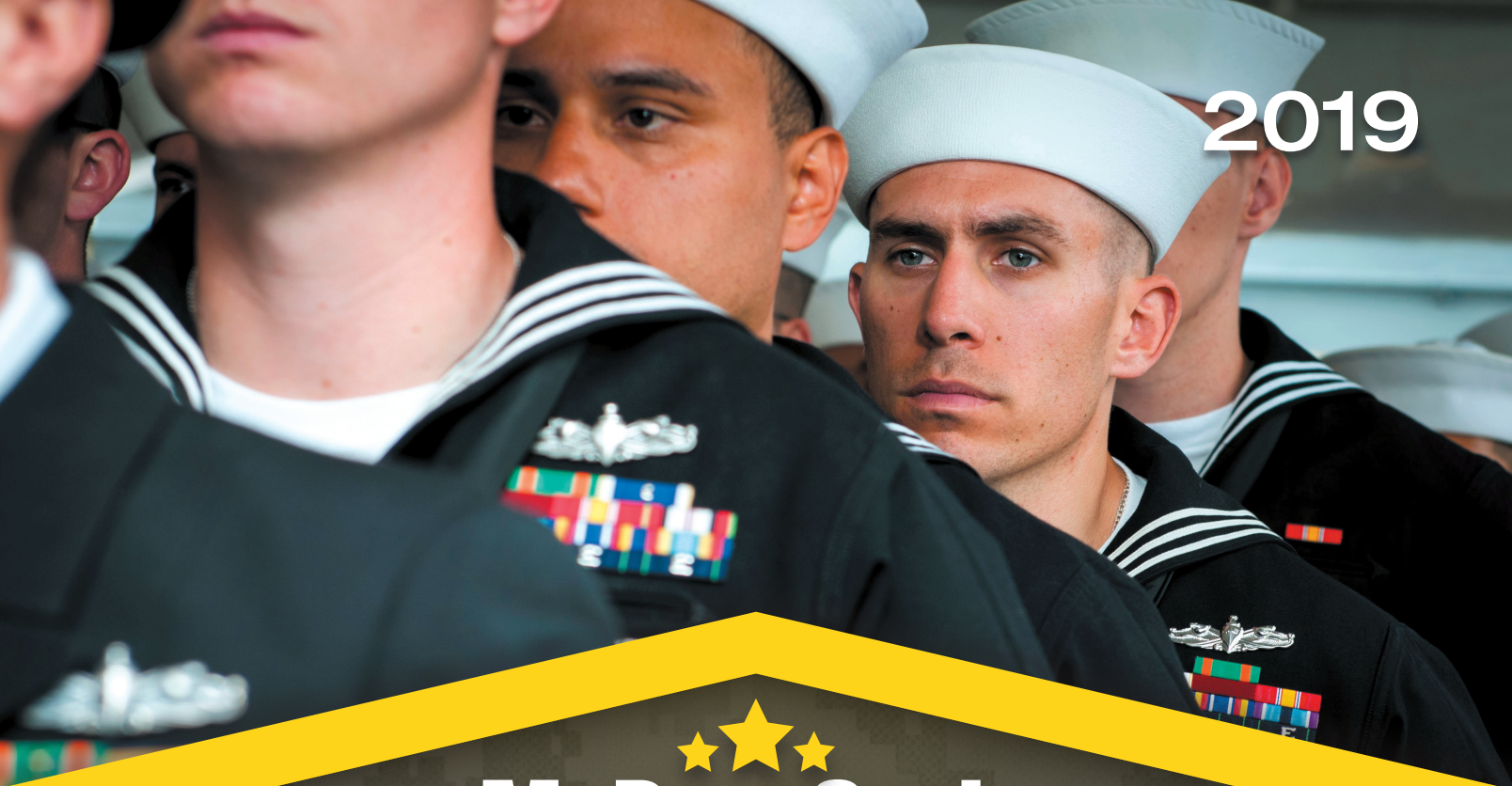


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Our Military

in Snohomish County

NAVAL STATION EVERETT IS on the north-east side of Puget Sound next to the marina area of Everett, Washington, 25 miles north of Seattle. The Smokey Point Navy Support Complex is between Marysville and Arlington, Washington, 11 miles north of the naval station.

Naval Station Everett is one of the Navy's newest and most modern facilities. Everett has one of only two Navy-owned West Coast deep-water ports; such ports require no dredging to maintain water depth at the piers and have no tidal or navigational restrictions on ship movement.

The station is home to Carrier Strike Group 11 and Destroyer Squadron 9, as well as Regional Support Organization Pacific Northwest. The station is homeport for six Navy ships and two Coast Guard ships: USS Shoup (DDG 86), USS Momsen (DDG 92), USS Kidd (DDG 100), USS Gridley (DDG 101), USS Sampson (DDG 102), USS Ralph Johnson (DDG 114), USCGC Henry Blake (WLM 563) and USCGC Blue Shark (WPB 87360). Military Sealift Command supply vessels and other visiting ships also use the port on a regular basis.

There are about 1,200 sailors and civil service personnel assigned to commands at Naval Station Everett. The station itself has about 450 sailors and civilians assigned.

Naval Station Everett supports mission-critical functions at Jim Creek Radio Station in Arlington and Naval Facility Pacific Beach on Washington's Pacific coast. The radio station maintains communication with submarines in the Pacific. It is surrounded by the 5,000-acre Jim Creek Wilderness Recreation Area that includes a Navy-protected old growth forest. Naval Facility Pacific Beach supports training for Navy pilots from Naval Air Station Whidbey Island.

Naval Station Everett's areas of responsibility within the Northwest Region encompass the Acoustic Research Detachment in Bayview, Idaho, and the Naval Radio Transmitter Facility in LaMoure, North Dakota. Navy Reserve activities include 16 Navy operational support centers.

While many support facilities are found on Naval Station Everett itself, the Smokey Point Navy Support Complex serves area sailors and

families as well, with the commissary, lodging, transient quarters, fleet and family services, chapel and other facilities.

HISTORY

Naval Station Everett's history began in 1983 when the secretary of the Navy proposed a new Puget Sound-area naval base as part of the Strategic Homeport concept. On April 17, 1984, Everett was selected from among 13 ports as the ideal location for the new homeport. Congress approved the first funds for construction Oct. 2, 1986, and the official groundbreaking ceremony was Nov. 9, 1987. The Navy awarded the \$56 million carrier pier construction contract Sept. 9, 1988, and in June 1992, three Navy ships participated in the formal opening of the new pier.

A second groundbreaking ceremony took place Aug. 30, 1993, for the Naval Station Everett Navy Support Complex, off 136th Street in Smokey Point. The Navy acquired the 52-acre site to build facilities not available at

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QUICK REFERENCE NUMBERS

NAVAL STATION EVERETT

All phone numbers are subject to change. For more information, call base quarterdeck at 425-304-3366.

American Red Cross	877-272-7337
Auto Hobby Shop	425-304-4926
Boat and Vehicle Storage	
Sailor's Choice Marina and Mini Storage	425-304-3449
Vehicle Storage	425-304-3449
Chapel	425-304-3342
Child Care	
Child Development Center	425-304-3778
Child Development Homes	425-304-3046
Commissary	425-304-3379
The Commons	425-304-3906
Community Recreation Office	
Outdoor Equipment	425-304-3449
Tickets	425-304-3167
Trips and Tours	425-304-3449
Credit Union, Navy Federal	888-842-6328
Deployed Forces Support	425-304-3149
Dining	
All American Restaurant	425-304-3943
Catering (Grand Vista Ballroom)	425-304-3911
Pierside Grille	425-304-3696
Subway	425-304-4440
Tremors Neighborhood Sports Bar	425-304-3153
DOD Safe Helpline	877-995-5247
Exceptional Family Member Program	425-304-3714
Exchange	425-304-4940
Fitness Center	425-304-3336
Fleet & Family Support Centers	
Naval Station Everett	866-854-0638
Smokey Point	866-854-0638
Health Clinic	800-404-4506
Housing	
Family Housing, Carroll's Creek Landing	360-419-4971
Family Housing, Constitution Park	877-245-7370
Housing Service Center	800-876-7022
Unaccompanied Housing	425-304-3111
Legal Office	425-304-4551
Liberty Center	425-304-3579
Library, Resource Center	425-304-3579
Military OneSource	800-342-9647
Movie Theater	425-304-3680
Pierside Plaza	425-304-3580

Pool	425-304-3388
School Liaison Office	425-304-3688
Sexual Assault Prevention & Response	425-754-5977
Suicide Prevention Lifeline	800-273-8255
Temporary Lodging	
Navy Gateway Inns & Suites	360-386-1461
Navy Lodge	360-653-6390
TRICARE	844-866-9378
Youth & Teen Program	425-304-3778

NAVAL STATION EVERETT ONLINE

Official site: www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrnw/installations/ns_everett.html
 Fleet and Family Readiness: <https://everett.navylifepnw.com>

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Mobile App

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Download the free MyBaseGuide app to your mobile device and find more information about local health care, education, housing and recreational activities on the Around Town tab for Naval Station Everett.

SOCIAL MEDIA



Facebook

www.fb.com/NavalStationEverett



Twitter

<https://twitter.com/cnrnw>

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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the waterfront location, among them a commissary, a large exchange, a family support service center, a thrift shop, education offices, bachelor and visitor quarters, a chapel and religious education center, an auto hobby shop, ball fields and courts, fleet parking for personnel assigned to deployed Everett-based ships and a 50-room Navy Lodge.

During the first week of 1994, Naval Station Puget Sound personnel moved to the recently completed fleet support and administration buildings, and on Jan. 4, 1994, officially began operating at Naval Station Everett. On April 8, 1994, the official dedication ceremony was conducted with more than 1,000 guests attending.

On Sept. 3, 1994, USS Ingraham (FFG 61) and USS Ford (FFG 54) arrived as the first of seven ships to be assigned here. On Nov. 22, 1995, USS Paul F. Foster (DD 964) arrived at the naval station. On that same date, the Navy officially announced the assignment of USS David R. Ray (DD 971), USS Callaghan (DDG 994) and USS Chandler (DDG 996) to Naval Station Everett. USS David R. Ray arrived July 29, 1996, and USS Callaghan and USS Chandler both arrived Sept. 27, 1996. To complete the complement of ships at Naval Station Everett, USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) made a change of homeport from Puget Sound Naval Shipyard at Bremerton to Everett Jan. 8, 1997.

In March 1998, USS Callaghan was decommissioned, and in May 1998, two ships based in

Japan, USS Fife (DD 991) and USS Rodney M. Davis (FFG 60), made their official change of homeport to Everett.

The Housing Welcome Center at the Navy Support Complex opened in February 1999, and the third bachelor enlisted quarters was opened in May. In September 1999, USS Chandler was decommissioned.

The year 2000 found Naval Station Everett growing. The station added a Navy Federal Credit Union branch, two gas stations and mini-marts and a small movie theater in The Commons and expanded the facilities for off-duty college courses. Also in this banner year, the naval station welcomed the Coast Guard buoy tender USCGC Henry Blake.

Today, the station is home to six Navy ships and two Coast Guard ships: USS Shoup, USS Momsen, USS Kidd, USS Gridley, USS Sampson, USS Ralph Johnson, USCGC Blue Shark and USCGC Henry Blake.

**ORGANIZATIONS
CARRIER STRIKE GROUP 11**

Current ship and aircraft configuration, combined with the updated training and readiness schedule, ensure ready response for quick surge to any area of operations around the globe. Nimitz Strike Group, led by Commander, Carrier Strike Group 11, is made up of an aircraft carrier with its embarked air wing, a cruiser, two destroyers and an attack submarine, and constitutes the single most powerful mobile force in the world.

DESTROYER SQUADRON 9

Destroyer Squadron 9 is responsible for the crew, training and material readiness of six guided-missile destroyers and the tactical execution of Sea Combat Commander duties within the Nimitz Strike Group. Its parent command is Carrier Strike Group 11.

**REGIONAL SUPPORT ORGANIZATION
PACIFIC NORTHWEST**

The mission of Regional Support Organization Pacific Northwest is to serve as the Naval Surface Forces Pacific regional executive agent for Naval Station Everett homeported surface combatants. The organization assists in managing the overall war-fighting capability of the surface combatant force and maintaining the highest level of engineering, combat systems, logistics, medical and personnel readiness.

NAVY SHIPS

USS Shoup

The USS Shoup is the 36th ship in the Arleigh Burke-class of Aegis guided-missile destroyers and the eighth Flight IIA Aegis destroyer, the most advanced variant of the class. USS Shoup was designed to conduct simultaneous operations in multithreat environments including air, surface and subsurface warfare. The ship is equally adept at operating as part of an aircraft carrier strike group in high-threat environments as in providing vital support and escort capabilities for naval amphibious forces and auxiliary ships.

USS Shoup was commissioned June 22, 2002, in Seattle and has been homeported in Everett since May 23, 2002. It was named in honor of Gen. David M. Shoup, the 22nd commandant of the Marine Corps and a recipient of the Medal of Honor and the British Distinguished Service Order for his actions during the Pacific Campaign in World War II while commanding the 2nd Marines at Betio, a bitterly contested island of Tarawa Atoll.

Built at Litton Industries' Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula, Mississippi, USS Shoup's cutting-edge designs for propulsion, tactical flexibility and survivability ensure it will hold a prominent place in our defense arsenal to carry out the Navy's mission well into the 21st century.

USS Momsen

The second of the new Arleigh Burke-class of Aegis guided-missile destroyers to be homeported at Naval Station Everett, USS Momsen was commissioned into active duty in Panama City, Florida, on Aug. 28, 2004. The ship is named after Vice Adm. Charles B. Momsen of Flushing, Long Island, New York, who honorably served in the U.S. Navy from 1919 to 1955.



Momsen made many contributions to the Navy, most notably his invention of the Momsen Lung, his critical role in the salvage and rescue of 33 personnel from the sunken submarine USS Squalus (SS 192), and his command of the battleship USS South Dakota (BB 57) in the Pacific theater during World War II.

USS Momsen arrived in Everett on Oct. 15, 2004, after completing its maiden voyage around the United States, including a transit through the Panama Canal. The ship underwent its combat systems and final qualifications trials in early 2005 and had its maiden deployment to the 7th Fleet from April to September 2006, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom-Philippines. USS Momsen departed on her first USS Abraham Lincoln Strike Group deployment to the 5th Fleet from March to October 2008, which included its first transit through the Suez Canal, to support Operation Enduring Freedom and the global war on terror.

USS Kidd

The USS Kidd, formerly homeported at Naval Base San Diego, is the third destroyer that shifted its homeport to Naval Station Everett in 2016.

USS Kidd was built in Pascagoula, Mississippi, by Northrop Grumman Ship Systems. It is the 49th Arleigh Burke-class destroyer to be built. It is the third Navy ship named after Rear Adm. Isaac C. Kidd, who was on board USS Arizona during the attack on Pearl Harbor and was the first American flag officer to die in World War II.

In 2014, USS Kidd joined the search for Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 that went missing over the South China Sea. It was the second Navy ship to be deployed in the search.

USS Gridley

The fourth USS Gridley is the 51st Arleigh Burke-class destroyer in the U.S. Navy. It is named after Capt. Charles Gridley, commander of Adm. George Dewey's flagship, Olympia, (Flag Captain) and recipient of Adm. Dewey's famous command, "You may fire when you are ready, Gridley" in the Battle of Manila Bay during the Spanish-American War.

In May 2004, the secretary of the Navy announced the names of five new Arleigh Burke-class destroyers, including the Gridley. Its keel was laid July 30, 2004, at the Bath Iron Works in Bath, Maine. It was christened Feb. 11, 2006. The Gridley was commissioned at the Port of Miami on Feb. 10, 2007, and arrived in July 2016 at its new homeport in Everett.

USS Sampson

The USS Sampson is the U.S. Navy's 52nd Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer

and is the fourth ship named in honor of Rear Adm. William Thomas Sampson, a naval hero in the Spanish-American War. It was authorized in 2002 and commissioned in 2007. The ship was assigned to Destroyer Squadron 9 in 2016 and arrived at its new homeport, Naval Station Everett, in September 2016.

In November 2016, the USS Sampson was the first U.S. warship to visit New Zealand in 33 years since the New Zealand nuclear-free zone came into effect. New Zealand Prime Minister John Key granted approval for the ship's visit under the New Zealand's anti-nuclear law, which requires that the prime minister has to be satisfied that any visiting ship is not nuclear armed or powered. That same month, the USS Sampson and other naval ships from Australia, Canada, Japan and Singapore provided humanitarian assistance after a magnitude 7.8 earthquake struck Kaikoura.

