

## **Naval Air Station Whidbey Island Arrival**

Welcome! Now that you have orders to NAS Whidbey Island, you will be joining over 7,800 military men and women who are assigned to the largest naval installation in the Pacific Northwest.

NAS Whidbey is actually composed of two bases five miles apart: the original Seaplane Base on the eastern shore of Whidbey Island and Ault Field, on the island's western shore, looking out at the magnificent Olympic Mountains and the San Juan Islands.

Whidbey Island is 64 miles long and the largest island in the continental United States. Here you will find abundant recreation possibilities, from boating, hiking and biking to hunting and fishing.

### **USO SEA-TAC CENTER**

The Sea-Tac Center serves military members and their families at Sea-Tac International Airport with a nursery, sleeping facilities, showers, free snack bar, comprehensive travel information and assistance and a lounge area that includes a big-screen TV, X-box games, Internet access and library. It's located on the airport mezzanine level and open 24 hours, seven days a week. For more information call (206) 433-5438.

### **HOW TO GET HERE**

#### **By Shuttle:**

The Whidbey-SeaTac Shuttle provides service from SeaTac International Airport to the naval air station and all communities on Whidbey Island with eight round trips per day. Stops are conveniently located near State Route 20 and State Route 525 at various mini-marts and service stations from the Mukilteo-Clinton ferry north. The trip takes 2 hours and 15 minutes from downtown Oak Harbor and is even faster from Coupeville, Greenbank, Freeland, Bayview, Langley and Clinton.

Whidbey Sea-Tac Shuttle travels on the Clinton/Mukilteo Ferry and has "first-on/first-off" priority boarding just like vanpools and carpools to ensure on-time arrivals at SeaTac Airport. For schedule and advance reservation, call (360)679-4003 or toll free (877)679-4003 or make reservations on line at <http://www.seatacshuttle.com/>

#### **By Car:**

By Interstate 5, from either the south or north, take Exit 230 in Burlington and continue west on State Route 20 onto the island across Deception Pass Bridge. Upon entering Oak Harbor (eight miles from Deception Pass Bridge), take a right on Ault Field Road and another right at Langley Blvd., where the Pass and Decal Office is located. From the Olympic Peninsula, take SR 101 to SR 20. Drive east to Port Townsend and ride the Washington State Ferry to Keystone. Follow signs to Coupeville and head north toward Oak Harbor on SR20.

#### **By Ferry:**

From Seattle, if you want to take the ferry instead of driving the entire trip, take the Mukilteo exit north of Seattle off of Interstate 5. The 20- minute ferry ride takes you to Clinton, Whidbey's southernmost community. It'll take another 40 minutes to reach Oak Harbor.

From Port Townsend on the Olympic Peninsula, take a 30-minute ferry ride to Keystone, four miles southwest of Coupeville. Be sure and check the ferry schedule for cancellations due to low tides at <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries>. The air station is about 20 minutes from the ferry landing. Reservations are recommended.

**By Air:**

Kenmore Air Express offers multiple round-trip flights daily between Oak Harbor airport and downtown Seattle's Boeing Field, with complimentary shuttle connections to SeaTac International. Total travel time from SeaTac to Oak Harbor is one hour and 25 minutes, including check-in time. Oak Harbor Airport is six miles south of NAS Whidbey Island, and most units will send a duty driver to pick up inbound Sailors. Taxi service is also available.

For Kenmore Air Express schedules and fares, call toll free (866)435-9524 or visit Kenmore Air.com or book through DTS, your command's PLR or any commercial travel agency.

**SECURITY**

(360) 257-1080

**On Ault Field:**

The Langley Boulevard Gate is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Pass and ID Office is located at this gate and is open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It is highly recommended that oversized vehicles such as 15-passenger vans and recreational vehicles enter and exit the base using the Charles Porter Ave. Gate to minimize potential damage from the serpentine barriers. The Charles Porter Avenue Gate is open Monday through Friday, 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. and closed weekends and holidays. All oversized, recreational and commercial traffic, such as delivery vehicles, must use this gate. Commercial Vehicle Inspection hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. If inspection service is needed after hours, weekends or holidays, drivers can call for assistance from the Watch Commander using the phone located at the gate, (360) 257-3893.

