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# So much to discover close to home

#### EASE INTO ISLAND TIME

Whidbey and Camano Islands provide visitors both a physical and mental makeover from mainland to island, transporting travelers to a slower pace. The islands offer a wide variety of lodging options. Dine nightly on fresh food harvested that day from local farms or surrounding waters. Enjoy craft beverages at coffee roasters, distilleries, breweries, wineries, cideries and even a meadery. Don't miss the great gray whale migration each spring through Saratoga Passage, between the two islands.

#### CAMANO ISLAND

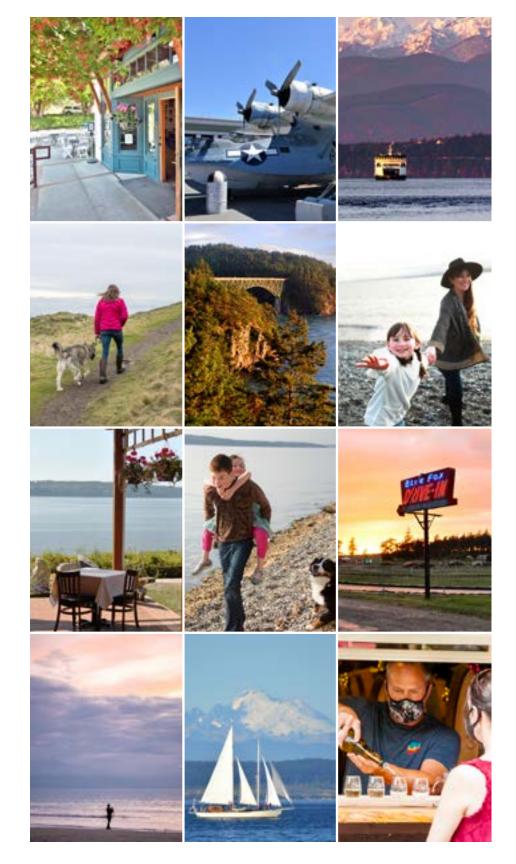
Laid back and friendly, it's known for ziplining, axe throwing, Dungeness crab, a prolific arts community and natural beauty. The roads create an uncomplicated driving loop for exploring uncrowded beaches, parks and winding forested trails. There's abundant lodging, some at the water's edge, for beach walking or whale watching from the shore.

#### WHIDBEY ISLAND

The dramatic beauty of Deception Pass is a memorable way to arrive or depart. Or choose from two ferry routes. The island is the perfect balance of nature, the arts, and small-town vibe. You may even spy "Top Gun" pilots from the Naval Air Station training overhead. Surrounded by snowcapped mountains, the main road is appropriately named the Whidbey Scenic Isle Way. Lodging is abundant and ranges from rustic to luxury.

## SHARE YOUR DISCOVERIES

As you explore Whidbey and Camano Islands, we'd love to see it! Post your stories and photos @GoWhidbeyCamano on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter.





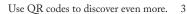
## **DISCOVER MORE**

You'll find QR codes throughout this guide. Place your smartphone camera over the square to travel online, where you'll discover even more. Every QR code is unique and reveals more about each story and the featured businesses.



This QR code sends you to Whidbey & Camano Islands Tourism WhidbeyCamanoIslands.com

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## In the Embrace of the Salish Sea

The waters surrounding Whidbey and Camano Islands have always been an essential part of life for residents. The earliest Coast Salish peoples relied on the bountiful sea for food and transportation. Much later, European settlers would depend on the same things, although canoes eventually gave way to ferries. The two islands of our county haven't been connected by ferry service since the construction of **Deception Pass** Bridge in the 1930s, but it is still the embrace of the Salish Sea that ties our islands together.

Although we no longer *need* to pull our food from the waves, there is nothing quite like freshly-caught seafood. This area is famous as one of the best places in North America to fish right off the beach for salmon, and several of the bigger lakes are stocked with trout or largemouth bass, best caught in the spring or fall. Check on the Shellfish Resource page of Island County's website for the best clamming and crabbing beaches, dependent on the tides. For a fishing license and any gear you may need, swing by Jim's Hardware in Clinton (for complete list see page 7).

If you love seafood but prefer it already caught and prepared, Seabolt's Smokehouse in Oak Harbor has you covered, with fresh takeout and lovely gifts. Saltwater Seafood and Oyster House in Langley offers a delicious menu and new pop-up Salt & Sea Provisions for you to stock your cupboards at home. Enjoy some famous Penn Cove Mussels right on the shores of their namesake at the Captain Whidbey Inn. This historic landmark has been refreshed and updated, while maintaining its character and continuing to bring locals together for events and fun.

#### LIFE'S A BEACH

Every islander has a favorite beach, and there is no shortage of new ones to explore. Windjammer Park in Oak Harbor has many special features, including over 2,000 feet of waterfront trails, perfect for pushing a stroller or wheelchair. The vast Fort Casey State Park stretches well over 400 acres and offers a dose of militar y history along with stunning views of the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Overnight lodging is available at the Fort Casey Inn, within WWI-era officers' housing.

You'll barely have to leave the water's edge for a fresh and delicious takeout meal from Cama Beach Café, perched just above the fascinating Center for Wooden Boats. From here you can rent a vessel and enjoy this coastal resort that's attracted families for close to a hundred years. Secure yourself a cabin through Cama Beach State Park if you aren't ready to go home yet.

Our furry family members may love the beach best of all, making Double Bluff Beach in Freeland a popular choice for an off-leash destination. To avoid bringing the beach home with you, stop in at The Healthy Pet nearby and take advantage of their self-service dog wash station. Or pick up a ball chucker at Whidbey Natural Pet in Coupeville or Island Pet in Oak Harbor, sure to tire Fido out. If you'd like to make a weekend of it,

there are several dog friendly inns available. Freeland's Harbor Inn, the Best Western in Oak Harbor, and the Coupeville Inn are all happy to host pets.

#### ON THE WATER

Kayakers the world over are drawn to our incredible shorelines. You can rent a kayak at Penn Cove Outfitters on the historic wharf in Coupeville. Whidbey Island Kayaking at South Whidbey Harbor offers rentals, instruction, and guided tours. They also host a guided beach walk, where you may learn something new about the shores you've been walking for years! Right next door is the Boatyard Inn, with spectacular studio rooms overlooking the Sound and southern tip of Camano Island.