USS Ralph Johnson

The newly commissioned USS Ralph Johnson arrived at Naval Station Everett on April 27, 2018. USS Ralph Johnson is the 64th Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer and was built by Huntington Ingalls Industries in Pascagoula, Mississippi. It is the first warship named for Marine Pfc. Ralph Henry Johnson. Johnson was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions during the Vietnam War. Johnson used his body to shield two fellow Marines from a grenade, absorbing the blast and dying instantly in March 1968.

COAST GUARD SHIPS

USCGC Henry Blake

The Coast Guard Cutter Henry Blake is one of the newest cutters to the Pacific Northwest. The Henry Blake was commissioned Oct. 27, 2000, at Naval Station Everett. The 175-foot buoy tender replaced the 180-foot Coast Guard Cutter Mariposa (WLB 397), which was decommissioned March 31, 2000. The Coast Guard Cutter Henry Blake was named for the New Dungeness Spit Lighthouse keeper, Henry Blake. The New Dungeness Spit Lighthouse, on Washington's Olympic Peninsula, was first lighted Dec. 14, 1857, and was the first active lighthouse in the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

The cutter's area of responsibility includes the Puget Sound, the Strait of Juan de Fuca and the northern coastal portion of the 13th Coast Guard District. Its primary mission is servicing navigations aids, but it also provides marine environmental protection and search and rescue.

USCGC Blue Shark

The USCGC Blue Shark is a newly designed 87-foot coastal patrol boat that arrived at Naval Station Everett on July 19, 2005, and was commissioned there Aug. 16, 2005. The boat has several enhancements over the older coastal patrol boats, including improved mission sea keeping abilities (up to sea state 5), significantly upgraded habitability, and compliance with all current and projected environmental protection laws. It also employs an innovative stern launch and recovery system using an aluminum-hulled



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inboard diesel-powered water jet small boat. The vastly larger pilothouse is equipped with an integrated bridge system, including an electronic chart display system that interfaces with the Coast Guard's new surface search radar.

ARRIVAL

See the Getting To & Around Snohomish County chapter on Page 18 for information about local airports, train service and public transportation. The closest commercial flights land at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport in Seattle, about 45 miles from the base. Transportation is not provided to the base.

SPONSORSHIP

Contact your sponsor with your estimated arrival time and flight information if applicable prior to your arrival at Naval Station Everett.

Sponsorship is vital to the relocation process. Don't PCS without talking to your sponsor before departing for Naval Station Everett. 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. Your sponsor will be there to help you and your family until you are settled into your new community.

If you have not been in touch with a sponsor and your departure is nearing, contact your gaining unit, call Fleet & Family Support at 866-854-0638 or email your contact information and arrival date to ffsp.cnrnw@navy.mil.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

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.

From Seattle-Tacoma (Sea-Tac) International Airport

If you drive from the airport, take the Airport Expressway. Keep right at the fork and follow signs for state Route 518/Interstate 5/Interstate 405 and merge onto state Route 518 east. From Route 518 east use the left lane to take I-5 toward Seattle. From I-5, take Exit 192 and use the following Interstate 5 directions.

From Interstate 5

If you are driving north on Interstate 5, take Exit 192 and merge onto Broadway. Turn left on Everett Avenue then right on West Marine View Drive. Continue north over the viaduct. Naval Station Everett's main gate will be on the left.

If you are heading south on I-5, take Exit 198 (Highway 529). After crossing the Snohomish River Bridge, turn right on West Marine View Drive. Continue on until you see Naval Station Everett's main gate on the right.

CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

Base Quarterdeck

Building 2000.....425-304-3366

All personnel must check in at the quarterdeck. Quarterdeck staff endorse orders and

provide basic station information such as billeting and galley location. Assistance is also provided for personnel from homeported ships and tenant commands.

Sailors attached to Naval Station Everett will have their orders stamped and be directed to the training office, which is on the third deck. Sailors attached to a ship will be sent directly to the ship for check-in. If the ship is not in port at the time of check-in you will be assigned to a temporary personnel unit until your ship arrives or until transportation to your ship has been arranged.

TEMPORARY LODGING

Navy Gateway Inns & Suites

13918 45th Ave. NE
Marysville, WA 98271 360-386-1461
<http://ngis.dodlodging.net>

The Navy Gateway Inns & Suites at the Smokey Point Navy Support Complex provides temporary lodging for incoming military families. DOD civilians, retirees, reservists and family members of active-duty personnel are authorized to stay on a space-available status as well.

Accommodations include standard rooms and suites. Amenities include flat-screen TVs, complimentary snacks, free laundry facilities, Wi-Fi, kitchen appliances and more. NGIS is pet-friendly; visit their website for pet policies and fees.

Reservations can be made online; check the website for current room rates.

Navy Lodge

14320 45th Ave. NE
Marysville, WA 98271 360-653-6390
www.navy-lodge.com

Navy Lodge Everett is on the Smokey Point Navy Support Complex. The Navy Lodge is available for leisure, TDY and PCS lodging. Active-duty personnel, retirees, reservists, public health personnel, DOD personnel and sponsored guests are eligible to stay at the Navy Lodge.

Amenities include breakfast to go, flat-screen TVs with cable, kitchenettes, high-speed internet, a picnic area and a playground. Pet-friendly units are available. Guests should contact the lodge directly for pet policies and associated fees. Handicapped and interconnecting rooms are also available.

The Navy Lodge is within walking distance of the Navy Exchange, commissary, Fleet and Family Support Center, chapel and the housing office.

Reservations can be made online; check the website for current room rates.

GETTING SETTLED HEALTH CARE

Naval Branch Health Clinic Everett

2000 W. Marine View Drive

Appointments 800-404-4506

www.med.navy.mil/sites/nhbrem/Pages/everetthome.aspx

Naval Branch Health Clinic Everett is a primary care clinic that provides routine, ambulatory health care services to active-duty personnel assigned to Naval Station Everett, any homeported and visiting ships, as well as commands in the surrounding areas and their TRICARE Prime family members. Clinic services include family medicine, immunizations, mental health, optometry, pharmacy and physical therapy.

Dental care is provided to all active-duty personnel, U.S. Coast Guard personnel, U.S. Public Health Service personnel, National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration personnel, Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps personnel and reservists who are activated for more than 30 days. The dental clinic is not staffed to treat family members or retirees. 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.

TRICARE

TRICARE is the health care program for active-duty and retired service members, their families and survivors. TRICARE provides health plans, prescriptions, dental plans and other special health programs to its beneficiaries. TRICARE's mission is to enhance the Department of Defense and the nation's security by providing health support for the full range of military operations and sustaining the health of all those entrusted to their care.

TRICARE offers a range of health care plans. TRICARE Prime is the mandatory health care option for active-duty service members. Family members of active-duty service members, retired service members and their families may also use this option. If you use TRICARE Prime, you are assigned a primary care manager at a military or network provider who delivers most of your care. If you need care your PCM cannot provide, you are referred to a specialist. Active-duty service members and their families pay nothing out of pocket for this option; however, there is less freedom to choose your provider. On Jan. 1, 2018, TRICARE Standard and Extra were combined into a new plan, TRICARE Select. Select is a standardized fee-for-service plan available to family members of active-duty service members, retired service

members and their families. After you enroll in TRICARE Select, you may schedule an appointment with any TRICARE-authorized provider. Referrals are not required, but you may need prior authorization from your regional contractor for some services. You will pay a copay or cost share based on the type of care and provider you see. Costs for Select vary, but you will pay an annual deductible as well as a percentage of covered services. Non-network providers may charge up to 15 percent more than the TRICARE allowable charge; you are responsible for these extra charges. TRICARE also offers plans for remote and overseas locations, reserve military members, young adults who are no longer covered under regular TRICARE coverage and other scenarios.

TRICARE coverage is completely portable, so it moves with you when you relocate. Follow these simple steps to ensure you have no break in coverage when you move:

- Do not cancel your TRICARE Prime enrollment option before you move.
- Update your personal information in DEERS immediately when you arrive at your new location.
- Select a new primary care manager.

If you are already using TRICARE Select, moving is easy. When you arrive at your new location, update your personal information in DEERS. Then find TRICARE-authorized

DOCUMENTS TO CARRY FOR INPROCESSING

- Several copies of your orders.
- Certified copies of birth certificates, adoption papers, naturalization papers, marriage license, divorce papers, etc.
- Copy of advanced pay or allowance paperwork.
- All moving paperwork including TMO information, self-move paperwork and all receipts associated with moving.
- Employment records or resumes of civilian family members.
- Medical and dental records of your entire family from your previous duty station.
- Immunization records for all children, active-duty members and pets.
- School records and transcripts for students.
- Copies of all insurance policies.
- Copies of all occupational licenses and certifications.
- Purchase agreements for vehicles, showing state sales tax paid.
- Vehicle registrations and titles.
- Household goods inventory.
- Letters of credit from utility companies.
- Copies of federal income tax forms.
- Copies of recent leave and earnings statements.



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providers in your new area. Remember, you may have a new regional contractor and claims filing address.

TRICARE’s online tools can help you find and compare plans that you are qualified to use. Beginning in 2019, however, TRICARE will allow you to switch between plans only if you have a “qualifying life event” such as the birth of a baby or a move. For a complete description of the types of coverage programs and regions, visit www.tricare.mil. For more information about recent changes to TRICARE, visit <https://tricare.mil/changes>.

HOUSING

Housing Service Center

Building 2000, Room 140 800-876-7022
<https://everett.navylifepnw.com/housing>

The Naval Station Everett 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 Station Everett, visit the Housing Service Center for valuable information, counseling and guidance before signing any lease or sales contract for housing.

Unaccompanied Housing

Building 2029 425-304-3111
<https://everett.navylifepnw.com/housing>

Unaccompanied housing is available for active-duty permanent party residents at Naval Station Everett. The target population for these living quarters is active-duty personnel, E-4 and below. There are four buildings that provide safe, clean, secure and comfortable accommodations for unaccompanied personnel. Amenities include lounge areas with TVs and recreational gear, libraries, common kitchens, laundry rooms, fitness rooms and more. Amenities vary in each building; visit the website for more information.

Naval Station Everett Family Housing

Carroll’s Creek Landing

18111 25th Ave. NE
Marysville, WA 98271 360-419-4971
www.carrollscreek.com

Constitution Park (Hunt Military Communities)

12832 Fifth St. NE
Lake Stevens, WA 98258 877-245-7370
www.northwestmilitaryhousing.com

At Naval Station Everett, 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 Carroll’s Creek Landing or Hunt Military Communities, which owns the family housing

and is responsible for constructing, maintaining, repairing and managing the community.

For comprehensive information about homes and amenities in the Naval Station Everett privatized housing community, visit the Carroll’s Creek Landing or Pacific Northwest Communities websites.

MAIL

Mail may be temporarily forwarded to: Naval Station Everett, 2000 W. Marine View Drive, Training Department, Everett, WA 98207.

RELIGIOUS GUIDANCE

Smokey Point Chapel

13914 45th Ave. NE
Marysville, WA 98271 425-304-3342
www.fb.com/EverettNavyChapel

The chapel supports the religious needs of all Air Force members. The chapel offers many programs, including worship, liturgy, rites and religious education. Chaplains also offer counseling. All communications with the chapel are confidential and protected by the Uniform Code of Military Justice. If you are seeking spiritual support for any denomination or faith group, contact the chapel. For current service times, visit the chapel’s website.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION

All private vehicles operated or parked on the station must be registered with the Visitor Control Center. All privately owned vehicles on base must be insured, and a current license plate is

required. Washington state traffic laws apply on base; see the Getting To & Around Snohomish County chapter on Page 18 for more information. All vehicles entering or leaving base are subject to search.

SERVING YOU

DINING

All American Restaurant

Building 2025 425-304-3943

Catering (Grand Vista Ballroom)

Building 1950 425-304-3911

Pierside Grille

Pierside Plaza 425-304-3696

Subway

Building 1950 425-304-4440

Tremors Neighborhood Sports Bar

Building 1950 425-304-3153

For hours of operation, menus and special event information, visit <https://everett.navylifepnw.com> and click on selections under the “Food & Drink” tab.

EDUCATION

Navy College Program

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.



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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.

Columbia College offer classes at Naval Station Everett and the Navy Support Complex at Smokey Point. Visit www.ccis.edu/nationwide/marysville for more information.

Additional educational resources are available at <https://tinyurl.com/y8g6noa4>.

FAMILY SUPPORT

Child Development Center

Building 1980.....425-304-3778
<https://everett.navylifepnw.com/child-youth/child-care>

The Child Development Center offers center-based care for children 6 weeks to 5 years of age. Care at the center is primarily geared toward those needing full-time child care. The center is based on a developmental program model that focuses on play and its importance in a child's learning process. The center is also a part of the 7 percent of programs in the United States accredited or pursuing accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

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

Child Development Homes

13912 45th Ave. NE
 Marysville, WA 98271425-304-3046
<https://everett.navylifepnw.com/child-youth/child-care>

Some parents find that center-based child care is right for their children, but others may prefer a more home-like atmosphere for child care. To accommodate those individuals, Navy Region Northwest offers a Child Development Home program, in which caregivers provide child care services out of their homes.

The CDH program has more than 100 homes throughout the region certified by Navy Child Development Programs to provide child care to children up to age 12. They provide the same level of high-quality care found in on-base centers but are often able to offer more flexibility in services. Providers may offer part-time, hourly, evening, weekend and deployment care. Homes are required to meet Navy child care guidelines, and many are also licensed by the state of Washington. Child care providers offer developmental programs and receive training and home visits on a monthly basis.



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A CDH subsidy is available for all eligible families seeking full-time care so that child care fees are comparable to those fees charged in on-base centers.

Exceptional Family Member Program

Building 2000, Room 108C425-304-3714
<https://everett.navylifepnw.com/child-youth/resources>

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

Fleet & Family Support Centers

Naval Station Everett
 Building 2000, Room 133.....866-854-0638

Smokey Point
 13910 45th Ave. NE, Suite 857
 Marysville, WA 98271866-854-0638
<https://everett.navylifepnw.com/support-programs/fleet-family-support-centers>

The Fleet and Family Support Program provides unified, customer-focused programs and services to support sustained mission and Navy readiness, strengthening personal and family competencies to meet the challenges of the military lifestyle.

FFSP offers services and classes, workshops and webinars on a variety of topics including employment, new parent support, stress management, communication, relocation, financial management, transition assistance, counseling and more.

School Liaison Office

13912 45th Ave. NE, Suite 111
 Marysville, WA 98271425-304-3688
<https://everett.navylifepnw.com/child-youth>

The school liaison office is the connection between Naval Station Everett families and

private and public schools, transitioning families and the community at large. The office provides support to service members (by appointment) during all stages of transition and deployment to ensure children receive every possible opportunity for quality education.

Youth & Teen Program

Building 1980.....425-304-3778
<https://everett.navylifepnw.com/child-youth>

The Youth & Teen Program at Naval Station Everett provides a monthly calendar of events including classes, 4-H events, field trips, sports clinics and summer camp. Check with the Youth Programs office for the current monthly schedule.

Through a partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, the Youth & Teen Program offers personnel assigned to Naval Station Everett 13 locations in Snohomish County for youth to participate in recreational programs. Memberships are provided at no cost.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Navy Federal Credit Union

Building 1950.....888-842-6328
 13910 45th Ave. NE, Room 821
 Marysville, WA 98271888-842-6328
www.navyfederal.org

LEGAL SERVICES

Legal Office

2000 W. Marine View Drive.....425-304-4551
www.jag.navy.mil/legal_services/rfso/rfso_northwest.htm

Region Legal Service Office Northwest provides legal assistance to active-duty service

members and their dependents, reservists on active duty for 30 days or more and retirees on a variety of topics. Legal assistance includes advice on topics like consumer and financial affairs, disaster relief support, family law, foreclosures, immigration, notary services, powers of attorney, landlord-tenant matters, the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, small claims court, victim assistance, wills and estate planning. Pre-deployment services are given priority.

LIBRARY

Resource Center

Building 1950..... 425-304-3579
<https://everett.navylifepnw.com/recreation/entertainment>

The Resource Center, on the second floor of The Commons, offers a free paperback exchange program and hardback book checkouts. Choose from an array of Navy leadership, fiction and nonfiction, young adult, children, and reference books and materials, as well as magazines, DVDs and audiobooks. Fax, copy, scan, computer, Wi-Fi and printing services are also available.

RECREATION

For information about the recreational programs at Naval Station Everett, visit Navy Life Pacific Northwest online at <https://everett.navylifepnw.com>.

Auto Hobby Shop

13904 45th Ave. NE
 Marysville, WA 98271 425-304-4926
<https://everett.navylifepnw.com/recreation/auto-services>

The Auto Hobby Shop has everything you need for DIY auto care and certified mechanics if you prefer to leave the repairs in expert hands.

