's Corner is a one-stop shop for your automotive needs. Use the center's stalls, lifts and tools to help your ride run smoother and more efficiently.

Vehicle storage is available on Bangor for vehicles from 10 to 40 feet. The paved lot is fenced, lighted and secured by video surveillance and has 24/7 gated access.

Self-service car washes are available at both Bangor and Bremerton.

### Bowling

2701 Ohio St., Bangor ..... 360-396-2494  
 Building 502, 120 S. Dewey St.,  
 Bremerton ..... 360-476-3178

Bangor's Olympic Lanes offers open and league bowling. Another bowling center is available in the Bremerton Recreation Center.

### Fitness Centers

Building 2700, Ohio Street  
 Bangor..... 360-315-2134  
 Building 7085, Sturgeon Road  
 Bangor..... 360-396-5406  
 Building 1017, 120 S. Dewey St.  
 Bremerton ..... 360-476-2231  
 Higbee Road, next to Naval Hospital  
 Bremerton ..... 360-475-4546  
 Building 198, 610 Dowell St.  
 Keyport..... 360-315-2134  
<https://kitsap.navylifepnw.com/fitness-sports/fitness-centers>

State-of-the-art fitness centers feature cardio and strength fitness equipment, free weights, group fitness classes, basketball and racquetball courts, locker rooms and more. Amenities vary by location; check online for more information.

### Liberty Centers

Building 2720, Ohio Street  
 Bangor..... 360-396-2151  
 Building 1027, 120 S. Dewey St.  
 Bremerton ..... 360-476-2673  
<https://kitsap.navylifepnw.com/recreation/liberty-single-sailor-program>

The Liberty Single Sailor Program provides on- and off-base recreational activities for active-duty service members who are single or geographical bachelors. Activities include professional sporting events, ski trips, whitewater rafting, instructional classes, concerts and more.

The Liberty Centers are open to all active-duty service members and feature free Wi-Fi, computers, video games, movies, laundry facilities, sports courts and more. Active-duty personnel may escort one or two guests 18 or older.

Amenities vary at each center; check the website for more information.

### Movie Theaters

2501 Ohio St., Bangor ..... 360-396-2515  
 Building 502, 120 S. Dewey St.  
 Bremerton ..... 360-476-3178  
<https://kitsap.navylifepnw.com/recreation/entertainment>

The Bangor Cinema Plus Theater seats more than 350 people and features digital and 3D movies and fully cushioned, rocking seats with drink holders. The Movie Lounge in the Bremerton Recreation Center features hundreds of movies to choose from at no charge and a premium projector.

### Outdoor Recreation

Building 2720, Ohio Street  
 Bangor..... 360-396-2449  
 Building 502, 120 S. Dewey St.  
 Bremerton ..... 360-476-3178  
<https://kitsap.navylifepnw.com/recreation/community-recreation>

Equipment rentals are available at the Bangor and Bremerton recreation centers so you can experience any outdoor recreation adventure. Trailers, boats, kayaks, canoes, mountain bikes, barbecues, camping gear, canopies, tables, chairs and more are available.

### Recreation Areas and Navy Getaways

**Camp McKean**  
 950 W. Kitsap Lake Road NW,  
 Bremerton ..... 360-396-2449

### Elwood Point

The Landings, Bremerton ..... 360-396-2449

### Trident Lakes

Trigger Avenue, Bangor ..... 360-396-2449  
<https://kitsap.navylifepnw.com/recreation/community-recreation>

Camp McKean is open Memorial Day through Labor Day and offers fire rings and barbecues on the beach, boat rentals, fishing, a playground, picnic facilities and more.

Elwood Point Recreation Area is within The Landings on Bremerton's scenic Ostrich Bay. The waterfront park has a charcoal barbecue pit with picnic tables near a children's playground and ball fields. Volleyball and tennis courts and the softball field are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Trident Lakes Recreation Area features fishing, a softball field, playground equipment, grills and picnic facilities.

### Recreation Centers

Building 2720, Ohio Street  
 Bangor..... 360-396-2449  
 Building 502, 120 S. Dewey St.

Bremerton ..... 360-476-3178  
<https://kitsap.navylifepnw.com/recreation/community-recreation>

The Bangor and Bremerton recreation centers are one-stop shops designed to meet all of your leisure needs. Both centers feature outdoor equipment rentals and Community Recreation Tickets for purchasing discount tickets to a variety of local and national attractions. The Bremerton Recreation Center also features a bowling center, gaming, a movies lounge, library services and more.

### Skate Park

Behind the Fitness Center, Ohio Street,  
 Bangor..... 360-396-2458

The Bangor Skate Park is free and features mini half-pipes, two quarter-pipes, a fun box with a grind rail, a grind box and more.

### Tickets, Trips & Tours

Building 2720, Ohio Street,  
 Bangor..... 360-396-2449  
 Building 502, 120 S. Dewey St.  
 Bremerton ..... 360-476-3178  
 Trips & Tours ..... 360-315-2137

Community Recreation Tickets is the place to purchase discount tickets for sporting events, attractions, entertainment opportunities and more. Discounts and information are also available for hotels, transportation, California attractions, Florida attractions, British Columbia attractions and much more.

Trips & Tours offers expert guides who can show you the hidden hot spots and favorite destinations of the Northwest.

## SHOPPING

### Commissaries

2604 Ohio St., Bangor ..... 360-396-6025  
 Building 990, Bremerton ..... 360-405-1971  
[www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com)

Save your hard-earned dollars when shopping for groceries at the commissaries.

### Navy Exchange

[www.mynavyexchange.com](http://www.mynavyexchange.com)

The Naval Base Kitsap exchanges want to be your first choice for shopping. They offer a price-match program that guarantees the lowest prices in town. Visit the website for more detailed information.

### Bangor Main Navy Exchange

2600 Ohio St. .... 360-315-4563/4565

### Bremerton Navy Exchange & Home Gallery

Building 863, 120 S. Dewey St. . 360-627-4843





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# Welcome

## to Kitsap County

**WELCOME TO THE KITSAP** Peninsula, home of Kitsap County. Named for Chief Kitsap of the Suquamish Tribe, the county was formed out from parts of Washington state's King and Jefferson counties in 1857. The region connects to the eastern shore of Puget Sound by Washington State Ferries, which run from Bremerton and Bainbridge Island to downtown Seattle. The Tacoma Narrows Bridge links the county to Tacoma to the south, and the Hood Canal Bridge connects the peninsula's northeastern shore to the larger Olympic Peninsula.

Kitsap County, with an estimated population of 269,805 in July 2018, is home to the city of Port Orchard, the county seat, population 13,945. Bremerton is the county's largest city, with a population of 41,235. Other cities in the county include Bainbridge Island, Poulsbo and Kingston and the census-designated place of Silverdale.

The U.S. Navy is the largest employer in the region, and Naval Base Kitsap, which is also home to Naval Hospital Bremerton, is the third-largest naval base in the United States.

The county is rich in cultural attractions as well as modern amenities. With more than 250 miles of saltwater shoreline, the region's network of waterfront nooks offers many peaceful, natural settings. Outdoor activities abound, among them fishing, golfing, camping, boating, cycling and more. The county is also home to many historic military sites, including museums and memorials.

There is also shopping, dining and nightlife opportunities to explore: Annual events and festivals celebrate everything from music by the bay to antique aircraft fly-ins to brew fests to lavender fields and waterways. Whatever the attractions, they showcase the beauty and vibrancy of Kitsap County.

### HISTORY

The first residents of the Kitsap Peninsula were Suquamish, Native Americans named after their principal village, Suqua, opposite the north end of Bainbridge Island. They caught salmon, the centerpiece of their economy and culture from the spring to the fall as the fish swam upstream

to spawn. Dried salmon, deer, roots and berries provided food during the winter.

Contact with Europeans in the 1780s brought several epidemics that slashed the native populations from thousands to hundreds. British Capt. George Vancouver arrived at Puget Sound in 1792 during his survey of every inlet and outlet on the West Coast, all the way north to Alaska. It was Vancouver who named several features in Kitsap County, including Port Orchard, Port Gamble, Restoration Point and Hood Canal. In 1841, U.S. Navy Lt. Charles Wilkes and the U.S. Exploring Expedition performed a more detailed survey and left more names including Bainbridge Island, Port Blakely, Agate Point, Apple Tree Point and Port Madison.

The Donation Land Claim Act of 1850 granted 320 acres of land (640 acres to a married couple) to anyone for free if the land was improved and occupied for five years, drawing settlers to the region. In 1855, Washington Territorial Gov. Isaac Stevens persuaded the native tribes to sign the Point No Point and Point Elliott treaties, in which they ceded their lands to the U.S. in exchange

## LOCAL CONNECTIONS

**Chamber of Commerce**

Use the chambers' online membership directories to connect with local businesses as you settle into your new community.

**Bremerton Chamber of Commerce**

286 Fourth St.

Bremerton, WA 98337 ..... 360-479-3579

[www.bremertonchamber.org](http://www.bremertonchamber.org)

**Poulsbo Chamber of Commerce**

19735 10th Ave. NE, Suite S100

Poulsbo, WA 98370 ..... 360-779-4848

<https://poulsbochamber.com>

**Port Orchard Chamber of Commerce**

1014 Bay St., Suite 3

Port Orchard, WA 98366 ..... 360-876-3505

[www.portorchard.com](http://www.portorchard.com)

**Silverdale Chamber of Commerce**

3100 N.W. Bucklin Hill Road, Suite 100

Silverdale, WA 98383 ..... 360-692-6800

<https://silverdalechamber.com>

for reservations and fishing and hunting rights. The Suquamish's Port Madison Reservation was 7,811 acres. In 1886, the U.S. government allotted specific plots of land to individual tribal members. As the members sold their allotments to non-natives, more than half the reservation passed out of tribal hands.

