



Top: Antique Warehouse  
Right: Faded Elegance owner Kimberly McIlrath



Historic Downtown  
Snohomish, First Street



Oxford Saloon  
Band: The British Beats

### SHOP ALL DAY

For years, Snohomish has been known as an antiques destination. Today, shoppers in Snohomish will find high-quality antiques and vintage pieces to bring a unique character and nostalgic feel to any home.

If you want dreamy high-low inspiration, head to **Joyworks** (1002 1st St.). At **Faded Elegance** (1116 1st St.), you'll find European chic accessories and a cool French romantic feel. In **Speckled Hen & Foland's Folly** (922 1st St.), American folk art, colonial pieces, and handmade accessories are curated to work in modern spaces.

"I love to see repurposing of old pieces," Speckled Hen owner Lynda Van Wyk said. "It's nice to think of a piece continuing on its journey."

For traditional antiques, especially vintage Americana, head to **Antique Warehouse** (1019 1st St.). Don't skip the walk downstairs. You'll be blown away by the dream man cave in the basement.

For the kids, head to **Bee Bops & Lollipops** (1112 1st St.) for gorgeous baby and kids clothes and gear. >>



# BOOM TOWN

## A LIVELY DAY IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN SNOHOMISH

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The city of Snohomish is enjoying a boom these days. Long known for its antique stores and historic, walkable downtown, this lively city on the Snohomish River is drawing shoppers, diners, and active fun seekers with its unique mix of Northwest history, refined shops, and welcoming character.

Look around historic downtown and you'll be charmed by the nostalgia. You'll touch and feel life in an 1800s lumber town, and perhaps fall under the spell of some local ghost stories. Stop for the details and you'll see historic buildings meticulously maintained. Give yourself a full day and the evening, too. There are treasures to take home and great food and nightlife to savor. Get to Snohomish quickly. It's booming.

### GET HERE: DOWNTOWN SNOHOMISH

It is about 20 miles north of Bellevue, just east of Hwy. 9. Parking is free and popular on weekends. For more information about special events and activities, contact the Chamber of Commerce (360.568.2526, [cityofsnohomish.com](http://cityofsnohomish.com)) and Historic Downtown Snohomish (360.568.3115, [historicdowntown-snohomish.org](http://historicdowntown-snohomish.org)). Or chat with friendly staff at the Visitor Information Center (360.862.9609, 1301 1st St.).



The Repp

### EASY LUNCH

When it's lunchtime, Snohomish has a number of quick bites and tasty local spots spread amongst the shops. Get comfortable at the **Snohomish Bakery at First and Union** (101 Union Ave.) for a soup and sandwich in its bright, open dining area.

You'll hear the buzz about **The Hungry Pelican** (113 Avenue C), perfectly located for a shopping break. Ask friendly owner Terra Kelly about her local ingredients and gluten-free items, or just dive right into one of their freshly prepared canapés — a great flavorful bite before heading back to it.

### THE HISTORY

Snohomish was founded in the mid-1800s and the old buildings downtown have lived many lives. It's a place to feel history with all your senses and appreciate the effort to keep these grand spaces alive and welcoming.

On your visit, you can shop for accessories in a former courthouse, now the sumptuous **Sweet Bee** (1024 1st St., Suite 101). Or admire local art above the old city jail, now **Arts of Snohomish** (1024 1st St.). Peruse scarves and French linens where the soda fountain once stood in the old drug store, now **Faded Elegance** (1116 1st Street).

Architecture lovers will enjoy the self-guided tour of the many beautiful historic homes in Snohomish — pick up a map at the **Visitor Information Center** (1301 1st St.).



Oxford Saloon



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Speckled Hen

### GHOSTS?

Old buildings with original character lend themselves well to ghost stories. Snohomish is a hot town for paranormal enthusiasts, and many locals will have an eerie story to share.

The most well-known of Snohomish's haunted places is the **Oxford Saloon** (913 1st St.). It's a fun and lively spot with great vintage details. There's a full pub menu and live music on weekend evenings, along with possibly some flying bar items, shadowy figures, and a jukebox that might play on its own.

"People are very curious about the ghosts. A lot of the activity happens in the downstairs bar," restaurant manager Sheila Acheson said. "But it can happen anywhere."



Fred's Rivertown Alehouse

### MORE ANTIQUES ON THE EASTSIDE

Looking for antiques and vintage on the Eastside? Try these:

- » **Haystack Antiques**  
144 105th Ave. N.E., Bellevue  
[haystackantiques.com](http://haystackantiques.com)
- » **Country Village Shops**  
23718 Bothell Everett Hwy., Bothell  
[countryvillagebothell.com](http://countryvillagebothell.com)
- » **Haystack Home**  
702 Market St., Kirkland  
[haystackantiques.com](http://haystackantiques.com)
- » **Haley's Cottage** (2 locations)  
123 Park Lane, Kirkland & 801 1st St. Snohomish, [haleyscottage.com](http://haleyscottage.com)



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### ACTIVE FUN

Snohomish enjoys a unique setting along the Snohomish River. The downtown historic district is well-served by walking paths to get you outside. From First Street you'll find walkways down to the Snohomish River Trail. Head a few blocks east to find the Centennial Trail, a great biking option.

A sparkling new **Aquatic Center** (516 Maple Ave.) is a showcase for family fun. For a thrill, challenge yourself to time on the FlowRider surf simulator.

Just minutes from downtown you'll come to **Harvey Field** (9900 Airport Way). Book ahead with **Aerial Balloon Company** ([airialballoon.com](http://airialballoon.com)) or bring on your beast mode for sky diving with friends at **Skydive Snohomish** ([skydivesnohomish.com](http://skydivesnohomish.com)).

### LIVELY NIGHTS

Snohomish's hidden gem is its lively nightlife. Locals fill **Fred's Rivertown Ale House** (1114 1st Ave.) for its popular pub menu and its collection of some 220 single malt scotches and 33 microbrews on tap. At **The Repp** (924 1st St.), order a martini and enjoy the elegant Northwest menu and live music. Stay for a wine tasting evening at **Blanc & Rouge** (801 1st St.). Owner Mary Pat Connors will help you find the perfect bottle to remind you of your day in Snohomish. 🍷🍷



*Snohomish River Trail*