Boat and Vehicle Storage

Sailor's Choice Marina and Mini Storage
 Spruance Boulevard and
 Thatcher Street..... 425-304-3449

Vehicle Storage

North Marysville Support
 Complex at Smokey Point..... 425-304-3449
<https://everett.navylifepnw.com/recreation/auto-services>

Sailor's Choice Marina is a private mooring facility with numerous services for all authorized DOD boating enthusiasts. Located within the grounds of Naval Station Everett in the inner harbor, the marina is the perfect place to furl your sails and tie up for the night or longer. The marina offers year-round moorage and can moor various sized vessels. There are also 56 mini storage units just a short walk from the marina. Visit the website for information on slip sizes, storage unit sizes and rates.

Naval Station Everett RV Storage provides secure storage within a fenced, paved lot for vehicles from 10 to 40 feet. Call for space availability or more information.

The Commons

Building 1950..... 425-304-3906
<https://everett.navylifepnw.com/recreation/entertainment>

Something is always shaking at The Commons. This state-of-the-art, 63,000-square-foot building houses a fitness center, pool, food court, Liberty Single Sailor Center, movie theater, consolidated club, banquet hall and ballroom, all rolled into one complex.

Community Recreation Office

Building 1950
 Outdoor Equipment..... 425-304-3449
 Tickets 425-304-3167
 Trips and Tours..... 425-304-3449
<https://everett.navylifepnw.com/recreation>

Community Recreation staff members are your "concierge" to the beautiful, and sometimes rainy, Pacific Northwest. Community Recreation offers information and resources, classes and activities, special events, parks, picnic areas, playgrounds, Trips and Tours, discount tickets, outdoor equipment rentals and more.

Trips and Tours allow you to get off base and explore Washington — whether by rock climbing, hiking, kayaking or a night on the town. The different trips have experienced guides and typically depart from Naval Station Everett.

Discount tickets are available for Northwest sporting events, concerts, theater performances, special events, dining, ski resorts, amusement parks and local attractions. Discounts and information are also available for hotels, transportation, California, Florida and British Columbia attractions, and more.

Equipment rentals include everything from lawn and garden items to camping and boating equipment as well as sports gear and tools.

Fitness Center

Building 1950..... 425-304-3336
<https://everett.navylifepnw.com/fitness-sports>

Located in the northwest wing of The Commons, the 7,000-square-foot gymnasium has a full-sized basketball court with bleacher seating for command tournament games or larger group fitness PT classes. With two racquetball courts, a multipurpose group fitness classroom, PRT training room, NOFFS Zone, and dry saunas in both men's and women's changing rooms, there is something to help everyone get in shape.

Liberty Center

Building 1950..... 425-304-3579
<https://everett.navylifepnw.com/recreation/liberty-single-sailor-program>

The newly renovated Vibes Liberty Lounge includes four flat-screen televisions, gaming stations, pingpong, foosball and billiards tables,



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computers with videoconference capabilities and a music sound booth. On the bridge adjacent to Vibes, you'll find the Resource Center, which has a selection of hardback and paperback books, CNO reading selections, magazines and newspapers. High-top tables with power outlets are also available for those taking advantage of the free Wi-Fi in the building.

Movie Theater

Building 1950.....425-304-3680
<https://everett.navylifepnw.com/recreation/entertainment>

Faultline Flicks, a 25-seat mini theater, serves as the movie viewing location for E-1 to E-5 active-duty single service members and geographical bachelors. The theater offers more than 200 Navy Motion Picture Service movies to choose from. Stop by the Vibes Liberty Lounge to view a current list of movies.

Pierside Plaza

Adjacent to Pier Alpha.....425-304-3580
<https://everett.navylifepnw.com/recreation/entertainment>

Pierside Plaza is a great place to grab a bite to eat, do laundry, watch a movie, surf the internet or play video games. The facility has free laundry facilities, a cyber cafe, game systems, a TV lounge, regular weekly programming and more.

Pool

Building 1950.....425-304-3388
<https://everett.navylifepnw.com/fitness-sports>

The Tsunami Pool has eight 25-yard lanes and ranges from 4 feet to 13 feet in depth. With its salt-water purification system, the Tsunami Pool is less harsh than other local swimming pools. Programs include formal swim instruction for all ages, American Red Cross health and safety certifications, and aquatics group fitness classes.

SHOPPING

Smokey Point Commissary

13900 45th Ave. NE
 Marysville, WA 98271425-304-3379
www.commissaries.com

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

Everett Navy Exchange

www.mynavyexchange.com

The Everett Navy Exchange wants to be your first choice for shopping. It offers a price-match program that guarantees the lowest prices in town. Hours of operation for services outside the main exchange vary, so call or visit the website for detailed information.

Main Exchange

Building 13904.....425-304-4940

Services

- Appliances.....425-304-4905
- Barbershop and Beauty Shop.....425-304-4965
- Garden Shop.....425-304-4985
- Gas Station.....425-304-3766
- Jewelry.....425-304-4988
- Optical Shop.....425-304-4960

Fleet Store

- Building 1800
- Barbershop.....425-304-4445
- Tailor Shop.....425-304-4466
- Uniform Shop.....425-304-4462





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Welcome

to Snohomish County

WELCOME TO WASHINGTON! PART of the lush, green Puget Sound region, Snohomish County covers 2,090 square miles from Skagit County to the north and King County, with its star city Seattle, to the South.

Snohomish County has a population of 801,633, according to the 2017 census, making it the third most-populous county in the state. Its county seat and largest populated city is Everett, with about 110,000 residents. From saltwater beaches and rolling farmlands in the west to dense forest in the mountainous east, the county boasts a wide variety of topography. Sixty-eight percent of the county is forestland, 18 percent is rural, 9 percent is urban/city and 5 percent is agricultural. Most of the county's development and residents can be found along the narrow, westernmost Puget Sound lowlands.

The county offers many historical and cultural attractions, plus modern amenities. In addition to its peaceful natural settings, there are archeological sites, museums and parks. Outdoor activities abound, including fishing, golfing, mountain biking, hiking, camping and more.

There are also shopping, dining and nightlife opportunities for residents to explore: Annual events and festivals celebrate everything from bluegrass and the arts to the area's agriculture and wild eagles.

HISTORY

For thousands of years the Snohomish and related Native American tribes inhabited the area that presently comprises Snohomish County and Hat, Whidbey and Camano islands. The Snohomish Tribe was the largest Native American population in the area. They lived along the shores of Puget Sound from Warm Beach to Richmond Beach and along the Snohomish River to Monroe. Tribes followed the traditional cycle of fishing, hunting and gathering along the two major river systems that flow through the land: the Stillaguamish River, with its north and south forks, and the Snohomish River, formed from the Skykomish and Snoqualmie rivers.

British Capt. George Vancouver landed on the beach south of Hebolb on June 4, 1792, claiming the Puget Sound region for England's

King George III and naming nearby locations including Puget Sound, Port Gardner Bay and Port Susan Bay. However, American interests in the region grew over the years as part of the concept of manifest destiny. By the Treaty of 1818, Great Britain and the United States established the 49th parallel as the northern border between Canada and the U.S. as far west as the Continental Divide of the Rocky Mountains, but they agreed to joint control and occupancy of Oregon Country. On June 15, 1846, Britain ceded its claims to the lands south of the 49th parallel, and the U.S. ceded its claims to the north of the same line, the present-day Canada-U.S. border.

In 1848, the Oregon Territory, composed of present-day Washington, Oregon and Idaho as well as parts of Montana and Wyoming, was established. Washington Territory, which included Washington and parts of Idaho and Montana, was formed from the Oregon Territory in 1853. On Jan. 22, 1855, Washington territorial Gov. Isaac Stevens and 81 tribal leaders met at Point Elliott to sign a treaty between regional

tribes and the U.S. government. The Snohomish signed away their lands in exchange for cash, hunting and fishing rights and a reservation established at Tulalip.

During Washington's territorial years, the peninsula that would become Everett was mostly logged by companies drawn to its old-growth trees and proximity to mills at Port Gamble and Utsalady. About a dozen homesteaders and squatters chose this location as well. As the population grew, local settlers petitioned the territorial legislature to develop a separate county, and Snohomish County, originally part of Island County, was formed on Jan. 14, 1861.

Snohomish County grew, as did most the Pacific Northwest, with the arrival of the railroad. On July 4, 1889, Joseph Pearsall struck gold and staked a claim at Monte Cristo. This drew prospectors to the area and helped solidify plans for development.

By 1910, it was estimated that one-fifth of Everett's population was employed in the lumber mills, where hours were long and working conditions were dangerous. Railroad logging held equal dangers. Trades unions gained an early, solid base in Everett, but union members often faced backlash and blacklisting from jobs. On Nov. 5, 1916, the Everett Massacre, a labor confrontation between the Industrial Workers of the World and county lawmen, left two deputies and at least five union members dead, with dozens more wounded.

World War I dashed the hopes of many reformists, and Snohomish County solidly backed the war effort. The predominant economy now was lumbering, and an earthquake in Japan in 1923 spurred a lumber boom in the Pacific Northwest, bringing the region out of recession and fueling development that lasted until the 1929 stock market crash. During the Great Depression, government reports listed Snohomish County as one of the state's neediest counties. Its lumbering economy tumbled. Mills closed and restarted, only to close again.

After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, wartime industries revitalized the county. The Everett Pacific Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, operated by Pacific Car and Foundry of Seattle, began wartime production on the Everett waterfront in 1942. Everett Marine Ways, the Carl E. Edlund Shipyard and the Stanwood Shipyard contracted to build ships for the Navy as well. Boeing Aircraft Co. operated two airplane assembly plants in Everett, employing mostly women.

Post-World War II growth in the Pacific Northwest quickly connected rural areas and small towns. Highway construction linked

Stanwood, Snohomish and Monroe with Everett, Seattle, Tacoma and Bellingham. In 1967, Boeing began building the 747 plant near Everett's Paine Field, thus initiating rapid population growth in the county.

Growth issues have dominated the area's landscape since the 1970s. Much of the county's farmland has been sold for real estate development, and once-quaint roads have become highways with numbers instead of names. When

an Everett Navy homeport was planned in the 1980s, a citizens group formed to oppose it, but layoffs and lumber giant Weyerhaeuser rallied voters to overwhelmingly support Naval Station Everett, which was dedicated in 1994.

By 2006, Snohomish County had become one of the fastest-growing communities in the United States; these days its economy is a mix of technology, aerospace, service-based business, building trades and tourism.

LOCAL CONNECTIONS

Chamber of Commerce

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

Everett Area Chamber of Commerce

2000 Hewitt Ave., Suite 205
Everett, WA 98201 425-257-3222
www.everettchamber.com

Greater Marysville Tulalip Chamber

8825 34th Ave. NE, Suite C
Marysville, WA 98271 360-659-7700
www.marysvilletulalipchamber.com

Lynnwood Chamber

19921 Poplar Way, Suite 200
Lynnwood, WA 98036 425-563-7505
www.thelynnwoodchamber.com

Government

Official state, county and city websites are valuable resources for newcomers because they provide information on the local government's boards and committees, public safety organizations, community social services and other helpful agencies. They also give up-to-date information on municipal contacts, local events and recreational opportunities.

For more information on your new home, visit:

- **State of Washington:** www.access.wa.gov
- **Snohomish County:** www.snohomishcountywa.gov
- **City of Everett:** www.everettwa.gov
- **City of Marysville:** www.marysvillewa.gov
- **City of Snohomish:** www.ci.snohomish.wa.us
- **City of Lake Stevens:** www.lakestevenswa.gov
- **City of Lynnwood:** www.lynnwoodwa.gov
- **City of Arlington:** www.arlingtonwa.gov
- **City of Mukilteo:** www.mukilteowa.gov

News and Entertainment

Get a feel for your new community by tapping into its news and entertainment options online. From local news media or social media, you can get a better feel for the vibe of your new town from the comfort of your armchair at home.

Newspapers

- **The Herald (Everett):** www.heraldnet.com
- **The Seattle-Post Intelligencer:** www.seattlepi.com
- **The Seattle Times:** www.seattletimes.com

Television stations

- **ABC:** <https://komonews.com>
- **CBS:** www.kiro7.com
- **FOX:** <https://q13fox.com>
- **NBC:** www.king5.com
- **PBS:** www.kbtc.org

Radio stations

- **KSER 90.7** (independent public radio): www.kser.org
- **KISW 99.9** (rock): <https://kisw.radio.com>
- **KKWF 100.7** (country): <https://seattlewolf.radio.com>
- **KBKS 106.1** (pop contemporary): <https://kissfmseattle.iheart.com>
- **KRWM 106.9** (adult contemporary): <http://warm1069.com>

Tourism

Drop in and learn the lay of the land from local experts.

Snohomish County Tourism Bureau

1133 164th St. SW, Suite 204
Lynnwood, WA 98087 425-348-5802
www.snohomish.org

Snohomish County Visitor Center at Future of Flight

8415 Paine Field Blvd.
Mukilteo, WA 98275 425-438-8100
www.snohomish.org

South Snohomish County Branch at Heritage Park

19921 Poplar Way
Lynnwood, WA 98036 425-776-3977
www.snohomish.org

East Snohomish County Branch

1301 First St.
Snohomish, WA 98290 360-862-9609
www.snohomish.org

SAFETY

State of Washington

Division of Emergency Management

..... 253-512-7000

www.mil.wa.gov/emergency-management-division

Washington Military Department's Emergency Management Division works to minimize the effect of emergencies and disasters on the people, property, environment and economy of Washington. Visit the division's website for access to preparedness information for individuals, families, pets and businesses.

Snohomish County

Emergency Management..... 425-388-5060

www.snohomishcountywa.gov/180/

Emergency-Management

The Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management coordinates emergency management in partnership with the entire community to lessen the effect of disasters on people, property, the environment and the economy. The office plans and conducts emergency training; and serves as a liaison with state and federal emergency agencies. Visit the website for the

county's disaster planning guide and other disaster preparedness information.

WEATHER AND CLIMATE

Snohomish County enjoys a moderate year-round climate with average temperatures ranging from about 75 degrees in July to about 33 degrees in January. The Olympic Mountains to the west, across Puget Sound, shelter the area from excessive precipitation coming off the Pacific Ocean. Annual precipitation in the western part of the county is 35 inches but increases sharply as the elevation climbs into the Cascades Mountains.

Local Hazards

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

The Emergency Management Division is part of the Washington State Military Department. The EMD is the official emergency preparedness department, combining state and federal resources for homeland defense, homeland security and emergency mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery activities. Its website provides information on creating an emergency plan and emergency kit, pet preparedness and disaster preparedness for schools. For more information about local disaster preparedness, visit www.snohomishcountywa.gov/180/Emergency-Management or <http://mil.wa.gov/emergency-management-division>.

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

The following are considered significant hazards in Washington.

Earthquakes

Washington, especially the Puget Sound basin, has a history of frequent earthquakes. More than 1,000 earthquakes occur in the state each year, and a dozen or more are strong enough for people to feel the ground shaking. It is important to be prepared for earthquakes before they occur. Identify potential hazards in your home. Secure top-heavy furniture to a wall. Use earthquake putty on hanging pictures and mirrors. Secure objects on shelves that could become projectiles during an earthquake.

In case of an earthquake, remember: Drop, cover and hold on. If you are not near a table or desk, drop to the floor against an interior wall and protect your head and neck with your arms. Avoid exterior walls, windows, hanging objects, mirrors and other objects that could fall.



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For more tips on earthquake safety, visit the Emergency Management Division's web page at www.mil.wa.gov/emergency-management-division/hazards/earthquake.

Floods

Floods are the most common natural disaster in the United States. Even beyond coastal regions, flash floods, inland flooding and seasonal storms affect every region of the country, damaging homes and businesses. It is dangerous to underestimate the force and power of water.

During a flood watch or warning, gather your emergency supplies and stay tuned to local radio or TV stations for further weather information. If you are outdoors during a rainstorm, seek higher ground. Avoid walking through any floodwaters — even water 6 inches deep can sweep you off your feet. If you are driving, avoid flooded areas. The majority of deaths in floods occur when people drive through flooded areas. Roads concealed by water may not be intact. Water only a foot deep can displace a vehicle. If your vehicle stalls, leave it immediately and seek higher ground. Rapidly rising water can engulf a vehicle and sweep it away.

For more safety information, visit Washington's Emergency Management Division website at www.mil.wa.gov/emergency-management-division/hazards/flood.

Thunderstorms

Strong winds and large hail, thunderstorms, tornados, rain, snow or other mixed precipitation are not uncommon in Washington, with most

moving in from the Pacific Ocean. Typically, a severe storm can snarl transportation and knock out utilities.