When Washington Territory organized in 1853, the Kitsap Peninsula was a part of two counties, King to the east and Jefferson to the west. Of King County's 238 voters at that time, 139 were living on the Kitsap Peninsula, including Bainbridge Island. Local representatives introduced bills to create a new county named after Lt. William Slaughter. Slaughter County was born Jan. 16, 1857, but that same year, popular vote changed the name to Kitsap.

By the 1860s, timber was a big business, and Kitsap County was the richest county per capita in the United States with five of the largest sawmills in almost constant production. Logging was a profitable venture for many pioneers to the area. The waters of Puget Sound played a key role as timber and lumber shipped around the world. Puget Sound made it easy for timber to be felled and rolled downhill toward the water. However, financial hardship arose in the 1870s as the lumber industry faced a series of economic depressions, overabundance being a major cause.

In the 1880s, the United States government chose Port Orchard as the site of a repair facility to help support naval operations in the Pacific

Ocean; this began a significant contribution to the county's permanent economy. The Puget Sound Naval Shipyard at Bremerton (1891) was followed by the torpedo-testing station at Keyport (1914), the refueling station at Manchester (1938), the large nuclear submarine base at Bangor (1977) on Hood Canal as well as many smaller supporting facilities.

Thousands of civilian and military personnel moved to the county, particularly during World War II. The Navy presence continued through the Korean and Vietnam conflicts and the Cold War, and in 2005 the shipyard became the county's largest employer, accounting for 54 percent of the economy.

Until World War II, Kitsap County was largely agricultural except for the shipyard and related military activities. Hotels and summer homes served vacationers from Seattle and Tacoma. The Mosquito Fleet of steamers serviced Puget Sound communities and tied Kitsap County to the rest of the state from the 1850s to the 1930s. In the 1930s automobile-carrying diesel ships from San Francisco replaced them, until 1951 when the state of Washington bought the commercial Black Ball Line and took over operation of the ferry system.

In 1942, the U.S. government ordered the removal of persons of Japanese descent, including American citizens, from the U.S. West Coast including 278 residents of Bainbridge Island, most of whom were agricultural workers. After the war, most of the internees returned to the island.

As the economy of Western Washington expanded in the second half of the 20th century, Bainbridge Island became a bedroom community for greater Seattle. Fast and dependable ferry service from Winslow and the Agate Pass bridge made the strawberry farms and second-growth forest prime real estate.

Today, 10 percent of the island population works off island and island residents bring home median incomes half again higher than the rest of the county. In the Bremerton area, the construction of a call center by Nextel Communications in 2001 brought 500 private-sector jobs. It was a feather in the cap of the Kitsap Economic Regional Development Council, which seeks to diversify the local economy.

**SAFETY****State of Washington**

Division of Emergency

Management ..... 253-512-8000

<http://mil.wa.gov/>

[emergency-management-division](http://mil.wa.gov/emergency-management-division)

The Washington Emergency Management Division plans for and responds to natural and human-made disasters. Visit its website for a

severe weather awareness guide and other preparedness information.

**Kitsap County**

Emergency Management ..... 360-307-5871

[www.kitsapdem.org](http://www.kitsapdem.org)

The Kitsap County Office of Emergency Management is responsible for planning and coordinating actions for disaster preparation, response and recovery. The office works with local government, cities, state and federal agencies and volunteer organizations to provide resources and expertise in four primary areas: preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation. Visit its website for information including emergency plans, instructional videos, volunteer opportunities and more.

**City of Bremerton**

Emergency Management ..... 360-307-5871

[www.ci.bremerton.wa.us/166/](http://www.ci.bremerton.wa.us/166/)

**Emergency-Management**

Bremerton develops and enhances the city's disaster preparedness and recovery plans primarily through its fire department. Visit the department's website at [www.ci.bremerton.wa.us/235/Factsheets](http://www.ci.bremerton.wa.us/235/Factsheets) for a full list of guides to help you with earthquake safety, power outages, wildfire season, pet preparedness and more.

**WEATHER AND CLIMATE**

Kitsap County enjoys warm, dry summers and wet semi-mild winters. In Bremerton, the warmest month is August, with an average high of 75 degrees and an average low of 53 degrees. The coldest month is December, with an average high of 45 degrees and an average low of 35 degrees. Precipitation is heavy in the Mediterranean climate. Most precipitation falls in the winter months, and average yearly rainfall is about 52 inches.

**Local Hazards**

Every second counts in a disaster so planning and preparation can be lifesavers.

The Washington state Emergency Management Division provides residents, communities, public safety professionals, businesses and schools with invaluable information and resources for dealing with calamities, from fires to earthquakes, hazardous waste and terrorism, to name just a few. Go to the website, <https://mil.wa.gov/emergency-management-division>, and click on "Preparedness" to learn how to confront specific emergencies, create an emergency plan and emergency kit, save your pet and make necessary adaptations for the elderly and those with special needs.

Another great resource for natural disaster and severe weather information is the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at [www.cdc.gov/disasters](http://www.cdc.gov/disasters). Here you can find information on how to prepare for various weather emergencies.





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# Getting To & Around

## Kitsap County

**THE SMALL COUNTY OF** Kitsap connects to the eastern shore of Puget Sound by Washington State Ferries routes, including the Seattle-Bremerton Ferry, Southworth to West Seattle via Vashon Island, Bainbridge Island to Downtown Seattle, and from Kingston to Edmonds, Washington.

For those flying, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (known as SeaTac) offers travelers many major air carriers.

The county provides public transportation, including rush hour and full-day buses, passenger ferries and a rideshare program.

### AIRPORTS

#### *Seattle-Tacoma International Airport*

17801 International Blvd.

Seattle, WA 98158.....206-787-5388

[www.portseattle.org/Sea-Tac](http://www.portseattle.org/Sea-Tac)

Sea-Tac Airport, approximately 43 miles from Naval Base Kitsap, served more than 49.8 million travelers in 2018. Major carriers include Alaska Airlines, American Airlines, Delta Air

Lines, JetBlue Airways, Southwest Airlines and United Airlines. Ground transportation includes bus, light rail, taxi, shuttle and rental car service.

### PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

#### *Kitsap Transit*

60 Washington Ave., Suite 200

Bremerton, WA 98337 .....360-373-2877

[www.kitsaptransit.com](http://www.kitsaptransit.com)

Kitsap Transit carries approximately 4 million riders each year. The transit company offers a multi-program system including routed buses, ACCESS services for the elderly and disabled, a vanpool rideshare program, park-and-ride lots and a passenger-only ferry between Bremerton and Port Orchard and Bremerton and Annapolis. For more information, visit Kitsap Transit's website.

### DRIVING AND COMMUTING

Kitsap County is largely surrounded by water, making it accessible almost exclusively via ferries and bridges. The county connects

to nearby Jefferson County and the Olympic Peninsula by the Hood Canal Bridge. Once in the area, several highways will take you to the naval base and other parts of the county, including state routes 3, 16 and 104. To reach Kitsap County from Seattle or Edmonds, just hop aboard one of four Washington state ferries or travel across the Tacoma Narrows Bridge located a short distance from the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport.

The Washington State Department of Transportation offers weekly updates about projects that may affect traffic [www.wsdot.wa.gov/travel/construction-updates/weekly-travel-planner](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/travel/construction-updates/weekly-travel-planner). The department's website also provides real-time traffic information, including maps, cameras and reports on weather and road conditions. Registered users can receive email or text alerts for current traffic conditions, mountain pass reports, construction updates and more. Visit [www.wsdot.wa.gov](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov) and click on "Email/text updates" in the upper right-hand corner of the home page for more information.



**Washington State Department of Licensing**  
[www.dol.wa.gov](http://www.dol.wa.gov)

The Washington State Department of Licensing issues driver's licenses, identification cards and vehicle registration and provides other driving-related services. Find many of the required forms and general information on the department's website. For a full list of driver license and vehicle license offices, visit [www.dol.wa.gov/officelocations.html?fldt](http://www.dol.wa.gov/officelocations.html?fldt).

**Driver's Licenses**

Military personnel and their spouses may continue to drive with a valid driver's license from their home state, but in general, all Washington residents who want to drive must apply for a driver's license within 30 days of their move to the state.

The state spells out what is required for licensing and insurance under various scenarios in its Washington Driver Guide at [www.dol.wa.gov/driverslicense/docs/driverguide-en.pdf](http://www.dol.wa.gov/driverslicense/docs/driverguide-en.pdf).

Military members and veterans may be entitled to certain DMV exemptions and allowances. For more information, visit the website.

**Distracted Driving**

The state of Washington prohibits drivers from making calls on handheld wireless telephones while operating a motor vehicle. Texting while driving is also prohibited.

**Vehicle Registration**

Visit [www.dol.wa.gov/vehicleregistration/registervehicle.html](http://www.dol.wa.gov/vehicleregistration/registervehicle.html) for information on how to register your vehicle in Washington.

Nonresident military personnel may continue to use license plates from their home of record or plates issued from a foreign jurisdiction other than their official home of record until they expire. Additional registration information for military personnel is available at [www.dol.wa.gov/vehicleregistration/military-inwa.html](http://www.dol.wa.gov/vehicleregistration/military-inwa.html). Applications associated with driving and vehicle registration are available at [www.dol.wa.gov/forms.html?fldt](http://www.dol.wa.gov/forms.html?fldt).

**Washington State Department of Transportation**

[www.wsdot.wa.gov](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov)

Visit the Washington State Department of Transportation website for interactive maps, information about road closures and travel advisories, information on state ferries and view live traffic cameras.



