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2021 ONLINE EXTRAS

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1. Breaking News! The Granite Falls Historical Society (GFHS), in cooperation with the League of Snohomish County Heritage Organizations (LOSCHO), has released a number of online capabilities designed to make our heritage information more available to our valued patrons. These include maps, museum listings, automated tour guides, digitized texts, and even "apps" that can be downloaded into your smartphone (iPhone or Android). See below for hints on using them.

2. Are you a Mountain Loop fan? If so, the new iOS and Android apps will make your day. You can go to the App Store (or Google Play) and search on "mountain loop". The app called "Mountain Loop Tour" will pop up and can be downloaded into your phone. It has lists of hiking/biking trails, campgrounds, eating/sleeping venues, and historic sites/sights around the Loop. Even when there is no cell service (as on most of the Loop), your phone will alert you as you approach a campground, trail, or historic site. You will get pictures and descriptions of each item (multiple pictures of historic sites) – without any internet connection! Scan a QR code below (just point your iPhone camera at the image) to get the app quickly . . .



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3. Are you a museum fan? For you, we've put a county Museum Guide online, which provides maps and driving directions to all of the heritage organizations in the county. Having trouble remembering "who" is open "when" on "what day"? That information is conveniently gathered along with a short slide show from each entity. You should bookmark this website for the next time you're out and about and thinking of places to go! Click on <https://loscho.oncell.com/en/index.html> There is a brochure for this, as well, attached to the end of this 2021 Extras Edition.

4. Are you interested in the history of properties in Snohomish County? Much of the LOSCHO mapping system has been put online in an easy-to-use format. You can "tour" the county ca. 1910, zooming close enough to see individual building uses in downtown areas, or click on small arrows that will show you what you would have seen had you been standing on that arrow looking in that direction . . . ca. 1910! You can even use the special "scope" to look through the maps to see the modern aerial photographs of the exact spot. Click to ["Explore Early Snohomish County"](#)

If you want to see how things progressed over time, another map allows you to overlay vintage maps (1910, '27, '34, '40, '52, '75), railroad maps, early "County Corners", and original homesteads! You can search for any address or homestead and the map will zoom to that point. You can then click on any homestead and see the name, date, and patent number for it. Click on ["Snohomish County First 100 Years"](#).

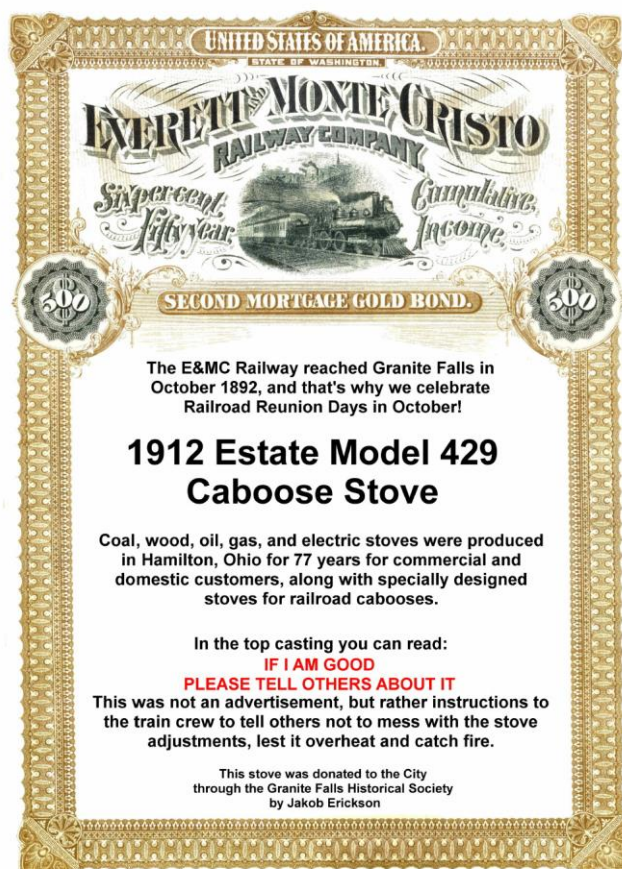
5. Are you interested in the ongoing preservation of historic buildings and sites in the County? One of the more-recently published online maps shows those structures that have been professionally evaluated regarding their eligibility for the **Snohomish County Historic Register**, as well as other State or National Registers. You can click on any of the 200+ items that have been evaluated, read the details of those evaluations, and see any that have been entered into the County Register (full documentation). Click to get insight into the [Snohomish County Historic Register](#).

