

## Fun Stuff to Do While You're Here

Whidbey Island is a unique area, known for its exceptional quality of life.

STAY Lodging info for inns, B&Bs and hotels is available on chamber of commerce sites for the cities of Langley, Clinton & Freeland. Camping is available (but fills early) at:

- Fort Casey State Park (Coupeville, next to Port Townsend Ferry)  
<http://parks.state.wa.us/505/Fort-Casey>
- Fort Ebey State Park (Coupeville)  
<http://parks.state.wa.us/507/Fort-Ebey>
- Rhododendron County Park (Coupeville, first come, first served basis)  
<https://www.islandcountywa.gov/PublicWorks/Parks/Pages/rhododendron-park.aspx>
- Deception Pass State Park (Oak Harbor and Anacortes, fills very early)  
<http://parks.state.wa.us/497/Deception-Pass>
- Depending on their fair schedule, camping may be available at the Fairgrounds.  
<http://portofsouthwhidbey.com/facilities/fairgrounds-campground-south-whidbey/>

Note: South Whidbey State Park is no longer open to camping. Day use only.

HIKE Goose Rock Trail in Deception Pass State Park to the summit, the island's highest point, or on trails in three state parks on Whidbey, or at Putney Woods. Visit Earth Sanctuary (\$) at 2059 Newman Road, a tranquil oasis with two miles of nature trails and a sculpture garden of eco-art highlighting diverse global spiritual traditions.

BIKE the country roads and bike trails of Whidbey. You can rent bicycles at **Bayview Bicycles** at 5603 BAYVIEW RD, LANGLEY. They're a great riding distance to beaches & other Island attractions and have hardtail mountain bikes and hybrid pavement bikes available for rental.

<https://www.facebook.com/bayviewbikes/>

FISH the freshwater lakes of the island, or try saltwater fishing, crabbing, or clam digging.

GET CAFFEINATED AND PEOPLE WATCH at a busy café in the heart of Langley, **Useless Bay Coffee Company**. They have great eats, coffee, and often music, plus an endless stream of people (including triathletes) going by their lovely garden. Visit [www.uselessbaycoffee.com](http://www.uselessbaycoffee.com) or call 360-221-4515. Whidbey Coffee will be at the triathlon offering free iced lattes, and you can pick up a bag of coffee to go at any of their local coffee stands in Clinton, Freeland, Mukilteo and more.

GET OUT ON THE WATER! Whidbey Island Kayak Company offers **Kayak** and **S.U.P.** (Stand Up Paddleboard) rentals in Langley offer opportunities to see sea lions and whales in Penn Cove and Possession Sound. They supply kayaks, paddles, SUPS, and life jackets. To reserve your tour or rental, visit [www.whidbeyislandkayaking.com](http://www.whidbeyislandkayaking.com) for information.

TASTE THE LOCAL FRUIT OF THE VINE Visit **Bloom's Winery & Bistro**. It includes local art; indoor and outdoor seating for enjoying lunch and dinner Wednesday through Monday, wine tasting 11 am – 5 pm; and live music every Sunday from 4-6 pm and Friday 6-8 pm. Visit [bloomswinery.com](http://bloomswinery.com) for hours. For more Whidbey wineries, visit [www.whidbeyislandvintners.org](http://www.whidbeyislandvintners.org). Also, enjoy more local flavors at the many [farm stands & farmer's markets](#).

WANDER THE GARDENS OF WHIDBEY Take a stroll through Meerkerk Rhododendron Gardens, a not-for-profit garden open to the public, encompasses ten acres of display and educational gardens enveloped by forty-three acres of woodland preserve with 4+ miles of nature trails. Come back for their special events, like the annual Bluegrass in the Garden Festival on August 20. [www.meerkerkgardens.org](http://www.meerkerkgardens.org)

**BEACH COMB** the 148 miles of shoreline of Whidbey Island. A local favorite beach is Double Bluff. Located just south of Freeland at the end of Double Bluff Road, it offers great beach access, off leash dog area, clamming, and is a renowned location for [Skimboarding](#). A great place to take the kids for the afternoon, especially when the tide's low. Dave Mackie County Park is another lovely beach off the beaten path, with reliably awesome sunset views.

**HAVE A COLD ONE** Check out Double Bluff Brewery after the race, a local brewery serving only the best ales to people who live on and visit Whidbey. Sample from their latest selection on their outside brick patio.

**SHOP LANGLEY, VILLAGE BY THE SEA** Not only is Langley known as an artists' mecca with galleries filled with local and regional talent, they're also known for an eclectic mix of jewelers, antiques, book stores, and boutique clothing stores where you'll find one-of-a-kind collections.

**SHAKESPEARE UNDER THE BIG TOP** Shakespeare's works are presented by the Island Shakespeare Festival by donation/pass the hat. Location: under a big tent at South Whidbey Elementary, South Campus. Visit [www.islandshakespearefest.org](http://www.islandshakespearefest.org) or call 360-331-2399 for info. Thursday-Sunday shows start at 6:00pm (matinees at 1:00 Saturdays in August), running July 11-September 1.

**CATCH A FLICK** at one of our local theaters. Visit The Clyde, a 1937 Movie House, at [www.theclyde.net](http://www.theclyde.net) or call 360-221-5525 for information. Or visit one of the last Drive-In theaters, The Blue Fox at [www.bluefoxdrivein.com](http://www.bluefoxdrivein.com) or call 360-675-5667 for information.

**UNIQUELY WHIDBEY** Visit [The Machine Shop](#) in Langley and check out their collection of Classic Arcade and Pinball machines set up for public play and display. Local artwork along with live local music monthly!

## Return to Whidbey for More Fun

**BLUEGRASS IN THE GARDEN** Check out the annual bluegrass festival at Meerkerk Gardens on Saturday, August 17. Info at <http://www.meerkerkgardens.org/2019-events?view=calendar&month=06-2019>

**RUN WITH YOUR CHUMS** Join us in June for our popular *Chum Run 5K* and run through beautiful Community Park trails. This event supports South Whidbey Parks & Rec and local youth running programs. Visit <http://swparks.org/recreation/events/special-events/> in April for info.

**RACE WHIDBEY** Come back for many of the other fun local races offered on the Island, including the [Whidbey Adventure Swim](#) and the [Chum Run 5K](#).

## Find Out More

Visit the local Chambers of Commerce and visitors center to find more fun activities.

[Langley Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Clinton Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Freeland Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Whidbey Camano Tourism](#)