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# Housing & Real Estate

## in Kitsap County

**THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST'S MODERATE** climate makes it the ideal place to enjoy the great outdoors. With so much to do and all within an hour's drive, the West Sound will never leave you bored. You can go mountain biking, hiking, head to a museum, go scuba diving and more. If you're hungry, you can find just about any food you'd like — restaurants are serving worldly cuisines, and locally owned breweries and eateries are specializing in northwest fare. One of West Sound's greatest assets is the wildlife and scenery.

In 2018, an estimated 269,805 people called Kitsap County home, the U.S. Census Bureau says. Population density in the county was 637 people per square mile, the census found.

Naval Base Kitsap, in Kitsap County's largest city of Bremerton, has nearly 15,200 active-duty personnel, 17,600 civilian employees, 1,000 reserves, 18,700 family members and approximately 36,000 retirees. Additionally, more than 33,000 veterans live in the area.

The county's communities give newcomers plenty of choices when selecting a home. Enlist the help of a reputable real estate agent to help you sort through the area's home options. Visit [www.warealtor.org](http://www.warealtor.org) to find expertise and professional services for those interested in purchasing a new home.

### KITSAP COUNTY

Kitsap County's population is almost 270,000, and it has one of the most temperate climates on the globe. Average temperatures are 73 degrees in the summer and 42 degrees in the winter. Winters are mild, and significant snow-fall is rare.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the county has a total area of 566 square miles, of which 395 square miles is land and 171 square miles is water. It is the fourth-smallest county in Washington by land area and third-smallest by total area. Kitsap County boasts the distinction of having the most saltwater coastline of any county in the U.S. with over 250 miles.

Communities in Kitsap County near Naval Base Kitsap include Bainbridge Island, Bremerton, Kingston, Port Orchard, Poulsbo and Silverdale.

### Bainbridge Island

[www.ci.bainbridge-isl.wa.us](http://www.ci.bainbridge-isl.wa.us)

The affluent community of Bainbridge Island is appealing to families who desire a nurturing environment and great schools for their children, young professionals and active, retired people. They come for the rural solitude, the community feeling, the excellence in education and the parks and water views.

The population of the city is about 24,800. In 1990, the city of Winslow annexed the entire island into its city limits. By a vote of the residents, the city's name officially changed to the city of Bainbridge Island. Bainbridge Island is the newest city in the state and the only rural city with farms and two former state parks.

Pristine forests and parks abound on the island, and outdoor enthusiasts heavily use bicycle trails, picnic areas and boat launches.



Camping facilities are available. Eagle Harbor offers visitors a passing parade of world-cruising yachts.

Housing prices in the area are much higher than elsewhere in the nation. Median rent is \$1,313, and selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage are \$2,498. Mean travel time to work for those living in Bainbridge Island is 42 minutes.

### **Bremerton**

[www.ci.bremerton.wa.us](http://www.ci.bremerton.wa.us)

Surrounded by water on three sides and with a view of the Olympic and Cascade mountain ranges, Bremerton, on one of Puget Sound's beautiful protected harbors, has one of the most picturesque settings of any city in the Pacific Northwest. A one-hour ferry ride gets you to Seattle, and Tacoma is only 32 miles south via the Tacoma Narrows Bridge.

With a population of 41,235, Bremerton is the largest city on the Kitsap Peninsula. Bremerton is a Navy town and has been ever since Puget Sound Naval Shipyard began its operations in the 1890s. Military installations play an important part in Bremerton's economy.

Outdoor activities abound in the city. Evergreen Park offers six acres of excellent picnicking and access to the waterfront. Bachman Park furnishes an excellent view of Port Orchard Bay and passing ferry boats. Stephenson Canyon is a heavily wooded natural park on 28 acres with a canyon and a small creek.

Housing options are more affordable in Bremerton as compared with other parts of the Kitsap Peninsula. The median monthly gross rent was \$918, and median selected monthly costs for homeowners with a mortgage were \$1,412, the U.S. Census says. Workers' average commute time was 26 minutes.

### **Kingston**

[www.visitkitsap.com/kingston](http://www.visitkitsap.com/kingston)

Kingston is on a bay called Appletree Cove on the northeastern tip of the Kitsap Peninsula.

It's greatest asset is its proximity to the water. It is the western terminus for the ferry that makes a 35-minute crossing to Edmonds, a town on the east side of Puget Sound about 20 minutes north of Seattle.

This little town's population of around 2,100 swells for the Fourth of July celebration, which offers a parade, slug races, the Tiny Town Children's Fair and a spectacular fireworks display.

This residential community is 1.65 square miles with a commute time of around of 52 minutes. Median rent in the town is \$1,057, and selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage are \$1,927.

### **Port Orchard**

[www.cityofportorchard.us](http://www.cityofportorchard.us)

Port Orchard, the county seat of Kitsap County with a population of about 14,400, is in the southern portion of Kitsap County on Sinclair Inlet, west of Seattle.

It is approximately 17 miles from Bangor's main gate and a 10-minute ferry ride from Bremerton on a historic passenger ferry. Port Orchard is directly south of the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. State Highway 16 links Port Orchard to Tacoma on the south and Bremerton on the north.

Port Orchard is known for its popular marina, shops filled with antiques and crafts, art galleries, museums, golf courses (including McCormick Woods, rated "best course" and "most enjoyable course" by Golf Digest and Golf Week) and casual to fine dining restaurants.

Mean travel time to work for residents of Port Orchard is 28 minutes. Median rent is \$1,037, and selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage are \$1,735.

### **Poulsbo**

<https://cityofpoulsbo.com>

Only poor handwriting and the interpretation of the postmaster general kept the spelling from actually being "Paulsbo." Originally called "Paul's Bo," meaning Paul's Place, the town of more than 10,900 residents retains a Norwegian flavor. "Velkommen til Poulsbo," the public greeting in Norwegian, is easily translated as a sincere "Welcome to Poulsbo."

Transportation in Poulsbo's early years was by boat, horseback and foot. Major buying and selling was done via boat to Seattle's Pike Place Market. Fishers from the Bering Sea brought their catch of codfish here to one of the largest processing plants in the Northwest for salting and preserving.

A "mosquito fleet" of steamers sailed from Seattle to Poulsbo for some 60 years, carrying passengers and freight. Poulsbo's strong ties to the water are still evident today, with the presence of three marinas on the shores of Liberty Bay.

The downtown waterfront area of Poulsbo was at one time part of Liberty Bay. In the 1950s, the community worked together to fill part of the bay to form Liberty Bay Waterfront Park and Anderson Parkway. Within a span of five generations, Poulsbo changed from a rowboat on an untouched shore to a thriving community with small-town charm.

Median rent is \$1,085, and selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage are \$1,718. Mean travel time to work is 27 minutes.

### **Silverdale**

[www.visitkitsap.com/silverdale](http://www.visitkitsap.com/silverdale)

Silverdale, once a small agricultural community on the muddy shores of Dyes Inlet, has blossomed and now boasts myriad shopping opportunities, recreation and leisure activities, an outstanding school district and residential



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opportunities in single-family and multifamily units.

Silverdale, in the heart of Kitsap County, experienced its rapid growth partly due to the Navy's decision to build a base for Trident nuclear submarines at Bangor and subsequently by its own economic and geographic attractions. Silverdale's population is now more than 19,000.

The Silverdale/Central Kitsap housing market has seen an abundance of new construction and controlled residential development in recent years. Many homes have water frontage and mountain and marine views. Median rent in Silverdale is \$1,225 and selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage are \$1,659. Mean travel time to work 25 minutes.

### PLANNING YOUR MOVE

Relocating to a new home can be one of the most stressful situations in life. Whether moving across town or the nation, preparation and organization make all the difference.

For military moves, visit [www.move.mil](http://www.move.mil) for information about moving resources and to learn about the allowances and responsibilities of a military-sponsored move.

Regardless of which method you choose, the first step should be to inventory your personal

belongings. The list, with photographs of any valuables, will be important for both insurance purposes and to help keep you organized during transit.

Plan for one full day to pack each room — though the kitchen and garage may take longer. Make a rough estimate of your packing schedule and then add 50 percent more time. Toss or donate unused items to lighten your load. Visit [www.goodwill.org](http://www.goodwill.org), [www.salvationarmyusa.org](http://www.salvationarmyusa.org) or [www.clothingdonations.org](http://www.clothingdonations.org) for locations near you or to arrange a pickup.

### BUYING VERSUS RENTING

The decision to buy or rent is the most important step in your relocation process. Purchasing a home entails a long-term financial and emotional commitment with various pluses and minuses. Advantages include the possibility of building equity and the freedom to design and decorate your property or landscape. Disadvantages include upkeep, property taxes and fluctuating property values.

Renting, on the other hand, makes moving easier and someone else maintains the property. Amenities such as laundry rooms, exercise rooms, swimming pools and tennis courts vary from one rental complex to another. The main disadvantage is a loss of control over the residence.

To determine your best choice, account for all your needs, review your financial situation and research your options thoroughly.

### FINDING AN APARTMENT

Be prepared when you meet with the leasing agent, property manager or owner. Bring a list of what you are looking for in a rental; it is important to be clear about your needs and to get all your questions answered. You will also need to provide information and verification about your job, your income and your past rental history.

Use a written checklist with the landlord to document the condition of the rental before you move in, and keep a copy of the completed checklist to use when you move out.

"Your Rights as a Tenant in Washington State" by the Northwest Justice Project can be downloaded at [www.washingtonlawhelp.org/resource/your-rights-as-a-tenant-in-washington](http://www.washingtonlawhelp.org/resource/your-rights-as-a-tenant-in-washington).

### BUYING A HOME

Buying a home is a complex process and, as the recent housing crisis demonstrated, requires a thorough education on the part of the buyer. First, fully understand your financial position — credit score, available savings, monthly income and expenditures. Subtracting your expenditures from your income, for instance, will yield the amount you can afford for housing.

