

Directions

From Canada: Southbound on I-5, take exit 276, the first exit immediately after the Peace Arch Border Crossing. **From Seattle/Bellingham:** Northbound on I-5, take exits 274, 275, or 276. Take the "Scenic Business Loop" from exit 274, and follow Peace Portal Drive into downtown Blaine.

Major Airports: Bellingham International 21 miles south, and Vancouver International Airport 28 miles north, and Sea-Tac International Airport is approximately 123 miles to the south.

Guest Moorage: Port of Bellingham provides pleasure guest moorage at Blaine Harbor. For rates/availability, call Blaine Harbor at (360) 647-6176.

Border Crossing Information: Blaine has two international border crossings; Peace Arch crossing (Douglas Crossing) and the Pacific Highway crossing also known as the Truck Crossing (SR-543). Important information on crossing the border can be found by going online to: www.blainechamber.com/border.html

Getting to Semiahmoo Spit: Southbound take I-5 exit 276, follow Peace Portal Drive, turn right on Bell Road. See "Semiahmoo Spit Route" on map. Northbound take I-5 exit 274, turn right on Peace Portal and left on Bell Road. See "Semiahmoo Spit Route" on map. From I-5 exit 270, head west on Birch Bay Lynden Road. Make a right on Harborview Rd., and a left on Lincoln Road to Semiahmoo Parkway.

DRIVING MILES FROM BLAINE TO:
 Vancouver, BC - 35 miles
 Whistler, BC - 109 miles
 Bellingham, WA - 24 miles
 Seattle, WA - 110 miles



www.blainechamber.com www.cityofblaine.com

Semiahmoo Resort offers 198 luxurious guest rooms including 28 suites. Guest rooms offer the unique charm and style of the Pacific Northwest with breathtaking views of Mount Baker, White Rock, BC, Drayton Harbor, Semiahmoo Bay and the Gulf Islands.

Lodging

Pamper yourself at Semiahmoo Resort, Golf & Spa

Enjoy AAA Four-Diamond accommodations, casual or fine dining at three outstanding restaurants, and a full-service European spa.

www.semiahmoo.com

Tee-off at two of Washington's top public courses; Semiahmoo Golf & Country Club and Loomis Trail Golf Club offering year-round play. For more information call 1-800-231-4425.



▲ Old Fashioned 4th of July Fireworks.



▲ The "Tall Ship" Lady Washington sailing across Semiahmoo Bay.



▲ Drayton Harbor Days.



▲ Blaine "Rocks" every 4th of July with a grand parade attended by thousands.

We're accommodating

Choose from a relaxing ocean-front retreat to charming bed & breakfasts. Comfortable and affordable accommodations are available in town. For the more adventurous, there are several campgrounds and RV parks in the area.

Dining

Let's eat out!

Blaine has a variety of restaurants to suit your cravings and pocketbook. Sip on a latte while enjoying the harbor view. Experience a variety of ethnic cuisines or an old time family friendly diner. For a complete list of area accommodations and restaurants, go online to www.blainechamber.com or contact our Visitor Information Center at 1-800-624-3555.



Events

Events are big in our small town! Celebrate migrating birds. Revel in a Sailing Regatta. Enjoy outdoor sculptures. Join with Canada to celebrate Hands Across the Border. Have a blast at our Old Fashioned 4th of July celebration. Snap to music at the Blaine Jazz Festival. Experience our maritime heritage during Drayton Harbor Days.



▲ The Blaine Jazz Festival performs free outdoor concerts.

Visual & Performing Arts

Visit our annual **International Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition** at Peace Arch State Park and experience a world-class variety of artistic expression. This juried exhibition features artworks created by fine artists from around the world.

For more information visit www.peacearchpark.org



▲ Savor sips while wine tasting at two award winning wineries; Dakota Creek Winery and GLM Winery.



▲ Relax at a cozy café.

Every July the **Blaine Jazz Festival** gives teens a chance to study with internationally recognized jazz artists for 7 exciting days in a variety of workshops, rehearsals and concert performances. For more information visit www.pacificartsassoc.org

Immerse yourself in music at the **Blaine School Performing Arts Center**, recognized for its excellent acoustics and eclectic mix of professional musical performances throughout the year.

