Located between the Washington mainland and Vancouver Island, Orcas is considered by many to be the most beautiful of the San Juan Islands.

Rural in nature, the island features a variety of lodging possibilities, from charming Bed & Breakfasts to Inns & Resorts. Shopping and activities on Orcas are nearly endless. Whether you're looking for art galleries featuring Northwest artists or a hike in the 5200-acre Moran State Park, Orcas provides you with a variety of year-round activities.

The island – noted by locals as looking like an upside-down horseshoe – is geographically divided into several charming ‘hamlets.’

**Orcas Village** is the arrival point for the Washington State ferry. Here you'll find gift shops, a grocery store, a post office, lodging, restaurants and outdoor activities.

**West Sound** features a marina, lodging possibilities, a restaurant, and a community center.

**Deer Harbor** is the farthest point West on Orcas, and offers full marina services, various lodging choices, a restaurant, and water activities.

**Eastsound** is the town center on Orcas, and extends beyond the village core. Eastsound proper is largely a walking village, offering shops of all kinds, many accommodation choices, a variety of restaurants, and many family & visitor activities. To the Southwest is **Crow Valley**, home to lodging, a museum, and the golf course. **West Beach** is due west from Eastsound and offers shops, lodging, and YMCA Camp Orkila. Located just to the South and East of Eastsound is **Rosario**, where you'll find many lodging choices, as well as the famed resort of the same name, a restaurant, a general store, a marina, and lots of activities, including the nearby **Moran State Park**.

**Olga & Doe Bay** are small in size, but offer visitors many choices, including restaurants, lodging, arts & crafts galleries, and plenty of activities.
Important: Reservations are now available on Washington State Ferries to help make trip planning easier and more predictable. How do you save a spot? Go to www.takeaferry.com. There is no fee to make a reservation, however, you need a credit/debit card to reserve your spot. When you get to the tollbooth in Anacortes you will pay for your roundtrip fare. Reservations are highly recommended for travel to the islands and your return to Anacortes.

If you need to travel at the last minute or can’t make a reservation for the day you’d like to travel, try traveling standby. While you may not always get on the sailing of your choice, there is often space available when people don’t show up for their reservations or when reservation holders end up traveling at a different time.

See current sailing schedule at: www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries

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Unless you own a plane, you get really familiar with traveling to and from Orcas Island on the ferry. Everything changes the moment you arrive at the ferry landing and wait to board. For visitors who are used to the fast life, it can be a challenge to stop and be. For others who are here precisely for the peace and quiet, it’s a joy to eschew busy-ness.

Once on the ferry, if you choose the warmth of the passenger deck above, the views are stunning. The 60- to 80-minute ride to Orcas is relaxing; people are friendly and one can chat the whole time or enjoy the solitude. Either way, it’s a perfect segue to life on the island.

Once here, the serenity and beauty take over your being. Summer beauty here is stunning – crystal clear skies, views of mountains and the sea through the forest, and breathtaking colors all around. Winter beauty incites reflective contemplation and inward creativity – windswept seas; sylvan scenes; and nature in the palettes of grays, browns, and dark greens.

One thing you’ll experience in any season is the friendliness of our people. The time to chat. The eye contact and the waves from drivers along the road. A bit like *Little House on the Prairie* in modern times, Orcas Island is a place where locals greet each other throughout the day and tourists, once de-city-fied, no longer avert their eyes.

Whether living here or visiting here, Orcas Island is a storybook place to be.
Your choice in accommodations on Orcas Island is as varied as the island itself. Possibilities include charming Bed & Breakfasts, Inns, Hotels & Resorts of all types; and rental homes & cottages for your friends and family to enjoy.

The colored dots and grid identifiers next to a listing refer to the location on the maps at the back of the Guide. Listings without this information have no map location.

Orcas Lodging Association. We offer the finest lodging accommodations on Orcas Island. B&B’s, resorts, cottages, condominiums & hotels. Orcas-Lodging.com. 360-376-2297

BED & BREAKFASTS

Deer Harbor / West Sound

The Inn on Orcas Island. “One of the 20 best seaside getaways on the West Coast” – Sunset Magazine. 114 Channel Rd. TheInnOnOrcasIsland.com. 360-376-5227

Eastsound and Surrounding Area


CAMPING / GLAMPING

Deer Harbor

Island Westys. Classic VW Westfalia multi-day rentals for exploring and camping around the San Juan Islands. IslandWestys.com. 360-376-2770

Eastsound and Surrounding Area

LEANTO @ Moran State Park. Take the easy way out & enjoy an outfitted glamping tent in the park wilderness. South End Loop. StayLeanto.com. 360-298-1684


INNS / HOTELS / RESORTS

Deer Harbor / West Sound


Eastsound and Surrounding Area


Inn at Ship Bay. 11 water view rooms each w/balcony, private bath, king-sized bed, Franklin fireplace & other amenities. Farm-to-table seasonal dining overlooking Ship Bay. 326 Olga Rd. InnAtShipBay.com. 360-376-5886

Landmark Inn on Orcas Island. Waterview condos for nightly/weekly rentals in Eastsound. Private decks, kitchens, WiFi, easy walk to shops/restaurants. 65 Main St. Manager@OrcasIsland-Landmark.com. 360-376-2423


Orcas Village

The Orcas Hotel. Full-service historic hotel overlooking the ferry. A great place to stay & see all the islands have to offer. Rent the whole hotel for events! 18 Orcas Hotel Rd. OrcasHotel.com. 360-376-4300
VACATION RENTALS / COTTAGES

Deer Harbor / West Sound

All Dream Cottages.  Waterfront cottages – romantic & private with fully-equipped kitchens, large decks, breathtaking views, resident wildlife & more.  All a Dream.  DreamStayOrcas.com.  360-376-2500


Once in a Blue Moon Farm.  Cottage farm suites & beach locations.  Separate family Beach House.  Wet bars/kitchens, decks, gardens, views.  35-acre historic farm & orchard.  412 Eastman Rd.  OnceInABlueMoonFarm.com.  360-376-7035

The Crow's Nest.  Charming studio apartment in beautiful West Sound! Fabulous water views from private deck.  Public beach & dock right across the street.  942 Deer Harbor Rd.  cto@rockisland.com.  360-376-4633

