

Sunset Cove Homeowners Association

January 2025 SCHOA “1st
Quarter Newsletter”



From the President



Hi all, now that 2024 is in the books I can say that we are looking forward to 2025. It's been an interesting year to say the least. Our City and Community have made huge strides staying focused on local commerce and our commitment to the tourist business after years of record inflation and the run-up to the election last November. Its good to see Washington Park bustling with campers, boaters and outdoor enthusiasts in general. Its also great to see local businesses thriving and reaping the benefits from recreational visitors and the local crowd. As we continue to progress throughout 2025 our Board will keep you abreast of any changes to our operating structure along with the opportunities we see impacting our Sunset Cove Community.

As a group the SCHOA Board has re-aligned its communication medium(s) and feels good with the go forward plan utilizing a Zoom platform for Annual Meetings and bi-monthly Board Meetings. We will continue to use such mediums as cell phones, conference calls, emails and one on one contact in smaller groups where and when necessary. We have adapted well and are pleased that SCHOA business has been conducted effectively and efficiently. The Board has and will continue to function at 100% to serve the needs of all SCHOA residents.

Last but but not least, a big "SHOUT OUT" to our local Highschool football team, the SEAHAWKS! Last December they won their 2nd straight State Championship beating Tumwater High 20-10 in a rousing, hard hitting rematch of last years Class 2A State Championship game. GO SEAHAWKS!

Doug Berard

President, Sunset Cove Homeowners Association

(Email us at board@sunsetcove.org)

About the SCHOA

Sunset Cove Homeowners Association



Located in Anacortes, WA, at the Western edge of Fidalgo Island, Sunset Cove is uniquely situated with views of the San Juan Islands, Rosario Strait and Burrows Bay. Sunset Cove residents enjoy the privilege of adjoining beautiful Washington Park with miles of beaches, trails and picnic and camping sites.

The entire Sunset Cove community consists of Washington Park Estates (homes along Washington Blvd), Sunset Cove Estates (homes along Washington Court) and The Crest at Sunset Cove Condominiums, The Gardens at Sunset Cove Condominiums and Doe Run at Sunset Cove detached Condominiums all along Sundown Court.

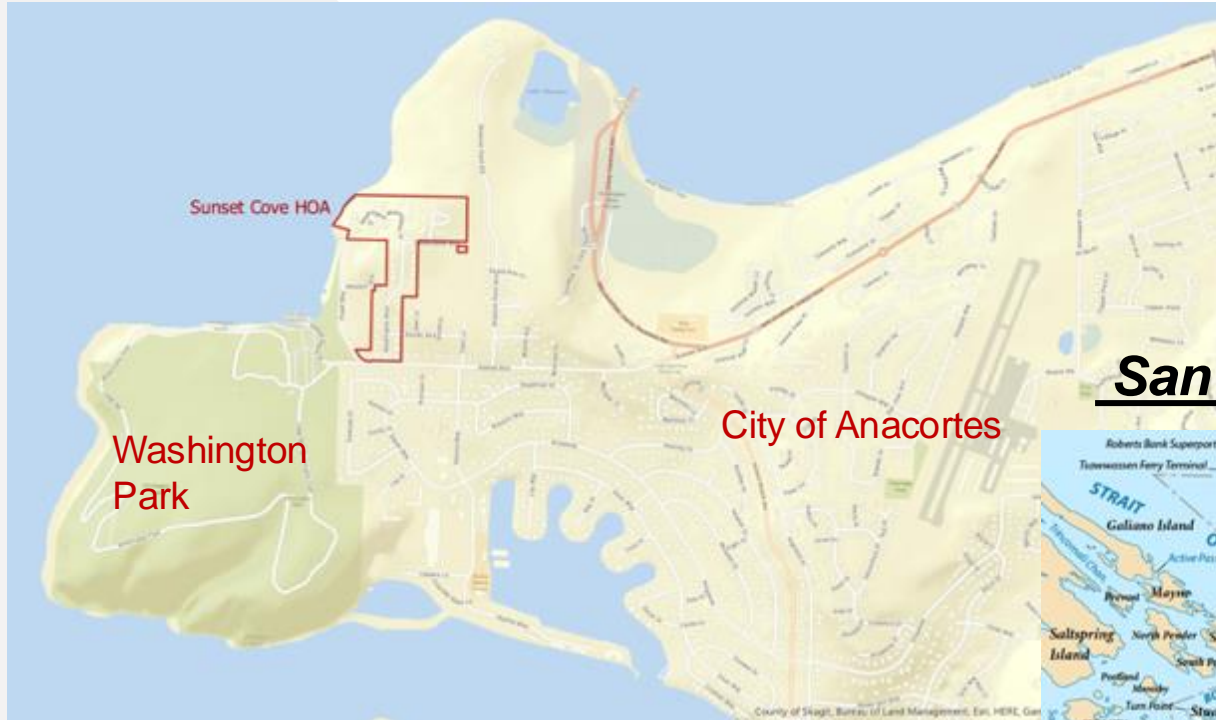
The Sunset Cove Homeowners Association (SCHOA) represents all of the aforementioned areas held within the Sunset Cove community. The Crest, The Gardens and Doe Run each have their own HOA's. The SCHOA in totality represents the entire development taking care of the common areas as well as common issues.