While more likely at certain times of the year, thunderstorms can happen anytime. A severe thunderstorm can knock out power; bring high winds, lightning, flash floods and hail; and spin into a twister in seconds. Pay attention to storm warnings. Remember the rule: "When thunder roars, head indoors." The National Weather

Service recommends following the 30/30 rule: People should seek shelter if the "flash-to-bang" delay — length of time in seconds from the sight of the lightning flash to the arrival of its subsequent thunder — is 30 seconds or less, and remain under cover for 30 minutes after the final thunderclap.

For more safety information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/y8h4754e>.

Wildfires

The wildfire season in Washington usually begins in early July and typically culminates in late September when regular rain returns to the Pacific Northwest. However, wildfires have occurred in every month of the year. The majority of wildfires are caused by humans. Causes include arson, recreational fires that get out of control, negligently discarded cigarettes and debris burning. Natural causes like lightning can also cause a wildfire.

If your home is in an area prone to wildfires, you can mitigate your risk. Have an evacuation plan and maintain a defensible area that is free of anything that will burn, such as wood piles, dried leaves, newspapers and other brush.

Even if your home is not in the vicinity of a wildfire, the smoke and ash produced by wildfires can create air quality issues for hundreds of miles. Pay attention to local air quality reports following a wildfire in your area.

Wildfires are unpredictable and impossible to forecast so preparation is especially important. Visit www.snohomishcountywa.gov/3629/Wildfire-Preparedness for information on wildfire preparedness.



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Getting To & Around

Snohomish County

NESTLED AT PUGET SOUND'S emerald heart, Snohomish County links easily to other parts of Washington, Oregon and Canada via several major roadways and a ferry system. Most people traveling in the area choose to drive, either taking the direct path of the north-south-running Interstate 5 or the smaller — but just as scenic — state highways.

For those flying, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, or Sea-Tac, is the main commercial passenger airport for the region.

The county is served by several public transportation options including Washington State Ferries.

AIRPORTS

Seattle-Tacoma International Airport

17801 International Blvd.
Seattle, WA 98158..... 206-787-5388
www.portseattle.org/Sea-Tac

About 45 miles south of Naval Station Everett on I-5, Seattle-Tacoma International Airport is Washington's largest commercial airport,

servicing nearly 47 million total air travelers in 2017. Major carriers include Alaska Airlines, American Airlines, British Airways, Delta Air Lines, JetBlue Airways, Southwest Airlines, United Airlines and Virgin America.

Ground transportation includes bus, taxi, shuttle, light rail and rental car services as well as resources for bicycles and transportation network companies such as Lyft, Uber and Wingz. Shuttle buses provide 24/7 transportation to the rental car center, at 3150 S. 160th St., where there are 14 rental car companies to choose from.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Everett Transit

3201 Smith Ave., Suite 215
Everett, WA 98201 425-257-7777
www.everetttransit.org

With more than 40 buses serving 11 routes, Everett Transit operates local fixed-route and paratransit services daily, including most holidays, within Everett. At the Customer Service

Center at Everett Station, customers have access to a variety of regional transportation options. Visit the website for more information on fares, a trip planner and a downloadable schedule book.

King County Metro Transit

King Street Center
201 S. Jackson St.
Seattle, WA 98104..... 206-553-3000
<http://metro.kingcounty.gov>

King County Metro Transit is known for its innovative transit services, pioneering green practices and visionary approach to meeting the transportation needs of the county's growing population. In a service area of more than 2,000 square miles and 2 million residents, Metro operates 215 bus, trolley and Demand Area Response Transit routes that serve destinations across the county. Every bus is equipped with a bicycle rack and a wheelchair lift. Visit the county's website for more information on fares, schedules, rideshares, light rail, ferries and more.



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Washington State Ferries

2901 Third Ave., Suite 500

Seattle, WA 98121.....206-464-6400

www.wsdot.wa.gov/Ferries

This state-operated ferry system provides passenger and vehicle service throughout Puget Sound and the San Juan Islands and is part of the Washington State Department of Transportation. The distinctive green-and-white ships are legally part of the state highway system. Routes closest to NS Everett include Mukilteo to Clinton and Edmonds to Kingstom.

Fares for the Washington State Ferries vary based on route, passenger ages, vehicle dimensions and other factors. Visit the ferry system's website for rates, routes and more information.

DRIVING AND COMMUTING

Snohomish County has five major routes that connect the county to the rest of the state and points beyond. There are four north-south routes: Interstate 5, I-405, state Route 9 and SR 99. The only complete east-west route is U.S. Route 2, which ends just a few miles east of NS Everett.

The Washington State Department of Transportation offers commuter options at www.wsdot.wa.gov/choices.

The WSDOT provides free, real-time traffic information, including traffic maps and cameras, on its website, but you can also download its free

10 STEPS TO RESPONSIBLE DRIVING

Since you cannot control the actions of other drivers, you must rely on your skills and experience. Following these 10 rules will ensure a safe and courteous journey.

- 1. Be prepared:** Know where you are going before you start. Be well-informed about weather and road conditions or traffic activity on your route. For longer trips, include a rest stop every two hours, sooner if you are tired. Pack an emergency rations kit of water and nonperishable food items such as energy bars.
- 2. Always wear your seat belt:** Seat belts keep you in control and ready to react to a hazardous situation. Everyone should wear a seatbelt while in the vehicle.
- 3. Put the phone down:** A mobile phone is great for roadside emergencies, but using a phone while you drive drastically reduces your reaction time to all situations. Minimize distractions by concentrating on the road, not objects, people or events inside your vehicle.
- 4. Know your surroundings:** Scan the roadway continually for hazards. Keep your eyes moving, looking from one side to the other. Know what is happening well in front of you; watch for brake lights. Use the mirrors to keep an eye on traffic beside and behind you.
- 5. Share the road:** Pedestrians, bicyclists, motorcyclists, vehicles of varying sizes, as well as drivers of various ages and skill levels, all have a right to use the road. Slow down and give others time and space to proceed safely. Treat them like dear friends — they are to someone.
- 6. Signal your intentions:** Be predictable and courteous and signal your intentions so other road users know what you plan to do next. Use your horn or headlights, if necessary.
- 7. Watch your speed:** Posted maximum speeds are for ideal driving conditions. Adjust your speed for traffic, road and visibility conditions or when not operating at your best. Higher speeds magnify errors and decrease response times. It helps to maintain a large "safety cushion" around your vehicle to change lanes safely and to take evasive action in emergencies.
- 8. Maintain your vehicle:** Read your owner's manual and follow the recommended schedule for maintenance service. Routinely check tires, brakes, lights, wipers and fluid levels. Pack a flashlight, blanket and first-aid kit. In cold climates, pack extra warm clothing. Carry a mobile phone for emergencies.
- 9. Move your disabled vehicle:** If your car breaks down, move it off the road away from traffic, if possible. Warn other drivers by raising the vehicle's hood or using your hazard lights, then stay inside and ask passersby to call the police. If you are unable to move the car out of traffic, get all passengers to exit the vehicle and move to the side of the road when safe. If you must walk to a phone, keep your group together.
- 10. Don't drive while impaired:** Never drive while under the influence of alcohol, prescription or street drugs, or over-the-counter medications that make you drowsy. Not only will you put yourself and your passengers in danger, but a traffic violation of this nature can seriously derail a military career. Don't be a driver if you think you are going to drink. Road rage and normal fatigue can also impair your response time. Be calm, well-rested, alert and attentive any time you get behind the wheel.

mobile app for iOS and Android devices. Drivers can also subscribe to nearly 200 specialized email or text alerts from WSDOT to help them know traffic conditions, mountain pass closures and more before they go. Go to www.wsdot.com/traffic and click on “Travel Alerts.”

The Washington Traffic Safety Commission is the state’s designated highway safety office. It leads statewide efforts and builds partnerships to save lives and prevent injuries on roadways for the health, safety and benefit of communities. For information about distracted driving, pedestrians and cyclists, school zones and impaired driving — including alcohol, marijuana and other drug use — visit www.wtsc.wa.gov or call 360-725-9860.

Washington State Department of Licensing

Everett

5313 Evergreen Way
Everett, WA 98203 425-356-2966

Lynnwood

18023 Highway 99 N, Suite E
Lynnwood, WA 98037 425-672-3406

Smokoey Point

3704 172nd St. NE, Suite K1
Arlington, WA 98223 360-653-2188
www.dol.wa.gov

The Washington State Department of Licensing issues driver’s licenses and instruction

permits, renews licenses and ID cards, provides copies of your driving record, registers cars and boats, and offers other driving-related services. Find many of the required forms and general information at www.dol.wa.gov/forms.html?fldt.

Driver’s Licenses

Military personnel and their spouses who are stationed in Washington are issued drivers with the word “military” in place of an expiration date. These individuals don’t have to renew their driver licenses as long as they are:

- Members of the armed forces on active duty
- Members of the National Guard or reservists called to duty for 180 days or more
- Spouses, domestic partners and dependents of military personnel who occupy the same residence as the person on active duty

By law, you have 30 days to get a Washington driver’s license after you’ve moved here. If you’re registering vehicles, you need to obtain your driver’s license first.

You are considered a Washington resident when you do any of the following:

- Register to vote
- Receive state benefits
- Get any Washington state license at resident rates
- Receive in-state tuition fees

Washington spells out what is required for licensing and insurance under various scenarios in its Washington Driver Guide, which can be downloaded at www.dol.wa.gov/driverslicense/guide.html. Military members and veterans may be entitled to certain DMV exemptions and allowances. For more information on military and veteran exceptions and requirements, visit the website.

Vehicle Registration

Applications associated with driving and vehicle registration are available online at www.dol.wa.gov/vehicleregistration/military-inwa.html, including DMV forms, requests for driving records and more.

Distracted Driving

Washington prohibits drivers from making calls on handheld wireless telephones while operating a motor vehicle (a hands-free device is acceptable); novice drivers are barred from all cell phone use. Texting while driving is prohibited statewide for all drivers.

Washington State Department of Transportation

www.wsdot.wa.gov

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



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Housing & Real Estate

in Snohomish County

THE OVERALL COST OF living in Snohomish County in 2016 was about 8 percent higher than the national average due to the high cost of housing (about 27 percent more), according to PayScale.com, although wages across the county tended to be higher as well. Dwindling housing inventory has caused prices to skyrocket as people working in nearby Seattle have flocked to the area. In 2017, an estimated 801,633 people called Snohomish County home, an increase of a little over 12 percent since 2010, the U.S. Census Bureau says. With 2,087.27 square miles of land, that works out to a population density of 340 people per square mile.

Naval Station Everett, in Snohomish County, is more than 6,500 people strong, and approximately 84 percent of personnel live off base in surrounding communities. The county's communities give newcomers many choices when selecting a home, so enlist the help of a reputable real estate agent to help you sort through the options. The Washington Realtors group is a central source of local real estate information and services; those interested in purchasing a

home can visit www.warealtor.org to find expertise and professional services.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Snohomish County, created out of Island County on Jan. 14, 1861, is named for the Snohomish tribe, spelled "Sdoh-doh-hohbsh" in the Lushootseed language and of disputed meaning with unclear origins. Chief William Shelton, the last hereditary tribal chief of the Snohomish tribe, insisted that it meant "lowland people," a name associated with the tribe's home along the waters of the Puget Sound; others have disputed this, saying the word means "a style of union among them," "the braves" or even "sleeping waters."

Snohomish County is in the western part of Washington, about halfway between the state's north and south borders. Possession Sound and Puget Sound define the county's western border, while the eastern border is bound by the summits of the Cascade Range. Four counties are adjacent to Snohomish County: Skagit County to the north, Chelan County to the east, King County to the south and Island County to the

west. The county's terrain flattens to plains in the west and rises to mountains in the east, the Cascade Range, which holds the highest point in Snohomish County, 10,541-foot Glacier Peak.

Communities in Snohomish County near Naval Station Everett include Arlington, Edmonds, Everett, Lake Stevens, Lynnwood, Marysville, Mukilteo and the city of Snohomish.

Arlington

www.arlingtonwa.gov

Arlington sits about 19 miles north of Everett, toward the northwestern side of the county. The city's 9.25 square miles are home to more than 19,000 residents. The city was mapped out by European Americans in 1900, named after Lord Henry Arlington and incorporated as a city on May 5, 1903.

From its beginning, Arlington depended on timber harvesting and products. It was once dubbed the "Shingle Capital of the World" because of all the shingle mills, sawmills and logging camps in the vicinity. Historically, Arlington was a railroad town: It was on the



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Northern Pacific main line that stretched from the Canadian border to Snohomish and also had a branch line running east to Darrington that primarily carried timber products. As the timber industry declined in the 1800s, both these lines were abandoned by NP's successor, Burlington Northern Santa Fe, though Arlington still maintains a rail connection with BNSF.

Homes in the area range from well-established neighborhoods to brand-new housing developments, including one near the municipal airport and another in and around the Gleneagle Golf Course. Median rent is \$1,059 and selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage are \$1,745. Mean travel time to work for those living in Arlington is 30 minutes.

Edmonds

www.edmondswa.gov

Edmonds is the oldest incorporated city in Snohomish County and the third most populous, with a headcount estimated at 42,209 in 2017. Settler George Brackett's homestead and 1876 logging operation formed the foundation of Edmonds, which incorporated in 1890. There are at least two schools of thought as to how the city got its name: either from Vermont Sen. George Franklin Edmunds, whom George Brackett admired, or in association with nearby Point Edmund, named by explorer Charles Wilkes in 1841, but changed later to Point Edwards.

In 1891, the Great Northern Railway came through and early settlers and investors grew hopeful that Edmonds would prosper. Unfortunately, the city suffered a series of fires over the years, and many buildings were lost. Things began turning around after the first car arrived in Edmonds in 1911, and as more roads were constructed and ferry service began in 1923, the

town experienced commercial and residential development and steady growth.

The community's location along the west-facing slopes of Puget Sound provides many amenities, including extensive views of the water and Olympic Mountains, access to four beaches and waterfront parks and to a compact, walkable downtown. Edmonds has a variety of parks, including a dog park, a small skate park, a salt marsh and the Edmonds Underwater Park, a local scuba diving site.

This residential community is roughly 9 square miles, and mean travel time to work for those who live in Edmonds is 32 minutes. Median rent in the city is \$1,208 and selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage are \$2,072.

Everett

<https://everettwa.gov>

Everett is the county seat and the largest city in Snohomish County, with more than 110,000 residents. It began as a planned industrial city, a lumber mill town, the 1892 economic offspring of John D. Rockefeller and other East Coast capitalists. The new city 25 miles north of Seattle was named for Everett Colby, Rockefeller college classmate and son of Wisconsin Central Railroad magnate Charles L. Colby.

In 1984, Everett was chosen as the site for a U.S. Navy Homeport, Naval Station Everett, which formally opened in 1992, and on Jan. 8, 1997, welcomed the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln.

Everett is famed as home of the largest public marina on the West Coast and of aviation giant Boeing's assembly plant for the 747, 767, 777 and 787. The Boeing facility is the largest building in the world by volume: 116.5 million cubic feet.

Like Arlington's, Everett's early economy was tied to the lumber trade, but as lumber's star faded and Boeing opened in the mid-1960s, the area's focus shifted to manufacturing, and Boeing is now the top employer in the city and county.

The city is dotted with approximately 40 parks, including Walter E. Hall Park, which boasts a golf course and skate park, and Forest Park, a heavily wooded park with a swimming pool, miles of trails and an animal farm.

This residential community is 33.45 square miles and mean travel time to work for those who reside in Everett is 28 minutes. Median rent in the city was \$1,018 in 2017, the most recent census figures, and selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage were \$1,684.

Everett is home to the AquaSox minor league baseball team and Everett Community College.

Lake Stevens

www.lakestevenswa.gov

Lake Stevens was named after the lake at its heart and is southeast of Marysville, north of the city of Snohomish and 8 miles east of Everett.

From the 1920s to the 1950s, Lake Stevens was primarily a resort community, with many public and private beaches scattered along the shore. On Nov. 29, 1960, Lake Stevens incorporated as a city with an initial population of 900, but soon its popularity and natural beauty, combined with changing commuter habits, drew more and more residents, changing its character to that of a suburban community. Today Lake Stevens has approximately 32,000 residents living in its approximately 9 square miles.

Mean travel time to work for residents of Lake Stevens is 32 minutes. Median rent is \$1,354 and selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage are \$1,925.

Lynnwood

www.lynnwoodwa.gov

The name "Lynnwood" was the brainchild of Seattle developer Karl O'Beirn, who in 1937 platted some lots to sell along Highway 99 and Alderwood Road (now 196th Street Southwest). He named his project "Lynn" for his wife and "wood" for Alderwood, co-opting part of the name of the nearby Alderwood Manor community. Neighboring entrepreneurs piggybacked on O'Beirn's initiative and produced an actual community, the Lynnwood Business District. After a few false starts, Lynnwood incorporated in April 1959 with a mayor-council city government, which hired Lynnwood's first police officer. Chief Albert L. Glandt, formerly of the Chicago Police Department and semi-pro football, supplied his own car, supplementing it with a German shepherd.