Turtlehead Farm.  Our cabin sits on a mossy knoll, adjacent to Turtleback Mt. preserve.  Beautiful barn & gardens.  Perfect for nature & equestrian lovers.  231 Lime Quarry Rd.  Info@TurtleheadFarm.com.  360-376-3649

Eastsound and Surrounding Area


Cherie L Lindholm Real Estate.  Full service real estate and property management.  Vacation rental specialists.  OrcasHomes.com.  360-376-2204

Eastsound Chinook Studios & Wisteria Cottage.  Moderately priced accommodations on 5 sunny pastoral acres.  Short walk to Village shops.  Orcas1.com.  360-376-4330

Highlands Sunset House.  Beautiful 3BD, 3BA home.  Sleeps 9. Wonderful view of Eastsound & points beyond.  Watch the eagles fly from the deck.  519 Highlands Dr.  AirBnB.com/Rooms/17748482.  360-317-6095

Indian Island Suites.  Upscale, beautifully furnished, luxurious setting in Eastsound. Complete with full kitchens, laundry, jetted tubs, satellite TV, Perfect home away from home.  18 Fishing Ally.  3IndianIslandSuites@gmail.com.  360-298-2219

Islandview Haus.  Offering a luxury stay for families & friends. Includes a gourmet kitchen, full service spa, game/media rooms, pool table, tipi & amazing island views.  Parker Reef Rd.  IslandviewHaus94@gmail.com

NW Island Escapes.  We offer the largest vacation rental portfolio in the San Juans.  Beautiful private homes with professional management.  VacationRentalsSanJuansIslands.com.  800-391-8190 or 360-378-3601

SeaStar Lodging.  Launch your island explorations from these exceptional & immaculate lodgings – 3 homes & 4 delightful condos offer accommodations for 2-12.  344 Main St.  SeaStarOrcasIsland.com.  360-593-9538
The Salish-Seaside Escapes. Artisanal waterfront cottages located just outside of Eastsound. 327 Sunset Ave. The-Salish.com. 360-376-2234

Olga / Doe Bay

Bayside Cottages. Lovely cottages with full kitchens. 12 private, waterfront acres. Private beach access, views of Mt Baker, Rosario Strait & nearby islands. 65 Willis Ln. Orcas1.com. 360-376-4330


Buck Bay Getaway. Enjoy the Getaway from the shorelines of Buck Bay with views of our oyster farm in the San Juan Islands. BuckBayShellfishFarm.com. 360-376-5280


Orcas Village

The Cottages at Orcas Landing. A cozy collection of seaside cottages perfectly positioned to be your home base as you explore the San Juans. 8292 Orcas Rd. TheCottagesAtOrcasLanding.com. 540-742-4882

ORCAS BY THE NUMBERS

5252 Acreage of land in Moran State Park
4894 Residents of Orcas Island
2409 Elevation of Mt. Constitution in feet
247 Average annual days with sunshine
172 Number of named islands in the San Juans
77 Shoreline of Orcas Island in miles
57 Orcas Island total square miles (largest of the San Juans)
40 Maximum speed limit on the island (less in many areas)
27 Driving miles from farthest points on island
4 Number of Ferry-served islands in the San Juans
3 Gas stations on Orcas Island
1 Orcas Island’s place in your heart after visiting
0 Number of stop lights on Orcas Island
1. Time slows down the minute you get in line to wait for the ferry to the island
2. Natural beauty surrounds you wherever you are
3. The community genuinely cares about each other
4. Going to the store is a social event – you know half the people there
5. You can buy your veggies and meat from local family farms
6. Fashion is not an issue
7. There are no stoplights, chain stores, fast food joints, or malls
8. The fastest speed allowed is 40 MPH
9. Strangers wave to you from their cars, even if you’re a tourist
10. There’s a festivity just about every week and sometimes every day
11. There are flower stands, egg stands, and veggie shacks where you can leave your money in metal boxes and jars on the honor system
12. Artists, gardeners, ceramicists, sculptors, and painters abound here
13. The mayor is an annually-elected pet (it’s a fundraiser for a local school)
14. We have our own film festival in October
15. You can kayak along the coast, swim in the lake, and climb to the highest point all in a day
16. Wildlife is abundant – rabbits at the ferry landing, deer in your yard, eagles above, owls at night, geese on the shore, frogs in the ponds, and the list goes on
17. The weather can change by the hour – or by the minute
18. Street names really are what they’re called: Enchanted Forest Rd, Mt Baker Rd, Prune Alley, Rose Hip Rd
19. It never gets too hot or too cold
20. You can take a short ferry ride over to San Juan or Lopez Island to shop, eat and explore
Historic Places on Orcas Island

Orcas Island has a unique history, and a glimpse at that history can be found in its historic landmarks. The following is a sampling of those buildings. Please respect the buildings, grounds, and businesses that may be in these historic treasures.

**Orcas Hotel** *(Orcas Village)*
Victorian structure built by William Sutherland, a Canadian entrepreneur, in 1904.
*National Register of Historic Places.*

**Deer Harbor Community Club** *(Deer Harbor)*
Built as the Deer Harbor School in 1905, it is now a community gathering spot.

**Crow Valley School Museum** *(near Eastsound)*
Built in 1888, and serving as the Crow Valley School until 1918, it now houses photos and artifacts.
*National Register of Historic Places.*

**Outlook Inn** *(Eastsound)*
Previously housing a store, post office and barber shop, this 1888 structure took its present name in 1942.

**Emmanuel Episcopal Church** *(Eastsound)*
Modeled after an English country church, this 1886 building was designed by Rev. Sidney Gray, the first rector.
*National Register of Historic Places.*

**Orcas Island Historical Museum** *(Eastsound)*
Six early settlers’ cabins (late 1800s) are featured on the Museum’s grounds. Originally from various parts of the island, each structure was reassembled at the site in 1956. See island artifacts; massive Heron sculpture.

**Rosario Resort** *(near Eastsound)*
Built in 1906 by Robert Moran, who also served as Mayor of Seattle, the mansion’s teak and brass recall Moran’s ship-building expertise.
*National Register of Historic Places.*

**Observation Tower on Mt. Constitution** *(Moran State Park)*
Built by the Civilian Conservation Corps (WPA) in 1936, of sandstone hauled from nearby Sucia Island, it is patterned after 12th Century watchtowers of southeastern Europe.

