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Spend a summer day splashing in Deep Lake at **Millersylvania**.

Share a Native American meal and cultural program at **Blake Island** in Puget Sound.

Try a new fun winter fitness activity; go snowshoeing at **Fields Spring**.

Take your favorite four-legged friend on a quiet walk along a peaceful beach at **Tolmie**.

Enjoy healthy family time at **Lake Chelan**, with bird watching, snowshoeing, camping, fishing and snow play in the winter.

Enjoy the gentle breezes at **Belfair**. Fly your kite, go windsurfing or just kick back and de-stress.

Experience the exciting story of a modern-day volcano at Mount Saint Helens Visitor Center. Then, calm your heart with a stroll through the forest at **Seaquest**, just across the highway.

Enjoy the exhilaration of snowmobiling or a peaceful snowshoe walk at **Lake Easton**.

Breathe deep, and take in dramatic views of the North Cascade Mountains and Canadian Gulf Islands at **Birch Bay**.

Take pleasure in a sublime winter fishing experience on the Satsop River at **Schafer**.

Do birds speak to your soul? Do we have a park for you! **Bottle Beach** is perfect for birdwatching. View more than 130 bird species on a wheelchair-accessible trail.

Take a 2-mile fitness hike in the forest or get a kayak workout at **Kopachuck**.

If horses do your heart good, visit **Bridle Trails**, with its four arenas, outdoor trails and a calendar full of horse shows and organized rides.

Feed your mind with a good book under one of the largest yew trees in the nation at **Illahée**.

Make **Bogachiel** your base camp to experience the awe of the Hoh Rainforest. Gently walk snow-covered trails at **Cama Beach's**

Glass Quest and search for treasure—a clue ball to exchange for a limited-edition handblown glass.

Take a contemplative stroll to a quiet grotto at **Saint Edward**.

Find a delightful, insightful adventure along the 40-mile **Spokane River Centennial Trail**.

Grab your fishing pole and catch a heart-healthy dinner at **Ike Kinswa**. (Tiger muskie, largemouth bass, kokanee and rainbow trout are on the menu.)

Hike the columnar basalt butte at **Steamboat Rock**. (Wind sprints galore; it's a 650-foot vertical gain).

Get your cardio workout on the trail to 848-foot-high **Beacon Rock**. Your reward at the top: an eagle-eye view of the Columbia River Gorge.

Take a stress break on the sandy beach at **Eagle Island**. Watch harbor seals frolic, or enjoy the splendor of a Mount Rainier view.

Get rejuvenated at **Nolte**. Grab a lounge chair and a good book and relax for the day by the lake.

Windsurfers, kite boarders—and lounge chair observers—find excitement at **Spring Creek Hatchery!** (Or watch eagles and peregrine falcons perform a sky ballet.)

Enjoy a tranquil hike along forest loop trails, or stroll the shoreline and watch birds at **Camano Island**.

Be spontaneous! Take a paddle and tent trip to **Hope Island** (Skagit County) for the night.

Experience the joy of discovery at **Ginkgo Petrified Forest** interpretive trail and museum; geologic forces left fascinating fossils and a unique landscape.

Surprise someone with a romantic sunset at **Grayland Beach**.

Take friends along on a sail and enjoy some restful 'island time' on **Clark Island's** sandy beach.

Reconnect with your family on a classic state park weekend getaway with camping, boating, fishing and relaxing at **Maryhill**.

Take a day break; walk on the beach, sit by the river, fly a kite or run with your dog at **Griffiths-Priday**.

Be as busy or as lazy as you want at **Deception Pass**. Bike, hike, explore—or just relax and recuperate.

Get a breathtaking view of the Palouse hills at **Steptoe Butte**. Watch adventurers launch their hang gliders.

Go clamming or crabbing at **Dosewallips**, then grill up dinner at your campsite or cabin.

Share a picnic at **Bay View**, overlooking Padilla Bay. Walk along the beach and check out the largest bed of eelgrass in the 'lower 48.'