Welcome to all our neighbors, new, established and those who are entertaining a move to Sunset Cove!

SCHOA Board

City and Community Logistics

Westend Anacortes



San Juan Islands



Sunset Cove Neighborhood



Fidalgo Island



Fidalgo Island is an island in Skagit County Washington, located about 60 mi (97 km) north of Seattle. To the east, it is separated from the mainland by the Swinomish Channel, and from Whidbey Island to the south by Deception Pass. The island is named after the Spanish explorer and cartographer Salvador Fidalgo who explored the area in 1790.

Its largest and only city is Anacortes with a population of 18,121 at the end of the 2024. Anacortes has ferries with daily service to the San Juan Islands and Guemes Island.

From 1924 to 1935, Fidalgo Island was linked to Whidbey Island by the Deception Pass ferry, which was superseded in 1935 by the completion of the Deception Pass Bridge. Today, Fidalgo Island is the site of the ferry terminal that links Anacortes to Vancouver Island and the San Juan Islands to the rest of the state.

Fidalgo Island has a land area of 106.684 km² (41.19 sq mi). There are at least eight major lakes on Fidalgo Island which are named Campbell, Erie, Heart, Little Cranberry, Mud, Pass, Trafton/Crater, and Whistle.



The forested Western slopes of Fidalgo Island overlook the Strait of Juan de Fuca

2025/26 SCHOA Board

2025/26 Board of Directors by Position:

- President-Doug Berard, The Gardens resident
 - ❑ Term ends 1/20/26
- Vice President-Bill Dubiel, WA Court resident
 - ❑ Term ends 1/21/27
- Secretary-Janie Crane, WA Park resident
 - ❑ Term ends 1/21/27
- Treasurer-Dawn Bachmann, Doe Run resident
 - ❑ Term ends 1/20/26
- ARC Committee Chair-Bob Rosain, WA Park resident
 - ❑ Term ends 1/21/27
- Landscape Committee Chair-Liana Yelle, WA Park resident
 - ❑ Term ends 1/21/27
- Social /Publicity Committee-Team sport, all Board Members

Retiring Members

- Secretary-Lori Cambell
- VP-Kathy Edmonds
- Arc Chair-Annie Hayes
- Landscape Chair-Claire Colson

Note: Our new 2025/26 Board was announced at our Annual Meeting on Tuesday, January 21st, 2025



Current SCHOA Board Update(s)

The Sunset Cove HOA Board has had a difficult time finding volunteers to serve as Board Members. If you have an interest in serving a two-year term, please email board@sunsetcove.org. We would be happy to answer any questions you might have. The Board meets every other month via Zoom to discuss SCHOA business and future planning needs. Our HOA cannot function without volunteers. The 2026 Board nominations will present some unique challenges and opportunities. With 2 outgoing members from the 2025 Board we will be looking for A President and Secretary to serve a 2-year term starting in January of 2026.

If you've never served or have served and are interested in serving another term, please reach out to the Board for more information.

Our 2025 Board looks forward to serving the residents of Sunset Cove. As with past Boards, we anticipate and look forward to working with our community and our City to keep our neighborhood moving forward addressing issues and opportunities as they arise.

Doug Berard, President Sunset Cove HOA

2025 SCHOA Board Meeting Dates-Committee Chair Updates

2025 SCHOA Board Meeting Schedule-Zoom Platform

Meeting Type	Day	Date	Time
Annual Meeting	Tuesday	1/21/2025	7pm PST
Board Meeting	Saturday	2/15/2025	9am PST
Board Meeting	Saturday	4/19/2025	9am PDT
Board Meeting	Saturday	6/21/2025	9am PDT
Board Meeting	Saturday	8/23/2025	9am PDT
Board Meeting	Saturday	10/11/2025	9am PDT
Board Meeting	Saturday	11/15/2025	9am PST
Annual Meeting	Tuesday	1/20/2026	7pm PST

NOTE: Bi/monthly Board meeting dates are established prior to the Annual meeting and posted on the SCHOA website. Changes to meeting dates are posted on the SCHOA website as soon as a change is determined.



Treasurer Update

- Total assets on hand as of January 1st, 2025 were \$60,308.52. Working balance \$37,720.55, unallocated reserve balance \$22,587.97.
- We've received \$22,000 for 2025 HOA dues by December 31, 2024, therefore a good portion of the checking balance covers anticipated 2025 expenses. On 1/7/2025 we transferred \$12,720.55 of 2024 checking surplus to reserves.
- Ballots returned unanimously approved the 2025 Budget.
- SCHOA resident directories have been updated and can be found under the password protected portion of the SCHOA website.

Dawn Bachmann SCHOA Treasurer



2024 SCHOA Committee Chair Updates



Landscape Committee Update

- All scheduled projects for 2024 have been completed and we also moved a project scheduled for 2025 into 2024; WA Court Circle Refresh.
- In 2025 we will be evaluating projects that have been scheduled in the future for viability in 2025 as funds allow.
- To help research, facilitate and coordinate projects the Board is always looking for volunteers to serve on our standing committees. If you have an interest in volunteering your time, please email us at board@sunsetcove.org.
- As the weather begins to warm up and you're getting ready for Spring cleanup, below are some options for landscape maintenance companies should you need assistance.

