

Welcome



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Over
120 Miles
of Top
Mountain
Bike Trails.

Great for riders
of all levels.



Lake Wilderness Recreation Area



On behalf of the Maple Valley City Council, I would like to extend to you a warm welcome to our city. We hope that you have an enjoyable time and quality experience during your visit.

I encourage you to utilize the variety of outdoor recreational amenities which includes Lake Wilderness Park, the Green to Cedar Rivers Trail, and the many top-rated mountain bike trails that we have in the area. There are also opportunities to learn about our city's history through programs offered by the Maple Valley Historical Society. A broad assortment of restaurants and shopping opportunities are available to satisfy you.

We are excited to help you discover Maple Valley. I invite you to call us or drop by the office because we have a wealth of information to share with you.

Sincerely,

Sean P. Kelly
Mayor of Maple Valley

Maple Valley Recognition

- Ranked one of the Top 5 Safest Cities in Washington 2008 by the National Council for Home Safety and Security
- Ranked one of the Top 20 Best Suburbs to Raise a Family in Washington in 2018 by Niche.com
- Tahoma School District was ranked 9th of all Washington State Public School Districts in 2018
- Purple Heart City

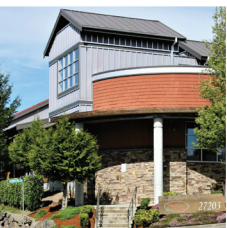
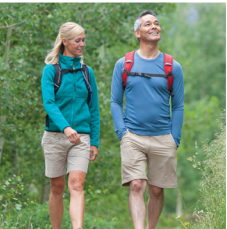
**Maple Valley voted
"One of the 10 Best Towns
for Families"**

– Family Circle Magazine

Location



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Lake Wilderness Lodge & Event Center
(with Mt. Rainier view)

Maple Valley voted “Best Place to Raise Kids in Washington” – Bloomberg Businessweek

Situated within 30 minutes of Seattle and Tacoma, this fast-growing community is home to a well-educated and highly skilled workforce. Major area employers of Maple Valley residents include: Boeing, Amazon, Expedia, Adobe, REI, Microsoft, Starbucks, Google, Nordstrom and Costco. Numerous higher education institutions in the region, coupled with award-winning Tahoma School District’s educational focus on post-high school technology careers, will support a steady supply of future employees.

Historically known for coal, timber, and rail, and once a lakeside resort getaway for nearby Seattle residents, Maple Valley is a dynamic, enjoyable and safe place to live. Civically-engaged residents, supportive community services (including youth center) and an abundance of outdoor activities, make it a great place to Live, Work, Play, Every Day!

Maple Valley, voted “Best Town for Families,” by Family Circle magazine in 2011, also has a variety of housing options including master-planned developments, custom homes, apartments, and an assisted living center.



30 Miles from Seattle!

Major area employers of Maple Valley Residents:

- Boeing
- Amazon
- Expedia
- Adobe
- REI
- Microsoft
- Starbucks
- Google
- Nordstrom
- Costco
- Tahoma School District

Demographics



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84% of homes are owner occupied



30 miles to Seattle!



49.8% of workforce have a college degree

\$100,443 median income



Top 10 Reasons to Have Your Business Here

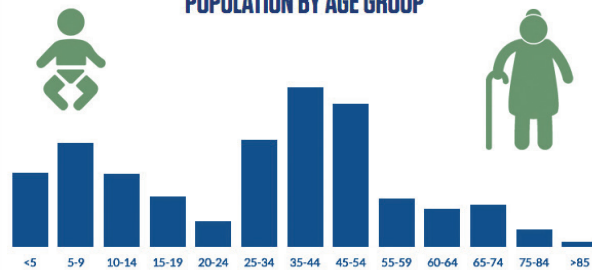
1. 226 acres of employment land available
2. Open and responsive local government
3. Proximity to outdoor recreation and regional trail networks
4. Easy access to Sea-Tac International Airport
5. Easy access to Interstate 5, Interstate 90, and State Route 18
6. Easy access to the Ports of Seattle and Tacoma
7. Top-ranked Tahoma School District (ranked 9th in the state; top 5% nationwide)
8. City-owned Lake Wilderness Park, Conference Center, and Golf Course
9. Award-winning library
10. Responsive and extensive community service programs

