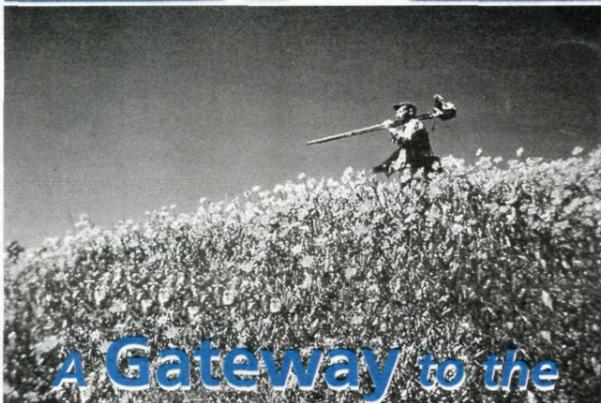




Focus on Stehekin

2005-2006



A Gateway to the WILDERNESS

JOURNEY DEEP INTO THE NORTH CASCADES to the headwaters of Lake Chelan. Fronted by one of America's largest lakes, edged by wilderness and surrounded by tall mountain peaks, Stehekin is a remote community connected to the rest of the world only by boat, plane, or trail.

The voyage to Stehekin is part of the experience. You are traveling from the hustle of the modern world to a place where there are no shopping malls, movie theaters or internet cafes. Here, a connection to the land can still be felt.

Whether you enjoy boating, fishing, camping, backpacking, hiking, bicycling, horseback-riding, rafting, kayaking, or simply lounging at the edge of the lake, there are plenty of ways to seek adventure or relax.

Stehekin serves as a hub to explore the 61,958-acre (25,074 hectare) Lake Chelan National Recreation Area and the rest of the North Cascades National Park Service Complex, as well as the adjacent National Forest Wilderness.



Getting to Stehekin

Lake Chelan Boat Company: Passenger boats provide round-trip service between Chelan and Stehekin with scheduled stops at Field's Point and Lucerne. Daily service is available from mid-March through October 31st with reduced service during the winter. For more information, visit: www.ladyofthelake.com, or call: (509) 682-4584.

The Tour Boat: Design your own cruise with this privately chartered and skippered boat. Pets are welcome. For more information, visit: www.thetourboat.com or call: (509) 682-8287.

Chelan Airways: Flights are scheduled daily during summer months and on reduced schedules during the winter. For more information, visit: www.chelanairways.com or call: (509) 682-5555.

Hiking: For a rugged wilderness experience, hike into the Stehekin Valley. There are several scenic routes from the north, west and east averaging two days backpacking. Contact a ranger station to help you plan your trip. **Mountain Transporter** offers shuttle services to trailheads, including airport pick-up. Call: (509) 996-8294.



Golden West Visitor Center

The Golden West Visitor Center is open daily mid-March through mid-October. Summer hours are 8:30 AM- 5:00 PM. Follow the pathway from the boat landing to the Visitor Center on the hill where you will find:

- Rangers available to assist you with trail information, backcountry permits and general information.
- Naturalist Programs including evening programs, short-talks, walks, bicycle tours and children's activities. Check area bulletin boards for schedules and information.
- Exhibits and Relief Map
- The Golden West Gallery displaying artwork.
- *A Wilderness Place*: a ten minute audio-visual program about Stehekin and the surrounding wilderness area.

GOLDEN WEST GALLERY

Exhibit Schedule, 2005

Arts and Humanities of Stehekin, a non-profit organization, operates the gallery in cooperation with the National Park Service.
PO Box 83 Stehekin, WA 98852
e-mail: stehekinarts@starband.net

May 13 – June 15: Paintings by Diane Paton Peel and Historical Photographs Collected by Carol Knapp

June 17 – July 13: Group Show: Sean Boerke, photography; Cheryl Farmer, various knitting techniques; Myra Ramos, fabric art; Lori Story, batiks; Michael "Dutch" Story, mixed media

July 15 – August 10: Bears: An Invitational Group Show

August 12 – September 7: Group Show: Lily Athair, fabric miniatures; Roxanne Everett, paintings and mixed media; Jonathan Scherer, woodwork; Annelise Sirguy, fabric art

September 9 – October 15: One Person Show by Mark Scherer



North Cascades National Park
Service Complex
Lake Chelan National Recreation Area
U.S. Department of the Interior