Sunset Cove Landscape Maintenance Companies

Company	Contact	Contact #
Dust to Beauty	Javier Chavez	(360) 202-5943
Pro-Scapes	Office Contact-Diana	(360) 724-3220
Choice Landscape	Office	(360) 419-5785
Lawn Boy	Jennifer Aase	(360) 922-4254
Signature Tree Service	Rich Holman	(360) 941-8105
Olsen Tree Service	Office	(360) 941-3189
Urban Forestry Services	Jim Barborinas	(360) 770-9921

Nominations Committee

As our community grows the need arises to form a sanctioned committee to assist the SCHOA Board in the search of qualified Board Members to serve a 2-year term. In the recent past fewer owner/members have stepped up and volunteered their time and effort; simply put, the Board can't function without volunteers from the community.

Great results are always worth mentioning. The formation of our Nominations Committee in 2024 yielded solid results filling 4 open Board positions (VP, Secretary, ARC Chair, Landscape Committee) to serve 2 year terms starting in January of 2025. The committee consists of Paul Allen (WA Blvd), Kim Graf (WA Court), Amy Schnabel (WA Court) and Doug Berard (The Gardens). Thanks all for assisting in the search! Looking forward to doing it again in 2025!

As our community ages the task of filling open Board positions becomes increasingly difficult. I would encourage those that have never served but are able, to consider volunteering your time in the years to come. From a Board perspective it's a great way to contribute to the community's health and future.

2025 SCHOA Committee Chair Updates

Architectural Review Committee Update

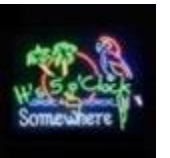
- About the ARC Committee-Your ARC committee is comprised of neighborhood volunteers responsible for reviewing and approving plans for new home construction and plans for most exterior changes and or additions to the homes in the community. The ARC's primary purpose is to ensure that changes or additions are consistent with the community's overall design and aesthetics
- Sunset Cove Construction Update
 - Lot #SCE 6 construction completed and sold
 - Lot #SCE 17 Construction not started
- For more information regarding the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) and its function can be found in the CC&Rs section III through VI.
 - Section III- Architectural Review Committee overview
 - Section IV-Approval Requirements
 - Section V-Building Restrictions
 - Section VI-Land Use Restrictions



Publicity Committee Update

- Our quarterly newsletter will continue as usual leveraging information from the SCHOA, Skagit County, San Juan Islands, and the City of Anacortes
 - 2025 anticipated publication dates
 - ✓ First Quarter-January 2025-*"Posted on website"*
 - ✓ Second Quarter-April 2025
 - ✓ Third Quarter-July 2025
 - ✓ Fourth Quarter-October 2025
- Gatherings at the Sundown Court Circle-It's been great to see residents using the circle for social gatherings this past summer and fall. We hope to see that continue during the winter and spring months as weather permits. The circle is for the use of all members of the Sunset Cove HOA
- Summer picnic-The Board will be looking for volunteers to help schedule and organize an SCHOA picnic. It would typically follow the Labor Day weekend but dates and timing are open at this point. If you have an interest in assisting please reach out to the Board at board@sunsetcove.org

SCHOA Board



Washington State Master Gardeners



What is a Master Gardener?

Master Gardeners are community educators trained to work in partnership with WSU Extension to teach the public and enhance the quality of life in the community by promoting sound gardening practices with research-based information. From big box retailers to smaller IGC garden center formats, Masters Gardeners contribute their time and knowledge with in-house educators to meet, teach and train shoppers of all ages. Having Master Gardeners available in a retail setting is a golden opportunity to learn the latest trends in gardening.

Skagit County WSU Extension Master Gardeners

Program Contact: Alex duPont, Master Gardener Program Coordinator
360-395-2367 • alex.dupont@wsu.edu

Want to Become a Master Gardener? Sign up for WSU Skagit County Master Gardener Training

The Certification Process

The application deadline in Skagit County is typically October 31 for training which begins in January. Applicants are interviewed during November. The cost of the Master Gardener education is \$400. A refund of \$100 is returned to the Master Gardener once the required volunteer time is completed by the end of their intern year.

The Skagit County Master Gardener program starts with a 12-week course combining classroom and online computer based education. The weekly classes are held on Mondays at the Padilla Bay Interpretive Center, beginning mid-January. The curriculum includes lectures in botany, horticulture, soil science, sustainable garden management, integrated pest management, plant health, pesticide safety, entomology, pest management, plant pathology, plant disease diagnosis and control, weed identification, tree fruit and small fruit production.

After completing the academic syllabus, Master Gardener Interns must complete 60 hours of supervised learning to become fully certified. This hands-on training is completed at plant diagnostic clinics, the Discovery Garden, and other community outreach and education events such as rain garden education, community school gardens, farmers markets, and the Skagit County Fair.

After qualification, MGs must complete 25 hours of public service annually, including 4 hours of educational outreach to the public and 10 hours of MG continuing education to maintain their certification. Volunteers often give back much more!

Washington State Master Gardeners

Skagit County WSU Extension Master Gardener Priorities



WSU is an equal opportunity provider. If you need a reasonable accommodation or language access to participate in an event, please contact Alex duPont, Skagit County WSU Extension Master Gardener Program Coordinator, at alex.dupont@wsu.edu or (360) 395-2367 at least two weeks prior to the planned event. Language access services, such as interpretation or translation of vital information, will be provided free of charge to limited English proficient individuals upon request.



