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SEATTLE NORTHCOUNTRY A DESTINATION FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

(EVERETT, Wash.) — Seattle NorthCountry has the ingredients for the kind of family trip that provides memories that last a lifetime. The ideal family destinations are equal parts adventurous, fun, and culturally and educationally enriching—offering a bit of something for everybody in the family.

Family-friendly is a term that can be overused, as tired as the same old family trip. But surrounded by history, genuine hospitality, and outdoor amenities that stretch from the shores of the Salish Sea to the peaks of the Cascade Ranch, Snohomish County is truly brimming with multi-generational opportunities.

A world hub of aviation, the entire family will be enthralled by the explorations into the past, present, and future of human flight found at the Paine Field Aviation District, where they'll also find a high-flying adventure at the High Trek Adventures zipline and ropes course. Kids will find an interactive experience, such as the Imagine Children's Museum in Everett, or see majestic giants in the wild on the Salish Sea. Get a closer look at one of the region's petting zoos, farms, and reptile zoos. Spend a day at the beach, paddle the Salish Sea or a mountain lake, or roll through the Cascades on two wheels.

Family-friendly lodging is dotted across Seattle NorthCountry, too. From yurt villages such as Kayak Point Regional County Park and River Meadows County Park to cozy cabins found at Flowing Lake Park at Leckie's Beach, to 38 campgrounds, to an almost endless list of family-friendly hotels at a fraction of the cost of neighboring Seattle, finding just the right place for the family is never difficult.

Below are just a few family-friendly attractions to explore in Seattle NorthCountry:

Paine Field Aviation District
In addition to the Paine Field Passenger, the Aviation District in Everett and Mukilteo is home to four immersive experiences that everyone in the family will love. The Flying Heritage and Combat Armor Museum, the Museum of Flight Restoration Center and Reserve Collection, and the Future of Flight Aviation Center and Boeing Tour—housed in the largest building in the world by volume—invite guests on an exploration of the past, present and future of aviation. And the High Trek Adventures' rope course and ziplines are perfect for a family playdate in the sky and an altogether different Aviation District experience.

A walk on the wild side

For a quintessential Pacific Northwest experience, whale watching is a must. See orcas frolic on the Puget Sound, or have the entire family's breath taken away by migrating humpback or gray wales. Seattle NorthCountry is an ideal base to explore the whales and other wildlife of the Salish Sea. Kayak Point County Park's observation deck is an excellent land-based spot to get a glimpse of these marvels, and numerous whale watching tour operators launch daily. For a closer animal experience, explore a Salish Sea tide pool, The Outback Kangaroo Farm in Arlington, or hold snakes, tortoises, and other reptiles at the Washington Serpentarium in Monroe.

The great outdoors

Whether the family is in the mood for a hike, bike, swim, or a lazy day with a pail on a local beach, Snohomish County is home to a breathtaking variety of outdoor experiences. With hundreds of miles of family-friendly urban trails and peaceful and more rugged forest trails, Snohomish County is ripe for hiking. Paved trails such as paved trails, such as the Interurban Trail, Centennial Trail, Lowell Riverfront Trail, and Langus Riverfront Park and Nature Trail are welcome to bikers and walkers of all ages, and offer miles of paths. And mountain bikers will find miles of the best singletrack in the Northwest.

Pick berries or find the perfect pumpkin at a local u-pick farm. Or with 74 miles of coastline, spend a day at the beach at one of the region's seven Salish Sea beaches, including Kayak Point Regional County Park in Stanwood. Take a swim in one of Seattle NorthCountry's 44 lakes, or explore the rivers and streams by kayak or raft.

Play indoors

On those rainy days, indoor play spaces such as the PlayHappy Cafe in Lynnwood and Elevated Sportz in Bothell are just what parents need to ensure the kids stay active. Forest Park Pool is indoors, inviting kids to swim for hours no matter the weather. For an altogether different indoor experience, visit the Funko Flagship Store in Everett. The famed toy manufacturer knows kids, with figurines from just about every TV, comic book, and movie franchise. Kids are also invited to assemble their own Funko figurines for a one-of-a-kind experience.

Science, culture, and history

With 19 museums, Seattle NorthCountry can be an enriching experience for everyone in the family. The Imagine Children's Museum in Everett is among the best in the Pacific Northwest, asking kids to get hands-on with art, history, culture, and science. Excavate dinosaur bones on a rooftop archaeological dig, splash in water tables, pilot a mock airplane, splatter paint around in an art studio, and connect endless plastic pipes into engineering projects. Take a deeper dive into local history at the interactive Western Heritage Center at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds. To learn more about the native peoples from the region, visit the Hibulb Cultural Center and Natural History Preserve. See how the settlers of Snohomish lived at the Blackman House Museum or explore an old train car at Heritage Park in Lynnwood.

To learn more about Seattle NorthCountry, including events, attractions, and activities, visit SeattleNorthCountry.com.

ABOUT SEATTLE NORTHCOUNTRY:
Located just 15 miles north of Seattle, and stretching from the shores of the Salish Sea to the peaks of the Cascade Range, Seattle NorthCountry is characterized by its abundance and variety of outdoor recreation, urbanscapes, and rural vistas befitting its *True PNW* designation. Seattle NorthCountry comprises four primary regions of Snohomish County: Urban Basecamp, Salish Sea Coastal Communities, Skykomish & Snohomish River Valleys, and Stillaguamish & Sauk River Valleys. An unofficial fifth region, the Paine Field Aviation District, pays tribute to the aviation industry's profound impact on Snohomish County. Under the direction of Snohomish County Parks Recreation & Tourism, and in conjunction with the Snohomish County Destination Alliance, Seattle NorthCountry develops, curates, and delivers a year-round visitor experience that appeals to leisure, business, and group travelers, while working closely with our Native American tribal partners to preserve, protect, and be sound stewards of the ancestral homeland of the Coast Salish people. For more information visit www.seattlenorthcountry.com.

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