KIRKLAND VISITOR’S GUIDE

EXPLORE KIRKLAND

Kirkland is a vibrant waterfront destination with an unparalleled blend of outdoor recreation, art, dining and boutique shopping. Located on the shores of Lake Washington just east of Seattle, no other city in the Puget Sound region has as many waterfront parks and beaches as Kirkland.

Throughout the year, bald eagles dip into the water for fish while sailboats and windsurfers catch currents of air. Kayakers explore the shoreline and motorboats tie up at public docks next to restaurants in the region’s premier downtown waterfront.

Kirkland is home to award-winning hotels and a dynamic repertoire of events spanning art openings and performances to athletic events, wine festivals and outdoor concerts.

Whether it’s adventure and outdoor activities you seek, or shopping, strolling and sipping Washington wine, explore all Kirkland has to offer at explorekirkland.com.

GETTING HERE

Kirkland is located on the eastern shore of Lake Washington, just 12 miles east of Seattle via the I-90 or the SR-520 Evergreen Point floating bridges, seven miles north of Bellevue via I-405 and 20 miles from SeaTac International Airport. Public marinas provide overnight moorage and public transportation brings visitors to the area with ease. For details on public transportation and routes, visit metro.kingcounty.gov or call 206.553.3000. Ample public parking is available throughout Kirkland.

For maps and more information on parking in the city, visit www.explorekirkland.com.
BOATING

The Marina Park and Carillon Point marinas offer year-round guest moorage available to the public with excellent access to downtown shops and dining, waterfront parks, overnight accommodations and local events. Launch your boat in Marina Park or rent kayaks, paddleboards and powerboats through many vendors along the lake. Take an Argosy or Waterways cruise to explore the scenic beauty of the waterfront.

CYCLING

Kirkland offers miles of scenic bicycle lanes, is part of the renowned Lake Washington Loop and home to the 7 Hills of Kirkland routes (7hillskirkland.org). The newly developed crushed gravel Cross Kirkland Corridor offers a 5.75-mile trail that connects South Kirkland to Totem Lake with easy access to the Sammamish River Trail and Woodinville wineries. Juanita Drive also connects to the Burke Gilman/Sammamish River Trail which runs 27 miles from Seattle’s Ballard neighborhood to Redmond’s Marymoor Park.

For the mountain biker, Big Finn Hill Park north of Juanita Bay is a 220-acre multiuse park that has a 5-mile, single-track system with several long circular routes, exciting downhill sprints and jumps.

Bike rentals are available in downtown Kirkland through Kirkland Bicycle (www.kirklandbikes.com / 425.828.3800) or through vendors in waterfront parks.

WALKING

Kirkland is a walkable destination with scenery that is unparalleled. You can easily spend your day or weekend walking along the lakefront, Cross Kirkland Corridor or throughout downtown Kirkland.

Lake Washington Boulevard
» Follow the blue arrows between downtown Kirkland and Carillon Point to enjoy the stunning 1.2 mile Lake View Walk, which winds past waterfront parks and offers spectacular views of the lake and Kirkland’s charming collection of public art.

Throughout the City of Kirkland
» Start off with a stroll through Peter Kirk Park which features plenty of stops along the way to watch baseball, basketball, tennis and more.

Cross Kirkland Corridor
» A 5.75-mile abandoned rail line transverses Kirkland from South Kirkland to Totem Lake connecting eight city neighborhoods and several parks.

Bridle Trails State Park
» Just minutes from downtown Kirkland, Bridle Trails State Park offers 482 forested acres with 26 miles of equestrian and pedestrian trails. Three marked trail loops provide routes of varying length.

Juanita Neighborhood Walks
» The Juanita neighborhood offers shopping and dining along with excellent waterfront beaches and the historic McCulliffe Park.

BIRDING

You don’t have to travel far from Kirkland’s downtown to catch a glimpse of some spectacular wildlife. Birders happily enjoy their favorite past time at Juanita Bay Park, a unique urban park where wildlife co-exists peacefully with city dwellers. The Eastside Park Rangers, in affiliation with the Eastside Audubon Society, offer interpretive tours the first Sunday and third Tuesday of every month. Every season gives nature lovers a chance to spot something new and wonderful.
CULINARY KIRKLAND

A stroll along Kirkland's many tree-lined streets reveals endless opportunities to explore local restaurants with nationally acclaimed chefs showcasing the best of Northwest ingredients paired with exquisite Washington wine. Bordering Woodinville Wine Country, Kirkland features a variety of wine bars and tasting rooms. To learn more, download a printable dining guide at explorekirkland.com.

