

OUR GREAT OUTDOORS

Need more information about how to get to a specific trailhead? Want to know where to rent a bike to ride on the Apple Capital Loop Trail, or take a rafting trip down the Wenatchee River or how to get to the best rock climbing in Vantage? Are you looking for information on how to best access one of our fabulous foothill trails? For detailed information about muscle-powered outdoor sports within an hour's drive of Wenatchee including downloadable guidebooks, pictures and local adventure stories, visit www.wenatcheeoutdoors.org.

For a more organized adventure that might include a trail run, marathon or triathlon, guided adventure or shuttle services check out www.adventurewenatchee.com.

For information on the Greater Columbia Water Trail spanning over 500 miles of the Columbia River and its tributaries including launch and stopover sites for recreation paddlers of all ages and abilities check out www.wenatcheepaddle.org.

Chelan Douglas Land Trust is a great resource for information on our expansive foothill network and access information as well as conservation programs and how you can support our efforts visit: www.cdlandtrust.org

The National Forest Service is able to provide information about the 2,500 miles of recreational trails in the Wenatchee National Forest that you are able to visit on foot, horseback, motorcycle or mountain bikes. You'll also find miles and miles of single-track networked through the hills around Wenatchee. For more information call (800) 572-7753 or 509.664.9200 www.fs.usda.gov/recmain/okawen/recreation

Boating

Enjoy the Columbia River, Lake Wenatchee, Crescent Bar, and Lake Chelan for sailing, drifting and power boating. Rentals are available through ColumbiaRiverBoatRental.com and boat launch locations are listed at wdfw.wa.gov/lands/water_access

Canoeing/Kayaking

Try flat water on the Columbia River or the whitewater and rapids of the Wenatchee River. Information is available at: www.wenatcheepaddle.org, www.wenatcheeoutdoors.com and wenatchee.org

Whitewater Rafting

Thrill seekers often find their way to the Wenatchee River-Washington's biggest Class III whitewater run. Even more challenging, kayak the Chelan River Gorge. The rafting season typically runs from late March to early August. For more information on whitewater rafting: [Osprey Rafting](#) or 888.548.6850, [Alpine Adventures](#) 800 723 8386, [Orion River Rafting](#) or 800.464.5899 [Wildwater River Guides](#) or 800.522.9453

Fishing & Hunting

Head for the big rivers for salmon, quiet lakes for bass, or hike up into the foothills where the trout make their way upstream. There is something here for every angler. For information on guide services and other resources check www.wenatchee.org or www.wdfw.wa.gov

From big game such as deer, elk, big horn sheep and bear; to small game like coyotes, you'll find it here. In addition, there are upland game birds and migratory waterfowl year-round. www.wenatchee.org or www.wdfw.wa.gov

<http://www.wsassoc.org/>

<http://www.ncwgunclub.com/>

<http://wenatcheeflyfishers.com/>

Skiing & Snowboarding

Light powder, amazing views, and terrain to fit everyone in the family, that is Mission Ridge Ski & Board Resort. Only 12 miles from Wenatchee, the ski area is built into a 2,000 acre basin on the eastern side of the Cascade Mountains. A little higher, a little drier, and quite a bit "sun - shinier" than the other mountains in our area. That means when storms come in, they drop a different kind of snow at Mission Ridge: light, dry powder. Mission Ridge has 36 designated runs spread over 2,000 spectacular acres of trails, chutes, screamers and bowls, with a 2,250 foot vertical drop. Arriving two weeks after a storm? No problem. Mission Ridge has some amazing backcountry that is about as easy to access as you'll find. If you plan on heading out to these areas, be sure to check in with ski patrol and Know before You Go! www.missionridge.com For additional local Nordic and alpine ski opportunities. www.missionridge.com

Snowmobiling

The Wenatchee Valley is the gateway to the Eastern slopes of the Cascade Mountain Range and features the finest in backcountry snow - mobiling in the state. From wooded roads and open powder meadows to the breathtaking vistas, endless opportunities for exploration and adventure await. www.parks.wa.gov, www.applecountrysnowmobileclub.com

Snowshoeing The hiking trails in the spring and summer make for great snowshoeing in winter all around the Wenatchee Valley including downloadable maps check www.wenatcheeoutdoors.com