Take a look at the Master Gardener Program Priorities, and what we are doing in Skagit County. WSU Extension Master Gardeners are trained and certified volunteers who provide information to home gardeners. We are actively engaged teaching science-based gardening and environmental stewardship practices.



We seek to increase access to plants, green spaces, and public landscapes to benefit the health & well-being of all members of our communities. Read more on statewide [Nearby Nature Impacts](#)

Washington State Master Gardeners



We promote water-wise gardening and landscaping practices to conserve water. Read more about statewide [Water Conservation Impacts](#).



We teach landscaping principles to reduce the risk of loss due to wildfire. Read more about statewide [Wildfire Preparedness Impacts](#).



We encourage building healthy soils to prevent depletion and ensure the long-term viability of local food security & natural resources. Read more about statewide [Soil Health Impacts](#)

Neighborhood Updates



- As Winter continues, we are still dealing with waning daylight, black ice and less than desirable driving conditions. With few streetlights let's be mindful of the speed limit in our community which is 25 MPH. We've also got kids and adults playing in the streets which supports driving at the speed limit or below.
- Yard maintenance-As temps begin to increase later this winter and spring it becomes increasingly important to stay on top of yard maintenance and storm damage from downed limbs, old yard debris and dead or dying plants. Mowing, pruning and debris removal from your yard is a must. Should you be struggling with yard maintenance the Board can recommend a number of local landscapers and maintenance companies to use.
- Habitat for deer-We all enjoy seeing deer in the immediate area. That said, let's not make it a practice to feed them. Rats, mice, etc. also like what deer eat; let's avoid an infestation by not feeding them.

- Trash disposal and pick up-Friday is trash pick up day for our neighborhood. Let's respect the appearance of Sunset Cove and bag all trash for pickup. Let's also be mindful of returning trash cans to an area on your property not visible to the public. For large trash and debris removal you can also use the following facility:
Skagit County Recycling and Transfer Station
14104 Ovenell Rd
Mount Vernon, WA 98273
(360) 416-1570
- Please contact Dawn Bachmann, Treasurer, to make changes to the information found in the Sunset Cove HOA directory; email address(s) and phone #'s. We want to ensure that all SCHOA communication(s) is received in a timely manner. (Email us at board@sunsetcove.org)

Winter/Spring Best Practices



Spring Maintenance Checklist

- Inspect gutters for debris and damage
- Inspect exterior windows and doors for damage and wear
- Inspect roof and siding for damage
- Inspect underground sprinkler system and make ready for use
- Inspect decks/railings and clean and or refinish as needed
- Inspect for pest infestations and treat accordingly
- Clean interior HVAC vents
- Change furnace filter(s)
- Change batteries in smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors
- Clean lint trap and ducting from your dryer
- Tune up power equipment: Change oil, spark plugs, sharpen blades and chains and remove old gas before starting
- Check garden hose connections, insert new washers if needed
- Rake up debris, moss and dead grass from lawns
- Remove dead plants from landscape
- Fertilize lawn
- Add mulch to garden beds and other landscaped areas if needed

Spring Maintenance Checklist-cont'd

- Prune trees, shrubs & grasses growing into your house or garage
- Remove frost covers from exterior hose bibs when temps allow
- Clean grill(s) and check propane connection(s)
- Fill or replace propane tank(s)

Spring Necessities

- Shovel, rake and hoe
- String trimmer
- Lawn mower or equivalent
- Gas can(s)
- Pruner(s), lopper(s)
- Garden trowel, handheld rake
- Garden gloves
- Handheld weeder
- Knee pads
- Garden hose and hose reel
- Wheelbarrow
- Sun hat
- Protective eyewear