SHOPS & SPAS

From high-end boutiques to vintage finds, Kirkland offers a spectrum of shopping experiences. Stylish furniture shops, decorative art and novelty stores and one-of-a-kind clothing boutiques await you in Kirkland's charming downtown. To complement your shopping experience, find relaxation at a variety of spas offering mind and body indulgences.

ARTS & CULTURE

Kirkland hosts many galleries and a stunning collection of outdoor sculptures. Stop by the Park Lane Gallery and the Howard/Mandville Gallery in downtown Kirkland to view collections from both local and nationally acclaimed artists. Take a self-guided walking tour of the many outdoor sculptures in Kirkland. In up-and-coming Totem Lake, visit “The Alley” home to ryan james fine arts and several wineries.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

From the serenity of Juanita Bay Park’s wetlands to the forested acres of Bridle Trails State Park and Big Finn Hill Park, Kirkland offers a chance to escape into nature without leaving the city. Gleaming waterfront parks provide access to the natural beauty and the never-ending wonders of Lake Washington. Join in a beach volleyball game at Houghton Beach, rent a bike to cruise the lakefront, stroll downtown, or catch a baseball game in Peter Kirk Park.

DESTINATION DOG

Kirkland is the ultimate dog-friendly destination. Your four-legged friend will be pampered by the special pet packages at The Heathman Hotel and The Woodmark Hotel. From walking along the lakefront to dining on outdoor patios, your canine companion can share your Kirkland experience. Make sure to stop by Boo Boo Barkery and Dooley’s Dog House for a tasty treat or fashionable gear. You might even make some new friends as you meet resident dogs at shops throughout downtown Kirkland.

KIRKLAND KIDS

Kirkland features many activities and events designed for the kiddos. Parkplace Books and Simplicity ABC host kid activities throughout the year. Watch a children’s performance at Studio East and have a soaring time with wall-to-wall trampolines at Skymania! In the summer, Kirkland hosts an acclaimed Children’s Concert Series and many summer festivals have designated kid elements from arts and crafts to boating activities.
**EVENTS CALENDAR**

**MARCH**
- Kirkland Shamrock Run 5K Race & Family Fun Run
  - Marina Park
  - www.kirklandshamrockrun.com
  - Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day at the annual Kirkland Shamrock 5K Race & Family Fun Run!

**JUNE**
- Bluefish Festival
  - Peter Kirk Park and KTVB
  - www.ktvb.org
  - A showcase of music and art geared towards teens.

**JULY**
- Celebrate Kirkland 4th of July Parade, Picnic and Fireworks
  - www.celebratekirkland.org
  - A classic 4th of July celebration with a parade, live music, picnic in the park and fireworks display.

- Kirkland Uncorked
  - Marina Park
  - www.kirklanduncorked.com
  - Indulge at the regional showcase of art, food and wine on the shores of Lake Washington.

**AUGUST**
- No. 123 Rue de Park Lane
  - Park Lane/Downtown
  - Shop the French-inspired flea market featuring local Northwest companies.

- Kirkland SummerFest
  - Marina Park and Downtown Kirkland
  - www.kirklandsummerfest.com
  - Revel with family-focused performances, activities, art, food trucks and a beverage garden.

**September**
- Splash, Pedal n’ Dash Kirkland Kids’ Triathlon
  - Juanita Beach Park
  - www.kirklandwa.gov/triathlon
  - Stroll more than 500 hot rods and classic cars parked along Marina Park and downtown Kirkland.

**NOVEMBER**
- Northwest Bookfest
  - www.nwbookfest.com
  - Workshops, panels and readings held at a two-day conference celebrating the literary arts in the Puget Sound region.

**DECEMBER**
- Argosy Christmas Ship Festival
  - Depart/Return Kirkland Marina City Dock
  - www.argosycruises.com
  - See the Argosy Christmas Ship™ and a Parade Boat with onboard choirs, sparkling lights and a liberal dose of holiday cheer.

**KIRKLAND TREE LIGHTING AND WINTERFEST**
- Downtown Kirkland
  - www.kirklandwcdn.org
  - Celebrate the winter season with an evening of performances, kids’ activities, bonfires, Santa’s arrival, shopping, seasonal surprises and the tree lighting ceremony.