Today, Lynnwood, with a population of 38,000, is a mix of urban, suburban, small city, crossroads and bedroom community to many professionals who work in Seattle. Shopping, though, is its mainstay. Its first big shopping mall opened in September 1979, and now it's considered the shopping hub of south Snohomish County.

At 7.84 square miles, Lynnwood is chock full of parks and trails: 230 acres of developed parks and facilities, 20 acres of undeveloped park land, more than 100 acres of natural open space and some 14 miles of trails.

Median rent is \$1,043 and selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage are \$1,835. Mean travel time to work in Lynnwood is nearly 30 minutes.

Marysville

<http://marysvillewa.gov>

Marysville's settlement and history began with the signing of the Point Elliott Treaty in 1855 between the United States and the Tulalip people to establish a reservation for them and allow newcomers to settle on the tribe's former territory. The timber industry quickly moved in, staking several claims during the 1860s in the area that would become Marysville. Loggers and the nearby Tulalip reservation provided ample customers for trade, and in 1872, the federal government authorized a small trading post with James P. Comeford, ultimate founder of Marysville, as its proprietor.

The post prospered, and when timber traders wanted to sell 1,280 acres of nearby land in 1878, Comeford was in a position to buy and build, and his new combined store, home, small dock and plank road became Marysville. By 1879, his wife, Maria, had opened the first school for children; by 1880, Comeford was postmaster.

The first saw mill opened in 1887 with three more mills on its heels, and the coming of the railroad in 1889 linked the timber industry and the area to other markets. More and more settlers arrived by rail and steamboat, and in 1891 Marysville incorporated.

Since 2000, residential, commercial and industrial growth and land annexations have transformed the city. The population has more than doubled from just over 29,000 in 2000 to nearly 69,000 in 2017, making it the second-largest city in Snohomish County.

The strawberry farms that once ringed Marysville gave it the nickname of "Strawberry City," and the sweet berries are still celebrated — and eaten — in June at the annual Strawberry Festival. Residents and visitors alike can enjoy Ebey Waterfront Park on the Snohomish River Delta

and Port Gardner Bay, one of the area's best-kept secrets, or shopping in downtown Marysville.

Median rent in Marysville is \$1,214 and selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage are \$1,720. Mean travel time to work is 30 minutes.

Mukilteo

<http://mukilteowa.gov>

Mukilteo, which means "good camping ground," is a waterfront city in Snohomish

County on the shores of Puget Sound, with a Washington State Ferries terminal that carries passengers to and from Clinton, on Whidbey Island to the west. Mukilteo's 21,000 residents live in one of the most affluent suburbs of Seattle; selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage are \$2,363, the U.S. Census says, and median rent is \$1,479. Mean travel time to work is 25 minutes.

In 1900, the population was only 350, but the next year, the federal Lighthouse Board decided

MOVING CHECKLIST

Six weeks prior to move

- Contact a real estate agent in the local area. Start by looking in the Military Buyer's Guide of this publication.
- Obtain quotes from moving and self-service companies and gather DIY estimates. Decide on the type of move best for your circumstances.
- Determine employer-covered expenses.

Four weeks prior to move

- Check the preregistration procedures to enroll children in school. Get children's transcripts, textbook list and a copy of their current school's grading system. Ask teachers to write descriptions of each student's achievement level, interests and any unusual courses taken.
- Request that copies of all family members' medical and dental records and birth certificates be sent to your new home. Don't forget your pets' veterinary records.
- Notify the post office of your new address and obtain a change-of-address kit. Send change-of-address cards to friends, subscription services, creditors, alumni associations, the Department of Motor Vehicles and insurance companies.
- Begin packing seldom-used items and dispose of unwanted items through charities — get receipts for tax purposes.
- Contact the IRS for forms and regulations regarding tax-deductible moving expenses.
- Transfer or arrange for insurance to cover your home, furnishings and automobile.

Three weeks prior to move

- Arrange to have appliances, utilities, newspapers, laundry, phone and cable television disconnected. Check on deposits. Set up connections at your new home.
- Make travel arrangements.

Two weeks prior to move

- Handle bills, stocks, investments and banking transfers.
- Arrange to transport pets and plants. Some states prohibit certain plants, so research before you move.
- Clean cupboards and plan remaining meals so you can pack what you don't need.

One week prior to move

- Discontinue delivery services such as the newspapers.
- Clean and sort items in the garage and attic.
- Clean out your safety deposit box and place all valuables and documents together. If the items can't be replaced, carry them with you.

Two days prior to move

- Defrost and dry refrigerators and freezers.
- Arrange for cash or traveler's checks for trip expenses and payment to the mover upon delivery.
- Reconcile and close checking account. Withdraw savings.
- Conclude any financial matters relating to the lease or sale of your home.
- Pack luggage. Set aside items you will need immediately upon arrival — a few dishes, pots and pans, towels, soap, bedding, light bulbs, flashlights and toilet paper.
- Leave a forwarding address with new tenant or neighbor.

Moving day

- Confirm your delivery date with your mover and provide directions to your new residence as well as primary and secondary contact numbers or email addresses.
- Pay close attention to the mover's paperwork. You will need to sign it upon completion of loading and then unloading at your new residence.
- Supervise the movers to make sure your instructions are understood. Review any damage to your belongings noted by the moving foreman or supervisor.
- Double-check your residence for forgotten items before leaving.

Move-in day

- Clear and mark paths to all rooms to help the movers place the boxes.
- Supervise unloading.
- Note any damage to your boxes or furniture.
- Review paperwork carefully to make sure all your belongings arrived.



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to build a light and fog signal at the point in Mukilteo. The lighthouse, still standing, was completed in 1906, but even at incorporation in 1947, Mukilteo's population was only 775, though with hints of growth to come: By then there was ferry service to Whidbey Island, a fuel storage facility for the Air Force on the waterfront and a major rail line for the Great Northern Railway along the city's entire waterfront. Mukilteo's first growth spurt came with the 1980 annexation of an additional 1.2 square miles, which increased the population to 4,130 people. In 1991, the Harbour Pointe area was annexed, doubling the size of the city to 6.25 square miles.

In 2009 and 2011, Mukilteo was ranked in the No. 10 on Money Magazine's list of Top 100 Small Towns of America to Live In. In 2015, Time named it in a list of the Top 50 Best Places to Live.

Snohomish

<http://ci.snohomish.wa.us>

Snohomish, proud of a historic downtown on the National Register of Historic Places, is known for its many antique shops, so many, in fact, that it's called the Antique Capital of the Northwest.

Snohomish, founded around 1858 on the Snohomish River, was originally named Cadyville after one of its first three settlers. Snohomish County was carved out of Island County on Jan. 14, 1861 (another early settler, Emory C. Ferguson, recalled in 1889 that Snohomish County was created "because there were more politicians than there were counties and the matter was adjusted by making another county instead of killing some of the politicians"). The name was changed from Cadyville to Snohomish

City in 1871 (Edson Cady had moved); logging and farming were its lifeblood, and the river, its transportation lifeline to the world outside.

Thanks to its farming industry, the community prospered even during the Great Depression but saw declines in the 1960s when hard times hit one of the area's biggest employers, aircraft manufacturer Boeing. Through revitalization efforts in the 1990s the city bounced back, and today Snohomish is a model of how cities can reinvigorate their business districts by preserving their old-fashioned charm.

The city has continued to grow, with much of its development spread out along Bickford Avenue, the former Route 2. Snohomish has conscientiously maintained a balance between its regular businesses in modern facilities, serving the local community, and the specialty shops in the town's historic areas, serving visitors.

Median rent in the city of about 10,000 people is \$937 and selected monthly owner costs of housing units with a mortgage are \$1,862. Mean travel time to work is 29 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 for information about moving resources and to learn about the allowances and responsibilities of a military-sponsored move.

Decide whether or not to make your move a do-it-yourself operation.

For a DIY move, consider distance, labor help and the costs to rent the moving van, gas,

lodging during the move and insurance. A transportable storage unit can bridge a professional and DIY move. When the unit is delivered to your residence, you load and secure it for transport and then unload it at your new residence.

Whatever the method, be sure to obtain as many quotes as possible from professional movers, as well as cost estimates for a DIY move. Next, compare the costs for each type of move, factoring in the stress and physical exertion involved. Ask any company you are interested in for references and use them to inquire about reliability and customer service.

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. It always takes longer than predicted to pack. Toss or donate unused items to lighten your load. Visit www.goodwill.org, www.salvationarmyusa.org or www.clothingdonations.org for locations near you or to arrange a pickup.

Pack for success:

- Consider what you are packing and control box weight. Books should go in small boxes while bedding can easily fill a larger box.
- Wrap fragile items with cardboard dividers, tissue paper or air bubble wrapping.
- Use bright colors when wrapping small items so they don't get thrown out accidentally.
- Use crumpled paper or newspaper to line the top and bottom of boxes.
- Tape a copy of your inventory list to boxes to identify what's inside and where it should go.

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. And don't forget the tax benefits. 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. Some complexes, for example, restrict or

prohibit pets and personal touches such as painting. And the landlord or property managers can also raise the rent with proper notice.

To determine your best choice, account for all of 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 of your questions answered. You will also need to provide information and verification about your job, your income and your past rental history. Dress to make a good impression and treat the meeting like a job interview — be polite and arrive on time.

Before you sign a lease, inspect the apartment with the landlord. Look for the following problems:

- Cracks, holes or damage in the floor, walls or ceiling.
- Signs of leaking water, leaky fixtures or water damage.
- Any signs of mold or pests.
- Lack of hot water.
- Inadequate heating or air conditioning.

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.

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.

Cost Analysis

Be sure to account for all insurance costs associated with owning a home, possible homeowner association fees and property taxes in your monthly expenditures. Overall, loan rules changed in 2015, but according to www.ginnimae.gov (Government National Mortgage Association) and www.homebuyinginstitute.com (the Home Buying Institute) loan programs continue to vary on the percentage of your income that can be used for housing-related expenses. Lenders balance debt against income to decide

if an applicant will be able to repay a loan. Most conventional loans require borrowers to have no more than 43 percent total monthly debt versus their total monthly income, though there are exceptions, such as for those with significant savings. The Federal Housing Administration has a two-tier qualifying system: FHA sets its top thresholds at 31 percent front-end debt (housing expenses as a percentage of income) and 43 percent back-end debt (all debt as a percentage of income) for a 31/43 qualifying ratio. Like commercial lenders, Veterans Affairs combines front-end and back-end debt for a 41 percent limit against income.

Next, research the different types of home loans to determine the right fit for your financial situation and discuss your options with a lending professional. Lenders are diverse today, and not all homebuyers obtain their mortgage loans through their banks and credit unions. For example, you may choose to work with an internet lender, a mortgage broker, a homebuilder or a real estate agency lender. To determine which lender is best for you, get recommendations from friends and family members and check credentials as well as Better Business Bureau ratings.

Credit Report

A preapproved loan before starting your search for a home can determine your spending limits and signal any potential issues in the way of receiving a loan. For any home loan application, the mortgage company will order a credit report, so it would be good to get a free report in advance to determine your credit status and make sure the report contains no erroneous information.

To order your free annual report from one or all of the national consumer reporting companies: Visit www.annualcreditreport.com and complete and submit the request form online.

Home Loan Application

To complete a home loan application you'll need: photo IDs (such as a driver's license); Social Security numbers; residence addresses for the past two years with landlord contact information if you rented; names and addresses of your employers for the past two years; your current gross monthly income; recent financial institution statements with names, addresses, account numbers and balances on all checking, savings, CDs, money market, bonds and mutual funds accounts; recent financial institution statements with names, addresses, account numbers, balances and monthly payments on all open loans (including student loans) and credit cards; addresses and loan information of all other real estate owned; estimated value of furniture and

personal property; W2s for the past two years and current paycheck stubs; copies of all divorce decrees, child support documents or any other court proceedings that affect your financial status; verification of any child support payments; and evidence of any retirement or pension benefits. VA or military forms include: DD 214 (veteran), Form 22 (National Guard), DD 1747, Off-base Housing Authority (active duty) and Certificate of Eligibility (active duty).

For more information, visit www.consumer.ftc.gov/topics/credit-and-loans.

Knowing your monthly budget and the amount of your loan is invaluable during the next phase, especially finding the answers to questions before the hunt for a home begins.

Housing Hunting

First, determine your home preferences. Does a single-family house, condo, town house or duplex best fit your needs and budget? Do you prefer a new home, an existing home or to build one? Though new homes generally cost more, existing homes may come with maintenance issues and renovation costs. How many bedrooms and bathrooms would you like? Do you want an attached garage? Will you live in the city, a suburb or in the country? How close to work, school, shopping or public transportation do you want to be? Answers to these questions will greatly assist your search and the next stage — hiring a real estate agent.

The ideal agent will help find your ideal home and guide you through the purchase process. First, interview potential candidates to ensure they understand your needs, know your home-buying and neighborhood preferences, and are readily accessible.

Good luck and happy hunting!

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.

The Washington State Department of Social and Health Services provides residents resources for low-cost housing and utility assistance. For more information, visit www.dshs.wa.gov/housing-assistance.

County Programs

The HOME Investment Partnerships Program helps residents of Snohomish County secure housing, from rentals for low-income families to down-payment assistance for first-time home buyers. For more information, visit <http://snohomishcountywa.gov/879/HOME-Investment-Partnerships>.



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Employment & Economy

in Snohomish County

THE 50 LARGEST EMPLOYERS in Snohomish County account for nearly 100,000 jobs, or about 34 percent of the county's total employment. The county's 20,500 businesses range from small family farms specializing in organic foods to the world's largest advanced manufacturing facility producing state-of-the-art aerospace equipment. The manufacturing base, coupled with proximity to a major urban center, provides the foundation for a diverse local economy.

Northern Snohomish County is the manufacturing center of Washington state. Twenty-five percent of the workforce is associated with manufacturing, more than twice the state average. The assembly of commercial aircraft is significant in the local economy, including The Boeing Company and the associated supply chain. Southern Snohomish County, with its nearness to Seattle, has a concentration of knowledgeable workers and life sciences companies. T-Mobile has an engineering technology center with a staff of 600, and Google has a facility in Bothell (18 miles south of Everett) employing roughly 800 workers. On the life sciences

side, the southern portion of the county has a cluster of medical device companies with a specific focus on ultrasound diagnostics. Philips Healthcare and Sonosite have a combined workforce of 3,000. On the pharmaceutical side and smaller in scale, CMC Biologics has 200 scientists researching and producing pharmaceuticals on a contract basis.

The median age in Snohomish County is about 37 years old, meaning the workforce skews younger. Median household income in the county is \$70,528, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Although the state has no income tax, it relies heavily on its sales tax of 6.5 percent, one of the nation's highest rates, and some cities and local governments in the county add additional local sales taxes.

Access by Air, Land and Sea

Few places are as strongly positioned for robust business growth and innovation as Snohomish County, with its relatively easy access from waterways, major interstates and a sprawling commercial airport.

Seattle-Tacoma International Airport (Sea-Tac), about 40 miles south of Everett, is the primary airport serving the region with commercial, passenger and cargo services worldwide. Snohomish County Airport Paine Field is a full-service general aviation airport next to Boeing's Everett plant; Paine Field can accommodate the largest aircraft.

Interstate 5 runs from the Canadian border to Mexico. It traverses Snohomish County, providing direct trucking links throughout the West Coast. Seattle is the western terminus for I-90, the major east/west freeway for the northern U.S. that runs all the way east to Boston.

The Burlington Northern/Santa Fe Railroad owns the freight rail network in Snohomish County; Union Pacific brings freight as far as the Seattle yard; and Sound Transit's commuter rail service connects Everett in the north through Seattle south to the city of Tacoma.

The region has multiple deep-water port facilities with service to destinations worldwide. The Port of Everett, in the center of Snohomish County, has container, break-bulk and

barge facilities for cargo movement. The port is also the largest recreational marina on the West Coast. The ports of Seattle and Tacoma (25 and 55 miles south, respectively) have numerous scheduled liner services. The Washington State Ferries system is an extension of the state highway system and is the largest of its kind in the world. Daily, it transports thousands of workers in and out of Snohomish County from residential communities across the water.

Natural Resources

Snohomish County has been and continues to be home to a number of Native American tribes; the county's early economic history is characterized by an abundance of natural resources in a diverse ecological region.