For peak commute periods, Nortz Road Gate, located north of the air station at the intersection of Banta Road, State Route 20 and Saratoga Ave. (Hospital) Gate, are open Monday through Friday, 5:30 to 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 to 6 p.m. and closed on weekends and holidays.

**On Seaplane Base:**

Maui Ave. Gate is open seven days a week, 5 a.m. to midnight.

Torpedo Road Gates are open 24 hours a day. All commercial traffic, such as delivery vehicles, must use the Torpedo Gate, Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**PASSES FOR VISITORS & VEHICLES**

Visits by the general public are not permitted, but friends and relatives of personnel stationed here, as well as business representatives, may come aboard when escorted by a sponsor.

The Pass and I.D. Office, located at Langley Gate on Ault Field, issues passes Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

To obtain a visitor's pass, the driver must present a valid driver's license, proof of insurance and vehicle registration and a military I.D. Without this I.D., visitors will need a military escort. Contact Pass and I.D. Office at (360) 257-5620 or (360) 257-3063.

**Naval Air Station Whidbey Island  
Settling In**

**BACHELOR HOUSING**

(360) 257-2038

Bachelor Housing (BH) aboard Ault Field features 1,700 beds in 11 Buildings. All residences are within walking distance to the flight line, Galley, Navy Exchange, McDonald's, Rice King, Subway, ATM machine and recreational services. These quarters have won numerous awards for providing unparalleled standards of excellence, including five-star accreditation.

**FAMILY HOUSING INFORMATION AND REFERRAL**

Family Housing is now managed by Forest City Communities. To begin the application and referral process, personnel must first contact the Navy Housing office. Navy Housing Information and Referral is located at the Fleet and Family Information Center in the Nor'Wester Building on Ault Field.

Fleet and Family Information Center  
(360) 257-3331  
Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
3675 W. Lexington St., Building 2556  
Pacific Northwest Communities/Forest City  
(360) 679-4241  
Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
663 N. Brant St.  
Oak Harbor, WA 98277

**Naval Air Station Whidbey Island  
Morale, Welfare & Recreation**

**AUTO HOBBY SHOP**

(360) 257-2295/2434

Overhaul on your own time! The Auto Hobby Shop offers most equipment needed to maintain and repair your vehicle. Services offered include lifts, stalls, tool issue, parts delivery, welding equipment, paint booths, computer diagnostics, instructional booklets and more.

**BAKERVIEW RESTAURANT/CHIEFS' CLUB**

(360) 257-6587/2505

The Bakerview Restaurant is NAS Whidbey Island's sole full-service family dining facility serving both lunch and dinner. The newly-named restaurant has a longstanding tradition of mouth-watering dishes at a reasonable price and welcomes all hands to dine. It features an exhibition kitchen, where you can relax at the dining bar and watch chefs cook up your meal. Welcome to the finest Chiefs' Club in the Fleet. The club has over 800 active duty and retired members spanning all generations from the World War II era to present day. The Chiefs' Club is reserved to members and their guests (including E-7 to E-9 TAD's, for up to 30 days).

**CATERING**

Chiefs' Club .....(360) 257-2891

Officers' Club.....(360) 257-2521

Naval Air Station Whidbey Island offers complete catering for any occasion at a variety of facilities on and off base. The clubs offer quality catering at affordable prices and can customize a menu to suit any event. Specialties include retirements, changes of command, holiday parties, weddings, birthdays and more.

