

Celebrate summer at these 10 places in the Pacific Northwest

When summer finally rolls around, the Pacific Northwest beckons.

We've come up with plenty of enticing ways to make the most of this sun-kissed season, marked by endless, azure days and fresh-aired evenings when the fiery light falls just so.

Get active in Lake Chelan



Feel the rush this summer in Lake Chelan — Photo courtesy of River Recreation

About four hours east of Seattle, Lake Chelan proves a sun-kissed mecca for summer adventurers. Sure, you can find an endless list of standard activities like paddleboarding, canoeing, kayaking, water skiing, hiking, cycling and fishing. But for those seeking a true adrenaline rush, Lake Chelan has you covered.

Whiz around the thriving wine region via four-hour Chelan Electric Bikes Winery Tours, or go white water rafting with River Recreation. For elevated exhilaration, let Skydive Chelan take you on their "[Tandem Winery Skydive](#)," the only such offering in the country. Enjoy freefalling and a parachute ride over Washington terrain, before being welcomed back to earth by a bottle of wine, served in the vineyards of Tsillan Cellars.

When it comes to fueling up for lakeside adventures, locals love breakfast spots like [Blueberry Hills](#) (which incorporates 16 varieties of blueberries grown on its own farm into dishes), Lake Chelan Coffee Company and Riverwalk Cafe, which serves Hempler's nitrate-free bacon, cage-free eggs from nearby farms and housemade pastries.

At dinnertime, sample the region's bounty at venues that range from Wapato Point Cellars ("casually elegant dining" in an upscale grill) to Lakeview Drive-In (for legendary burgers and buckets of fries). Enjoy authentic Mexican fare at Marcela's Cocina Mexicana and Rancho Grande, dive into artisan pizzas at Local Myth, or mingle with locals in A Shot of Gratitude's beer garden.