Size: #43 out of 281 municipalities in Washington State

County: King

Population: 25,698; Daytime 18,251

POPULATION BY AGE GROUP



Median income: \$100,443

Household income:

- 10% Above \$200,000; 63% higher than state average
- 7% Below 25,000; 62% lower than state average

Households:

- Family Households (20% higher than state average)
- Married Couples (30% higher than state average)
- Singles (36% lower than state average)
- Seniors Living Alone (26% lower than state average)

Workforce:

49.8% have a college degree and 77.5% have attended college; Green River College offers workforce training programs

School District:

Tahoma School District; 40,000 estimated population

Employment land available:

226 acres of publicly or privately- owned property available within the city limits.

* 2016 Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey.



Area Activities Map

Outdoor Recreation

- Henry's Ridge Open Space
- Lake Wilderness Park
- Lake Wilderness Arboretum
- Lake Wilderness Golf Course
- Gaffney's Disc Golf Course
- Take-A-Break Park
- Cedar Creek Park
- Rock Creek Natural Area
- Danville-Georgetown Open Space
- Tiger Mountain State Forest
- Kanaskat-Palmer State Park
- Black Diamond Open Space
- Federation Forest State Park
- Flaming Geyser State Park
- Legacy Site
- Shadow Lake Nature Preserve
- Lake Sawyer Regional Park
- Ravensdale Park
- Summit Park & Ballfields (2019)
- Taylor Mountain
- Tahoma High School Sports Complex

Shopping Areas & Dining

- Wilderness Business Park
- Maple Valley Plaza
- Wilderness Village
- Maple Valley Center
- Maple Valley Town Square
- Four Corners Square
- Safeway Plaza
- 4 Corners Village
- Frontier Square
- Sawyer's Village
- Maple Valley Commons
- Diamond Square

Trails

- Green to Cedar Rivers Trail
- Cedar River Trail
- Cedar Creek Park Trail
- Rock Creek Natural Area
- Danville-Georgetown Open Space

Historic

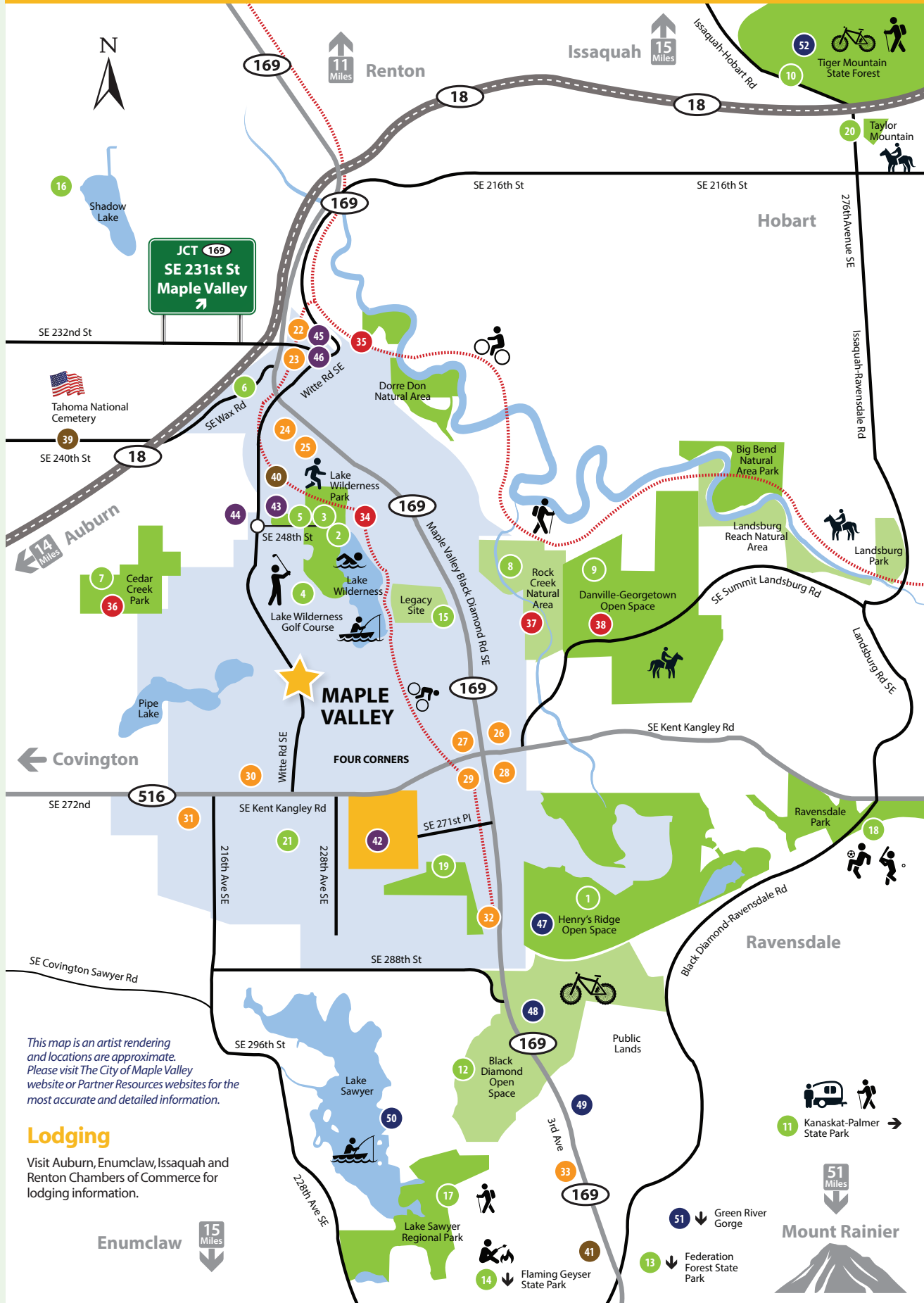
- Tahoma National Cemetery
- Maple Valley Historical Society Museum
- Black Diamond Old Town District/Museum