European settlement of Puget Sound, including what is now Snohomish County, followed Capt. George Vancouver's claim of much of western Washington for Great Britain in 1792. Snohomish County was carved out of Island County in 1861, and the late 19th century saw several settlements established in western Snohomish County. When the Great Northern Railway reached the infant city of Everett in 1893, it brought an economic boom with it; Snohomish County's early industrial economy continued to be based on abundant natural resources — primarily timber and agriculture — and the railroad carried those resources to new, far-flung markets.

After World War II, Snohomish County's economic growth was fueled largely by thousands of commuters who worked in Seattle but wanted to live in the suburban bedroom communities in the county's picturesque southwest portions.

The home-grown multinational corporation, Boeing, traces its roots to Seattle and continues to play a prominent role in Snohomish County's economy. In the late 1960s, Boeing established its 747 manufacturing plant at Paine Field near Everett. The later development of other high-technology industries in Snohomish County brought more population increases and a shift from an economy based on logging and agriculture to one rooted in manufacturing and an expanding service sector.

Naval Station Everett

Puget Sound is the U.S. Navy's third-largest fleet concentration area. The Department of the Navy spends about \$2.8 billion annually in the region, which is home to approximately 31,000 active-duty members, 16,000 civilian employees, 2,400 drilling reservists, 11,000 contractors, 42,000 family members and 55,000 Navy retirees. Naval Station Everett is one of the largest employers in Snohomish County and is estimated to have an annual economic impact

of \$360 million, according to the most recent economic impact statement.

EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES

National Resources

At the national level websites such as *www.monster.com*, *www.careerbuilder.com*, *www.linkedin.com* and *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*. The group aims to help military spouses build a meaningful, sustained career path and offers a library of articles that touch on topics like entrepreneurship, resume tips, self-promotion and more as well as a membership-only discussion forum. The organization also features companies that are military spouse-owned or military spouse-friendly on its Homefront Business Listings page.

Local Resources

WorkSource Washington

3201 Smith Ave., Suite 413
 Everett, WA 98201 425-258-6300
<https://worksourcewa.com>

WorkSource Washington is a statewide partnership of state, local and nonprofit agencies that deliver an array of employment and training services for job seekers and employers. Customers access services electronically 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
<https://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



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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
<http://careers.wa.gov>

Employment opportunities with Washington State are posted online. Search by category, department or location, then apply online. Find employment assistance, look for internships or sign up for the Federal Job Corps Program here as well.

Snohomish County
 3000 Rockefeller Ave.
 Everett, WA 98201 425-388-3411
<http://snohomishcountywa.gov>

Snohomish County is among the Top 10 employers in the county. Jobs are posted online with benefits information, and applications are available for download with an application guide for assistance.

City of Arlington
 238 N. Olympic Ave.
 Arlington, WA 98223 360-403-3443
www.arlingtonwa.gov

From the main menu on the city's website, click "Working" to view current job openings,

information about finding jobs in the city and volunteer options.

City of Edmonds
 121 Fifth Ave. N
 Edmonds, WA 98020 425-775-7740
www.edmondswa.gov

From the main menu on the city's website, click "I Want To" then "Apply for Employment" to find current job opportunities and find tips on job preparation and the application process. Applications are only accepted online through the NEOGOV website applicant portal.

City of Everett
 2930 Wetmore Ave.
 Everett, WA 98201 425-257-8767
<https://everettwa.gov>

From the main menu on the city's website, click "How Do I..." then "Apply for Employment Opportunities" to find current employment opportunities, search job descriptions and sign up for alerts for new job openings.

City of Lake Stevens
 1812 Main St.
 Lake Stevens, WA 98258 425-377-3227
www.lakestevenswa.gov/69/Human-Resources

Visit the city's online page for its Human Resources department for links to current

employment opportunities and other information. Applications are accepted only for current openings and must be submitted through Gov-Jobs Today.

City of Lynnwood
 19100 44th Ave. W
 P.O. Box 5008
 Lynnwood, WA 98046 425-670-5081
www.lynnwoodwa.gov

From the main menu on the city's website, click "Government" then "Human Resources" to access Lynnwood's job openings and the city's online application. Apply online, in person or by mail.

City of Marysville
 1049 State Ave.
 Marysville, WA 98270 360-363-8000
<http://marysvillewa.gov>

From the main menu on the city's website, click "Job Opportunities" to view current job openings, information about finding jobs in the city and submit a job interest card to get alerts when new jobs are posted.

City of Mukilteo
 11930 Cyrus Way
 Mukilteo, WA 98275 425-263-8000
<http://mukilteowa.gov>

From the city's website, click "Government" then "Human Resources" to access current job openings, salary and benefits information, and apply online.

City of Snohomish
 116 Union Ave.
 Snohomish, WA 98290 360-568-3115
<http://ci.snohomish.wa.us>

From the main menu on the city's website, click "I Want To" then "Apply for Jobs" to find current employment opportunities and sign up to be alerted of new postings.

EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES

An employment agency can offer posts ranging from high-level administration to warehouse work. Many employers use agencies as their human resources department. Agencies advertise, interview, test and manage payroll. A temp-to-perm arrangement allows the employer and prospective employee to evaluate each other before committing to permanent employment.

Municipal and regional chambers of commerce include local employment agencies in their member lists, along with contact information. See Page 15 for a list of chambers of commerce in Snohomish County.

JOB-SEEKER TIPS

Always keep your resume up-to-date and have several versions that target specific industries



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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 aware that many employers now accept only online applications so get comfortable with computers.

Maintain a positive, professional and broad-based presence on social media such as Facebook and LinkedIn; almost all employers search social media sites to vet job candidates, and your absence there will raise red flags. Also be aware that images and comments posted spur-of-the-moment can be searched out forever and come back to haunt you.

Be prepared for an interview at any time. When you submit your application, a supervisor may want to talk immediately, or the phone may ring with a call from a hiring director. 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. If a supervisor wants to know why she should hire you, be ready.

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 — to your advantage — and keep your name fresh in the interviewer's mind. Judicious calls display your continued interest. Writing out beforehand what you want to say helps. So does rehearsal.

Be aware that due to the usually huge numbers of applicants, most companies are able to follow up only with candidates in whom they are

interested. Don't take it personally if you're not notified that you didn't get the job.

CIVILIAN OPPORTUNITIES

Federal Jobs

Visit www.usajobs.gov to search for Department of Defense jobs at Naval Station Everett.

NAF Jobs

For information about service jobs, including openings in lodging, marina, recreation areas and more (nonappropriated fund positions), visit www.navylife.pnw.com/jobs or call Naval Station Everett's NAF job hotline at 360-396-5003.

Exchange Jobs

Search for jobs at Everett's Navy Exchange and Navy Lodge at www.mynavyexchange.com/nex/work-for-us.

SELF-EMPLOYMENT

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.

Small Business Resources

www.usa.gov/business

Learn the steps to start and grow a small business at USA.gov's Small Business website. The platform features hand-picked government websites helpful to small business owners. Learn about business taxes and incentives, financing a business, importing and exporting, federal government contracting, state business resources and more. The website also provides information on a wide range of programs and services to help veterans, women, minorities and the economically disadvantaged start or grow a business.

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Company	Industry	Employment Range
1. The Boeing Company	Aircraft Manufacturing	34,500
2. Providence Regional Medical Center	Health Care	4,775
3. Tulalip Tribes Enterprises	Gaming, Real Estate	3,200
4. Naval Station Everett	Federal Government	2,987
5. Washington State	State Government	2,950
6. Snohomish County Government	Local Government	2,617
7. Edmonds School District	Public Education	2,605
8. Premera Blue Cross	Health Insurer	2,600
9. Wal-Mart	Retail	2,312
10. Everett Clinic	Health Care	2,255

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Health Care

in Snohomish County

THERE ARE MANY HEALTH care services in Snohomish County for military, civilians and veterans, though implementation of the Affordable Care Act has changed established insurance options. Visit www.healthcare.gov for information on open enrollment for health care coverage under the national Affordable Care Act. The Washington Healthplanfinder is powered by the Washington Health Benefit Exchange and is the official ACA-compliant health insurance marketplace and website for Washington state. Start your search for information at its website: www.wahealthplanfinder.org.

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 the state, visit the website of the Washington Association of Community & Migrant Worker Health Centers at www.wacmhc.org and select "Community Health Centers."

DENTAL CARE

The Washington State Dental Association website, www.wsda.org, is a useful place to start in finding a dentist with its roster lists. Select "Public" from the home page and choose "Find a Dentist" to locate a dentist, hygienist or dental assistant. You can also seek referrals from people you know who've had dental care in the area.

Consider the following to find the best dentist for your needs.

- Are the dentist's office hours convenient for your schedule?

- Is the dental office close to your home or office?
- How are dental emergencies handled?
- Does the office appear to be clean and well organized?
- Is the staff helpful and friendly?
- What are the dental office's financial policies and how is insurance handled?

The Washington State Department of Health's Oral Health Coalition can give you tips for oral health and low-cost dental care. Visit its website at www.ws-ohc.org.

FINDING A LOCAL DOCTOR

It is important to find a health care provider before an urgent medical need arises. Building trust with a health care provider takes time, so don't wait until a family member is ill to find a doctor, nurse practitioner or other health care provider.

Before you arrive at your new assignment, you can check the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries' online website at <https://secure.lni.wa.gov/provdir>. 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. 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. When you have selected a health care provider, consider the following.

- When you scheduled your appointment, was the receptionist friendly, prompt and professional? Did he or she take time to answer your questions? Were you left on hold too long?
- When you arrived for your appointment, were you greeted promptly? Was the reception area clean and comfortable? Was the staff friendly and willing to answer your questions?
- Did you have to wait long in the exam room before the doctor arrived? Was the exam room orderly and clean, with a chair for a family member?
- When the doctor arrived and introduced himself or herself, did he or she seem rushed or tired? Did you get a good first impression?
- During the consultation, did nurses or assistants pop in and out? Did the doctor seem caring, compassionate and sympathetic to your concerns? Did you feel comfortable revealing personal information? Did the doctor rush through the meeting?

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 Snohomish County are served within Veterans Integrated Service Network 20 — the Northwest VA Health Care Network, with the nearest major medical center in Seattle, about 30 minutes from Naval Station Everett. VISN 20 serves the entire Pacific Northwest, including Alaska, a region with 1.1 million veterans, 24 percent of whom received VA services in fiscal year 2014. VISN 20 facilities recorded 3.4 million outpatient visits throughout Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Idaho and one county each in California and Montana. The closest community outpatient clinic to NS Everett also is in Seattle.

VA Puget Sound Health Care System

American Lake Division

9600 Veterans Drive
Tacoma, WA 98493 253-582-8440

Seattle Division

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

Bremerton CBOC

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

Everett Vet Center

3311 Wetmore Ave.
Everett, WA 98201 425-252-9701

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

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.va.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.

There are several VA service officers in Snohomish County who help navigate the maze of VA services and programs.

3000 Rockefeller Ave.
Everett, WA 98201 425-388-7255



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HOSPITALS/MEDICAL CENTERS

Because emergencies don't announce themselves in advance, it's prudent to know where to go when they happen. Saving minutes in a crisis can mean saving a life. Knowing what services are available, and where, can make all the difference. In life-threatening situations, call 911 immediately and follow dispatcher instructions.

Cascade Valley Hospital

330 S. Stillaguamish Ave.
Arlington, WA 98223 360-435-2133
www.cascadevalley.org

EvergreenHealth Medical Center

14701 179th Ave. SE
Monroe, WA 98272 360-794-7497
www.evergreenhealthmonroe.com/eh-monroe

Everett Medical Center – Kaiser Permanente

2930 Maple St.
Everett, WA 98201 425-261-1500
www.ghc.org/html/public/locations/everett

Providence Pavilion for Women & Children

900 Pacific Ave.
Everett, WA 98201 425-258-7550
<http://washington.providence.org/clinics>

Providence Regional Medical Center — Colby

1700 13th St.
Everett, WA 98201 425-261-2000
<http://washington.providence.org/hospitals>

Providence Regional Medical Center — Pacific

916 Pacific Ave.
Everett, WA 98201 425-261-2000
<http://washington.providence.org/hospitals>

Seattle Children's Everett

900 Pacific Ave. Suite 100
Everett, WA 98201 425-304-6080
www.seattlechildrens.org/contact/everett

Seattle Children's Mill Creek

12800 Bothell Everett Highway, Suite 150
Everett, WA 98208 425-357-5420
www.seattlechildrens.org/contact/mill-creek

Swedish Medical Center — Mill Creek

13020 Meridian Ave. S
Everett, WA 98208 425-357-3900
www.swedish.org/locations/mill-creek-campus

PUBLIC HEALTH CARE

Washington State Department of Health

111 Israel Road SE
Tumwater, WA 98501 360-236-4300
www.doh.wa.gov

The state department of health works to protect and improve the health and well-being of all residents of Washington state. To that goal, the organization offers a wide range of services provided statewide by public health professionals to assure that water is safe, children have their immunizations, restaurants are safe and birth certificates are correct — to name just a few.

The department's main office is in Tumwater, just south of Olympia, with secondary centers in Kent, Richland, Spokane and Shoreline. Its website has information on a wide variety of health topics at www.doh.wa.gov.

Snohomish Health District

Main Office

3020 Rucker Ave.
Everett, WA 98201 425-339-5200

South County Clinic

6101 200th St. SW
Lynnwood, WA 98036 360-765-3111
www.snohd.org

Created in 1959, the Snohomish Health District is an independent, special purpose district promoting public health in Snohomish County. Snohomish Health District provides a wide range of programs and services that protect and promote the public health with particular focus on preventing injury and disease. Its website provides links to help you find a free clinic, locate an affordable dentist, get vaccinations for travel, report a disease, start a food business and more.





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Family Resources

in Snohomish 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

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

The American Red Cross offers confidential services to all members of the military, veterans, and their families by connecting them with local, state and national resources through the network of chapters in communities across the United States and offices on military installations worldwide.

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 key 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

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.

It makes military life easier by providing programs and services to the young men and women of all five armed services: Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard.

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 — with a particular focus on junior-enlisted men and women, the individuals on the front lines of defending our nation. Programs are offered at low cost and require no dues or membership fees.

Signature programs include: Angels of the Battlefield Awards Gala, Art and Essay Contest, Military Family Month, Operation Hero, Operation Holiday Joy, Operation Kid Comfort, Operation Outdoors, Operation Ride Home, Parent and Me, Teddy's Child Watch and YMCA/DOD Military Outreach Initiative.

Find ASYMCA locations by visiting www.asymca.org/locations.

Child Care Aware

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 families regarding child development, parenting, and child care concerns and questions.



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The site has information on the different types of child care and how to choose the right child care for your family. Financial resources include a child care budgeting calculator and information on federal and state fee assistance. There's also a special section for military and DOD families with links to military child care fee assistance. To speak with a specialist about military and DOD child care programs, call 800-424-2246, option 6.

Military OneSource
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. Browse by topic or search for that strangely specific question you want to know the answers to. No matter where military life takes you, with Military OneSource you'll always be in the loop.

Operation Homefront
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 was formed.

Operation Homefront's annual gala recognizes extraordinary military kids. The organization also hosts multiple Homefront Celebrations, Star-Spangled Baby Showers, Back-to-School Brigades and Holiday Meals for Military events each year to show appreciation to military spouses.

Visit Operation Homefront online for more information.

United Service Organization
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.

The USO also provides transition services to support Americans' return to civilian life after completing their military service. For more information, go to www.uso.org/programs/uso-pathfinder.

Visit the USO's website to find a location near you.

Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families
 953 Village Way, Suite 100
 Monroe, WA 98272.....360-805-2100
www.dcyf.wa.gov

DSHS Children's Administration is the public child welfare agency for the state of Washington. The staff works with children and families to identify their needs and develop a plan for services that support families and assure the safety and well-being of children. The department's programs include an abuse hotline, services for adoption, child care, foster care, domestic violence, homelessness, mental health, substance abuse and more.

Everett Department of Children and Family Services
 840 N. Broadway, Building A Suite 340
 Everett, WA 98201425-339-4768



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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. Movers will have your door open while they move boxes and furniture, and a pet may slip out the door undetected. 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. Remember to keep the microchip’s contact information up-to-date. If your pet escapes during any part of your move, you want the animal shelter that scans the chip to be able to contact you.

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. If a tick is found, use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp it as close to the skin as possible and pull it straight out, gently; if the mouthparts break off and remain in the skin, use the tweezers to remove them as well. After removing the tick, use antiseptic on the bite site and wash your hands thoroughly.

Visit the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife’s website at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/living/nuisance> for a full list of wildlife dangers and how to avoid them, and the Washington State Department of Health’s web page describing how to avoid pests, such as ticks and spiders, at www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/Pests.