**Artworks Building in Olga** *(Olga)*
Built in 1936 as a strawberry barreling plant on land owned by local strawberry growers, it is now a cooperative art gallery and café.
*Washington Heritage Register of Historic Places.*

**Doe Bay Post Office** *(Doe Bay)*
Now part of an island resort, this 1908 building was part of a complete village port used for freight and passengers.
*National Register of Historic Places.*

For more information about Orcas Island’s history and its Historic Places, please contact or visit the Orcas Island Historical Museum. The museum is open to the public, providing exhibits and presentations, as well as a research center for our island history. Visit OrcasMuseums.org, or call 360-376-4849.

Photo: Wade Campbell
Breakfast, lunch or dinner… Orcas Island restaurants offer an amazing range of delicious eating experiences in every price range. From simple pub fare to fine dining, variety is the name of the game, and local, organic produce is often the mainstay of a satisfying meal created by some of the Northwest’s top chefs. Current restaurant hours at www.bit.ly/OrcasDining.

RESTAURANTS / CAFÉS / CATERING

Deer Harbor


Eastsound and Surrounding Area

Brown Bear Baking. Perfect for breakfast, lunch or a late day treat! Artisanal hearth-baked bread, pastries, soup, sandwiches & divine desserts. 29 N Beach Rd. Facebook.com/BrownBearBaking. 360-855-7456


Country Corner Deli. Breakfast, lunch & dinner. Closest stop to Moran State park! Pizza, burgers, subs, pastries & fresh-roasted coffee. 837 Crescent Beach Dr. 360-376-6900

Darvill’s Coffee Bar. Serving Batdorf & Bronson espresso drinks, Theo sipping chocolate, local pastries from Roses & Endswell Bakersies Daily 8:00 – 5:30. 296 Main Street. 360-376-9866

Inn at Ship Bay. Dining Room & Lounge features local, seasonal farm-to-table inspired cuisine. Wine & Cocktail lists include many local wines, beers & spirits. 326 Olga Rd. InnAtShipBay.com. 360-376-5886

Kathryn Taylor Chocolates. Artisan chocolates made from fresh, local & organic ingredients. Elegant desserts, Snoqualmie Ice Cream & Stumptown Coffee. Corner of N Beach Rd & Main St. KTChocolates.com. 360-298-8093

New Leaf Café at The Outlook Inn. Boutique Hotel and Restaurant located on the water in Eastsound. 171 Main St. OutlookInn.com. 360-376-2200


Pizzeria Portofino. The only thing better than the view is our pizza. By the slice or the pie. Hot & cold sandwiches & salads. Open daily. 274 A Street, 2nd Floor. 360-376-2085


Roses Bakery Café. Supporting sustainable farming. Menu reflecting the seasons. Wholesome food prepared with care. Store featuring breads, wines, cheeses, cured meats, cookware & more. 382 Prune Alley. 360-376-4292 (café) 360-376-5805 (shop)
Sugar on Top. Delicious local ice cream on top of the world – highest viewpoint in the San Juans – out of our vintage Airstream. 4960 Mt Constitution Rd. OrcasAdventures.com. 360-376-4665

The Barnacle. A treasured cozy craft bar & restaurant. Cocktails and elixirs delight the pallet, paired with small plates featuring local purveyors. 249 Prune Alley. Facebook.com/BarnacleBar. 360-622-2675

The Loft at Madrona. A modern & elegant dining experience with views overlooking downtown Eastsound & the bay. 310 Main St, Suite 201. MadronaLoft.com. 360-376-7173


The White Horse Pub. Orcas Island’s waterfront Irish Pub. Delicious Irish/seafood and Pub grub. Full service bar & large TVs. Open to all ages. 246 Main St. IslandWhiteHorse.com. 360-376-7827

Wild Island: Juice Bagel & Bowl. Seasonally local, routinely organic breakfast, lunch and dinners. Real bagels, rice bowls, bone broth, juices & smoothies. We love kids! 18 Urner St. WildIslandJBB@gmail.com. 360-298-3404

Olga / Doe Bay / Obstruction Pass


Doe Bay Cafe. World-class seed-to-table cuisine with waterfront views. Serving locally raised meat and Pacific NW seafood on a vegetable forward menu. 107 Doe Bay Rd. DoeBay.com. 360-376-2291

Orcas Village

Octavia’s Bistro in The Orcas Hotel. Delicious seafood, steaks, spirits & lively atmosphere overlooking the harbor. Call for specials & reservations. 18 Orcas Hotel Rd. OrcasHotel.com. 360-376-4300

West Sound

Red Rabbit Farm. Chef Christina Orchid recreates the farm dinners she remembers from her youth. Featuring local raised beef, lamb, garden produce, seafood & fruit. RedRabbitFarm.com. 360-376-3208

The artistic talent on Orcas Island is some of the most renowned in the Pacific Northwest. The island's many creative forces will surely keep you entertained, be it original artwork & pottery, or musical & theatrical presentations unrivaled in the region.

ARTS & CRAFTS:

GALLERIES / STUDIOS / POTTERY / TEXTILES

Orcas Island Arts Special Events

Orcas Artists 3-Day Studio Tour. August 10-12. Free! Visit the working studios of top Orcas artists. Watch demonstrations, meet the artists & purchase their most recent work. OrcasArtistsStudioTour.com. 360-376-2755

Eastsound and Surrounding Area

Art of the Salish Sea. Unique gift items, glass, Coast Salish original art, prints, cards, carvings, garments & jewelry. Leather and silk with native style. 344 Main St, Suite 102. salishart@orcasonline.com. 360-376-2355

Jacqueline Kempfer Artist Studio. An art gallery and working studio featuring Jackie’s original paintings of Orcas Island scenery in watercolor, oil & Sumi ink. 474 North Beach Rd, Suite #1. JacquelineKempferArtist.com. 360-376-2282

Kingfisher Eastsound Studio. Orcas-inspired original Chinese Brush Paintings and Watercolors. 474 N Beach Rd #3. 360-376-4693

Orcas Island Pottery. Jeweltone pottery, 12 local potters, 150-yr-old log cabin, 72 years in business, treehouse, great view, a must-see location. 338 Old Pottery Rd. OrcasIslandPottery.com. 360-376-2813


Shinola Jewelry. By appointment only. Custom design in gold and other precious metals. Pieces available on site. Watch batteries and minor repairs. 360-376-4508