### **CRESCENT HARBOR ADVENTURES**

(360) 257-4842

You've arrived in the Pacific Northwest, one of the most outdoor-oriented duty stations in the country! An experienced staff can help you in selecting the right gear for your outdoor activities, whether it be a rental or special order. Services include sailboat and kayak rentals and lessons, powerboat rentals and outdoor gear rentals. Programs include white-water rafting, kayaking day trips, backpacking, hiking, rock climbing, snow shoeing and more. Moorage for your vessel is on a space-available basis.

### **DEPLOYMENT PARKING**

(360) 257-2420

For deployable commands, the long-term parking lot adjacent to the Gym and Fitness Center is ideal for vehicle storage and available to both barracks residents and those ending apartment leases. Fenced-in areas provide improved security; arrange for a free reservation at the Gym and Fitness Center.

### **GALLERY GOLF COURSE**

(360) 257-2178

Gallery is a full-service, 18-hole golf course. Its services include lessons, tournaments, a driving range, pro shop, resale, special orders and equipment rentals. Tee time reservations are available every day. Gallery is open to the public.

### **DUFFER'S DELI**

(360) 257-5050

Duffer's is located at Gallery Golf Course. Offering sandwiches, burgers, hot dogs, beverages and a breathtaking view, it's a great way to wrap up a day of golf. Duffer's is open during the peak golf season, from March through October.

### **GYM AND FITNESS CENTER**

(360) 257-2420

This 55,000 square foot facility provides complete athletic and fitness services. Programs include intramural sports, personal training, group fitness classes and run/walk events. Extensive cardio and strength apparatus comprise the facility's equipment. The Fitness Center and its surrounding area also feature a steam room, sauna, racquetball courts, basketball court, volleyball court, tennis courts, batting cage, baseball fields, football fields, family fitness room and the Sea view Trail, a scenic 3.3 mile, marked jogging trail. Intramural sports form at various times of the year and include softball, golf, soccer, volleyball, basketball and football. The Family Fitness Room is a family friendly zone for parents to work out while watching their children. The room has three separate entities, an adult section with workout equipment, a crawler section for kids 6 weeks to 11 months with cribs and a toddler section for kids from 1 to 7 years, with toys. A parent or legal guardian must remain in the Family Fitness Room with direct line-of-sight supervision with their children.

## Naval Air Station Whidbey Island Communities

### WHIDBEY ISLAND

#### Oak Harbor

[www.oakharbor.org](http://www.oakharbor.org)

The picturesque town of Oak Harbor has a modern culture steeped in its rich, local history. Originally settled in 1849 when seafarers staked a claim and established a trade port on Whidbey Island in the Puget Sound, the area has grown to encompass nearly nine miles from limit to limit. The town was given its name by Dr. Richard Lansdale, because of the abundance of Garry Oak trees, a relatively rare strain of tree. Whidbey Island was named for Joseph Whidbey, the first colonist to lay claim to the nearby island.

The township had both a financial and population boom in the 1890s, when Dutch settlers colonized the area, coming from Canada and the Midwest, and used the area's rich resources to establish fertile farmland. Today, windmills and Dutch construction bear witness to the area's brilliant history. Many of the town's oldest original structures were built near the harbor, since water trade was the main initial source of income. One of the city's greatest employers, the Navy, came to Oak Harbor in 1941 to bolster the war effort. The Navy continues to be a major benefactor to the area.

Today, the main cog of Oak Harbor, Old Town, is still buzzing with activity. Pioneer Way, Old Town's main thoroughfare offers dining, craft stores, antique dealers and other laid-back shopping experiences, perfect for a Sunday afternoon stroll.

