



activities

INDOOR ACTIVITIES

Batting Cages

Inside Pitch

1750 Moore Street, Bellingham / 360-647-1600

5 tunnels, 4 cages, pro shop, instruction & parties.

Bowling

Mt. Baker Lanes - 1788 LaBounty Dr, Ferndale / 360-384-0235

Park Bowl - 4175 Meridian St, Bellingham / 360-734-1430

20th Century Lanes -1411 State St, Bellingham / 360-734-5250

Ice Skating

Sportsplex

1225 Civic Field Way, Bellingham / 360-676-1919

bellinghamsportsplex.com

Public skate, drop in hockey, one batting cage.

Inflatables

Jump Around Fun Zone

4600 Meridian St., Ste.108, Bellingham / 360-647-5867

Only for ages 10 and younger. Under 60". Open daily except Mondays. Fee.

Grown-ups area with free WiFi. Go to web site for rules & regulations.

Roller Skating & Blading

Lynden Skateway

421 Judson, Lynden / 360-354-3851

Indoor Golf (Golf courses listed separately)

Joe's Professional Golf Lab - Simulated golf instruction and practice.

4073 Hannegan Rd, Bellingham / 360-752-3337

Wall Climbing / Gymnastics

North Coast Gymnastics Academy

1710 Express Dr. (off Fraser St.), Bellingham / 360-733-6969

Call for program information.

Whatcom Family YMCA

65-foot climbing wall. Call to confirm hours, (contact info below)

Whatcom Family YMCA

1256 N. State St., Bellingham / 360-733-8630

www.whatcomymca.org

Swimming, weight room, racquetball, basketball, classes, and organized sports.

Hours: Mon-Sat, 6am-9:45pm

Bellingham Whatcom County Tourism

904 Potter Street
Bellingham, WA 98229

360.671.3990 | 800.487.2032

bellingham.org

tourism@bellingham.org



Swimming - Indoor

Arnie Hanna Aquatic Center - Bellingham City Parks facility
1114 Potter St., Bellingham / 360-778-7665 / cob.org/services/recreation/aquatic/
Lap lanes, diving tank, wading pool, and a tube water slide.

Whatcom Family YMCA

1256 N. State St., Bellingham / 360-733-8630 / whatcomymca.org/

“Tilt” Arcade - Electronic games

Bellis Fair Mall, Bellingham / 360-734-4574

Trampoline Zone - 4201 Meridian St., Bellingham (behind Pro Golf)

Features 75 trampolines and various activities. Open daily. \$6-11/hour. 360-255-0722.

Museums

Whatcom Museum

360-778-8930 / whatcommuseum.org

Lightcatcher Building, 250 Flora St., Bellingham

The building is named for its focal point and most innovative feature – a spectacular, translucent wall that captures the Northwest’s most precious natural resource: sunlight. It features changing exhibitions and the Family Interactive Gallery for children *(FIG). Wed-Sun, Noon-5pm (Thurs until 8pm). *FIG opens at 10am Wed-Sat. \$10 adults / \$8 seniors & students / \$4.50 children 3-5 years.

Old City Hall Building, 121 Prospect St.

The 1982 “red” Old City Hall is known for its prominent architecture. It is open for viewing with some historical exhibits and is used for special programs. Open Thurs-Sun, Noon-5pm. Admission is included with entrance fee to Lightcatcher Building.

The Syre Educational Center and Photo Archives, 201 Prospect St.

Historical exhibits available to groups by appointment. Photo archives open Wed-Fri, 1-4:45 PM

Spark Museum of Electrical Invention

1312 Bay St, Bellingham / 360-738-3886 / amre.us

Private collection of more than 1,000 antique radios and the history of electrical invention. Open Wed-Sat 11am-4pm. \$5 adults, \$2 kids.

Bellingham Railway Museum

1320 Commercial St., Bellingham / 360-393-7540 / bellinghamrailwaymuseum.org

History of railroads in Whatcom County, and several model railroad displays. Kids area. Open Tues-Sat, Noon-5pm. \$4 / \$2 / \$9 families.

Lynden Pioneer Museum

217 W. Front St, Lynden / 360-354-3675 / lyndenpioneermuseum.com

Historic collection. Features a replica of early-century Lynden shops. The museum’s most acclaimed exhibit is a collection of more than 40 antique buggies, wagons, carts and other horse-drawn vehicles. Open Mon-Sat 10am-4pm. Fee: \$7 adults / \$4 kids.

Mindport Exhibits

210 W. Holly St, Bellingham / 360-647-5614 / mindport.org

Hands-on exhibits combining fine and interactive arts for quiet contemplation. Enjoyable for adults and children 6 years and older. Open Wed-Fri noon-6pm / Sat 10-5 / Sun noon-4pm. Fee: \$2.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Biking

Miles of city park trails, and for the true mountain biker explore Galbraith Mountain or play at the bike jump park. Contact the Visitors Bureau or a local bike shop for maps and route suggestions.