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Welcome to Our Community



PHOTO: Ruth Lauman

Take a break in the serene setting of a quaint park overlooking the harbor. Stroll through Peace Arch State Park & marvel at the Historic Peace Arch. Savor a sunset walk at Marine Park or fly a kite. Blaine's parks offer nature's delights with:

- Magnificent gardens
- Covered picnic areas
- Walking and biking trails
- Marine views of Drayton Harbor & Semiahmoo Bay
- Wildlife viewing
- Public rest rooms

Turn-of-the century charm

Nestled in the northwest corner of the United States, Blaine sits on the international border between British Columbia, Canada, and the United States. Friendly and unpretentious, Blaine epitomizes the best of small town charm. **Strong in maritime heritage** Experience Blaine's rich history as a busy seaport and fishing village.

- Visit Drayton Harbor Maritime Museum with exhibits illustrating the history of the Alaska Packers Association.
- Ride the Historic Plover Ferry
- Visit the Historic Peace Arch Monument
- Take a walking tour of Blaine's historic homes, buildings, and churches.



Blaine Harbor Center



Turn-of-the-century charm.



The Vigil is a tribute to Blaine's Icelandic Fishing Heritage. The sculpture stands on Harborview Plaza overlooking Drayton Harbor and Semiahmoo Bay.

"The Vigil"



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Our Great Outdoors

SAILING AWAY photo courtesy of www.davideriffle.com



▲ SAILING AWAY - Drayton Harbor with Mount Baker in the background.

Two full service marinas offer a safe harbor to boaters traveling the coastline. Our waterfront allows you to:

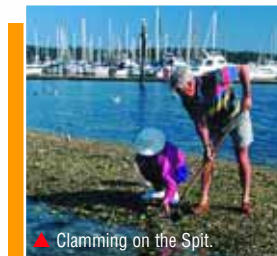
- Soak in the scenery.
- When available, buy fresh crab or seafood direct from fishermen's boats at the harbor, minutes from downtown.
- Explore beaches & shoreline trails.

- Ride the historic Plover foot-passenger ferry between Blaine Harbor and Semiahmoo Resort. (Seasonal)
- Bring your own boat, public boat launch and visitor moorage is available.
- Linger in a serene setting for spectacular sunsets.
- Taste home grown fruits and vegetables from our local farms at the Blaine Farmer's Market. (Seasonal)



Marine Park Whale Sculpture.

PHOTO: Ruth Lauman



▲ Clamming on the Spit.

Recreation

Make Your Own Fun!

Blaine Harbor

the gateway to the San Juan and Gulf Islands, boasts one of the most beautiful and modern marinas in the northwest.

Whether you are a spectator or a participant, recreation opportunities abound in our rich natural setting with fun for the entire family.

- Bike along the Coast Millennium Trail
- Year-Round World Class Golfing
- Beach Combing & Crabbing
- Year-Round Fishing
- Kayak Pristine Shorelines
- Whale Watching
- Blaine Skateboard Park
- Bird Watching



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▲ Enjoy miles of biking trails.



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▲ Golf Semiahmoo Country Club or Loomis Trail Golf Courses.

▲ Kayak miles of pristine shorelines.



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▲ Semiahmoo Marina and Semiahmoo Resort, Golf & Spa.

▲ H Street Plaza with sweeping views of Semiahmoo, Drayton Harbor and Semiahmoo Bay.

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Bite of Blaine | March
Wings Over Water
NW Birding Festival | April
Semiahmoo Sailing Regatta | May
Springfest
Art Studio Tour | May-September
International Sculpture Exhibition | June
Hands Across the Border | June
Skywater Tennis Tournament | June
Run to the Border | July 4th
Old-Fashioned 4th of July Celebration | July
Blaine Jazz Festival | August
Drayton Harbor Days | October
Bountiful Fall Harvest | December
Holiday Harbor Lights | December
Annual Tree Lighting |
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