Western Welcomes U!

Resources to help you move

In this packet, you will find:

- Information about Bellingham
- Housing resources in the local area
- Work-Life Balance
- Settling In
- Regional points of interest
About Bellingham

A LIVABLE COMMUNITY, CLOSE TO BIG CITIES IN TWO COUNTRIES

Bellingham, population 82,234, is a thriving waterfront city known for local character, picturesque neighborhoods, fantastic walking and biking trails and proximity to some of the best cities and natural wonders in the Pacific Northwest.

Residents loyal to locally produced goods and services flock to the Bellingham Farmers Market, held each Saturday from March to December. Many of the city’s parks and neighborhoods are connected by a trail network – biking to work is not unusual in Bellingham. And the city and port of Bellingham have embarked on a multi-year development effort to rejuvenate the city’s downtown waterfront.

Some of the region’s best mountain biking trails are just outside the city, on Galbraith Mountain. Residents also enjoy proximity to spectacular parks such as Larrabee State Park on the coast and the North Cascades and Olympic national parks in the mountains. Mount Baker Ski Area is about two hours away. The Washington State Ferry terminal in Anacortes, the gateway to the San Juan Islands, is about an hour’s drive.

For culture closer to home, the city boasts several top-quality museums and cultural venues, such as the Whatcom Museum of History and Art, the Mount Baker Theatre and the Pickford Film Center.
Area Housing Resources

US Department of Housing
Bellingham Housing/Rental Market Conditions

Real Estate in Whatcom County
Bellingham Chamber of Commerce

Area Real Estate Resources
Bellingham - Whatcom County Tourism
Find a rental property posted especially for WWU employees

Employee Housing

Sabbatical homes for rent, exchange, sitting, and more

SabbaticalHomes.com

Western's Renter's Guide

Off Campus Living
Explore the neighborhoods in Bellingham

City of Bellingham
Work-Life Balance

The Best of Bellingham
City of Bellingham

Resources and events for GLBTAQ people
Queer Guide to Bellingham
Area Faith-Based Communities
Interfaith Coalition

Community partnership organization
Whatcom Peace & Justice Center

One destination, many adventures
Bellingham - Whatcom County Visitor Guide
Settling In

Find school ratings
Great Schools

Driver licenses and vehicle registration
Washington State Department of Licensing

Looking for Child Care?
Child Care Aware

Movers Guide
United States Postal Service

Bellingham’s Newspaper
City of Bellingham
Information about city utilities
Regional points of interest

Ferndale - 15 minutes north of Bellingham
City Website
Data USA Profile

Blaine - 30 minutes north of Bellingham
City Website
Data USA Profile

Lynden - 30 minutes north of Bellingham
City Website
Data USA Profile

Burlington - 30 minutes south of Bellingham
City Website
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Mount Vernon - 35 minutes south of Bellingham
City Website
Data USA Profile

Vancouver, B.C. - 90 minutes north of Bellingham
Tourism Website

Seattle - 90 minutes south of Bellingham
Tourism Website