Olga / Doe Bay / Obstruction Pass


Orcas Island Artworks. We are a fine art co-operative gallery of 47 island artists, located in a historic building in the Hamlet of Olga. 11 Point Lawrence Rd. OrcasArtworks.com. 360-376-4408

Orcas Village

Todd Spalti Art. Creating commissioned wood and steel sculpture for nearly 30 years. Some examples of work can be viewed at the studio by appointment. ToddSpalti.com. 360-376-6010

Warm Valley Orchard LLC. Handmade yarns/textiles from our sheep & other natural fibers. Seasonal fruits/meats/vegetables from our farm, orchard & garden. Daily 9:30 am–5 pm, or by appt. 124 Warm Valley Lane. WarmValleyOrchard.com. 360-376-4386.
**Orcas Center.** Arts & cultural hub of the community hosting dance, music, theatre & visual arts. Venue available for both public & private events. 917 Mt Baker Rd. OrcasCenter.org. 360-376-2281

**Orcas Island Chamber Music Festival.** August 3-18, 2018. 21st season of world-class chamber music! Riveting concerts, renowned musicians, fascinating lectures, convivial receptions, free Children’s Concert. 917 Mt Baker Rd. OICMF.org. 360-376-6636

**Orcas Island Film Festival.** Featuring a curated selection of critically acclaimed international films & audience favorites direct from their debuts at the world’s greatest film festivals. 221 A Street, Suite 5B. OrcasFilmFest.com. 360-378-7527
Orcas Island — The Mecca of Kayaking

by Jeff Zbornik and Tom Carter

Orcas Island is renowned as a destination – a ‘mecca’ – for kayakers. The natural beauty of the environment, abundant wildlife, and scattered state park island campsites provide a fantastic opportunity to enjoy the islands intimately from a kayak. The islands are also known for their sometimes challenging conditions, so it is important to consider your ability and options when planning your kayak journey in the San Juans.

There are several options for kayaking on Orcas Island, and it is important to consider these realistically. We have outfitters offering guided tours, and these are recommended for most visitors. Kayakers with training and practice in rescue techniques and paddling in currents may choose to bring their own kayaks. Instruction for all levels of kayakers is also available from several outfitters. If you plan on kayaking as a continuing sport, this is a great place to get the proper skills training. During part of the year, recreational kayaks are even available for rent on Moran State Park’s Cascade Lake.

As beautiful as the surrounding sea is, paddlers need to be aware of strong currents, cold water, and capricious winds as challenges in the islands. Wind and current can build up extremely rough waters in certain areas, which aren’t necessarily obvious looking at a chart or the terrain. Experienced island instructors and guides know how to avoid these hazards.

The wildlife available for viewing from a kayaker’s vantage point can be amazing. Whales, porpoises, otters, seals, sea lions, and many marine birds make the islands their home. Being aware of appropriate behavior around wildlife is important for all who paddle. Many animals are legally protected from harassment, and all should be approached with care and respect. Kayakers are in a unique position to enjoy – and impact – wildlife in the islands.

Your kayaking adventure can happen on Orcas Island! Contact a local outfitter with questions about what may be appropriate for your plans and skill level. Many people have their first kayak experience on Orcas Island each summer. Both novice and skilled kayakers enjoy exploring the beautiful San Juan Islands.
The moment you arrive on the island, your Orcas adventure begins! A multitude of activities are available for adults, children & families. Be active…relax…explore…it’s your call as Orcas Island has it all!

**Bicycles: Rentals & Repairs**

**Eastsound and Surrounding Area**

**Wildlife Cycles.** Electric bikes make riding Orcas fun! We also have road, mountain and kid’s bikes. Rentals, repairs, apparel, accessories and sales. 350 North Beach Rd. WildlifeCycles.com. 360-376-4708

**Boating / Sailing / Charters / Rentals**

**Deer Harbor**

**Classic Daysailing.** Let’s Go Sailing! 3-hr daysails aboard the classic 33’ sloop Aura in the heart of the islands. No experience required. Bring your own picnic. Deer Harbor Marina. WardFay@rockisland.com. 360-376-5581

**Orcas Boat Rentals & Charters.** Get out on the water! Power & sailboat rentals for half-day or full-day. Fishing, wildlife sightseeing, exploring the islands. 5164 Deer Harbor Rd. OrcasBoatRentals.com. 360-376-7616

**Eastsound and Surrounding Area**

**Day Sailing Tours from Rosario Resort.** No Experience necessary. Departures 12 & 3 PM, 2-3 hour tours. Book Online! DeerHarborCharters.com. 360-376-5989

**Orcas Adventures.** We offer kayaks, canoes, paddle boats, paddle boards, and row boats to get you out on the lake. 3786 Olga Rd. OrcasAdventures.com. 360-376-4665

**Outer Island Excursions.** Guaranteed whale watching! Private & shared charters, fishing, island hopping, boat rentals, sunset dinner cruises. You name it, we do it. OuterIslandX.com. 360-376-3711


**Olga / Doe Bay / Obstruction Pass**

**Orcas Island Sailing.** We provide a relaxed & fun sailing opportunity for families & friends. Custom hands-on Sailing Lessons & Classic Sailboat Rentals. 1945 Obstruction Pass Rd. OrcasSailing.com. 360-310-0100

**Breweries & Liquor/Wine Shops**

**Eastsound and Surrounding Area**


**Island Hoppin’ Brewery.** Enjoy a pint of local beer in our tasting room or patio. Light snacks & games available for all ages. 33 Hope Ln. IslandHoppinBrewery.com. 360-376-6079

**CAMPS**

**Deer Harbor**

Four Winds Westward Ho Camp. Nonprofit, residential summer camp for children. Sailing, horses, music, arts & crafts and sports in a natural setting. FourWindsCamp.org. 360-376-2277

**Eastsound and Surrounding Area**

YMCA Camp Orkila. Summer day & overnight camps. Leadership & expedition trips for teens. Weekend family camps, outdoor environmental education for schools, retreats & conference space. 484 Camp Orkila Rd. CampOrkila.org. 360-376-2678

**FARMS / FARMERS’ MARKET / SHELLFISH**

**Eastsound and Surrounding Area**


Maple Rock Farm. Self-service farm stand. Open daily 10:00 to dusk. 509 Nordstrom Lane. MapleRockFarm.com. 360-622-6433