Other nearby attractions are:

- The Blue Fox Drive-In, is one of only four remaining Drive-Ins in the state of Washington. The Fox also features an on-site go-kart track, as well as a snack bar for all your refreshment needs. The Blue Fox also offers party packages to featuring train rides, go-kart specials and arcade fun! The Blue Fox also shows classic cartoons prior to the main film, in true retro style! (360) 675-5667; <http://www.bluefoxdrivein.com>.
- Downtown Oak Harbor's Whidbey Saint Patrick's Celebration is an annual festival celebrated on March 17th, that begins on Pioneer Way and Jensen Street.
- Every April, in honor of Oak Harbor's Dutch history, the town is filled with tulips to kick off the annual Holland Happening festival. Events include a family-friendly carnival, street fair featuring Dutch foods, wooden shoe carving, a "Klomp Canal Race," an international dance festival and the festival culminates with a grand parade along the waterfront.
- The Whidbey Playhouse is a community theatre, featuring year-round productions. The playhouse features "classic" plays as well as original works, and is always sure to delight the whole family. <http://www.whidbeyplayhouse.com>.
- Oak Harbor Windjammer Park is a 28-acre city beach, featuring 56 RV and tent campsites, three little league baseball fields, two 'tot lot' play areas, two basketball courts and shoreline picnic tables and grills. During the summer, the beach offers lagoon swimming as well as wading pools for children. In late summer and early fall, the park features kite-flying, picnic areas and an assortment of outdoor activities. Windjammer Park also offers a boat launch, two wading pools and a swimming area complete with dock and waterslide.
- Whidbey Island Race Week draws about 125 sailboats to the Oak Harbor Marina for an annual event in July. There is lots of food and entertainment after racing during the weeklong festivities.

## **COUPEVILLE**

[www.cometocoupeville.com](http://www.cometocoupeville.com)

Known to islanders as the center of the Ebey Landing National Historical Reserve, Coupeville is responsible for the majority of the historical preservation on Whidbey Island.

If Whidbey's history piques your interest, pay a visit to the Island County Historical Museum, a chronicle of the island's rich history. Since 1963 the museum has existed in several different locations, beginning with the former General Telephone building. From 1971 to 1991, the museum was located in the former Coupeville Fire Hall. Finally, in 1991 construction on the present site was completed, on the site of the former Blockhouse Inn. The new location offers dazzling views of Penn Cove and the Coupeville waterfront.

If history's not your forte, Coupeville also boasts the famous Penn Cove Shellfish Farm, several parks and an ingeniously designed main street, featuring false-front stores that offer antiques, crafts and other specialty items.

For more than 20 years, Coupeville has been home to the annual Penn Cove Mussel Fest, featuring a charity beer garden, multiple musical performances, children's activities, a chowder tasting area, a chowder-eating contest as well as tours of the historic Shellfish Farm.

The Coupeville Arts Center offers a wealth of seasonal classes for those with a thirst for knowledge. If adrenaline is your muse, many of Coupeville parks offer kayaking, mountain biking, and many unique hiking trails, spanning mountains, forests and seaside vistas. In a perfect blend of history and action, visitors can SCUBA dive at the Fort Casey/Keystone Underwater Park. Divers will find indigenous jellyfish, porpoises, otter, sea lions and maybe even a gray whale or Orca!

In the afternoon during summer months, Coupeville showcases local and national talent at "Concerts at the Cove," for a mere \$7 per person.

## **Greenbank**

[www.whidbey.net/greenbankhome](http://www.whidbey.net/greenbankhome)

Located at Whidbey's most narrow point, Greenbank is a respite from the pressures of city life. Comprised of rolling farmland and deep woods, the city is a home to conservationists and agriculturists, alike. The famed "UGrowth" Forest has become the most recent addition to the South Whidbey State Park, a 347-acre preserve that features 4,500 feet of sparkling saltwater shoreline along the Admiralty Inlet.

Greenbank's most well-known landmark is the Greenbank Farm, featuring wine tastings, beautiful wedding facilities, and shopping areas dedicated to local products and antiques. The Farm is also home to a variety of festivals and shows throughout the year.

In addition to the historic and entertaining locales, visitors to Greenbank will find abundant seascape vistas, perfect for crabbing, clamming and tide pool observations.

