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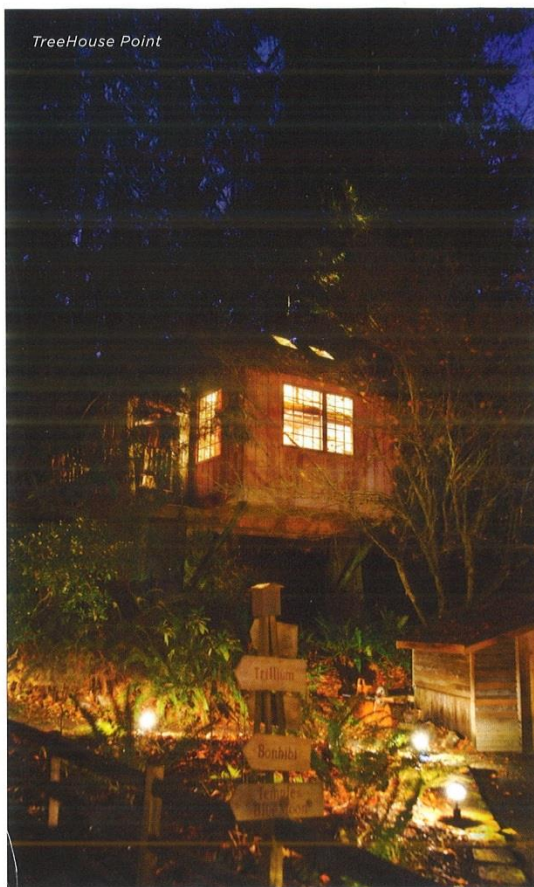
# the BEST of 425

*Every year, we poll our readers over the course of several months, asking them to tell us about their favorite people, places and things. Businesses hoping to grab a Best of 425 title — or keep one — ask their clients to please vote, too. The competition is fierce. This issue is one folks want to be listed in, and one readers keep for a year as their ultimate guide to the best of everything on the Eastside. We received thousands of votes, and accountants at Moss Adams did the tallying. Here are the winners. Drum roll, please ...*

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TreeHouse Point



### BEST BED & BREAKFAST

#### TreeHouse Point

There is something almost magical about TreeHouse Point. Nestled in the trees, you'll find six unique tree houses that double as guest lodging. With views of the Raging River and picturesque swinging bridges, guests are transported to a tranquil, natural oasis. *Issaquah*

### BEST HIKE

#### Mount Si Trail

More than 100,000 people flock each year to hike

the beautiful Mount Si trail. Hikers find themselves immersed among towering old-growth trees with Mount Rainier framed in the background. At just under 8 miles round-trip and 3,100 feet of elevation gain, the trail is not for the faint of heart. Yet for even novice hikers, the unobstructed views of Snoqualmie Valley and the Olympics are more than enough motivation. *North Bend*

### BEST NORTHWEST TRAVEL DESTINATION

#### Lake Chelan

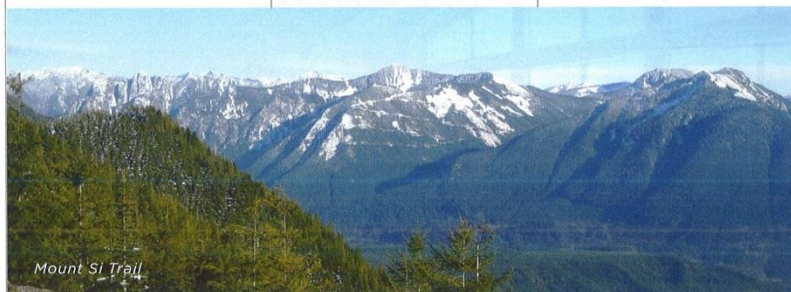
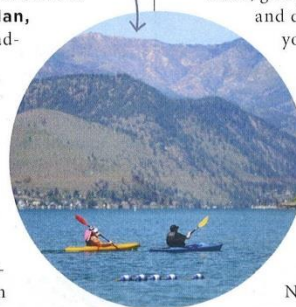
It takes a little less than five hours to drive to Lake Chelan, but our readers insist it's worth the trip. At 50.5 miles in length, Lake Chelan is the largest natural lake in Washington, offering breathtaking views and fun for the

whole family all year long. Chelan boasts cross-country skiing and snowshoeing in winter, mountain biking and hiking in spring, water sports on the lake in the summer, and harvest festivals and grape stomping in the fall.

### BEST GOLF COURSE

#### The Golf Club at Newcastle

You can't beat the view at The Golf Club at Newcastle. The courses are perched overlooking Seattle and the snow-topped mountains. The property features 36 holes, golf programs, and dining. If you're a golfer, you'll be hard-pressed to find a better place to spend a sunny day in the Northwest, according to our readers. *Newcastle >>*



Mount Si Trail

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