



Visit Island Parks

July is National Parks & Recreation Month

As we dive into the heart of summer, July brings with it a special celebration: National Parks and Recreation Month. What better way to honor this occasion than by exploring the island parks of Washington State? These lesser-known gems offer a blend of nature, art and adventure, inviting us to wander off the beaten path.

Point Robinson Park (Vashon Island)

Thomas Danbo Troll: Nestled on Vashon Island, Point Robinson Park surprises visitors with its whimsical charm. As you approach the historic lighthouse, keep an eye out for Oskar the Bird King! This massive wooden sculpture overlooks the forest above the coastline. August 23-25, our General Manager, Steven Sterne, will appear in a new play about this troll. Come to the Heron Meadow, Vashon Center for the Arts, to see the performance.

Lighthouse and Beach: The 1885 lighthouse stands as a sentinel, guiding ships through the Puget Sound. Wander along the pebbly beach, collecting seashells and enjoying panoramic views. Pack a picnic, breathe in the salty air, and let the waves serenade you.

Price Sculpture Forest (Whidbey Island)

Art and Nature Unite: Whidbey Island's Price Sculpture Forest seamlessly blends art installations with the natural landscape. As you meander through the forested trails, sculptures emerge like hidden treasures. Each piece interacts with its surroundings—some whimsical, others contemplative. It's a gallery without walls, where creativity dances among the trees.

Trails and Tranquility: Lace up your hiking boots and explore the well-marked trails. Listen to the rustle of leaves as you encounter sculptures crafted by local and international artists. Whether it's a kinetic piece swaying in the breeze or a stone sculpture nestled in ferns, the forest invites you to pause, reflect, and connect with both art and nature.

These island parks beckon adventurers, dreamers and seekers of beauty. Whether you're drawn to trolls or sculptures, lighthouses or forest trails, Washington's islands hold stories waiting to be told. So pack your curiosity and set sail—these parks are waiting to enchant you. Remember to tread lightly, respect the environment, and leave no trace as you explore these natural wonders.



Did You Know, July is National...

Ice Cream Month (See page 2)

Grilling Month

Lakes Appreciation Month

Cell Phone Courtesy Month

Independent Retailer Month

Make a Difference to Children Month

Upcoming Events in August

August 1 - December 31
Underground History Tour
Seattle's weird history
Seattle, WA

August 6 - 7
Olivia Rodrigo
Climate Pledge Arena
Seattle, WA

August 18
Foo Fighters
T-Mobile Park
Seattle, WA

August 23 - 25
Mariners vs. SF Giants
T-Mobile Park
Seattle, WA

August 24 Free
Lego: Outside the Brick
Master builders, robotics
Seattle, WA

Note: Check official websites and venues for details.





Ice Cream Culture: Discover Washington's Tasty Stops



Washington State has a rich and diverse ice cream culture as you will soon discover here:

Unique Flavors: Many ice cream shops in Washington State are known for their unique and locally-inspired flavors. For example, Molly Moon's Homemade Ice Cream (shown here) in Seattle offers flavors like honey lavender, earl grey, and seasonal berry flavors sourced from local farms.

Local Ingredients: Washington is home to numerous dairy farms, and many ice cream makers in the state prioritize using locally-sourced ingredients. This emphasis on fresh, local produce contributes to the high quality of the ice cream.

Iconic Shops: Some ice cream shops in Washington have become iconic. For instance, Salt & Straw, originally from Portland, Oregon, has several locations in Seattle and is famous for its innovative and often unusual flavor combinations.

Ice Cream Festivals: Washington hosts several ice cream-related events and festivals. For example, the Northwest Ice Cream Festival, held in Bellingham, features local ice cream makers, live music, and family-friendly activities.

Historical Significance: Washington has a long history with ice cream. The town of Leavenworth, known for its Bavarian-style architecture, has been a popular spot for ice cream lovers for decades, with shops like Whistlepunk Ice Cream Co. offering artisanal and small-batch ice creams.

Sustainable Practices: Many ice cream shops in Washington are committed to sustainability. This includes practices such as using compostable packaging, sourcing ingredients from local and sustainable farms, and minimizing waste in their production processes.

Innovative Creations: Washington is home to several innovative ice cream creators who push the boundaries of traditional ice cream making. For example, Full Tilt Ice Cream in Seattle is known for its eclectic flavors and also for incorporating beer from local breweries into some of their ice creams.

Tourist Attraction: Some ice cream shops have become tourist attractions in their own right. For instance, Mora Iced Creamery on Bainbridge Island is a popular stop for tourists visiting the island, known for its rich and creamy ice cream made with traditional methods.

Washington State is a vibrant and exciting place for ice cream enthusiasts. Fun fact: bluespace offers super sundae parties during the summer, contact us for details! Below are some of our staff enjoying their favorites!



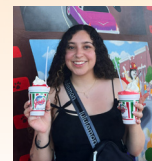
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Modern Office Inspirations

Modern office design is transforming reception areas into multifunctional cultural hubs that enhance workplace dynamics. These spaces feature flexible, organic furniture made from natural materials, calming ambient lighting with dynamic options, and interactive activities like stylish shuffleboard tables. A dedicated coffee nook provides a spot for relaxation and socialization. These reception areas boost employee well-being, foster community and collaboration, and increase productivity, while also reflecting the company's culture and values to visitors. This trend reshapes offices, creating spaces that serve practical purposes and enhance the overall work experience.

Pictured top: OFS - Noé (loungue poufs), Buzzispace - BuzziPleat Light (Lights above poufs), Kimball - Reception Desk

Pictured bottom: OFS - Kintra (Tables in coffee nook)
Carolina - Blueprint (Chairs in coffee nook)
OFS - Shuffleboard