Go rock climbing or take a wildflower hike at **Columbia Hills**. Look up and imagine the Ice Age floods that carved this landscape.

Hike the bluff trails along Admiralty Inlet and get a beachside view of the sunset at **Fort Ebey**.

Hear your kids' shouts of excitement as they run and explore historic gun emplacements at **Fort Casey** and visit the Admiralty Head Lighthouse.

Absorb the fascinating history of **Sacajawea**, the place where native tribes and early explorers met at the confluence of the Snake and Columbia rivers.

Catch a late-night star-studded show at **Goldendale**.

Get a whole new perspective watching ships sail by your historic vacation house at **Fort Flagler**.

Stroll historic grounds, and hear busy Lewis woodpeckers in a stand of Gary oak trees at **Fort Simcoe**.

Enjoy a game of disc golf and some laughs with family at **Paradise Point**.

It's a fisher's paradise at **Conconully**. Two lakes, lots of fish, great memories and good stories to tell.

Need to get away from it all? Boat over to **James Island** in the San Juans. Stroll the forest, explore the rock outcroppings and sheltered beaches or just pick a spot and relax!

Be creative! Build the sandcastle of your dreams at **Cape Disappointment**. Plop yourself down in beautiful heirloom gardens, and soak up the sounds and smells of blooms and birds all around you at **Olmstead Place**.

Fishing, golf and chill time in sagebrush country: What more could a desert vacationer want? Get it all at **Bridgeport**.

Hop on your bike or dust off your backpack. Time to stretch your legs on the **Palouse to Cascades Trail**.

Boater's cramp? Step ashore on **Doe Island** (good hiking boots recommended) for a short (0.3-mile) but rugged loop hike that will stretch things out.

Calm your soul and renew your spirit with a lakeside picnic at **Curlew Lake**.

For a full-body workout, consider a whitewater rafting ride (Class II to Class IV) on the Green River at **Kanaskat-Palmer**. Dust off that office grime; take a hike to the glorious waterfalls at **Olallie**. Longer-distance hikers and cyclists can reach the Palouse to Cascades State Park Trail from nearby Cedar Falls trailhead.

Enjoy some campfire time as you watch the kids play volleyball or cool off your toes in Puget Sound saltwater at **Jarrell Cove**.

Make some spring memories at **Alta Lake**.

Mix things up. Wade into the cold saltwater at **Joseph Whidbey**.

Get a workout, hone your kayaking skills on an overnighter at **Blind Island**. The dark sky provides a great view of stars.

Take joy in a boat trip to the crown jewel of the San Juans – **Sucia Island** – where you'll find coves and harbors to explore. Craving a beach day? Head to **Lake Sammamish** and swim, kayak, fish or waterski.

Grab a blanket and your favorite book and read away the afternoon on the tree-shaded green lawn at **Lyons Ferry**.

Noodle around on a play day with croquet, kite-flying or Frisbee disc at **Kitsap Memorial**.

Bust out your kayak, sand buckets, swimsuits or fishing rod and head to **Dash Point** on Puget Sound.

Have fun at the Living History Fur Trade Encampment & Symposium at **Riverside**. See fire starting and flintlock shooting demonstrations and more.

Once you've beached your watercraft, take a stroll along **Turn Island's** perimeter, where the path goes up and down, providing water views at every turn.

Build up your stamina and get in some long-distance biking or running on **Klickitat** or **Willapa Hills trails**.

Dig deep (for some razor clams) or fly high (how about a dragon-shaped kite?) at **Ocean City**.

Explore tidepools at **Larrabee**. Or take time for quiet contemplation, child play or a romantic date.

Orcas! See them in person from one of the best land-based whale-watching spots on earth—**Lime Kiln Point**.

Watch the kiddos frolic in shallow water while you have a relaxing picnic at **Battle Ground Lake**.

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July



Potholes State Park

Beach your kayak, then stretch your legs on the half-mile hike to the **Patos Island** lighthouse.