The county's communities give newcomers plenty of choices when selecting a home. Enlist the help of a reputable real estate agent to help you sort through the area's home options. Washington of Realtors is a central source of local real estate information and assistance. Those interested in purchasing a new home can find the expertise and professional services they need at [www.warealtor.org](http://www.warealtor.org).

#### State Programs

Washington provides housing programs and incentives to help residents with home ownership. For more information, visit <http://portal.hud.gov> and select "Washington" from the "State Info" drop-down menu.

#### County Programs

Several agencies throughout Kitsap County provide down-payment assistance programs, homebuyer programs and self-help housing to qualified homebuyers. Some options are available for prospective candidates who have previously owned a home. For more information, visit [www.kitsaphousingcoalition.org/homebuyer-programs.html](http://www.kitsaphousingcoalition.org/homebuyer-programs.html).



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# Employment & Economy

## in Kitsap County

**SITTING IN CENTRAL PUGET** Sound, Kitsap County offers all the benefits of the Seattle/Tacoma market without the gridlock and high prices. After a decline in the job market and a downturn in the local economy from 2006 to 2012, Kitsap County is showing numbers that have rebounded and continue to climb. According to the Kitsap Economic Development Alliance, the county ranks high in essential economic development indicators: educational attainment and skilled workforce; development of intellectual property; per capita economic output; and, median household incomes.

Kitsap County is home to more than one-third of the region's defense workforce, and with a high concentration of skilled engineers and technicians experienced in defense, the county is a desirable location for many large, multi-national defense firms, according to Kitsap Economic Development Alliance's Snapshot of Kitsap Military & Defense Economy. Companies operating in Kitsap County include General Dynamics,

BAE, Lockheed Martin, Raytheon and Northrop Grumman.

The median age in the county is about 39 years old. Median household income in Kitsap County is \$68,336, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. There is no state income tax in Washington, so the state relies heavily on its 6.5 percent sales tax, one of the highest in the nation.

### *Travel by Land, Sea and Air*

Kitsap County is positioned for robust business growth and innovation.

Seattle-Tacoma International Airport is the primary airport serving the region; it offers commercial passenger and cargo service worldwide and is about 45 miles southeast of Naval Base Kitsap. The naval base is 40 miles west of Seattle and 45 miles northwest of Tacoma. Nearby Seattle is the western terminus of Interstate 90, the major east/west freeway for the northern U.S. that connects to Boston. The Washington State Ferry System is an extension of the state highway system and is the largest of its kind in the world. It transports thousands

of workers from residential communities across the water daily.

The region has multiple deep-water port facilities offering service to destinations worldwide. The ports of Seattle and Tacoma have numerous scheduled liner services. The Port of Tacoma is the sixth-busiest container port in North America and one of the 25 busiest in the world, and it plays an important part in the local economy.

### *Natural Resources*

The development of Seattle and Washington is rooted in the logging industry. California's 1850 gold rush created a demand for lumber and spurred migration to the region. By the 1860s, timber was big business, and Kitsap County was the richest county per capita in the United States with five large sawmills in production. Puget Sound's busy ports shipped timber and lumber all over the world.

Today, economic activity in the county includes a gaming industry with large casinos



on tribal properties, a major medical center and a regional retail hub.

## Naval Base Kitsap

Naval Base Kitsap employs more than 33,000 military and civilian personnel in addition to defense contractor operations, making it the largest employer in the county. Naval Base Kitsap is estimated to have an annual economic impact of \$6.1 billion, according to its latest economic impact statement.

## EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES

### National Resources

At the national level, websites such as [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com), [www.monster.com](http://www.monster.com), [www.careerbuilder.com](http://www.careerbuilder.com) and [www.indeed.com](http://www.indeed.com) have extensive search capabilities as well as resume tips, forum support and professional networking options.

The National Military Spouse Network, a networking, mentoring and professional development organization, has a wealth of career information at its website, [www.nationalmilitaryspousenetwork.org](http://www.nationalmilitaryspousenetwork.org).

### Local Resources

#### WorkSource Washington

1300 Sylvan Way  
Bremerton, WA 98310 ..... 360-337-4810  
<https://seeker.worksourcewa.com>

WorkSource Washington is a statewide partnership of state, local and nonprofit agencies that deliver a wide array of employment and training services for job seekers and employers. Customers access services electronically through <https://seeker.worksourcewa.com> or a network of more than 60 WorkSource centers, affiliates and connection sites statewide.

#### Washington State Employment Security Department

212 Maple Park Ave. SE  
Olympia, WA 98501 ..... 360-902-9500  
[www.esd.wa.gov](http://www.esd.wa.gov)

The Washington State Employment Security Department is the state's largest and most comprehensive employment resource. Services include job listings, occupational information, job training programs and a host of specialized services for veterans, displaced workers and other targeted populations. For young people seeking employment in the region, the Youth at Work website provides job search information, as well as tips on resume writing and other resources.

#### State of Washington

[www.careers.wa.gov](http://www.careers.wa.gov)  
<https://governmentjobs.com/careers/washington>

Employment opportunities with the State of Washington are available online. Find employment assistance, look for internships or sign up for the Federal Job Corps Program here as well.

#### Kitsap County

Human Resources  
507 Austin Ave.  
Port Orchard, WA 98366 ..... 360-337-7185  
<https://spf.kitsapgov.com>

Kitsap County is among the top 10 employers in the county. Jobs are posted online with benefits information, and available positions require an online application. Applicants can sign up to receive job notifications.

#### City of Bainbridge Island

280 Madison Ave. N  
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110 ..... 206-780-8593  
[www.ci.bainbridge-island.wa.us](http://www.ci.bainbridge-island.wa.us)

From the main menu on the city's website, click "How Do I?" then "Apply for Employment Opportunities" to see vacancies and the city's online application process.

#### City of Bremerton

345 Sixth St., Suite 600  
Bremerton, WA 98337 ..... 360-473-5846  
[www.ci.bremerton.wa.us](http://www.ci.bremerton.wa.us)

From the home page on the city's website, click "Employment" to view job openings, find out about benefits, download the city's application or apply for opportunities online.

#### City of Port Orchard

216 Prospect St.  
Port Orchard, WA 98366 ..... 360-876-7014  
[www.cityofportorchard.us](http://www.cityofportorchard.us)

From the home page on the city's website, click "Community" then click "Jobs." View current job listings and download the city's application. The city will accept faxed or emailed, but the original form must be mailed or delivered in person.

#### City of Poulsbo

200 N.E. Moe St.  
Poulsbo, WA 98370 ..... 360-394-9705  
[www.cityofpoulsbo.com](http://www.cityofpoulsbo.com)

From the main menu on the city's website, click "Work" then "Employment Opportunities" to access city job openings and download the city's application, which can be submitted by mail or in person.

## JOB-SEEKER TIPS

Always keep your resume up-to-date and have several versions that target specific industries and highlight your skills that fit their job descriptions.

Compile several reference lists with a good variety of people and former business associates.

Be sure to first ask each if you can use them as references.

Compose a comprehensive, catchy and succinct cover letter of no more than a page (this is no place to ramble). It will introduce you and your desire to work for the company. Have a knowledgeable friend check it for errors; misspelled words and bad grammar hint at carelessness and indifference. Know what the company does, and highlight skills, work experience and education that apply to the position.

Be prepared for an interview at any time. Compose — and rehearse — your one-minute self-promotional speech on who you are, an achievement or two and your strengths. It's not vanity to make a good first impression.

Always follow up with thank-you letters and calls. Even today, a letter, as well as the quick-response email, will separate you from a surprising number of the other applicants.

Be aware that due to the usually huge numbers of applicants, most companies follow up only with candidates in whom they are interested. Don't take it personally if you are not notified that you did not get the job.

## CIVILIAN OPPORTUNITIES

### Federal Jobs

Visit [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov) to search for Department of Defense jobs at Naval Base Kitsap.

### NAF Jobs

For information about service jobs, including openings and internships in lodging, child care, recreation areas and more, visit [www.navylifepnw.com/jobs](http://www.navylifepnw.com/jobs).

### Exchange Jobs

For Navy Exchange and Navy Lodge jobs, visit the NEX career page at [www.mynavyexchange.com/nex/work-for-us](http://www.mynavyexchange.com/nex/work-for-us) and search for Naval Base Kitsap.

## SELF-EMPLOYMENT

### Kitsap Economic Development Alliance

A comprehensive "how to" guide on KEDA's website provides business plan templates as well as links to local, state and federal resources. Visit <http://kitsapeda.org> for more information.

### Washington State Small Business Development Center

The Washington State Small Business Development Center offers small business resources for those looking to start a business. Visit <http://wsbdc.org> for more information.



# Health Care

## in Kitsap County

**THERE ARE MANY HEALTH** care services in Kitsap County for military, civilians and veterans, though implementation of the Affordable Care Act has changed established insurance options. Visit [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov) for information on open enrollment for health care coverage under the national Affordable Care Act. Washington Healthplanfinder has a network of customer support in the state to help walk applicants through the maze of choices. Applicants can receive assistance online, over the phone or in person. For more information on enrollment support, visit [www.wahbexchange.org/new-customers/application-quick-tips/customer-support-network](http://www.wahbexchange.org/new-customers/application-quick-tips/customer-support-network).

See the Military Buyer's Guide to connect with local hospitals and medical centers, health care centers and health care providers.

### COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE CLINICS AND RESOURCES

A community health center or clinic is customarily the place to go for those who have no health

insurance or have limited income or ability to pay medical fees. Such clinics accept most insurance and provide affordable, comprehensive health care by well-trained, professional staff. They also serve those who are uninsured and underinsured, and most are open to making sliding scale payment arrangements based on income and family size.

