

Exploring Seattle and Western WA

Welcome to Talk Time!

Share: Tell us about a beautiful place in your native country.

Let's get started

The Seattle area is known for its natural beauty. There are many mountains, lakes, rivers, and forests to explore. The Seattle area is also well-known for having a strong culture of music and art. As a group, read about the following places. (Photos on additional handout).

Visit Snoqualmie Falls

What: Snoqualmie Falls is a beautiful, 268-foot waterfall. You can easily view the waterfall from a platform. Sometimes, you can feel the mist from the waterfall on your face.

Where: It is located 25 miles outside of Seattle.

When: The park is open year-round.

Cost: Free

Visit the Olympic Peninsula

What: Here, you can see temperate rainforests with big, mossy trees. You can also see ocean beaches and mountain lakes.

Where: It is located about 200 miles outside of Seattle.

When: It is open year-round.

Cost: \$15 to enter the park, \$12 for a site in a campground.

Visit the Sunrise Visitor Center in Mount Rainier National Park

What: At Sunrise, you can see amazing views of Mount Rainier and other volcanoes. You can also see green meadows, wildflowers, and wildlife. There are many hiking trails near the visitor center.

Where: It is located about 200 miles outside of Seattle.

When: It is open from early July to late September.

Cost: \$15 to enter the park, \$12 for a site in a campground.

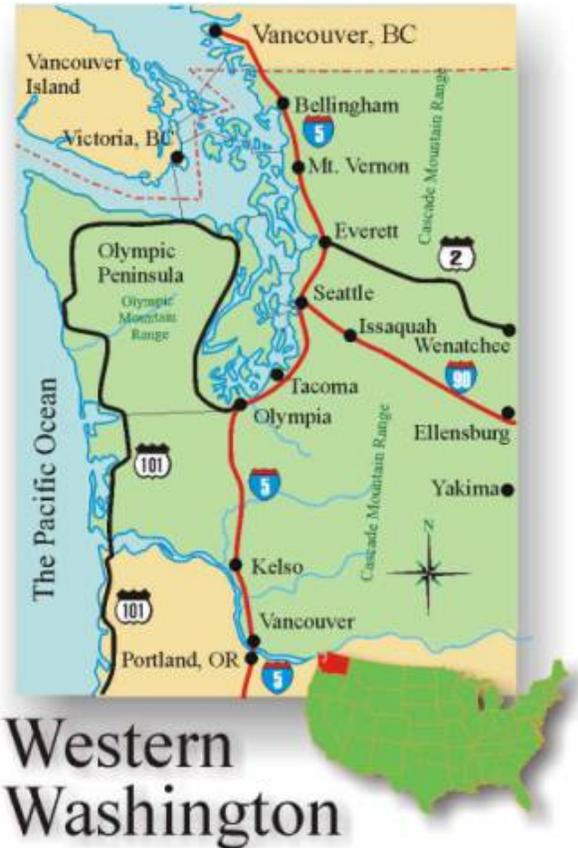
Visit Deception Pass State Park

What: Here, you can walk across a beautiful bridge and enjoy the view of the Puget Sound. There are many beaches, hiking trails, and picnic areas. Deception Pass is also a good place to see bald eagles.

Where: It is located about 80 miles outside of Seattle, near the city of Anacortes.

When: It is open year-round.

Cost: Free



Visit Volunteer Park and the Seattle Asian Art Museum

What: Volunteer Park includes great views of Seattle, walking trails, an art museum, and a conservatory with fragrant tropical plants. It is one of Seattle's best parks!

Where: 1400 East Prospect Street, Seattle

When: Wednesday-Sunday 10:00am-5:00pm, Thursday 10:00am-9:00pm

Cost: The park and conservatory are free. The museum is \$7 per person. The first Thursday of every month is free for everyone. The first Saturday of every month is free for families.

Listen to live music at Local Color Café in Pike Place Market

What: Local Color is a café and art gallery. Sometimes, there is live jazz music. Call (206) 728-1717 for more information.

Where: 1606 Pike Place, Seattle

When: Monday-Sunday 8:00am-6:00pm

Cost: About \$5 for a drink



Discuss these questions in pairs. Then, share your answers with the group.

- Which two places (from the places listed above) would you most like to visit? Why?
- Do you prefer outdoor activities or indoor activities? Why?
- Do you like to explore alone or with friends and/or family? Why?

Discussion



What is a place that you have visited in the Seattle area? Describe your visit to the group. Where did you go? What did you see? Would you go again? How much did it cost?

Are you planning any trips for the summer? Where do you plan to go?

Have you ever gone camping? Describe a camping trip that you have been on.



What items should you bring when you go hiking?

Have you ever gotten lost while traveling? If so, tell about it.

How can you find out more information about places to visit near Seattle?

What questions do you have about Western Washington?

Group Reflection

What did you learn today? What do you want to talk about next week?