If you'd like to get on the water but not under your own steam, there are wonderful boat tours available on both islands. Take a scenic cruise or go on a crabbing adventure

Captain Whidbey Inn, Coupeville

with Boats Afloat 2 on Camano Island; explore the thrilling waters under the iconic bridge, or go whale watching with Deception Pass Tours. Skimboarding and Kiteboarding are two more attractive ways to enjoy our beaches and shores.

Islanders treasure our nearness to the sea, and are always looking for new ways to connect with our coastal environment. For more information about how you can protect this precious habitat we share, reach out to **Sound Water Stewards**, always looking to the future.



Learn more including a visit to our favorite "Beach of the Month."



Penn Cove Mussels, Toby's Tavern, Coupeville





Finding the perfect gift for a loved one (or even yourself) is easy at Aqua Gifts. Red Rain Boots \$38.99 Coupeville, 360-678-0664 AquaGifts.com

#### a. Wind and Tide Bookshop

Oak Harbor's bookstore since 1967. Stocked with favorite reads and new titles. Birding for Beginners \$16.95 Oak Harbor, 360-675-1342 WindAndTideBooks.net

#### b. Back to the Island

Clothes and novelties popular with tourists and neighbors alike. Child's Logo Tee \$14.95 Coupeville, 360-678-6860

#### c. Mykens-Gifts for Pet Lovers

Sophisticated gifts for the dog and cat connoisseur. Katie's Bumper \$17.98 Langley, 360-221-4787 Mykens.com

#### d. The Beach House

Stocked with unique beach-themed gifts and décor, the Beach House's assortment is a must see. Neo-Disk \$11.95

Backpack game \$19.95 Langley, 954-415-5410 Langley Beach House.com

#### e. Harbor Gifts on the Wharf

Gifts, kites and island sweatshirts, hats and more. Orca Kite \$24.95 Coupeville, 360-678-3625

#### f. Honey Bear

A trove of toys and treasures. Wild Kingdom Plush Starfish \$12.95 Coupeville, 360-678-6122

#### g. Star Store and Mercantile

Established in 1919 by the Primavera family, the vast assortment housed in this family-owned business will amaze and delight. From food to apparel, from wine to gifts, it's all here. Plush Crab \$16.95 Langley, 360-221-5222 StarStoreWhidbey.com



## A SEASIDE PICNIC JAUNT

What day at the beach is complete without a picnic? To simplify your day and support a local business, let someone else do the cooking! This beautiful spread features tasty treats from the new Langley Kitchen, as well as delights from Greenbank Pantry & Deli, Greenbank Cheese Specialty Food & Gifts, and local wines from Greenbank Farm Wine Shop. Wines pictured are from Whidbey Island Winery and Ott & Hunter Wines. The beautiful basket is found at Forgotten Treasures of Freeland, and the crabby beach blanket can be found at Linds in Freeland.

With so many lovely parks and beaches to choose from, you'll find fresh and ready picnic items close to any destination. For yummy sandwiches stop by Pickles Deli in Clinton or the Whidbey Island Bagel Factory next door (also located in Oak Harbor). Sunshine Drip in Coupeville is another popular choice for sandwiches and coffee, or pick up a gourmet basket at nearby bayleaf. Be sure to check out Camano Commons Marketplace for local espresso, pastries, ice cream, and all the summer staples.

#### Looking for fishing and crabbing gear on the Islands? We have a few suggestions to get you started:

Ace Hardware Camano, 360-387-4429 Freeland, 360-331-6799 Oak Harbor, 360-679-3533 AceHardware.com

Big 5 Sporting Goods Oak Harbor, 360-679-0822 Big5SportingGoods.com

Elger Bay Grocery and Gifts Camano, 360-387-2262 ElgerBay.com

Jim's Hardware Clinton, 360-341-6044 Facebook@JimsHardware



# From Island Soil to Island Tables

Agriculture has a long and celebrated history here. Both islands can boast fourth generation farmers, still working land claims that have been in their families since the mid to late 1800s. This ancient tradition is complemented by a new wave of young farmers wanting to live closer to the Earth, resulting in a vibrant agri-culinary industry that provides incredible local food to islanders and well beyond.

Farmers continue to be stewards for the land, leading the way on sustainable practices so that future generations may be fed from the same plot. Near Coupeville, the Pacific Rim Institute for Environmental Stewardship is furthering that mission, giving people and communities the tools to care sustainably for the land. For those who weren't born to farming, it's not too late to learn.

Kristoferson Farm, Camano Island

The Organic Farm School in Clinton trains a new generation of green-minded farmers, imparting the many skills necessary to tend the land successfully.

Whidbey Island Grown Cooperative brings together farmers and products from up and down the island. By pulling together, growers can purchase supplies more affordably. The organization hosts a fantastic series of events each year for Whidbey Island Grown Week, and all year round you can shop local produce online or subscribe to a regular CSA box (Community Supported Agriculture). In early October check out Langley's annual Harvest Festival, an agricultural celebration featuring island restaurants for tasting events. Enjoy local foods and wines, take a class, or peruse the arts and crafts stalls.

#### TRADITION OF SMALL ISLAND FARMS

Though large corporate agri-business is much more the norm today, on Whidbey and Camano Islands we still maintain a wonderful tradition of small farms. It's not uncommon for a farmer to also be an artist or a yoga instructor, and many of these small farms offer a diversity of products and experiences. You might buy teas, soap, or natural sunscreen from Ananda Farm on Camano Island; just as you may order a wedding bouquet from Salty Acres Farms, near Oak Harbor or Flying Bear Farm in Langley.

Some of the oldest structures on all of Camano Island are at Kristoferson Farm, yet it's still a working farm and still in the hands of a Kristoferson. This hub of the community hosts special events and sells local produce and homemade products at their special farm stand. Don't forget to stop by Island Harvest Farm on Camano Island too, with a huge variety of fresh vegetables

available. These farm stands dot each island and have a lot of character and charm. Also, visit Lavender Wind in Coupeville for plants, tasty treats and a selection of lavender products from the farm.

Perhaps your own version of farming doesn't go beyond the window box, but there are many island nurseries to support your efforts great or small. Crossing under the famed laburnum arbor at Bayview Farm and Garden, you'll find home and garden wares, a plant nursery, gift shop, and café. In Oak Harbor, check out Mailliard's Landing Nursery for all your landscaping needs, including a licensed compost facility to recycle your yard waste for a small fee. At the Venture Out plant nursery near Langley, you'll see landscaping techniques brought to life throughout their beautiful, mature grounds.