Winter/Spring Project Ideas-Home Depot Garden Club

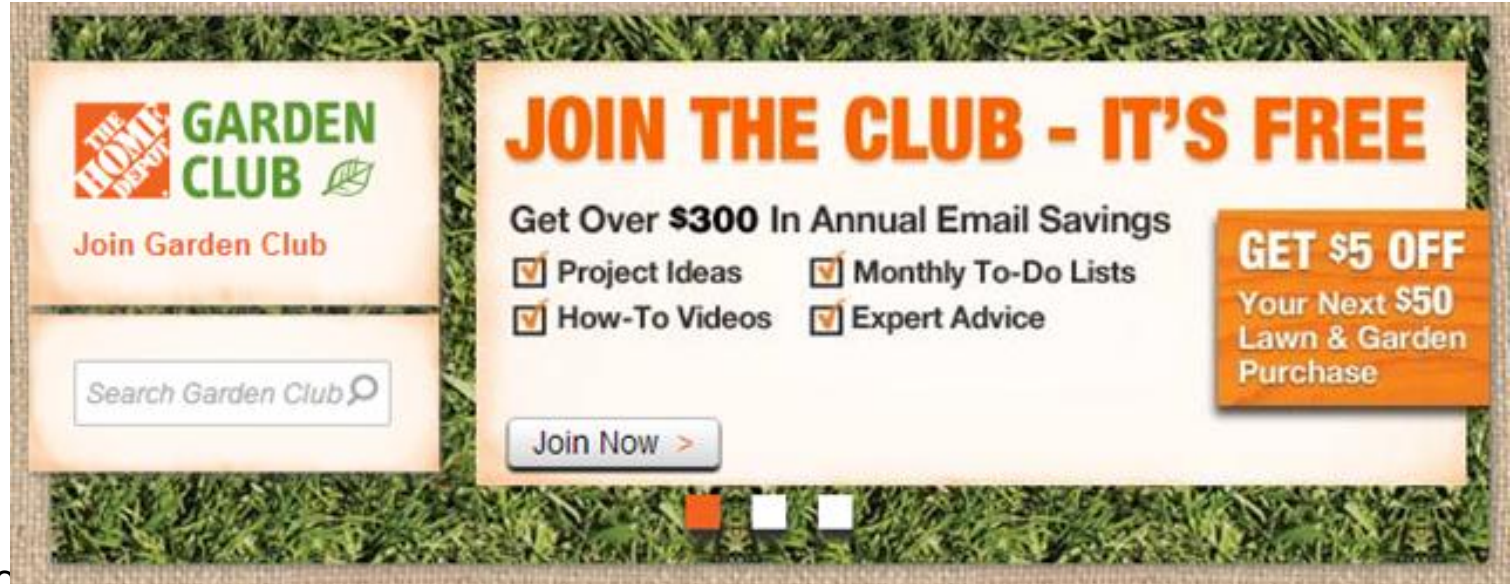


Leverage the Home Depot Garden Club website for all your Winter and Spring projects.

NO cost to join, **NO** annual dues, fees etc.

➤ Access to

- Project guides
- Buying guides
- Inspiration guides
- Influencer guides
- DIY workshops
- Garden ideas and projects
- How to videos
- Expert gardening advice
- Local and regional gardening tips
- Coupons, discounts, special promotions and more



➤ How do I join?

- Visit the Garden Club website at <https://www.homedepot.com/c/alp/outdoor-living-ideas-garden-ideas-projects/157n-o4v9>
- Sign up and start saving
- Get \$5 off instantly for joining
- Receive coupons outlining promos and promotions

Home Depot FREE Workshops and Classes



Bathroom Remodeling Projects

Join our free How-To livestream workshops and gain the expertise to tackle your bathroom projects. Whether you're considering a complete renovation or just looking to make some upgrades, our workshops cover everything you need to know.

[Register Now](#)

<https://gateway.on24.com/wcc/experience/eliteHomeDepotStoreSupportInc/3092587/4338135/bath-projects>



Electrical Projects

Elevate your electrical skills with our free online How-To Workshops to gain a deeper understanding of your home's electrical system. Explore step-by-step installation, including switches and outlets, ceiling fans, and thermostats.

[Register Now](#)

<https://gateway.on24.com/wcc/experience/eliteHomeDepotStoreSupportInc/3092587/433937/electrical-projects>



Flooring Projects

Ready to transform your floors with our free livestream workshops? From planning and prepping to the final installation, learn the ins and outs of updating your space with new flooring.

[Register Now](#)

<https://gateway.on24.com/wcc/experience/eliteHomeDepotStoreSupportInc/3092587/4338106/flooring-projects>



Kitchen Remodeling Projects

Elevate your kitchen with The Home Depot's How-To Workshops. From small changes that make a big impact to a full kitchen remodel, our project planning resources and DIY know-how can help make your dream kitchen a reality.

[Register Now](#)

<https://gateway.on24.com/wcc/experience/eliteHomeDepotStoreSupportInc/3092587/4490523/kitchen-projects>



Outdoor Home Improvement

Learn everything you need to know for a lush functional outdoor space. From lawn care and maintenance to enhancing curb appeal and creating outdoor living spaces, the Home Depot's How-To Workshops cover it all.

[Register Now](#)

<https://gateway.on24.com/wcc/experience/eliteHomeDepotStoreSupportInc/3092587/4490473/outdoor-projects>



Indoor Home Improvement

Discover how to maintain and touch up your interior with The Home Depot's How-To Workshops. Master home maintenance best practices and get tips to organize and maximize your indoor spaces.

[Register Now](#)

<https://gateway.on24.com/wcc/experience/eliteHomeDepotStoreSupportInc/3092587/4348471/indoor-projects>



Emergency Weather Prep

Prepare for weather emergencies with the Home Depot's How-To Workshops. Learn how to handle fire situations, prepare for severe weather, and protect against wildfires. Plus, find out about the essential supplies you need to stay safe.

[Register Now](#)

<https://gateway.on24.com/wcc/experience/eliteHomeDepotStoreSupportInc/3092587/4572505/emergency-and-weather-prep>



Tool Basics

Complete your projects with the right tools. Join the Home Depot's How-To Workshops and learn how to choose, safely use, and store hand and power tools. Discover the best options for your projects and find reliable tools you can count on.

[Register Now](#)

<https://gateway.on24.com/wcc/experience/eliteHomeDepotStoreSupportInc/3092587/4348496/tools>

Experience Anacortes



Anacortes

Travel prep demands both planning and dreaming, and Experience Anacortes is your guide to get started doing both. Read on to discover some of the many things you can enjoy while visiting this vibrant seacoast town.