Cycling

Annual road biking events such as the Sunrise Rotary Apple Century Ride and Tour de Bloom showcase what a great area the Wenatchee Valley is. LINK, the public bus system, is also equipped to carry cyclists to and from their starting points. To find out more about biking clubs and events in the area call (800) 572-7753 or visit www.wenatchee.org, Mountain biking is an integral and accessible part of recreation here in the Wenatchee Valley with many trailheads just minutes from downtown Wenatchee. Additional trails are currently being added as well as a skills course work at Squilchuck State Park. In late September, the Darkside Festival, celebrates all things outdoors including trail running, mountain biking, hiking, music and more. Info at www.visitwenatchee.org. For more detailed information including guide books, guided tours and access: www.wenatcheeoutdoors.com , www.wenatcheevalleyvelo.com www.evergreenmtb.org , www.adventurewenatchee.com or the many professional recreators at our local bike shops. www.wenatcheevalleyvelo.com

Rock Climbing

Not only do we have natural assets we have a unique, state of the art Riverfront Rock Gym. Offering a fitness facility, free climbing, café and birthday party space along with classes for all ages and abilities. www.riverfrontrockgym.com. There are a lot of famous faces around here – rock faces that is. Among the best known are the sandstone slabs of Peshastin Pinnacles State Park. If clattering up walls or rappelling down them is your idea of a good time, then North Central Washington is a great place to be. Many areas require a Discover Pass (parking pass) for parking, check www.wentcheeoutdoors.org or www.discoverpass.wa.gov

Golf

The Wenatchee Valley offers a wide range of choices for golfers of all skill levels. You'll find it all, from low yardage par-3's to some of the top rated courses in the Pacific Northwest. They're challenging, fun, and you can't beat the weather! Go to www.wenatcheevalleysports.com for descriptions, pictures and links to over a dozen courses from throughout North Central Washington.

<http://www.highlandergc.com/> <http://www.threelakesgolf.com/> <http://www.gamblesands.com/>

Hockey & Figure Skating

It all happens at The Rink located in the Town Toyota Center. The coolest place in town. From public skate, figure skating lessons, youth hockey, and the Wenatchee Banshees Women's Hockey, the Community Rink has what you need on ice at 1600 Walla Walla Ave in Wenatchee. For schedules and more information, call (509) 667.7847 or visit www.towntoyotacenter.com

Horseback Riding

The Wenatchee National Forest offers many trail riding options. Also check the [Appleatchee Riders](#) or call 509.663.3175

Shooting/Gun Clubs

Several gun clubs surround the Wenatchee Valley and offer pleasure shooting or competitions. [NCW Gun Club](#), [Wenatchee Rifle and Revolver Club](#) 509.884.6490 or www.wenatcheevalleysports.com

Cascade Loop Scenic Highway

Best Road Trip in Washington State "One of the America's grandest, most spectacular drives," hails National Geographic Traveler about the Cascade Loop Scenic Highway. On this 400-mile self-guided driving tour, you will circle through the heart of Washington from the Waters of Puget Sound across the Cascade Mountains and into the high-desert climate of the Columbia River Valley. What a great vacation idea. And you can do it all with an [electric car](#). For more information, visit www.cascadeloop.com or call (509) 662-3888.

Ohme Gardens

Nearly a mile of natural stone pathways traverses the hillside gardens, ushering you past breathtaking panoramic views, towering cedars and firs, lush foliage, mesmerizing waterfalls and tranquil pools. For over 80 years, vegetation continually changes as spring welcomes summer and summer embraces autumn. Purchase plants for your own garden or as a gift. This is a fabulous choice for an outdoor

wedding. For hours event information and directions, visit www.ohmegardens.com or call (509) 662-5785.

Ice Age Flood Trail

A vast, barren landscape-carved thousands of years ago by gigantic floods. . . A perplexing scientific puzzle still being solved...Thundering torrents of water, ice, rocks and soil roared across the Northwest, carving new canyons, creating monstrous waterfalls, instantly transforming the face of the land. For information, resources and contacts visit www.iafi.org. Miss Vedol Replica Moving in the breeze atop a 16foot pole in Ballard Park, East Wenatchee, is a 6-foot long replica of the original Miss Vedol airplane and dedicated to the first trans-pacific flight in 1931 between Misawa Japan and East Wenatchee, WA. www.spiritofwenatchee.org