6. Are you searching for specific details on the Snohomish County area, or on the Granite Falls area in particular? Our museum website can be found at www.gfhistory.org, and gives you access to newspapers, yearbooks, pictures, documents, and even historic texts. You can search by name and/or key words to find exactly what you're seeking. Just click on the link that takes you to [Archive-In-a-Box \(AIB\)](#), where you can also find archives from other museums in the area (and thousands of newspapers). You can also enjoy a series of short articles that describe aspects of Granite Falls "[back in the day](#)" – everything from schools and transportation to disappearing towns and early grocery prices.

7. Are you interested in the history of early schools in the Stillaguamish Valley? The Stillaguamish Valley Genealogy Society published a great book on the early schools, and asked if we could create a complementary online offering. Click on [Early Stillaguamish Valley Schools](#) to see where they were and what they looked like!

8. If you can't find what you're looking for, don't give up – call us! There are historic maps available at museums across the county that we simply didn't have capacity to offer online. They can be examined easily on-site. There are people familiar with our in-house collection and tools that can help you search. Call us at (360) 691-2603 or email at info@gfhistory.org. We recently helped a local couple trace the history of their land back to a well-known Native American who was the original homesteader. We helped a young lady and her Dad find a long-gone facility that they had been seeking for over six months – our tools took less than two hours. We're here to help!

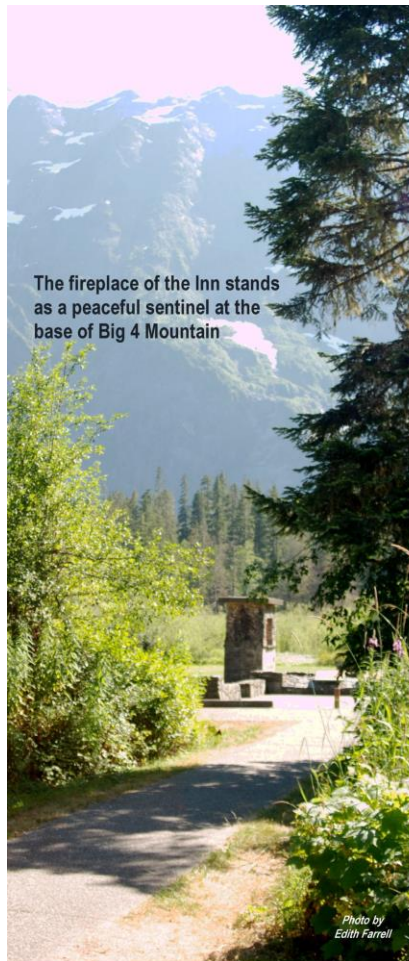
9. Most importantly, we're part of a great small community, and next-door neighbors to a City Staff that we truly enjoy. Their new building looks much like a vintage railroad depot, so we've done our best to help them decorate accordingly, both inside and out! A railroad switchstand outside, an 1894 railroad depot phone booth inside, early rail schedules and pictures throughout, and even a 1912 caboose stove modified for use as an end table!



Make sure you stop to visit our museum and/or our City Hall and Civic Center when driving through Granite Falls! We're waiting for you!

Mountain Loop Tour Brochure

This tri-fold brochure for the Mountain Loop Tour is downloadable [here](#) for a printable copy or for a better view on your PC or smart phone.



The fireplace of the Inn stands as a peaceful sentinel at the base of Big 4 Mountain

Photo by Edith Farrell

The Stillaguamish Sauk River Valleys region is anchored by "the Mountain Loop". This online tour offers maps, directions, informative slide shows, and GPS alerts. Because much of The Loop has poor or no cell service, you should download this tour from the App Store or Google Play to make sure you will always have slide shows and GPS alerts to loop The Loop.



