

Self-Guided Tours

Shopping / Viewing downtown Olympia

Compass Rose Gift Store - 416 Capitol Way S Olympia
Popinjay Gift Shop - 414 Capitol Way S.
Archibald Sisters - 406 Capitol Way S.
Browsers' Book Shop - 107 Capitol Way N
Drees, Inc (gifts, clothing) - 524 Washington St S
Encore Chocolates & Teas - 116 5th Ave SE, Suite A
Captain Little Toy Store - 121 5th Ave SE
Radiance Herbs & Massage - 113 – 5th Ave SE
Childhood's End Gallery - 222 4th Ave W Olympia, WA 98501
Van Tuinen Art - 429 4th Ave W
Peacock Vintage - 512 NE 4th Ave.
Courtyard Antiques & Home Décor - 705 – 4th Ave E.
Art House Design - 420 Franklin St. SE
Moonchild - 507 Washington St. SE
The Wiggle Room - 117 Columbia St. NW

Percival Landing 217 Thurston Ave NE.

The park features picnic areas, public art, boat moorage and a playground. The park features a 0.9-mile (1.4 km) boardwalk extends along the eastern shoreline of the West Bay of Budd Inlet from the Fourth Avenue Bridge to Thurston Avenue. The park features a carved Orca by Olympia artist Joe Tougas, who competed an identical work for Yashiro, Japan, Olympia's sister city.



Places to drive to

Shipwreck Beads 8535 Commerce Pl. Dr. NE, Suite A, Lacey

Cost: \$0

Distance from Hotel: 10 miles



What to bring or wear: Your wallet!

Website: <https://www.shipwreckbeads.com/>

World famous and worth visiting their headquarters and showroom! They have THE largest supply of beads in the ENTIRE WORLD they say!

Capitol Lake and Marathon Park, 1011 Deschutes Pkwy SW.

Cost: \$0

Distance from Hotel: 4 miles

What to bring or wear: Comfortable shoes, sunglasses, umbrella, jacket, camera, binoculars

Marathon Park is a 2.25-acre waterfront park that earned its name as the start and finish site for the 1984 U.S. trials for the first Women's Olympic Marathon. Nestled into the southwestern corner of Capitol Lake's north basin, the park is within easy walking distance of the main Capitol Campus and downtown Olympia. The trail around Capitol Lake is 1.5 miles, and goes through Heritage Park, the Old Northern Pacific Railroad Depot and connects to the Hillside Trail, a series of switchbacks leading to the State Capitol grounds and the Law Enforcement Memorial.



Billy Frank, Jr. Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge, 100 Brown Farm Rd. NE, Olympia

Cost: \$3 per carload, or free with your US National Parks Senior Pass

Distance from Hotel: 12 miles

What to bring or wear: Comfortable shoes, sunglasses, umbrella, jacket, camera, binoculars

The fresh water of the Nisqually River combines with the saltwater of Puget Sound to form an estuary that has been set aside for wildlife since 1974. The Nisqually Estuary was restored in 2009 by removing dikes and reconnecting 762 acres with the tides of Puget Sound and provides habitat for the more than 200 species of birds over the course of the year. You may walk as much or as little as you wish on this self-guided tour. Maps are available at the visitor center.



Tumwater Falls, Tumwater Historical Park, Schmidt House and the Centennial Rose Garden 802 Deschutes Way SW, Tumwater

Cost: \$0

Distance from Hotel: 2 miles

What to bring or wear: Comfortable shoes, sunglasses, umbrella, jacket, camera, binoculars

Tumwater Falls are a series of cascades on the Deschutes River in Tumwater, WA near where the river empties into Budd Inlet, a southerly arm of Puget Sound. There is a half-mile walking trail around the falls, which connects to other walking paths at the Tumwater Historical Park and along Capitol Lake. The historic Schmidt house, built in 1904 for Olympia Brewing Company founder Leopold Schmidt and his wife Johanna, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The picturesque grounds are graced with native gardens, a reflective pool and graceful statues brought back from Europe by Leopold Schmidt (the home is not open for tours on this week.) The grounds also feature the Centennial Rose Garden cared for by the Olympia Rose Society, the Pacific Northwest District of the American Rose Society. In Tumwater Historical Park, find the Blue Star Marker, placed and maintained by the Black Hills District Garden Club.



