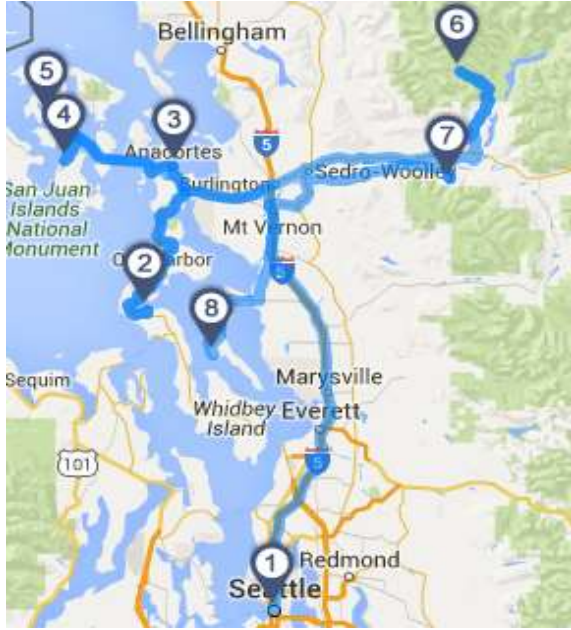




Seattle North: The Salish Sea and the North Cascades

Experience the San Juan Islands and Mt. Baker National Recreation Area



HIGHLIGHTS

Explore the many islands of the Salish Sea and then heed the call of majestic Mt. Baker beckoning you to the North Cascades.

KEY POINTS OF INTEREST

- San Juan Islands National Monument
- Five State Parks
- Mt. Baker National Recreation Area
- Scenic Byways
- Wildlife viewing
- Two National Historic Sites and Reserves

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Hop a Ferry (or two!) for a Taste of Island Living

Catch the Washington State Ferry from Mukiteo to Whidbey Island heading for the quaint seaside community of Coupeville and home of [Eby's Landing National Historic Reserve](#). Travel over the iconic bridge at [Deception Pass State Park](#) and on to the port town of Anacortes to catch another ferry along the [San Juan Islands State Scenic Byway](#). First stop is Lopez Island, headquarters of the [San Juan Islands National Monument](#). Hike the trails to Chadwick Hill, Watmough Bay, and Iceberg Point, before beachcombing or camping at [Spencer Spit State Park](#).



Eby's Landing National Historic Reserve
(National Park Service)



San Juan Islands National Monument,
(David Marcos/Share the Experience)

Wildlife, Lighthouses, and a Bit of History

The journey by ferry continues to San Juan Island. Watch for orca whales from [Lime Kiln Point State Park's](#) historic lighthouse and then visit English and American Camps at [San Juan Islands National Historical Park](#). Make a final stop at Orcas Island and [Moran State Park](#) for the spectacular view from Mt. Constitution.

Lime Kiln Point Lighthouse



Mt. Baker and the North Cascades

Back on the mainland, head north to Bellingham and then east up the [Mount Baker State Scenic Highway](#) to the [Mount Baker National Recreation Area](#). Mid-summer wildflower blooms and awe-inspiring mountain views draw locals and visitors alike to the alpine wonderlands of Heather Meadows and Artist Point. Serious climbers may arrange for a guide to help them summit Mt. Baker.



Mt. Baker view from Artist Point,
(Christine Madden/Share the Experience)



Mt. Baker National Recreation Area,
(US Forest Service)

It's all about the water!

As you make your way back to Seattle, consider lingering a bit longer in the lush forests of the [Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest](#) and spend the night at the [Marble Creek Campground](#). Or if it is the sand and salt spray of the shore that calls you, enjoy a final night at the beach at [Camano Island State Park](#) before returning to the hustle and bustle of the city.



Gothic Basin Trail, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest
(Edith Caro/Share the Experience)



Camano Island State Park
(Washington State Parks)