#### HOMEGROWN BEVERAGES

Another farm favorite is the huge variety of libations made right here on the islands. Wineries abound, with tempting tastings and gorgeous event spaces. Whidbey Island Winery is the oldest on Whidbey Island, and sits right at the entrance to Langley. Not far away is the Whidbey Island Distillery, whose delicious range of berry liqueurs harken back to that agricultural history again, when Greenbank Farm was once the biggest producer of loganberries in the country. Edward Lynne Cellars on Camano Island is open to the public the first weekend of every month and frequently for special events.

Keep an eye on the new cider trend sweeping the islands! Driftwood Hard Cider relies on apples from an 100-year-old orchard near Freeland for their tasty line of beverages. Misfit Island Cider has a new production space in Langley; you can book a tasting or get a growler filled. Camano Cider prides itself on being high quality and hyper local; look for it on tap at locations across Camano Island and beyond.



Learn more including reasons why people love rural farm stays.



## **FRESH FROM** THE FARM

Sample the best of what the Islands offer at one of the local Farmers Markets.

#### Camano Commons Farmers Market at Terry's Corner

June 1 – September 28 Tuesdays, 3:00 – 6:00 pm

#### Coupeville Farmers Market

Northwest Alexander Street, Coupeville April 17 – October 16 Saturdays, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

#### Langley Friday Street Market

Second Street, Langley May 14 – September 18 Fridays, 11:30 am – 4:00 pm

#### **Bayview Farmers Market**

Bayview Farmers Market, Bayview Road, Langley April 25 – October 17 Saturdays, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

#### The Whidbey Island Farmers Market

Windjammer Park, Oak Harbor June - September Sundays, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

#### South Whidbey Tilth Farmers Market

2812 Thompson Rd, Langley, WA 98260 April 25 – October 17 Sundays, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm (April – September) In October, the market will close at 2 pm.

#### **Chocolate Flower Farm**

Offers seed for rare and often exclusive dark-colored plants, and those that smell like chocolate and chocolate-themed products such as their famous raspberry & chocolate jam, chocolate candles and natural cocoa butter body products. Farm visits and on-site farm store. Candle \$18 Chocolate Raspberry Jam \$7 Langley, 360-221-2464

## Glendale Shepherd

ChocolateFlowerFarm.com

Family-owned and operated Grade A sheep farm, committed to sustainable agriculture practices and the production of fine sheep milk cheeses and pasture-raised lamb. Farm visits and on-site farm store. Clinton, 360-593-9935 GlendaleShepherd.com



#### **Venture Out Nursery**

Offers a wide variety of tools, seeds, and plants, from large specimens to tiny treasures and gardening supplies. Walk the trails and enjoy the mature trees, large pond, stream, rain garden, rockeries, and water wheel. You'll be inspired to create your own garden paradise. Langley, 360-321-9931 VentureOutNursery.com

#### **Blackberry Moon Farm**

Blackberry Moon soap and personal care products, and organic produce, can be found at local farmers markets. Also sold at Madrona Supply, Salish Sea Scrub \$20 Salish Sea Lotion \$16

Salish Sea Soap \$9 BlackberryMoonFarm.com





Spoiled Dog Winery & Driftwood Cider, Langley



Ale Spike Camano Island Brewery, Camano





Penn Cove Brewing, Oak Harbor, Coupeville, Freeland



Heirophant Meadery, Freeland



Double Bluff Brewing, Langley



Wicked Teuton Brewing Company, Oak Harbor

## A FEW FARM-TO-FORK FAVORITES

#### Braeburn

97 Second Street Langley, 360-221-3211 BraeburnLangley.com

## Captain Whidbey

2072 W Capt Whidbey Inn Rd Coupeville, 360-678-4097 CaptainWhidbey.com

#### Frasers Gourmet Hideway

1191 SE Dock Street #101 Oak Harbor, 360-279-1231 frasersGH.com

#### Gordon's on **Blueberry Hill**

5438 South Woodard Ave Freeland, 360-331-7515 GordonsOnBlueberryHill.com

## The Inn at Langley

400 1st Street Langley, 360-221-3033 InnAtLangley.com

## Orchard Kitchen

5574 Bayview Road Langley, 360-321-1517 OrchardKitchen.com

## The Ovstercatcher

901 Grace Street NW Coupeville, 360-678-0683 OystercatcherWhidbey.com

#### Prima Bistro

201 1/2 1st St Langley, 360-221-4060 PrimaBistro.com

## Rustica

670 SE Pioneer Way #102 Oak Harbor, 360-675-4053 RusticaCafe.com

#### DEEP HARVEST FARM

Like many of our young farmers, Annie Jesperson and Nathaniel Talbot left behind a big city to search for a new way of life, and stronger connection to the land. Whidbey Island first attracted them for thorough hands-on training with the Organic Farm **School**. After falling in love with the island, they stayed and began their own farm in Freeland, raising 100% Certified Organic vegetables and flowers for the community. Local growers will also be excited by Deep Harvest's production of more than 120 seed varieties, all Certified Organic, open-pollinated, and non-GMO.

DeepHarvestFarm.com Also available at Bayview Farm and Garden and Ace Hardware.



## **Skagit Farmers Supply - Country Store**

A locally owned and governed cooperative stocking all the needs of local farmers and gardeners, from fuel and feed to apparel and pet needs. Oak Harbor, 360-675-2277 SkagitFarmers.com

#### **Country Store**

Locally owned hardware store providing farming and gardening needs, animal feed, pet supplies and apparel. Freeland, 360-331-1970 CountryStore.net

## **Tractor Supply Co**

Farm, livestock and pet supplies, tools, workwear, and boots. Oak Harbor, 360-240-1400 TractorSupply.com

## Find supplies to attract birds or dress up your yard:

## Whidbey Wild Bird

Oak Harbor, 360-279-2572 WhidbeyWildBird.com

#### Wild Birds Unlimited

Freeland, 360-341-1404 Freeland.wbu.com

"We're a tight-knit community that really supports its local producers, business owners and artisans."

~ Nathaniel Talbot, Deep Harvest Farm



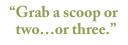


Island communities tend to be tight knit. Most Whidbey or Camano Islanders would credit the sense of community as one of the best things about living here, whether you're a lifelong islander or made it your chosen home. Locals know where to find the good stuff and are here to share.

What's the best pizza place in your part of the island? Where can one pick up craft supplies? Does your area offer a unique activity or unusual park? And where would you choose for an overnight staycation? Locals have taken to the internet to share their island discoveries with other locals. Enjoy their insights and become that much more of an expert yourself. With such a treasure trove of local finds, even an islander can't know all that's happening in this vibrant and busy place!