For a list of community health centers in Kitsap County, visit the Peninsula Community Health Services website at [www.pchswest.org](http://www.pchswest.org) and select "Find a Location."

### DENTAL CARE

The Washington State Dental Association website, [www.wsda.org](http://www.wsda.org), is a useful place to start your search for a dentist. Click on "Find a Dentist" from the association's home page. You can also seek referrals from people you know who've had dental care in the area.

The Washington State Department of Health can give you tips for oral health and low-cost dental care. Visit its oral health website at [www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/OralHealth](http://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/OralHealth).

### FINDING A LOCAL DOCTOR

Before arriving at your new assignment, check the Washington State Medical Association's online directory at <https://wsma.org>. Look for the "Find a Doctor" search tool. You can browse for a provider by specialty or by location; this should give you a preview of the local medical practitioners as well as where you might need to go for specialized care.

Personal referrals from friends or other medical personnel can add to your options.

You can check a doctor's certification at the American Board of Medical Specialties at [www.abms.org](http://www.abms.org). To see if anyone has registered a complaint or taken disciplinary action against the doctor, visit the Washington State Department of Health's provider credential search at <https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/providercredentialsearch> or call 360-236-4700.

Treat finding a doctor as seriously as looking for a new job or a new home. You want to be comfortable with the person who will see you while you are most vulnerable.



**FOR VETERANS**

Veterans in Kitsap County are served within Veterans Integrated Service Network 20 — the Northwest Network, with the nearest major medical center in Seattle, about 30 miles from Naval Base Kitsap. VISN 20 serves the states of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and one county each in California and Montana. VISN 20's network of health care facilities is composed of eight parent facilities that include two tertiary care hospitals and three other acute care inpatient facilities, 51 additional outpatient clinics and three mobile medical units. Other services include community living centers, domiciliaries and 17 readjustment counseling centers. The closest community outpatient clinic is in Bremerton, Washington.

**VA Puget Sound Health Care System****Seattle Division**

1660 S. Columbian Way  
Seattle, WA 98108..... 206-762-1010

**American Lake Division**

9600 Veterans Drive  
Tacoma, WA 98493..... 253-582-8440  
[www.pugetsound.va.gov](http://www.pugetsound.va.gov)

Since 1923, the VA Puget Sound Health Care System has distinguished itself as a leader in teaching, research and patient care while earning prestigious recognition as part of the largest health care network in the country. The system serves the health care needs of more than 80,000 veterans living in the Pacific Northwest. Two divisions (one in Seattle and one in Tacoma) provide a broad spectrum of inpatient and outpatient health care services, ranging from primary care to specialty and rehabilitative care.

The following is a list of community-based outpatient clinics and vet centers near Naval Base Kitsap. For a full list of clinics and other facilities, go to [www.pugetsound.va.gov](http://www.pugetsound.va.gov).

**Bremerton CBOC**

925 Adele Ave.  
Bremerton, WA 98312 ..... 360-473-0340

**Federal Way CBOC**

34617 11th Place S, Suite 301  
Federal Way, WA 98003..... 253-336-4142

**Federal Way Vet Center**

32020 32nd Ave. S, Suite 110  
Federal Way, WA 98001..... 253-838-3090

**Seattle Vet Center**

4735 East Marginal Way S  
Seattle, WA 98134..... 206-658-4225

**Tacoma Vet Center**

4916 Center St., Suite E  
Tacoma, WA 98409..... 253-565-7038

**Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs**

1102 Quince St. SE  
Olympia, WA 98504 ..... 800-562-2308  
VA Suicide Hotline ..... 800-273-8255  
[www.dva.wa.gov](http://www.dva.wa.gov)

The Department of Veterans Affairs improves the quality of life for Washington's veterans, military and their families by increasing awareness and access to appropriate federal, state and local resources.

Several VA service officers in Kitsap County help navigate the maze of VA services and programs. For a list of VA resources, locations and hours of operation in Kitsap County, visit [www.dva.wa.gov/state-county-federal-contacts](http://www.dva.wa.gov/state-county-federal-contacts).

**Kitsap County Office**

1141 Beach Drive E, Building 9  
Port Orchard, WA 98366..... 360-895-4371

**HOSPITALS/MEDICAL CENTERS**

Because emergencies can happen without warning, it's prudent to know where to go when they arrive. Saving minutes in a crisis can mean

saving a life. Knowing what services are available, and where, can make all the difference. Visit the following websites for more information on local hospital and medical center services.

**Allenmore Hospital & Medical Center**

1901 S. Union Ave.  
Tacoma, WA 98405 ..... 253-459-6633  
[www.multicare.org/allenmore-hospital](http://www.multicare.org/allenmore-hospital)

**MultiCare Good Samaritan Hospital**

401 15th Ave. SE  
Puyallup, WA 98372 ..... 253-697-4000  
[www.multicare.org/good-samaritan-hospital](http://www.multicare.org/good-samaritan-hospital)

**Harrison Medical Center – Bremerton**

2520 Cherry Ave.  
Bremerton, WA 98310 ..... 360-744-3911  
[www.chifranciscan.org/harrison-medical-center-bremerton.html](http://www.chifranciscan.org/harrison-medical-center-bremerton.html)

**Harrison Medical Center – Silverdale**

1800 N.W. Myhre Road  
Silverdale, WA 98383 ..... 360-744-8800  
[www.chifranciscan.org/harrison-medical-center-silverdale.html](http://www.chifranciscan.org/harrison-medical-center-silverdale.html)

**Madigan Army Medical Center**

9040 Jackson Ave.  
Tacoma, WA 98431 ..... 253-968-1110  
[www.mamc.health.mil](http://www.mamc.health.mil)

**Mary Bridge Children's Hospital**

317 Martin Luther King Jr. Way  
Tacoma, WA 98403 ..... 253-403-1400  
[www.marybridge.org](http://www.marybridge.org)

**St. Anthony Hospital**

11567 Canterwood Blvd. NW  
Gig Harbor, WA 98332 ..... 253-530-2000  
[www.chifranciscan.org/St-Anthony-Hospital](http://www.chifranciscan.org/St-Anthony-Hospital)

**St. Clare Hospital**

11315 Bridgeport Way SW  
Lakewood, WA 98499 ..... 253-985-1711  
[www.chifranciscan.org/St-Clare-Hospital](http://www.chifranciscan.org/St-Clare-Hospital)

**St. Francis Hospital**

34515 Ninth Ave. S  
Federal Way, WA 98003..... 253-944-8100  
[www.chifranciscan.org/St-Francis-Hospital](http://www.chifranciscan.org/St-Francis-Hospital)

**St. Joseph Medical Center**

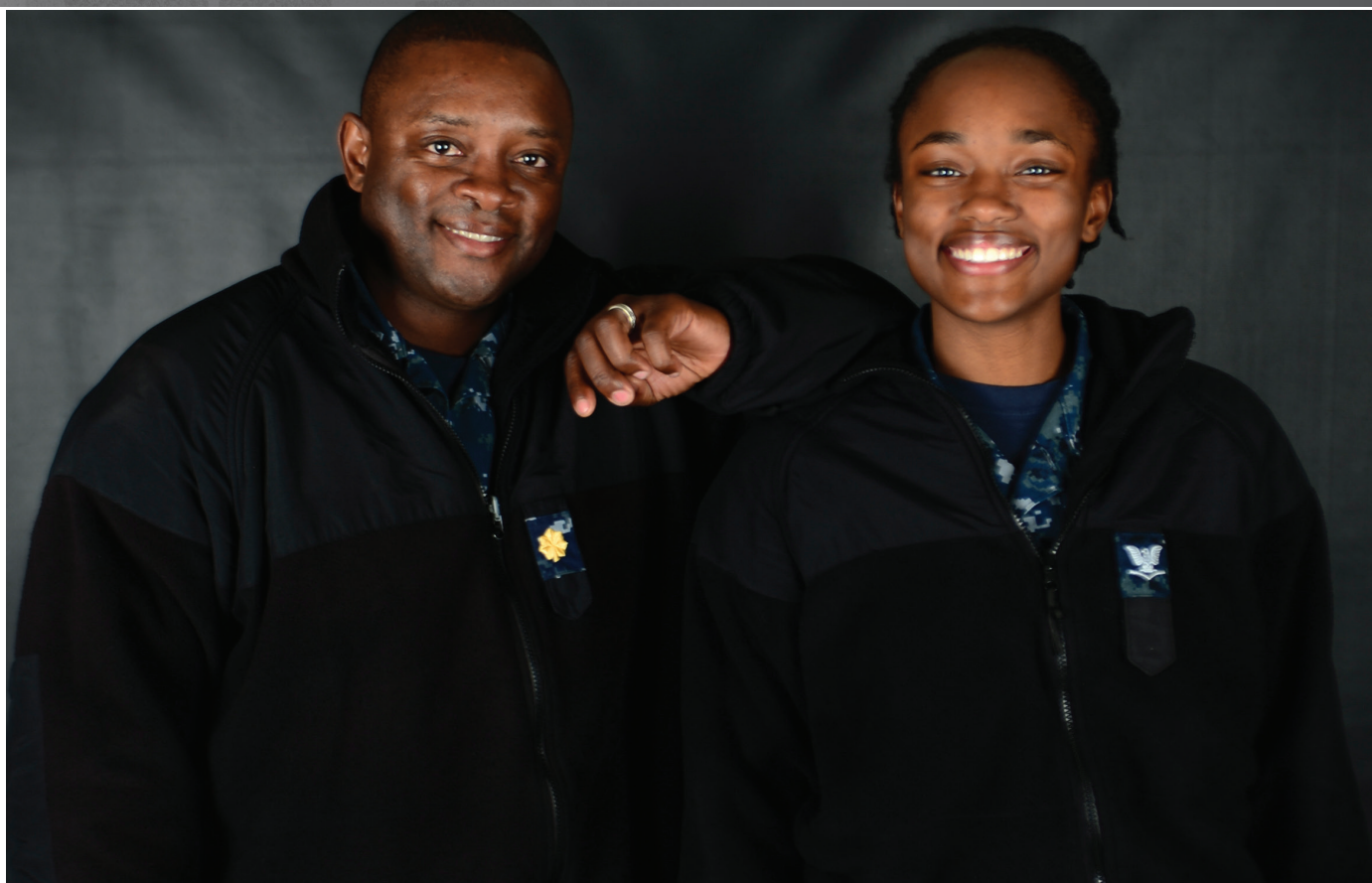
1717 S. J St.  
Tacoma, WA 98405 ..... 253-426-4101  
[www.chifranciscan.org/St-Joseph-Medical-Center](http://www.chifranciscan.org/St-Joseph-Medical-Center)

**Tacoma General Hospital**

315 Martin Luther King Jr. Way  
Tacoma, WA 98405 ..... 253-403-1000  
[www.multicare.org/tacoma-general-hospital](http://www.multicare.org/tacoma-general-hospital)



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# Family Resources

## in Kitsap County

**PICKING UP FROM ONE** place and moving to another is always a hassle, especially when kids and pets are involved. Knowing whom to call or where to find information can help make the transition easier.