Bike Rentals (for a complete list refer to the “Bicycling” resource sheet)

Jack’s Bicycle Center, 1907 Iowa, Bellingham / 360-733-1955

Fanatik Bike Company, 1812 N. State St., Bellingham / 360-756-0504

Fairhaven Bike, 1103 11th St., Bellingham / 360-733-4433

Boat Activities - scenic, whale, kayak, fishing

Ask for our “**Water Adventures**” resource sheet for a complete list of scenic and whale watching cruises, kayak tours, fishing charters, and other watercraft activities.

Small Craft Boat Rentals (most are seasonal businesses)

Bellingham Bay Community Boating Center - 501 Harris Ave. / 360-714-8891

Next to Bellingham Cruise Terminal in Fairhaven. Rents kayaks, rowboats, canoes and small sailboats (14-23 foot). Rentals for use in Bellingham Bay / boatingcenter.org

Paddle and Pedal Aventures - rents kayaks, paddle boards, bikes at Birch Bay and Semiahmoo Resort, Blaine. 360-224-0707

Samish Park - 673 N. Lake Samish Dr, Bellingham / 360-733-2362 or 360-733-2900

Non-powered boat rentals on Lake Samish in summer.

Silver Lake County Park - 9006 Silver Lake Rd, Maple Falls / 360-599-2776 or 360-733-2900.

Rents rowboats, pedal boats and canoes in summer.

Camel Safari

1-800-836-4036 / camelsafari.com

Unique farm offers educational experiences including camel rides and segway tours on the farm. Learn about Dromedary (one-hump) and Bactrian (two-hump) camels.

Clamming / Crabbing

Before harvesting shellfish, call the Shellfish Poisoning (Red Tide) Hotline at 800-562-5632.

Crabbing is seasonal and hardshell clamming is year round. For info, view a WA State Sport Fishing Rules Guide at wdfw.wa.gov/ or pick up at a license outlet: **Bellingham**: Yeagers, LFS Inc., Fred Meyer, Big 5 / **Birch Bay**: Bay Center Market / **Blaine**: True Value Hardware.

Bellingham Bells Baseball - at Joe Martin Field

1220 Civic Field Way, Bellingham

360-746-0406 / bellinhambells.com

Watch exciting West Coast League baseball with the local “Bells” in June & July.

Bellingham Farmers’ Markets / 360-647-2060

Open-air markets featuring locally produced garden delights, berries, nuts, vegetables, jams, cheese, crafts, local food vendors and entertainment.

Downtown Bellingham Saturdays (April-Dec.) 10am-3pm.

Historic Fairhaven Wednesdays (June-Sept.) Noon-5pm.

*There are also seasonal markets in surrounding communities

Go Karts / Miniature Train Ride & Miniature Golf (seasonal)

“**Miniature World**” - family fun center

4620 Birch Bay-Lynden Road, Birch Bay / 360-371-7700 / miniatureworld.org

Go-Karts, miniature train ride and an 18-hole miniature golf course.

Racing Karts

Sumas International Motorsport Academy - SIMA

529 West Front Street, Sumas
360-988-5104 / simaracing.com

A world class go kart track facility featuring kart rentals, kart racing, kart sales and lessons. Birthday parties, bachelor parties and corporate events welcome. Open year round, dawn to dusk, Tuesday-Sunday. Minimum age 12 years old and 5 feet tall.

Golfing

There are 12 golf courses in the county. Ask for the "Golfing" resource sheet for a complete list.

Disc Golf

Cornwall Park has a 9-basket disc golf course. The tees are located throughout this densely treed park. Maps available at the Bellingham Parks Department in the park or the Visitors Bureau. There is also a course in Vanderyacht Park, Ferndale and in Patterson Park, Lynden.

Foot Golf (Summer/Fall)

Foot golf is played with a soccer ball on a golf course and uses 21-inch cups. Play 9 or 18 holes. Foot golf is offered odd/even days at two courses managed by Semiahmoo Golf & Country Club. 8720 Semiahmoo Parkway, Blaine. 360-371-7015 / semiahmoo.com

Hiking

City, county and USFS trails offer a wide variety of hiking opportunities. Bellingham is designated as a "Trails Town USA." Trails in the county range from waterfront strolls to technical mountain climbs. The Visitors Bureau has a variety of trail lists and/or maps. More detailed information may be obtained through park departments, local outdoor shops, or the USFS office.

Historic Rides

Lake Whatcom Railway

Hwy. 9, near Acme / 360-595-2218 / lakewhatcomrailway.com

1 1/2 hour ride on a vintage train. Runs Tuesdays and Saturdays, July & August. Holiday trains celebrate Fall in October, Valentine's Day, Easter, 4th of July, and Christmas.

"Looking Back on Bellingham Bay"

Departs from Squalicum Harbor / 360-778-8930 or 360-734-8866 / orcawatch.com

Learn the history of Bellingham during a 2 1/2 sunset cruise on Thurs. evenings in July/August.