Find more discoveries including some fun "safe-distancing" ideas.



#### Ciao

701 N. Main Street Coupeville, 360-678-0800 CiaoCoupeville.com

#### Sprinklz

224 First Street Langley, 360-221-6364 Clinton, 360-341-7257 Sprinklz-IceCream.com

#### **Popsies**

851 SE Pioneer Wav #101 Oak Harbor, 360-240-8937 Facebook @Popsies

#### Toppin's Frozen Yogurt

32650 State Route 2 A101 Oak Harbor, 360-969-6175 ToppinsFrozenYogurt.com

#### **Sweet Mona's** Chocolates

221 Second Street #16 Langley, 360-221-2728 SweetMonas.com

#### Kapaws Iskreme

21 Front Street NE Coupeville, 360-929-2122 Facebook @KapawsIskreme

#### Camano Scoopz

848 N. Sunrise Blvd #C Camano Island, 360-772-7459 Facebook @CamanoScoopz

#### Beary Scoop

5565 Van Barr Place #E2 Freeland, 360-331-0519 Facebook @TheBearyScoop

#### Whidbey Island Ice Cream

Locally made. Available in many local grocery stores and restaurants. WhidbeyIslandIceCream.com

## "Whimsies on pioneer is my favorite shop! So many amazing handmade and vintage things:)" ~ @Goldycat

#### The Jester's Keep

A fun store that takes games seriously with board or tabletop games, accessories, puzzles, and more. 14485 WA-525 #1, Langley (360) 320-1713 the-jesters-keep.business.site

#### Cozy's Roadhouse

Housed in a building built in 1900, Cozy's casual menu pleases any palate from salads to pizza to burgers to seafood, with a full bar menu. 8872 WA-525, Clinton 360-341-2838 CozysRoadHouse.com

#### Jumbo Burrito

Authentic Mexican flavor food in a casual atmosphere, with a classic Mexican fare menu and generous portions that give credence to its name. 31780 SR-20, Oak Harbor 360-682-5857

#### Designer Consigner

This consignment store welcomes shoppers or consigners of stylish, quality women's clothing and accessories, including hats, shoes, scarves, and jewelry.

1694 E. Main Street, Freeland 360-682-8084 DesignerConsignerOnWhidbey.com

facebook.com/JumboBurritoWhidbey

## Elkhorn Trading Company

Go treasure hunting - browse, buy, sell or trade antiques from furniture to fishing rods. 15 Front Street, Coupeville 360-678-2250 facebook.com/ElkhornTradingCompany

#### Salmagundi Farms

Estate sales and auctions since 1974 in an historic, heritage barn. 19162 SR 20, Coupeville 360-678-5888 facebook.com/SalmagundiFarmSale

#### Callen's Restaurant

Made from scratch breakfast, sandwiches, and mouthwatering entrees with gorgeous views of Admiralty Inlet and Crocket Lake. 12981 WA 20, Coupeville 360-499-2306 CallensRestaurant.com







#### Joe's Wood Fired Pizza

Classic and some not-so-classic, but creative woodfired pizzas, as well as sandwiches, salads, and pasta. 2815 Howard Rd, Langley 360-321-1819 JoesWoodFiredPizza.com

#### Chris' Bakery

Baking is a Chris family tradition evident in beautifully decorated cakes for any occasion and treats of donuts, pastries and pies. 1025 NE 7th Ave, Oak Harbor 360-675-6500 ChrisBakeryWhidbey.com

#### Zanini's Dellicatessen

Find all your deli favorites here, like Auntie Jackie's Lasagna, meatballs, Italian salads, and don't forget the Italian cookies. 1191 SE Dock Street, Oak Harbor 360-682-6342 Zaninistogo.com

"Coupeville and Whidbey Island is our "place" for close to home but feels like being away trips. Weekends at a B and B, day trips, camping with grandkids, Musselfest, restaurants, beaches, trails, shops and ferry rides to Port Townsend."

~ Jim Schmotzer

#### Critters & Co Pet Center

This is the place to find reptiles, fish, birds, small animals, and even kittens, as well as all the supplies they'll need. 11042 WA-525, Clinton 360-341-1456 WhidbeyCritters.com

#### **Bailey's Corner Store**

A countryside convenience store that also offers burgers and brew with trivia night and live music, and you can gas up before you leave. 7695 Cultus Bay Road, Clinton 360-579-1814 facebook.com/BaileysCornerStore

#### Jupiter Coffee

Scrumptious scones, bread pudding, quiche, breakfast sandwiches and, of course, great espresso drinks 18205 WA-525 #7, Freeland 206-354-1982 facebook.com/Jupiter-Coffee

#### Feather and Fox Print Co.

One-stop service for printing, copying, creative products and design for everything from banners to metal prints to clothing. 105 First Street, Langley 360-221-2707 FeatherAndFoxPrintCo.com

## "You have to hit up the @bayleafonwhidbey and get wine and picnic supplies!! Then head to the picnic tables overlooking penn cove by the pier" ~ @Thekatwynns.

#### The Commons Café and Books

Locally sourced food; breakfast scrambles, stir fry, ice cream, espresso drinks, and a wonderful outdoor space for eating and people watching. 124 Second Street, Langley 360-221-2414

facebook.com/SouthWhidbeyCommons.org

#### 2nd Chance Thrift

Help support seniors of Camano Island and find great deals on clothing, rugs, holiday decorations and more.

1335 SR-532, Camano Island 360-629-6142

CamanoCenter.org/2nd-chance

Whidbey Island Bagel Factory

11042 State Route 525 #124, Clinton

facebook.com/WhidbeyIslandBagelFactory

Start with the homemade appetizers and move to

a grand selection of American-Chinese entrees,

715 SE Fidalgo Ave. Oak Harbor

including vegetarian options.

