

MORE STUFF

FISHING FROM THE POINT WHITE PIER. Get a line and a pole and a license and see what you can catch. Ace Hardware has fishing equipment. Licenses for kids under 15 are free and available at the Chamber office. wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/

Kids and adults can get a good workout at **ISLAND ROCK GYM**, an indoor climbing wall at Coppertop Business Park. Equipment provided, no experience necessary. islandrockgym.com

Take a tour of the **ISLANDWOOD** campus. The environmental learning center offers several tours each month, as well as family weekends and activities. Donation for admission. islandwood.org

Don't miss the annual **HARVEST FAIR** in September at the Johnson Farm. Wagon rides, hay jumping, land slide, 4-H petting zoo and much more. Donation for admission. friendsofthefarms.org

SUYEMATSU FARM'S PUMPKIN PATCH is a popular place every October. Go right into the field and pick out your perfect Halloween pumpkin.

BAY HAY & FEED – Plant nursery and feed store with pet supplies, clothing, garden tools for kids, toys, live baby chicks and ducklings in spring. bayhayandfeed.com

THE BLOEDEL RESERVE, a world-renown public garden at the north end of the island, features formal garden areas including a Japanese garden, as well as extensive trails through woods. Several ponds provide wildlife habitat. People of all ages will be inspired by the tranquility and natural beauty and garden enthusiasts will marvel at the variety of plants. Families are welcome; kids 12 and under get in free. bloedelreserve.org



KID-FRIENDLY STUFF WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF THE FERRY

KIDS DISCOVERY MUSEUM offers exhibits and activities for kids 6 months to 10 years old. It's also a fun place to host a birthday party. Visit kidimu.org for calendar of events or call 206-855-4650.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AND COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING. Start the Yuletide Season in Downtown Winslow on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Also, photos with Santa on Saturdays in December. bainbridgedowntown.org

MORA ICED CREAMERY. Locally-made ice cream. Many flavors. *Food & Wine Magazine* names Bainbridge one of 25 "Top Ice Cream Cities in America" because of these folks. Free taste samples if you can't make up your mind. moraicecream.com

BON BON CONFECTIONS. Hand-made chocolates and fudge, specialty and imported candy. Yum. bonboncandies.com

HEART & SOUL ART STUDIO. Paint ceramics, create fused glass, make mosaics, design jewelry. In the Pavilion. bainbridgeheartandsoul.com

EAGLE HARBOR BOOK COMPANY. Independent bookstore with a large children's book section. eagleharborbooks.com

WATERFRONT PARK has a playground on Bjune Dr just south of Town & Country Market. A trail in the lower park leads back to the ferry terminal.

The **BOARDWALK IN THE MARINA DISTRICT** starts at the foot of Madison Avenue and continues past the marinas, offering great views of Eagle Harbor and Seattle in the distance.

The **BAINBRIDGE ISLAND HISTORICAL MUSEUM** showcases the history of the island, from its importance as a hunting and gathering site to the Suquamish people, to later developments of logging and farming to recent activities.

CLASSIC CYCLE. A modern bike shop with a display of rare vintage bicycles.

Bainbridge Island FAMILY FUN



Lots to do on "The Rock."

Any time of year you'll find activities and attractions for kids of all ages. Even if it rains.

Four museums beckon, offering history, art, vintage bicycles and children's activities.

There are playgrounds at several parks including one designed by children and built by community volunteers.

Walk on the beach or through the forest. Rent a kayak or a bike. Learn about island history.

Pick your own pumpkin for Halloween. Catch a free concert outdoors in the park or a free movie at the Library.

Pet a farm animal at the Harvest Fair. Play a giant marimba. Get your picture taken with Frog Rock.

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RIDE A BIKE. Mountain bikers will want to check out the Forest to Sky Trail from Grand Forest to Battle Point Park. The flattest part of the island is along the south shore. The old military road at Ford Ward Park is a quarter mile of flat paved trail right along the water. Bikes can be rented from Classic Cycle in winter (ClassicCycleUS.com) or the Bike Barn in summer (bikebarnrentals.com).

