

SAN JUAN ISLANDS SCENIC BYWAY

Washington State's Newest Scenic Byway

ORCAS ISLAND • SAN JUAN ISLAND / FRIDAY HARBOR



Experience Paradise in the Pacific Northwest.

It's no wonder the spectacular and pristine **San Juan Islands** are Washington State's newest **Scenic Byway**, and are a year-round destination for visitors from around the world. Getting to **San Juan, Orcas** and **Lopez Islands** is half the fun – they are only about 30 minutes by airplane or seaplane from Seattle, or a one-and-a-half hour drive northwest of Seattle to the Washington State Ferries Terminal in Anacortes, plus an additional 40-minute to two-hour awe-inspiring ferry ride to the Island of your choice.

Surrounded by three great cities – **Seattle, Vancouver B.C.** and **Victoria B.C.** – the Islands offer a temperate climate and about half the rainfall of the Seattle area, due to the “rain shadow” effect of the Olympic Mountains to the south and those of Vancouver Islands to the north.

The Islands' diversity of authentic experiences parallel their natural wonders. Visitors come for recreation, relaxation and rejuvenation, as well as Island history, arts and culture. From **orca whale watching** and **sea kayaking**, to **hiking** and **biking**, the Islands are paradise for outdoor enthusiasts. Island **artists** express themselves through paintings, pottery, photography, glass, bronze and more in indoor and outdoor **galleries** and **studios**, as well as the 19-acre **Sculpture Park** at Westcott Bay. **History museums**, a **National Historical Park** and **historic resorts** preserve the Islands' past, and **The Whale Museum** is one of a kind. Restaurants draw on the abundance of Island **farms** and **fishermen** for fresh ingredients and **wines**. Local performing arts **theaters** bring community and professional talent to the stage for residents and visitors alike. **Lodging** varies from hotels and resorts, to B&Bs and cottages, to camping and vacation rentals.

Friday Harbor, on San Juan Island, the only incorporated town in the Islands, was chosen as one of the 2008 Dozen Distinctive Destinations by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and celebrated its **Centennial in 2009**. In addition, the **San Juan Island National Historical Park (American & English Camps)** commemorated the 150th anniversary of the “Pig War” crisis in 2009, the period in the mid-1800s when the U.S. and Great Britain settled ownership of the islands through peaceful arbitration.