Animal Services

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Puget Sound Region
16018 Mill Creek Blvd.
Mill Creek, WA 98012 425-775-1311
wdfw.wa.gov

The WDFW manages and ensures the long-term well-being of fish and wildlife, especially as humans continue to encroach on wildlife habitats. The website offers tips about living

with many of the species across the state. For information about wildlife in the Puget Sound region specifically, visit <http://wdfw.wa.gov/about/regions/region4>.

Snohomish County Animal Services

3000 Rockefeller Ave.
Everett, WA 98201 425-388-3440
<http://snohomishcountywa.gov/1940/Animal-Services>

Snohomish County’s animal services include licensing pets, licensing and inspecting kennels, and responding to animal-related complaints and concerns in the unincorporated areas of the county. If you live inside city limits, contact your city directly for pet license requirements.

Everett Animal Services

333 Smith Island Road
Everett, WA 98201 425-257-6000
<https://everettwa.gov/152/Animal-Control>

Everett Animal Services provides care for pets and animal adoptions at its shelter. Other services include animal control, spay and neuter programs, and enforcement of animal ordinances and laws.

Veterinary Services

Veterinary services in Snohomish County are plentiful; see the Military Buyer’s Guide to connect with local providers. One place to start looking is the Puget Sound Veterinary Medical Association at www.psvma.org. Another good source for connecting with a veterinarian is the Washington State Veterinary Medical Association website, www.wsvma.org.

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>.



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Education & Academics

in Snohomish County

FINDING THE RIGHT SCHOOLS and educational opportunities for each family member is an important part of any move. This chapter outlines Snohomish County public schools system, private schools, charter schools and home schooling criteria, as well as local libraries and higher education institutions. To be enrolled in Washington school, a child must be at least 5 years old by Aug. 31 of the school year. Those wishing to register their child in school should bring the following to the school office: a birth certificate or other proof of the child's age, the child's previous school records and immunizations records. For more details on Washington's minimum vaccine requirements for students in grades K-12, visit the Washington State Department of Health's website at www.doh.wa.gov or the State of Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction website at www.k12.wa.us.

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, a student's education is often disrupted 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, with science and social studies in development, though Washington has state standards across the full curriculum. For more information, visit 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 school district 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; Washington voters approved the state's first charter school initiative in 2012, and by 2018, 12 have opened, though none in Snohomish County — the closest are in Seattle. For more information or a listing of charter schools in Washington, visit the Washington State Charter Schools Association website at <http://wacharters.org>.

HOME SCHOOLING

For an introduction to home schooling in Washington, visit the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction’s website at www.k12.wa.us/privateed/homebaseded. Here you will find information on home-school rules and regulations, testing information, home-school curriculum providers and more.

Family Learning Organization

P.O. Box 1750
Mead, WA 99021 509-467-2552
www.familylearning.org

The Family Learning Organization, incorporated in 1986, has had a more than 20-year history of serving the home-school community statewide and nationally through its advocacy and its testing services. The organization advocates for home-based education, encourages home-schooling families, helps preserve the freedom of parents to educate their children, and serves as a means of communication and networking, making it possible for home-schooling families to link up with more experienced parents.

Washington Homeschool Organization

P.O. Box 66960
Seattle, WA 98166..... 425-251-0439
<http://washhomeschool.org>

The Washington Homeschool Organization is a statewide nonprofit membership organization that provides parents and guardians with resources and information about state laws and facilitates communication with local school officials, among other activities.

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. Users may search by location, religious affiliation, school type and more.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Edmonds School District

20420 68th Ave. W
Lynnwood, WA 98036 425-431-7000
www.edmonds.wednet.edu

Edmonds School District serves the communities of Edmonds, Lynnwood, Mountlake Terrace, Woodway and portions of Brier and unincorporated Snohomish County. The district consists of 20,600 students enrolled in 20 elementary schools, two K-8 schools, four middle schools, six high schools and one K-12 school.

Everett Public Schools

3900 Broadway
Everett, WA 98201 425-385-4000
www.everettsd.org

Everett Public Schools consists of 19,500 students enrolled in 26 schools: 17 elementary schools, five middle schools, four high schools, an online high school and the Port Gardner Parent Partnership for home-schooled students.

Lake Stevens School District

12309 22nd St. NE
Lake Stevens, WA 98258 425-335-1500
www.lkstevens.wednet.edu

Lake Stevens School District has an early learning center, six elementary schools, two middle schools, a mid-high school (8-9), a high school, an alternative high school and Home-Link, a home-school cooperative program, to serve an enrollment of approximately 8,200 students.

Marysville School District

4220 80th Street NE
Marysville, WA 98270 360-965-0000
www.msds25.org

Marysville School District’s enrollment of approximately 11,000 students is served by 10 elementary schools, four middle schools and eight high schools, among them five for special interests: construction and engineering; arts and technology; biomedicine; international communications; and entrepreneurship.

Mukilteo School District

9401 Sharon Drive
Everett, WA 98204 425-356-1274
www.mukilteo.wednet.edu

Mukilteo School District has 12 elementary schools, four middle schools, three high schools, a Highly Capable Program, a Community-Based Transition Center, access to career pathways education and an early childhood education and assistance program for more than 15,000 students.

Snohomish School District

160 Avenue D
Snohomish, WA 98290 360-563-7300
www.sno.wednet.edu

Snohomish School District consists of a preschool, 10 elementary schools, two middle schools, three high schools, an alternative learning program for students and a cooperative program for home-school families. The district’s enrollment numbers approximately 10,100.

UNIVERSITIES/HIGHER EDUCATION

Snohomish County has plenty of opportunities for continuing education. The Navy College Office in the Retention and Education Center in Building 2000, Room 214, provides a comfortable study area and services to support all phases of voluntary education. Individual or group counseling is available to help sailors, dependents and DOD personnel pursue their educational goals



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toward certification or a degree. Use the following contact information to start your search for the school that is right for you.

Central Washington University – Lynnwood
Snoqualmie Hall
20000 68th Ave. W
Lynnwood, WA 98036 425-640-1574
www.cwu.edu/lynnwood

Columbia College – Naval Station Everett/Marysville
13910 45th Ave. NE, Suite 802
Marysville, WA 98271 360-653-4480
www.ccis.edu

Edmonds Community College – Lynnwood
20000 68th Ave. W
Lynnwood, WA 98036 425-640-1459
www.edcc.edu

Embry-Riddle University – Naval Station Everett
2333 Seaway Blvd., Room 226
Everett, WA 98203 425-259-8939
<http://worldwide.erau.edu/locations/everett>

Everest College Everett
906 S.E. Everett Mall Way, Suite 600
Everett, WA 98208 425-789-7960
www.everest.edu/campus/everett

Everett Community College
2000 Tower St.
Everett, WA 98201 425-388-9100
www.everettcc.edu

LIBRARIES

Public libraries in Snohomish County offer learning, recreation, distance education, internet

connections and other resources for users — all for free. In addition, school libraries that support the curriculum and have internet access and other resources are in most public and private schools, and academic and specialty libraries are found in colleges and universities. The Washington State Library, www.sos.wa.gov/library, supports libraries in the state with resources, interlibrary loan and other assistance.

For a full list of libraries in Washington, visit the Washington State Library website. The following public library branches are near Naval Station Everett. Get information about services, hours and events by visiting the branches' websites.

Arlington Library
135 N. Washington Ave.
Arlington, WA 98223 360-435-3033
www.sno-isle.org/locations/arlington

Everett Public Library – Evergreen Branch
9512 Evergreen Way
Everett, WA 98204 425-257-8260
www.epls.org/locations/evergreen-branch

Everett Public Library – Main Library
2702 Hoyt Ave.
Everett, WA 98201 425-257-8010
www.epls.org/locations/main-library

Lynnwood Library
19200 44th Ave. W
Lynnwood, WA 98036 425-778-2148
www.sno-isle.org/locations/lynnwood

Marysville Library
6120 Grove St.
Marysville, WA 98270 360-658-5000
www.sno-isle.org/locations/marysville

Mill Creek Library
15429 Bothell Everett Highway
Mill Creek, WA 98012 425-337-4822
www.sno-isle.org/locations/millcreek

Monroe Library
1070 Village Way
Monroe, WA 98272 360-794-7851
www.sno-isle.org/locations/monroe

Mountlake Terrace Library
23300 58th Ave. W
Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043 ... 425-776-8722
www.sno-isle.org/locations/mountlaketerrace

Mukilteo Library
4675 Harbour Pointe Blvd.
Mukilteo, WA 98275 425-493-8202
www.sno-isle.org/locations/mukilteo

Snohomish County Law Library
3000 Rockefeller Ave., Room 139
Everett, WA 98201 425-388-3010
<https://snohomishcountywa.gov/196/>
Law-Library

Snohomish Library
311 Maple Ave.
Snohomish, WA 98290 360-568-2898
www.sno-isle.org/locations/snohomish

Sultan Library
319 Main St., Suite 100
Sultan, WA 98294 360-793-1695
www.sno-isle.org/locations/sultan

EDUCATION LINKS

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

- **State of Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction:** www.fldoe.org
- **Washington State Board of Education:** www.sbe.wa.gov
- **Washington State PTA:** www.wastatepta.org
- **Reading is Fundamental:** www.rif.org
- **U.S. Department of Education:** 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 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>.





Living

in Snohomish County

THERE ARE PLENTY OF entertaining activities to choose from in Snohomish County and the surrounding areas — music, sports, theater, museums, parks and shopping. Zoom down the powdery slopes at Stevens Pass, or tee off at one of the two 18-hole golf courses in Everett. Don't miss the Evergreen State Fair in Monroe or the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels as they soar, dive and barrel roll in tight formation at the Boeing Seafair Air Show. And be sure to check out the unforgettable Museum of Pop Culture in Seattle for a real adventure in popular music, science fiction and pop culture.

ANNUAL EVENTS

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

Boeing Seafair Air Show

www.seafair.com

The first weekend of August brings the Boeing Seafair Air Show to town where you'll witness the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels perform dazzling stunts and aerial maneuvers as spectators gaze in amazement from the shores of Lake

Washington. The Blue Angels participated in their first air show in 1946 and have since have performed for an estimated 484 million fans.

Everett Sausage Festival

www.everettsausagefest.com

Everett Sausage Festival is a family-oriented weekend fair with a Bavarian theme. For more than 40 years, this festival has delighted visitors with such offerings as its traditional Bavarian dinner, food booths, arts and crafts, children's games, a family entertainment stage, bingo, a carnival and a Bavarian beer garden and stage. Visit the event's website for more information.

Evergreen State Fair

www.evergreenfair.org

The Evergreen State Fair spans 12 days from the end of August until Labor Day at the state fairgrounds in Monroe with free and paid concerts, bull riding, livestock shows, carnival rides, games and attractions and, of course, fair food.

Kla Ha Ya Days Festival

www.klahayadays.com

Every July for more than a century the Kla Ha Ya Days Festival has welcomed people throughout

Northwest Washington with a celebration of the Snohomish community's beauty and goodwill. The whole family can enjoy the parade, celebrity volleyball, a frogstastic kids fair, bingo, a farmers market, sky diving demos, a classic car and motorcycle show, a street fair, ice cream and pie-eating contests and much, much more.

Marysville Strawberry Festival

www.maryfest.org

The kids shine at this Marysville community event in June with its royalty scholarship pageant, talent show and two parades. The Berry Run 5K, strawberry shortcake eating contest and live music and performances are other highlights, and of course there'll be plenty of sweet, juicy strawberries and strawberry treats.

Paine Field Aviation Day

www.paineairport.com/198/Paine-Field-Aviation-Day

The Paine Field Aviation Day, held in May, showcases both vintage and new aircraft in a family-friendly event that attracts 5,000 to 8,000 attendees. Kick off the day with a 5K run/walk and follow it up with the firefighters' pancake breakfast. Visit the event's website for hours and schedules.

Sorticulture

<https://everettwa.gov/823/Sorticulture-Garden-Arts-Festival>

The June Sorticulture festival unites art and the garden, along with a food fair, wine garden, live music and free activities for the children. Visit the event's website for information about the display gardens, entertainment schedule and free shuttle.

THE ARTS

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

Edmonds Summer Concerts

www.edmondswa.gov/summer-concerts.html

Every July and August the City of Edmonds Arts Commission presents free outdoor concerts from 3 to 4 p.m. Sunday at City Park; from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday in Hazel Miller Plaza; and from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Fifth Avenue South at Maple Street.

HOW TO ENJOY AN OUTDOOR ADVENTURE ON A BUDGET

Take advantage of free national parks passes for military members and dependents, discounted outdoor gear and tons of recreational opportunities to spend quality time with your family exploring the country's parks without breaking the bank.

Ready to hit the road? Here are a few travel tips:

Find a park: With fields and forests, canyons and coastline, America's national parks have something for everyone. Search the NPS website for parks by name, location, activity or topic at www.nps.gov/findapark.

Visit the park's website: Access all you need to know about hours, directions, activities and fees.

Plan your activities: National parks offer exciting activities for all ages as well as wheelchair-accessible activities and trails. If you have children, check out the Junior Ranger events and programs.

Contact your Force Support Squadron: Don't forget to contact FSS on your installation for lodging discounts and options. And, whether you need a kayak, skis and snow boots, or you want to rent a boat, the Outdoor Equipment Rentals center has a lot of gear available to rent. And, the Information, Tickets and Travel program can also help you score discounted tickets to nearby attractions and activities.

Be Safe: Always follow the park's rules and be alert to posted warnings. You don't want your trip to end in an emergency room.

Everett Performing Arts Center

2710 Wetmore Ave.
Everett, WA 98201 425-257-8600
www.villagetheatre.org/epac.php

One of the premier performing arts spaces in Snohomish County, the Everett Performing Arts Center (EPAC) embraces a 500-plus-seat auditorium with a proscenium stage, full theatrical lighting and sound systems, an orchestra pit, a rigging and fly system, wing space, a shop and costume facilities. Along with the auditorium, EPAC has a multipurpose community room and spacious lobby, making it ideal for a range of activities.

Everett Philharmonic Orchestra

P.O. Box 1751
Everett, WA 98206 206-270-9729
www.everettphil.org

The Everett Philharmonic Orchestra performs at the Everett Civic Auditorium and Everett Presbyterian Church. The musicians from various professional backgrounds are united by their passion for performing symphonic music. Under the baton of Dr. Paul-Elliott Cobbs, this group has played together for more than 25 years.

Historic Everett Theatre

2911 Colby Ave.
Everett, WA 98201 425-258-6766
www.historiceveretttheatre.org

Opened in 1901, this performance space is a historical community gem saved from the wrecking ball by dedicated residents who donated their time, money and enthusiasm to make sure Everett didn't lose one of its most recognizable downtown buildings. There is always something new and exciting going on at the Historic Everett Theatre, from concerts by world-famous entertainers to live theater productions with the theater's own Outcast Players. Box office hours are 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Pacific Northwest Ballet

301 Mercer St.
Seattle, WA 98109 206-441-2424
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 tours ranging throughout the United States and internationally, to Europe, Australia, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Canada.

MUSEUMS

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

Flying Heritage & Combat Armor Museum

Paine Field
3407 109th St. SW
Everett, WA 98204 206-342-4242
www.flyingheritage.com

The Flying Heritage & Combat Armor Museum can be found at the southeast corner of Paine Field in Everett, Washington. On display in a 51,000-square-foot hangar, the Flying Heritage is a private collection of great rarity, not a formal museum. Visitors of all ages can get up close and personal to these treasures of the sky, and learn how innovators and innovations of the past led the way to modern aviation and aerospace technologies. Hours vary by season; visit the website for more information.

Future of Flight Aviation Center & Boeing Tour

8415 Paine Field Blvd.
Mukilteo, WA 98275
..... 800-464-1476/425-438-8100
www.futureofflight.org

The Future of Flight Aviation Center is the sole public tour of a commercial jet assembly plant in North America. It is the starting point for the Boeing Tour of part of the aircraft giant's Everett production facility that builds the 747, 777 and 787 jets. The museum includes a 28,000-square-foot gallery filled with static and interactive exhibits and displays, as well as a 240-seat theater, cafe and shops. Hours vary by season; check the website for more information.

Imagine Children's Museum

1502 Wall St.
Everett, WA 98201 425-258-1006
www.imaginecm.org

The Imagine Children's Museum promotes the power of play: learning and growing by doing what every child loves to do best — play! Interactive exhibits and activities encourage children from ages 1 through 12 and their families to role-play, experiment, splash, think, wander and create together. Visit the museum's website for information on hours, admission and special no-fee or discount nights.

Museum of Pop Culture

325 Fifth Ave. N at Seattle Center
Seattle, WA 98109 206-770-2700
www.mopop.org

The Museum of Pop Culture, or MoPOP, (formerly known as EMP Museum) has plenty for visitors, including interactive activity stations where they can perform music before a virtual audience, sound sculpture and lots of educational resources. The 140,000-square-foot Frank O. Gehry-designed facility is home to exhibits that cover pop culture, 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.