Anacortes, the crown jewel of Fidalgo Island, is conveniently situated halfway between Seattle & Vancouver BC, and is the destination point for the San Juan Islands and International Ferry runs. The island is known for its historic waterfront, 50-miles of hiking trails, and a mix of annual festivals.

Its year-round music scene is lively, and visitors can soak up a range of tunes from rock to bluegrass to jazz at outside venues during the summer and restaurants and bars throughout the year. The culinary scene is ever-growing, and you'll find a variety of restaurants with farm-to-table menus, scratch and house-made ingredients, and their specialties like BBQ, fusion, and rustic scratch.



For more information visit - <https://anacortes.org/about-anacortes>

Experience Anacortes-Little Cranberry Lake!



Hiking Anacortes Community Forest Lands - Little Cranberry Lake

Set off for a hike in the Anacortes Community Forest Lands (ACFL), a 2,800-acre preserve within the city limits of Anacortes.

These lands hold 20 miles of trails and are the beloved treasure of local residents. Originally a pond, the lake was dammed in the early 1900s. You'll actually cross over the dam at the north end of the lake on your hike. In 1921, a portion of the dam gave way, and the waters of the lake poured northward into the bay, temporarily trapping workers in shoreline canneries.

With ten different access points in the neighborhoods surrounding Little Cranberry Lake, this destination is a great option for people living in or visiting friends in Anacortes. The trailhead accessible via the graveled Cranberry Lake Road has room for 15 to 20 cars, and its proximity to benches and views of the lake make it a great option for picnickers.

A trailhead kiosk holds a trail map, but you can buy ACFL maps at the parks department, the Anacortes visitors center or at several local stores, and you definitely need one to navigate the network of trails that crisscross this park.

It is possible to do a 1.73 mile loop around the lake, but note that the trail on the east side of the lake is quite close to the water—in some places footing is tricky, and it may not be a great option for those with small children. However, there are plenty of lakeside spots near the north end of the lake that make great destinations for families and little explorers.

If it's a loop you want, and you're confident in your footing, follow Trail 100 over the spillway near the parking lot and past the deck, stopping to snap a picture of the lake from the wooden overlook. Continue on Trail 100 around a small inlet full of logs, then turn left and uphill onto Trail 103.

For more information visit - <https://www.wta.org/go-hiking/hikes/little-cranberry-lake-anacortes-community-forest-lands#hike-full-description>

Experience Anacortes-Little Cranberry Lake!



Switchback up and then traverse this trail for a half mile, passing through madronas and cedars along a ridgeline above the lake. Once there was a view of the lake here, but the trees have grown up enough that your first good views only come on your descent. Once you reach a junction, turn right, and at a “T” intersection at the lakeshore, turn left, following a bridge over a swampy area on Trail 132. This is the connection between Little Cranberry Lake and Big Beaver Pond.

Once over the bridge, the trail becomes slightly more rugged, dipping very near the lake at points and becoming more brushy than it has been so far. Hike along Trail 132 and then bear right onto Trail 101, which stays close to the west side of the lake. The quality of trail improves as you near the north end of the lake. Picnic opportunities abound here, with slabs of rock and moss providing good places to rest, recline and take in the views under bright madrone trees. After hiking a little more than a half-mile, find yourself back at the parking lot, and your car.

The trail is edged with salal and mixed second-growth forest. Small boggy islands in the lake contain distinctive wetland plants such as bog cranberry, bog laurel and Labrador tea. Keep an eye out for signs of beaver or river otter, and bring binoculars to identify waterfowl.

For more information visit - <https://www.wta.org/go-hiking/hikes/little-cranberry-lake-anacortes-community-forest-lands#hike-full-description>

Chamber of Commerce Events Calendar

January 2025



Live Music at the Rockfish Grill
Wednesdays 6pm-9pm pst
Saturdays 7:30pm-10pm pst



For more information visit - <https://anacortes.org/events>

Anacortes Chamber of Commerce Event(s) Calendar February 2025



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2	3	4 Tuesday Trivia Night	5 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	6	7 First Friday Artwalk	8 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill
9	10	11 Tuesday Trivia Night	12 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	13	14	15 2025 Anacortes UNCORKED Live Music at the Rockfish Grill
16	17	18 Tuesday Trivia Night	19 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	20	21	22 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill
23	24	25 Tuesday Trivia Night	26 Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	27	28	

Chamber of Commerce Events Calendar February 2025

➤ Hi-lights



Anacortes UNCORKED
Saturday Feb 15, 2025
12:00 PM - 7:00 PM pst
Two Sessions:
12-3 PM or 4-7pm pst
Depot Center, 611 R Ave

Live Music at the Rockfish Grill
Wednesdays 6pm-9pm pst
Saturdays 7:30pm-10pm pst



Tuesday Trivia Night @ The Brown Lantern
8pm-9pm pst



Anacortes Chamber of Commerce Event(s)

Calendar March 2025



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Chamber of Commerce Events Calendar

March 2025

➤ Hi-lights

Live Music at the Rockfish Grill
Wednesdays 6pm-9pm pst/pdt
Saturdays 7:30pm-10pm pst/pdt



Tuesday Trivia Night @ The Brown Lantern
8pm-9pm pst/pdt

San Juan Islands



San Juan
ISLANDS
VISITORS BUREAU



What To Do In The San Juan Islands

Every island offers you an abundance of choices—luckily, you can't go wrong when deciding what to do in the San Juans! The shorter your stay in the islands, the more important it is to plan ahead. Booking activities, lodging, and dining in advance will make your trip run smoothly and you'll be more likely to get your first picks. Most tour operators have generous cancellation policies in case you need to make changes. (Check with individual companies to be sure of their policies.)