## **Freeland**

[www.freeland-wa.org](http://www.freeland-wa.org)

After spending the day exploring Greenbank, spend your night at one of the many inns, cottages and bed-and-breakfasts located throughout Freeland. In the morning, take a leisurely stroll down Double bluff Beach. In addition to offering an amazing panoramic view of Mt. Rainer and Seattle, it is also dotted with picnic areas, leash-less dog areas and several collection sites for driftwood aficionados. At nearby Freeland Park, you can also host a picnic, dig for clams, or simply watch the windsurfers and boaters from one of the park's many waterfront tables. And what waterfront park would be complete without playground facilities? Freeland Park has a quaint play area adjacent to the picnic areas, making it a perfect location for your next family get-together!

**Langley**

[www.langleychamber.com](http://www.langleychamber.com)

It can truly be said that Langley has the best of both worlds: a sweeping bluff overlooking the channel of the Saratoga Passage, as well as a breathtaking, 180-degree view of the Cascade Mountains.

Langley is also known for having the highest density of cottages, bed-and-breakfasts and inns, totaling more than 60 within the town limits. In addition to its inherent beauty, Langley's Seawall Park is also home to endangered species and local fauna alike. Bald eagles, herons and sea lions call Seawall Park home, and grey whales migrate past the park's shore in the springtime.

If entertainment is your focus, The Whidbey Island Performing Arts Center hosts concerts, theatre and dance year-round to visitors and locals alike. If your tastes run more modern, Langley has current movies playing at the Langley Movie House, a structure that has been carefully restored to its original 1930 design. Once you've worked up an appetite, you'll find that there are five-star restaurants, family dining, specialty bakeries, classic sandwich shops and a top shelf winery...the Whidbey Island Winery.

**Naval Air Station Whidbey Island  
Community Resources**

**NORTH SOUND 2-1-1**

For Community Information and Referrals, call 2-1-1 for help specific to your needs. Employment Support, Medical Care Questions, Rent and Mortgage Assistance, Mental Health Services, Legal Aid Assistance, Support Groups, Senior Assistance Shelter Needs, Utility Bill Help, Volunteer Opportunities, In-Kind Donations, Domestic Violence Help, Food Resources and Critical Information During An Emergency.

**DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER OF SNOHOMISH AND ISLAND COUNTIES**

(800) 280-4770 or (425) 339-1335

(425) 259-2110 (Fax)

[www.voaww.org/drc](http://www.voaww.org/drc)

[drc@voaww.org](mailto:drc@voaww.org)

P. O. Box 839, Everett, WA 98206-0839

Is there conflict in your family, workplace or neighborhood? Trained mediators can help you resolve these types of disputes peacefully. Mediation is fast, low cost, confidential and successful; eight out of 10 settle. The Dispute Resolution Center is a program of Volunteers of America and provides conflict resolution services and training to the community. They also arrange mediations on Whidbey Island.

**CADA**

(800) 215-5669 (24-hour Crisis Line)

(360) 675-2232 (Services)

(360) 675-7057 (Business Information)

[www.cadacanhelp.org](http://www.cadacanhelp.org)

275 SE Pioneer Way, Suite 102, Oak Harbor, WA 98277

PO Box 190, Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Citizens Against Domestic and Sexual Abuse (CADA) provides emergency and follow-up assistance to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

CADA offers shelter, transportation, advocacy-based counseling, community education prevention programs and women's and children's support groups.

**HELP HOUSE**

(360) 675-0681

[www.geocities.com/northwhidbeyhelp/](http://www.geocities.com/northwhidbeyhelp/)

1091 SE Hathaway St., Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

North Whidbey Help House is a food bank for those in need on north Whidbey Island.

**COMPASS HEALTH, WHIDBEY ISLAND**

(800) 584-3578 (24-hour Care Crisis Line)

678-5555 (ongoing mental health services)

(360) 321-4868 (South Whidbey)

105 NW 1st St., Coupeville, WA 98239

Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Compass Health (formerly Island Mental Health/CMHS) offers comprehensive community-based mental health services, such as adult, adolescent and child psychiatric services; outpatient counseling and case management services; vocational, residential and crisis respite services; and crisis response services.