**Olga / Doe Bay / Obstruction Pass**

Buck Bay Shellfish. Gourmet site-grown shellfish, fresh local seafood & quality frozen products available for on-site enjoyment or take out. 117 EJ Young Rd. BuckBayShellfishFarm.com. 360-376-5280

Warm Valley Farm LLC. Our stand provides exquisite produce, beautiful flowers, delicious fruit, eggs and amazing heritage pork near the Ferry Landing. 7483 Orcas Rd. WarmValleyFarm.com. 360-376-4378

Warm Valley Orchard LLC. Handmade yarns/textiles from our sheep & other natural fibers. Seasonal fruits/meats/vegetables from our farm, orchard & garden. Daily 9:30am-5pm or by appt. 124 Warm Valley Lane. WarmValleyOrchard.com. 360-376-4386

**FISHING**

**Deer Harbor**

North Shore Charters. Sport fishing, wildlife tours, harbor tours, sunset cruises & marine State Park adventures. All tours are private & customized to your needs. 5164 Deer Harbor Rd. OrcasIslandAdventures.com. 360-376-4855
**Eastsound and Surrounding Area**


**GOLF**

**Eastsound and Surrounding Area**

**Orcas Island Golf Course.** 9 holes with 18 tee layout. Driving range, Callaway golf club rentals, golf cart & pull cart rentals available. Tee time reservations recommended. 2171 Orcas Rd. GolfOrcas.com. 360-376-4400

**HORSEBACK RIDING**

**Eastsound and Surrounding Area**

**Old Trout Inn.** Visit Wild Rose Stable & tour the barn. Offering group & private instruction for riders of all ages/levels with a Certified Riding Instructor. 5272 Orcas Rd. OldTroutInn.com. 360-376-7474


**KAYAKING: TOURS / RENTAL / INSTRUCTION**

**Eastsound and Surrounding Area**

**Outer Island Excursions.** Tours & rentals. 3-hour & full-day tours. Half & full-day rentals. Paddle Orcas or Sucia Island State Park. Lots of wildlife. OuterIslandX.com. 360-376-3711. 360-622-6562

**Shearwater Kayak Tours.** Explore the island by kayak! Small group tours, several choice locations, wildlife and beautiful scenery. Custom tours & group discounts. 138 North Beach Rd. ShearwaterKayaks.com. 360-376-4699

**West Beach Resort.** Kayak & stand-up paddle board rentals in our bay, or guided sunset tours along the west side of the island. 190 Waterfront Way. WestBeachResort.com. 360-376-2240

**Olga / Doe Bay**

**Kayaking at Spring Bay.** Private, personalized tours led by local, knowledgeable naturalist in a great location! Next to Obstruction Pass State Park. Beginners welcome! 464 Spring Bay Trail. SpringBayOnOrcas.com. 360-376-5531

**Orcas Island Kayaks @ Lieber Haven.** Kayaks of various designs, motorboats for your own tours & rowboats for rent. Located at Lieber Haven Resort. Call for reservations. OrcasIslandKayaks.com. 360-376-2472

**MASSAGE / SPA / FITNESS**

**Eastsound and Surrounding Area**

**A Massage By the Sea.** Creating healing memories with duet massages, couples romance, aromatherapy, hot stones, Hawaiian, Balinese foot bath/reflexology, myofascial, sports injury. Walk-ins welcome! OrcasMassage.com. 344 Main St. 360-376-8006

**Deborah Darner, LMT/Wild Rose Ltd.** Therapeutic massage. Aromatherapy products. Energy treatments: Reiki, Aura/Chakra balancing, medical intuitive counsel, plant spirit readings. Parties also. Outcall or Eastsound studio. 360-376-4188


Orcas Athletics & Crossfit. Full Service Athletic Club: indoor pool, sauna, hot tub, racquetball court, CrossFit, group training, free weights and more! 188 A St. OrcasAthletics.com. 360-376-6361


Olga / Doe Bay / Obstruction Pass

Doe Bay Resort & Retreat. Relax in our clothing-optional outdoor soaking tubs and indoor sauna followed by a specially tailored massage treatment. Yoga classes also available. 107 Doe Bay Rd. DoeBay.com 360-376-2291

MUSEUMS

Eastsound and Surrounding Area

Orcas Island Historical Museum & Crow Valley School Museum. Collection exhibits, artifacts, images & oral histories in six historic homestead log cabins & a one-room school house museum. 181 N Beach Rd. OrcasMuseums.org. 360-376-4849


PARKS: STATE & COUNTY

Eastsound Village Green. San Juan County Park in Eastsound on North Beach Road. Features: Seasonal outdoor events; Farmers’ Market May-October; Public Restrooms.

Eastsound Waterfront Park. Day-use San Juan County Park in Eastsound. Picnic tables and beach access.

Moran State Park & Obstruction Pass State Park. Moran offers 124 campsites, six primitive sites and one group camp. 10 primitive campsites at Obstruction Pass State Park (no potable water FCFS). Reservations at parks.state.wa.us or call 1-888-CAMPOUT. FriendsOfMoran.org
VISITOR & FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Special Events

Orcas Artists 3-Day Studio Tour. August 10-12. Free! Visit the working studios of top Orcas artists. Watch demonstrations, meet the artists & purchase their most recent work. OrcasArtistsStudioTour.com. 360-376-2755

Deer Harbor

Deer Harbor Charters. Experience the Island & history aboard a whale watching cruise, sailing charter or Sucia Island day trip today. Call 360-376-5989

Eastsound and Surrounding Area

Orcas Animal Shelter. The Orcas Animal Shelter is modern, clean, visitor and animal friendly. Families are welcome to pet dogs & cats. 84A Hope Lane. OrcasPets.org. 360-376-6777


WHALE & WILDLIFE TOURS

Deer Harbor


Eastsound and Surrounding Area


Outer Island Excursions. Guaranteed whale sightings! Go farther, go faster, price match guarantee! OuterIslandX.com. 360-376-3711. 360-622-6562

Orcas Village


YOGA & PILATES

Eastsound and Surrounding Area


Orcas Mandala Yoga & Bodywork Studio. Walk in beauty! Daily classes, all levels. Drop-ins welcome. Private yoga & bodywork sessions available for individual, groups or special events. 138 N Beach Rd. OrcasMandala.com. 360-298-0218
Although Orcas Island wasn’t named after killer whales (who are often called orcas because of their Latin name, *Orcinus orca*), it would have been a fine idea as we are lucky to have 3 types of orcas that frequent our waters.