### **American Red Cross**

[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

The Red Cross helps members of the military, veterans and their families prepare for, cope with, and respond to, the challenges of military service.

Local Red Cross offices develop and maintain relationships with key community partners. Military families rely on the Red Cross to help them identify their needs and connect them to the most appropriate Red Cross and community resources. This essential Red Cross service includes responding to emergency needs for food, clothing, and shelter, referrals to counseling services (e.g., financial, legal, mental health), respite care for caregivers, and other resources that meet the unique needs of local military members, veterans and their families.

The American Red Cross Emergency Communications Center is available to help 24/7. Call 877-272-7337 or submit an online request at <https://saf.redcross.org/css>.

### **Armed Services YMCA**

[www.asymca.org](http://www.asymca.org)

The ASYMCA is made up of 13 branches and about 20 affiliate locations at local Ys and on some DOD facilities across the U.S.

ASYMCA programs, services and events are designed to help the family come together, stay together and have the ability to adjust, bounce back and thrive wherever the services send them. Programs are offered at low cost and require no dues or membership fees.

Find ASYMCA locations by visiting [www.asymca.org/locations](http://www.asymca.org/locations).

### **Child Care Aware**

[www.childcareaware.org](http://www.childcareaware.org)

Improving access to affordable, quality child care is one of Child Care Aware of America's top goals. Search the site's "State

by State Resources for Families" to connect with national organizations and associations that provide information for parents regarding child development, parenting, and child care concerns and questions.

To speak with a specialist about military and DOD child care programs, call 800-424-2246, option 6.

### **Kitsap County Human Services**

507 Austin Ave.

Port Orchard, WA 98366.....360-337-4604

<https://spf.kitsapgov.com/hs>

Kitsap County's Human Services Division website provides information on various veterans programs, family programs and services for the elderly, including caregiver support, food stamps, clinical services, education and medical care.

### **Military OneSource**

[www.militaryonesource.mil](http://www.militaryonesource.mil)

Military OneSource is your central hub and go-to-place for the military community. Get to



know your benefits and prepare for the big stuff — deployments, reintegration, moves, parenthood, retirement and more. No matter where military life takes you, with Military OneSource you'll always be in the loop.

### **Operation Homefront**

[www.operationhomefront.org](http://www.operationhomefront.org)

Operation Homefront assists military families during difficult financial times by providing food assistance, auto and home repair, vision care, travel and transportation, moving assistance, essential home items, and rent-free transitional housing for wounded veterans and their families.

Helping military families gain long-term stability is a specific concern for Operation Homefront. Homes on the Homefront awards mortgage-free homes, impacting veteran families for generations to come. The caregivers for wounded warriors also need help, and that is why Hearts of Valor formed.

### **United Service Organization**

[www.uso.org](http://www.uso.org)

Since 1941, the USO has kept our military men and women connected to their families, home and country no matter where they are or under what conditions they serve. Programs for military families include Couples Seminars: Stronger Families, Comfort Crew for Military Kids, Operation That's My Dress, United Through Reading, Baby Showers: USO and

What to Expect Present Special Delivery and The Sesame Street/USO Experience.

For more information, go to [www.uso.org/programs/uso-pathfinder](http://www.uso.org/programs/uso-pathfinder).

### **Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families**

1110 Jefferson St. SE

Olympia, WA 98501 ..... 360-725-4665  
[www.dcyf.wa.gov](http://www.dcyf.wa.gov)

The DCYF is Washington's lead agency for state-funded services that support children and families to build resilience and health, and to improve educational outcomes. The department's programs include an abuse hotline, services for adoption, child care, foster care, domestic violence, homelessness, mental health, substance abuse and more.

### **PETS**

Moves are stressful for everyone — including the family pet. Pets can sense stress and a change in routine can be difficult for them. If possible, keep your pets in a quiet, secure area while movers pack up or unload your belongings. Make sure you keep a collar with an ID tag on your pet at all times. Ensure the tag has your current phone number on it. It is also a good idea to microchip your pets. Depending on where you live, your pet may face new outside dangers as human activity increasingly encroaches on wildlife habitat. Wildlife that your pet may encounter include

beavers, coyotes, gophers, raccoons, rodents, skunks, even deer, bears and moose. The best way to avoid wildlife around your home is to limit any behavior that might attract it. Do not leave animal kibble unattended outdoors; raccoons, coyotes and even squirrels that eat pet and people food can lose their fear of humans and may become aggressive. Keep trash in containers with lids that are animal-resistant. In addition to larger animals, smaller pests such as fleas, ticks and spiders can be extremely dangerous as they carry disease to pets and humans. Keep your dog on a short leash in wooded areas, and check for ticks and bites on your animal when you get home.

Visit the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife's website at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/living/nuisance-wildlife> for a full list of wildlife dangers and how to avoid them.

### **Animal Services**

#### **Kitsap Humane Society**

9167 Dickey Road NW

Silverdale, WA 98383 ..... 360-692-6977  
[www.kitsap-humane.org](http://www.kitsap-humane.org)

Animal control in Kitsap County is a division of the Kitsap Humane Society, an independent nonprofit committed to providing positive life-changing solutions to people and animals in need. The humane society shelters and rehabilitates companion animals in need, provides adoption and education services, and offers licensing, low-cost spay/neuter and microchip services.

### **Pets for Patriots**

<https://petsforpatriots.org>

Pets for Patriots' vision is to end animal homelessness in the United States while giving our military veterans and their families the greatest "thank you" of all: the extraordinary love of a companion pet. It makes this happen through its nationwide shelter and veterinary networks, military and veteran organizations, and a public that values the lives of both the vulnerable and heroic among us. To learn more about adopting a pet, visit <https://petsforpatriots.org/adopt-a-pet/how-it-works>.

### **Veterinary Services**

Veterinary services in Kitsap County are plentiful; see the Military Buyer's Guide to connect with local providers. Another source for connecting with a veterinarian is the Washington State Veterinary Medical Association website <https://wsvma.org>.



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# Education & Academics

## in Kitsap County

**FINDING THE RIGHT SCHOOLS** and educational opportunities for each family member is an important part of any move. This chapter outlines Kitsap County's public schools system, private schools, charter schools and home schooling criteria, as well as local libraries and higher education institutions. To be enrolled in a Washington school, a child must be at least 5 years old by Aug. 1 of the school year. To register your child, bring the following to the school office: a birth certificate or other proof of the child's age, and the child's previous school records and immunization records. For more details on Washington's minimum vaccine requirements for students in grades K-12, visit the Washington State Board of Education's website at [www.sbe.wa.gov](http://www.sbe.wa.gov). Check with the school for additional requirements.

In 2010, Washington, along with the majority of other states, the District of Columbia, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Department of Defense Education Activity, adopted Common

Core State Standards that provide a consistent set of educational expectations for students regardless of ZIP code. When a family moves, it disrupts a student's education because the student may be forced to repeat material or learn at a different level at the new school. With common standards across states, this disruption will be reduced — of particular interest to military families. At present, national Common Core State Standards exist only for English language arts and mathematics though Washington has state standards across the full curriculum. For more information, visit [www.corestandards.org](http://www.corestandards.org).

### Choosing a School

Choosing the right school is very important, so be sure to research each one before deciding. Contact the school by phone or by visiting its website, which is a valuable source to learn about a school district's statistics and curriculum. Talk to people in the area, especially friends and colleagues who already live there.

If the school shows promise, schedule a visit and bring a list of written questions about

student-teacher ratios, computer availability, extracurricular activities, sports programs, music programs, gifted programs and grading standards.

Discuss the potential school with your child: what they liked and what they didn't like. Your family's ability to readily adapt to a move and to find happiness in your new home may depend, in part, on how happy your children are in their new school.

### CHARTER SCHOOLS

Charter schools are public schools of choice that are tuition-free, serve all students and have open enrollment. For more information or a list of charter schools in Washington, visit the Washington State Board of Education's website at [www.sbe.wa.gov/charters.php](http://www.sbe.wa.gov/charters.php).

### HOME SCHOOLING

For an introduction to home schooling in Washington, visit the Washington State Board of Education's website at <http://sbe.wa.gov/faqs/>



*home\_instruction*. You will find information on home-based instruction, rules and regulations, testing information, curriculum providers and more.

## PRIVATE SCHOOLS

To search for local private schools in Washington, visit the National Center for Education Statistics website and use the private school search tool at [www.nces.ed.gov/surveys/pss/privateschoolsearch](http://www.nces.ed.gov/surveys/pss/privateschoolsearch). Users may search by location, religious affiliation, school type and more.

