Things to remember

- **Park hours** – 8 a.m. to dusk year round.
- **Winter schedule** – Although most parks are open year round, some parks or portions of parks are closed during the winter. For a winter schedule and information about seasonal closures, visit www.parks.state.wa.us or call the information center at (360) 902-8844.
- **Wildlife**, **plants** and all park **buildings**, **signs**, **tables** and other structures are protected; **removal** or **damage** of any kind is prohibited. Hunting, feeding of wildlife and gathering firewood on state park property is prohibited.
- **Pets** must be on **leash** and under physical control at all times. This includes trail areas and campsites. Pet owners must clean up after pets on all state park lands.

The **Discover Pass** is required for day visits to state parks and access to other state-managed recreation lands. The pass provides access to millions of acres of parks, **wildlife areas**, **trails**, **natural areas** and **water-access sites**. The annual pass is transferable between two vehicles.

- Annual pass: $30
- One-day pass: $10

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The Discover Pass can be purchased online, by phone or in person. For details, visit www.discoverpass.wa.gov or call (866) 320-9933.

Thank you for supporting Washington state recreation lands.

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**Peace Arch Historical State Park**

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Other state parks located in the general area:
Birch Bay and Larrabee

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Peace Arch Historical State Park is a uniquely beautiful park that celebrates the unguarded United States/Canadian border that stretches from the Strait of Juan de Fuca to the Bay of Fundy in Nova Scotia. The park is located in Blaine and features horticultural exhibitions, and the giant, commemorative, concrete arch that straddles the border of the two nations. The countries co-maintain the monument.

This 20-acre, day-use park features vast lawns, gardens and the magnificent Peace Arch on the border of the United States and Canada. More than 20,000 flowers are planted annually on the grounds. The park offers magnificent views of Point Roberts and Vancouver Island.

Overnight accommodations
Peace Arch Historical State Park is a day-use park and does not offer overnight accommodations. Camping accommodations are available at nearby Birch Bay State Park south of Blaine and Larrabee State Park south of Bellingham.

There are 147 standard campsites and 20 utility campsites that accommodate RVs up to 60 feet long at Birch Bay State Park. Campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis in the winter.

At Larrabee State Park, there are 51 standard campsites, 26 utility campsites that accommodate RVs up to 60 feet long and eight primitive sites for hikers and bicyclers. Campsites 1-7 and 43-48 and the primitive campsites are closed from Oct. 15 to March 31.

Reservations for individual campsites at Birch Bay and Larrabee state parks may be made online at www.parks.state.wa.us or by calling (888) CAMPOUT or (888) 226-7688.

Park history
The 67-foot Peace Arch was the vision of Sam Hill, a prominent road builder, Quaker and humanitarian, who built many landmark structures in Oregon and Washington. Hill bought property in both countries for the construction of the arch. Peace Arch was the first arch in the U.S. to be dedicated to peace and is still one of very few in the world.

The arch design is widely believed to be the work of renowned architect Harvey Wiley Corbett. Construction was completed Sept. 6, 1921. The structure commemorates the signing of the Treaty of Ghent in 1814 and the Rush-Bagot Agreement in 1817. The treaties, signed by the king of England and President Monroe, provided for peaceful resolution of U.S. – British disputes and an unguarded U.S./Canadian border. The treaties resulted from the War of 1812 with Great Britain.

In 1931 the property on the Washington side became a Washington State Park. In 1939, British Columbia added Peace Arch Provincial Park to its park system. The Pacific Highway, the precursor to Interstate 5, was diverted in 1932 to pass along either side of the arch. A much-expanded I-5 still runs north and southbound on each side of the arch.

Park amenities and facilities
Peace Arch Historical State Park offers several amenities and facilities to make your visit more enjoyable and comfortable, including:

- A group day-use kitchen building that accommodates 100 guests inside and 300 guests on the grounds. The American Kitchen is reservable online at www.parks.state.wa.gov or by calling (888) CAMPOUT
- 100 unsheltered picnic tables are available first come, first served
- 0.6-mile hiking trail
- Two horseshoe pits
- Two restrooms