Golden West Visitor Center

P.O. Box 7
Stehekin, WA 98852
Telephone: (360) 856-5700 ext. 340 then ext. 14

Wilderness Information Center

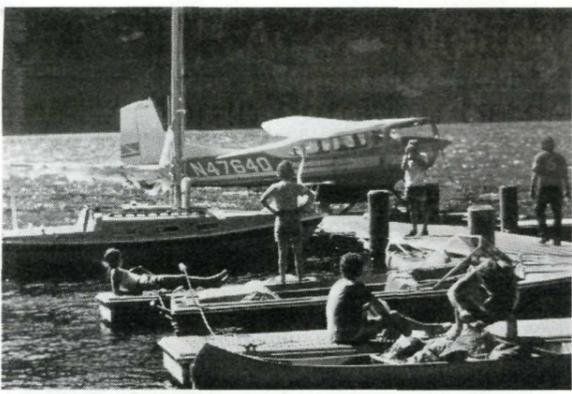
Telephone: (360) 873-4500 ext. 39

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ACTIVITIES and SERVICES

All addresses are Stehekin, WA 98852 unless listed otherwise.

Cascade Corrals: Horse supported hiking and riding trips into the Cascades are available, as well as drop camps and upper valley base camps. For trip times and costs visit the Courtney Log Office located 200 yards from the boat landing, write to: Corrals, PO Box 67, visit: www.courtneycountry.com or after June 15th, call: (509) 682-7742 during business hours.

Discovery Bike: Mountain bike rentals by the hour or day. A feature trip is the Ranch Breakfast Ride. Stop by the Courtney Log Office, write: Box 8 or visit: www.stehekindiscoverybikes.com.

The House that Jack Built: Located near the Golden West Visitor Center, it has a variety of handcrafted items including t-shirts, cards and jewelry made by residents of Stehekin. Open daily in the summer 10:30am-2:30pm.

In My Hands Massage: State and nationally licensed. Located 3.5 miles from the landing at the Buckner Orchard. For reservations stop by the Courtney Log Office, write Box 55 or e-mail: wendy@stehekinvalley.net.

Laundry and Shower Facilities: Public telephone, coin operated laundry and shower located 200 yards uplake from Landing. Open April-October.

North Cascades Kayaking & Rafting: Offers 2 or 6 hour guided kayaking and rafting trips. Located at the junction of the Stehekin Valley Road and Silver Bay Road, 1.2 miles from the landing. Reservations required for some trips. Visit: www.stehekinguideservice.com or call: (509) 679-6164.

Note: There is no ATM in Stehekin and few businesses accept credit cards.

North Cascades Stehekin Lodge: Services include:

- Convenience Store: Some beverages, limited food items and souvenirs.
- Boat & Bicycle Rentals: Mountain bike and boat rentals by the hour or the day.
- Bike and Lunch Self-Guided Tour: Picnic lunch and bicycle rental for half day rental price.
- Rainbow Falls Bus Tour: Narrated bus trip to the 312' (95m) falls. Tours leave the Stehekin Landing year-round upon arrival of all passenger vessels.
- Restaurant: Open year-round with limited operation in winter.

Visit www.stehekin.com or call: (509) 682-4494 for more information.

Rafting the Stehekin River: Raft the lower 11 miles (18km) of the Stehekin River. See the Stehekin Valley Ranch under Accommodations for reservation information.

Stehekin Pastry Company: Located 1.9 miles (3km) from Landing, the bakery offers fresh baked goods, coffee, refreshments and ice cream along with a lunch menu and special order cakes and desserts. Open Memorial Day to October.

NATURALIST PROGRAMS

The National Park Service offers a variety of naturalist activities including talks, guided walks, children's activities and bicycle tours. For a complete schedule of activities, please visit the Golden West Visitor Center or look on area bulletin boards.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Children's Programs: Check at the Golden West Visitor Center during summer months for program options.

Family Fun Packs: These free-to-borrow kits are great for exploring the area. They include field guides, books, binoculars, games and an activity journal.

Junior Ranger Program: By becoming a Jr. Ranger, kids can experience the national park setting with opportunities for learning, teaching and protecting this national treasure and earn a badge and certificate! Stop by the Golden West Visitor Center for additional details.

Accommodations

North Cascades Stehekin Lodge: Write to P.O. Box 457, Chelan, WA 98816, visit: www.stehekin.com or call: (509) 682-4494.

Silver Bay Inn Resort: Write to P.O. Box 13, visit: www.silverbayinn.com or call (509) 687-3142.

Stehekin Rainbow Lodge: Write to P.O. Box 66, visit: www.stehekinrainbowlodge.com or call: (206) 669-1777.

Stehekin Valley Ranch: Visit the Courtney Log Office, write to P.O. Box 36, call: (800) 536-0745 or visit: www.courtneyranch.com.

Housekeeping Cabins: These are individual cabins available for rent by owners. Locations vary from 1.2 to 6 miles from the landing.