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### Bainbridge Island School District

8489 Madison Ave. NE  
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110..... 206-842-4714  
[www.bisd303.org](http://www.bisd303.org)

The Bainbridge Island district has three elementary schools, one middle school, one high school, one intermediate school and one options school. The district has an enrollment of about 3,700 students.

### Bremerton School District

134 Marion Ave. N  
Bremerton, WA 98312 ..... 360-473-1000  
[www.bremertonschools.org](http://www.bremertonschools.org)

The Bremerton district has four elementary schools, one middle school, one high school, one alternative high school, one STEM academy and one early learning center. The district has an enrollment of about 5,200 students.

### Central Kitsap School District

9210 Silverdale Way NW  
Silverdale, WA 98383 ..... 360-662-1610  
[www.ckschools.org](http://www.ckschools.org)

The Central Kitsap district has 12 elementary schools, three middle schools, three high schools and one 6-12 secondary school. The district has an enrollment of 11,000 students.

### North Kitsap School District

18360 N.E. Caldart Ave.  
Poulsbo, WA 98370..... 360-396-3000  
[www.nkschools.org](http://www.nkschools.org)

The North Kitsap district has six elementary schools, two middle schools and two high schools. The district has an enrollment of about 5,700 students.

### South Kitsap School District

2689 Hoover Ave. SE  
Port Orchard, WA 98366..... 360-874-7000  
[www.skitsap.wednet.edu](http://www.skitsap.wednet.edu)

The South Kitsap district has 10 elementary schools, three junior high schools, one three-year comprehensive high school, an alternative

high school and one alternative learning center. The district has an enrollment of about 10,000 students.

## UNIVERSITIES/HIGHER EDUCATION

Kitsap County offers plenty of opportunity for continuing education. Naval Base Kitsap has a fully functioning Navy College Education Center, which is open to active duty, retired, reserve and their family members. Use the following contact information to start your search for the school that is right for you.

### Brandman University —

**Naval Base Kitsap**  
1042 Tautog Circle  
Silverdale, WA 98315 ..... 360-779-2040  
[www.brandman.edu/bangor-nbk](http://www.brandman.edu/bangor-nbk)

### Navy College — Naval Base Kitsap

120 S. Dewey St., Building 491  
Bremerton, WA ..... 360-476-4282  
[www.navycollege.navy.mil](http://www.navycollege.navy.mil)

### Olympic College

1600 Chester Ave.  
Bremerton, WA 98337 ..... 360-792-6050  
[www.olympic.edu](http://www.olympic.edu)

### Southern Illinois University Carbondale —

**Naval Base Kitsap**  
1042 Tautog Circle  
Silverdale, WA 98315 ..... 360-779-4691  
[www.siu.edu](http://www.siu.edu)

### Vincennes University — Naval Base Kitsap

120 S. Dewey St., Building 491  
Bremerton, WA ..... 360-478-7202  
[www.vinu.edu](http://www.vinu.edu)

## LIBRARIES

Public libraries in Kitsap County offer learning, recreation, distance education, internet connections and other resources for users — all free. In addition, school libraries that support the curriculum and provide internet access and other resources are in most public and private schools, and academic and special libraries in colleges and universities. The Washington State Library, [www.sos.wa.gov/library](http://www.sos.wa.gov/library), supports libraries in the state with resources, interlibrary loans and other assistance.

Residents can enjoy and make use of many academic and public libraries in Kitsap County. Get information about services, hours and events by visiting the branches' websites.

### Bainbridge Island Branch

1270 Madison Ave. N  
Bainbridge Island, WA 98110..... 206-842-4162  
[www.krl.org/bainbridge-island](http://www.krl.org/bainbridge-island)

## EDUCATION LINKS

Find resources to help your student achieve academic success at these websites:

- **Washington State Board of Education:**  
[www.sbe.wa.gov](http://www.sbe.wa.gov)
- **Washington State PTC:**  
[www.wastatepta.org](http://www.wastatepta.org)
- **Reading is Fundamental:**  
[www.rif.org](http://www.rif.org)
- **U.S. Department of Education:**  
[www2.ed.gov/parents](http://www2.ed.gov/parents)

**Military Child Education Coalition:** Ensures quality educational opportunities for all military children affected by mobility, family separation and transition. Visit [www.militarychild.org](http://www.militarychild.org) for information on programs and resources.

**Tutor.com:** Eligible students and service members in U.S. military families around the world can work one-to-one with an expert tutor online 24/7. Get free help with homework, studying, test prep and proofreading in more than 40 subjects. Visit <http://military.tutor.com>.

### Downtown Bremerton Branch

612 Fifth St.  
Bremerton, WA 98337 ..... 360-377-3955  
[www.krl.org/downtown-bremerton](http://www.krl.org/downtown-bremerton)

### Bremerton Recreation Center Library

120 S. Dewey, Bldg. 502  
Bremerton, WA 98314 ..... 360-476-3178  
[www.navylifepnw.com](http://www.navylifepnw.com)

### Port Orchard Branch

87 Sidney Ave.  
Port Orchard, WA 98366..... 360-876-2224  
[www.krl.org/port-orchard](http://www.krl.org/port-orchard)

### Poulsbo Branch

700 N.E. Lincoln Road  
Poulsbo, WA 98370..... 360-779-2915  
[www.krl.org/poulsbo](http://www.krl.org/poulsbo)

### Silverdale Branch

3450 N.W. Carlton St.  
Silverdale, WA 98383 ..... 360-692-2779  
[www.krl.org/silverdale](http://www.krl.org/silverdale)

### Sylvan Way Branch

1301 Sylvan Way  
Bremerton, WA 98310 ..... 360-405-9100  
[www.krl.org/sylvan-way](http://www.krl.org/sylvan-way)



# Living

## in Kitsap County

**THE LOCAL AREA AND** nearby Seattle and Tacoma are chock-full of entertaining activities. Get up close and personal with some bizarre bugs and an ant farm at the Bug Museum or tee off at Port Orchard 18-hole golf course that also caters to fly fishing enthusiasts. Don't miss the food and entertainment at the festivals dedicated to blackberries and lavender. And be sure to check out the USS Turner Joy Museum Ship and the Puget Sound Navy Museum.

### ANNUAL EVENTS

Residents of Kitsap County have dozens of annual events, festivals and community gatherings at their fingertips.

#### **Allyn Days Salmon Fest & Geoduck Festival**

[www.allynwa.org](http://www.allynwa.org)

Allyn Days starts off on the third Friday of July and continues through Sunday in Allyn Waterfront Park. There's a baked salmon fest on Saturday, a Geoduck Festival on Sunday, a

mud run, kids' park, food, vendors and plenty of entertainment under the gazebo.

#### **Blackberry Festival**

[www.blackberryfestival.org](http://www.blackberryfestival.org)

The Blackberry Festival is held on Labor Day weekend at the Bremerton Boardwalk with festival-related activities stretching up Second Street. Nearly 25,000 revelers come out each year to experience delicious blackberry-centric foods such as cobbles, bubble tea, beer, wine, cinnamon rolls, sausages and more. The event also has standard food offerings, pony rides, a super slide and rock-climbing wall.

#### **Boeing Seafair Air Show**

[www.seafair.com](http://www.seafair.com)

The first weekend of August brings the Boeing Seafair Air Show to town where you'll witness the U.S. Navy Blue Angels perform dazzling stunts and aerial maneuvers as spectators look on in amazement from the shores of Lake Washington. The Blue Angels participated in their first air show in 1946 and since have performed

for an estimated 11 million spectators during air shows each year.

#### **Kitsap County Fair & Stampede**

<https://spf.kitsapgov.com/parks/Pages/FairMain.aspx>

Every August, the last weekend before Labor Day, residents of Kitsap County and surrounding areas come out to Bremerton for the Kitsap County Fair & Stampede. The fair has something for everyone, including daily shows, a PRCA rodeo, destruction derby, fair food, pageants and games for the whole family. Visit the website for information on the schedule and daily specials.

#### **Lavender Festival**

[www.lavenderfestival.com](http://www.lavenderfestival.com)

The annual Lavender Festival takes place in July in Sequim. The free festival has more to offer than just the sweet smell of lavender. There are hundreds of arts and craft booths, three days of live music (dubbed Lavenderstock), a food court featuring a selection of Olympic Coast





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cuisine and free farm tours. Visit the website for information on the schedule.

### **Viking Fest**

[www.vikingfest.org](http://www.vikingfest.org)

Viking Fest is held each year in historic downtown Poulsbo in mid-May. The event includes entertainment at the Kvelstad Pavilion, an art-work competition, the battle of the bands, a carnival, donut-eating contest, lutefisk-eating contest, live music, paddleboard races, road races, a street fair, strong man competition and a parade.

### **Washington State Fair**

[www.thefair.com](http://www.thefair.com)

The Washington State Fair is the largest single attraction held annually in the state of Washington. The fair continually ranks in the top 10 largest fairs in the world. The Washington State Fair hosts two annual events: the 17-day Washington State Fair every September and the four-day Spring Fair in Puyallup every April. Situated south of Seattle and east of Tacoma in the shadow of majestic Mount Rainier, the Washington State Fair Events Center is composed of more than 169 acres.

## **ARTS**

Artistic opportunities from theater to music to dance and more are no strangers to Kitsap County residents.

### **Admiral Theatre**

515 Pacific Ave.

Bremerton, WA 98337 ..... 360-373-6743  
[www.admiraltheatre.org](http://www.admiraltheatre.org)

Bremerton's Admiral Theatre is a 1942 movie house, renovated in 1997, into Kitsap's premier live entertainment and events venue. The theater welcomes more than 50,000 patrons annually to about 100 diverse performances and community events. The annual season includes 60 professional shows, 50 community events and an exciting two-week musical theater summer camp for kids.

