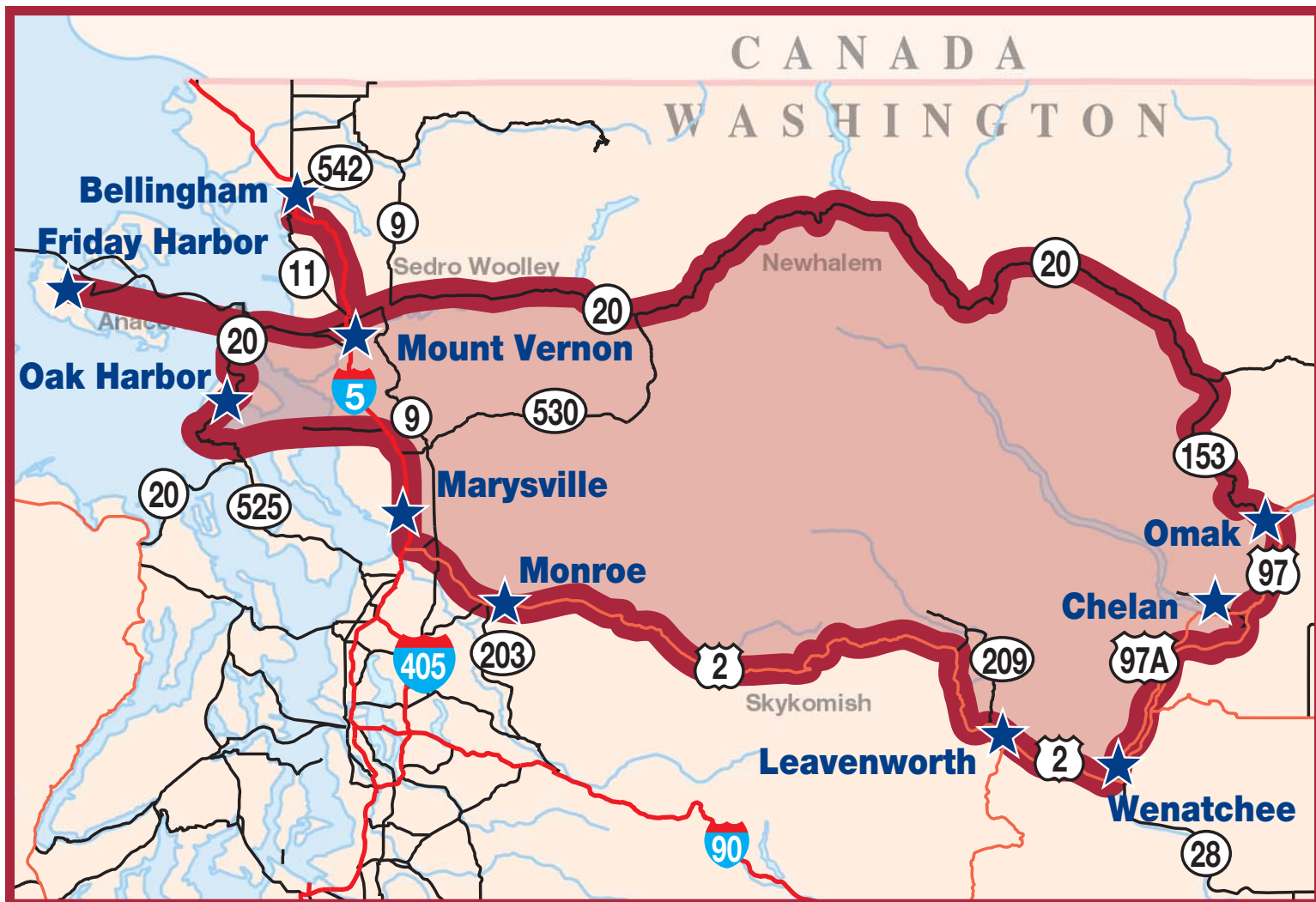


# CASCADE CIRCLE



## Four Day Tour

- *Marysville • Monroe • Mount Baker - Snoqualmie National Forest*
- *Leavenworth • Wenatchee • Chelan • Winthrop • North Cascades National Park*
- *Newhalem • Sedro Woolley • Mount Vernon • Bellingham • Ferndale*
- *Anacortes • Friday Harbor • Oak Harbor*

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To the east, the dignified Cascades make up the backbone of the state. You'll travel from high desert plains to crashing waterfalls and towering snow-covered crags. Take time to stop and smell the blossoming signs of spring, bite into a crunchy Washington apple, and browse the antiques.