People are most familiar with the fish-eating type or “resident” orcas. These whales are salmon eaters, preferring Chinook as shown in recent studies. In the San Juans we most commonly see resident whales from J, K, and L pods. These 85 or so animals make up what is called the Southern Resident Community. Once thought to number 200 animals, this population was recently listed as Endangered in the US and Canada. While people most often see them in large groups off of the west side of San Juan Island where they cooperatively hunt salmon returning to spawn, they also can be seen in President Channel on the west side of Orcas, off North Beach, or in Rosario Strait off Orcas’ east side. Less commonly seen are resident whales from another community, the Northern Residents. These whales are more common north of the border, but they do make trips down into the San Juans. While the fish eaters hunt in large groups, the mammal-eating type of killer whales, often referred to as “transients,” are usually seen in small groups of 3-5 animals. Because they hunt seals and other marine mammals, transient killer whales can be seen all around Orcas Island, especially in the late summer or early fall when there is a plethora of just-born fat, young and not-so-smart harbor seals.

Occasionally, we are lucky enough to see fish-eating killer whales that come into the San Juans from the open ocean. Like the resident killer whales, these “off-shore” orcas come in to eat salmon migrating back from the open ocean.

Orcas can be identified by the shape of their dorsal fin and white saddle patch and are individually known by name to experienced whale watchers. Don’t worry if you can’t tell what type of killer whale you see, some legends say that just seeing one is a gift. Get out to the beach and keep your eyes open for blows in the distance and don’t be disappointed if you don’t see an orca; there are plenty of other rewarding things to see on the beach.
While on Orcas (“the Rock” in local lingo), be sure to include a stroll through Eastsound and the surrounding hamlets that make up Orcas Island. As you do, treat yourself to the rich variety of local goods offered by shops of all types. You’re sure to find that special gift for friend, family, or yourself. No visit is complete without a little something from the island.

**ANTIQUES / CONSIGNMENT / THRIFT SHOPS**

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<td><strong>Score! Nifty Thrifty.</strong> Huge variety of functional, working &amp; affordable items for your thrifty shopping pleasure! Post Office building on A Street. Facebook.com/ScoreNiftyThrifty. 360-376-8375</td>
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<td><strong>Jillery.</strong> Unique jewelry, mostly handmade. A whimsical gift shop/gallery featuring accessories for people, homes &amp; gardens! Something for everyone. 310 Main St. <a href="mailto:jillery@rockisland.com">jillery@rockisland.com</a>. 360-376-5522</td>
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Olga’s. An inspired boutique featuring a well-edited collection of women’s apparel. Fine jewelry, children’s clothing, gifts & unique items for your home. 109-C N Beach Rd. 360-376-5863

Orcas Arts & Gifts. Family owned for 31 years. Great local art & handmade jewelry. Have custom jewelry made for you from personal treasures. T-shirts, hats, crystals, fossils & more. 245 Main St. OrcasIslandSeaGlass.com. 360-941-7297

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Olga / Doe Bay / Obstruction Pass

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GROCERY STORE / MARKET / DELI

Eastsound and Surrounding Area

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Island Market. Full-service market with great selection of NW meats, seafood, produce, beer, wine & spirits. Mon-Sat 7am-9pm (10pm summer) & Sun 8am-8pm. 469 Market Street. OrcasIslandMarket.com. 360-376-6000


HARDWARE & HOUSEHOLD

Eastsound and Surrounding Area

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BUSINESS & FINANCIAL
Eastsound and Surrounding Area

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Eastsound and Surrounding Area
Orcas Online, Inc. High-Speed Internet Service, surf room with workstations, computer repair, website hosting, website & network developers, scanning, faxing, copying, in-home or in-office. 254 North Beach Rd. OrcasOnline.net. 360-376-4124

CHURCHES
Eastsound and Surrounding Area
Emmanuel Episcopal Parish of Orcas Island. Welcoming faith community with open hearts and minds. Traditional services Sunday at 8am/10am & Thursday at 12:15pm. Misa primer sabado 6pm. 242 Main St. OrcasEpiscopal.org. 360-376-2352
Orcas Island Community Church. A vibrant, non-denominational community church & island tradition for 134 years. Sunday morning worship & weekday programs serving all ages. 176 Madrona St. OrcasChurch.org. 360-376-6422

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS & NON-PROFITS
West Sound

Visitor Services: Personal & Professional
**EQUIPMENT RENTALS**

*Eastsound and Surrounding Area*

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**HEALTH CARE: CLINICS & SERVICES**

*Eastsound and Surrounding Area*

**Healing Arts Center.** The largest holistic health-care resource in the islands. Massage, Bodywork, Acupuncture, Counseling, Psychotherapy, Licensed Midwife & Doula Services, Integrative Medicine, Nutritional/Herbalist Services. 453 North Beach Rd. OrcasHealingArts.org. 360-376-4002

**Orcas Family Health Center.** Providing quality medical care & services to residents & visitors. All insurances accepted, sliding fee scale available. 1286 Mt Baker Rd #B102. OrcasFamilyHealthCenter.org. 260-376-7778

**LIBRARY**

**Orcas Island Public Library.** Visitor cards, free internet & Wi-Fi, programs, great collection. We host the Friends’ Library Fair on the 2nd Saturday in August. 500 Rose St. OrcasLibrary.org. 360-376-4985

**OFFICE SUPPLIES & SERVICES: COPYING & FAXING**

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*Eastsound and Surrounding Area*

**Cherie L. Lindholm Real Estate.** Full service real estate and property management. Vacation rental specialists. OrcasHomes.com 360-376-2202

**Orcas Island Realty.** Real estate marketing, sales & consulting. Top producing agents with in-depth knowledge of the islands. We provide personalized service as you find your perfect property. 123 North Beach Rd. Info@OrcasIslandRealty.com. 360-376-2145

**Wally Gudgell Group at Windermere.** Top agent with extensive experience in sales, valuations, finance & the unique land use issues in the islands. Wally@Windermere.com. 360-507-5443 or 360-376-2172

**Windermere Real Estate Orcas Island.** Whether buying, selling or renting, our highly-qualified brokers provide the excellent, personal service you deserve. We’re your community real estate specialists. 18 Haven Rd. Orcas-Island.com. 360-376-8000