### **Bremerton Symphony Orchestra**

645 Fourth St., Suite 206

Bremerton, WA 98337 ..... 360-373-1722  
<http://bremertonsymphony.org>

Typically, the orchestra contains 60 members composed of doctors, firefighters, accountants, government employees and many teachers who perform at a professional level; not one member is a "professional" musician. The orchestra meets several times a week and plays for over 300 season ticket holders and more than 5,000 West Puget Sound community members each season.

### **Pacific Northwest Ballet**

301 Mercer St.

Seattle, WA 98109 ..... 206-441-2424  
[www.pnb.org](http://www.pnb.org)

Pacific Northwest Ballet, one of the largest and most highly regarded ballet companies in the United States, was founded in 1972. The company of nearly 50 dancers presents more than 100 performances each year of full-length and mixed repertory ballets at Marion Oliver McCaw Hall in Seattle and on tour.

## **MUSEUMS**

Learn about Washington's history and cultural contributions by visiting any one of the many local museums.

### **Bainbridge Island Museum of Arts**

550 Winslow Way E

Bainbridge Island, WA 98110 ..... 206-842-4451  
[www.biartmuseum.org](http://www.biartmuseum.org)

Bainbridge Island Museum of Art is a collecting museum with a focus on artists and collections from the Kitsap and Olympic Peninsulas, as well as the broader Puget Sound region. Admission to the art museum is free.

### **Bug Museum and Nature Gift Shop**

1118 Charleston Beach Road W

Bremerton, WA 98312 ..... 800-870-4284  
[www.bugmuseum.com](http://www.bugmuseum.com)

Explore strange bugs under the microscope, look through glasses that let you see like a

bug and watch busy ants in the 8-foot-long ant farm. There are over 15 kid-friendly exhibits to explore, and it's all free.

### **Kids Discovery Museum**

301 Ravine Lane NE

Bainbridge Island, WA 98110 ..... 206-855-4650  
[www.kidimu.org](http://www.kidimu.org)

The Kids Discovery Museum blurs the line between learning and playing to inspire a life-long journey of discovery. From Armed Forces Day through Labor Day, the museum is free for active-duty military families as part of the Blue Star Museums program.

### **Kitsap Maritime Heritage Foundation**

9756 Ogle Road NE

Brownsville, WA 98311 ..... 360-633-7421  
[www.kitsapmaritime.com](http://www.kitsapmaritime.com)

Kitsap's tall ship, the schooner Fiddler's Dream, provides maritime education, heritage education and hands-on nautical experience for all ages and abilities. Hours vary; check the website for more information.

### **Museum of Pop Culture**

325 Fifth Ave. N

Seattle, WA 98109 ..... 206-770-2700  
[www.mopop.org](http://www.mopop.org)

The 140,000-square-foot Frank O. Gehry-designed facility is home to exhibits ranging from the art of fantasy, horror cinema and video games to science fiction, literature and costumes from screen and stage. Hours vary by season; check the website for more information.

### **Puget Sound Navy Museum**

251 First St.

Bremerton, WA 98337 ..... 360-479-7447  
[www.pugetsoundnavymuseum.org](http://www.pugetsoundnavymuseum.org)

The Puget Sound Navy Museum is one of 10 museums funded and administered by the U.S. Navy. Its collection numbers more than 18,000. Today, visitors can explore the naval history of the region and experience life as a sailor through exhibits about the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, the USS John C. Stennis, Special Operations Submarines and more.

### **Space Needle**

400 Broad St.

Seattle, WA 98109 ..... 206-905-2100  
[www.spaceneedle.com](http://www.spaceneedle.com)

Located at the base of Queen Anne Hill, Seattle Center was developed from the site of the 1962 World Fair Site into a 74-acre, year-round convention and family entertainment hub for Seattle, with the Space Needle being its most famous landmark. The observation tower stands 605 feet high and offers visitors 360-degree views from

its observation deck at 520 feet. Visit the website for hours and tickets.

### **USS Turner Joy Museum Ship**

300 Washington Beach Ave.  
Bremerton, WA 98337 .....360-792-2457  
[www.ussturnerjoy.org](http://www.ussturnerjoy.org)

The famed Navy destroyer from the Vietnam War is at the Bremerton Harborside waterfront and is a popular destination for history buffs, veterans and visitors of all ages.

## **PARKS**

The Pacific Northwest is known for having a multitude of parks and recreational areas. Check your community's parks and recreation listings to see more of what your local area has to offer.

### **Evergreen Rotary Park**

1500 Park Ave.  
Bremerton, WA 98337 .....360-473-5305  
<http://webapp1.ci.bremerton.wa.us/Parks>

This 10.31-acre community park is the home for the Kitsap 9/11 Memorial and the weekly Bremerton farmers market. Amenities include a playground, trails/pathways, basketball court, water access and boat ramp.

### **N.A.D. Marine Park**

6002 Kitsap Way  
Bremerton, WA 98312 .....360-479-8388  
<http://webapp1.ci.bremerton.wa.us/Parks>

This 50.87-acre community park was once the location of the Naval Ammunition Depot, and remnants of 20 bunkers remain among the dense forest. The park now includes a disc golf course, playground and trails/pathways.

### **Pendergrast Regional Park**

1199 Union Ave. W  
Bremerton, WA 98312 .....360-479-8388  
<http://webapp1.ci.bremerton.wa.us/Parks>

Pendergrast Regional Park is a 50.29-acre regional park that encompasses the Bremerton dog park and Olympic Sports Center indoor soccer arena. The park features a playground, lighted softball fields, lighted soccer/football field and a basketball court.

## **SHOPPING**

From malls and major department stores to unique boutiques and souvenir shops, there's something for every taste and budget.

### **Olde Central Antique Mall**

801 Bay St.  
Port Orchard, WA 98366.....360-895-1902  
[www.oldecentralantiquemall.com](http://www.oldecentralantiquemall.com)

Olde Central Antique Mall is a large antique store with 45 individual dealers. It is in downtown Port Orchard less than a block from the

foot ferry and marina. The store has furniture, glassware, clothing, books, vintage jewelry, pottery, art, musical pieces and more.

### **Pike Place Market**

85 Pike St.  
Seattle, WA 98101.....206-682-7453  
[www.pikeplacemarket.org](http://www.pikeplacemarket.org)

With more than 9 acres of land and more than 100 years of history, the Pike Place Market represents "The Soul of Seattle." With more than 225 small independent businesses, 225 craftspeople, 85 farmers and a diverse array of restaurants, the market attracts more than 10 million visitors a year.

## **SPORTS AND RECREATION**

Whether you're looking to take in a game or cool off with a trip down a waterslide, you'll find what you're after in Kitsap County and nearby areas.

### **Golf**

A variety of public and country club courses are available in Kitsap County, including Port Orchard's Trophy Lake Golf & Casting that caters to golf enthusiasts and fly fishers, Port Ludlow Golf Course with its twin nine-hole courses and Allyn's newly expanded 27-hole LakeLand Village. For a full list of public and private courses in Washington, visit the Washington State Golf Association directory at <http://thewsga.org/membership-home/course-directory>.

### **Kitsap Admirals**

3030 Wheaton Way  
Bremerton, WA 98310 .....360-525-3528  
[www.kitsapadmirals.com](http://www.kitsapadmirals.com)

The Kitsap Admiral Basketball Club is a semi-professional international feeder program

in Bremerton. The team was established in 2011 and is now part of the NABL (North American Basketball League). The Admirals play in what is formerly East Bremerton High School. The organization also includes the Flight 360 Dance Crew.

### **Snohomish Aquatic Center**

516 Maple Ave.  
Snohomish, WA 98290 .....360-568-8030  
[www.snohomishaquatic.com](http://www.snohomishaquatic.com)

The Snohomish Aquatic Center is a 52,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility. It includes a competition pool with a dive area, recreation pool, warm-water pool, spray-play area, zero-entry area, surf-simulation machine, lazy river and a waterslide. Other amenities include locker rooms, private meeting/party spaces, cafe and a family changing area. For more information on hours and fees, visit the aquatic center's website.

### **Woodland Park Zoo**

5500 Phinney Ave. N  
Seattle, WA 98103.....206-548-2500  
[www.zoo.org](http://www.zoo.org)

Founded in 1899, Woodland Park Zoo has sparked delight, discovery and unforgettable memories for generations of Northwest families. The zoo manages the largest live animal collection in Washington state, with 1,100 animals, representing more than 300 species. The zoo provides a home for 40 endangered and 17 threatened or vulnerable animal species. The zoo's botanical collection includes more than 92,000 plants and trees representing more than 1,300 species. A gift shop, food pavilion, picnic areas and on-site educational programs are also available.



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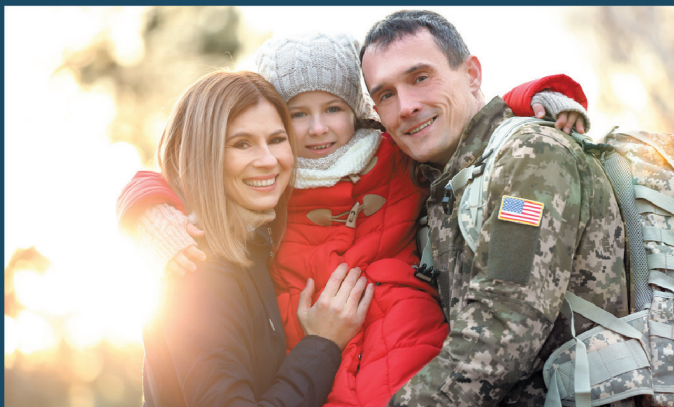
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