- **Flick Creek:** Write to P.O. Box 25, e-mail: barnhartphoto@earthlink.net or call (509) 884-1730.
- **Stehekin Cedar Home:** Write to P.O. Box 14.
- **Stehekin Log Cabin:** Write to P.O. Box 67 or call (509) 683-7742.
- **Stehekin Mountain Cabin:** Write to P.O. Box 38 or e-mail: pittscabin@starband.net.

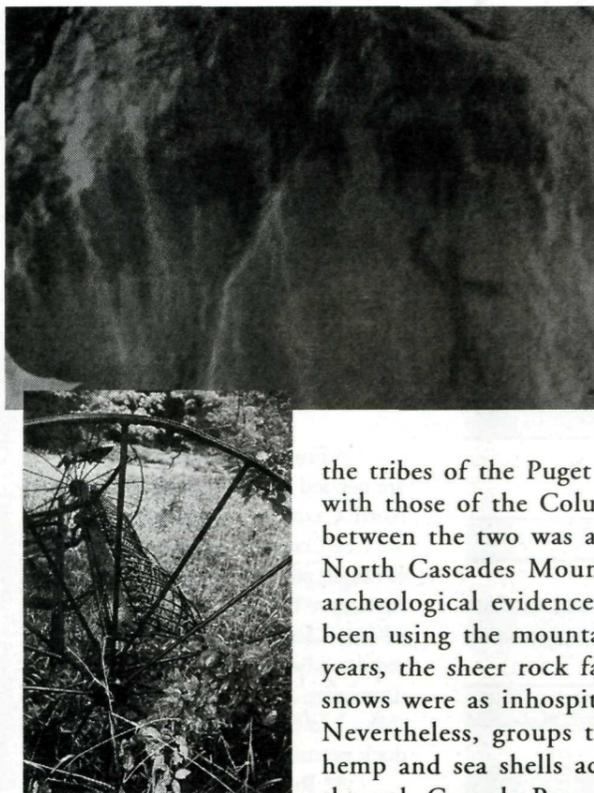


WINTER ACTIVITIES

Recreational activities are available throughout the year. Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing are popular winter pursuits. North Cascades Stehekin Lodge rents snowshoes and offers transportation to and from ski and snowshoe destinations. Contact the North Cascades Stehekin Lodge for more information.

For more information on businesses, lodging and activities, visit:

www.stehekinchoice.com
www.stehekinvalley.com
www.golakechelan.com
www.stehekin.com (North Cascades Stehekin Lodge)



A Place of Journeys

"STEHEKIN" IS BASED ON A NATIVE AMERICAN WORD meaning "the way through." The Stehekin River was part of a travel route linking

the tribes of the Puget Sound and Skagit areas with those of the Columbia River Plateau. In between the two was a formidable barrier: the North Cascades Mountain Range. Although archeological evidence shows that people had been using the mountains for thousands of years, the sheer rock faces and deep winter snows were as inhospitable as they are today. Nevertheless, groups traded goods, such as wild hemp and sea shells across the mountains through Cascade Pass. Canoes at the head of Lake Chelan carried travelers the last miles out

to the plateau. Red ochre pictographs are a striking reminder left by the early people who passed through the area.

Alexander Ross was the first Euro-American to come through the Stehekin Valley. Representing the Pacific Fur Company, he had a specific goal in mind: to cross, due west, the mountains and reach the Pacific to extend trading. He set out with three guides from Fort Okanogan in 1814 and got to within about four days of the ocean before turning around. Despite his failure to reach the coast, Ross would later describe the journey as a "project of discovery".

In the last quarter of the 19th century, prospectors began exploring for mineral wealth. They found gold, silver, lead and copper ore. Early claims concentrated in the vicinities of Doubtful Lake and Horseshoe Basin. The real excitement came in the late 1880s and early 1890s. Chelan was built up mostly as a mining town, despite its distance of more than 60 miles (97 km) from claims. Supplies were shipped by boat up the lake and thence into the mountains.

A few of the prospectors and suppliers settled up lake in Stehekin, which still served as a center point, this time between Chelan and mining claims. While mining activities continued into the early 20th century, most companies failed to profit. As the 19th century ended and the 20th century began, mining quietly slowed and some of the prospectors became homesteaders. One such prospector was William Buzzard, who sold his homestead to the Buckners. The Buckner Ranch, which operated as an apple orchard in the first half of the 20th century, remains an important landmark in the character of Stehekin.

While a few people settled permanently in Stehekin, the beginning of the 20th century brought a new sort of traveler to the Stehekin Valley: tourists. Now, as part of the North Cascades National Park Service Complex, Stehekin is no longer "a way through;" it is a destination.