1804 Scott Road, Freeland

on the island

360-341-4302

360-675-4111

China City

Great place for family dining offering daily chef specials, as well as delicious menu items for breakfast, lunch and dinner. 32070 SR-20, Oak Harbor 360-279-2838 facebook.com/IslandCafeOakHarbor

The freshest and finest ingredients go into these authentic Thai appetizers and entrees, like Pad Thai, Mongolian Beef, and more. 370 NE Camano Drive, Camano Island 360-926-8688 Camano Thai.com

#### Dean Tile and Design

Specializes in creating unusual handmade tile, mirror frames, and sinks; they also design bathrooms, kitchens, fireplaces, murals and more. 1660 Roberta Ave, Freeland 360-331-1295

#### Island Time Coffee Company

Crafted with farm-direct, sustainable beans from Latin America and Indonesia; order on line or find it in local stores like Payless Foods. Is land Time Coffee Co.com

#### **Useless Bay Coffee**

DeanTile.com

Craft-roasted organic meticulously selected beans sourced from around the world. Order on-line or find it in local stores like The Star Store. UselessBayCoffee.com



Created for musicians of all ages; offering space for group or open jam sessions, instrument rentals or sales, and instrument repair. 1330 SW Barlow St, Oak Harbor 360-675-5544 ClickMusic.biz

#### **Mukilteo Coffee Roasters**

A "café in the woods" offering artisan roasted coffee; enjoy a cup with the Lemon Ricotta pancakes or a lunch sandwich. 3228 Lake Leo Way, Langley 360-321-5270 MukilteoCoffee.com

#### The Terrace Wine Bar & Bistro

Unwind in this cozy bistro; take a seat in the fireplace room and enjoy appetizers with an eclectic selection of wines from around the world. 791 SE Fidalgo, Oak Harbor 360-720-2322

## "PNW Vibes: Local vendors, lots of great metal art, wood items, locally printed clothing" ~ @justkeepin7tabs

#### Compass Rose

An historic, 1890 Queen Anne Victorian B&B near Ebey's Landing Historical Reserve, serving a lavish breakfast at a classic Victorian set table of crystal, linen and lace. 508 S. Main Street, Coupeville 360-678-5318 CompassRosebandb.com

#### The Quintessa

Able to accommodate from 2-36 people, it's perfect for a couple getaway or group event in a picture perfect setting with breathtaking views. 3493 French Road, Clinton 425-263-1700 TheQuintessa.com

#### Vail Wine Shop

Daily tastings of exclusive and hard to find Washington wines from the state's finest vineyards; learn about these great wines and take some home. 22 NW Front Street, Coupeville 360-632-2227 VailWineShop.com

#### Orlando's Bar and Southern BBQ

A lively entertainment space, restaurant, and bar offering BBO favorites like wings and ribs, as well as southern bowls, hamburgers, and southern inspired sides.

656 SE Bayshore Dr Ste 1, Oak Harbor 360-544-6344 OrlandosBBQ.com







## Whidbey Wild Mushroom Tours

Explore the mystery of the fungi world in group or private tours, with discussion and foraging of mushrooms along the way. 5531 S. Crawford Rd, Langley

206-531-8904

WhidbevMushroomTours.com

#### Savage Screen Printing & Embroidery

Expert screen printing for your work gear, team events, fund raisers, and more; hats to hoodies and everything in between. 11246 SR 525, Clinton

360-321-2040 SavageScreenPrinting.com

#### Mario's Pizza at Oak Bowl

Pizza plus – not just pizza, sandwiches, burgers and salads, but also an arcade room, card room, and bowling for kids and adults. 531 Southeast Midway Blvd, Oak Harbor 360-679-2533 OakBowl.com/marios-pizza



An award-winning brew pub with a full service menu, live music, and special event menus like Taco Tuesday; check them on Facebook for new brews. 32295 WA 20, Oak Harbor 360-675-5858 Facebook.com/FlyersBrew

#### Meerkerk Gardens

Flyer's Restaurant & Brewery

A serene, 12-acre haven of outdoor garden rooms with hybrid and other types of rhododendrons, as well as cherry trees, daffodils, monkey trees and much more. 3531 Meerkerk Lane, Greenbank

MeerkerkGardens.org

TheBakedCafe.com



#### Ultra House

A mix of transcontinental dishes featuring Japanese ramen, imported craft beers, sake and snacks; there's something for the kids too. 221 Second St 9A, Langley 360-221-4959 UltraHouse.us

#### Reflections of Service

Personalized, quality gifts; hand crafted custom woodcraft carvings, memorabilia, plaques, tumblers, military display cases, and more. 3862 Hoffman Rd, Oak Harbor 520-991-1328 ReflectionsOfService.com

#### **Tapped Camano**

Ice cold local beer and PNW inspired house made meals using locally sourced ingredients; desserts and a menu just for kids. 848 N. Sunrise Blvd, Camano Island 360-572-4986 TappedCamano.com



#### Rocket Taco

It's authentic Mexican favorites with a twist, like sweet potato black bean, along with the classic beef, pork and chicken, as well as a bar menu. 1594 Main Street, Freeland 360-331-0760 Rocket-Taco.com



Share your Whidbey and Camano Islands Discoveries



Savory Restaurant Whid bey.com

#### Who needs New York when you can have authentic New York bagels and bagel sandwiches right here

Island Girl Nails

Pamper yourself with a Luxury Pedi, make a statement with a Deluxe Manicure, or improve your look with acrylic nail enhancements. 6315 Storkson Dr #103, Clinton 360-341-1020 IslandGirlNails.com

#### Island Pet Center

Since 1977, the knowledgeable staff has assisted and supplied owners of all types of pets; dogs, cats, fish, reptiles, and small animals. 1381 SW Barlow St, Oak Harbor 360-675-9646 IslandPetCenter.com

Eclectic comfort food inspired by generations of family cooks who traveled the world for dishes from Morocco, France, Italy, and the PNW. 220 1st St, Langley 360-221-7106

360-678-1912

#### The Baked Café

Their own fresh baked buns for breakfast sandwiches and burgers, piled on thick; the traditional and unusual, like Sourdough Pancakes and Pastrami Burger. 848 N. Sunrise Blvd, Camano Island 425-232-5885

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# Give Your Home that Island Touch

Most of us have lately spent a *lot* more time at home than usual. After so many months of homes serving also as workplaces and classrooms, we're all ready for a change of scenery! To spruce up your space and give it that island touch, look no further than our local makers and retailers.

Seaside & Sylvan has recently moved from Greenbank to a new space in Freeland. This carefully curated shop features one-of-akind pieces and locally-crafted home goods. As well as the fine furnishings showroom, you can take advantage of their in-house design studio for an authentic local touch. At Artisan Crafted Home in Langley lives a wide selection of handcrafted items made from all natural and sustainable materials. By working directly with artisans, they carry exceptional items at affordable prices. Local and in-house designs, such as handblown glass lighting fixtures, make it a great stop for island inspirations.