- 12k’s of Christmas Holiday Run and 5K
  - Marina Park
  - www.promotionevents.com/12ks
  - Join in Puget Sound’s premier longer distance holiday themed running and walking event.

A complete listing of events at www.exploreqirkland.com
BEYOND KIRKLAND

Kirkland is a convenient jumping off point for many Northwest adventures.

Seattle
12 miles west / 20 minutes by car
Go west to visit Seattle’s Pike Place Market, Seattle Art Museum, the Space Needle, Experience Music Project and Olympic Sculpture Park. Or, catch a Mariners, Seahawks or Sounders game in Seattle’s SoDo neighborhood.

Woodinville
8 miles north / 13 minutes by car
Head to Woodinville’s wine country to sample wines from more than 70 local wineries and enjoy the recreational opportunities of the Sammamish River and Burke Gilman Trails.

Bellevue
7 miles south / 12 minutes by car
Bellevue, just to the south, offers premier shopping at The Bravern or Bellevue Square, a stunning display of art at the Bellevue Art Museum and the Bellevue Botanical Gardens.

Beyond
Hikers will enjoy the many trails available at Mt. Si, Cougar and Tiger Mountains, as well as trails in the Alpine Wilderness of the Cascades—all within an hour’s drive of Kirkland. Skiers will find plenty of winter recreation at Snoqualmie or Stevens Pass, and golfers can indulge with a round on the links at nearby Willows Run, Bellevue Municipal Golf Course, Mount Si Golf Course or The Golf Club at Newcastle.

EXPLORE KIRKLAND

Kirkland is a vibrant waterfront destination with an unparalleled blend of outdoor recreation, art, dining and boutique shopping. Kirkland offers many unique experiences and itineraries that can be found at explorekirkland.com:

- Wine Weekend
- Romantic Getaway
- Girls’ Weekend
- Guys’ Weekend
- Family Friendly Adventure
- A Dog’s Day in Kirkland
- 24 Hours in Kirkland

Discover and create your itinerary at explorekirkland.com

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**ENTERTAINMENT & ONGOING EVENTS**

- Kirkland has a vibrant entertainment scene. Attend a performance at the Kirkland Performance Center, a show at Laugh’s Comedy Spot or take a boat cruise on Lake Washington. Many local bars, restaurants and coffee shops offer live entertainment throughout the week and Kirkland hosts two monthly art walks. In the summer months, catch an outdoor movie at Carillon Point, a concert at Marina Park or stroll the two outdoor farmers markets.

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**ART WALKS**

- **Second Thursday “The Alley” Art and Wine Walk**
  - 1109 120th Avenue NE
  - 425.825.9463
  - www.ryanjamesfinearts.com

- **Second Friday Downtown Kirkland Art Walk**

  **FARMERS MARKETS**
  (June – October)
  - **Kirkland Wednesday Market at Marina Park**
    - 25 Lakeshore Drive
    - www.kirklandwednesdaymarket.org
  - **Friday Night Market at Juanita**
    - 9703 NE Juanita Drive
    - www.kirklanddev/juanitafridaymarket

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**BOAT CRUISES**

- **Argoys Cruises**
  - Marina Park
  - 25 Lakeshore Plaza Drive
  - 206.622.1445
  - www.argoyscruises.com

- **Waterways Cruises and Events**
  - Marina Park
  - 25 Lakeshore Plaza Drive
  - 206.223.2060
  - www.waterwayscruises.com

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WALK 1  Marina Park, Waverly Park, Central Way, Park Lane, Main Street

1) PUDDLE JUMPERS
Marina Park,
25 Lake Shore Plaza
ARTIST: Glenna Goodacre
MEDIUM: Cast Bronze

One of the most popular sculptures in Kirkland, this sculpture was purchased by the citizens and businesses of Kirkland in 2001.

2) CENTENNIAL FOUNTAIN
Marina Park,
25 Lake Shore Plaza
ARTIST: James Fitzgerald
MEDIUM: Bronze and Stone

The Centennial Fountain was donated to the City by the Rotary Club in 1972, making it one of the city’s oldest public art pieces. It commemorates the first settlement in Moss Bay.