*Begin from Seattle north on I-5 and figure on three to four days to make this circle around the Cascades and through the Straits of Juan de Fuca.*

**MARYSVILLE.** If you're visiting in June, come visit this town north of Everett for the Strawberry Festival. Or try your luck anytime of the year and come to the *Tulalip Casino*, named for the Native American reservation established here in 1855. Information: (360) 653-2634.



Where to stay along the way:

**EVERETT AREA (MARYSVILLE)**

**Best Western Tulalip Inn** (800) 481-4804

**MONROE.** Turn south on I-5 to U.S. 2 east and you're located between your choice of fishing and boating or a drive into the beautiful Cascade Mountains, twenty miles north. Chamber of Commerce: (360) 794-5488.



Where to stay along the way:

**MONROE - Best Western Sky Valley Inn**

(360) 794-3111 / (800) 238-7234

## MOUNT BAKER - SNOQUALMIE NATIONAL FOREST.

At *Skykomish* you're deep in the heart of an alpine wilderness. First see the *fish hatchery* in town where millions of salmon are released to the fresh waters that flow into Puget Sound. About two miles west is *Wallace Falls State Park*. For the best view of the falls, hike to the second viewpoint, two miles up the trail. Information: (360) 793-0420.

- **Deception Falls.** Another 28 miles west along Hwy 2, these thundering falls appear on either side of you as they pass under the road.
- **Stevens Pass.** In the eight miles past Deception Falls, the road climbs from 200 to 4,061 feet above sea level. The *Glacier Peak Wilderness* lies between the pass and the North Cascades. A magnificent sight.

**LEAVENWORTH.** A beautiful authentic Bavarian Village in a mountain valley. Spectacular scenery, year-round outdoor activities including river rafting, hiking, biking, and all winter sports. German festivals, shopping, unique dining, and summer theater. Chamber of Commerce: (509) 548-5807. [www.leavenworth.org](http://www.leavenworth.org)



Where to stay along the way:

**LEAVENWORTH - Best Western Icicle Inn**

(800) 558-2438

- **Icicle Junction Family Fun Center.** The place to have fun when visiting Leavenworth. Bavarian theme miniature golf, bumper boats, train ride, movie theater, free play area, concessions, rock climbing, and mountain views. Information: (509) 548-2400. [www.iciclejunction.com](http://www.iciclejunction.com)



*Bavarian Festival in Leavenworth.*

- **Leavenworth Summer Theater.** Host to five major productions each year, including "The Sound of Music." Three are performed "live, outdoors and under the stars." Information: (509) 548-2000 after June 1. [www.leavenworthsummertheater.org](http://www.leavenworthsummertheater.org)
  - **Festivals - Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center.** Find out why Leavenworth is rated A&E's "Ultimate Holiday Town" by visiting one of 17 major festivals. Information: (509) 548-5807.
  - **Columbia Cascade Wineries.** Over 20 wineries located within an hour of Leavenworth. Information: (509) 782-0708. [www.columbiacascadewines.com](http://www.columbiacascadewines.com)
  - **River Rafting and Kayaking.** White water and scenic floats in the Spring on the Wenatchee River. Information: (800) 743-6269. [www.shoottherapids.com](http://www.shoottherapids.com)
  - **Winter Snow Sports.**  
Leavenworth Winter Sports Club: [www.skileavenworth.com](http://www.skileavenworth.com)  
Leavenworth Snowcat Skiing: [www.leavenworthsnowcat.com](http://www.leavenworthsnowcat.com)  
Steven's Pass Ski Area: [www.stevenspass.com](http://www.stevenspass.com)  
Mission Ridge Ski Area: [www.missionridge.com](http://www.missionridge.com)
  - **Nutcracker Museum.** Over 5,000 nutcrackers from around the world. Information: (800) 892-3989. [www.nutcrackermuseum.com](http://www.nutcrackermuseum.com)
  - **Audubon Center and Museum.** A former Bed and Breakfast overlooking the Wenatchee River now hosting the Audubon Center and Museum. Information: (509) 664-3340. [www.wenatcheevalleymuseum.com/leavenworth.htm](http://www.wenatcheevalleymuseum.com/leavenworth.htm)
  - Cashmere, 12 miles east of town, is home to **Aplet/Cotlet Kitchens** and **Pioneer Village**. Take a free tour of the world famous candy factory and enjoy free samples. See authentic pioneer homes along the river and enjoy the museum. Aplet/Cotlet Kitchens, (509) 548-5807; Pioneer Village, (509) 782-3230.
- WENATCHEE.** Only 20 minutes from Leavenworth, Wenatchee is the "apple capital" of the world! Be sure to visit River Front Park: a wonderful combination of paved running trails, picnic areas, and sports fields. Chamber of Commerce: (800) 572-7753.

