



Port Angeles, WA



Port Angeles, the county seat of Clallam County, Washington, was founded in 1862 on the north shore of the Olympic Peninsula on the site of two major villages of the Klallam Tribe, P'e'nis and Tse-whit-zen. The city sits on a natural harbor that is protected by the long sand spit of Ediz Hook jutting into the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Spanish explorers had named this harbor Puerto de Nuestra Señora de los Angeles in 1791. Port Angeles has a citywide wireless network available to the public.

Port Angeles is home to several museums. Port Angeles Fine Arts Center hosts exhibitions with a Northwest flavor in its semicircular hilltop gallery. Webster's Woods Art Park is a five-acre "museum without walls" featuring over 125 sculptures and site works along rustic trails that represent the nearby Olympic National Park.

Exhibits at Clallam County Historical Society's Museum at the Carnegie Library highlight the county's history from the time of Lewis and Clark, including a celebration of the centennial of the Port Angeles Coast Guard Station at Ediz Hook. The Historical Society also offers the Olympic Peninsula Community Museum, which is an online virtual museum that presents the historical and cultural highlights of the region; a searchable archive of 12,000 photos and artifacts; and educational resources.

Marine life and education are the focus of two centers in Port Angeles. The Art Feiro Marine Life Center is located on the City Pier and hosts public exhibits representative of the marine life inhabiting the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Adjacent to the City Pier is the Olympic Coast Discovery Center, part of the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary, which provides information about marine conservation, the ocean and underwater landscape, maritime history, marine wildlife, habitats, and traditional cultures.

Several options for performing arts are available in Port Angeles. The Port Angeles Community Players produces drama, comedy, and musical theater. Port Angeles Symphony Orchestra concerts are held at the Port Angeles High School Auditorium, and their Chamber Concerts are held at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

The annual Juan de Fuca Festival occurs during Memorial Day weekend and features 80 performances on four stages.

NEIGHBORHOODS

Downtown Port Angeles is a busy commercial center but is not currently a residential neighborhood. Overlooking downtown, however, is the Cherry Hill neighborhood, which consists of primarily larger Craftsman-style homes on standard 7,000 square foot lots. The majority of these homes were built in the 1930s and offer views of both the Strait of Juan de Fuca and Olympic National Park.

Also offering views of the strait and mountains, Cresthaven is located near Peninsula College and features two-story and ranch-style homes with walk-out basements that were built between 1950 and 2000. Houses in the West End neighborhood overlook the Straits of Juan de Fuca and were built in a mix of architectural styles, including ranch and two-story, in the 1990s and 2000s. Homes are primarily large and sit on lots of varying sizes.

Whites Creek is another newer neighborhood and is convenient to the Olympic Medical Center. This neighborhood features larger contemporary-styled homes and mountain views and borders a golf course.

The Mill Creek neighborhood is a more rural area and abuts Olympic National Park. Old farm-style houses on large lots dominate this neighborhood.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Port Angeles has 24 parks, an indoor pool, senior center, and community center. Park amenities include open fields, pickleball and tennis courts,

playgrounds, softball diamonds, a skate park, a BMX track, a disc golf course, a dog park, youth baseball fields, and trails. Civic Field is a multipurpose sports field and football, baseball, or soccer stadium with covered seating for 2,500 people and field lighting.

Downtown Port Angeles provides the best access to the Olympic Discovery Trail, a well-maintained 120-mile trail winding along the waterfront and through rural farmland that connects Fort Townsend, Washington, with La Push, Washington, with Port Angeles at the center.

Lincoln Park is a part of a United States Military Reserve established in 1862 and has two ponds that are home to many different species of ducks and birds. Fishing is available to youth aged 14 or younger.

The volunteer-built Dream Playground at Erickson Park has a play area for children aged 5 years or younger and a separate play area for older children. A skateboard park, built with a three-bowl layout and extra-smooth concrete, and tennis courts are adjacent to the Dream Playground.

Sail and Paddle Park is located on Ediz Hook and features views of the harbor, Port Angeles, and the Olympic Mountains and offers beach access for kayaking.

Port Angeles is the gateway to Olympic National Park, with its 922,000 acres of stunning alpine and coastal wilderness and hiking opportunities that include moss-covered trails of the rain forest and wild trails along the ocean. Hurricane Ridge is the most easily accessed mountain area within Olympic National Park and is located 17 miles south of Port Angeles. Hurricane Ridge is accessible throughout the year with hiking trails ranging from ridge-top traverses to steep trails that descend to subalpine lakes and valleys. During the winter months, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and sledding are popular Hurricane Ridge activities. In addition, the Hurricane Ridge Winter Sports Club operates two rope tows and a Poma lift.

EDUCATION

Port Angeles School District educates approximately 3,700 students in five elementary schools, a middle school, a high school, an alternative high school, and a vocational school.

Higher education is available at Peninsula College, which is a public, comprehensive community college that offers associate's degrees that transfer directly to 4-year institutions, a 4-year bachelor of applied science degree in applied management, and associate's degrees in professional technical fields.

HEALTH CARE

Olympic Medical Center (Clallam County Public Hospital District No. 2) is an 80-bed acute-care hospital with a Level III trauma-designated emergency department, surgical services, and labor and delivery services.

Avamere Olympic Rehabilitation of Sequim is a short-stay postacute rehabilitation, respite care, and long-term care facility.

CITY STATS

	2013
City Population	19,190
County Population	72,312
Per Capita Personal Income, Clallam County	\$40,586