Arts & Culture

- Tahoma High School & Performing Arts Center
- Maple Valley Community Center
- Maple Valley Library
- Maple Valley Creative Arts Council
- Maple Valley Youth Symphony Orchestra

Mountain Bike Trails

- Henry's Ridge
- Black Diamond Open Space
- Summit Ridge
- Lake Sawyer
- Green River Gorge
- Tiger Mountain



This map is an artist rendering and locations are approximate. Please visit [The City of Maple Valley website](http://TheCityofMapleValley.com) or [Partner Resources websites](http://PartnerResources.com) for the most accurate and detailed information.

Lodging

Visit Auburn, Enumclaw, Issaquah and Renton Chambers of Commerce for lodging information.

Business Recruitment



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226 acres of employment land available

Tahoma School District was ranked 9th of all Washington State Public School Districts in 2018.

Tahoma High School features:

- State-of-the-art facility (321,325 sq. ft.)
- Sports Complex
- Indoor Climbing Wall
- Media Production Room
- Performing Arts Center (600 seats)

Workforce Development programs:

- Media Production
- Career Technical Education Program (Automotive, Welding, Manufacturing, and Robotics)
- Green River College courses offered

Tahoma High School/Regional Learning Technology Center



It's a natural fit for your company

What's better than a natural fit for your company? In Maple Valley, we offer the perfect balance of natural beauty and business growth opportunities. Our family-friendly town is growing and we welcome you to visit and check us out. **Live. Work. Play. Every Day!**

Business Recruitment

We are recruiting the following types of companies:

- Outdoor Recreation
- Education
- Technology
- Life Sciences
- Medical
- Manufacturing

Strengths:

- 226 acres of employment land available
- Responsive and business-friendly permitting
- Easy access to the Ports of Seattle and Tacoma
- Highly-rated Tahoma School District
- Proximity to outdoor recreation and regional trail network
- City population: 25,698; Median household income \$100,443

Quality of Life

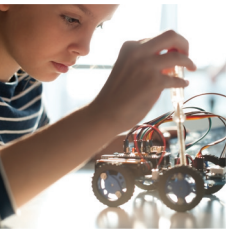


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Lake Wilderness Park Kids Play Area



Lake Wilderness Recreation Area

Lake Wilderness Lodge was constructed in the early 1950's and originally named Gaffney's Resort. It is a *King County Historical Landmark and on the National Register of Historic Places*. The lodge was an active year-round vacation destination that included boat and swim facilities, airstrip, ballroom, rental accommodations and restaurant. Surrounded by a 108-acre park, the Lodge is nestled on the shores of Lake Wilderness. Just 30 miles southeast of Seattle, the Park and Lodge are surrounded by wildlife, hiking trails and Mt. Rainier as a magnificent backdrop.