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**WENATCHEE - Best Western Chieftain Inn**  
(877) 203-8585

- **Apple Commission Visitor Center.**

Wenatchee is called the Apple Center of the World. The displays here show the history of the crop. You can even sample the final product for yourself. Free: (509) 663-9600.



- **Ohme Gardens County Park.**

Wenatchee, the "apple capital" of the world.

There are almost ten acres of green splendor built on a rocky bluff overlooking the Wenatchee Valley and Columbia River. You'll see why Ohme is ranked among the leading gardens in America. Admission: (509) 662-5785.

- **Rocky Reach Dam.**

Seven miles north on U.S. 97 is this Z-shaped dam that's 2,860 feet long. The visitor's center and museum runs through the interior of the dam and offers educational displays. There are also gardens, a playground and picnic areas. Free: (509) 663-7522.

**LAKE CHELAN.** Continue north along the Columbia River and climb into the foothills toward Chelan. This clear blue lake is fed by glaciers and streams and is one of the most scenic in the Pacific Northwest. Experience the area with the *Lady of the Lake* boat tour. Chamber of Commerce: (800) 424-3526.



Where to stay along the way:

**CHELAN - Best Western Lakeside Lodge**  
(800) 468-2781

**WINTHROP.** This small town revives the spirit of the Old West. All the flavor of the 1890s is intact and evident in the storefronts, wooden sidewalks, and old-fashioned street lights. Chamber of Commerce: (509) 996-2125. Take a walk back in time at the *Shafer Museum*. Listed on the Register of National Historic Sites, it includes several pioneer buildings, furnishings and artifacts. Donations: (509) 996-2712.

**NORTH CASCADES NATIONAL PARK.** Just off Hwy 20 are more than 300 glaciers which remain active. Sheer canyons and jagged peaks are punctuated by clear rivers and lakes. You may even see mountain goats, deer, and, from a safe distance, grizzly and black bears. Information: (360) 856-5700.

- **Washington Pass.** About 27 miles from Winthrop, the road begins a series of steep switchbacks that take you up Liberty Bell Mountain. At the top of the 5,477-foot pass, be sure to pull off at the scenic lookout.
- **Ross Lake.** The lake backs up 24 miles behind Ross dam. At 540 feet, it is one of the world's tallest arch dams.

- **Diablo Dam.** Take the Skagit Tour Center in Diablo. Consider the tour that includes a boat cruise across the lake and a tram ride on an antique incline railway to the top of the dam, followed by dinner. Reservations recommended: (206) 684-3030.

**NEWHALEM.** This town features two beautiful nature trails – one through a rock garden and waterfalls, and the other through a cedar stand. Thirty miles east, the canyons begin to open and in the Concrete area is a 1,500-acre sanctuary for bald eagles. The winter months are primetime for viewing. North Cascades Visitor's Center: (206) 386-4495, extension 11.

**SEDRO WOOLLEY.** Heading back to the coast along the Skagit River, you'll see thick stands of cedar trees covering the valley. In early July celebrate the town's lumber heritage with the Loggerodeo. Or take a tour of a working buffalo ranch, the Woolly Prairie Buffalo Co., from spring through early fall. Chamber of Commerce: (360) 855-1841.

**OMAK.** Chamber of Commerce: (509) 826-1880.



Where to stay along the way:

**OMAK - Best Western Peppertree Inn at Omak**  
(509) 422-2088

- **Fort Okanogan State Park & Interpretive Center.** Dedicated to the history of Fort Okanogan, an early 19th-century fur trading post, the interpretive center overlooks the fort's original site and explains the fur trade through displays of artifacts, dioramas and a video presentation. Information: (509) 689-6665.
- **Okanogan Bingo and Casino.** Okanogan Bingo and Casino is a full service casino featuring card table, slot machines and various food venues Information: (509) 422-4646.
- **Okanogan County Historical Museum.** Okanogan County Historical Museum exhibits items pertaining to local history, including a reproduction of a 19th-century Main Street and a replica of the town's 1910 fire station. Information: (509) 422-4272.
- **Omak Stampede.** The Omak Stampede Rodeo is held the second week of August and features rodeo fun for the whole family. Information: (509) 826-1983.
- **St. Mary's Mission.** Father Etienne de Rougé founded this Jesuit mission in 1886 to minister to the 12 bands of the Colville Federation. Information: (509) 422-7581.

**MOUNT VERNON.** This is one of the nation's largest bulb-growing regions. Daffodils bloom from mid-March to early April and irises show in early May. There's also a Skagit Valley Tulip Festival held during April. Chamber of Commerce: (360) 428-8547.