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**Orcas Island School District.** Award-winning Middle & High Schools. Excellent elementary with low student-teacher ratio; grades 1-3 Montessori program; superb music & arts program. 557 School Rd. OrcasIslandSchools.org. 360-376-2284

Kenmore Air. Daily flights between Seattle’s Lake Union & Orcas Island; wheel planes flights between Boeing Field & Eastsound Airport. Just 40 minutes! KenmoreAir.com. 866-435-9524

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VISITOR INFORMATION & PUBLICATIONS

Orcas Island Chamber of Commerce. Providing visitor information about Orcas Island, including this guide. Visitor Information Center offers trip planning help. Free weekly Orcas Events email. 65 N Beach Rd. OrcasIslandChamber.com. Info@OrcasIslandChamber.com. 360-376-2273

San Juan Islands Visitors Bureau. Marketing organization for San Juan County representing Lopez, Orcas, Shaw & San Juan Islands; produces website, travel and wedding brochures. VisitSanJuans.com. 888-468-3701 or 360-378-9551

The Islands’ Sounder. Print & electronic newspaper covering Orcas Island & San Juan County. Also produces Springtide & the Book of San Juan Islands relocation almanac. 217 Main St. IslandsSounder.com. 360-376-4500

Photo: Wade Campbell
Farming and gathering has a long tradition on Orcas Island. Driving though Crow Valley to the regions of Doe Bay, you will find farms that have been here for over a century. Stop in at fisheries, businesses and restaurants featuring mouth-watering delicacies made with foods grown and gathered throughout the islands.

The San Juan Islands Agricultural Guild works to continue the traditions of island agriculture by providing support and opportunities to farmers and producers. Programs like the San Juan County Food Hub, Farmers to Farmland, Island Grown in the San Juans, and Brickworks commercial kitchen all work towards fostering a vibrant, resilient and sustainable local food system in San Juan County.

Experience the island way of life by:

- Stopping at a farm stand or visit the Farmers Market on Saturday.
- Visiting or staying on a farm is fun for the whole family and gives an opportunity for a deeper connection to where our food comes from.
- Picking up the San Juan County Farm and Food Product Guide, or the Farm and Food map to find the locations and hours of where to get locally made products.
- Looking for the Island Grown label advertising farms, products, restaurants and businesses committed to growing and supporting a thriving local food system and a sustainable, healthy future.

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ACTIVITIES


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Orcas Island Lions Club. Weddings, reunions – rent tents, tables & chairs with no setup or delivery fees. All money goes back to the Orcas Community. OrcasIslandLions.org. 888-269-6766
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Eastsound and Surrounding Area

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Outlook Inn & New Leaf Café. Boutique Hotel and Restaurant located on the water in Eastsound. 171 Main St. OutlookInn.com. 360-376-2200

Rosario Resort & Spa. Outdoor waterfront ceremony site on the stunning Beachhouse Lawn, indoor ceremonies in the beautiful historic Music Room. Reception site for up to 250. RosarioResort.com. 360-376-2222

Turtleback Farm Inn. Offering elopements, small weddings & family events at our rural valley setting. We provide all you might need for this special event. 1981 Crow Valley Rd. TurtlebackInn.com. 800-376-4914

Olga / Doe Bay / Obstruction Pass


Orcas Village

Eclipse Charters. Intimate, unique wedding venue for 48 aboard the M.V. Orcas Express. Whale watching, activity for family gatherings & catered parties. 8368 Orcas Rd & 54 Hunt Rd. OrcasIslandWhales.com. 360-376-6566

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Orcas Island: The Long View

Eliza Habegger, Land Steward, San Juan County Land Bank

Today’s visitor to Orcas Island is drawn by the simple beauty of the place. Ocean, Douglas-fir, moss, and meadow meet at the shore. Madrona trunks glow rust-red in the evening sun. In dawn mist, a heron wades in the shallows of a bay, seeking fish. These sights please the eye and calm the mind.

The first European explorers and early settlers were also taken by the beauty of the San Juans. But what really drew them here was the natural wealth of this land: grasslands for livestock to graze; rich, fertile lowlands that could be drained and farmed; abundant fish and game. There were trees to cut for lumber. There was limestone to be mined. The work was hard, but the land was free and the ocean was a convenient highway.

Before that, Coast Salish people lived and visited here, supported by the abundance of the land and sea. Salmon were caught in reef-nets, a unique and effective fishing technology. Grasslands were burned to better grow camas lily and other staple food plants. Art and culture flourished. Archaeologists tell us that people may have been in these islands for 10,000 years or more.

And before that, there were no people here. Birds, forests, and glaciers came and went; the sea rose and fell. The landscape of Orcas Island has been slowly changing in ways unknowable for longer than we can imagine. If only the rocks of Turtleback Mountain, recently dated to be 450 million years old, could tell their story!

Much has changed, and change will continue. But the beauty of the land shines on. Generations of steadfast citizens and conservation groups have been working hard to protect it. Without their efforts, the cherished places of Orcas Island – Crow Valley, Mount Constitution, Crescent Beach, and Turtleback Mountain, to name just a few – would look quite different. Their trails, shores, and open vistas would not be available for everyone to enjoy.

Residents and tourists alike, we are all no more than visitors here. Let us strive towards awareness of this land’s past, and be here with thoughtfulness and respect.

The San Juan County Land Bank is a local land conservation program. Through conservation easements or outright purchases, the Land Bank protects special places in the Islands including coastlines, farmland, forests and wetlands. For more information, contact the Land Bank at 360-378-4402 or visit www.sjclandbank.org.
On Orcas you can find many fun family activities, and some of the best activities are free!

Get out and enjoy nature with a visit to one of the island’s parks. Moran State Park is considered by many the crown jewel in all of Washington! Go for a hike, a swim, play at the playground, bike the trails, rent a paddle boat, have a picnic, check out the waterfalls, go fish for trout, bass, and kokanee, or just drive to the top of Mt. Constitution for an amazing view of all the islands!

Obstruction Pass State Park is a well-kept secret. Three trails lead you from the parking lot to the beach (approximately ½ mile). All are unique and there is interpretive signage and great scenery along the way. At the beach you can check out the tide pools, put your toes in the water, or have a picnic. There are pit toilets but no running water, so bring a water bottle.

The beauty of an island is the opportunity to explore our beaches and local waters. Check out the tide pools during low tide at the shoreline in Eastsound, or take a walk along nearby Crescent Beach. Make sure you are gentle with the inter-tidal critters and that you put everything back where you found it for future explorers.