San Juan Islands-Things to do This Winter!



Great Winter Hikes On Lopez Island

Shark Reef Sanctuary

Don't miss the Shark Reef Sanctuary on the west side of the island. A short 10-minute walk through a forest will lead to a rocky shoreline where you'll get views over the water and an almost certain seal (and perhaps sea lion, otter, or whale) sighting —just be sure to follow the path around to the left!

Begin your journey through a thick forest carpeted in salal. After a short descent, reach the rocky shoreline (elev. 20 feet) and turn south to reach the ledges along Cattle Pass. From here you can see the strong currents separating Lopez from San Juan Island. Directly in front of you in the channel are Deadman Island and a series of reefs and offshore rocks. At low tide, these areas teem with wildlife - eagles, cormorants, kingfishers, and oystercatchers dining on seafood, and seals basking on the warm rocks. Shark Reef Sanctuary is an excellent destination for children and adults seeking outdoor discovery.

Across the channel on San Juan Island, Mount Finlayson rises above Cattle Point Lighthouse in the foreground. Mount Dallas, the highest point on San Juan Island, can be seen in the distance. Looking south you'll find the Olympic Mountains looming over the Strait of Juan de Fuca and east to Iceberg Point.

One of Lopez Island's most popular hiking destinations, Shark Reef sanctuary was once a military post. Now the 39-acre sanctuary is a San Juan County Park.



Hummel Lake Preserve

Located on the south end of Lopez Island's largest freshwater lake, 80-acre Hummel Lake Preserve boasts beautiful lakefront shoreline, a dock for fishing (but no swimming), and about two miles of trails through a second-growth forest that ends at Port Stanley Road. Enjoy quiet woodland roaming where you're more likely to run into deer than other hikers. Walk through a cedar grove, a mature Douglas fir forest, and watch for local birds as you experience Lopez's slower pace of life.

Fish species include largemouth bass, bluegill and planted rainbow trout.

Upright Head Preserve

Upright Head Preserve is the northernmost point on Lopez Island and is an important landmark recognized by many who travel the state ferry system. This 26-acre property includes 2,023 feet of medium and high-bank waterfront on Harney and Upright Channels. A small rocky preserve, protected by the San Juan County Landbank, Upright Head is a perfect place to watch boat traffic and wait for a ferry.

The 1.2-mile roundtrip hike is an easy walk from the ferry lanes and gains only 300 feet of elevation. The trail starts on the west side of the ferry terminal road, on a gated road signed "Penny Lane." Along the trail you'll find lookouts, educational signs, and a wooden platform perfect for a picnic. Protecting this land prevents development and secures otter habitat, old growth forest, and interesting geological features.

Fisherman Bay Preserve

Fisherman Bay Preserve is a 29-acre property that includes open meadows, woodlands, wetlands, and approximately 1 mile of shoreline. A sandy spit marks the entrance to Fisherman Bay and is a beautiful place for a picnic.

On the way to the preserve, you'll pass Otis Perkins Day Park. Stop here for even more shoreline and beach to explore. As you follow the signs to the preserve, you'll drive through a residential neighborhood. Upon reaching the small parking lot for the preserve, you'll find an outhouse and educational panels.

The preserve offers about a mile of trails with only 20 feet of elevation gain. Pass through an old orchard, stone ruins of a Lopez homestead, and through meadows of wildflowers. Enjoy views of Orcas Island's Turtleback Mountain rising behind Shaw Island and wave to passing boats headed to Lopez Village.

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Great Winter Hikes On Orcas Island

Mount Constitution

If you want the challenge of a steep hike and the reward of breathtaking views, grab your hiking boots and a packed lunch and head to Mount Constitution in Moran State Park, the highest point in the San Juan Islands—2,409 feet. It's not a hike to be rushed, however, as there is a lot to appreciate on the way up. Hike from the cool shade of old-growth forest to sunshine and wildflowers in alpine meadows.

From the summit, you'll have 360-degree views of the San Juan Islands, Vancouver, and the mainland, bracketed by snow-tipped Mt. Baker and Mt. Rainier. Enjoy an added touch of historical interest in the watchtower, built from hand-cut stone by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1936.

If you have small children or just fancy something less strenuous, there are a multitude of easier hikes farther down the mountain. Or arrange to be dropped off at the top and have someone pick you up at the bottom for a leisurely downhill hike.

There is a paved road all the way up Mount Constitution, so consider parking partway up for a leisurely and beautiful three-mile stroll around Mountain Lake—you can even jump in for a cooling swim. Beyond Mountain Lake, trails lead out to Cascade Falls and Twin Lakes. With over 38 miles of trails, 5,200-acre Moran State Park offers something for every fitness level.