FREE SUMMER CONCERTS IN THE PARKS. The Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park District offers free concerts on Wednesday evenings during July and August. Concerts are held at Battle Point Park in August. Full schedule on their web site: biparks.org

GEOCACHING ON BAINBRIDGE ISLAND. Did you know there are more than 100 geocache locations on Bainbridge Island? Use your GPS device or smart phone to find the coordinates listed on geocaching.com and find the hidden cache boxes. Visit the web site to learn more. geocaching.com

FARM WALKS. Once a month, rain or shine, folks from Friends of the Farms lead free farm walks, beginning at the berry stand at Suyematsu-Bentryn Family Farms on East Day Road, Bainbridge Island. Walks always begin at 2 PM and last an hour or so. The tour traverses four public farmland properties and offers terrific views of the Olympic Mountains. friendsofthefarms.org

The Bainbridge Island branch of **KITSAP REGIONAL LIBRARY** has lots of events for kids including story-telling and once-a-month Friday Family Matinees with free movies and popcorn. krl.org

KAYAKING - Eagle Harbor and Manzanita Bay are popular because of calm water and easy launch points. Eagle Harbor is best accessed at the city dock at Waterfront Park. For Manzanita Bay, launch at Dock Road. Bring your kayak or rent one from exoticaquatics.com. Paddleboards can be rented in Lynwood Center from Bainbridge Island Outfitters & Depot, bainbridgeoutfitters.com.



BATTLE POINT PARK is a great place for kids. At the park you'll find:

KID'S UP PLAYGROUND - A fabulous playground built by the volunteers of Kids Up.

Take a walk on the path - watch for ducks in the **POND** to the north. See what's growing in the Pea Patch gardens. Watch the roller hockey games on the weekends.

See a Free Planetarium Show at **RITCHIE OBSERVATORY**. Once a month, members of the Battle Point Astronomical Association present a planetarium show, followed by an outdoor star gazing party with telescopes if the weather is clear. bpastro.org

TRICK OR TREAT IN DOWNTOWN WINSLOW. On Halloween afternoon, Winslow Way is closed to traffic and the shops have candy for all the ghosts and goblins.

HISTORICAL TOURS. Get a free copy of the Bainbridge History on the Move brochure from the Bainbridge Island Historical Museum or the Chamber office for a self-guided road tour. If you are on foot, the free Walking Tour of Historic Winslow will fill you in on the island's past. bainbridgehistory.org

GRAND OLD 4TH OF JULY in Downtown Winslow - an island tradition for 50 years. Street fair, music and food, entertainment, antique and classic car show, beer garden, pony rides, miniature golf and other kids' activities and the Mile Long Parade. Battle of the Bands concert from 6 pm to 10 pm. Fireworks around 10:15 pm. No admission charge. Contact the Chamber of Commerce at 206-842-3700 or visit GrandOld4th.com

The **JAPANESE AMERICAN EXCLUSION MEMORIAL** on the south side of Eagle Harbor commemorates living history and offers a great teaching experience for families. Best combined with a visit to the Historical Museum, with its exhibit of photographs of the WWII Manzanar internment camp taken by Ansel Adams. The adjoining **PRITCHARD PARK** is a good place for a walk on the beach or on the forested trails.

WINTERFEST in Winslow on the second Saturday in December is a fun family holiday celebration with extended shopping hours, music, food, live reindeer, hands-on crafts and hundreds of holiday lights in Waterfront Park, plus the Argosy Christmas ship and lighted boat parade.



WALK THE WATERFRONT TRAIL with the free map provided at our info centers. One section goes west along the water and residential streets, the other goes east and both end at small waterfront parks. Visit the playground on Bjune Drive.



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FREE STUFF

BLUE STAR MUSEUMS. From Memorial Day through Labor Day, KiDiMu and the Bainbridge Island Historical Museum offer free admission to active duty military and their families as part of the Blue Star Museums program.

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND MUSEUM OF ART. Open 7 days a week from 10 am to 6 pm and admission is always free. Art of the local region is featured. www.biartmuseum.org

FORT WARD PARK. This former military base runs along the southern shore of the island for about a mile. The upland area has picnic tables and winding trails - one leads all the way to Blakely Harbor. Nearby is the location of the Army code school and the antenna that helped break the Japanese code in WWII. Down below is a public boat launch and the old access road follows the shore - paved and flat and accessible to disabled people. It's a good place for birdwatching and sunset strolls. Bonus points if you can find the two old gun batteries. biparks.org

FROG ROCK. This island icon has its own Facebook page! Pose with the smiling frog and its ladybug friend for a photo souvenir of Bainbridge. At Phelps Rd NE & Madison Av NE.

SKATE PARK AT STRAWBERRY HILL PARK. Bring your skateboard and catch some air. biparks.org

FAY BAINBRIDGE PARK. Walk the beach, collect shells and driftwood, have a picnic. There is a playground and it's a great place to fly a kite. Also, there are tent & RV camp sites. biparks.org