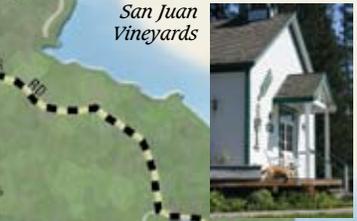
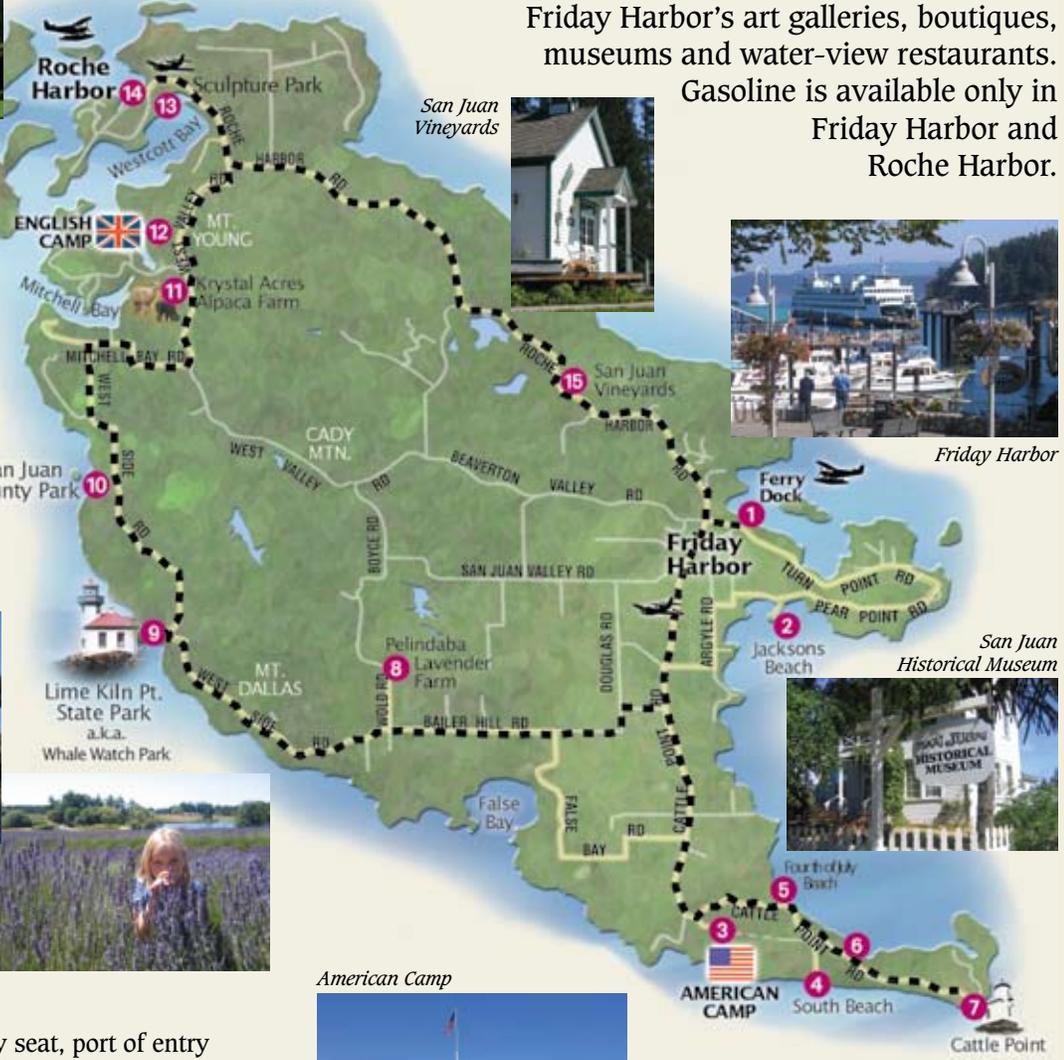
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SAN JUAN ISLAND

San Juan Island is the most diverse island in the county. Explore quiet valley roads, find a beach for yourself, visit one of the popular resorts, or enjoy Friday Harbor's art galleries, boutiques, museums and water-view restaurants. Gasoline is available only in Friday Harbor and Roche Harbor.



- 1 Friday Harbor** - Ferry dock, county seat, port of entry to the U.S., restaurants, lodging, galleries, The Whale Museum, San Juan Historical Museum, San Juan Community Theatre, boat & kayak rentals, charters, whale/wildlife tours, moped, bicycle & car rentals, seasonal shuttle bus, taxis and fuel.
- 2 Jacksons Beach** - Day Use. One mile from Friday Harbor.
- 3 American Camp, San Juan Island National Historical Park** - 1,200 acres of prairie and forest, five miles of beach. Visitor center, historic buildings, tours, hiking, day use, nature and wildlife viewing.
- 4 South Beach** - Day use. Olympic Mountain views. Longest beach in the San Juan Islands.
- 5 Fourth of July Beach** - Day use. Beach walks and wildlife.
- 6 Jankle's Lagoon** - Day use. Hike Mt. Finlayson for spectacular views and wildlife.
- 7 Cattle Point** - Hike to lighthouse. Day use.
- 8 Pelindaba Lavender Farm & Gatehouse Store** - Tour lavender fields in bloom July-September.
- 9 Lime Kiln Point State Park a.k.a. Whale Watch Park** - Perhaps the best place in the world to possibly see orca whales from shore. Seasonal visitor center.

- 10 San Juan County Park** - Day use and camping. Whale watching from shore, scuba diving, hiking, boat/kayak launching.
- 11 Krystal Acres Alpaca Farm** - See colorful alpacas and shop in Country Store.
- 12 English Camp, San Juan Island National Historical Park** - Seasonal exhibits, historic buildings, day use, hiking (Bell Point bayside trail and Mt. Young, across West Valley Road, to views of northern San Juans and Canada).
- 13 Sculpture Park at Westcott Bay** - Outdoor sculpture park on 19 acres, featuring over 100 sculptures.
- 14 Roche Harbor** - Historic resort & village, lodging, shops, restaurants, spa, marina, whale/wildlife tours, hiking, kayak tours and rentals, charters, fuel.
- 15 San Juan Vineyards** - Tasting room and gifts in a historic schoolhouse. Seasonal harvest festivals/barrel tastings.