3) HOME COMING
Marina Park Dock
ARTIST: Stanley Bleifeld
MEDIUM: Bronze

Given to the City by the Kilwein family in 2001, it is only one of ten in existence. This piece is a reminder of the ship building and maintenance work located in Kirkland during WWII, and commemorates the homecoming of a WWII soldier; a timeless message.

4) LAST GIFT
Kirkland Avenue
ARTIST: Dennis Brown
MEDIUM: Polymer

Gift from the store Reasons to Believe and the artist, 2002.

5) COW AND COYOTE
Corner of Lake Street and Central Avenue
ARTIST: Brad Rude
MEDIUM: Bronze

Purchased for the City by Kirkland residents in December 2002, this piece was previously located in Pioneer Square in Seattle. Citizens traditionally decorate this sculpture for holidays and events.

6) CLOSE QUARTERS
Corner of Central Way and Lake Street
ARTIST: Dan Ostermiller
MEDIUM: Bronze

Purchased for the City by Kirkland residents and businesses in 2005, this sculpture is very popular with the children of Kirkland.
PUBLIC ART WALKING TOUR

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WALK 2  Kirkland Avenue, Peter Kirk Park, Parkplace Center

7) BETTY LOU  Kirkland Avenue and Main Street
   ARTIST: Lisa Sheets
   MEDIUM: Bronze

Betty Lou was donated to the City by the Woods family in 1994 and is modeled after Betty Lou Charhous, owner of one of the city's first art galleries.

8) MOUNTAIN COMRADES  Kirkland Avenue and 3rd Street
   ARTIST: Dan Ostremmiller
   MEDIUM: Bronze

Initially on loan to the City, this piece was purchased by citizens and businesses in 2005. It recreates the environment of the grizzly bear by appropriate plant selection and orientation of the statue.

9) CAROUSEL  Kirkland Library, corner of Kirkland Avenue and Third Avenue
   ARTIST: Richard Beyer
   MEDIUM: Bronze with aluminum patina

Carousel was donated to the City in 1995 by the Shinsstrom family, longtime prominent Kirkland residents.

10) THE NATURAL  Peter Kirk Park, Central Avenue
    ARTIST: Gary Price
    MEDIUM: Bronze

Gift from the Johnson family in 2002.

11) GOSSIP  Peter Kirk Park, Central Avenue
    ARTIST: Louise McDowell
    MEDIUM: Bronze

This sculpture is located near the Teen Union Building in Peter Kirk Park.

12) JESSICA, JAKE AND ANNIE  Kirkland Parkplace Center, Central Way
    ARTIST: Katie Hiddleston
    MEDIUM: Bronze

Owned by Park Place Management.
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**WALK 3**
Lake Street and Lake Washington Boulevard NE

13) WATER BEARERS
555 Lake Street S in David Brink Park
**ARTIST:** Gienna Goodacre  
**MEDIUM:** Bronze  
Water Bearers was purchased by Kirkland citizens in 2002.

14) LEAP FROG
6605 Lake Washington Blvd in Marsh Park
**ARTIST:** Prince Monyo Mihaiescu-Nasturel  
**MEDIUM:** Bronze  
Leap Frog was a gift from the Danz family in 1991.

15) SPRING
5811 Lake Washington Blvd at Houghton Beach Park
**ARTIST:** Peter Skinner  
**MEDIUM:** Polished Finnish Granite  
Gifted to the City in 2004.

16) STORYTELLER
5808 Lake Washington Blvd NE  
**ARTIST:** Richard S. Beyer  
**MEDIUM:** Bronze  
The Storyteller was a gift from the Stabbert family in 2001.

17) FIRST ROMANCE
5811 Lake Washington Blvd NE at Doris Cooper Houghton Beach Park
**ARTIST:** Prince Monyo Mihaiescu-Nasturel  
**MEDIUM:** Bronze  
Gift from the Danz family in 1992.

18) WINTER
5811 Lake Washington Blvd NE at Houghton Beach Park
**ARTIST:** Peter Skinner  
**MEDIUM:** Polished Finnish Granite  

19) BOUNDING MULE DEER
Lake Washington Blvd NE and Lake View Drive, across from Carillon Point entrance  
**ARTIST:** Dan Ostermiller  
**MEDIUM:** Bronze  
Purchased by the City of Kirkland in 2005.

Download the **STQRY** App to discover more public art in Kirkland or visit [explorekirkland.com](http://explorekirkland.com)