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LAKE CHELAN



Average summer high 81°

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LAKE CHELAN IS NOT ALL ABOUT JET SKIS, wakeboarding, waterskiing and hanging out on an inflatable island in the baking sun—though there's plenty of that. The 55-mile-long natural lake is surrounded by foothills covered in scrubland and a vibrant patchwork of orchards and vineyards; the latter is the key to Chelan's landlubbing pleasures.

Designated as an American Viticultural Area (AVA) only four years ago, Lake Chelan is home to 20 wineries, which extract fine wines from the constant sun, higher altitudes, glacial terroir and winter-freeze-reducing lake effect. Many wineries have elaborate architecture and fully tricked-out tasting rooms or patios to grab the tourist traffic—which makes tastings a multisensory delight. Look for wineries with summer music events, including the Saturday summer music series at **Vin du Lac**

(105 Hwy. 150; 866.455.9463; vindulac.com)—tastings, noshes and live music in a garden with a fab lake vista. Take note: the spring barrel tasting runs in the valley from May 18–19 (lakechelanwinevalley.com).

Slip in a round of miniature golf at **Don Morse Park** in downtown Chelan, followed by a cheeseburger and fries—made extra special by the house-made seasoning salt and tartar—and a milkshake at the **Lakeview Drive In** (323 W Manson Hwy; 509.682.5322; lakeviewdrivein.com) for the pure retro glory of it. The family-owned **Campbell's Resort** (104 W Woodin Ave.; 509.682.2561; campbellsresort.com), on the east end of the lake, delivers an equally old-school vacation feel. And stay out of your car and in the sun, without working too hard, on a rented electric bicycle (chelanelectricbikes.com). **L.W.**



Spring crush in
Lake Chelan