

# Coupeville Wharf

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The population of Central Whidbey began increasing dramatically with the activation of Fort Casey, and Coupeville Wharf was built in 1905 to keep up with growth. Constructed by local farmers and merchants, they took the wharf out 500 feet so it would be viable even in low tides. The wharf was a busy hub for commerce, and passengers would arrive and depart daily by steamboat. The last steamer from Seattle ran in 1936, as the construction of Deception Pass Bridge brought much more vehicle traffic to the island.



Today the wharf is still a daily part of life in Coupeville, and so iconic that it has featured in several film and television productions. The Port of Coupeville manages the wharf and important maintenance of this historic structure. There are some retail and dining spaces inside and a permanent display of whale bones and other marine exhibits. Enjoy a picnic table in the sunshine and views across Penn Cove and Mount Baker.



TOP: Lady Washington arriving at the Coupeville Wharf. Photo: Dennis Hill.

ABOVE: Front Street, circa 1906. Photo: Island County Historical Museum.

Coupeville Wharf is also home to the Gatsby-era wooden schooner SUVA, pride of the Whidbey Island Maritime Heritage Foundation and available for sailing tours.

Located at the West end of Coupeville's historic Front Street. Stroll out to the end for spectacular views of the town and Penn Cove, as well as interactive interpretive displays, shopping and dining.