

Guidelines for Responsible Visiting



WELCOME BACK VISITORS!

THESE GUIDELINES ARE BEING SHARED TO HELP

- Increase safety
- Inspire you to plan and think ahead
- Increase compliance
- Increase stability
- Set shared expectations
- Increase trust between business, visitors, residents and government



Dear Visitors, we are looking forward to seeing you soon. During this global pandemic, the health and safety of our residents and visitors are our highest priorities. Please do your part to help make our tourism industry restart successful and your visit safe and pleasurable. Planning, education and communication are essential to accomplish this. Below is an essential checklist and links to local and state resources to review before you visit. If you do not feel well, please stay home.



REMEMBER TO:



Familiarize yourself with current Washington state and Whatcom county rules and regulations on our travel advisory page: bellingsham.org/insider-blogs/travel-advisory



Check our Visitor Services website for ideas on planning your stay: bellingsham.org



Make reservations for lodging, camping or dining in advance. Remember to tip your servers and delivery drivers. They appreciate your support.



Check with your host / hotel about rules for pools, fitness centers, buffets and common areas for guests – some services may be unavailable.



Be prepared. Pack personal protective equipment: Sanitizer, masks, a small bag to keep your masks in when you are not wearing them, gloves (and maybe a thermometer).



Remember to wear your mask in all stores and restaurants and when you are not able to keep six feet of social distance between yourself and those not in your traveling party.



Bring a non-cash form of payment. Businesses are encouraging credit and debit card transactions when possible.



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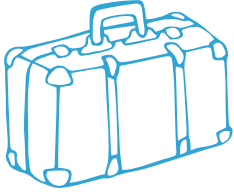
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RESOURCES

Where to learn more



[Bellingham Whatcom County Travel Advisory](https://bellingham.org/insider-blogs/travel-advisory/)

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[Restaurants Currently Open:](https://bellingham.org/restaurants-currently-open/)

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[Lodging Options & Things To Do:](https://bellingham.org/places-to-stay/)

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RULES, REGULATIONS & RESTRICTIONS

Links to where you can find the mandated requirements



[Whatcom County Health Department:](https://www.whatcomcounty.us/360/Health-Department)

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[Governor Inslee's 4 Phase Plan "Safe Start"](https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/SafeStartWA_4May20.pdf)

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[Public Health and the CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/)

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TIPS & RECOMMENDATIONS

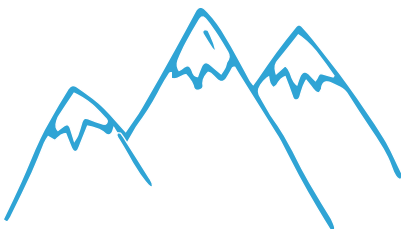
Helpful hints to increase your safety and those of your loved ones



- Consider scheduling visits and activities during off-peak times/days.
- If contact tracing is needed, you may be asked for your name and contact info.
- Please be patient. We are adjusting and services might look different or take longer.
- Slow down and relax. Enjoy our waterfront, hiking trails, delicious local food and spectacular scenery. We appreciate you!

RECREATE RESPONSIBLY

A starting point for getting outside to keep yourself healthy and to maintain access to our parks, trails, and beaches.



Know Before You Go. Check the status of the place you want to visit in advance. If it is closed, don't go. If it's crowded, have a plan B.

Plan Ahead. Prepare for facilities (such as restrooms) to be closed, pack your own lunch and bring essentials like hand sanitizer, gloves, a face covering (and a bag for your own waste items).

Stay Close to Home. This is not the time to travel long distances to recreate. Many places are only open for day use.

Practice Physical Distancing. Adventure only with those in your travel group. Be prepared to cover your nose and mouth and give others 6 feet of space. If you are sick stay home.

Play It Safe. Slow down and choose lower-risk activities to reduce your risk of injury. Search and rescue operations and health care resources are both strained.

Leave No Trace. Respect public lands and communities and take all your garbage with you.

Still have questions? Email us at: tourism@bellingham.org