These islands existed long before us, and will exist long after us. Help keep them real while you are here.

Put yourself into an island state of mind – jot down a few of your thoughts.

- Cone thing I discovered today
- > One thing that inspired me today
- > One person I met today
- P One thing I'm grateful for today
- > One intention I have for tomorrow

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"... instead of thinking how things may be, see them as they are."

Samuel Johnson (1696-1772) American Philosopher.



Together, we are bridge-builders.

We aspire to connect and foster a sense of belonging. While honoring the uniqueness of our inhabitants and our communities, we celebrate our shared identity.

We share this sense of place, hoping you bring your whole self to us, as you engage with our community and awe-inspiring, natural environment.

As stewards of these islands, we strive to honor our interconnections and restore balance and mutual respect among all living things.

Honoring those who came before us, we are creating a home for generations to come.

We offer our whole selves to you, and we part better, stronger, and more resilient because of our time together.



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Travel Notes:

- 1 Deception Pass State Park and Bridge Washington State's most visited state park, it is popular for hiking, camping, boating and other recreation. Be sure to walk onto our famous bridge and snap a photo. Towering cliffs and sea water roaring at river speed, the bridge soars 17 stories above the waters and ancient cedar trees.
- **2** Ala Spit –This narrow strip of land jutting out from Whidbey Island is a great place to take in the view and for birdwatching, as well.
- **3 Joseph Whidbey State Park** With beautiful views of Admiralty Inlet, this state park is a quick trip west from Oak Harbor.
- 4 Oak Harbor The city of Oak Harbor, Island County's largest city, is packed with great places to eat and shop. It is home to Windjammer Park and Oak Harbor Marina. Be sure to stroll, sip, and shop your way through the city's historic Main Street Pioneer Way. Explore the region's past and present military heritage at the Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum. There is a Visitor Center at the Chamber of Commerce office.
- **5** Fort Ebey State Park Built at the start of World War II, this state park is now a favorite place for picnics and paragliding. The hiking trail along the bluff offers great views and is part of the Pacific Northwest Trail.
- 6 Coupeville This town's Front Street is largely unchanged from 100 years ago. Small shops, art galleries, and restaurants give this town an authentic charm few places can match. Island County Historical Museum and the Historic Wharf are located here. There is a Visitor Center at the Chamber of Commerce office.
- **7 Price Sculpture Forest** Experience a convergence of nature and outdoor art, open daily from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. (or sunset whichever comes first). Wander through wooded trails to discover art at every turn. Located near Coupeville on Whidbey Island.
- 8 Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve At Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve, past meets present in a working rural landscape and community. Established in 1978, the 17,572 acre Reserve is home to historic farms, the seaport town of Coupeville, and provides opportunities to explore parks, beaches, trails and stunning views.
- **9** Fort Casey State Park This bluff overlooking Puget Sound is home to both the region's first lighthouse, Admiralty Head Lighthouse, and a fort built in the 1890s. The fort, featuring cannons, was part of the region's "Triangle of Fire"; three forts to protect Puget Sound from invading ships.

- **10 Greenbank Farm** This publicly-owned farm is home to charming specialty shops and dining opportunities. Explore dog-friendly hiking trails through both fields and woods.
- 11 Meerkerk Rhododendron Gardens "Rhodies" are the stars in this 10-acre garden surrounded by 43 acres of forest. An amazing variety of rhododendrons, some developed right here, put on a colorful display in the spring and early summer.
- **12** South Whidbey State Park This park is a great place to hike and enjoy the water views from the bluff overlooking Admiralty Inlet.
- 13 Freeland Freeland is the commercial hub of South Whidbey Island. Freeland Park offers great views of Holmes Harbor. Freeland is home to numerous antique stores. There is a Visitor Center at the Chamber of Commerce.
- **14 Double Bluff Beach** Named one of the best dog-friendly beaches on the west coast, this beach is an uncrowded, expansive escape for both dogs and people.
- **15** Earth Sanctuary A spiritual and peaceful place where nature and sacred spaces are the top priority. Explore "Stonehenge", Medicine Wheels, and many birds on two miles of trail.
- 16 Bayview Corner There's always something happening here. Enjoy the farmers market, restaurants including farm-to-table dining, shops, a taphouse and a living archway of laburnum trees.
- 17 Langley Whidbey Island's "Village by the Sea" will captivate you with its small-town charm and artistic "vibe." Galleries, restaurants, wineries, breweries, and specialty food shops make this a shopping and dining paradise. The South Whidbey Harbor at Langley is located here. There is a Visitor Center at the Chamber of Commerce office.



- 18 Ken's Corner Shopping, specialty services, a variety of delicious dining options and other hidden gems may be found here. There's a lot to explore! A visitor kiosk is located on the corner.
- 19 Clinton and South Whidbey Whidbey Island's ferry gateway is, for many, where they drive on the mainland, or where they depart. Small shops and restaurants greet visitors along the main highway. There is map information at Dalton Realty.
- **20 Kristoferson Farm** Zip line among the trees at a 100 year-old working farm at Canopy Tours NW. Six zip lines plus a log bridge and a final rappel. The farm is also home to a challenging team-building course.
- **21** Camano Commons at Terry's Corner The Camano Island Marketplace at Terry's Corner is a small-town market square updated for the 21st Century. Restaurants, galleries, an artisanal coffee roaster and more make this a "must stop".
- **22** Iverson Spit Preserve This beach is a favorite for bird-watchers and features a special platform to make the experience easier. Hiking trails through the tide land round out the destination.
- **23** Four Springs Lake Preserve This 50-acre nature preserve includes 1.6 miles of forested trails, a meadow and lake for a perfect antidote to city life.
- **24 Barnum Point** Once a private beach, this public property features more than a mile of waterfront, forests, trails and ponds to explore.
- **25** Camano Island Visitor Kiosks Visitor Kiosks located at Camano Plaza IGA, Elger Bay Food Mart, Huntington's Corner Grocery, The Camano Center, and Camano Commons Marketplace. These kiosks are a "must stop" for visitors to the island.
- **26** Cama Beach State Park In the middle of the 20th century, small waterside fishing resorts dotted Puget Sound. This is one of the last remaining resorts, and you may stay in the historic cabins. The park is also home to The Center for Wooden Boats, the Cama Beach Café, and Cama Beach Foundation Historic Store.
- **27 Camano Island State Park** Explore peaceful beaches, towering forests, and camping options, including cabins and boat launch.