Give yourself time to explore the offerings of Music for the Eyes in Langley. Owned by globetrotting former diplomats, this shop is stocked with colorful items from their travels. Particularly well known for gorgeous rugs hailing from remote corners of the world, you'll enjoy hearing the background stories of your purchases. For the flooring underneath those rugs, check out Carpet One in Freeland. Free estimates are available. They offer hardwood, laminate, and vinyl flooring.

#### **CREATIVITY MEETS FUNCTIONALITY**

With so many artists in the community, there is ample opportunity to fill our homes with items both beautiful and unique. In Coupeville you'll find two furniture makers with designs that can't help but catch the eye. Quarrier Woodworks offers designs which incorporate historic and contemporary elements. These smooth, glossy pieces range from tables, cabinets, gates, and more. Gary A. Leake Woodworking utilizes just about any kind of wood you can imagine, and offers restoration as well. These striking designs often incorporate the natural wood edges or inlaid stained glass for a pop of color.

Along with the explosion of video calls during the pandemic, came a demand for interesting backgrounds. Local galleries are here to help. Clinton is home to Rochon Fine Art, the studio and gallery of abstract expressionist acrylic painter Louie Rochon. The burst of colors in Louie's work will immediately transform any room. Museo in Langley stages new shows in their gallery monthly, featuring top local artists known regionally and nationally. Along with paintings and mixed media pieces, they carry sculptures, glass work, ceramics and jewelry.

#### **HUNTING FOR LOCAL TREASURES**

In a historic 1950s Clinton building you'll find the Madrona Supply Co, a veritable island marketplace of local makers and designers. Screen-printing done on site. They offer everything from clothing and books to home goods and gifts, plus much more. To fill your shelves with beauty and inspiration, be sure to check out one of our beloved and long-running independent bookstores. You could easily lose an afternoon at Kingfisher Bookstore in Coupeville or Moonraker Books in Langley.

Treat yourself to a delightful treasure hunt at the Spare Room Vintage Flea Market on Camano Island. Arranged like an antique mall, this family business hosts up to 40 vendors, providing a mixture of old, new, and handmade. Packed with unique discoveries to beautify your home, you'll find furniture, garden art and home décor. Wish By The Sea in Langley offers coastal farmhouse vibes with their décor and gifts. Items are thoughtfully sourced from across America or handcrafted on Whidbey Island, representing more than 20 island makers. Madrona Blossom in Coupeville mixes farmhouse interiors with an outdoorsy PNW feel. Drop by for home décor items, including simple plants in lovely pots and vases.



Learn more including more places to find that perfect item for your home.

#### Featured items:

Lamp: Artisan Crafted Home, Langley Painting: "Double Bluff", Faith Jessup -Museo, Langley

Double Chair: Seaside and Sylvan, Freeland

Tall Table: Gary Leake Woodworking, Coupeville (and at Schouten Gallery)

Low Table: Quarrier Woodworks, Coupeville Basket: Madrona Blossom, Coupeville Buovs and Galvanized Metal Milk Pitcher: Wish by the Sea, Langley

Green and Blue Rugs: Music for the Eyes, Langley

Beige Carpet: Carpet One Floor and Home, Freeland



Island Shakespeare Festival

## The Show Must Go On

This is a small community bursting with big talent, and life just hasn't been the same without our performance artists and entertainment venues. These organizations who've brought us so much joy over the years have suffered more than most through these tough times, with extremely long closures in order to keep us all safe. Being creative types, many have found ways to adapt or connect with their audience from afar-but the road has been long, and they could use our support.



Learn more and check our calendar for upcoming events.

#### **Kingfisher Books**

Keep your brain busy an imagination happy. Coupeville, 360-678-8463 KingFisherBookstore.com

#### **Moonraker Books**

This hospitable shop has been on Whidbey Island for 41 years. Langley, 360-221-6962 facebook.com/ MoonrakerBooks





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This well curated shop features the encaustic artwork of owner/ artist David Price along with a selection of gifts and home goods by 80 small makers from around the world. Langley, 360-381-0045 editWhidbey.com

#### Bayview Farm and Garden

Ranked in the top 100 independent garden centers in the US, with a wonderful home and gift section. Black and White Throw \$59 Grey throw \$89 (also seen on page 16) Langley, 360-321-6789 BayviewFarmAndGarden.com





## Cook on Clay

Cook from your heart with cookware designed to go from freezer to stove to table. Small \$115 Medium \$175 Large \$210 Set \$465 Langley, 360-929-8121 CookOnClay.com

#### a. Madrona Supply Co

Choose from screen-printed home goods and apparel made in-house to a room filled with local wood slabs for custom projects. Turnco Stout Jars with Walnut Lids from \$26

Live Edge wood planks prices vary Clinton, 360-630-0520, Madrona Supply Co.com

#### b. Little Town Cottage

Home decor, refurbished furniture, homemade body products, and customized gifts, all in cottage style. Clock \$22.99 Oak Harbor, 360-682-6068 facebook.com/LittleTownCottage

#### c. Aqua Gifts

Décor, gifts, and apparel all housed in a charming historic storefront. Vase \$48.99

Coupeville, 360-678-0664, AquaGifts.com

#### d. Dina's Great Finds

Designer, vintage, unique, and quirky finds at thrift shop prices. Antique Camera \$24.95 Oak Harbor, facebook.com/DinasGreatFindsShop

#### e. Flowers by the Bay

Expertly crafted, fresh, beautiful floral arrangements and gifts for the home. Gift Boxed Candle \$42.95 Freeland, 360-331-6252, Flowers By The Bay. biz

#### f. Green House Florist and Nursery

Full-service florist and nursery established in 1954. Bonsai Tree in pot \$40. Oak Harbor, 360-675-6668, The Green House Fand N.com

#### g. Penn Cove Pottery

Has represented many artists from the Puget Sound area over the last 18 years. Hand thrown glazed tea pot, Steve Eelkema \$45 Coupeville, (360) 678-6464, PennCovePottery.com

#### b. Red Rooster Antique Mall

Featuring a variety of antiques, collectibles, vintage and cottage furniture and home décor. Framed Chalk Board \$24 Freeland, 360-331-0150, RedRoosterAntiqueMall.com

## i. Purple Moon Gift Shop

Find home decor and funny signs, soaps, candles, shells, rocks, incense, essential oils and everything in between. Fossil \$240

Oak Harbor, 360-679-2167 facebook.com/PurpleMoonOakHarbor



# Hands at Work

It's hardly surprising that Whidbey and Camano Islands have long been a haven for artists. The natural beauty and laidback island lifestyle are excellent building blocks for inspiration. Find everyone from award-winning screenwriters to casual weekend potters; from renowned sculptors to amateur watercolorists, and everything in between. Hence the flourishing arts councils on both islands, and the huge number of art events in a typical year.