Watch pilots fly their remote-control aircraft in the green fields at **Flaming Geyser**.

Fun is to be had for boaters and campers alike, at **Twenty-Five Mile Creek** on Lake Chelan.

Enjoy the community of boaters as you fish, dive or swim at **Stuart Island** in the San Juan Islands.

Enjoy the sensation of a good old-fashioned salt-water dunk in the warm waters of **Twanoh**.

It's okay to 'get crabby' at **Mystery Bay**. Grab your permits and crab-harvesting gear.

Catch some excitement and fierce waves while windsurfing or kite boarding at **Doug's Beach** on the Columbia River.

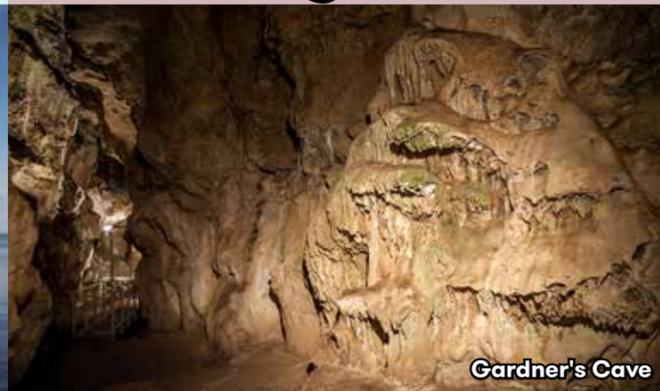
Want a family vacation with something for everyone? Pack your boat, bikes, fishing and camping gear and head to **Lincoln Rock**. Adults and kids alike can play to their hearts' content on the water or land at **Lake Sylvia**. Step back in time or satisfy your love of military history and explore the historic torpedo tower and other features at **Fort Townsend**.

Birding, fishing or camping? Do it all at **Potholes**, a lakeside oasis in the hot summertime.

Breathe deep as you hike the 2.7-mile trail to the high-elevation lookout at **Mount Pilchuck**. At the top, take in the majestic landscape with views of the Olympic Mountains and North Cascades.

Pack a mid-week picnic and take a short row or kayak ride to **Hope Island** in Mason County.

August



Gardner's Cave

Stroll the forest and take in the majesty of old-growth trees at **Federation Forest**. At high tide on windy days, go windsurfing or kite flying at **Potlatch**.

Get a peaceful feeling in the lush gardens at **Peace Arch**. Stand barefoot on the green lawn and take in the view of Point Roberts and Vancouver Island in Canada.

Tie up for an overnight in the cozy inlet at **Pleasant Harbor**. Enjoy sunrise and the shellfish bounty of Hood Canal.

Hike the switchback trails at **Peshastin Pinnacles**. Rock climbers, grab your pack and favorite belay partner and try your strength on some of the grippiest rock in the state.

Imagine what life was like during World War II, as you stroll through the historic buildings and artillery batteries at **Fort Columbia** near the mouth of the Columbia River.

Experience the depths of nature on a tour of **Gardner's Cave**, a limestone cave at **Crawford State Park**. Take along sturdy shoes and a coat, even in the summer.

Nurture your creative side at a retreat at **Fort Worden**. Or camp at the beach and fall asleep to the sound of waves crashing on the shore.

Enjoy some beachside downtime. Wade in the shallows, make a sandcastle or watch the kids play on the driftwood-strewn shore at **Saltwater**.

September



Spencer Spit State Park

Get renewed by enjoying a beautiful Pacific Northwest sunset on the beach at **Pacific Pines**. Run with your kite, or your dog, on a flat, sandy beach at **Pacific Beach**.

Arrive by kayak, canoe or boat, then follow the half-mile trail through a low forest to the bluff at **Obstruction Pass** on Orcas Island in the San Juans.

Dreaming of surf? Grab your board, and catch the perfect wave at **Westport Light**. Or watch the surfers and walk the 1.3-mile path to Westhaven Jetty and the Westport Lighthouse.