Where to stay along the way:

**MOUNT VERNON**  
**Best Western College Way Inn** (800) 793-4024  
**Best Western CottonTree Inn** (800) 662-6886

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- **Roozengaarde.** Tulips, irises, and daffodils fill this 2.5-acre display garden from one of the world's largest flower growers. Free: (360) 466-3158.
- **LaConner Fishing Village.** Enjoy the charm and rustic flavor of an old-time town. Walk through the *Gaches Quilt Museum*, a restored Victorian-era home with northwestern artwork. (360) 466-4288.
- **Summer Festivals.** Scottish-Highland Games, Shakespeare Festival, Rodeos, and Shopping.



Flowers abound in the Cascade Circle region of Washington State.

**BELLINGHAM.** Take I-5 north to this Northwest port city steeped in maritime heritage. The southern terminus of the Alaska Ferry and the gateway to Canada, it's rich in history, with fine shops and art galleries. Take a cruise to the nearby San Juan Islands or go whale-watching off Orcas Island. Information: (888) 373-8522. [www.bellingham.org](http://www.bellingham.org)



Where to stay along the way:

## **BELLINGHAM**

**Best Western Heritage Inn** (888) 333-2080

**Best Western Lakeway Inn** (888) 671-1011

- **Squalicum Harbor.** One of the largest marinas on Puget Sound. Enjoy the sights from the promenades, shop, dine, and peer through the 2,500 gallon marine life tank. The *Marine Life Center* along the avenue features sea creatures and natural ocean rocks. Donations: (360) 671-2431.
- **Maritime Heritage Center.** On the site of an 1852 sawmill, this interpretive path demonstrates how salmon are raised. For the best viewing, visit mid-October to mid-December. Free: (360) 676-6806.
- **Sehome Hill Arboretum.** This reserve can be reached by foot from the Western Washington University campus or by car. You'll enjoy sweeping views of the city, bay, the San Juan Islands, Mount Baker, and the southern mountains of British Columbia. Free: (360) 676-6985.
- **Whatcom Museum of History and Art.** Learn about regional history, and view contemporary art. Other complexes feature bird displays, pioneer items and Northwest Indian art. Donations: (360) 676-6981. The *Whatcom Children's Museum* is right next door. Admission: (360) 733-8769.

**MT. BAKER.** This is one of America's Scenic Gems. SR 542 from Bellingham to the majestic peak of Mt. Baker offers visitors a step back in time. There are beautiful waterfalls, the mighty Nooksack River and Mt. Baker Ski Resort.

**ANACORTES.** Take Hwy 20 east and over the bridge to Fidalgo Island. For another view, drive to the summit of *Mount Erie*. At the base of the vista is *Lake Campbell*, unique for its island on an island. Visitor Information Center: (360) 293-3832. Stop by the *Anacortes Museum* and the *W.T. Preston*, a retired stern-wheeler that's a maritime museum. Donations: (360) 293-1915.

**FRIDAY HARBOR.** Take the ferry from Anacortes, where signs will direct you to the Washington State Ferry Terminal. San Juan Island Chamber of Commerce: 360-378-5240.

- **San Juan Safaris.** Sea Kayaking, Orca Whale Watching & Birding - Departing From Friday Harbor & Roche Harbor, San Juan Island, the center of whale watching in the Pacific Northwest, Washington. 2 Spring Street Landing, Friday Harbor, WA. Information: (800) 450-6858.



Where to stay along the way:

## **FRIDAY HARBOR - Friday Harbor Suites**

(800) 238-7234

**OAK HARBOR.** Make your base in this peaceful town to explore the longest island in the continental U.S. True to its name, there are white oak trees abounding in the area, along with windmills and the *Holland Gardens* commemorating Oak Harbor's Dutch settlers. Visitor Center: (360) 675-3535.



Where to stay along the way:

## **OAK HARBOR - Best Western Harbor Plaza**

(800) 927-5478

- **Deception Pass State Park.** This is a cliff-lined channel that divides Whidbey and Fidalgo Islands. Spend your days exploring the freshwater lakes, forest, marshland, sand dunes, offshore islands, tidal pools, hidden coves and 15 miles of shoreline. Free: (360) 675-2417.
- **Island County Historical Museum.** Ten miles south is Coupeville, one of the oldest cities in the state. The museum features exhibits about the early settlers. Complement your visit with a walking tour of the town. Admission: (360) 678-3310.
- **Fort Casey State Park.** Travel another three miles to an original part of the Puget Sound Shore Defense System. Take a self-guided interpretive walk around the fort. The Admiralty Head Lighthouse is an interpretive center. Information: (360) 678-4519.

*After you've soaked up the ambiance at Oak Harbor, head back or catch a ferry in Clinton for a 25-minute sail back into the Seattle area.*



Sailors enjoy a beautiful day in Oak Harbor.