One popular way to see art, and meet the creators behind it, is the annual Studio Tour. Artists of all stripes open their studios to the public, for a peek behind the curtain at their creative process. On Camano Island this takes place over Mother's Day weekend and the following weekend; on Whidbey Island the event is for one weekend in August. It's become so popular, both islands usually have close to 40 locations to explore, and the opportunity to purchase artworks for your own creative sanctum.

#### ART IS EVERYWHERE

There's no need to wait for a particular weekend to enjoy art. We're surrounded by art every day. A great option to keep you outside is a visit to one of many sculpture gardens, blending human art with Mother Nature's. On Camano Island you can experience Matzke Fine Art and Design Sculpture Garden. On Whidbey Island, check out Langley's Schouten Gallery and Sculpture Garden, or Earth Sanctuary and Cloudstone, both near Freeland. The newest addition is the Price Sculpture Forest near Coupeville.

To make an evening of it, stop in at Blooms Winery and Bistro in Freeland, where you can enjoy the art gallery, a glass of local wine, and maybe some live music. Check out the First Saturday Art Walk each month in Langley from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Explore local galleries and meet featured artists. Many galleries use this event to kick off new shows. Some serve complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres, or feature live music. For a rotating variety of art shows and events, keep an eye on the website of Whidbey Allied Artists. This local non-profit collective started in the 1950s, and describe themselves as a "floating gallery."

Another staple on the arts calendar is the Coupeville Arts and Crafts Festival. A summertime tradition going back nearly 60 years, this event brings people to the historic waterfront for art, music, and culinary creations. For the children in your life, order an eco-friendly art activity box from Outside The Box Creation, new every month and delivered right to your door!

#### ARTISTS SEEKING ARTISTS

Coupeville is home to the Pacific Northwest Art School, where working artists share their knowledge with students of all levels across many mediums. Classes and workshops are also available with nationally recognized instructors at the Whidbey Island Fine Art Studio in Langley; or venture again to Coupeville to learn the wet-on-wet painting technique made famous by Bob Ross. After just four hours with Bobbi Bradley - a certified Bob Ross instructor - you'll be painting happy little trees like a pro.

Or perhaps your inner artist is seeking solitude? To escape the hectic pace of life and plan your own mini retreat in nature, consider Four Springs House on Camano Island, an event center at the heart of a gorgeous 50-acre nature preserve. Or Camp Casey Conference Center on central Whidbey Island, where history and nature collide in a breathtaking setting. For a truly relaxing retreat, take advantage of Camp Casey's catering options, available for pickup or delivery. Other inspirational places to stay include Camano Island Inn right on the water, Country Cottages within easy walking distance of all Langley's downtown attractions, or Wildwood Farm B&B near Oak Harbor, where gardens and horseback riding are right at your door.



Learn more including in-depth interviews with local artists.











#### **Artworks Gallery**

Displaying the work of 16 selected Whidbey Island artists. "Self Portrait Before First Coffee" - Loren Iwerks, Ink Langley, 360-926-1001 ArtWorksWhidbey.com



#### Jack Gunter Art & Design

John Ebner Fine artist working in several mediums. "Crabbing Boats" - John Ebner, starting at \$200 Camano Island, 425-308-9055 JohnEbner.com



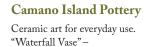
#### L Studio Modern

Studio and Gallery featuring work by Elizabeth LaCount and Doyle Reno. Original acrylic painting by Elizabeth LaCount Langley, 505-490-8538 LStudioModern.com



## **Rob Schouten** Gallery and Sculpture Garden

Showcasing the work of more than 40 Northwest and Whidbey Island artists. "Dorealis Amphora" – Dan & Joi LaChaussee \$450 Langley, 360-222-3070 RobSchoutenGallery.com



(one in a series of three) Camano Island, 360-770-0572 CamanoIslandPottery.com

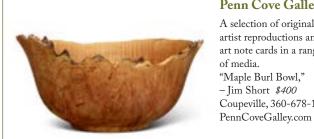
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#### O'Neil's Arts Hand **Blown Glass Studio**

Specializing in custom hand-blown glass since 2000. Call ahead for studio visit. Camano Island, 360-941-7557 Oneils-Arts.com



#### Penn Cove Gallery

A selection of original art, artist reproductions and art note cards in a range of media. "Maple Burl Bowl," - Jim Short \$400 Coupeville, 360-678-1176



An artists' co-op gallery featuring local artists with a variety of mediums. Garnet and Freshwater Pearls Necklace and Earrings by Joanne's Jewelry \$179 Oak Harbor, 360-682-5675 GarryOakGallery.com



#### Hellebore Glass Studio

Handmade vases, goblets, bowls, fish and Venetian style cane work. "3 Clam Shell Bowls" - George Springer \$495 Langley, (360) 221-2067 HelleboreGlass.com



#### Whidbey Art Gallery

Established in 1992, this gallery offers fine art by 37 exceptional Whidbey Island artists. Winfield Designs Garden Stakes \$25 Winfield Designs Painting \$215 Langley, 360-221-7675 WhidbeyArtists.com



## Matzke Fine Art Gallery and Sculpture Park

Extensive gallery whose mission is to promote, encourage, and serve as an advocate for fine artists. "Solid Symphony #2" - Dave Haslett \$6,000 Camano Island, 360-387-2759 MatzkeFineArt.com



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# Healthy and Active Island Lifestyle





The island lifestyle is often a fit and healthy one, as the allure of natural beauty helps us get outside. See the world from up in the canopy when you book a guided tree-climbing experience with AdventureTerra in Deception Pass State Park. An electric lift is now available, making this unique activity accessible to all. On Camano Island you can zip-line through the forest with Canopy Tours NW. Both companies offer team building adventure courses, perfect for families or work groups.

#### WALKING IN NATURE

Whidbey and Camano Islands have an abundance of beautiful walking trails, often maintained by devoted volunteers. Clinton's serene Whidbey Institute has a 106-acre trail network that's open to the public from dawn to dusk every day; bikes, horses, and dogs should be left at home. Take your canine companion on-leash through the woodland trails between Maxwelton and Langley Roads. These South Whidbey Parks and Rec trails will lead you to Community Park, affectionately known as "Castle Park" for its fabulous playground. Your children

will surely love a visit to the 12,000 square foot playground at Freedom Park on Camano Island. Another excellent choice for trails, playground and sports fields is Fort Nugent Park in Oak Harbor set on 40 acres just behind the downtown area.