Pitch a tent and enjoy the dramatic east-facing views of Decatur and Blakely islands at **Spencer Spit** on Lopez Island in the San Juans.

Moor in **McMicken Island's** cove, check out the tombolo and take the 1-mile hiking

trail through the woods. Wake up early to catch a spectacular sunrise.

Pack up the kids and a picnic lunch and spend a day at **Anderson Lake**. Or harness up your favorite stallion and spend an afternoon on the equestrian trails.

Be amazed as you walk below the towering Douglas-fir, western hemlock and western red cedar trees at **Rainbow Falls**.

October



Sun Lakes-Dry Falls State Park

Go bird watching or grab your buckets and harvest shellfish at **Shine Tidelands**. Listen to the soothing waves as you slumber on your boat off the shores of **Skagit Island**.

Make a tree pilgrimage, a reverent visit to a 700-year-old western red cedar at **South Whidbey**.

Marvel at the landscape carved by Ice Age floods more than 13,000 years ago at **Sun Lakes-Dry Falls**.

After you take a hike or bike ride, wind down at a campfire and enjoy stories and s'mores at **Penrose Point**.

Hike up Mount Constitution, and take in the breathtaking 360-degree view from **Moran** on Orcas Island in the San Juans.

Enjoy a peaceful picnic under a tree at **Steptoe Battlefield**, and turn your gaze to the big skies and rippling Palouse hills changing colors in the shifting sunlight.

Whether you come for the day or stay for the night, you'll be soothed by the lush lawns and shade trees at **Lewis and Clark Trail**.

Is your dog the love of your life? Take Fido for a walk along the serene shores of **Scenic Beach**.

November



Squak Mountain State Park

Get a thrill from storm watching at **Twin Harbors**. Watch white-capped waves, clouds and lightning off the coast, then dash back to your cozy shelter for some food, fun and conversation.

Break out your field guide, binoculars and camera and prepare to get excited as you grab some great photos of eagles, peregrine falcons, terns and ducks at **Leadbetter Point**.

Lace up your sneakers or hiking boots, and chart a course for a **Squak Mountain** hike.

Grab your kayak or canoe, and enjoy the salty bliss of bobbing on the water at **Joemma Beach**.

Cast out a fishing line from the wheelchair-accessible boat launch at **Triton Cove**, and catch some fun.

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Take a hike under an evergreen canopy on a fern-edged trail at **Matia Island**.

Bundle up and enjoy winter park views from under a unique shelter at **Manchester**—a former torpedo warehouse.

December



Mount Spokane State Park

Get some winter exercise with some fat-tire biking on the snow-covered trails at **Pearrygin Lake**. Breathe in the crisp scent of conifers and marvel at the 250-foot-tall old-growth trees at **Rockport**.

Let the mighty rush of the 200-foot **Palouse Falls** mesmerize you. Stay healthy and safe; remain in the designated viewing area.

Stay winter-active, with skiing, snowshoeing, dog sledding, snowmobiling or just a good old-fashioned snowball fight at **Crystal Springs Sno-Park**. Don't miss the Erling Stordahl trail system, a small gem with hills, curves, flats and amazing scenery.

Cruise down the slopes at **Mount Spokane**, the only Washington state park to offer downhill skiing. Walk, cross-country ski,

snowmobile or snowshoe on miles of snow-covered trails. Immerse your senses in the forest, waterfalls and lakes at **Wallace Falls**.

Get out your mountain bike or don your hiking boots, and visit a little-known Washington treasure at **Columbia Plateau Trail**.

The kids are out of school, and it's time to enjoy some winter fun. The go-to snow play park on the western side of the state is **Hyak Sno-Park**—and for good reason. Enjoy some cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, sledding or build a snowperson at Hyak Sno-Park. Oh, and a bonus: heated bathrooms!

Soak in some beautiful winter scenery on cross-country ski trails at **Lake Wenatchee**. Or enjoy snow play, snowmobiling and snowshoeing.