Plover Ferry from Blaine Harbor to Semiahmoo

Blaine Marina / 360-332-5742 / blainechamber.com/plover/index.html

Restored historic ferry makes a 12-minute crossing across Drayton Harbor. Accommodates 17 foot-passengers, bicycles and strollers. Summers, Fri-Sun (hourly), donation.

Miniature Golf

Miniature World (seasonal)

4620 Birch Bay-Lynden Rd, Birch Bay / 360-371-7700 / miniatureworld.org

Paint Ball

Go Big Paint Ball Park

2149 E. Badger, Lynden / 360-318-7637 / gobigpaintball.net

Paintball and airsoft park consists of 22 exciting acres and can accommodate groups of all sizes. Open year round, every Saturday and Sunday.

River Rafting

Pacific NW Float Trips / 866-967-8555, 360-420-4349 / pacificnwfloattrips.com

Offers winter Bald Eagle watch trips, mellow Skagit River trips, Class III-IV trips on the Wenatchee River and Zodiac rides through Deception Pass.

RiverRider.com - Offers guide service on many rivers in WA State.

Late June -August on the Nooksack River (Class III & IV). 206-448-7238, 800-448-7238

Skateboard Parks

Bellingham - Puget Street by Civic Field / 360-778-7000

Blaine - Corner of 3rd & G Streets, 800-624-3555 (Blaine Visitor Center)

Skiing & Snowsports

Mount Baker Ski Area

1420 Iowa St, Bellingham (administration) / 360-671-0211, snow report 360-734-6771.

Highest average annual snowfall in North America! Downhill skiing and snowboarding.

2 quad and 6 double chair lifts. 3 mile cross country loop. www.mtbaker.us

Request a “**Snowsports**” resource sheet from the Visitors Bureau for more detail on snowsport recreation including cross country skiing, snowshoeing, snowmobiling and sledding.

Swimming - Outdoor

Birch Bay beaches - Noted for its shallow and therefore warmer saltwater.

Bloedel Donovan Park - Lake swimming (no lifeguard).

Lake Padden Park - Lake swimming (no lifeguard).

Fairhaven Park and Cornwall Park - Water fountain splash for young children in summer.

Samish Lake County Park - Lake swimming (no lifeguard).

Parks

Bellingham Parks and Recreation

3424 Meridian Street (headquarters) / 360-778-7000 / cob.org/government/departments/parks/

Offers approximately 10 outstanding community parks, and many neighborhood parks featuring woods, waterfront, lakes, waterfalls, trails, sports facilities, and play equipment. Pick up a “Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas” map at the Visitors Bureau or Parks Department.

Whatcom County Parks and Recreation

3373 Mt. Baker Highway (headquarters) / 360-733-2900 / co.whatcom.wa.us/parks/

Offers 10 scenic and educational parks featuring lakes, rivers, woods, marshlands, beaches, trails, and historic landmarks. In addition there is a shooting range, and a historic home used for art exhibits and classes. Printed copies at the Visitors Bureau or Whatcom County Parks office.

Waterlife Centers

Bellingham Trout Hatchery

Whatcom Falls Park, Bellingham / 360-676-2138

Raises Rainbow Trout and some species of native salmon, which are used to stock sport fishing lakes. Mon-Fri, 8am-4:30pm.

Kendall Creek Hatchery

6263 Mt. Baker Hwy, Deming / 360-599-2841

The hatchery raises varieties of salmon and trout. The ponds are full January-May.

See adults spawning in October and November. The hatchery is also an excellent spot for viewing Bald Eagles December through early February. Daily 8am-4:30pm.

Marine Life Center (Harbor Center at Squalicum Harbor)

1801 Roeder Ave, Bellingham / 360-671-2431 / marinelifecenter.org

Watch fish swim around sea stars, urchins, sea cucumbers, and starry flounders in an observation pool. Pick up sea anemones, sea stars, shells, and crabs in the touch pool.

View other sealife in smaller aquariums. Education programs available.

Open June-Aug. 10am-6pm / Sept. - May 11am-5pm. Donations appreciated.

Maritime Heritage Park

1600 C St, downtown Bellingham / 360-676-6985

Salmon life-cycle facility and the Environmental Learning Center. Visitors can observe Coho, Chinook and Chum salmon in outdoor rearing tanks and watch their return each fall at the outdoor fish ladder. Other park highlights include a trail along Whatcom Creek, waterfalls, the "Salmon on Woman" totem pole and outdoor amphitheater for community concerts. Daily 6am-10pm.

Waterslides

Birch Bay Waterslides (seasonal)

4874 Birch Bay-Lynden Road, Birch Bay (I-5 Exit 270)

360-371-7901, 360-371-7500 (recorded info) / birchbaywaterslides.net

Features 4 large slides, 60' hydrodrop speed slide, black hole tube slide, a wide ramp slide, a tame river ride, 3 kiddie slides, a giant hot tub, sand volleyball court and more.