Turtleback Mountain

The distinctively shaped Turtleback Mountain is a much-loved area for hikers—at 1,520 feet, the second-highest summit in the islands. For hikers and nature lovers, that translates into fantastic views and fascinating flora and fauna. The south-end approach, up the turtle's "head," is for those willing to tackle a steep ascent. You'll enjoy wide-open vistas for much of the climb, but this also means more exposure to the sun.

For those less inclined to pant up an exposed climb, choose the north ascent. Here, conifer forest and wetlands replace the grasslands and Garry oaks of the south face.

Obstruction Pass State Park

Obstruction Pass is a small gem for those seeking the atmosphere of a wilderness escape. Situated at the far southeastern tip of Orcas, Obstruction Pass offers 80 acres of parkland to explore plus 10 primitive campsites. The main trails run well under a mile through lush vegetation and forest.

The easterly trail leads to a 150-yard beach unique in the islands, covered with marble-sized multicolored pebbles—as well as views of Lopez Island, Blakely Island, and Obstruction Island. The westerly trail ends in a panoramic water view and great picnic site.



For more information visit - <https://www.visitsanjuans.com/itineraries/best-hikes-in-the-san-juan-islands>

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Great Winter Hikes On San Juan Island

Young Hill

If you want to wear hiking boots, experience some history, and see views that take your breath away, tackle Young Hill. Situated at the north end of the island, the 650-foot summit offers unmatched panoramas of San Juan, Canada's Gulf Islands, Vancouver Island, and beyond. Pick up the trailhead across the road from [English Camp](#), occupied by the British in 1860 and find traces of its history on Mount Young itself—watch for the 1860s Royal Marine Cemetery.

Distance: 2.2 miles
Elevation gain: 600 ft

From the parking lot at English Camp, find the trail in the eastern corner of the lot and head southeast. At the first branch in the trail, stay right, and the trail will start climbing almost immediately. Cross San Juan Valley Road at 0.3 miles. and continue until you see a signed path leading to the English Camp cemetery. This piece of history is worth a stop as you ascend or descend Young Hill. A memorial to seven Royal Marines who died on the island in the 1860s, this cemetery is surrounded by gnarled Garry Oaks that are part of an ongoing restoration project.

After your side trip to the cemetery, head back to the main trail and continue climbing. You will reach your first viewpoint at 0.8 miles with an informative plaque naming some geographic features visible on a clear day. Keep climbing, and at 1.0 miles reach the summit, with spectacular views of the Salish Sea and surrounding islands. If you've brought lunch, settle down and enjoy some of the best views in the area. You have the world at your feet. You can also hike [from English Camp to Westcott Bay Shellfish Farm](#), through lush forests and along the water.



Lime Kiln Point State Park

Also known as Whale Watch Park, [Lime Kiln Point State Park](#) is a 36-acre day-use park with an iconic lighthouse set on the west side of San Juan Island. You may see orca whales swimming through the kelp beds in the waters off Lime Kiln, looking for salmon, since this park is considered one of the best places in the world to view whales from land. The shoreline viewpoint is about a 300-yard walk from the parking lot, restrooms, and seasonal interpretive center.

Distance: 2.2 miles
Elevation gain: 265 ft

The park, which features a richly diverse environment, includes the remnants and landscapes of a history filled with change, along the rocky shoreline and through the wooded uplands. Minke whales, porpoises, seals, sea lions, otters and bald eagles also cruise the shoreline. The lighthouse was built in 1919 and still serves as a navigational beacon for ships in the Haro Strait. Interpretive programs, an interpretive center with gift shop and lighthouse tours are available during the summer months.

South Beach & American Camp

SOUTH BEACH AND AMERICAN CAMP

South Beach in American Camp National Historical Park is the longest public beach in the islands, with views over the Strait of Juan de Fuca to the Olympic Mountains. All along this pristine two-mile pebble-and-sand beach, a wide swath of massive driftwood has washed up and been bleached in the sun for decades.

Distance: 2.8 miles
Elevation gain: 180 ft

A wonderful place to take photos, enjoy a brisk walk for exercise, or a slow stroll for beachcombing, South Beach also has broad golden hills where eagles and hawks reel, rabbits forage and red foxes hunt at sunset, a historic "redoubt" or temporary fortification made during the Pig War conflict between the American and English troops from 1859 to 1871 – a standoff during which no shots were fired. Now, the only flames you'll see are the summer bonfires at sunset as locals and visitors gather to enjoy this stunning and special place.

WSDOT Ferry System

If you're heading to the islands plan ahead!



Washington State Ferries

Getting here is half the fun aboard a Washington State Ferry! Take a scenic ride through the islands as you make your way to your final destination. You can drive your car right onto the boat, or board as a foot passenger and simply walk on. The ferries run year-round and there are several sailings each day to and from each of the four main islands - Lopez, Orcas, San Juan, and Shaw. An [interisland ferry](#) allows island hoppers to travel between the islands and an international ferry offers service to Sidney, B.C. March - December.

All San Juan Islands ferries depart from the Anacortes Ferry Terminal located at 2100 Ferry Terminal Rd, Anacortes, WA 98221. Allow a comfortable 2 - 3 hours to enjoy the drive and the scenery from Seattle or Vancouver B.C. Make sure this includes enough time to arrive 30-minutes before departure for your reservation check-in.

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