Space Needle

400 Broad St.
Seattle, WA 98109.....206-905-2100
www.spaceneedle.com

Located at the base of Queen Anne Hill, the Seattle Center developed from the site of the 1962 World's Fair into a 74-acre, year-round convention and family entertainment hub for the city, with the Space Needle its most famous landmark. The observation tower stands 605 feet high and offers visitors 360-degree views from the observation deck 520 feet aloft. From the rotating restaurant, diners can enjoy the panoramic Seattle skyline, the Olympic and Cascade mountain ranges, Mount Rainier, Mount Baker, Elliott Bay and the surrounding islands. Visit the website for hours and tickets.

PARKS

Snohomish County Parks have more than 100 miles of trails for jogging, hiking, biking or perhaps just walks in the woods. Check your community's parks and recreation listings to see what your local area has to offer.

Evergreen Arboretum & Gardens

American Legion Memorial Park
145 Alverson Blvd.
Everett, WA 98201425-257-8597
www.evergreenarboretum.com

Packed into 3.5 acres, Evergreen Arboretum & Gardens' 10 themed gardens include the Urban Tree Walk, Entrance Garden, Rock Garden, Northwest Native Plant Trail, Rain Garden, Japanese Maple Grove, Northwest Demonstration Garden, Viewing Mound, Woodland and Conifer Gardens as well as the 200-foot Snohomish County Master Gardeners' Demonstration Border and sculptures throughout. Experience the beautiful grounds with docent-led tours, free classes, the annual plant sale and volunteerism. Admission is free.

Forest Park

802 E. Mukilteo Blvd.
Everett, WA 98203
<https://everettwa.gov/Facilities/Facility/Details/Forest-Park-23>

Forest Park's child-friendly activities that spread over nearly 200 acres include an animal farm where the little ones can pet farm animals, ride ponies or splash with the family in a heated indoor pool. Annual special events include the stunning Dahlia Show, with its colorful displays of more than 2,500 blossoms.

Fremont Troll

3405 Troll Ave. N (under the north end of the Aurora Avenue Bridge)
Seattle, WA 98103.....206-547-7440
<http://fremont.com/about/fremonttroll.html>

The Fremont Troll came to be after the local Fremont Arts Council was approached in 1990 about doing something imaginative with the spooky space under the Aurora Bridge. After a national competition, the troll created by a team calling itself the Jersey Devils was voted the overwhelming favorite out of five finalists. The iconic troll is 18 feet high, weighs more than 2 tons, is made of steel rebar, wire and concrete, and is crushing an actual Volkswagen Beetle one-handed. Seattle's annual Troll-oween party on Oct. 31 begins at the Troll and continues on to other Fremont art spots and happenings.

Mukilteo Lighthouse Park

609 Front St.
Mukilteo, WA 98275.....425-263-8000
<http://mukilteowa.gov/departments/recreation/parks-open-spaces-trails/lighthouse-park>

One of the community's highlights, Mukilteo Lighthouse Park neighbors the Whidbey Island ferry terminal and contains the Mukilteo Lighthouse, a landmark since it was built in 1905. The lighthouse still functions and is open for free tours on weekends and holidays, April through September.

The park also holds a large picnic area, a beach, a boat launch and prime fishing spots along Possession Sound.

Point Defiance Park

5400 N. Pearl St.
Tacoma, WA 98407253-305-1088
www.metroparkstacoma.org/point-defiance-park

Point Defiance Park, one of Tacoma's best-known treasures, is recognized as among the premier urban parks in the United States. The 760-acre park includes Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium, beaches, trails, a boardwalk, a boat-house, Fort Nisqually and a stand of old-growth forest. At the Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium, the only such combination in the Pacific Northwest, visitors can view everything from sharks and stingrays to wolves and walrus. Ground was broken in 2016 for the new Pacific Seas Aquarium, scheduled to open in summer 2018; it will replace and expand the existing North Pacific Aquarium. Fort Nisqually, never a military outpost, was the first European trading post on Puget Sound. Established in 1833, the fort, now a living history museum, is a model of historic restoration and preservation. Point Defiance Park attracts more than 3.1 million visitors annually.

SHOPPING

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

Everett Mall

1402 S.E. Everett Mall Way
Everett, WA 98208425-355-1771
www.shopeverettmall.com

Everett Mall, one of the area's largest shopping centers, offers a climate-controlled escape from inclement weather. The mall houses a 16-screen movie theater and more than 100 shops under the same roof.

Marina Village

Port of Everett
www.portofeverett.com/real-estate/waterfront-districts

Everett's past as a booming port town is celebrated daily at Marina Village along the bay. Styled after an 1890's waterfront marketplace, the village is rich in restaurants and specialty stores and, of course, its marina, where sightseers can book a schooner to take them on cruises and historical tours.

Pike Place Market

85 Pike St.
Seattle, WA 98101206-682-7453
www.pikeplacemarket.org

With more than 9 acres of land and 100-plus years of history, Pike Place Market, overlooking the city's waterfront, could be thought of as "the soul of Seattle." Opening for business on Aug. 17, 1907, with a handful of farmers and their wagonloads of produce, today Pike Place Market is among America's largest, with more than 225 small independent businesses, some 225 craftspeople, about 85 farmers, a bookstore and an array of restaurants under the arcades. The market draws over 10 million visitors a year.



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Pioneer Square

www.pioneersquare.org

Pioneer Square is Seattle's original neighborhood, dating back to 1852. This historic community has seen many changes over the course of time, from natural disasters to the Gold Rush, political uprisings to urban renewals and from pioneers to a melting pot of demographics and businesses. The neighborhood is full of thriving businesses, vibrant shops, lively arts, top-rated eateries and night life.

Star Center Antique Mall

829 Second St.

Snohomish, WA 98290 360-568-2131

www.myantiquemall.com/starcenter.html

As the self-titled "Antique Capital of the Northwest," Snohomish is home to hundreds of antique dealers. The main attraction for antique hunters in town is the Star Center Antique Mall, which alone houses 200 dealers and one

GO, TEAM, GO!

You may carry your sports team loyalties with you, no matter where you go, but you can root, root, root for these local favorites too. Check out their official team websites for schedules, venue information, ticket prices and more.

Professional

Seattle Mariners (MLB): www.mariners.com

Major rivals: Oakland A's, Texas Rangers, San Diego Padres

Seattle Seahawks (NFL): www.seahawks.com

Major rivals: San Francisco 49ers, Denver Broncos, Carolina Panthers

Seattle Sounders FC (MLS):

www.soundersfc.com

Major rival: San Jose Earthquakes

College

Seattle Redhawks (Seattle University):

www.goseattleu.com

Major rivals: University of Washington Huskies, Central Washington Wildcats

Washington Huskies (University of Washington):

www.gohuskies.com

Major rivals: Seattle Redhawks, Washington State Cougars, Oregon Ducks

Washington State Cougars

(Washington State University):

www.wsucougars.com

Major rivals: Washington Huskies, Oregon Ducks, Oregon State Beavers

Local league

Jet City Roller girls: www.jetcityrollergirls.com

of the largest antique reference bookstores in the Northwest.

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 Snohomish County. The region's dynamic landscape makes the lure of the great outdoors impossible to ignore.

Everett AquaSox

Everett Memorial Stadium

3802 Broadway

Everett, WA 98201 425-258-3673

www.milb.com/everett

The Everett AquaSox, a minor league baseball team in the short-season Class A Northwest League, began play in 1984 as the Everett Giants, an affiliate of the San Francisco Giants. Just over a decade later, the Everett Giants and Bellingham Mariners switched cities for the 1995 season, and the Seattle Mariners' affiliate was renamed the Everett AquaSox. In 2010, Everett won its first Northwest League championship as the AquaSox, although they had also won the league championship in 1985 as the Giants. Catch one of their games at Everett Memorial Stadium.

Golf

This region — previously known as the birthplace of grunge rock, Starbucks and wet weather — has built up quite the golf empire over the past decade, blossoming into a destination worthy of players around the globe. When the U.S. Open chose Chambers Bay Golf Course southwest of Tacoma as its 2015 host, it hung a proverbial "open for business" sign for previously nonexistent golf tourism in the Pacific Northwest. Snohomish County has several public and country club courses, among them the 18-hole Snohomish, Flowing Lake and Kenwanda public courses. Everett has two 18-hole public courses managed by the city, Legion Memorial and Walter Hall. 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>.

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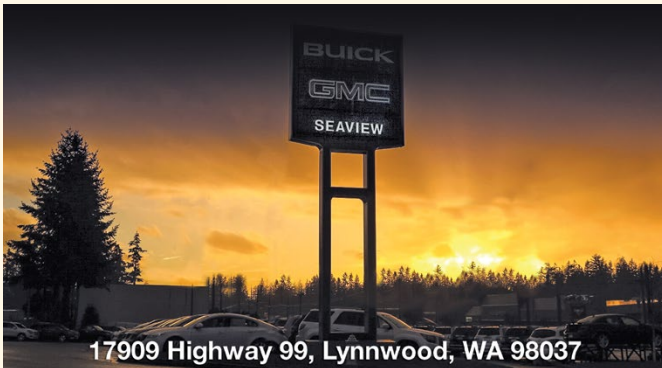
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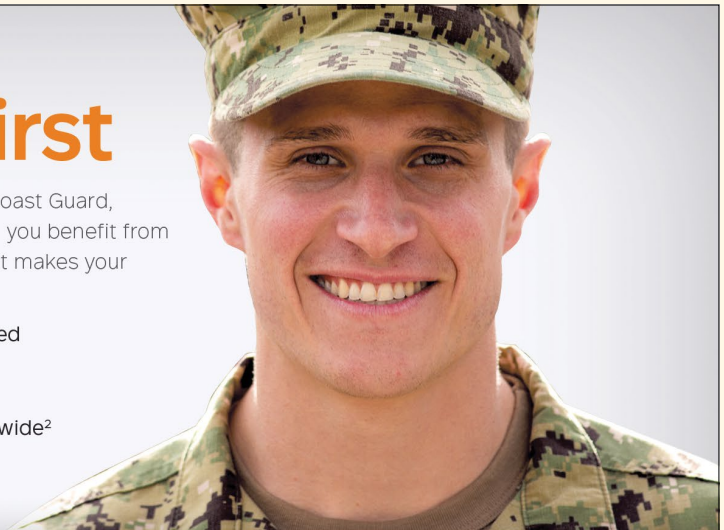
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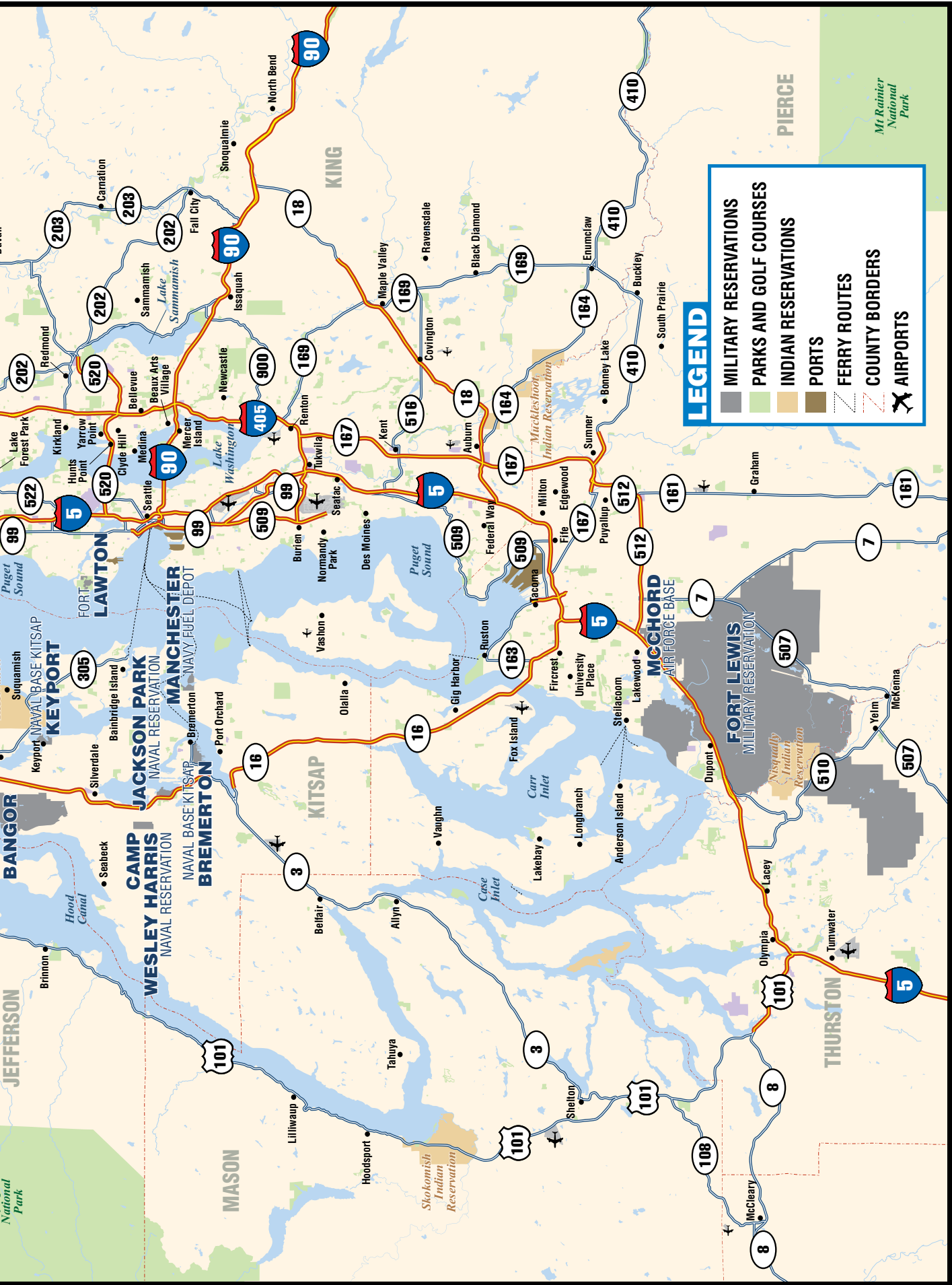
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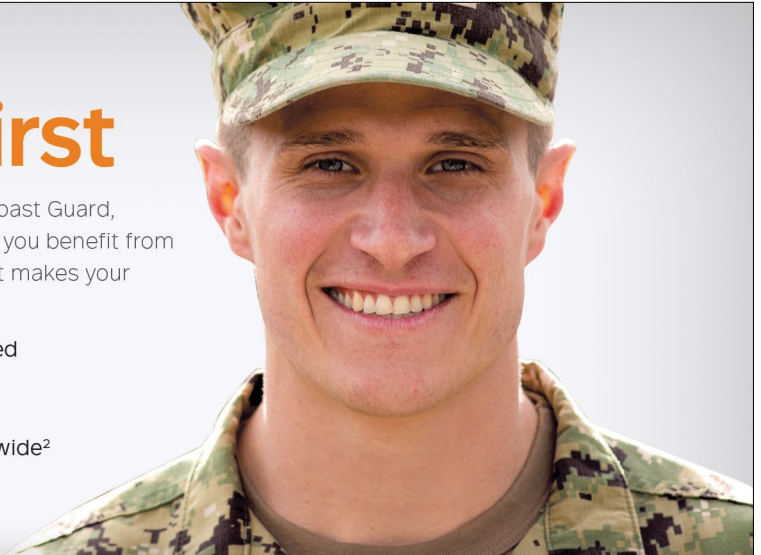
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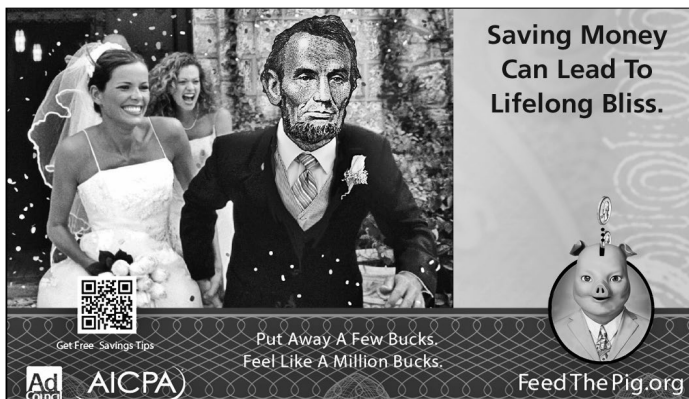
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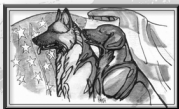
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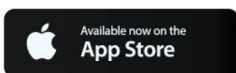
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