You can explore our island in so many ways — boating, sailing, whale watching tours, guided kayak tours, horseback riding, biking, nature tours, farm tours, and the list goes on. All these are well worth the price; this will be an adventure that you and the family will never forget!

Orcas Island Park and Recreation offers year-round activities for all ages including summer day camps, evening drop-in activities, and more. Recreational facilities at Buck Park include tennis and pickleball courts with a backboard, a dog park, skatepark, ball fields, and a playground. Visit www.oiprd.org for more information.

And if you have a literary soul, the Orcas Island Public Library often has something going on for kids and features a terrific selection of children’s materials and story times. Visitor library cards are available, even if your Orcas visit is a short one.

With all of this and more, you surely will find something for everyone in the family.

Make sure that you have the appropriate footwear and clothing for your family adventure and be sure to bring snacks and water so you don’t have to go home early!

There is so much for families to do together on Orcas you might have to stay a few extra days just to fit it all in!
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### Medical

Orcas does not have a hospital emergency room; physicians are on call after hours. EMTs & paramedics are available 24/7 for urgent medical situations.

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### Animals and Pets

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2018/2019 Annual Events on Orcas Island
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April 2018
Orcas Island Literary Festival ................................................................. April 13-15
Bill Yarlott Fishing Derby .................................................................April 28 at Cascade Lake Sponsors: Friends of Moran

May 2018
Farmers Market in Eastsound .................May 5–September 30 Saturdays 10am-3pm: Village Green
Orcas Museum Shindig & Auction ........................................... May 19 at Moran State Park
Orca Pet Parade ................................................................. May 26 in Eastsound Sponsor: Kaleidoscope Daycare Center

June 2018
Martin Lund’s One World Music Festival ..............................................June 15 & 16: Orcas Center
Solstice Parade Celebration ............................................. June 23 beginning at Noon in Eastsound
Orcas Island Garden Tour .............................................................. June 23 & 24: Sponsor: Orcas Island Garden Club

July 2018
Deer Harbor Fireworks .............................................................. July 3: Sponsor: Bellport Deer Harbor Marina
Eastsound Fireworks ............................................................... July 4: Sponsor: Orcas Island Chamber of Commerce
Orcas Museum Historical Days .................................................. July 7: Village Green Sponsor: Orcas Museum
Orca Community Parade ........................................................... July 7: Sponsor: Orcas Island Chamber of Commerce
Olga Daze ............................................................................. July 14: 10am-3pm Sponsor: Olga Community Club
Orcas Island Cider & Mead Festival ..............July 28, 11am-4pm: Village Green Sponsor: Children’s House

August 2018
Doe Bay Fest ........................................................................... August 1-6: Doe Bay
Orcas Island Chamber Music Festival (21st Season) ...........August 3-18 Sponsors: Orcas Island Chamber Music Festival
Orcas Fly-In & Antique Car Show ........................................... August 3-7: Sponsors: EAA Chapter 937
Orcas Island Library Fair ......................................................... August 11: Sponsor: Orcas Island Public Library
Orcas Island Jazz Festival ........................................................... August 30-Sept 2: Sponsor: Orcas Center

September 2018
Orcas Museums Annual Silent Auction ..........September 1: Village Green Sponsor: Orcas Museum
Steve Braun Memorial Triathlon ........................................... September 2: Sponsor: Friends of Moran
Deer Harbor Wooden Boat Festival ..............September 3-5: Sponsor: Wooden Boat Society of SJI

October 2018
Orcas Island Film Festival ..........................................................October 4-8: Various venues on Orcas

November 2018
‘Hops on the Rock’ Beer Fest .................................................. November 10: Sponsors: Island Market, Island Hoppin’ Brewery
Eastsound Art Walk ................................................................. TBA: Sponsor: Orcas Island Chamber of Commerce
Holiday Festival of Arts ............................................................... late November: Sponsor: Orcas Senior Center

December 2018
Library Holiday Tea ................................................................... December 1: Sponsor: Friends of the Library
Artisans’ Faire ........................................................................ December 1 & 2: Odd Fellows Hall
Eastsound Holiday Celebration & Tree Lighting ........................................ December 7 (tentative): Sponsor: Orcas Island Chamber of Commerce
Celtic Christmas ................................................................. TBA: Sponsor: Orcas Island Community Church
Santa’s Arrival at Deer Harbor ................................................... Early December: Deer Harbor

January 2019
Polar Bear Plunge ................................................................. January 1 at Cascade Lake: Sponsor: Orcas Island Rowing Association
Orcas Island 25k race ............................................................... January 26 at Moran State Park: Sponsor: Rainshadow Running

February 2019
Orcas Island 50k race .............................................................. February 2 at Moran State Park: Sponsor: Rainshadow Running
Orcas Island 100-mile race ...................................................... February 9-11 at Moran State Park: Sponsor: Rainshadow Running

March 2019
Funhouse Science Fair . March 30, Last Saturday in March at the Funhouse Sponsor: The Funhouse

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Explore
Moran State Park

Moran State Park is a must see! The park has over 5,500 acres to explore by foot, bike, horse, boat or car. There are 38 miles of trails, 5 freshwater lakes, picnic areas, overnight camping, a vacation house rental and an overnight retreat center that holds up to 144 people. We have beautiful flora, fauna and waterfalls as well as scenic views from the trails and/or from the comfort of your vehicle. Cascade Lake has a swimming beach, a playground for the kids, and fishing for bass, trout or Kokanee (a land locked Salmon) stocked from our hatchery. Concessions provide quick snacks and rentals for kayaks, row boats and paddle boats.

For the history buffs and architect enthusiasts, we have over 20 historical buildings that were built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s and '40s. The stone tower at the top of Mt Constitution contains information about Robert Moran and the CCC. The views from the top are spectacular. Interpretive panels provide information about panoramic views from the summit.

The Learning Center (open June-Sept) hosts guided hikes and naturalists to answer your questions. Just like the learning center, the Gift Shop (May-Sept) has something for everyone. Both are staffed by volunteers for Friends of Moran.

All proceeds to Friends of Moran benefit Moran State Park projects and educational outreach. FOM is a 501(c)3 organization. Moran is open year-round, but campsites fill up early in the summer, so call ahead to 888-CAMPOUT.

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