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... or as the "locals" say ...
THE MOUNTAIN LOOP!

Photo by Jim Osby

Whether online or using the downloadable app, click on a Monte Cristo Ry logo for details on an historic site:

Whether online or using the downloadable app, click on a Northern Pacific Ry logo for details on a hiking trail:

Whether online or using the downloadable app, click on a white Big 4 Inn logo for details on places to eat:

Whether online or using the downloadable app, click on a yellow Big 4 Inn logo for details on places to sleep:

Whether online or using the downloadable app, click on a campsite logo for details on places to camp:

WE DISCOVERED GOLD! The Everett & Monte Cristo Railway reached the gold fields in 1893, but the thrill ended in less than 15 years. Leaving Granite Falls on the Mt Loop Hwy, the scenic drive passes many historical sites along the E&M route that take only moments to enjoy. Turning north toward Darrington, the Mt Loop Hwy follows close to the route over which the initial mining equipment and people traveled to Monte Cristo before rails arrived.

Once the wilderness had been penetrated, the actual treasure of the Pacific Northwest became the target: **TIMBER!** The Northern Pacific Railway constructed a line from Arlington to Darrington in 1900, near which WA 530 follows today. (A single mill near Darrington shipped a billion board feet of lumber in a decade at the peak of the industry). The NP later bought the Monte Cristo Railway.

Today, the muscles of the Northern Pacific no longer dominate the area. Instead, we encourage visitors to test their hiking & biking muscles on the many trails in the region. "Locals", too, of course.

Whitehorse Trail follows the rail bed of the Northern Pacific Railway along the northern edge of The Loop, while **Centennial Trail** defines the western edge, also following the old NP route. Over 100 hiking trails can be accessed from The Loop, but we've marked those providing the finest day hikes and scenic experience.

Lumber barons bought the Monte Cristo Branch of the NP and quickly built a destination resort at the base of Big 4 Mountain. While the Big 4 Inn no longer exists, your need for camping, glamping, or luxury overnights on The Loop can readily be met.

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Trail Photos by Kim R Brown and Jim Kuresman





Snohomish County Museum Guide Brochure


When you get bored, pick one of the museums from this list and go visit it! Each museum presents its own history in a unique way. From farming and mining, railroading and logging, to genealogy, fashion, and telephones, the dedicated heritage organizations across Snohomish County cover their own areas for the benefit of us all.

This bi-fold brochure for the Snohomish County Museum Guide can be downloaded [here](#) to print or for a better view on your computer or smart phone.

Railroading, farming, logging, mining, milling, homesteading, manufacturing, schooling, governing, shopkeeping, & more. Eye-opening displays, artifacts, documents, and stories.




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The League of Snohomish County Heritage Organizations (LOSCHO) invites you to enjoy this guide to our historical museums and genealogical libraries... and the artifacts, pictures, and stories that tell our colorful history.

Scan the QR code for the most current online directions, hours, and info. Plan your next visit – we're waiting!