**PLANNED PARENTHOOD**

(360) 679-3404

[www.plannedparenthood.org](http://www.plannedparenthood.org)

159A N. Goldie Road

Oak Harbor, WA 98277

P.O. Box 837, Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Monday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Planned Parenthood of Western Washington is one of 18 clinics around the Puget Sound area. The family planning clinic provides low cost birth control, pregnancy tests, Pap smears, HIV testing, counseling, treatment for sexually transmitted diseases and education.

**THE OPPORTUNITY COUNCIL**

(360) 679-6577 or 1-800-317-5427

[www.opportunitycouncil.org](http://www.opportunitycouncil.org)

1791 NE 1st Ave., Oak Harbor, WA 98277

P.O. Box 922, Oak Harbor, WA 98277

This private, nonprofit community action agency helps people of low-to-moderate income in Island County develop and maintain self-reliance.

They offer child care referral and vouchers, community resource referrals, education consultation and liaison, low-income energy assistance, food stamp outreach, emergency housing assistance, gas vouchers, half-price dump pass and low-income housing referral. Families may call to have their names added to a list to receive such household items as beds and couches. Donations of such items are always welcome.

**NEW LEAF, INC.**

(360) 675-1989

675-8811 (Fax)

[www.newleaf.org](http://www.newleaf.org)

[newleaf@newleafinc.org](mailto:newleaf@newleafinc.org)

660 SE Fidalgo Ave., Ste. 101

Oak Harbor, WA 98277

P.O. Box 943, Oak Harbor, WA 98277

New Leaf is a vocational rehabilitation program and affirmative industry for adults with disabilities. They provide training and employment in janitorial services, grounds maintenance, Commissary shelf stocking and ordering.

New Leaf assists with job placement in the community, job coaching, employment retention support, work skill building, independent living services and employment assessment.

**PREGNANCY CARE CLINIC**

(800) 675-2096 (Hotline counselors)

670 Midway Blvd., Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This nonprofit, locally governed organization brings a non-denominational Christian ministry to women who have unplanned pregnancies. Hotline counselors are available on most nights after hours.

Services are free and confidential, and include pregnancy tests, education on options, housing, classes, maternity clothing and furnishings, referrals and counseling. They also offer newborn layettes, baby cereal and food, baby formula and shepherding homes for pregnant women without a place to live.

**AMERICAN RED CROSS**

(360) 675-2912

[www.islandredcross.org](http://www.islandredcross.org)

1150 SE Dock St., Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The American Red Cross provides disaster assistance, military social services and health and safety services. An after-hours representative is available for emergencies around the clock.

**ARMED SERVICES YMCA OF THE USA**

(360) 675-2771

[www.asymca.org/a3-1.html](http://www.asymca.org/a3-1.html)

540 SE Pioneer Way, Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Monday through Friday, 6:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Whidbey Island Branch of the Armed Services YMCA of the USA serves the local military and civilian communities with a full-service Child Development Center, including a pre-school and school age programs, plus an all-day kindergarten as appropriate for children from 30 months through 12 years. Families and children enjoy the quality curriculum and safe learning environment.

**TODDLER LEARNING CENTER**

(360) 679-1039

221-6198 x2232 (South Whidbey)

P.O. Box 633, Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (during the school year)

Toddler Learning Center is a private, nonprofit agency that provides speech therapy, occupational therapy, special classes and parent support for children from birth to 36 months old who have delayed development.

**SENIOR SERVICES OF ISLAND COUNTY**

(360) 678-4886

(360) 321-1600 (South Whidbey)

50 North Main, Coupeville, WA 98239

Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This program serves seniors and disabled citizens by providing group and home-delivered meals, day care, transportation, housing, information and assistance, employment, senior activities and several other support services. Volunteers are always welcome to deliver Meals on Wheels and transport seniors to medical appointments.