Mima Mounds Natural Area Preserve 12315 Waddell Creek Rd. SW, Olympia

Cost: \$0

Distance from Hotel: 16 miles

What to bring or wear: Comfortable shoes, sunglasses, umbrella, jacket, camera, binoculars

Website: [Mima Mounds Natural Area Preserve | WA - DNR](http://www.wa-dnr.com/mima-mounds-natural-area-preserve)

Mima mounds are low, flattened, circular to oval, domelike, natural mounds that are composed of loose, unstratified, often gravelly sediment that is an overthickened A horizon. These mounds range in diameter from 3 to more than 50 m; in height 30 cm to greater than 2 m; and in density from several to greater than 50 mounds per hectare, at times forming conspicuous natural patterns.



Mima Mounds Natural Area Preserve (NAP) was established in 1976 to protect rare examples of “mima mound” landforms and Puget prairie grasslands. The site includes a small Garry oak woodland and savannah (widely spaced oak trees with grass understory) and also supports a variety of prairie dependent butterflies and birds, and Douglas-fir forest. The NAP currently comprises 641 acres of

grassland covered mima mounds, forest and oak woodland. In 1966, the National Park Service designated Mima Mounds Preserve as a National Natural Landmark, for its representation of our nation's natural landscape; one of only 17 such landmarks in Washington state. Features protected: Roemer's fescue – white topped aster grassland community; Mima Mounds topography; Garry oak woodland and savannah.

Mima Mounds NAP has an interpretive trail system including a paved, ADA accessible ½ mile loop, and two longer gravel paths to the north and south of the paved loop. The interpretive center includes full color signs with information on geology, mima mound hypotheses, prairie ecology, fire and Native American use.

Squaxin Park, 2600 East Bay Drive NE

Cost: \$0

Distance from Hotel: 4 miles

What to bring or wear: Comfortable shoes, sunglasses, umbrella, jacket, camera, binoculars

This beautiful 314 acre park is the ideal spot to experience the natural beauty of the northwest, with over four miles of hiking trails and nearly two miles of saltwater shoreline. Visit the Washington Memorial Garden, developed and maintained by the Olympia Garden Club in partnership with the City of Olympia and Olympia Parks and Recreation. This three-quarter acre park is available to have names placed in the kiosk for posthumous awareness of distinction and contribution in the community. The Olympia Garden Club holds an annual Arbor Day Celebration and Memorial Garden Remembrance ceremony for the public. The beautiful Rose Garden should be in peak bloom!



The Barn Nursery

9510 Old Hwy 99 SE

Olympia, WA 98501

360-943-2826

In business since 1986, The Barn Nursery has expanded into a garden center and carries more than plants and trees. There are items such as organic garden products, tools, and outdoor cedar furniture, many pieces for your garden décor, educational classes and much more. The inside of the barn is home to a unique gift shop which features distinctive gifts and home décor.

The Plant Place

Tumwater location

1146 – 88th Ave. SE

Olympia, WA 98501

360-870-8999

South Bay location

3333 S. Bay Rd. NE

Olympia, WA 98506

360-870-8999

The Plant Place was established in December 2002 south of the Olympia Airport. In the spring of 2013, a new retail lot opened in the South Bay area. Designed and intended originally to provide plant material for their own use and landscaping company, they have worked hard to set up their facility to serve all customers and they ship trees and shrubs to locations outside the Olympia area

Jason's Greenhouse

11337 Bald Hill Rd. SE
Yelm, WA 98597
360-458-2412

Jason's Greenhouse was founded in 2001 by Jason Witherow. Jason was only 16 years old and a sophomore in high school. At a time when most young students are focusing on prom, SAT's and college, Jason had already chosen where he wanted his life to go. He started with only 1 humble greenhouse in his grandparent's back yard. He spent his every spare moment there working and learning all that he could. Jason would spend many weekends making deliveries, and his days after school planting and pulling orders. Over the years, with overwhelming support from the community, they have grown to over 40 greenhouses, and now employ over 40 local people.

Bark and Garden

4004 Harrison Ave. NW
Olympia, WA 98502
360-352-2955

Bark and Garden Center is a complete nursery and garden center. The 14-acre nursery includes about 100,000 square feet of greenhouse space and much of the retail space is under cover for year-round enjoyment. There are trees, perennials, shrubs, ground covers, houseplants, bonsai, vines, bird feeders, statuary, water gardening, roses and unique items for gardeners.