<https://loscho.oncell.com>



- 1 Darrington Historical Society**
PO Box 1130 Darrington, WA 98241
Ph: 425-328-9392 Open: (no museum)
- 2 Edmonds South County Historical Society & Museum**
PO Box 52 118 5th Ave N Edmonds, WA 98202
Ph: 425-774-0900 Open: Wed-Sun 1-4
- 3 Everett Museum of History**
PO Box 5556 2939 Colby Ave Everett, WA 98206
Ph: 425-256-2520 Open: (under renovation) by appt
- 4 Everett Public Library Northwest Room**
2702 Hoyt Ave Everett, WA 98201
Ph: 425-257-8005 Open: Mon, Tue, Wed 10-8;
Thu, Fri 10-6; Sat 10-5;
Sun 1-5
- 5 Granite Falls Historical Society & Museum**
PO Box 1414 109 E Union St Granite Falls, WA 98252
Ph: 360-691-2603 Open: Sun 12-5 & by appointment
- 6 Hibulb Cultural Center & Museum/Library**
6410 23rd Ave NE Tualip, WA 98271
Ph: 360-716-2600 Open: Tue-Fri 10-5; Sat-Sun 12-5
- 7 Historic Everett**
2112 Rucker Ave #8 Everett, WA 98201
Ph: 425-293-2767 Open: (no museum)
- 8 Index Historical Society & Pickett Museum**
510 Ave A Index, WA 98256
Ph: 360-793-1534 Open: Fri-Sat 1-4 June thru Sept
Fall/Winter/Spring by appt
- 9 Lake Stevens Historical Society & Museum**
1802 124th Ave NE Lake Stevens, WA 98258
Ph: 425-212-3320 Open: Fri-Sat 1-4
- 10 Lynnwood Alderwood Manor Heritage Association**
PO Box 2206 19903 Poplar Way Lynnwood, WA 98306
Ph: 425-775-4694 Open: Tue, Thu, Sat 11-3
- 11 Marysville Historical Society & Museum**
6805 Armar Rd Marysville, WA
Ph: 360-659-3090 Open: Tue, Thu 10-4; Sun 12-4
& by appointment
- 12 Monroe Historical Society & Museum**
PO Box 1044 207 E Main St Monroe, WA 98272
Ph: 360-217-7223 Open: Mon, Wed, Sat 12-3
- 13 Monte Cristo Preservation Association**
PO Box 471 Everett, WA 98206
Ph: 360-793-1534 Open: (mining district)
- 14 Mukilteo Historical Society & Lighthouse Museum**
608 Front St Mukilteo, WA 98275
Ph: 425-513-9602 Open: Sat-Sun 12-5 Apr thru Sept
- 15 Sky Valley Historical Society & Museum**
PO Box 1074 102 4th St Sultan, WA 98294
Ph: 360-793-0534 Open: 1st & 3rd Tue, 3rd Sat 1-4
- 16 Sno-Isle Genealogical Society & Library**
19827 Poplar Way Lynnwood, WA 98306
Ph: 425-775-6267 Open: Tue, Thu, Sat 11-3
- 17 Snohomish Historical Society & Blackman Museum**
PO Box 174 118 Ave B Snohomish, WA 98291-0174
Ph: 360-568-5235 Open: Sat-Sun 11-2 & by appt
- 18 Stanwood Area Historical Society & Museum**
PO Box 69 27112 102nd Ave NW Stanwood, WA 98292
Ph: 360-629-6110 Open: Wed 1-4 & by appointment
- 19 Stillaguamish Valley Genealogy Society & Library**
PO Box 34 6111 188th Pl NE Arlington, WA 98223
Ph: 360-435-4838 Open: Tue, Thu, Sat 10-4
- 20 Stillaguamish Valley Pioneer Museum**
20722 67th Ave NE Arlington, WA 98223
Ph: 360-435-7289 Open: Sun, Wed, Sat 1-4
Closed Nov-Feb
- 21 Verlot Service Center & Ranger Station Museum**
33515 Mt Loop Hwy Granite Falls, WA 98252
Ph: 360-691-7791 Open: Fri-Sun 8-4 May-mid Dec
- 22 Western Heritage Center**
Evergreen State Fairgrounds, Monroe, WA
Ph: 360-805-6700 Open: Fri 10-4, Sat 10-5, Sun 12-4
& by appointment

The challenge with any printed brochure is that as soon as something changes (day/hours it is open, email, phone, address, etc), the brochure is out of date. If you know of some change, please contact GFHS as quickly as you can so we can update the online information.

That way, anyone using the [online Museum Guide](#) will always have the most current information.

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**1894 Brownell
Soundproof Phone Booth**

Notice the double walls, complex door hardware, and beautiful woodwork. This booth spent its working life in the Union Pacific depot of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Since phones in the US were first installed on a limited basis in 1878, this is certainly one of the earliest phone booths. They could be ordered in a variety of beautiful ornamental woods with custom carving.

This booth was donated to the City through the Granite Falls Historical Society by Teo Technologies, Inc.

We enjoy putting history in our public places!