Park Amenities:

- Historic Lake Wilderness Lodge & Event Center
- 108-acre park with lake
- Disc golf course
- 18-hole golf course
- Easy access to Green to Cedar Rivers Trail
- Arboretum
- Tennis courts
- Kids play area
- Picnic areas
- Public Beach & Beach House
- Boat Launch (non-motorized boats only)

Engaged Community

- The Rotary Club of Maple Valley
- Maple Valley Centennial Lions Club
- Maple Valley Creative Arts Council
- Maple Valley Farmers' Market
- Maple Valley Historical Society
- Maple Valley Community Center
- Maple Valley Library Guild
- Maple Valley Youth Symphony Orchestra

Active Environment

- Boating, kayaking and fishing on many local lakes and rivers
- Bike, hike or ride horses on miles of trails
- Enjoy one of the world's largest collections of deciduous western azaleas at the Lake Wilderness Arboretum
- Watch eagles and osprey circle overhead
- Play in the many Maple Valley parks and open spaces
- Golf at one of the many local area golf courses
- Attend a variety of community events including: Maple Valley Farmers' Market, Hooked on Fishing Derby, Music in the Park, Maple Valley Days, 4th of July Fireworks, Burgers & Blues, Taste of the Valley, Oktoberfest and more.

Our History



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Gaffney's Lake Wilderness Resort diving platform



Gaffney's Lake Wilderness Resort airstrip, circa 1951

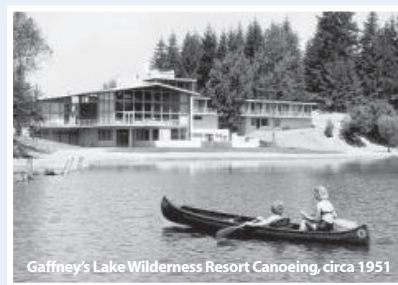


Pacific Coast Railroad Company engine, circa 1941

Industry and Recreation in our Roots!

The area was settled in 1879 by three men who were improving a trail and brought their families in. The town's early history mainly had to do with coal and lumber milling to build homes, and a railroad which ran through the town. Coal was brought in from Black Diamond to the south, but the town itself also mined coal from Cedar Mountain. The mine was used as late as 1947. Rail workers for lines like the Northern Pacific Railroad and the Cedar River Watershed, closed off by the City of Seattle, meant more workers for those things. More residents meant more lumber milling. More lumber milling meant more workers. Suquamish tribe chairperson Martha George was born near Maple Valley in Sheridan in 1892, at a logging camp where her mother and grandmother worked as cooks.

Farming and fishing became staples in the area, with milk, poultry and berry farming becoming the main grown food staples in the area. Fishing out of the Cedar River also became popular. Maple Valley also saw resorts beginning in the 1920's. Lake Wilderness, once the site of a county lumber mill, quickly became a resort lake with the opening of Gaffney's Grove, which opened with a ballroom, restaurant and roller rink. Later, the resort grew to include an airstrip, lodge, rental cabins, a nine-hole golf course and bowling alley. It remained in operation until 1964.



Gaffney's Lake Wilderness Resort Canoeing, circa 1951

Increasing automobile use in the area gave rise to new roads being built. In the early 1960's the construction of Washington State Route 18 between Auburn and North Bend ran through the city, requiring many landmarks to be either

demolished or moved.

Recent History

The city was officially incorporated on August 31, 1997. The Maple Valley Historical Society keeps records on the city's past, with two historical museums holding artifacts such as the city's first fire engine and photographs of old places in and around the city like Gaffney's Grove. The old Gaffney's Grove site is now Lake Wilderness Park, and the regional Green to Cedar River Trail runs through the heart of the city. The park includes a swimming beach, an arboretum, disc golf course, sprawling grass fields and hosts the annual Maple Valley Days Parade each year in June. In 2011, Family Circle Magazine reported that Maple Valley was one of the top ten family-oriented cities in the USA.