If hiking is too unstructured for you, try one of our many picturesque golf courses, such as Gallery near NAS Whidbey. Even if you've never played, it's hard not to enjoy a stroll over manicured lawns with views of the water. Oak Harbor is home to the Whidbey Golf Club, a semi-private course with public tee times available. Check out the pro shops at Holmes Harbor Golf Course in Freeland or Useless Bay Country Club in Langley, to equip you with everything you'll need. Camaloch Golf Course on Camano Island also has a pro shop, plus the onsite Rockaway Bar and Grill.

Our long, scenic, winding roads just beg to be explored, and bicycles are a great way to get out there. A wonderful map is available on the Island County website, outlining the best routes on each island and warning where the shoulders are narrower. Even if your fitness level's not quite up to it, electric bikes are an increasingly popular option for riding a little further. Visit the Skagit Cycle Center in Oak Harbor or Bayview Bicycles at Bayview Corner to find what you need.

## FITNESS JOURNEY

If you're feeling inspired to get active but don't know where to begin, there are local professionals to help you reach your goals. Try Coupeville Health and Fitness or Vibrant Fitness in Langley, for a personal trainer to set you on the right track. Nutritionist Lori Taylor in Coupeville can guide you with a plan, and the Island Athletic Club in Freeland has a swimming pool to help you get your strength up. Oak Harbor has Planet Fitness if you want to work out at your own pace.

Yoga and Pilates are popular choices, with many teachers and studios available to help you advance your practice. The Pilates Collective has locations in Langley, Freeland, and Oak Harbor. Try Movement Arts on Camano Island for yoga, or Chrysalis Yoga Shala in Oak Harbor. You'll also find the Lotus Tea Bar and Studio there for some healthy eats before or after class.

Wellness is not all movement however, sometimes we just need to take a quiet day for some self-care. For a beauty treatment that will leave you feeling your best, try Allure Salon and Spa in Oak Harbor, or The Beauty Lounge in Langley. Pamper your paws at Island Girl Nails in Clinton. For a taste of island bliss through massage or reflexology in a calming environment, check out The Seaside Spa and Salon in Coupeville, or the Camano Island Day Spa. Take some "me time" and drop off the kids for martial arts lessons at South Whidbey ATA. Fitness and fun for them, peace and quiet for you!



#### Fair Trade Outfitters

Offers a wide selection of fair trade clothing, jewelry, gifts & accessories. Patagonia Jacket \$149
Pants \$89
Langley, 360-221-1696
facebook.com/FairTradeOutfitters

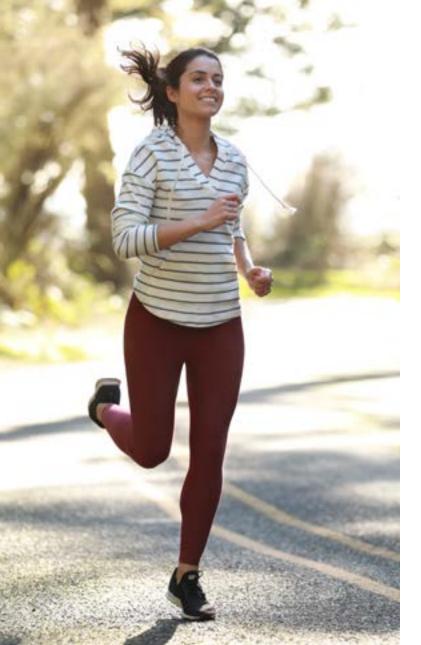
#### Skagit Cycle Center

Amazing selection of bicycles in stock. E-Bike Momentum Vida Et LDS \$2,599.99 Oak Harbor, 360-682-6546 SkagitCycleCenter.com



Learn more including accessible activities for the mobility challenged.





## Useless Bay Golf and Country Club

Pro Shop is open to the public and offers all your golfing needs, including apparel and clubs.





#### Webbs Department Store

Mens, womens, and childrens clothing and more. New Balance Shoes \$100 Freeland, 360-331-4623 facebook.com/Webbs-Department-Store

#### Feel Good Shop

A carefully curated shop for the feel good gift giver. Striped Hoodie \$35 Beyond Yoga Leggings \$88 Oak Harbor FeelGoodWhidbey.com

## From the cover

#### The Country Store

Gardening and Farming needs Straw Hat \$21 Freeland, 360-331-1970 stores.TrueValue.com/wa/freeland

#### Star Store and Mercantile

Natural market and fashionably fun mercantile. Sunglasses \$18 Langley, 360-221-5222 StarStoreWhidbey.com

#### In The Country Boutique

Dedicated to making women beautiful and elegant in an affordable way. CCC brand Jacket \$85.95 Fridaze Tunic \$72.95 Langley, 360-221-820 Facebook@InTheCountryBoutique

#### Oak Harbor Motors

40 years of family-owned experience selling Dodge, Jeep, RAM and Chrysler. Oak Harbor, 360-639-8093 OHMotors.com

Note: some models are not wearing masks. For current COVID-19 guidelines, including mask wearing, visit Island County Public Health.

# DRIVE OFF THE MAINLAND TO ... Whidbey & Camano Islands!

If you're ready for a road trip, Whidbey and Camano Islands are here for you. Find out why they're called The Shortest Distance to Far Away®. Wouldn't it be amazing to savor a sunset from somewhere special or walk a quiet beach, coffee in hand, just steps away from where you slept? Lodgings are open and taking extreme measures to offer guests a safe respite. Both islands offer

a huge selection of hassle-free getaways to choose from. Lodging options range from cottages to cabins to luxury inns. The best part, you don't have to upend your life to give yourself a much-needed break. Bring the kids and the pets! We can't think of a more thoughtful or unexpected birthday, anniversary or "just because" getaway. Visit WhidbeyCamanoIslands.com to book your stay.

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## Stress free travel.

Discover the islands via Island Transit's free bus service (Monday - Saturday), and leave the driving to us. No matter your age, ability, or physical limitations, Whidbey and Camano Islands offer something for everyone. Every bus is equipped with a bike rack and will safely accommodate two wheelchairs or mobility devices. Plan your next adventure by bus. To explore more download our Visit the Islands guides https://www.islandtransit.org/visit-the-islands



# Min an Island Getaway!

Enter our quarterly drawing to win a Whidbey or Camano Island adventure. Packages include overnight stays with exciting experiences and treasures.



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