ORCAS ISLAND

Shopping in Eastsound Village



Crow Valley Pottery



Deer Harbor



Orcas Island Historical Museum

The horseshoe shape of Orcas Island means you are never far from a beautiful vista of the sea. As the biggest island in the county, the drives on Orcas are a little longer, and the pace a little slower. Gasoline is available near Eastsound at the corner of Crescent Beach and Olga Roads.



Mt. Constitution in Moran Park



Cascade Lake



Orcas Island Artworks at Olga



Orcas Village at the ferry landing.

Rosario Resort and Spa



- 1 **Orcas Village** - Ferry dock, shops, lodging, restaurants/ snack bars and groceries. Whale/wildlife boat tours, kayak tours, moped and auto rentals, seasonal shuttle bus.
- 2 **Deer Harbor** - Marina, lodging, whale/wildlife boat tours, kayak tours, restaurant, groceries/deli/grill, shops, and bicycle and boat rentals.
- 3 **Crow Valley Pottery** - Pottery studio in historic 1866 log cabin. Features over 70 artists and many art shows. (2nd location in Eastsound).
- 4 **Orcas Island Pottery** - The oldest pottery in the Pacific Northwest, opened in 1945. Features the work of 22 potters.
- 5 **Eastsound Village** - Restaurants, lodging, galleries, shops. Orcas Island Historical Museum, Orcas Center, The Funhouse Children's Discovery Center.
- 6 **Rosario Resort and Spa** - Historic former 1909 Moran Mansion, exhibits, lodging, restaurants, pools and spa.

- 7 **Moran State Park** - This 5,252-acre natural jewel extends from sea level to 2,409-foot Mount Constitution, the highest point in San Juan County. Thirty miles of trails, camping, nature viewing, mountain biking, lakes and waterfalls.
- 8 **Cascade Lake** - Swimming, fishing, boating and lakeside camping.
- 9 **Mountain Lake** - Lakeside camping, trout fishing and camping.
- 10 **Mount Constitution** - Park your car and it's a short walk to the most spectacular views in the San Juan Islands. Seasonal gift shop.
- 11 **Olga** - Orcas Island Artworks (artist co-op), James Hardman Gallery and Cafe Olga.
- 12 **Obstruction Pass State Park** - 80-acre forest park with .5 mile trail to beach and campsites.
- 13 **Doe Bay Resort & Retreat** - Waterfront cabins and camping, plus soaking tubs, cafe and store.

LOPEZ ISLAND

(While Lopez Island is not officially part of the new Scenic Byway, it is definitely worth a visit.)

Lopez is a friendly, pastoral island ideal for bicycling, kayaking and relaxation. Most Lopezians wave to passing drivers, friends and strangers alike. Gasoline is available in Lopez Village and at Islanddale.

Odlin County Park Campground



Lopez Island Vineyards



Lopez Village shops



Lopez Village Picnic

Agate Beach County Park



Spencer Spit State Park



Farmer's Market in the Village



- 1** Upright Head ferry dock.
- 2** Odlin County Park - Day use, camping.
- 3** Lopez Island Vineyards - Tasting room.
- 4** Lopez Village - Restaurants, lodging, shopping, galleries and market. Lopez Historical Museum. Lopez Center for Community and the Arts. Bike, kayak, boat rentals and marina at nearby Fisherman Bay.
- 5** Otis Perkins Day Use Park - Hike the shoreline or birdwatch over Fishermans Bay's estuary.
- 6** Shark Reef Park - Hike among old-growth fir and cedar to rocky shore, facing the narrow pass to San Juan Island.

- 7** Historic Richardson - Historic fishing port, scenic vistas.
- 8** Islanddale - Gas station, convenience store, bike rest area.
- 9** Agate Beach County Park - The occasional agate can be gleaned.
- 10** Hummel Lake Preserve. Day use, public dock, fishing and birding.
- 11** Spencer Spit State Park. Beach and forest hiking, day use, camping.

"Tour de Lopez" takes place each April.

